

Between the Lakes Middle School Football League

Philosophy, Rules and Regulations

(Adopted, January 24, 2024)

Article I – MEMBERSHIP

The Between the Lakes Middle School Football League comprises the following twelve football programs.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>Color – 6th</u>	<u>Color - 7th</u>	<u>Color – 8th</u>
Brillion	Red or White	Red or White	Red or White
Chilton	Blue or White	Blue or White	Blue or White
Howards Grove	Blue or White	Blue or White	Blue or White
Kiel	Purple	Purple	Purple
Manitowoc Lincoln	No Team	Red	Red
Mishicot	No Team	Black or White	Black or White
New Holstein	Red	No Team	Red
Plymouth	Black or Orange	Black or Orange	Black or Orange
Reedsville	Gray	No Team	Gray
Two Rivers	Black	Black	Black
Valders	No Team	Red	Red
SMC			Columbia Blue (7/8)
Hilbert	Blue (5/6)		Blue (7/8)

*** If multiple colors are available for both teams, the home team will wear the darker jerseys.

Article II – PHILOSOPHY

The Between the Lakes Middle School Football League is intended to provide a safe and enjoyable opportunity for our youth to enjoy the great game of football. We do not encourage the “win at all costs” philosophy and it is expected to respect your opponent. Teams should make reasonable efforts to include all players in each game. Each player should be a starter in at least one game each year.

Article III - LEAGUE RULES

The league will be governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) rules which are derived from the National Federation of High School Rules. All adaptations that pertain to rules governing freshmen level play will be followed with the following modifications:

- I. The dates and times of all league games will be set at the Between The Lakes Annual Meeting. This meeting will be held, on the last Wednesday of January, at Brillion High School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- II. No overtime will be played.
- III. Practice may begin no earlier than Tuesday August 6, 2024
- IV. The awarding of trophies/medals is strongly discouraged.
- V. Suggested fee for officials is a minimum \$50 per game. Home team pays the officials.
- VI. The home team shall furnish the following:
 - a. Down markers with chain gangs

- b. Game clock and time keeper.
 - c. Four officials are encouraged, but at least 3 WIAA registered officials are required.
 - d. A copy of the league rules to the officials before the games.
- VII. Official league standing will not be kept; however, each team may publish "controlled" articles in their local paper.
- VIII. A youth is ineligible if he reaches his 15th birthday before August 15th of any given season.
- IX. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches will not be tolerated. An ejection of either a player or coach will follow the WIAA guideline and will be suspended for the next contest as well.
- X. The following adaptations will apply:
- a. Quarter length
 - b. 7 min. - 6th grade
 - c. 7 min. - 7th grade
 - d. 8 min. - 8th grade
 - e. Halftime is 5 minutes, 5 minutes between games
 - f. 6th and 7th grade use small ball (TDY), 8th grade uses regulation ball
 - g. 3 time-outs per half (6th grade only 30 sec)
 - h. 28 point lead in the second half- running clock, at coaches discretion this could start in the 2nd quarter.
- XI. Proposed game times: 6th - 4:30 p.m., 7th - 5:30 p.m., 8th - 6:45 p.m. (Saturday games will begin at 9:00 am). Schools can adjust later start times if needed.
- XII. All teams must abide by the rules. Rules and philosophy should be distributed to all coaches and officials in your program at all levels. If a team is deemed to have abused these rules or philosophy, they may be put on probation if a majority of the programs vote in favor of this action. This vote will take place at the annual meeting. If a team is found in violation for a second consecutive year, the coaches may vote that program out of the league.
- XIII. Mismatches. Coaches shall use discretion in positioning their players so they are not greatly mismatches in positions (i.e. do not play a lineman in another position) try to project the position the boy will play in high school and play him in that position. Players weighing more than 120 pounds in sixth grade and 140 pounds in seventh grade must be on the line of scrimmage. Players should be weighed without equipment.
- XIV. Coaches are encouraged to stay informed about teaching techniques to ensure players safety. Understanding of concussion protocol is an important part of coaching youth football. Football staff should be aware of AED's.
- XV. Coaches (gentleman's) time out. Referees and coaches met at midfield to talk away from your team and fans.
- XVI. If players are playing at a level below their grade level, coaches should communicate this at least 48 hours in advance of the game. Remember that the importance of that grade level should be the primary players. Schools will send out their rosters to all league schools.
- XVII. Schools should send your roster to the league, the roster should include names, number, grade, weights.

XVIII. Each school should send the league their base offense and base defense.

Rule Adaptations

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6th Grade and 7th Grade Rules:

- a. Only 6 people on the line of scrimmage until inside the 10 yd line. Non lineman may not make a tackle behind the LOS until the ball is outside the tackle box.(1st offense – warning, all others - 10 yd. penalty).
- b. No stunting, blitzing or fake blitzing - basic football - players in the box rush. Linebackers must line up 3 yds off the ball. No linebackers tackle behind the LOS between the tackles. 10 yd penalty for blitzing
- c. No Kick-Off - put the ball on the 35 yard line.
- d. No Punts - move the ball 35 yards (if the ball is inside the 20, put it at the 20).
- e. Safety - place the ball at the 50 yard line.
- f. Sixth Grade Only - one coach allowed on the field, **35 sec. play clock.**
- g. Sixth Grade Only – 3 - 30 second timeout per half
- h. Small size football.
- i. Players weighing more than 120 pounds in sixth grade and 140 pounds in seventh grade must be on the line of scrimmage. Players should be weighed without equipment.
- j. Teams have the option to kick the extra point with no rush for 1pt or run a play for 2pts. When kicking the extra point, the holder must catch the ball in the air and hold it cleanly or it is a dead ball.
- k. Teams have the option to kick a field goal, same as an extra point, no rush. When kicking a field goal, the holder must catch the ball in the air and hold it cleanly or it is a dead ball.

8th Grade Rules:

- a. No Kick-Off - put the ball on the 35 yard line.
- b. No Punts - move the ball 35 yards (if the ball is inside the 20, put it at the 20).
- c. Teams have the option to kick the extra point with no rush for 1pt or run a play for 2pts. When kicking the extra point, the holder must catch the ball in the air and hold it cleanly or it is a dead ball.
- d. Teams have the option to kick a field goal, same as an extra point, no rush. When kicking a field goal, the holder must catch the ball in the air and hold it cleanly or it is a dead ball.
- e. No other special adaptations.
- g. Safety - place the ball at the 50 yard line.

North Division School	Name	Address	CSZ	Phone	Alt Phone	E-mail	Game Field Site
Brillion	Jeff Capelle (AD)	W1101 Cty HR	Brillion, WI 54110	920-756-9238	920-418-1766	jcappelle@brillionsd.org	Brillion Middle School 315 S. Main Street
	Tanner Behnke	W1101 Cty HR	Brillion, WI 54110	920-756-9238	920-427-6201	tbehnke@brillionsd.org	
	Mark Brooks				920-540-0288	mark@brooksservicesllc.com	
Chilton	Corey Behnke (AD)	530 W. Main St.	Chilton WI 53014	920-849-2358		behnke@chiltonsdsd.org	Chilton High School 530 W. Main St.
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	Bob Cullen			9203780857		Cullenec@hotmail.com	
	Greg Sromek			9204640422		stromekg@chiltonsdsd.org	
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	Phil Sosnosky			920-901-5979			
	Eric Nelson			920-629-0078			
	Zach Sand (MS AD)			920-562-4569		zsand@mishicot.k12.wi.us	Mishicot, WI 54228
Reedsville	Eric Seyler (AD)			920-362-0257		essyler@reedsville.k12.wi.us	Reedsville Middle School Park
	Samuel Shafer	w2437 falcon court appleton wisconsin	Reedsville, WI 54230	651-592-0829		sshafert@reedsville.k12.wi.edu	350 Park Street
Two Rivers	Cathy Booth	1515 27 St.	Two Rivers, WI 54241	920-794-4402		cathybooth12@yahoo.com	Two Rivers High School
	Scott Clem	2406 Adams st	Two Rivers WI 54241	920-815-5679		scotyzclem@gmail.com	4521 Lincoln Ave. Two Rivers, WI 54241
Valders	Kelly Isselmann (AD)	201. W. Wilson St	Valders, WI 54245	920-905-1539		kisselmann@valders.k12.wi.us	Valders High School 201 W. Wilson St. Valders, WI 54245
South Division School	Name	Address	CSZ	Phone	Alt Phone	E-mail	Game Site
Howards Grove	Brandon Suernnicht			920-254-9561		bsuernnicht12@yahoo.com	Howards Grove High School 403 Audubon Rd. Howards Grove, WI 53083
Kiel	David Meyer	9510 Lax Chapel Road	Kiel, WI 53042	920-946-5100		dj44meyer@gmail.com	Kiel High School 210 Raider Heights Rd. Kiel, WI 53042
Manitowoc	Stan Mrozinski	1240 North 9th Street	Manitowoc, WI 54220	(920) 737-3410		mrozinskis@mposd.school	Ron Rubick Field 2200 Grand Ave. Manitowoc, WI 54220
	Stan Diedrich (AD)	1433 S. 8th Street	Manitowoc, WI 54220				
New Holstein	Chris Kohlman			920-960-5329		kohlmanchristopher@yahoo.com	New Holstein High School 1715 Plymouth St. New Holstein, WI 53061
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Plymouth	Jeremy Lensmire	W6728 Cty Rd U	Plymouth WI 53073	920-980-1752		plymouthjrfootball@gmail.com	Plymouth High School
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Hilbert	Kristen Remington (AD)	1139 W Milwaukee St.	Hilbert, WI 54129	608-769-2815	920-853-3558	athleticdirector@hilbertk12.org	Hilbert High School

2024 Between the Lakes Final Schedule		Final		OTHER GAMES
North Division		South Division		
1 Brillion (6,7,8)	7 Howards Grove (6,7,8)			Hilbert 7/8 Combined, 5/6 combined
2 Chilton (6,7,8)	8 Kiel (6,7,8)			SMC 7/8 Combined
3 Mishicot (7,8)	9 Manitowoc (7,8)			
4 Reedsville (6,8)	10 New Holstein (6,8)			
5 Valders (7,8)	11 Plymouth (6,7,8)			
6 Two Rivers (6,7,8)	12			
Week		Date	Time	
Week 1				
Chilton (6,7,8)	at Brillion (6,7,8)	Tuesday 8/27/24	4:30 PM	
Reedsville (8)	at Mishicot (8)	Tuesday 8/27/24	5:30 PM	Manitowoc (7) at Mishicot (7) at 4:30pm
Valders (7,8)	at Two Rivers (7,8)	Tuesday 8/27/24	5:30 PM	Reedsville (6) at Two Rivers (6) at 4:30pm
Kiel (6,7,8)	at Howards Grove (6,7,8)	Tuesday 8/27/24	4:30 PM	
Manitowoc (8)	at New Holstein (8)	Thursday 8/29/24	5:30 PM	SMC (7/8) at Hilbert (7/8) at 5:30pm, Two Rivers (6) at New Holstein (6) at 4:30pm
Plymouth (6,7,8)	at	Tuesday 8/27/24	4:30 PM	
Week 2				
Crossover Week				
Plymouth (6,7,8)	at Brillion (6,7,8)	Tuesday 9/3/24	4:30 PM	
New Holstein (6, 8)	at Chilton (6,8)	Tuesday 9/3/24	5:30 PM	Kiel (7) at Chilton (7) at 4:30pm
Mishicot (8)	at SMC (7/8)	Tuesday 9/3/24	4:30 PM	Mishicot (7) ??
Kiel (6,8)	at Reedsville (6,8)	Tuesday 9/3/24	4:30 PM	Howards Grove (6) at Hilbert (6) at 4:30pm
Howards Grove (7,8)	at Valders (7,8)	Tuesday 9/3/24	4:30 PM	Hilbert (7/8) ??
Two Rivers (7,8)	at Manitowoc (7,8)	Thursday 9/5/24	4:30 PM	Two Rivers (6) ??
Week 3				
Valders (7,8)	at Brillion (7,8)	Tuesday 9/10/24	5:30 PM	Two Rivers (6) at Brillion (6) at 4:30pm
Reedsville (6,8)	at Chilton (6,8)	Tuesday 9/10/24	5:30 PM	Kiel (7) at Chilton (7) at 4:30pm
Two Rivers (7,8)	at Mishicot (7,8)	Tuesday 9/10/24	4:30 PM	
New Holstein (6,8)	at Kiel (6,8)	Tuesday 9/10/24	4:30 PM	Manitowoc (7) at Hilbert (7/8) at 4:30pm
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Hilbert	Tuesday 9/10/24	4:30 PM	Manitowoc (8) vs. SMC (7/8) at Hilbert 5:30pm
Howards Grove (6,7,8)	at Plymouth (6,7,8)	Tuesday 9/10/24	4:30 PM	
Week 4				
Brillion (7,8)	at Mishicot (7,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	4:30 PM	
Valders (7,8)	at Chilton (7,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	5:30 PM	Brillion (6) at Chilton (6) at 4:30 PM
Reedsville (6,8)	at Two Rivers (6,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	4:30 PM	SMC (7/8) at Two Rivers (7) at 5:30pm
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Howards Grove (7,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	4:30 PM	Howards Grove (6) ??
Plymouth (6,7,8)	at Kiel (6,7,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	4:30 PM	
New Holstein (6,8)	at Hilbert (6,8)	Tuesday 9/17/24	4:30 PM	
Week 5				
Brillion (6,8)	at Reedsville (6,8)	Tuesday 9/24/24	4:30 PM	
Mishicot (7,8)	at Valders (7,8)	Tuesday 9/24/24	4:30 PM	
Chilton (6,7,8)	at Two Rivers (6,7,8)	Tuesday 9/24/24	4:30 PM	
Howards Grove (6,8)	at New Holstein (6,8)	Thursday 9/26/24	4:30 PM	Howards Grove (7) ???
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Plymouth (7,8)	Tuesday 9/24/24	5:30 PM	Kiel (6) at Plymouth (6) at 4:30pm
SMC (8)	at Kiel (8)	Tuesday 9/24/24	5:30 PM	Brillion (7) at Kiel (7) at 4:30pm
Week 6				
Crossover Week				
Brillion (6,8)	at New Holstein (6, 8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	4:30 PM	Brillion (7) vs. Howards Grove at New Holstein at 6:45pm
Chilton (8)	at SMC (7/8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	6:45 PM	Hilbert (6,7) at Chilton (6,7) at 4:30pm
Plymouth (7,8)	at Mishicot (7, 8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	5:30 PM	
Howards Grove (6,8)	at Reedsville (6, 8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	4:30 PM	
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Valders (7,8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	4:30 PM	Plymouth (6) ??
Kiel (6, 7, 8)	at Two Rivers (6,7,8)	Tuesday 10/1/24	4:30 PM	
Week 7				
Two Rivers (6,7,8)	at Brillion (6,7,8)	Tuesday 10/8/24	4:30 PM	
Reedsville (8)	at Valders (8)	Tuesday 10/8/24	5:30 PM	Plymouth (7) at Valders (7) at 4:30pm
Mishicot (7,8)	at Chilton (7,8)	Thursday 10/10/24	5:30 PM	Reedsville (6) at Chilton (6) at 4:30pm
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Kiel (7,8)	Tuesday 10/8/24	4:30 PM	Valders (6) at Kiel (6) at 6:45pm
New Holstein (6,8)	at Plymouth (6,8)	Tuesday 10/8/24	4:30 PM	
	at Howards Grove (8)	Tuesday 10/8/24	4:30 PM	Hilbert (6) at Howards Grove (6) at 4:30pm, Hilbert (7/8) at Howards Grove (8) at 5:30pm
Week 8				
Crossover Week				
Brillion (6,8)	at Hilbert (6,8)	Tuesday 10/15/24	4:30 PM	Brillion (7) at SMC (7/8)
Chilton (6,7,8)	at Plymouth (6,7,8)	Tuesday 10/15/24	4:30 PM	
Reedsville (6,8)	at New Holstein (6, 8)	Thursday 10/17/24	4:30 PM	Kiel (6) at Valders (6) at 6:45pm
Manitowoc (7,8)	at Mishicot (7,8)	Tuesday 10/15/24	4:30 PM	
Kiel (7,8)	at Valders (7,8)	Tuesday 10/15/24	4:30 PM	
Two Rivers (6,7,8)	at Howards Grove (6,7,8)	Tuesday 10/15/24	4:30 PM	