

Joint Intergovernmental Agreement

for

A Cooperative Athletic Girls' Softball Team

between Lexington High School and Ridgeview High School

For and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained within, the Lexington High School and Ridgeview High School, become parties to this agreement, hereby mutually promise and agree to the following stipulations and conditions. This agreement is for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

1. **Name:** The official name of the cooperative team will be the Lexington/Ridgeview Softball Coop.
2. **Terms of the agreement:**
 - a. **Host School:** Lexington High School will be designated the host school to the Illinois High School Association.
 - b. **Schedule of Contests:** Lexington High School shall have the responsibility of scheduling and contracting officials.
 - i. Lexington High School will host the majority of the home games, but consideration will be given to scheduling some games on the Ridgeview High School field. Ridgeview will be scheduled to host 4 home games each year. (**If there is a Spring Break trip, this number will drop to 2 games.) No guarantees can be made for makeup due to weather but efforts will be made.
 - c. **Colors and Mascot/Nickname:** The official name will be Lexington/Ridgeview Softball Coop. The colors will be purple and white and the Mascot will be the Minutemen.
 - d. **Awards, Letters, and Banquets:** Awards night will be held each year at Lexington High School. Athletes will be honored according to their respective schools' award system.
 - e. **Student-Athlete Registration:** Registration for the season will remain open until the conclusion of the first week of the IHSA Season.
 - f. **Equipment:** Lexington High School will purchase, inventory, and store uniforms and equipment. If both schools are represented on a new uniform purchase, Ridgeview will pay 45% of the uniform purchase price.
 - g. **Transportation:** Ridgeview High School will be responsible for transporting their student-athletes to practices by the set time (3:30-5:30). The transportation of student-athletes to athletic contests will be agreed upon by both schools Athletic and Transportation Directors.
 - h. **Financial:**
 - i. The school where the event is held is responsible for all expenses at those games and will retain any proceeds from the event.
 - ii. Lexington will pay the entry fees for the contests.
 - i. **Athletic Fees:** Each district will charge participation fees based on the respective district's policy.
 - j. **Training Rules/Eligibility:** Student-Athletes will follow the eligibility rules and Student-Athlete Code of Conduct guidelines, established by the IHSA and their respective schools.
 - k. **Physical Exams:** Each student-athlete will be responsible for his/her own physical exam.
 - l. **Practice Schedules:** Practices will be conducted at Lexington High School.

- m. **Coaching:** Lexington will be responsible for hiring and compensating the head coach. Ridgeview will be responsible for hiring and compensating at least one assistant coach. Lexington may hire additional assistant coaches as needed.
- n. **Evaluation:** The home school athletic director will conduct the formal evaluation of coaches employed by their district. This evaluation will be completed in collaboration with the host-school athletic director, who will provide input based on in-season observations and team management. Final documentation will be shared between both athletic directors and kept in accordance with district personnel policies.
- o. **Paperwork on File:** Prior to any type of practice, each student-athlete must have all required documents on file with their respective school. These requirements can be found in each school's handbook.

3. Approval:

Approved and signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

President, Lexington CUSD #7 Board of Education

Principal, Lexington High School

President, Ridgeview CUSD #13 Board of Education

Principal, Ridgeview High School

Superintendent, Lexington CUSD #7

Superintendent, Ridgeview CUSD #13