

CIML RESTRUCTURE - 2015

Representatives from the 12 schools of the Central Iowa Conference (Ames, Ankeny, Centennial, Dowling Catholic, Ft. Dodge, Johnston, Marshalltown, Mason City, Southeast Polk, Urbandale, Valley (WDM), and Waukee) of the Central Iowa Metropolitan League met on Wednesday, February 4 in Johnston to discuss the realignment of the league moving forward. In previous discussions, the league was to be divided with the five Des Moines Public Schools, Ottumwa, and Indianola, in one conference and then the other 12 schools in two conferences. Since that time, Indianola has announced it will depart the CIML for the Little Hawkeye Conference in the 2016-2017 school year. As a result of that decision and action taken on February 4, the following recommendation will be made to the Council of Activities' Directors for approval on February 25, 2015, and then the Principals of the league in a subsequent meeting thereafter.

Since this has not been approved, comments beyond school personnel should be kept to a minimum. Please keep this within the Johnston School Board of Education. I have shared this information with our administration and the head coaches of our athletic programs.

CIML League Format

2016-2017 / 2017-2018 School Years

Metro	DM East, DM Hoover, DM Lincoln, DM North, DM Roosevelt, Ottumwa
Iowa	Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, Dowling Catholic, Johnston, Urbandale
Central	Ames, Ankeny, Ankeny Centennial, Southeast Polk, Valley, Waukee

2018-2019 / 2019-2020 School Years

Metro	DM East, DM Hoover, DM Lincoln, DM North, DM Roosevelt, Ottumwa
Iowa	Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, Southeast Polk, Valley, Waukee
Central	Ames, Ankeny, Ankeny Centennial, Dowling Catholic, Johnston, Urbandale

2020-2021 / 2021-2022 School Years

Metro	DM East, DM Hoover, DM Lincoln, DM North, DM Roosevelt, Ottumwa
Iowa	Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ames, Ankeny, Ankeny Centennial
Central	Dowling Catholic, Johnston, Urbandale, Southeast Polk, Valley, Waukee

Note: Waukee #2 may be involved in the 2021-2022 school year as well

While there were discussions regarding some aspects of league operations, a committee will be formed to study and recommend items such as schedule formats, championships, and awards.

For your information, a fixed group of 6 schools could not be finalized. With that a given, the agreement was that the only fair and acceptable way to formulate two conferences of 6 would be to have a rotational format. The agreement of all was that if schools would be grouped in sets of 3 and rotate every year, this would maintain some rivalries while still allowing all of the schools to be together during the 6-year rotation (knowing that Waukee would be having a second high school in the 6th year of the rotation). After discussion, Johnston was paired with Urbandale and Dowling Catholic (I would say probably our two biggest rivals) – the boxes indicate the groupings for the other schools. During this 6-year period, Johnston, Urbandale, and Dowling Catholic will also be together with the other 3-teams rotating. The Conference drew lots to see what the rotation would be. Obviously, the first 2 years,

there will be a little more travel – with competition a little less. In the final 2 years, the travel will be less with the competition a little more. We still though will be playing the other members of the CIML on a regular basis of which will be finalized once the format is agreed upon.

I wanted each of you to be aware of this. It is fairly lengthy, but hopefully gives you an understanding of what is ahead. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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