

Trailways Conference

FOOTBALL

Membership Schools of the Trailways Football Conference include Cambria-Friesland, Deerfield, Fall River/Rio, Johnson Creek, Lourdes Academy, Pardeeville, Randolph, and Saint Mary Catholic. Football shall begin the season with two non-conference games, which the Athletic Director is responsible to schedule.

Levels ----- JV – Will be scheduled between schools once levels are confirmed in conjunction with varsity schedule.

1. **Starting Times:** JV Host school will set
Varsity contests..... 7:00 pm
2. **Length of Quarters** JV plays ten (10) minute quarters
Varsity play twelve (12) minute quarters
3. **Half-Time:** Half time at the Varsity level is fifteen (15) minutes. Exception: For special occasions (parents night/homecoming) the halftime can be extended to twenty (20) minutes. Athletic Director from visiting team must be notified prior to contest date, if 20-minute half will be used. Officials will be notified upon arrival at game site if 20 minute half will be used. All other levels of competition (JV) will have a maximum of a 10-minute half.
4. **Conference Tie Breaker (for WIAA playoffs):**
 1. Head-to-Head as is.
 2. Win/Loss percentage of defeated conference opponents as is.
 3. Least points given up by a team's defense in the first half of conference opponents.
 4. Select the team that was ahead in score in the most quarters in the conference games between the teams that are tied.
 5. Random draw by the Commissioner.
5. **Officials - Hiring:** The Conference Commissioner hires and assigns a crew of 5 officials for all conference varsity games. Local athletic director hires officials for home games at JV level.
6. **Pre - Game Procedures:**
 - 5:30 pm – Locker Rooms available for visiting team.
 - 6:00 Warm-ups The clock begins to count down from **53:00**
 - 6:35pm – Officials meet with Coaches
 - 6:40 pm -- Coin Flip
 - 6:45 pm -- Field is made available from the 30 - 30 yard lines for the band. Teams must use 25 yard line to end zone goal line creating a five (5) yard buffer zone for safety. If the band wishes to extend their performance area, it will be taken from the home teams end of the field. Bands should enter the field between the visitor's 30 yard line and the end zone of the home team. Thereby, not interfering with the visiting team's warm-up area.
 - 6:53 pm -- National Anthem --- **0:00 – ON THE CLOCK!!**
 - 6:56 pm -- Introduction of players
 - 7:00 pm -- Kick - Off

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7. **Overtime Games** WIAA overtime rule is used for Varsity and JV.

8. **All Conference Selection Process**

**Team Make-up:
1st & 2nd Team** Offensive Selections: 1QB, 2RB's, 2REC's, 1 TE/FB, 5 Off. Linemen, 2 Flex
Defensive Selections: 3DB's, 2ILB's, 2 Def. Linemen, 2 DE, 2OLB, 2 Flex
Specialist: 1 Kicker / 1 Punter / 1 Special Teams Player

Format for Selection: Nominations will be collected by the Conference Commissioner no later than 9am, on the Wednesday after last regular season game. Each team is entitled to 7 (seven) nominations more than the number of conference wins that season. This doesn't include the specialists, but they need to be listed. A player nominated for 2(two) positions would use 2(two) nominations. Players from each team will be nominated in the order of preference by their coach. Each nomination will be submitted with the following information:

Preference # - Name – Position – Jersey # – Height – Weight – Year in School

Nominations will be collected via a Google Form. The Commissioner will prepare nomination list by position and email that information back to the coach and Athletic Director of each school ASAP after submission deadline.

Coaches will meet on the Monday after Level One playoff game at 7pm to vote for All Conference at a central location chosen by the Commissioner.

At the beginning of the meeting, each coach will have the opportunity to delete a name or names to their previously submitted nominations. No additions or change of originally nominated positions will be allowed. Coaches will be allowed to verbally inform their fellow coaches on why their nomination(s) for a specific position should be considered for all conference recognition. The coaches will establish a time limit for the discussion of individual athletes in order to keep the process moving. After all coaches have made their verbal statements a silent written ballot will be administered by the Commissioner, or an A.D. designated to establish 1st and 2nd Team All-Conference selections for each position. This process will continue until all positions of the All Conference Teams are complete. Vote for players in your order of preference by awarding 2 points for 1st Team consideration and 1 point for 2nd Team consideration.

5 Positions (Off Linemen) – 5, 2 Point Selections / 5, 1 point Selections
3 Positions (Def. Backs) -3, 2 Point Selections/ 3, 1 Point Selections
2 Positions (RB's, Rec's, ILB's, DL, DE's, OLB's, Flex)-2, 2 Point Selections,
2 1 Point Selections
1 Position (QB, TE/FB, Kicker, Punter, Special Teams Player)- 1, 2 Point
Selection / 1 Point Selection
Coaches will not vote for their own players.

In cases of ties for 1st Team or 2nd Team, all those tied will be considered a member of the 1st Team or 2nd Team. Any player receiving at least one (1) vote but not receiving 1st or 2nd team recognition will be considered an Honorable Mention Selection.

**Offensive / Defensive
Lineman of the Year /
Offensive / Defensive
Player of the Year**

Coaches will recognize (1) Offensive and (1) Defensive Lineman of the Year, (1) Offensive and (1) Defensive Player of the Year. Process for these selections will be handled as follows: After the All Conference selections are announced and base off of 1st Team Selections each coach will be allowed submit a nominee for each "designation noted. After the nomination process, which includes a verbal comment

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from each coach on why that player should be recognized, a ballot vote will be used to determine each recipient. Nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be designated. Ties will not be broken. Coaches CAN'T vote for their own player(s).

9.
Awards
1st and 2nd Team All Conference Recipients will receive a medal (1st Team Gold/2nd Team Silver) . Any certificates awarded will be created by the schools.
Lineman, Player, Athlete of the Year recipients will receive a plaque.
10.
Stats
It will be mandatory to input your players stats into WisSports NO LATER than 12 Noon, the Tuesday after ALL games, including weeks 1 and 2. for your player(s) to be eligible for All Conference Recognition.
11.
HUDL Exchange
A “HUDL POOL” will be set up. Coaches will be required to submit their game film into “The Pool” no later than 12 noon the day after your Varsity game. These will include week #1 and #2 of your non-conference games. Every attempt should be made to get the “Press Box View”
12.
Commissioner
The Commissioner of the Football Conference will be the Trailways Conference commissioner. If the Trailways Commissioner is unable or unwilling, the 8 football members will appoint a commissioner.
The following duties will include but limited to:
Will contract all varsity officials based on the schedule provided by the WIAA Office.
Will be responsible for ordering all awards.
Will correspond All Conference Procedures and Deadlines to the Coaches prior to the completion of the conference season.
Will monitor the All-Conference selection meeting, if possible.
Will correspond All Conference Selections with local media sources.
Will correspond any concerns of the coaches to the Athletic Directors and if needed schedule a meeting after the season to discuss concerns for possible change.
Will be responsible for keeping accounting records.
The Commissioner will be paid \$2000 plus all expenses.
13.
Dues / Expenses Accounting
The Trailways Football Conference Members will utilize the Trailways Conference Treasury to pay all expenses incurred by the members. The salary of the Commissioner will be paid through the Trailways Conference. Members of the Trailways Football Conference will be charged \$400 per year to help defer the cost of the Commissioners salary and expenses and awards, including shipping costs. This “participation fee” will be reviewed annually.
14.
Admission/Passes
Admission to the Trailways Football Conference Varsity game will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3 for Students. Conference passes from home and visiting schools will be accepted at conference games.
15.
Officials Fees
Varsity football officials will be paid \$100 in 2022 and \$105 in 2023. JV and JV2 fees will determined by each participating school. Varsity fee amounts will be examined bi-annually.