a) GOLDENROD CONFERENCE

2026/2027

ARCHANGELS CATHOLIC

BURWELL

CENTRAL VALLEY

ELBA

FULLERTON

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN

NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN

NEWMAN GROVE

PALMER

RIVERSIDE

ST. EDWARD

SPALDING ACADEMY

2026/2027

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOLDENROD CONFERENCE

This supersedes all previous constitutions and its amendments.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the GOLDENROD CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to foster a spirit of goodwill, cooperation and sportsmanship through the sponsoring of contests in athletics, forensics, vocal and instrumental music and any other worthwhile activities that might come within its jurisdiction.

As a conference, it shall be the desire to preserve the school day as much as possible when scheduling conference events.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

This conference shall be composed of schools similar in size and activity goals. To be considered for membership in the Goldenrod Conference, and to maintain membership in good standing, a school must participate in at least 80% of the conference sanctioned activities in which there is a season team champion or in which there is a contest or clinic. A school applying for membership to the Goldenrod Conference and not meeting the minimum requirement will not be accepted into the conference. Schools which are already members will be given a one year period to meet the minimum requirement, should a member school fall below the 80% requirement. Failure of a member school to meet the 80% requirement after the one year period will constitute grounds for expulsion from the conference.

The current member schools are: Archangels, Catholic, Burwell, Central Valley, Elba, Fullerton, Grand Island Lutheran, Nebraska Christian, Newman Grove, Palmer, Riverside, St. Edward, and Spalding Academy.

SECTION II

Each school shall be entitled to one vote by the Superintendent of each school or his/her designated representative at all conference meetings.

SECTION III

To be eligible to vote on membership issues for the following school year, a school must intend to be a Goldenrod Conference member for that school year. Once a school has indicated its desire to withdraw from the Goldenrod Conference that school will be allowed to vote only on membership issues affecting the current school year.

SECTION IV

Membership in the conference shall be determined by a vote of the member schools. It shall be necessary to have a minimum of 80% of the member schools vote for the election or replacement of a member. To expel a member it shall likewise be necessary to have a minimum of 80% of the member schools vote in favor of such expulsion. A school under consideration for expulsion shall not have the privilege of voting.

SECTION V

After a general call, emailed at least one week in advance by the Secretary-Treasurer setting the time and place of the meeting, representatives of a simple majority of the member schools shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a member school has made known its intention to withdraw from the Goldenrod Conference that school may vote only on issues pertaining to conference matters during the present school year. A withdrawing school shall not vote on matters pertaining to the operation of the conference for the following school year and shall not be counted in the simple majority necessary for the transaction of business.

SECTION VI

As Co-ops are formed their participation in Conference events will be determined on a case by case basis as voted on by the Executive Committee**.**

ARTICLE IV: ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I

The officers of the conference shall consist of a President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall be the all be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall remain in this position on a yearly basis until either the person resigns, leaves the conference associated school, or is not re-appointed. If for some reason the President of the conference is unable to complete the term of office, the Executive Committee will convene to nominate and/or appoint an interim President of the conference for the remainder of the school year. **The President for 2026/2027 will be from Grand Island Lutheran and 2027/2028 Fullerton.**

SECTION II

There shall be an Executive Committee for the conference which shall have general charge and supervision of all the work of the conference not otherwise specifically provided for in the by-laws. The Executive Committee shall make all official decisions and constitutional changes for the conference upon recommendation from its members or a sub-Committee. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the chief administrator of each school or his designated representative, and the president of the conference.

SECTION III

An Activities Directors Committee shall meet periodically. Its objectives shall be to address the conference sponsored events in terms of schedule conflicts, host school responsibilities, and over-all liaison/informational source between the schools and the Goldenrod Conference Executive Committee. The Athletic Directors Committee will make recommendations concerning the above items to the Executive Committee.

The Activities Directors shall meet approximately one (1) week prior to the Executive Committee at 10:00 AM at a central location (Greeley) or via internet video. A representative of the group will also attend the Executive Committee meetings.

SECTION IV

The Secretary-Treasurer of the conference shall maintain the minutes of meetings, be responsible for distribution of the same to each of the member schools of the conference and serve as publicity director of the conference. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive a salary of $2500 per school year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be responsible for maintaining up to date records of the conference basketball tournament and track meet.

SECTION V

The Goldenrod Conference shall hold an annual fall meeting at such a place and time as agreed upon in the May Executive Committee meeting of the previous school year. Meetings have been catered to Greeley in recent history. The various activity groups shall meet at the annual fall Executive Committee meeting to formulate their recommendations to be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The chief administrator of each of the member schools of the conference or his/her designated representative shall meet four times a year at a time and place to be agreed upon. Other meetings may be held during the year as needed or as agreed upon at the annual fall meeting provided such agreement is sanctioned by the chief administrator of each school or his designated representative. The President of the conference may call a meeting at any time he or she deems necessary to the best interests of the member schools and shall call such upon petition of 80% of the conference membership.

An activity meeting shall be held before the Executive Committee meeting. Each request of the activity organization must be submitted in writing and will be posted on line when the request is made to the Executive Committee.

A general call shall be made of all the meetings—emailed at least one week in advance by the Secretary-Treasurer, stating the details of the meeting. Representatives of a simple majority of the member schools of the conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Copies of the details of the meeting shall be posted online in advance of the meeting.

SECTION VI

The agenda for the activities fall meeting shall be composed of the following yearly business (if not previously determined or finalized):

1. Elect a chairperson for each activity.
2. Make recommendations for conference (boys and girls) track meets (high school and junior high) as to the date, location and starter.
3. Make recommendations for the music contest, date and judges.
4. Make recommendations for the play production contest, date and judge.
5. Announce officials for the varsity (boys and girls) basketball and volleyball tournaments.
6. Make final arrangements for conference tournaments.
7. Make arrangements for a Speech contest.
8. Make recommendations for conference tournament dates for the ensuing year.
9. Plan for the Art contest
10. Plan the Conference Cross Country meet.

The agenda for the Executive Committee fall meeting shall be composed of the following yearly business:

1. Read minutes of the last meeting and give the treasurer's report.
2. Act on all recommendations and requests from the activities groups.
3. Name all dates and locations of meetings for the balance of the school year.
4. Conduct any other business that may come before the group.
5. Review conference activities for the past year.
6. Determine admission charges for various conference sponsored activities.

ARTICLE V: ELIGIBILITY

SECTION I

Regulations of the Nebraska School Activities Association shall govern contestants in each of the various activities of the conference. Tournament rosters will be submitted following the same rules as NSAA district tournament rosters.

SECTION II

When a violation of conference rules occurs and a good faith effort to resolve the issue between two schools fails, the issue will be referred to the Executive Committee through the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI: CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution and by-laws may be presented at any meeting during the year. Any amendments to the constitution must be presented with a proposed date on which the amendment would become effective. Amendments may then be acted upon and, if ratified by 80% of the member schools present, shall become part of the constitution on the date proposed with the amendment. The constitution shall be brought up to date at the close of each school year. The updated constitution and by-laws will be available to all conference schools on the Goldenrod Conference website.

ARTICLE VII: TREASURY

SECTION I

The Goldenrod Conference shall maintain a treasury for the purpose of meeting conference expenses and obligations authorized in the constitution, in the by-laws, or by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION II

Dues of $700 per school shall be paid prior to or at the fall meeting, which is held at a central location during Week 9 of the NSAA calendar. Special assessments shall be made only after approval by 80% of the member schools. The amount of any special assessment will be determined at an Executive Committee meeting and is to be paid before the next Executive Committee meeting. All expenses for Conference sponsored activities will be borne by the Conference. Those Conference sponsored activities that generate revenue will have the expenses taken from the receipts using the Distribution Formula listed in the By-Laws. The plaques and medals will not be included in the host school's expenses but will be borne by the Conference.

SECTION III

The Secretary-Treasurer shall present a financial report to the Executive Committee at each Executive Committee meeting.

SECTION IV

Should a school which was a former member of the Goldenrod Conference apply for readmission, it shall be required to contribute to the conference treasury an amount of money equal to that which the school withdrew at the time of leaving the conference.

SECTION V

Schools which withdraw from the Goldenrod Conference shall not receive any portion of the dollar amount in the treasury upon withdrawal.

BY-LAWS OF THE GOLDENROD CONFERENCE

CANCELLING/POSTPONING/GOVERNANCE OF EVENTS

The host school has the right to move up or postpone an conference event but the Executive Committee is the only one who can cancel the event. If an event is snowed out, etc. then the Athletic Directors Committee will assume power along with consultation with the Conference President, for that event.

CHEERLEADERS

Conference cheerleaders in uniform are to be admitted at no charge to conference games including Goldenrod Conference tournament games.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Executive Committee shall consider for conference sponsored activities any activity in which 80% or more conference schools shall be participating that school year.

RECOMMENDED REGULAR SEASON GAME TIMES

Volleyball: 5:30 for "C" games (if played), 6:30 for "B" or Junior Varsity, and 7:30 for Varsity Games. Game times for tri-angulers and quads will be left to the mutual agreement of those schools involved. Tournament times 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 to follow sub-district format.

Basketball: 6:00 for 1st game and 7:30 for second game regardless of Junior Varsity/Varsity or Varsity/Varsity.

HOST SCHOOLS

The host for each conference sponsored activity will be scheduled in advance and a hosting rotation will be kept by the Conference Secretary. If a school declines to host the conference event as determined by the rotation, then the next member school in the rotation will be the host.

The member school who declines to host the conference event when it becomes their turn in the rotation and is currently participating in that event, will have a $300 fine imposed on them. This fine shall be paid to the conference school that is to host the event. If the member school is not currently participating in that event, then no fine will be imposed.

It shall also be known, that according to the Constitution, member schools shall be participating in at least 80% of the conference sponsored events and failure to do so shall be grounds for expulsion from the conference. (Please see Article III Membership, Section I for a more complete explanation.)

CONFERENCE PASSES

The number of conference passes issued to each school for the current school year shall be limited to two times the number of certified personnel as listed in the Nebraska Educational Directory for the previous year, plus twenty-five (25) floating passes. The conference passes will not be valid for the conference sponsored volleyball and basketball tournaments.

For the conference sponsored volleyball and basketball tournaments, each school will provide the host school a list of players, coaches, student managers, and administrators that follow NSAA guidelines for district volleyball and basketball tournaments. This pass list will be honored for the volleyball and basketball tournaments instead of the normal conference passes.

OFFICIALS, JUDGES PAY AND MILEAGE

Officials and Judges for all conference activities will be paid at the same rate as the officials and judges for NSAA District contests. Transportation expenses for athletic and non-athletic officials, judges traveling to conference events will be allowed at the NSAA District rate.

ADMISSION

Admission prices for the conference sponsored volleyball and basketball tournaments shall be $6.00 for adults and $5.00 for students. (District rates) Pass lists (Same number as NSAA District Tournaments) will be honored at the Conference Volleyball and Basketball Tournament games, but staff conference passes will not be honored. A reminder that passes will not be accepted should be included on the pass list. The Conference track meet admission will also be $6 and$5 like above.

OFFICIALS, CLINICIANS, JUDGES

Judges shall be contracted in a timely fashion. The Conference Secretary should be notified of those officials desired by the respective groups and shall issue said contracts for events prior to February 1st. Host schools for events after February 1st are responsible for contracts. If a list of officials is not given to the Conference Secretary, he/she shall use their discretion in hiring officials.

All officials used in the conference athletic events shall be approved between competing schools. The agreement shall list officials by name.

DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR GOLDENROD CONFERENCE EVENTS:

1. Host school receives 15% of gross receipts.
2. Officials paid from gross after host share deducted.
3. Host school is allowed the following compensation for help hired to administer tournaments:
   - A. Volleyball: Home Book $20 per match. Timer $20.00 per match; line judges (2) each paid $20 per person per match; Ticket Takers (2) $20 per match; Libero Tracker (1) each $20 per match.
   - B. Basketball: Home Book $20 per game. Timer $20.00 per game; $20 One Shot Clock Operator per game. Ticket Takers (2) $20 per game.
   - C. Programs/mileage/postage
4. For conference events ticket takers are to be in place 1 hour prior to the start of the event. For volleyball, ticket takers are to stay until the end of the first set of the final game. For basketball, ticket takers are to stay until the end of the first quarter of the final game.
5. The conference will allow a fee of $100 for schools hosting conference all day events or 4 game format days for a hospitality room. There will not be an allowance for 2 game or single game format days.
6. For conference cross country, high school track, and junior high track there will be an entry fee of $110 dollar for each school to be paid to the conference secretary in order to pay for the timing system used. The conference secretary will then pay the timing system school or company. These fees can be added to the check when yearly dues are paid or can be paid during the event.
7. For conference high school and junior high track, each school will have a budget of $100 to pay gate workers. Gate workers need to be in place 9:00 - 1:30.

ALL-CONFERENCE ACADEMIC TEAM

SECTION I

The Goldenrod Conference is a conference that supports student activities in all areas including the classroom. To show support for academic excellence, the Goldenrod Conference shall honor those senior students that have excelled in the classroom as indicated by their ACT/SAT composite score.

SECTION II

To qualify as a Goldenrod Academic All-Conference recipient, a student must be a senior and score a 26 composite or higher on the ACT or 1240 or higher on the SAT. All students who score a 30 composite or higher on the ACT or 1410 or higher on the SAT will receive a conference medal and certificate. All students who receive a 26 composite ACT or 1240 SAT or higher will receive a certificate.

SECTION III

Scores will be submitted at the March Activities Directors' meeting so the medals and/or certificates can be ordered for spring awards ceremonies.

ART CONTEST

SECTION I

The conference shall sponsor an Art Contest each year. The contest shall be held in the spring. The conference authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase Champion and Runner-up placards and ribbons. The 2026/2027 contest site shall be at Central Valley.

1. A stipend of $500 and the judges fee of $150 plus mileage will be given to the host school.
2. The Conference shall hire two (2) judges for the contest with the input at the fall meeting from all of the conference schools participating in the Art Contest. The fee shall be $150 plus mileage for each judge.

SECTION II

The Art Contest shall be governed by the following rules:

1. Entries to the Conference Art Contest shall be limited to two (2) entries per category per student with a maximum of ten (10) per school in each category.
2. Junior high work will be entered and judged separately from the high school work. Junior High points will not count towards the conference plaques.
3. The Conference placard will be awarded to the school with the highest point average per student work. The total number of entries received per school shall be divided into the number of points that school received. Schools must submit a minimum of 15 items to be eligible for the Conference placard.
4. Judging procedure will be at the discretion of the judges. Ribbons will be awarded to deserving work. There will be a single medal awarded for each of the following: Best of Show, Best 2-D and Best 3-D. Each category will receive a 2nd through 6th place ribbon, along with a 1st place medal. The judges can issue as many honorable mentions as they wish. Honorable mentions will have no value as far as points. If a category is limited in entries, more ribbons may be awarded in a larger category at the discretion of the judges. No entry will receive more than one ribbon.

Points and Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

Best of Show.....10 Points
First Place.....10 Points
Second Place.....8 Points
Third Place.....6 Points
Fourth Place.....4 Points
Fifth Place.....2 Points
Sixth Place.....1 Point
Honorable Mention.....2 Points

5. Work should be original. Anything copied from published material will not be accepted. If published material is used in any way as a reference for a design, it should be credited. Other sources such as photographs should also be credited. Photography entries will be judged on elements of the picture but they do not need to be darkroom developed by the student. They may be sent away for development. All entries should be properly labeled in the lower right hand corner with labels provided. Art work should be matted but framing is optional.
6. A school with more than twenty-five (25) entries will hang their own work. Schools should hang their own work as a courtesy to the host school. Schools are responsible for removing their own work unless other arrangements have been made. If the permanent site school prefers to handle the work, the other schools will defer to that choice. The method of displaying student entries, and deadlines shall be at the discretion of the host school.
7. Each school will send entry lists to the host school ten (10) days to two (2) weeks in advance of the contest, deliver and pick-up their work to meet the request of the host school.
8. The host school will organize and recommend a workshop and/or demonstration will be held during the contest.

<u>Goldenrod Conference Art Categories</u>

2-Dimensional
1. Pencil Drawing-Portrait
2. Pencil Drawing-Other
3. Colored Drawing-Colored Pencil, Marker
4. Colored Pencil
5. Black and White-Any Medium
6. Scratch Art-All
7. Watercolor Painting-Any Transparent Medium on Paper
8. Acrylic/Oil/Tempera-Any Technique
9. Printmaking-Silkscreen, Linoleum Cut
10. Photogaphy-Unmanipulated
11. Mixed Media 2D
12. Special Projects/Digital Art-Manipulated Photo, Computer Generated

3-Dimensional
13. Fiber/Textile-Coiling, Weaving, etc.
14. Ceramic/Clay 3-D Functional Art (Handbuilt)
15. Ceramic/Clay 3-D Functional Art (Thrown)
16. Clay Sculpture
17. Sculpture and Jewelry-3-D Work (Any Media Except Clay)
18. Mixed Media 3D

BASKETBALL

SECTION I

Each school in the conference must schedule all other schools in the conference to be eligible for the regular season championship. The team with the highest winning percentage against conference opponents shall be awarded the conference championship. The first regular season contest, not counting the Conference Tournament, will be the only game counted for the regular season championship. If two teams have identical winning percentages against conference opponents, head-to-head competition shall be used to determine the champion. If there is a tie, all additional plaques shall be purchased from the conference treasury.

Whenever a new school joins the conference, they shall not be eligible for the conference season championship plaque until they have either scheduled every conference team in the regular season or have been a member for three years. By the end of the new school's 3rd year in the conference every team should be scheduled to play them. Any school choosing not to schedule another conference school must report it to the Conference Secretary. Games played between new conference members which are not eligible for the championship plaque do not count in determining the conference records of schools eligible.

SECTION II

The boys and girls basketball tournaments will be scheduled during the N.S.A.A. Weeks of 28 and 29. The first round games (play-in bracket) will be on Saturday at the boys 6th, 7th, and 8th seed gymnasiums unless the gym is inadequate for seating. If seating is inadequate, the AD committee would then determine the site during the N.S.A.A week 28 . Girls first round games (play-in bracket) will be assigned by the Conference Secretary. Boys and girls second round games will be at the site of the first and second seeded teams on Monday and Tuesday of N.S.A.A. Week 29. Tournament rosters will be submitted following the same rules as NSAA district tournament rosters.

Semi-final, consolation, and finals games will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of N.S.A.A. Week 29 at a site and game rotation determined by the Executive Committee. Currently at Central Valley.

The 2026 tournament game schedule will be: Play in games for boys and girls will be at the boys 6th, 7th, and 8th seeds gymnasium unless the gym is inadequate for seating. If seating is inadequate, the AD committee would then determine the site. The game times will be 6:00 and 7:30. First round games for Girls will be held on Monday and First round games for Boys will be on Tuesday. First round games will be at the first and second seeds. The game times shall be 6:00 and 7:30. Semi-final games for Girls on Thursday, Semi-final games for Boys on Friday, Consolation Girls game followed by Boys consolation, Girls championship game followed by the Boys championship game will be on Saturday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday's games will be in Central Valley.

Seeding will be at 8:00 am on Tuesday of the 28th week as set by N.S.A.A. NSAA power points will be used for the seeding. The AD's meeting will be at 10:00am on Tuesday of NSAA week 28 where the tournament brackets will be finalized.

The seeding for the tournament shall be by the over-all record using the following guidelines:

1. Teams with the highest NSAA power points will be seeded #1, second #2, etc.
2. Teams with the same power points will then be seeded by overall records.
3. If identical records exist and all tying teams have played each other, the winner between the teams shall be top seeded.
4. All other identical ties shall be broken by lot - winner of lot to be top seeded.
   Half-games will be used to break ties between teams with the same winning percentages. Best record to be top seeded (ie: an 8-4 record would be seeded over a 6-3 record.)
5. Teams with 100% or 0% will be seeded according to the mathematical possibilities (ie: 6-0 top seed over 5-0 and 0-5 seeded over 0-60).

The first round games will be held at the home gym of the first and second seed in 2026. The semi-finals, consolation and finals of the Conference Tournament will be held at Central Valley High School for the 2026 tournament. Starting in 2026/2027 here is the changes to the conference basketball tournament. The Conference Secretary-Treasurer will coordinate the tournament along with the Central Valley Activities Director. Home team will provide the

official book. When hosting a conference tournament, all NSAA district hosting rules will be in place to not create a home court advantage.

SECTION III

All-Conference selections will be announced at March AD's meeting. The Conference will sponsor 1st, 2nd and 3rd team selections with 5 players on each team. If the number of teams in the conference is 8 or less, 3rd team selections will be dropped. An Honorable Mention list will also be identified. New members to the conference who participate in the basketball conference tournaments will be eligible for post-season honors.

The process shall be as follows:

By noon the Monday after the last regular season game, coaches will submit player nominations and statistics on a common spreadsheet to the Conference Secretary. The spreadsheet is to include jersey number, a column where the coach will recommend the player be considered for 1st team, 2nd team, 3rd team or honorable mention in the coach's comments. Once the list of players is submitted, the full list of Conference players nominated will be sent back out to all the coaches with the statistics. Coaches will then vote/rate the top 15 players from the list (15 being the best, 1 being the lowest, and coaches can not vote for their own players). The points for the votes will then be totaled and the top 5 vote recipients will be first team all Conference, vote recipients 6 through 10 will be second team all Conference, vote recipients 11 through 15 will be third team all Conference. Any player receiving 3 points or more and not on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd team will be on the Honorable Mention team.

Conference coaches will re-vote on the two or more players that would happen to be involved in a tie for the 5th spot on the 1st, 2nd all-conference teams. Votes will continue until the tie is broken.

The conference shall authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase medals for first, second, and third team all-conference members and certificates for honorable mention. The top 12 seniors receiving votes will be eligible for the Conference All Star Team.

REGULAR SEASON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD IN BASKETBALL

SECTION IV

I. The Goldenrod Conference will sponsor a Sportsmanship Award in Girls and Boys Basketball to be given annually to the member school that earns the highest accumulative rating as tabulated by the Conference Secretary from rating forms filled out by member schools.

II. At the conclusion of each conference varsity regular season basketball game the Athletic Director from each school or his/her designee will fill out the Sportsmanship Evaluation Form and keep it on file until the end of the season.

III. Totals are to be tabulated by the Athletic Director at each individual school at the end of the basketball season. The Summary of Ratings & Comments Form is filled out and sent to the Conference Secretary who tabulates the totals and notifies all conference schools which member schools scored the highest 3 ratings. The other member schools will see only their own final ratings and comments upon request by the school's administration.

IV. The Summary of Ratings & Comments Form will be sent to the Conference Secretary the Monday after the Boys State Basketball Tournament.

V. If in the case of a tie, all those schools involved in the tie will be awarded a placard.

The conference school receiving the highest rating will receive a placard to be presented at a Goldenrod Conference Executive Meeting. One placard will be awarded for boys' basketball and one placard for girls' basketball. The required forms are included at the end of the by-laws. Please duplicate the forms you need.

GOLDENROD CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT POSTPONEMENT PLAN

SECTION V

If a postponement day is called, then the Athletic Directors Committee will assume the power for that event and they will develop the plan.

Postponement of Play in Bracket Saturday

Games held the following Monday

Games held at girls and boys host sites—Game times—6:00 & 7:30

If girls and boys host seeds in the same school—girls games will go to host sites in odd numbered years and boys games will go to host sites in even numbered years.

1st Round Games held on Tuesday and Wednesday

Postponement of 1st Round Games on Monday or Tuesday

Games will be held one day later.

Postponement of Semi-Final or Finals

Postponementof First Round of Semi-Finals

Games will be combined with the Second Round of Semi-Final games and played on the second round semi-final date.

Postponement of Second Round of Semi-Finals

Games will be held on Saturday, with the Final Round games held on Monday.

Postponement of Final Round Games

Games will be held on Monday.

GOLF

SECTION I

The conference shall sponsor a high school boys meet each year and shall authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase one championship placard, one runner-up placard and conference medals for individuals finishing first through tenth. Awards, medals, and ties shall follow NSAA District golf rules. The yardage will be aligned to the district yardage guidelines.

SECTION II

RULES OF PLAY - The current edition of the United States Golf Association Rules of Golf, combined with local course ground rules, and NSAA rules and regulations shall govern play. Each school has the responsibility to instruct its players on the rules of golf and to see that these rules are followed during competition.

SECTION III

The Goldenrod Conference high school Boys golf meet shall be scheduled for the Thursday of week 44 of the NSAA calendar beginning at 10:00 a.m. and will be hosted by Heartland Lutheran at Indianhead in Grand Island. *The Makeup date will be the Thursday of week 45*. Each school may enter a Varsity and a JV squad in the meet (five golfers per team).

CROSS COUNTRY

The Nebraska School Activities Association rules and regulations shall govern the Goldenrod Conference Cross Country meet.

The Goldenrod Cross Country meet will be held during week 14.

The length of the course shall be 5000 meters for boys and girls.

The NSAA District meet and scoring rules will be followed.

Inclement weather conditions may force the postponement of the meet. The Host school's meet director has the sole responsibility for the postponement and rescheduling of the meet.
The host school will rotate amongst three Conference Schools, Burwell Fullerton and St. Francis.
The host school will prepare a coach and team instruction sheet. It should include:

a. Any special ground rules necessary because of unusual terrain.
b. A diagram of the course or instructions explaining the course.
c. A diagram of the chute, with an explanation of the finish.
d. Equipment notices; contestants must have a regulation cross country uniform and spiked shoes are permitted; no spikes longer than one-half inch.
e. Instructions regarding location and use of dressing rooms.
f. Instructions to coaches and team managers concerning crowding around the finish line and chute.
g. Position of numbers on runner, numbers should be on the front.
h. Special instructions to be issued to visiting spectators.
i. Time and place to meet.

Note: Teams will be permitted to walk the course before the meet.

Junior High School students will run between 1.5 miles and 2 miles or the metric equivalent. Medals will be handed out to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls. Schools may have more than six runners on the junior high team; however, these runners will not be awarded medals and will not be counted in the team score.

MUSIC

SECTION I

The conference shall sponsor a music contest each year. The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity to receive judges' feedback in preparation for the District music contest**.** The contest shall be held in the spring, approximately two weeks prior to the district music contests. The conference authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase necessary awards. Contest sites shall be rotated between Central Valley and St. Edward. The Executive Committee shall establish the time schedules to be used at all conference music contests.

SECTION II

The Conference Music Contest will start at 8:30 a.m. and will be run the same format as the District Music Contests sponsored by N.S.A.A. The District Music Contest limit on the number of entries will be enforced. Date for the Conference Music Contest will be N.S.A.A. week #39.

Five (5) judges will be contracted with the same fee paid to NSAA District Music judges. Mileage will be paid per constitution. The conference will allow the host school up to $300 total for tuning and renting pianos and or keyboards for the contest. Each performance room will have a piano in good repair and tuned or a full size keyboard with a minimum of 76 full size keys. A piano or full size keyboard will be provided for the warm-up room for choirs and glees. An acoustic piano in good repair and tuned will be provided for all piano solo/duet entries.

<u>The following awards will be given at the Conference Music Contest:</u>
Superior Band Plaque(s) (Plaque for all bands receiving a 1 rating)
Superior Chorus Plaque(s) (Plaque for all choirs receiving a 1 rating)

Superior Vocal Jazz/Show Choir Plaque(s) (Plaque for all large vocal groups receiving a 1 rating)

Superior Instrumental Jazz Plaque(s) (Plaque for all large jazz instrumental groups receiving a 1 rating)

Superior Glee Plaque(s) (Plaque for all glees receiving a 1 rating)

Medals for all superior rating solos and groups up to 4 participants.

SECTION III

Certificates will be given for each member of a group that receives a superior rating. Each member school will be sent the requested number of certificates for each member school to type and distribute. Superior plaques will be ordered after the contest for all groups receiving a superior rating.

QUIZ BOWL

SECTION I

The conference shall sponsor a quiz bowl each year. The contest shall be held in the spring with the date being set by the Executive Committee. The conference authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase a Champion and Runner-Up plaque. The contest will be rotated between Elba and Heartland Lutheran.

SECTION II

The Quiz Bowl shall be governed by the following rules and procedures:

1. Each Conference school is entitled to enter one (1) team made up of students in grades 9 through 12 and one (1) team made up of students in grades 7 and 8.
2. A team consists of six (6) players -- a captain and five other members. Alternate players are allowed. A team is not required to use the same six players for each individual match during tournament play, but substitutions during a match are forbidden. Alternates can enter play only at the beginning of a new match during a tournament.
3. Points are scored by correct answers to questions. Each question has a pre-stated value. The questions will range from the trivial to the profound and cover all areas of academic knowledge. Questions will cover the following categories:

Social Studies: American and World History, Government,Geography, Sociology, and Psychology.

Language Arts: English, Spelling, Literature, Grammar, and Vocabulary.

Science: Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science Geology, Astronomy, Biology and Physical Science.

Mathematics: Formulas, Terms, Time, Geometry, Square and Cubes, Algebra, Trigonometry, Measurement, and Computers.

Current Events: To Present.

4. Two types of questions are used during a match: toss-up and bonus. Five (5) points will be awarded for a correct answer for a toss-up question and ten (10) points will be awarded for a correct answer for a bonus question. There will be eight (8) toss-up questions per match. These will be followed by a bonus question to be given to the team correctly answering the toss-up question.
5. After the toss-up questions are read, fifteen (15) seconds will be allowed for any team member to respond. To answer a toss-up question, a player must be the first to signal by pushing his/her signal switch on the Electronic Control System. Team members will stand with their hands beside or above the signal switch. There cannot be any conferring among team members during a toss-up question response.

6. The toss-up process consists of four (4) parts - the question, the signal, the recognition of the player by the Quiz Bowl announcer, and the answer. If a player gives the answer without either of the two middle parts, the answer is treated as an incorrect answer. In other words, the player must wait until his/her name is called before giving the answer.
7. A team member giving a correct toss-up answer entitles the team to a bonus question. The team members have fifteen (15) seconds to confer on bonus questions before the answer is given and discussion is allowed. The answers to bonus questions must be given by the team captain. Answers from other team members are treated as incorrect answers.
8. When a player gives an incorrect answer to a toss-up question, the question will be read again and the other team has fifteen (15) seconds to answer by the normal sequence of signaling, being recognized and answering. If neither team gives a correct answer, the next question will be read.
9. If a team presses the signal switch of the Electronic Control System before the toss-up question has been correctly read, the Moderator will stop reading the question at the point of interruption. If the question is answered incorrectly, the question will be repeated entirely for the other team and they may answer the question for full points.
10. No calculators are to be used during the competition. The host school will provide scratch paper and pencils for competition.
11. Decisions of the tournament judge will be final. The official declaration of the outcome of the match shall be irrevocable. As in any contest, a match shall not be replayed - even if the outcome could have been altered by judgment errors.
12. If a team feels that a challenge is necessary, the team captain is the only one who may make the challenge and must make the challenge at the time of the answer (before the next question is given). There shall be no question raised by anyone except the team captain, moderator or officials. The decision of the judges will be final.
13. In case of a tie at the end of a round, a toss-up question will be used. The first team to correctly answer the toss-up will win the round.
14. Violations of the rules will disqualify a team on that question and (A) on the toss-up question the other team will be given the option of answering the question for full point value and (B) on the bonus question, no points will be awarded.

15. The round will be stopped if the following differences in team scores occur:

After 5th bonus question	50 point lead
After 6th bonus question	35 point lead
After 7th bonus question	20 point lead

16. The Electronic Control System is owned by Educational Service Unit 10 and may be borrowed from them and in the future, the Conference may purchase a system.
17. All questions used shall be purchased by the Conference Secretary/Treasurer. The Conference Secretary/Treasurer shall provide a copy of questions to the Moderator and each judge one hour before the scheduled starting time. Questions shall be appropriate for each division.
18. Teams will be placed on a double-elimination bracket by random drawing by the host school.
19. Both divisions shall run at the same time in two different rooms. Finals for both divisions will be held in one location with the junior high division followed by the senior high division. Officials used for each division in the preliminary rounds will work their respective division in the final round.
20. A large room shall be provided by the host school for those students not participating at that moment. All students shall attend the finals.
21. Winners will be declared in both divisions. All participants on the winning and runner-up teams will receive a Goldenrod Conference Certificate of Achievement. Plaques shall be awarded to the first and second place teams in both divisions.

22. The Quiz Bowl is played under the supervision of the following officials:

Moderator: Is in general charge of operations and asks questions. Assigned by the host school.

Announcer/Timer: Observes players during asking of the questions so he/she may properly identify and announce the name of the school who first signals to reply to the toss-up question. The score is announced or displayed using an overhead. He/she also turns the E.C.S. on and off. The timing system is built into the E.C.S. and automatically locks out the system at the end of the 15 second time period. Assigned by the host school.

Content Judges: Are familiar with all questions and answers and ready to rule, upon request, on any variables in answers that may be accepted. Four (4) content judges will be assigned for each division. Each school participating (except the host school) will bring one (1) person to act as a content judge. The host school will assign the content judges. The content judge should be a teacher in one of the academic areas. Judges shall vote as to the acceptance of an answer in question, if different to the answer provided, if the answer is in question or challenged.

Procedural Judge: Observers play to guard against illegal procedures, such as prompting, team conferences when disallowed, or inappropriate challenges made by anyone other than the team captain, and crowd noise or crowd prompting of an answer heard by any participant. The procedural judge each year shall be the Conference President.

Scorer: Has the responsibility to keep the team score throughout a match. A second scorer will keep the score on an overhead or the school's scoreboard. Assigned by the host school.

All officials will closely observe to assure against illegal procedures by players or spectators during the match.

The room set-up will be:

1. Content judges, moderator, scorer will be set as they are facing the two teams.
2. The two competing teams will be arranged so they are facing the content judges, moderator and scorer and the audience are to their back.
3. The audience will be set so they are at the back of the room with the competing teams in front of them facing the judges and moderator and where the competing teams will not be facing the audience but facing the judges.

SPEECH AND PLAY PRODUCTION

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SECTION I - SPEECH

The conference shall sponsor a speech contest each year to be held approximately four weeks prior to the district speech contests. A Champion and Runner-up plaque will be awarded as well as medals for the first six places for each event. The conference will order five OID medals with any extra medals to be retained as surplus. In events that had 9 or fewer entries and went straight to finals, all finalists will be acknowledged. Places 1-6 will be given medals and places 7-9 will receive either a medal (from surplus) or a certificate, based on what is available.

Critic judges shall be selected by the host school in cooperation with the recommendations and suggestions of the speech teachers or coaches of the conference. Twelve (12) judges are required to be contracted by the host school in the spring the year prior to hosting. Host schools must retain an NSAA certified judge specifically for monitoring the extemporaneous speaking prep room, as required by the NSAA. Pending review of coaches and judge availability, if an independent judge cannot be hired, host schools may use an NSAA certified speech coach from the conference. Host school will handle acquiring and preparing extemp topics for draw from a NSAA sanctioned extemp topic source.

Any judge for an event with a time limit of 10 minutes or more that goes straight to finals with 8-9 entries will be paid for two rounds as a courtesy for judging the extended round.

The conference will use a tabroom like program, such as Speechwire, to collect speech entries and run the Goldenrod Speech Meet.

The speech contest will have preliminaries and finals. Round size and number of sections of rounds will be based off of the current NSAA District Director Manual, which will be made available to all conference hosts. The host school shall perform a random draw for the performance order in prelims. Each school shall be double coded and only one entry per school in a section of the event, unless the event goes directly to a final. Six students will qualify for the finals unless the total number of entries is nine or fewer in most events. In events with nine or fewer entries and of an extended time (over 10 minutes), coaches may be consulted in regards to allowing two sections of four to five entries, allowing the competitors to go straight to finals with 2-3 judges, or having one round with 2-3 judges (whatever is available) and sending the top six to a normal finals.

The tabulation room should be made up of three conference coaches consisting of: the prior year host, the current year host, and the future year host, with additional assistance from other coaches as needed. This way there will be an easy transition from year to year in running the tab room. All elements of the tab room are open for all coaches. The host school is responsible for loading the computers with the entry information on the tab sheets. The host school should have two helpers to aid in running the tab room.

The entries to the conference contest are to be sent no later than seven calendar days prior to the date of the conference contest. It is permissible for a school to make a change in an original entry up to the date of the contest as long as it is within the same number of entries in an event. There are no adds in entries once the entry form has been sent in. Entries will be accepted between seven and five calendar days upon payment of $10.00 penalty fee to the conference. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5 Calendar DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. The host school shall send out a full program with school entries on it at least four calendar days prior so that it can be proofed by all coaches of the conference to help identify any program conflicts in entries and in numbers in sections. (Note: we felt these changes were more relevant to the use of the online tabulation programs, making it easier to make changes, and email schedules out to coaches, therefore reducing the needed time for reviewing scheduling issues)

The conference coaches shall provide a list of approved judges to the conference secretary who will hire 12 judges for the conference Speech meet. We will hope to have judges sign contracts a year in advance.

SECTION II – PLAY PRODUCTION

The conference shall sponsor each year a Play Production Contests. The site will be the Performing Arts Center in Central City with Nebraska Christian and Palmer rotating as host schools. Champion plaques will be awarded as well as a medal for Outstanding Actress and medals for Outstanding Actor. Medals will also be given to each member of the winning team. These medals are to be ordered after the contest to ensure ordering the correct number. Three (3) judges will be hired by the conference secretary. Critic judges shall be selected from

suggestions of the dramatics teachers or coaches of the conference. The entries to the conference contest are to be sent fourteen days prior to the date of the conference contest. It is permissible for a school to make a change in an original entry up to the date of the contest. Entries will be accepted between fourteen and ten days upon payment of a $10.00 penalty fee to the conference.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. The host school shall send out a full program copy at least one week prior so that it can be proofed by all coaches.

The host school shall perform a random draw for the performance order. Schools closer to the host school shall be in consideration for morning performance spots and schools further away will be in the afternoon performance pool.

SECTION III

The rules and regulation of the Nebraska School Activities Association shall govern these activities. The suggested resources in hosting from the NSAA are: Speech Manual, Play Production Manual Judges Manual, District Directors Manual. Files needed to run the contest can be found on the conference web page.

SECTION IV

The conference authorizes the secretary-treasurer to purchase conference plaques and medals for both conference contests.

TRACK

SECTION I

The conference shall sponsor a high school boys and girls track meet each year and shall authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase one championship plaque, one runner-up plaque and conference medals for the first six places in all events.

The Goldenrod Conference high school boys and girls track meet will be rotated between Archangels Catholic, Burwell, and Fullerton. The order of track events shall be the same as the order for the district events. The conference meet shall follow the district format, scratch meeting at 9:30 AM and to be completed by 10:00 AM, field events starting at 10:00 AM, first running events to begin at 12:00 PM and a 30 minute break between 1st session and 2nd session or finals session.

SECTION II

The conference shall sponsor a junior high boys and girls track meet each year. The Goldenrod Conference junior high boys and girls track meet will be held at Fullerton in 2025, HSF 2026 and Burwell 2027, and then repeat. A championship and runner-up plaque will be awarded. Medals will be awarded for the first 6 places in individual events and the first 6 relay teams.

National Federation recommendations will be followed. A school may have three entries in an event. An individual athlete may compete in four events including the relays. The field events shall be the same as the high school meet.

<u>The schedule of events shall be as follows:</u>

Morning session:

Girls 3200 m relay	finals
Boys 3200 m relay	finals
Girls 100 m hurdles (30")	prelims
Boys 100 m hurdles (33")	prelims
Girls 100 m dash	prelims

Boys 100 m dash prelims
Girls 400 m dash finals
Boys 400 m dash finals
Girls 1600 m run finals
Boys 1600 m run finals
Girls 200 m dash prelims
Boys 200 m dash prelims

Break - 30 minutes - Afternoon session (All Finals)

Girls 100 m hurdles (30")
Boys 100 m hurdles (33")
Girls 100 m dash
Boys 100 m. dash
Girls 800 m run
Boys 800 m run
Girls 200 m hurdles (30")
Boys 200 m hurdles (33")
Girls 200 m dash
Boys 200 m dash
Girls 400 m relay
Boys 400 m relay
Girls 1600 m relay
Boys 1600 m relay

The junior high meet will be scheduled the same as the high school conference meet and shall qualify the top 8 for finals by time to the nearest .1.

SECTION 3

Postponement date for the High School Track meet will be the following Monday at the location of the Junior High Meet. High School will run field events and then running events with the Junior High completing the running events and then the field events.

VOLLEYBALL

SECTION I

Each school in the conference must schedule all other schools in the conference to be eligible for the regular season championship. The team with the highest winning percentage against conference opponents shall be awarded the conference championship. The first regular season contest will be the only game counted for the regular season championship. If two teams have identical winning percentages against conference opponents, head-to-head competition shall be used to determine the champion. If there is a tie, all additional plagues shall be purchased from the Conference Treasury.

Whenever a new school joins the conference, they shall not be eligible for the conference season championship plaque until they have either scheduled every conference team in the regular season or have been a member for three years. By the end of the new school's 3rd year in the conference every team should be scheduled to play them. Any school choosing not to schedule another conference school must report it to the Conference Secretary. Games played between new conference members which are not eligible for the championship plague do not count in determining the conference records of schools eligible.

SECTION II

The volleyball tournament will be scheduled during N.S.A.A. Week 15. The tournament shall be on a rotating alphabetical schedule. For 2026 , Grand Island Lutheran will be the host on Saturday. The tournament will follow district format and be best of 5. Tournament rosters

will be submitted following the same rules as NSAA district tournament rosters. The tournament will be a two day tournament with games to be played on Thursday and Saturday.

The seeding will take place on Tuesday of N.S.A.A. Week 14. The 1st seed and 2nd seed will host on Thursday. At the 1st seed site, 8 will play 9, the winner of 8-9 will play 1 and 4 will play 5. At the 2nd seed site, 7 will play 10, the winner will play 2 and 3 will play 6.

The seeding for the tournament shall be by NSAA power points using the following guidelines:

1. Teams with the highest power points will be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc.
2. Teams with the same power points will then be seeded by overall record.
3. If identical records exist and all tying teams have played each other, the winner between the teams shall be top seeded.
4. All other identical ties shall be broken by lot - winner of lot to be top seeded.
5. Half-games will be used to break ties between teams with the same winning percentages.
   Best record to be top seeded (ie: an 8-4 record would be seeded over a 6-3 record.)
6. Teams with 100% or 0% will be seeded according to the mathematical possibilities (ie: 6-0 top seed over 5-0 and 0-5 seeded over 0-6).
7. Teams losing on Thursday will play games on Saturday in the following format.
   Following the Thursday night games, the remaining teams will use their initial seedings for matchups on Saturday. We will seed them 5 - 10 and play the games as such:

   9 v 10 10:00 am
   7 v 8 11:00 am
   5 v 6 12:00 pm

Games will be at the highest remaining seed after Thursday Games. The Home team each game will provide the official book, the visiting team each game will provide the official libero tracker. The host school will provide lines, clock, and gate workers. The games will be played best 2 out 3 to 25 points.

SECTION III

All-Conference selections will be announced to the Athletic Directors at their November Meeting and publicly one week later after the Executive Committee approves the selections. The Conference will sponsor 1st, 2nd and 3rd team selections with 6 players on each team. If the number of teams in the conference is 8 or less, 3rd team selections will be dropped. An Honorable Mention list will also be identified. New members to the conference who participate in the volleyball conference tournament will be eligible for postseason honors.

The process shall be as follows:

By noon the Monday after the last regular season game, coaches will submit player nominations and statistics on a common spreadsheet to the Conference Secretary. The spreadsheet is to include jersey number, a column where the coach will recommend the player be considered for 1st team, 2nd team, 3rd team or honorable mention, and coach's comments. Once the list of players is submitted, the full list of Conference players nominated will be sent back out to all the coaches with the statistics. Coaches will then vote/rate the top 18 players from the list (18 being the best, 1 being the lowest, and coaches can not vote for their own players). The points for the votes will then be totaled and the top 6 vote recipients will be first team all Conference, vote recipients 7 through 12 will be second team all Conference, vote

recipients 13 through 18 will be third team all Conference. Ties for 6th and 12th will be broken by 1st) the number of top votes, 18s, 17s, etc. 2nd) by points per game average, and 3rd) by coin toss. Any ties for the 18th spot would result in all those players being on 3rd team. Any player receiving 3 points or more and not on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd team will be on the Honorable Mention team. The conference shall authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase medals for first, second, and third team all-conference members and certificates for honorable mention. The conference volleyball coaches will discuss the All-State nominations and balloting to ensure that the Goldenrod Conference is represented in the process. Top 12 seniors receiving votes would be eligible for the Conference All Star Team.

SECTION IV

"C" games shall be played to 25 points, 2 out of 3 sets or until 6:40 or 20 minutes before the "B" game. Seniors are prohibited from playing in the "C" games.

GOLDENROD CONFERENCE
Activity Financial Report
2026/2027 School Year

Please make this report duplicate. Keep one copy for your files. Mail the other copy to the conference Secretary/Treasurer.
CONTEST: Conf. VB Tournament_____ LOCATION_____

RECEIPTS:

Admission Receipts:

EXPENSES:

Officials-Names:

Host School's Share of Gate:

Workers/Programs:
Hospitality Room:

Profit from the Tournament:

Goldenrod Conference
Sportsmanship Evaluation Form

The following Goldenrod Conference events should be evaluated by the activities director or his/her designee: A) VARSITY CONTESTS SPONSORED BY CONFERENCE SCHOOLS INCLUSIVE OF BOYS BASKETBALL AND GIRLS BASKETBALL.

SCHOOL _____SITE OF EVENT _____

EVENT _____DATE OF EVENT _____

EVALUATOR _____TITLE _____

MANAGEMENT 1 2 3 4 5
(WOULD INCLUDE OVERALL HOSPITALITY AND SUPERVISION)

PLAYER CONDUCT 1 2 3 4 5
(ARE NOT ANIMATED, ACCEPT OFFICIALS DECISIONS, THE GAME IS THE FOCUS)

COACHES CONDUCT 1 2 3 4 5
(ARE SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, COACHES ARE A PART OF THE GAME AND DO NOT DETRACT FROM THE COMPETITION, ADEQUATELY DISCIPLINE PLAYERS)

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Students conduct 1 2 3 4 5
(RESPECT DECISION OF GAME AND CONTEST OFFICIALS, REFRAIN FROM DEGROGATORY CHEERS OR BEHAVIOR, DISPLAY POSITIVE CITIZENSHIP)

Fans conduct 1 2 3 4 5
(RESPECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE OFFICIALS, ARE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN THEIR ACTIONS, ARE FANS NOT FANACTICS)

Total Score _____

SCALE:
1 – NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
2
3 – AVERAGE
4
5 – EXCELLENT

COMMENTS:

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Goldenrod Conference Sportsmanship Award

Summary of Ratings & Comments

Submitted by _____

Sport _____

Year _____

	ACHS	Bur	CV	Elba	FUL	GIL	N C	NG	Palm	River	St. Ed
Managem											
Player Conduct											
Coaches Conduct											
Spectator Conducts Student											
Spectator Conduct Fans											
SUMMARY OF ALL EVALUATION FORMS (4)											

Comments

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

To be sent to the Conference Secretary on the Monday after the Boys State Basketball Tournament. One form for girls and one for boys please.