



Minnesota State High School League Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement

Between:

McGregor ISD #4
148 South 2nd Street
McGregor, MN 55760

And:

Aitkin ISD #1
306 2nd St NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

Sport: Cross Country Running

Level(s) of Participation: Varsity and Junior Varsity

Effective Dates of Agreement: SY25/26 & SY26/27

August 2025 through

1. Purpose

This Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement is entered into by the above-named schools in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) to provide student-athletes the opportunity to participate in Cross Country Running. Due to limited individual enrollments, this cooperative allows for the formation of a combined team that can practice and compete safely and competitively.

2. Lead School

McGregor ISD #4 will serve as the host school and will be responsible for:

- Program administration and communication with MSHSL
- Hiring and supervising coaching staff
- Scheduling practices and meets
- Managing the team budget

3. Team Identity

The cooperative team will compete under the name, mascot, and colors of McGregor ISD #4.

4. Financial Agreement

Both schools agree to share the costs of the program (including coaching stipends and transportation) based on the percentage of participating student-athletes from each school,



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calculated annually as of the official team roster on the first day of competition.

- Coaching Costs:

The total cost of coaching stipends (head coach and assistant coach(es), if any) will be shared between the districts in proportion to each school's representation on the team.

- Athletic Fees:

The individual student participation fees will be paid to their home school district according to the school's athletic fee schedule.

- Transportation Costs:

Transportation to competitions will be coordinated by the host school, McGregor ISD #4. Total transportation expenses will be shared proportionally based on each school's student participation on the roster.

- Example:

If School A has 6 runners and School B has 4 runners (total team = 10), then:

- School A pays 60% of coaching and transportation costs
- School B pays 40% of coaching and transportation costs

5. Uniforms and Equipment

Uniforms will be provided by the host school, McGregor ISD #4, and billed to the student athletes school district. Each school is responsible for the cost of providing appropriate training gear or personal equipment for their students, as determined by mutual agreement.

6. Insurance and Eligibility

Each school will ensure that its students meet MSHSL eligibility requirements and maintain appropriate insurance coverage for its participants. Student eligibility will be certified through their respective school's Activities Office.

7. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising under this agreement will first be addressed by a meeting of both schools' Activities Directors. If unresolved, the matter will be referred to the superintendents of both districts.

8. Termination and Renewal

This agreement may be terminated by either party with written notice prior to April 1 of the 27/28 school year, per MSHSL requirement of a minimum 2 years of the co-op. Otherwise, the agreement shall remain in effect for the term listed above and may be renewed upon mutual consent.

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Signatures

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dan Stifter, Superintendent, Aitkin ISD #1

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Livia Carlstrom, Athletic Director, McGregor ISD #4

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Board Member, Aitkin ISD #1