

SECTION: 100 PUPILS

TITLE: RECOGNITION OF CLUB  
SPORTS PROGRAMS

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# Palmyra Area School District

## 123.2 RECOGNITION OF CLUB SPORTS PROGRAMS

- I.** Athletic organizations or groups seeking District recognition as a club sport program must meet the following criteria:
- a. Organization must submit a written proposal for recognition to the Athletic Director for submission to Palmyra Area School District Board of Education for approval.
  - b. Organization must have affiliation with national, state, or regional organization or league affiliation.
  - c. Organization must demonstrate that it has been in existence and has been an active program within the Palmyra Area School District geographical area for two years prior to making application to the District.
  - d. If using school district facilities for practice and/or games the organization must possess certificate of general liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming Palmyra Area School District, its directors and officers, employees and agents as additional insurers.
  - e. Organization must demonstrate that there are a sufficient number of students to conduct the activity in a meaningful manner. All participating students must be residents of the Palmyra Area School District.
- II.** District recognized club sport programs may operate within the district under the following provisions:
- a. The District makes no financial commitment to a club sport program.
  - b. Club sport programs are designated as Group II for the use of school facilities and grounds and shall adhere to the procedures and rules governing use of grounds and facilities.
  - c. The selection, appointment, and monitoring of coaches, officials,

game managers, and all other personnel required to support the activities of a club sport program are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

- d. The provision and maintenance of equipment and uniforms needed to participate in a club sport program is the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization of the club sport program is required to assure that all club sport program participants have proper equipment and uniforms to safely participate in the activity.
- e. District provided Athletic Training Services are not available to non-funded varsity sport or club sport programs. The district expects the club sport program to provide adequate first aid equipment and treatment for all practices and games.
- f. Participants in club sport programs are not eligible for District sanctioned athletic awards and letters. The officers of the sponsoring organization may establish criteria for the provision of letters and awards for students participating in a club sport program, and may distribute awards and letters accordingly.
- g. Citation of student participation in a club sport program on student transcripts shall adhere to the same practices governing District sports programs and extra-curricular activities.
- h. District provided transportation to practices is not available to non-funded varsity sport or club sport programs.
- i. At the request of the non-funded varsity sport or club sport, the district will coordinate and schedule transportation to competitions. The non-funded varsity sport or club sport will be billed for this transportation.
- j. Scheduling of practice and competitions is the sole responsibility of the organization sponsoring the club sport program.
- k. Announcements, yearbook, and other similar recognition activities and publications will be provided by the District as per current District practice.
- l. Requests for early dismissals for club sports programs must be in writing to the Athletic Director and will be handled on a case by case basis. The district will not approve any early dismissals for club sports programs prior to 2:16 PM.

**III.** It is the responsibility of the officers of the sponsoring organization to establish rules of conduct for athlete participation, coaching qualifications and conduct, and fan participation and behavior. Furthermore, the

following requirements apply:

- a. All club sport program athletes must comply with academic, attendance, school-related discipline standards and policies established by the PIAA and the Palmyra Area School District for student athletes.
- b. All club sport program coaches must possess Act 34 and Act 151 clearances and must be filed with the school district. Conduct of coaches shall adhere to the same standard as District approved coaches.
- c. Club sport programs will be responsible for any damage (excluding routine maintenance) to districts facilities.

**IV.** Sponsoring organizations of a club sport program must provide the District Athletic Director with the following:

- a. Annual List of Officers.
- b. Certificate of Insurance.
- c. Act 34 and 151 Clearances for Coaching Staff.
- d. Annual team roster and schedule of events.
- e. Manual or handbook outlining player responsibilities, conduct of players and coaches, and additional rules and regulations which are unique to the program.

**V. Failure to follow any of the above guidelines brought to the attention of the district administration and/or Board of Education may result in the revocation of District recognition.**