

The School District of Lewiston-Altura and Rushford-Peterson Resolution for Boys and Girls Golf Coop

Need for Cooperative Resolution:

1. Lewiston-Altura as of 2019 will no longer have a home course as the town course has closed. The only way it will reopen is if a buyer purchase the property and opens it as a golf course. As of January 12, 2019 this has not happened.
2. Moving home meets to another course option. The only course that might host Lewiston-Altura for a home course would be Cedar Valley. Cedar Valley is 25.2 miles away from Lewiston. But at this time, January 12, 2019, it is not a for sure thing that Lewiston-Altura will be able to use Cedar Valley as a home course.
3. Lewiston-Altura roster from the 2017-2018 school year was 10 girls and 11 boys, while Rushford-Peterson's roster was 2 girls and 7 boys. During a scheduled match, our conference offers a JV and Varsity match. Each team can have 6 students on each team. With our projected numbers, neither team has enough participants to offer a full Varsity and full JV team without forming a coop. By being able to field full teams and fully compete, the hope is that we can increase participation numbers and the strength of the program moving forward.
4. Ferndale Golf Course, Rushford MN, is the established home course from Rushford-Peterson. While it is 22.3 miles from Lewiston, if LA coops with RP, it would be a shorter drive for busing for practice, we could stay in the current conference as we are in now, share the cost of the programs, and would be able to fill Varsity, JV, and most likely JH teams for competition.
5. Rushford-Peterson and Lewiston-Altura already have standing coops in Girls and Boys Cross Country and Wrestling. Although each standing coop is set up a little different for cost sharing, each school does benefit some in cost of the programs, incurs greater expense for practice travel but benefits us and other schools as we are able to offer full teams for competition. The cooperation between the two schools has been good, communication between the two schools have been good, and the blending in of two communities and the family has been good.
6. A coop between LA and RP for boys and girls golf would look like:
 - a. Practices on the course would be at Ferndale in Rushford.
 - b. Each school would hire a head coach under their respective school contracts to work cooperatively.
 - c. Bussing to matches would be worked out as equally as possible.
 - d. Cost of any tournaments would be split.
 - e. Rushford-Peterson would be considered the host school for scheduling.
 - f. Cost of assistant coach for the program would be split between the two schools.
 - g. Indoor practice area at Lewiston could be utilized and cost shared.
 - h. Cost for practicing and playing on Rushford Peterson's course would be split between the two schools.
 - i. Team mascot: To be decided
 - j. Team name: We would suggest keeping it as the other coops- LARP
 - k. Team colors: We would suggest that we don't have one, and the golf teams could just pick an acceptable uniform color scheme.