



## PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Information for the Board of Education

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**Meeting:** December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Item:** Sports Interest Survey and Soccer

**Information:** This agenda item has been added by request of the Board of Education for discussion and potential planning.

### **IHSA Information**

Mr. Newsome contacted IHSA to gather information about the process for starting a co-ed soccer team. IHSA directed him to review the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy for Girls on Boys State Series Teams. A copy of this policy has been included in the packet. A summary of this requirement is as follows:

A school may enter a girl in a boys series when:

1. The only team in the sport offered at the school is a boys team;
2. The girl(s) has participated on that particular boys team during the regular season and;
3. The member school has an approved "Letter of Verification" from ISBE to be in compliance with Illinois Sex Equity Rules.

### **Sports Interest Survey Information**

A copy of the sports interest survey results from the Spring 2024 survey is included for review. Responses on this survey show that there would be 9 participants in soccer if it had been offered this year. One of these participants would have a seasonal conflict with another sport.