

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this 21st Day of January, 2026, by and between the Board of Education of Hinckley-Big Rock Community Unit School District No. 429, the Board of Education of Leland Community Unit School District No. 1, and the Board of Education of Somonauk Community Unit School District No. 432.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Hinckley-Big Rock (HBR), Leland, and Somonauk school districts wish to consolidate their girls soccer programs according to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, the school districts are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 127, Par. 741 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Consolidated Program – The school districts agree to consolidate their girls soccer programs for grades 9 through 12.
2. Term – This agreement shall be in effect for the 2026 and 2027 girls soccer seasons, and shall commence upon the date first written above.
3. Team Name – The cooperative team shall be known as the Hinckley-Big Rock/Somonauk/Leland soccer cooperative, but will retain the name and uniform of the HBR “Lady Royals”.
4. Renewal – This agreement may be renewed only with the approval of the three involved Boards of Education.
5. Amendment – This agreement may not be amended or modified unless such agreement or modification is in writing and approved by the Boards of Education of HBR, Leland, and Somonauk.
6. Administrative District – HBR shall serve as the administrative district for the term of this agreement.
7. Cooperative Committee – The school districts agree to a standing cooperative committee that consists of the principals and athletic directors of each high school. The purpose of this committee is to resolve any issues and concerns that may arise.
8. Administrative details of the cooperative:
 - a) The administrative district, unless specifically accepted in another paragraph of this agreement, shall pay all expenses of the program.
 - b) The administrative district shall pay the costs of hosting a soccer game and maintaining the field.
 - c) Practices will be held at Hinckley-Big Rock High School (HBRHS).
 - d) The bus to away games will leave from (HBRHS).
 - e) The cost of transportation to games will be absorbed by HBR.
 - f) Transportation to practice from Somonauk and Leland to Hinckley will be the responsibility of Somonauk High School (SHS) and Leland High School, and at the expense of the parents whose children play.

- g) Somonauk and Leland will collect student fees from their players, and pay HBRHS the appropriate fee for that sport.
- h) Somonauk and Leland players will be responsible for purchasing their own uniforms, which will be ordered by the coaches of HBRHS.
- i) Practice and game schedules will be communicated by the coaches and athletic director of HBRHS.

9. Revenues – All revenues will be retained by the administrative district.
10. Coaches – The administrative district will be responsible for hiring the head coach. Any additional volunteer coaches can be recommended to the coaching staff, but the head coach has final say as to whether they will be added. If at a later date a fully stipended assistant coach is needed, applicants from both schools will be considered.
11. Future coaches – The roster sizes will be looked at before each season begins during this two year agreement. At that time, if it is determined there needs to be a paid assistant coach, the HBR athletic director will initiate the search process.
12. Salaries – The salaries for the head coach and assistants will be based on the HBR extracurricular salary schedule.
13. Transportation – Transportation to practice will be the responsibility of Leland and Somonauk taking the players to Hinckley. The departure site for away games will be HBRHS unless the most direct route to a game goes past SHS. Somonauk and Leland players must be at HBRHS by the time the bus leaves. If any player from either school misses the bus, they become spectators for the game and cannot play that day. Transportation home from a road game will be directly to HBRHS or if the most direct route is past SHS, then a stop will be made at SHS. All students will follow HBR post-game transportation procedures (ride team bus or when permitted a parent signs out their child only with the coach approval). No stops will be made to drop off students on the route home unless it is to SHS or HBRHS.
14. Game and Practice Sites – All practices, regular season home games, and home playoff games will be conducted at HBRHS. Supervision for all games will be the responsibility of HBRHS. If there is an issue with fans or players from LHS or SHS, notification will be made to the respective Athletic Coordinator and appropriate investigation and consequences (if any) will be taken.
15. Policies – Training rules and eligibility standards will be established and enforced at each school. Collection and checking of athletic physicals and insurance will be the responsibility of each school. Each schools Code of conduct policies will be in effect for their own athletes.
16. Game Supervision and Workers – Game supervision and workers will be provided by the administrative district. The administrative district will provide officials for each game.
17. Equipment – Uniforms will be the responsibility of the players. Athletes are required to purchase their own game uniforms. As a result, the uniforms become the property of the athlete. HBR will coordinate the style and will be responsible for ordering.

Practice and game gear will be the responsibility of the participating student or by their respective school per that school's policies.

18. Insurance – Each school will follow the insurance policies set forth by their respective school boards and the coverages provided by those insurance carriers.
19. Senior-Parent Recognition – Senior students are recognized at some point in the season, at a home game. Seniors from all schools will be recognized at that game.
20. Parent-Athlete Meeting – Each school will require their athletes to attend and satisfy that school's parent-athlete meeting. If there is anything specific to girls soccer which needs to be communicated, that can be done separately via coaches or the athletic administrators.
21. Awards Night – HBR will host an awards night at the end of the season. Somonauk and Leland girls playing soccer, and their families, are welcome to attend for team and individual recognition. Pins and certificates will be provided by and paid for by HBRHS. Letters will be provided by each separate school. Awards presented will be those determined by HBR based on their student athlete handbook
22. Summer Programs – Summer programs will continue. Students from Leland and Somonauk will be allowed and encouraged to participate in any off season activities.

This agreement is entered into the date and year first above-written.

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