

Criteria for Addition and Deletion of Sports

1. Interest There must be participant numbers to warrant addition of a new sport or to continue existing sport. Submit a list of names of probable participants for the next two to four years.
2. Cost Cost must be at a level Dansville can afford. Submit a budget for new sport.
3. Gender Equity New sport must meet gender equity equation. Even number of boys and girls sports.
4. Facility There must be a facility available for practice and competition.
5. Written Proposal Submission for Addition or Deletion At least one year in advance of sport. Proposal should be submitted to athletic director and principal who will then forward to the board of education.
6. Transitional Success Club and sanctioning. Sport must prove a successful existence as a club sport and sanctioned sport.

Additional Elements of Consideration

After the proposal is submitted and the board agrees that the above criteria are met, they will consider the following in their final determination:

1. **INTEREST** Are the number of participants present to add a team? Concrete numbers must be gathered (sign up sheets, interest surveys, etc.) Gather participation numbers one, two, three, four years down the road. Then analyze the numbers. Are these numbers new athletes (those who do not play another sport at the same time, or are some drawn from other sports)?
2. **LONG TERM OUTLOOK** Are the numbers present to sustain a program over many years? We do not want to get into a situation where we are adding and deleting sports every couple of years. This kind of situation would be costly.
3. **IMPACT ON OTHER SPORTS** Would the addition cause us to eliminate another sport, and are we willing to drop long established programs?
4. **POTENTIAL REVENUE PRODUCING** Is this sport potentially going to produce revenue? Will it cost money to run? If we add this sport, could it cause us to eventually eliminate an existing revenue producing sport?
5. **CONFERENCE AND MHSAA SPORT** Is this sport a conference & MHSAA recognized

sport? In order to compete within a conference, we are expected to offer a certain number of sports. Also, why offer a sport which is not recognized as an official MHSAA sport? MHSAA sports include: football, golf, basketball, tennis, cross country, track, softball, baseball, soccer, wrestling, competitive cheer, skiing, gymnastics, swimming and diving and volleyball. SMAA sports include: boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, cross country, track, volleyball, wrestling, competitive cheer, golf and football.

6. SCHEDULING Do many other schools of comparable size and proximity offer this sport? Will we have to travel extensively?
7. FACILITIES Do we have facilities to sponsor this sport? Will we have to travel to compete and practice?
8. MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS In order to effectively sustain interest, we need to expose students as early as possible. It is hard to ask students to compete and be successful at the freshman, J.V. and varsity levels if they have never played the sport in middle school.

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