

ATHLETIC PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Board recognizes the importance of athletics in the total school program. The board has established procedures for adding new sports to the total athletic program. Sports that are not recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) must start at Phase I. All MHSAA recognized sports must begin at Phase II.

PHASE I Non-Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Recognized Sports

Non-MHSAA sports are those that are not officially recognized Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sports. Students and parents interested in establishing a non-MHSAA sport as part of the athletic program must begin at Phase I.

Phase I sports are not recognized by or affiliated with South Lyon Community Schools or any specific school within the district.

Phase I sports may not use the name of the district, the name of a specific school and/or any district or school logo on uniforms, programs, etc.

The district will not fund Phase I sports, schedule practices, games or other events, provide insurance coverage, purchase awards or transport participants to events.

Participants must provide all funding for Phase I sports.

Phase I sports may use the school district's facilities, when available, and not in conflict with school funded programs, in compliance with Board Policy 9250, Community Use of District Physical Resources.

Moving from Phase I Non-Recognized MHSAA Sport Status to Phase II Self-Funded School District Recognized Sport

Interested students and parents may request movement from Phase I to Phase II (Self-Funded School District Recognized Sport) after existing as a Phase I sport for a minimum of two years and after extensive survey of potential participants. The request shall be directed to the Athletic Director.

Movement to Phase II will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director who will consider criteria including the following: successful operation of the sport, number of participants, funding considerations, etc.

Non-MHSAA sports may not move directly from Phase I to Phase III.

Newly established MHSAA sports that have been a successful Club Sport for two years may apply for Phase III status.

PHASE II Self-Funded School District Recognized Club Sport

The Athletic Director will oversee a Phase II sport and will determine the revenue needed to support it, but all funds necessary to run the program must be provided by the participants and/or by fundraising.

The Athletic Director, or appropriate designee, will be responsible as follows:

- Approves coaching staff and determines coaches' salary through Schedule C
- Schedules contests, officials and transportation and pays MHSAA tournament entry fees.
- Determines academic eligibility and monitors athletes' compliance with the Student and Athletic Code of Conduct.
- Maintains records of athletes' physicals and provides information regarding optional insurance coverage for athletes.
- Takes ownership of all equipment and uniforms used in the program on behalf of the Athletic Department.
- Purchases and presents awards as defined in the Athletic Code.
- Allows use of school district facilities (when available) in compliance with Board Policy 9250, Community Use of District Physical Resources.
- Provides field, gymnasium and pool maintenance as necessary.

Moving From Phase II Self-Funded School District Recognized Sport to Phase III Officially Recognized School Sport

Interested students and parents may request movement from Phase II to Phase III (Officially Recognized School Sport) after existing as a Phase II sport for a minimum of two years. The request shall be directed to the Athletic Director.

Recommendation to the Board for movement to Phase III will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director who will consider criteria including the following: successful operation of the sport, number of participants, funding considerations, etc.

PHASE III Officially Recognized School Sport

Phase II sports that are subsequently approved by the Board become Officially Recognized School Sports and are funded in accordance with the district's funding of all other sports teams.