



## Cooperative Sponsorship Application

See **OSAA Constitution, Article 6-5**, and **Executive Board Policy, "Cooperative Sponsorship"** for additional information.

### Philosophy

The philosophy that will guide the OSAA Executive Board in reviewing and approving applications for cooperative sponsorship of activities is as follows:

1. The Executive Board will attempt to increase the number of students who are participating in activities by making activities available for students that would not be available in their school because of a lack of numbers if joint sponsorship did not occur.
2. The Executive Board would prefer to see projects that combine smaller schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small school program combining with a larger school when the smaller school cannot support the activity alone because of a lack of numbers.
3. Improving the quality of a team (i.e., better won-lost record) will not be a valid criterion in deciding whether approval should be granted.
4. Agreements are for a maximum two-year period but may be terminated by the Executive Board under the following conditions:
  - a) Closing of one of the schools.
  - b) Valid complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting.
  - c) Complaints from parents, Governing Boards, students in cooperating schools, etc.
  - d) Other valid reasons as determined by the Executive Board.

### Cooperative Sponsorship Questions of Concern

The OSAA Executive Board and staff have outlined some possible problem areas and suggest that they be considered before entering into a cooperative sponsorship program:

1. Participation by your students. If you already have a program, are students from another school going to replace students from your community and, thus, deny sons and daughters of your local taxpayers an opportunity take part in that activity?
2. Who will pay for the cost of equipment and for the travel to away contests?
3. How will gate receipts be handled?
4. Who is responsible for the cost of travel to and from practice sessions?
5. Are your local eligibility and training rules the same for all students in all schools in the co-op?
6. Can schedules for practice sessions and games be coordinated to eliminate class schedule conflicts in the different schools?
7. Selection of cheerleaders?
8. Are activity tickets honored from all cooperative schools at cooperative events?
9. Selection of coaches?
10. Payment of OSAA participation fee?
11. Team name and team nickname?
12. Who is responsible for accountability of program in case of a violation or other problem?
13. Has in-depth consideration been given to liability insurance coverage by all schools involved?

### **Exception to the Classification Limit Placements for Cooperative Teams** (excerpt OSAA Handbook, Constitution – Articles)

**6.5.2** Classification placement for the requested activity will be determined by the total combined A.D.M. in grades 9 through 12 of the schools involved.

EXCEPTION: If the total combined A.D.M. in grades 9 through 12 causes the cooperative team to qualify for a higher classification, the schools requesting permission for a cooperative team may petition the Executive Board for an exception to this provision. Factors that may be considered by the Board when evaluating a petition for an exception may include, but are not limited to, number of participants from each school, how much the combined A.D.M. exceeds the classification threshold, and geographic considerations."



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Each school involved in the cooperative agreement must complete this application form separately for *each sport* (i.e. boys soccer; girls soccer; etc.) before the OSAA Executive Board will consider the application. The deadline for a cooperative sponsorship is the first contest date of the season in which the cooperatively sponsored team is to compete.

- Activity covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason for cooperative sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This application is for school year(s): 20 \_\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_\_ and 20 \_\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_\_ (maximum 2 full school years)
- Under cooperative sponsorship, what will be the identity of the team? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will practices be held? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will home competition be held? \_\_\_\_\_
- See "IMPORTANT NOTE" below before submitting application. Each school must pay the \$50 participation fee.

Name of **SCHOOL A:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

	12	11	10	9
Last school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Current school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anticipated next year	_____	_____	_____	_____

- Total school enrollment

	12	11	10	9
Last school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Current school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anticipated next year	_____	_____	_____	_____

Date School Board approved this cooperative sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach minutes as noted below.)

Official Approval: Superintendent of School A: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **SCHOOL B:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

	12	11	10	9
Last school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Current school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anticipated next year	_____	_____	_____	_____

- Total school enrollment

	12	11	10	9
Last school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Current school year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anticipated next year	_____	_____	_____	_____

Date School Board approved this cooperative sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach minutes as noted below.)

Official Approval: Superintendent of School B: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The OSAA will only accept completed and signed applications along with the following attachments.

### DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION UNLESS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED:

- 1. Copies of the section of the School Board minutes showing the cooperative sponsorship action from each school.
- 2. A signed copy of the Cooperative Sponsorship Regular and Special District Approval form (page 3 of this form) from the chairperson of the regular or special district in which the cooperative team will be competing.
- 3. Any other information that may assist the Executive Board in making its decision has been provided.

**OSAA OFFICE USE ONLY** – Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved  Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Cooperative Sponsorship Application Regular and Special District Approval

See **OSAA Constitution, Article 6-5**, and **Executive Board Policy, "Cooperative Sponsorship"** for additional information.

*Excerpt Executive Board Policy – Cooperative Sponsorship:*

"D. **Regular or Special District Approval Requirement.** Cooperative sponsorship applicants shall obtain approval from the regular or special district in which the proposed cooperative team will participate and submit the approval form with the Cooperative Sponsorship Application. Regular and special districts are encouraged to consider the philosophy discussed at the end of this board policy when reviewing requests for support of a cooperative sponsorship application."

The following cooperative sponsorship has been approved by the members of the league or special district in which the cooperative team will be competing.

Regular District \_\_\_\_\_ (regular district sports ONLY)

**or**

Special District \_\_\_\_\_

Classification

\_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL A: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL B: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY:     Boys     Girls    \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS APPROVED:    \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Regular or Special District Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print or type)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Regular or Special District Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date