

## AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF BOYS' SOCCER

This Agreement is made between the School Boards of Independent School District No. 858, St. Charles, Minnesota, Independent School District No. 857, Lewiston-Altura, Minnesota, and Independent School District No. 229 Lanesboro, Minnesota. The parties agree as follows:

1. **Joint Application.** The above-named governing boards shall jointly make an application to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Board of Directors not later than the first day of practice for that sport season to be considered for that sport season for approval for cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Boys' Soccer activity program, hereinafter "combined program", for students attending St. Charles High School, Lewiston-Altura High School, and Lanesboro High School for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose for the above-named boards agreeing to apply for authority to cooperatively sponsor the combined program is to expand opportunities for boys to participate in activities.
3. **Agreement to Cooperate.** If the joint application is approved by the MSHSL Board of Directors, the above-named governing boards agree that they will cooperatively sponsor any such combined program which may be offered in any school years specified; provided that nothing in this provision shall be deemed to require that the governing boards offer that combined program at all in any particular year.
4. **Terms and Conditions of Cooperative Sponsorship.** Any combined program shall be cooperatively sponsored upon the following terms and conditions:
  - A. **Team Name.** The team shall be known as the St. Charles Saints with Independent School District No. 858 serving as host school district.
  - B. **Contracts.** Except as otherwise provided herein, contracts related to the cooperatively sponsored team with groups such as referee associations, with individuals or with other schools or school districts shall be made by the governing board of Independent School District No. 858 after consultation with the governing board of the cooperating school district.
  - C. **Allocation of Costs.** Shared costs of the program will be contingent on the number of students from Lewiston-Altura High School and Lanesboro High School that choose to participate in the program. The Lewiston-Altura and Lanesboro school districts will be billed at the end of the soccer season \$200 for each participant up to three participants. If there are more than three but less than eight participants from Lewiston-Altura High School and Lanesboro High School, the Lewiston-Altura and Lanesboro school districts will be billed at the end of the soccer season \$400 for each participant.

If there are eight or more participants from Lewiston-Altura High School, and eight or more participants from Lanesboro High School full program costs will be shared based on the percentage of Lewiston-Altura High School and Lanesboro High School students and the percentage of St. Charles High School students that make up the total number of students from the three school districts participating in the program. Full program costs include costs remaining after gate receipts and other program revenues are subtracted from the following expenditures: Coaches (salaries, FICA,

PERA, TRA); Officials; Program Supplies; Field Maintenance; Transportation; Bus Drivers; Ticket Takers; Timers/Score Keepers.

In the event that expenditure items are not specified above, the costs of those items shall be shared based on the percentage of Lewiston-Altura High School, Lanesboro High School and the percentage of St. Charles High School students that make up the total number of students from both school districts participating in the program.

- D. Allocation of Gate Receipts. Funds from gate receipts generated by the soccer program shall be included as a credit against the total program expenses.
  - E. Concessions. The provision of concessions at home matches shall be the responsibility of the home location school and concession revenues shall not be covered by the provisions of this agreement unless the parties specifically agree to the contrary herein.
  - F. Utilization of Resources. Personnel in charge of the program shall make every attempt to utilize the resources of each of the cooperating schools, such as equipment and uniforms.
  - G. Employment of Personnel.
    - (1) The head coach of the combined program shall be employed by the school board of Independent School District No. 858.
    - (2) Other joint program personnel, if any, shall be employed by the school board of Independent School district No. 858:
    - (3) Recommendations for employment of personnel by each board shall be in accordance with that board's policies.
    - (4) Coaches and other personnel employed by a school district shall meet applicable state licensure requirements, if any. Coaches and other personnel employed by a non-public school shall meet the requirements prescribed by the non-public school's governing board and accrediting organization.
    - (5) In the event a licensed head coach is required for an activity and is not available, this agreement shall be terminated, unless the parties have secured a waiver of this regulation from the State Department of Education.
  - H. Control and Supervision of Programs and Participants. The control and supervision of a combined program and of the behavior of student participants which relates to their participation in the program shall be the responsibility of the host school district. The control and supervision of student participants while in transport to and from the host school district shall be the responsibility of the home school district.
- 5. Interdistrict Advisory Board. An Interdistrict Advisory Board consisting of the Superintendents and Activities Directors from each participating school district will be formed to work on the improvement of the co-sponsored program. The Advisory Board will meet at least once annually at the close of the program's season to review the program.
  - 6. Resolution of Disputes. Any disputes relating to this agreement or items in this agreement requiring clarification will be investigated by the school superintendents from each school and they will present their findings and recommendations to their respective boards.

Girls' Soccer Cooperative between St. Charles ISD #858, Lewiston-Altura ISD #857, and Lanesboro ISD #229

7. Term: Dissolution. The term of this agreement shall be for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The agreement shall be continuous following the first two-year agreement unless an application for dissolution is submitted. Requests to dissolve cooperative sponsorships of activities must be submitted to the MSHSL anytime prior to the first day of practice for that sport season to be considered for the following year. If the early dissolution of the agreement is not approved, the combined program must be offered cooperatively or not at all during the remaining term of the agreement.
8. Liability; Insurance. Nothing contained in this agreement shall relieve any party to this agreement from liability for its negligence or that of its officers, agents and employees. Each party shall carry liability insurance in the amount of a \$1,000,000 limit for each occurrence. The policy shall name the officers, agents and employees of the other party as named insureds. Each party shall provide the other party with a certificate evidencing such insurance coverage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their respective officers on the dates indicated, have executed said agreement.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 858 St. Charles, Minnesota

By Chairperson: Rogers

By Clerk: Karen Hanson

By Date: May 12, 2025

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 857, Lewiston-Altura, Minnesota

By Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

By Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

By Date: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 229, Lanesboro, Minnesota

By Chairperson: At L. Anger

By Clerk: Sarah M. Peterson

By Date: May 14, 2025

