

**WINSLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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CREATION OF NEW ATHLETIC TEAMS

Winslow Public Schools considers participation in athletic activities an integral part of our student's education. Lessons learned on sports fields provide invaluable skills for life and Winslow Public Schools has a strong tradition of encouraging and supporting high participation by students. Because we place such high value on the benefits of these activities, we will continue to make every effort to provide athletic activities for as many students as possible. While continuing to look at new and innovative programs for our students, full funding of currently established activities is a priority. Secondly, we encourage participation in existing programs in which we already have a financial and student investment. Lastly, we will look at new program requests in accordance with the criteria.

ESTABLISHING NEW TEAMS

1. Requests for new or expanded teams will be presented to the building principal and athletic director via the attached form.
2. In order to be considered for participation during the next school year, applications for new or expanded team must be submitted to the principal or athletic director before February 1st of each year, and will be reviewed by March 1st.
3. Applications must include statements which meet the following criteria:
 - a. Activity sanctioned by MPA
 - b. Potential number of students involved
 - c. Approximate annual cost of operating the program
 - d. Source of funding for the program
 - e. Impact on existing programs
 - f. Availability of facilities
 - g. Availability of qualified coaching staff/supervisor/advisor
 - h. Equity issue (Title IX)
 - i. Availability of competition
 - j. Transportation costs and bus availability
4. An established timeline for expanding new teams would typically, but not always, follow this timeline.
 - a. First year – non-funded club status
Second year – non-funded club status
Third year – budget status to be determined by Board
 - b. Program Review in January of year two (2) to determine budget status and to review the guidelines in #3.
 - c. Final approval will be by the Board contingent on budgetary considerations and principal/athletic director recommendations.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2011

SOURCE: Board Policy

**APPLICATION FOR NEW OR EXPANDED TEAMS
SUBMITTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st**

DATE:		
Name of proposed Team Club or Activity:		
Is the Activity MPA sanctioned:	YES:	NO:
Date for proposed activity:	START:	END:
Number of participants needed for activity or team:	#	
Potential Annual Costs for the program: 1. Coach 2. Officials 3. Transportation 4. Equipment (Please attach list)	\$ \$ \$ \$	
Source of Funding:	List:	
Proposed facilities for the activity:		