ACAMIS Sports League Charter 2015-2016

I. Name & Parent Organization

The name of this association shall be Association of China and Mongolia International Schools Sports League hereinafter referred to as the ACAMIS Sports League. The Sports League is an organization under the association of China and Mongolia International Schools and is in all matters subject to their constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations.

2. Purpose

The ACAMIS Sports League is designed to provide a forum for ACAMIS member school athletic directors, coaches, and other interested parties to better meet the aims and purposes of ACAMIS in regard to sport education. The aims and objectives of the ACAMIS Sports League shall be to:

- Give students the opportunity to experience new endeavours as scholar-athletes.
- Allow students to participate in sports.
- Allow students a safe environment in which to experience winning and losing.
- Allow students to experience the thrill of being a part of a team.
- Give students the opportunity to travel.
- Foster interaction with students from other schools, and develop bonds of friendship.

3. Membership

Schools that are currently members of ACAMIS are considered members of the ACAMIS Sports League. Members shall be encouraged to:

- Support each school's Athletic Director (or designee) attendance at the ACAMIS Annual General Meeting.
- Host at least one event (within a two-year rotation).
- Send participating teams to all primary sport tournaments within the school's division.

4. Dues

There will be no dues outside of those pertaining to ACAMIS.

5. Officers

A. Athletic Chair. The Athletic Chair will be appointed by the ACAMIS Board. He/she will be an athletic director from a member school.

B. Co-Chair. The Athletic Co-chair will be appointed by the ACAMIS Board. He/she will be an athletic director from a member school.

6. Meetings

An Annual Meeting of the ACAMIS Sports League shall be held during the spring. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the ACAMIS Board of Directors provided Member Schools are notified of such a meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting date.

7. Voting

All votes concerning the ACAMIS Sports League will be limited to the member schools of the ACAMIS Sports League and passed by a majority vote. Each member school will have one vote. All votes shall be designed to provide the ACAMIS Executive Board with recommendations of an advisory, non-binding nature.

8. Amendments to Articles

These articles may be amended or altered by a simple majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual spring meeting as long as they do not alter Article 7.

9. Seasons

A. There will be 3 primary seasons: Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer

B. There will be additional seasons as interest dictates. These may include, but will not be limited to:

- Badminton
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Netball
- Golf
- Rugby
- Touch Rugby
- Track and Field
- Cross Country

10. Teams and Divisions

There will be a maximum of 6 teams per division except in the most recent division to be formed, which may have up to 9 teams.

With more than 9 teams the following pattern should be followed:

- Two five team divisions
- One five team and one six team division
- Two six team divisions
- The last division to form will take in new schools

11. Tournament Teams for Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer

For the primary sports each participating school will be limited to 1 boys' team and 1 girls' team per sport per tournament, however, if a school cannot provide a team for a tournament or if a growing division needs an extra team for a tournament, teams may be added. For the additional sports the number of teams allowed per school is at the discretion of the tournament organizer.

12. Squad Sizes for Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer

The squad size for each team needs to be within the following limits:

- Volleyball (6-a-side, squad size 7-10)
- Basketball (5-a-side, squad size 6-10)
- Soccer (7-a-side, squad size 8-12)

13. Athlete's Age Limit

To be eligible for ACAMIS sports competition, the student-athlete may not have turned 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year. Participation in ACAMIS high school sports events is limited to high school students and those who are 14 and above as of 1st September and below the maximum age limit. Any minimum age requirement exceptions require a majority endorsement of members involved in that division as coordinated by the tournament director. The ACAMIS Chair would cast any tie-breaking vote if needed.

If the ACAMIS Athletics Chair is representing a member school in that division then the ACAMIS Athletics Co-chair will cast the tie-breaking vote.

Applications for the use of underage players would need to be put forward on or before the due date for rosters unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

14. Tournament Fees

Tournament fees for participant teams in the three core ACAMIS sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer) shall be based on the formula of 750RMB/student, multiplied by the maximum squad size (10 for volleyball and basketball / 12 for soccer).

In the Red and Orange Divisions, where schools have agreed to homestay accommodations, and all share equally in hosting, there will be no ACAMIS tournament fees assessed to participating schools in the core sports of volleyball, basketball, and soccer.

Payment arrangements for fees are at the discretion of the host school.

- Principles for Hosting ACAMIS Activities
    - The principle for activities is to break even or have a small surplus, up to1500 RMB. All monies up to 1500 RMB will remain in the host school.
    - Any monetary surplus in excess of 1500 RMB should be remitted to ACAMIS.
    - Professional development trainings should be planned to result in a surplus and that surplus will go to ACAMIS.
    - All schools are required to complete a financial report and remit any surplus within 2 months of the event.
    - Losses for activities are typically not covered by ACAMIS budget funds however losses may be considered in extraordinary circumstances upon a written request to the ACAMIS Board.
    - Schools participating in activities should pay registration fees one month in advance of the event.
    - Host schools will assume the responsibility and will not charge the costs for all administrative costs and facility costs associated with events at that school.

15. Tournament Format

A. For tournaments with 6 teams:

Single round robin (back to back games will not be permitted in round robin) followed by elimination games with the following format:

Game 16	G	1 v 4 and 2 v 3
Game 17	B	1 v 4 and 2 v 3
Game 18	G	3rd/4th Play-off
	B	3rd/4th Play-off
Game 19	G	Championship Game
Game 20	B	Championship Game

B. For tournaments that do not have 6 teams:
Tournament format will be decided by the tournament coordinator. This format must be sent out to participating schools at least one week prior to the tournament.

C. Each year girls and boys play-offs will be reversed. Year 1 – Girls championship game is the final game. Year 2 – Boys championship game is the final game. In 2010-2011 the Boys Championship will be played first.

Priorities for Establishing Event Schedules for Divisional Pool round robin play (Applies to Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball Tournaments)

1) In an effort to ensure safety and equity in event schedules, the following priorities will be followed:

2) No team should play back-to-back on any day.

Game-Rest-Game should not occur more than once in a tournament for any team.

3) Last game one day and first game the next day should not occur more than once in a tournament for any team. March 2011

4) The boys and girls teams from the same school should not be scheduled to play at the same time more than once in a tournament.

5) Rotate courts and fields for boys and girls competitions.

It is expected that host schools of sports tournaments will fairly rotate all tournament courts and fields with the boys and girls divisions for all teams involved. (when possible)

For tournaments with 3 venues:

6) Three-venue formats may be used at the discretion of the host school tournament director, ensuring that adequate rest is still provided.

Note: please note that a Three-venue format will not be seen as a violation of these priorities.

16. Rules

A. The primary sports will be played according to the rules as written in the hosting guidelines.

B. Rules for the additional sports shall be determined by the host school, with participating schools informed of said rules no less than 4 weeks prior to the tournament date. Once an additional sport becomes established, appropriate rules will be determined.

17. Rules Infractions

A student who represents a school in an ACAMIS event is to be a full time enrolled member of that school. Any school found playing ineligible players in an ACAMIS event will be disqualified from the immediate tournament. If this information is forthcoming after the event, then this team will be deemed disqualified and trophies and rankings will be adjusted accordingly.

All ACAMIS participants are expected to officially agree to the ACAMIS 'Code of Conduct' regulations (see hosting guidelines appendix) either on paper or electronically.

When a student commits an infraction relating to alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, cheating, deceit, flagrant curfew violations, and violations of the "off limits" areas, as well as aiding and abetting any of the above, the following shall apply:

- The student may no longer participate in that activity.
- If it is feasible to do so the student will be sent home at the parents' expense.
- The student's school will apply appropriate disciplinary action.
- Should a student commit two infractions at an ACAMIS event during a school year, then the student will be excluded from further participation in all ACAMIS events for one calendar year, including the same event (of the second infraction) the following year.
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18. Tournament Cancellation

ACAMIS schools are expected to give commitment to an event as per the Tournament Directors deadline – this should be approximately 1 month prior to the event. ACAMIS Schools withdrawing after this date will still be expected to pay full fees unless the withdrawal is under extraordinary circumstances.

Extraordinary circumstances should be discussed between Athletic Directors. If this cannot be resolved then, through Heads of Schools or ultimately the ACAMIS Board (core sports only).

In the event of a cancellation of a tournament due to events outside the host school's control, the school will tally up all non-refundable expenses (such as trophies, t-shirt printing etc.) and provide an account to ACAMIS and to all schools who would have competed. If the total cost is less than 5000RMB it will be covered by the host school, if over 5000RMB the host school will share the cost equally among all competing schools.