



Application for Cooperative Team Sponsorship

For New 2025-26 & 2026-27
Cooperative Teams Only

Deadlines for submission of applications:

Aug. 1=Fall sports/activities; Oct. 1=Winter sports/activities; Feb. 1=Spring sports/activities

A separate application MUST be completed and submitted for each boys' athletic team, each girls' athletic team, and each activity.

For criteria under which cooperative teams may be formed, refer to Section 2.030 of the By-laws and Section 26 of the Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies Section in the IHSA Handbook with Illustrations.

1. This application is for cooperative sponsorship of a team for the two-year classification cycle covering 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

GIRLS
(Specify Gender of Team – if applicable)

SOFTBALL
(Sport/Activity)

TOMAHAWK + ICAC
(Cooperative Team Conference)

2. This application must include the following:

- letters from the presidents of ALL conferences of which each school in this cooperative are members for ANY sport/activity, certifying that this cooperative team has been approved by the conferences
- a letter from the president of the conference of which this cooperative team will be a member during the co-op, certifying that this cooperative team has been approved for participation in the conference. If this cooperative team will not participate in a conference, attach letters approving the cooperative team from seven (7) schools on its upcoming schedule.
- a signed copy of the intergovernmental agreement of this cooperative team, formally adopted by the boards of education of the participating schools for the school terms listed above, detailing your agreement in respect to insurance, coaching personnel and compensation, liability, facilities, equipment, etc. It must indicate that procedures are established for checking on student eligibility and complying with all IHSA By-Laws. Local policies which will be implemented in respect to training rules, academic standards, etc., must be agreed upon. (Copy of the intergovernmental agreement must accompany each request.)

3. NAME OF SCHOOLS	CITY	ALL CONFERENCE AFFILIATIONS OF EACH SCHOOL IN COOPERATIVE	ENROLLMENT
<u>DELAVAL</u>	<u>DELAVAL</u>	<u>TOMAHAWK + ICAC</u>	<u>129</u>
<u>ILLINOIS CENTRAL</u>	<u>MAISON CITY</u>	<u>TOMAHAWK + SANGAMO</u>	<u>171</u>

4. The following rationale underlies our desire for cooperative team sponsorship:

LACK OF NUMBERS IN EACH PROGRAM

5. The number of students participating in this sport/activity at each cooperating school, and the number expected to participate in this sport/activity under the cooperative agreement is:

SCHOOL	NO. OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS YEAR	NO. OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATION CO-OP
<u>DELAVAL</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>ILLINOIS CENTRAL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3-5</u>

6. Host school: DELAVAL Contact person: RYAN KRAMER
Team school name: DELAVAL Team nickname: PANTHERS
Practices to be held at: DELAVAL Home contests to be held at: DELAVAL

7. The following signatures certify that formation of this cooperative team will not reduce participation opportunities for students in any of the cooperating schools and has been approved by formal vote of the boards of education and administrations of all schools in the cooperative.

SCHOOLS	BOARD PRESIDENTS' SIGNATURES	PRINCIPALS' SIGNATURES
<u>DELAVAL</u>		<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>ILLINOIS CENTRAL</u>		

Official IHSA Action

The above application for cooperative team sponsorship IS ☐ IS NOT ☐ granted for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 classification cycle.

(Date) _____

Authorized IHSA Administrator _____

GIRLS SOFTBALL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Parties

Illini Central CUSD #189 and Delavan CUSD #703 hereby enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose and by the terms set out below.

Purpose

The parties enter into this Agreement for the purpose of a cooperative to participate in interscholastic competition as the Delavan Softball Coop with Panthers as the mascot. This agreement is to be effective for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school year.

Legal Authority

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Article VII 10 of the Illinois Constitution, the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperative Act, the by-laws of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), and each school following their school athletic code of conduct.

Work of Service to be Performed

Practices will be held at Delavan, and all athletes will be expected to attend. Transportation responsibilities on practice days will fall on Illini Central High School. Both Illini Central and Delavan will work together to manage transportation for meets. Delavan's meet schedule will be used.

Personnel and Compensation

Delavan keeps their hired head coach and assistant coach. Illini Central will provide another assistant coach. These coaches work together for the season plan. All athletes will be required to pay a set fee that is determined by their home school.

Finance

Delavan will serve as fiscal agent for the cooperative.

Administration

Delavan shall serve as the Administrator of the cooperative. The administering district shall exercise all powers and duties allowed by Article VII 10 of the Illinois Constitution, the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperative act, the by-laws of the IHSA and this Agreement. Delavan shall serve as the host school and the A.D. shall be the official representative to the conference.

Legal Liability and Insurance

Illini Central and Delavan agree to abide by the foregoing regulations and to hold the other, its employees and representatives harmless from all liability of any kind whatsoever for injury or suit, which may arise as a result of the Agreement. All participants in the cross country program shall individually purchase or provide signed assurance of adequate insurance coverage.

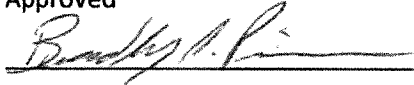
Duration, Termination, Withdrawal and Amendment

The duration of this Agreement shall be two (2) year commencing upon the date of mutual approval of the parties. For the duration of the Agreement neither party shall withdraw without the consent of the others unless one party fails to meet its obligations set out in this Agreement. Upon such default the non-defaulting party may mutually consent to terminate the Agreement at any time. Extension of the Agreement shall be by agreement of the parties. The parties shall meet to decide the term of extension or termination not later than ninety (90) days after the beginning of the 2023 Cross country season. This agreement shall be terminated upon the legal impossibility of performance on the part of either district. Amendments to this Agreement shall be by mutual assent of the parties.

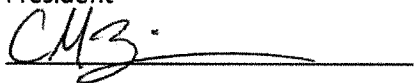
Miscellaneous

Communication pursuant to this Agreement shall be conducted regularly between the A.D. and the designee of each district. In addition this information shall be reported to respected Boards of Education. Failure of a party to exercise its rights provided in the Agreement does not constitute waiver of violation. This agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. Any provision of this Agreement deemed illegal or inoperative is severable and the remaining provisions shall continue in force.

Approved



President



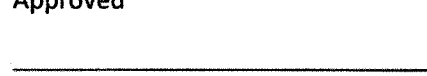
Secretary

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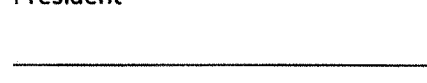
Date

Delavan CUSD #703

Approved



President



Secretary



Date

Illini Central CUSD #189