

## Shared Soccer with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

### **Background:**

In our second year of interscholastic competition, our two Belmond-Klemme soccer teams were greatly improved. Being one of the smallest soccer schools in the state of Iowa, our teams almost always competed against schools with much larger enrollments.

Still, our BK girls narrowly lost close contests against conference rival Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and the powerful Webster City squad. Our BK boys were competitive in nearly every match this season, the highlight of which was a big win over Charles City 3-0 on the Comet's home field.

I approached Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (CGD) each of the last three years, inviting them to entered into a sharing agreement with Belmond-Klemme for soccer. CGD now indicates they would like to send their soccer players to us for the spring 2023 season.

### **Cooperative Plans:**

The name on paper will be BK-CGD, while the jerseys will continue to say BK Broncos.

Numbers for each team are listed below:

BK Girls:	13
BK Boys:	16
Clarion Girls:	20
Clarion Boys:	22
Total Girls:	33
Total Boys:	38

They have two coaches that will be paid by Clarion, one boys and one girls coach. Both coaches will have very little coaching experience but will have playing experience. Both will serve as assistants to our two head coaches.

If we travel west for games, we will stop at Clarion and pick up players and continue on. If we travel east or away from Clarion they will come to BK and leave from here.

Practices will all be held here in Belmond. Bad weather days might be the exception. One team B or G might go to Clarion on days we know the weather will be bad/ poor to practice indoors.

All games will be held in Belmond. All revenues will stay in Belmond including ticket sales and concessions. We will work out a deal to honor Clarion season passes at Belmond for soccer.

Eligibility policies will be aligned as close as possible.

### **Recommended Action:**

I recommend the Board move to approve a cooperative sharing agreement with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows for girls and boys soccer for the Spring 2023 season.