

RESOLUTION APPROVING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, a proposed Agreement has been drafted regarding the cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Girls Softball programs between North High School and Tartan High School.

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed draft is attached and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622, as follows:

1. That the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement be and hereby is approved;
2. That the Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement and to make the required application to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League; and
3. Those funds currently budgeted now and, in the future, will sustain the program.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member

_____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF

Girls Softball

This Agreement is made between North High School and Tartan High School and approved by the school board of Independent School District 622. The parties agree as follows:

1. Joint Application. The above-named governing board shall make an application to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Board of Directors not later than the first day of practice for that sport season to be considered for that sport season for approval for cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school team for Girls Softball Programs, hereinafter "combined program", for students attending North High School and Tartan High School for school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027.
2. Purpose. The reasons for the above-named board agreeing to apply for authority to cooperatively sponsor the combined program are as follows:
 - A. Both North and Tartan High School Girls Softball Programs have seen a decrease in the number of student athletes participating in Girls Softball. Factors contributing to the decrease in Girls softball participants include but not limited to changing demographics of our communities, a youth program that feeds multiple communities/high schools.
 - B. Student athletes would be competing at the appropriate skill level. Combining the North and Tartan programs would allow student athletes from both schools to practice and compete at their appropriate skill level.
 - C. A cooperative agreement between North and Tartan will provide our student athletes a quality program that will enable a better opportunity to increase numbers, generate pride and sustain our programs.
3. Agreement to Cooperate. If the joint application is approved by the MSHSL Board of Directors, the above-named governing board agrees that they will cooperatively sponsor any such combined program which may be offered in any school years specified; provided that nothing in this provision shall be deemed to require that the governing board offer that combined program at all in any particular year.
4. Terms and Conditions of Cooperative Sponsorship. Any combined program shall be cooperatively sponsored upon the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Team Name. The team shall be known as the **N/T Polar/Titans** with Independent School District No. 622 Tartan High School serving as host school district. *(The official school identification in tournament programs and press releases for cooperatively sponsored teams will be listed as indicated on the cooperative sponsorship resolutions submitted by the schools. Following the team name, and set off by parentheses, will be the names of the member schools involved in such cooperative sponsorships; i.e., "Brainerd Warriors" (Brainerd/Pillager); "Winona Winhawks" (Winona/Winona Cotter, etc.)*
 - B. Contracts. Except as otherwise provided herein, contracts related to the cooperatively sponsored team with groups such as referee associations, with individuals or with other schools or school districts shall be made by the governing board of Independent School District No. 622.
 - C. Allocation of Costs. All costs of the combined program shall be allocated between North High School and Tartan High School budgets on an equal fifty-fifty split (50-50). One high school will be designated as the "host high school" and will track and pay the expenditures associated with the combined program.

D. Expenditures include but are not limited to the following:

1. Expenses for transportation, including daily transportation of participants to and from practice sessions and contests.
2. Expenses for transportation to "away matches".
3. Expenses for spectator buses.
4. Expenses for banquets and awards.
5. Expenses for scouting, coaches' meetings, and workshops.
6. Expenses for payment of referees and other personnel necessary to stage the event.
7. Expenses for purchasing of supplies and equipment.
8. Expenses for salary and fringe benefit costs for coaches and other activity personnel.
9. Other expenses as deemed necessary by the Activity Directors.

E. Employment of Personnel.

1. Recommendations for employment of personnel will be in accordance with the school board's policies.
2. Coaches and other personnel employed by the school district shall meet applicable state MSHSL licensure requirements, if any.

F. Control and Supervision of Programs and Participants. The control and supervision of a combined program and of the behavior of student participants which relates to their participation in the program shall be the responsibility of the respective high school of the participant(s).

G. The control and supervision of student participants while in transport to and from practices and games shall be the responsibility of the respective high school of the participant(s).

5. Intra-district Advisory Board. An Intra-district Advisory Board may be formed from members of the schools to work on the improvement of the co-sponsored program.
6. Resolution of Disputes. Any disputes relating to this agreement or items in this agreement requiring clarification will be investigated by the school superintendent (or their designee) and they will present their findings and recommendations to the respective high schools. The findings will stand as presented.
7. Term: Dissolution. The term of this agreement shall be for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The agreement shall be continuous following the second-year agreement unless an application for dissolution is submitted. Requests to dissolve cooperative sponsorships of activities must be submitted to the MSHSL any time prior to the first day of practice for that sport season to be considered for the following year. If the early dissolution of the agreement is not approved, the combined program must be offered cooperatively or not at all during the remaining term of the agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their respective positions on the dates indicated, have executed said agreement.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 622
North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale, Minnesota

By Chairman: _____

By Clerk: _____

Date: _____

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale, Minnesota

By Principal: _____

By Activity Director: _____

Date: _____

TARTAN HIGH SCHOOL
North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale, Minnesota

By Principal: _____

By Activity Director: _____

Date: _____