



# AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**DATE:** May 8, 2024

**TITLE:** Co-op Dissolution for Boys and Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis with Pacelli

**TYPE:** Action

**PRESENTER:** Activities Director Katie Carter

**BACKGROUND:** The MSHSL offers the option for member schools to form cooperative sponsorships between member schools in high school athletics is an agreement where two or more schools combine their student-athletes to form a single team in a particular sport. This is usually done when one or more of the schools do not have enough participants to field a team on their own. The AHS Activities Director met with Pacelli Athletic Director, Principal, and Superintendent to discuss current cooperatives and the possible dissolution of three: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Girls Tennis. Both schools agreed to the co-op dissolution.

**RATIONALE:** The reasoning behind the conversation with these 3 sports in particular is due to a change in competitive section placement. The combined enrollment places these co-ops in a higher competitive class, making it harder to compete. The past five year's data have shown no participation from Pacelli students in these three sports. The dissolution would keep us at our current section placement. This will allow our soccer and girls tennis teams to compete in a class where we can be competitive and increase our chances at postseason opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The recommendation to the board is to dissolve the cooperative sponsorships of Boys and Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis with Pacelli Catholic Schools.

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Application for DISSOLUTION of Cooperative Sponsorship

**Deadline: Not later than the first day of practice for that sport season.**

PLEASE SEE BYLAW 403.2 (A-C) and 403.4 (A-D) (amended May 15, 2017) FOR INFORMATION REGARDING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The governing boards of each participating school must jointly make application for dissolution of cooperative sponsorship.

On behalf of the following schools, we hereby apply for dissolution of the cooperative sponsorship of

**Soccer, Boys**

(activity) (boys' or girls') (Adapted-CI or PI)

beginning with the **2025 - 2026** school year.

List **ALL** schools included in the cooperative sponsorship. *Attach another form if necessary.*

	School	City
High School #1:	Austin High Schools	Austin, MN
High School #2:	Pacelli High School	Austin, MN
High School #3:		
High School #4:		

1. Has the school board of each member school of the existing co-op approved a resolution to dissolve the co-op?

- ☐ Yes A copy of the resolution approved by the school board of each member school, stating the reason to dissolve the co-op, MUST be included with this application.
- ☐ No DO NOT SUBMIT this application until a resolution, stating the reason to dissolve the existing co-op, has been approved by the school board of each member school.

2. Please circle appropriate letter.

	Member School			Reason for the Dissolution	
High School #1	A	<u>B</u>	C	A.	Our school is dropping the activity.
High School #2	<u>A</u>	B	C	B.	Our school will sponsor this activity without a cooperative sponsorship.
High School #3	A	B	C	C.	Our school will sponsor this activity as part of a new cooperative sponsorship. Please submit an Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for the new co-p.
High School #4	A	B	C		

Signature of the person duly authorized by the member school to act on behalf of the member school.

High School #1: K. Suter  
Designated School Representative

Activities Director  
Title of the Designated School Representative

High School #2: Ryan Bickler  
Designated School Representative

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
Title of the Designated School Representative

High School #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title of the Designated School Representative

High School #4: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

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**Tennis, Girls**

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