Chicago Catholic League

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Catholic League Football Champions Since 1913

Year	Division Champ	Division Champ	Division Champ	League Champion
1913	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1914	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1915	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1916	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1917	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1918	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saint Ignatius
1919	N/A	N/A	N/A	DePaul Academy
1920	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saint Ignatius
1921	N/A	N/A	N/A	De La Salle
1922	N/A	N/A	N/A	De La Salle & St. Rita
1923	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. Rita
1924	N/A	N/A	N/A	De La Salle
1925	N/A	N/A	N/A	De La Salle & Loyola Academy
1926	N/A	N/A	N/A	Loyola Academy
1927	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mount Carmel

	North Champ	South Champ		League Champion
1928	DePaul Academy	De La Salle		DePaul Academy
1929	DePaul Academy	De La Salle		DePaul Academy
1930	Loyola Academy	St. Rita		Loyola Academy
1931	St. Phillip	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel

	East Champ	West Champion	South Champion	League Champion
1932	DePaul Academy	St. Mel	Mount Carmel	Mount Carmel
1933	Loyola Academy	Fenwick	N/A	Loyola Academy
1934	Leo	St. Mel	N/A	Leo
1935	Leo	St. Mel	N/A	Leo
1936	Leo	Fenwick	N/A	Fenwick

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Year	North Champ	South Champ		League Champ
1937	Fenwick & St. George	Leo		Leo
1938	Fenwick	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel
1939	Saint Ignatius	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel
1940	DePaul Academy	Leo		Leo
1941	Fenwick	Leo		Leo
1942	Fenwick	Leo		Leo
1943	St. George	Mount Carmel		St. George & Mount Carmel
1944	Fenwick	Weber		Weber
1945	Saint Ignatius	Fenwick		Saint Ignatius & Fenwick
1946	Weber, Fenwick, St. George	St. Rita		Weber, Fenwick, St. George
1947	Loyola Academy	Leo		Leo
1948	Fenwick	DePaul Academy		Fenwick
1949	St. George	Fenwick		Fenwick
1950	DePaul Academy	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel
1951	Fenwick	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel
1952	St. George	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel
1953	St. George	Mount Carmel & Leo		St. George
1954	St. George	Mount Carmel		Mount Carmel

	North Champ	South Champ	Central Champ	League Champ
1955	St. George	Mount Carmel	Fenwick	Weber
1956	St. George	Mount Carmel & Leo	Fenwick	Leo
1957	Weber	Mount Carmel, Leo, Mendel	Fenwick	Mendel
1958	DePaul Academy	Leo	Fenwick	Fenwick
1959	DePaul Academy	Mount Carmel	Fenwick	Fenwick

	North Champ	South Champ	League Champ
1960	Fenwick	Mendel	Mount Carmel
1961	Weber	St. Rita	Weber
1962	Fenwick & Loyola	St. Rita	Fenwick
1963	Loyola Academy	St. Rita	St. Rita
1964	Weber	Mount Carmel	Weber
1965	Loyola Academy	Leo	Loyola Academy
1966	Loyola Academy	Br. Rice	Loyola Academy
1967	Fenwick	Br. Rice	Mount Carmel
1968	Loyola Academy	Mendel & Br. Rice	Mendel
1969	Loyola Academy	Mendel	Loyola Academy
1970	Loyola Academy	Leo	St. Rita

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Year	North Champ	South Champ	Central Champ	League Champ
1971	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. Rita
1972	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. Laurence
1973	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. Laurence

	IHSA Representative	Prep Bowl Representative	League Champ
1974	Gordon Tech	St. Laurence	Gordon Tech
1975	Loyola Academy	Br. Rice	Loyola Academy
1976	St. Laurence	St. Rita	St. Laurence
1977	St. Laurence	St. Rita	St. Laurence
1978	St. Rita	St. Laurence	St. Rita

	North Champ	South Champ	League Champ
1979	Fenwick	St. Laurence	Fenwick & St. Laurence
1980	Gordon Tech	Mount Carmel	Gordon Tech & Mount Carmel
1981	Fenwick, Loyola, Gordon Tech	Br. Rice	Fenwick & Br. Rice
1982	Mount Carmel	St. Rita, St. Laurence, De La Salle	Mount Carmel & St. Rita
1983	Weber	St. Laurence	Weber & St. Laurence
1984	St. Rita	St. Laurence	St. Rita & St. Laurence
1985	St. Laurence	Br. Rice	St. Laurence & Br. Rice
1986	Mount Carmel	St. Rita	Mount Carmel & St. Rita
1987	Leo	St. Laurence	Leo & St. Laurence
1988	Mount Carmel	St. Rita	Mount Carmel & St. Rita
1989	Fenwick, Loyola, Gordon Tech	St. Rita	???
1990	Mount Carmel	St. Rita	Mount Carmel & St. Rita
1991	Loyola Academy	Mount Carmel	Loyola Academy & Mount Carmel
1992	Loyola Academy	Mount Carmel	Loyola Academy & Mount Carmel
1993	Loyola Academy	Mount Carmel	Loyola Academy & Mount Carmel
1994	???	St. Rita	???
1995	Fenwick	Br. Rice	Fenwick & Br. Rice

	Blue Champ	White Champ	Green Champ	Red Champ
1996	Mount Carmel	Providence Catholic	Bishop McNamara	Leo
1997	Mount Carmel	Providence Catholic	Bishop McNamara	Leo
1998	Mount Carmel	Bishop McNamara	Benet Academy	St. Viator
1999	Mount Carmel	Joliet Catholic	De La Salle	Holy Cross

	Blue Champ	White Champ	Red Champ
2000	Mount Carmel	Joliet Catholic	Holy Cross
2001	Providence Catholic	Joliet Catholic	St. Viator
2002	St. Patrick	Carmel of Mundelein	Providence Catholic

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Year	Blue Champ	White Champ
2003	St. Rita	Holy Cross
2004	Br. Rice	Fenwick
2005	Mount Carmel	Bishop McNamara
2006	St. Rita	Bishop McNamara

	Blue Champ	White Champ	Red Champ
2007	Mount Carmel	De La Salle	Leo
2008	St. Rita	De La Salle	Leo

	Blue Champ	White Champ
2009	Providence Catholic	De La Salle
2010	Loyola Academy, Mount Carmel, St. Rita	Bishop McNamara

	Blue Champ	White Champ	Red Champ
2011	Loyola Academy	Bishop McNamara	Gordon Tech Hales Franciscan Leo
2012	Loyola Academy	Fenwick	Hales Franciscan Leo Saint Ignatius
2013	Mount Carmel Loyola Academy St. Rita	Fenwick	Leo

	Blue Champ	**Green Champ**	**White Champ**	**Red Champ**
2014	Providence Cath. Brother Rice	Montini Catholic St. Francis	Bishop McNamara	DePaul Prep Hales Franciscan Lake Forest Academy
2015	Loyola Academy	Montini Catholic	St. Laurence	DePaul Prep
2016	Loyola Academy	Fenwick	Bishop McNamara Saint Ignatius St. Laurence	St. Joseph
2017	Loyola Academy	Fenwick Montini Catholic	Saint Ignatius St. Laurence	Hope Academy

	Blue Champ	**Green Champ**	**Red Champ**
2018	Brother Rice	Mount Carmel	Hope Academy

	Blue Champ	**Green Champ**	**Orange Champ**	**White Champ**	**Purple Champ**	**Red Champ**
2019	Mount Carmel	Montini Catholic Notre Dame St. Rita	Nazareth Academy	Joliet Catholic	Saint Patrick Saint Viator	Marian Catholic
2020 (COVID-19 SPRING SEASON)	Loyola Academy	St. Rita	N/A	Joliet Catholic	Saint Viator	Marian Catholic
2021	Loyola Academy	St. Rita	Joliet Catholic	Fenwick	Saint Patrick	Marian Central Catholic
2022	Mount Carmel	St. Rita	Joliet Catholic	Saint Ignatius	Carmel Catholic Saint Patrick Saint Viator	DePaul Prep

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	Blue Champ	Green Champ	Orange Champ	White Champ	Purple Champ	Red Champ
2023	Loyola Academy	Saint Ignatius	St. Francis IC Catholic	Montini Catholic Providence Catholic St. Laurence	Carmel Catholic	Marian Catholic
2024	Loyola Academy	Nazareth Acad. St. Francis St. Rita	Joliet Catholic	Fenwick	Benet Academy	Marmion Academy
2025	Mount Carmel	Nazareth Acad.	Joliet Catholic	Montini Catholic	Saint Patrick	Marian Catholic
2026	Brother Rice Loyola Academy Mount Carmel	St. Rita	Saint Ignatius	IC Catholic	Saint Patrick	Leo Catholic

Appendix

The information that you have just read was compiled by Fr. James C.L. Arimond, S.J. The following notes are to be credited to Fr. Arimond for tireless research and compilation of the Chicago Catholic League football archival information.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1913 – 1927

The League began football championship competition in 1913. Since there was only one division of play and no play-offs were held, the first fifteen (15) yearly champions were determined on the basis of the best won/loss regular season record.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1928 – 1954

During these years the League operated on a two-sectional basis with the champions of each participating in a single game play-off to determine the League champion.

The exception to this two-sectional alignment was in 1932 when there were three sections. The schools were divided into North and South sections from 1928 – 1931 and East, South, and West in 1932. From 1933 to 1936 the divisions were refered to as East and West and from 1937 to 1954 it went back to North and South.

In 1943 the League title game ended in a tie between St. George and Mount Carmel. Due to statistics St. George advanced to the City Championship game. St. George went on to win the City Championship and therefore, both St. George and Mount Carmel were considered Co-city Champions.

In 1945 the League title game, once again, ended in a tie between St. Ignatius and Fenwick. Due to statistics Fenwick advanced to the City Championship game. Fenwick went on to win the City Championship and as a result both Fenwick and St. Ignatius were considered Co-city Champions.

In 1946 Weber defeated St. Rita in the League title game. However, since Fenwick and St. George tied Weber for the North title, they were considered co-champions of the league along with Weber. Weber advanced to the city championship game.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1955 – 1959

During this time the League realigned into three sections. An eight (8) team play-off was in effect the first three years and a nine (9) team system the next two years to determine the League Champion

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1960 – 1970

The League returned to two-sectional play with the 1960 season and conducted a four (4) team play-off system to determine the League Champion. This alignment was in effect through the 1970 season.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1971 – 1973

The League eliminated sectional play for the 1971 season. Its champion was determined with a four (4) team play-off. The four schools with the best win/loss record at the end of the year entered the play-offs. This format continued through the 1973 season

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1974 – 1978

In 1974 the Chicago Catholic League began its participation with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). It was determined that the League Champion would represent the league in the IHSA tournament. The league continued to use the same format as it did during 1971, ’72, ’73 seasons to determine its champion. The team with the best won/loss record was determined champion and represented the C.C.L. in the IHSA state playoffs. The next four (4) or six (6) teams entered a play-off to determine who the League representative would be in the Prep Bowl. Only in 1974 was the league champion and IHSA representative allowed to return and participate in the Prep Bowl play-offs.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1979 – 1984

In 1979 the League divided into two divisions. Again, the team with the best won/loss record in each division would be crowned League champion. Both League champions would represent the C.C.L. in the IHSA state football play-offs. The remaining schools with the best won/loss records entered a play-off to represent the League in the Prep Bowl.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1985 – 1995

Beginning in 1985 at large berths were given to schools who had high winning percentages, but did not earn an automatic bid due to failing to win their conference. League champions still received automatic bids and now other members of the C.C.L. had an opportunity to compete for an IHSA state championship. Remaining teams with a winning record were put in the play-offs for an opportunity to participate in the Prep Bowl. Teams that qualified in the state tournament that were knocked out prior to the semi –final round of the state tournament were allowed to come back and participate in the Prep Bowl playoffs.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 1996 – 2002

Prior to the 1996, members of the Chicago Catholic League and the East Suburban Catholic joined forces to create a mega conference between the member schools. This conference would be named the Chicago Metropolitan Catholic conference (C.M.C.). Schools would be divided into four divisions – Blue, White, Green, and Red. Schools were placed in divisions based on enrollment. Conference champions were given automatic bids to the IHSA state football tournament. At large births were also given to schools with six or possibly five victories (Playoff points determined whether a school was selected as an at large). Select schools were chosen, based on record, to participate in the Prep Bowl Playoffs. Schools who failed to advance passed the quarter-final round of the state play-offs were allowed to come back to the

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2002 – 2006

After the 2002 season the traditional Chicago Catholic League schools and the East Suburban schools decided to go their separate ways. The Chicago Catholic League schools went back to a two-divisional format (Blue & White). Schools were placed in divisions based on enrollment and recent success.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2007 – 2008

In 2007 Seton Academy joined the Chicago Catholic League, which allowed the League to go to three (3) divisions (Blue, White, & Red). Once again, schools were placed in divisions based on enrollment and recent success.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2009 – 2010

In 2009 the League went back to a two (2) divisional format. A few schools departed the League or dropped its football program. This forced the League back to a two-divisional format. St. Joseph enters the League, beginning in the 2010 season and will replace one of the schools that left the league.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2011 – 2013

The League, once again, will go back to a three (3) divisional alignment. The alignment is allowed due to Lake Forest Academy being allowed to participate in the League as an associate member (They are not a full pledged member of the C.C.L.). The divisions will be determined by enrollment and recent success.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2014 – 2015

The league expanded during these years to include three new member schools: Aurora Christian; Montini Catholic, Marmion Academy and St. Francis of Wheaton. With the four new schools the league decided to move to a four-division format. Each division is made up of five schools. Divisions were determined by enrollment and overall success. Each division will have a champion.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2018 – 2019

With the departure of Aurora Christian, Bishop McNamara and St. Francis. The league was forced to adopt a 3-division format with five schools in each division. Parity formula was used to assign schools to each division. Each division will crown a champion.

Chicago Catholic League Football Champions 2019 – Present

For the fall of 2019 the CCL and ESCC merged conferences forming a 24-school conference named the CCL/ESCC. The 24 schools are divided into six (6) divisions of four (4) schools. The divisions are (in the order of difficulty): Blue, Green, Orange, White, Purple, Red. Parity formula was used to assign schools to each division. Each division will crown a champion.

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