

# APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF AN ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Cooperative agreements or sponsorship of any activity by two or more SDHSAA member schools or by a SDHSAA member school(s) and member school(s) in good standing of a neighboring state association will be considered under the following conditions:

1. All SDHSAA member schools will be eligible to apply for a cooperative sponsorship program.
2. The SDHSAA will not allow any cooperative sponsorship with an unaccredited high school or with students who are excused as per SDCL 13-27-2 and 13-27-3.
3. When two or more schools are involved with the cooperative sponsorship of any activity, the combined average daily membership (A.D.M.) enrollment (grades 9-11) of the schools involved shall determine the classification for that activity. (Exception: Football – refer to the Guidelines on page two of this section.)
4. The cooperative shall be continuous unless an Application for Dissolution is submitted to the SDHSAA. An Application for Dissolution is required from only one member school of the cooperative. A copy of the Application for Dissolution can be found at the end of this section of the Handbook. The SDHSAA may terminate said cooperative based on valid reasons as determined by the SDHSAA to become effective at the conclusion of a school year.
5. The following deadlines will apply to cooperative applications:

**Football**

All football cooperatives must remain in tact for a minimum of two years. The coops must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the establishment of a new master schedule for the next two year alignment period. The very latest for approving applications will be the January meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Volleyball,  
Boys' & Girls'  
Basketball**

The very latest for approving applications will be the April meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Cross Country, Comp.  
Cheer, Comp. Dance  
"A" "AA" Boys'  
Golf, Girls' Tennis,  
Oral Interp**

The very latest for approving applications will be the June meeting of the Board of Directors

**Gymnastics, Wrestling,  
One-Act Play, Debate,  
Large Group Chorus  
Large Group Band**

The very latest for approving applications will be the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Track & Field,  
"B" Golf, "A" & "AA"  
Girls' Golf, Boys' Tennis**

The very latest for approving applications will be the March meeting of the Board of Directors.

6. The deadline for dissolving a cooperative agreement will be 30 calendar days prior to the afore mentioned Board of Directors meetings
7. A resolution and statement from each school board must be submitted to the SDHSAA assuring that the purpose for sponsoring a joint athletic team or activity is in agreement with the PHILOSOPHY, and that the GUIDELINES will be followed.
8. **Following the adoption of the alignments by the Board of Directors**, when a coop is formed, or if through consolidation, a current class "B" school moves up to Class "A", the newly formed cooperative will be classified as per the combined average daily membership (ADM) of students in grades 9-11. There will be no movement in the Class "B" district(s)/region(s) until the next alignment period.

A waiver of this policy will be considered in emergency situations, i.e. discontinuance of a program, school closing, etc.

# PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy that will guide the SDHSAA in reviewing and approving the applications for Cooperative Sponsorship of activities is as follows:

1. The SDHSAA will attempt to increase the number of students who are participating in activities by making any activity available for the students that would not be available in the member school if joint sponsorship did not occur.

# GUIDELINES

The guidelines that will guide the SDHSAA in reviewing and approving the applications for Cooperative Sponsorship of activities are as follows:

1. The SDHSAA would prefer to see projects that combine small schools for sponsorship of an activity when a smaller school cannot maintain or support the activity alone.
2. Improving the quality of a team (i.e. better win-loss record) will not be valid criterion in deciding whether approval should be granted.
3. If an application for an activity is approved by the SDHSAA, all existing contracts between member schools and the newly approved cooperative must be honored by all parties.
4. The cooperative sponsorship shall be continuous unless an application for dissolution is submitted to the SDHSAA. However, the SDHSAA may terminate said agreement based upon valid reason as determined by the SDHSAA to become effective at the conclusion of a school year. An Application for Dissolution is required from only one member school of the cooperative.
5. Cooperatives are encouraged when a member school cannot maintain a team activity and therefore create a situation in which a student is not able to participate. Cooperatives for individual activities are discouraged but will be allowed provided conditions warrant.
6. When conditions change within a cooperative indicating that participating schools are able to maintain their own team, programs or activity, they are encouraged to do so.
7. A separate application must be submitted to the SDHSAA office from each participating member school for each cooperative activity.
8. Any football cooperative application that is submitted after the first year of the two-year classification cycle will be classified according to the combined A.D.M. enrollment of the schools involved. There is no transition period for a new football cooperative insofar as classification is concerned. The most recent combined Average Daily Membership (A.D.M.) enrollment figures as submitted to the SDHSAA shall determine the classification of the cooperative for the ensuing year.

(Football Only) For classification purposes, if two (2) or more schools enter into a cooperative agreement, the larger school will be considered the base school and the smaller school(s) will be considered the satellite school(s). The entire ADM (9-11) of the base school will be counted. For each participant from the satellite school(s), 10% of the total ADM (9-11) will be counted. The number of student participants from the satellite school(s) will be determined from the 2008 roster submitted on the SDHSAA website. Those students in grades 9-11 will be counted. It will be necessary for the satellite school to identify students from their school on the roster.

9. When officials have been contracted by a school (the school) that is no longer going to offer a particular program due to: a) joining a Board of Directors approved cooperative, b) the school being closed, or c) a school discontinuing a program, payment of the officials shall be handled in the following manner:
  - Responsibility for payment is solely between the school and the officials.
  - If the contracted officials are not able to replace the existing contracted date, the school shall pay the contracted officials.
  - If the contracted officials sign a contract to replace the existing contracted date, the school has no financial obligation to the officials.
  - The above provisions apply to written contracts only, verbal agreements are excluded.
10. Those cooperative agreements involving a school(s) from a neighboring state must declare which state tournament series they will compete in at the time their application is forwarded to the SDHSAA office.
11. Students who open enroll from one school in a cooperative to the other school(s) in the same cooperative will not have to sit out the 45 school day waiting period providing all schools in the cooperative coop in all athletic activities in the same gender.

## EXISTING COOPERATIVES

### Boys' Basketball

Aberdeen Central/SDSBVI  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Emery  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Corsica/Stickney  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Hoven/Edmunds Central  
Leola/Frederick  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Redfield/Doland  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

### Girls' Basketball

Aberdeen Central/SDSBVI  
Aberdeen Christian/Shalom Christian  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Emery  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Leola/Frederick  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Redfield/Doland  
Stickney/Mt. Vernon  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

### Competitive Cheer

Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)

### Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

Aberdeen Central/SDSBVI  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Canistota  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Hoven/Edmunds Central  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Redfield/Doland  
St. Thomas More/RC Christian

### Football

Aberdeen Central/Aberdeen Christian/SDSBVI  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Canistota  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Corsica/Stickney  
DeSmet/Iroquois  
Emery/Ethan  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Herreid/Selby Area  
Hoven/Edmunds Central  
Hurley/Marion  
Langford/Roslyn  
Lemmon/McIntosh  
Leola/Frederick  
Little Wound/Crazy Horse  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Mitchell/Mitchell Christian  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian  
Redfield/Doland  
Rosholt/Fairmount,ND/Campbell-Tintah,MN(Tri-State)  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

Waubay/Summit  
White Lake/Plankinton  
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs

### Golf (Boys & Girls)

Aberdeen Central/SDSBVI  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Emery  
DeSmet/Lake Preston  
Florence/Henry  
Leola/Frederick  
McCook Central/Montrose  
White Lake/Plankinton

### Gymnastics

Aberdeen Central/Roncalli/SDSBVI  
Britton-Hecla/Langford (Britton-Hecla)  
Mitchell/Mitchell Christian

### Tennis

Madison/Rutland (girls)  
St. Thomas More/RC Christian

### Track (Boys & Girls)

Aberdeen Central/SDSBVI  
Aberdeen Christian/Shalom Christian  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Emery  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Corsica/Stickney  
Ethan/Parkston  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Hoven/Edmunds Central  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Redfield/Doland  
Rosholt/Fairmount, ND  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

### Volleyball

Aberdeen Christian/Shalom Christian  
Bonesteel-Fairfax/Burke (South Central)  
Bridgewater/Emery  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Eureka/Bowdle  
Florence/Henry  
Langford/Roslyn  
Leola/Frederick  
McCook Central/Montrose  
McIntosh/Isabel  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
Redfield/Doland  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

### Wrestling

Andes Central/ Corsica/ Platte (ACCP)  
Arlington/Lake Preston/DeSmet (Kingsbury County)  
Burke/Gregory  
Chester Area/Rutland  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree  
Clark/Willow Lake  
Dell Rapids/Baltic/DR St. Mary  
Douglas/New Underwood  
Gettysburg/Hoven  
Ipswich/Leola  
Lemmon/McIntosh  
Marion/Freeman  
McCook Central/Montrose  
Miller/Highmore-Harold  
Philip/Kadoka/Wall (Philip Area)

**Wrestling Cont.**

Plankinton/Mt. Vernon/Ethan  
Redfield/Doland  
Scotland/Menno  
Wessington Springs/Woonsocket  
White Lake/Kimball

**Orchestra**

Aberdeen Central/Roncalli/Christian

**Debate**

Aberdeen Central/Roncalli