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§8-45 Interscholastic Activities Additions and/or Deletions

A. Registry of Interscholastic Activities

By creating a three-tiered Registry of Interscholastic Activities below, the Board intends Tier 1 to be the traditionally funded tier, while Tiers 2 and 3 are intended to have no impact on the Board's budget except as stated specifically in those categories in this policy and regulation. As with all school programs, continuation of an interscholastic activity is contingent on funding by the School Board, or by the parent association as applicable. Approved activities shall be listed on the Registry of Interscholastic Activities as Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 activities. All activities on the Registry must be currently or have been previously recognized by the Virginia High School League (VHSL).

1. Tier 1 activities include interscholastic athletic activities that are funded by the School Board and approved for listing on the Registry. The full student athletic activity fee will be assessed in accordance with School Board Policy and Regulation 4-2 (Student Fees and Charges).

2. Tier 2 activities include interscholastic athletic activities that are currently recognized by the VHSL and that have been approved for listing on the Registry in accordance with implementing regulations to be developed by the Superintendent. The full student athletic activity fee will be assessed in accordance with School Board Policy and Regulation 4-2 (Student Fees and Charges) and will be credited to amounts owed by the parent association. The provisions of Policy and Regulation 4-2 for the reduction or waiver of fees for economically disadvantaged students will apply.

3. Tier 3 activities include interscholastic athletic activities that were previously, but are not currently at the time of School Board approval, recognized by VHSL and are approved for listing on the Registry. These activities are not funded at all by the School Board, other than indirectly through the allocation of staff time, and the student athletic activity fee will not be assessed.

B. Registry of Interscholastic Activities Process

1. Periodic Review and/or Parent Application.

Each high school principal shall be responsible for periodic evaluations of the following factors as they pertain to adding, deleting, and/or maintaining interscholastic activities. Parents may also apply in writing to the principal to add or delete an activity on the Registry.

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- (a) Student/community interest
- (b) Student involvement
- (c) Facility/grounds availability
- (d) Staffing availability
- (e) Funding capability
- (f) Community programs available
- (g) Appropriateness for student age group
- (h) Contribution to the overall school mission

2.      Recommendation by the Principal

The initial recommendation to add an interscholastic activity to or remove an interscholastic activity from the Registry shall be made by the current Loudoun County Public School high school principal after completing an assessment. The principal's recommendation will be forwarded to the Division Superintendent.

3.      Recommendation by the Superintendent

Upon receipt of the principal's recommendation to add an interscholastic activity to or delete an interscholastic activity from the Registry, the Division Superintendent or designee shall conduct an administrative review of the request and forward a recommendation to the School Board for consideration and action.

The administrative review will assess school and community benefits, the Title IX compliance implications and the potential capital and operational factors that will impact the district's ability to support the interscholastic activity including start up cost (e.g. uniforms, facility availability, coaching staff, rental fees, etc.), and ongoing operational costs (e.g. uniforms, lighting, transportation, salaries, and other).

4.      Administrative Review Timeline

The Division Superintendent or designee will have 60 working days from the time of receiving a request to conduct an administrative review of the request to add an interscholastic activity to or remove an interscholastic activity from the Registry and to submit his/her recommendation to the School Board.

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5. School Board Timeline

The School Board will have 60 working days from receipt of the recommendation to act upon the recommendation of the Division Superintendent. The decision of the School Board will be forwarded to the appropriate School Administrator(s).

C. Financial Support for Interscholastic Activities

The School Board will be responsible for determining the sources of funding necessary to support the costs for all new interscholastic activities placed on the Registry. Sources for initial and recurring funding must be identified prior to placing an activity on the register. The Registry listing should not place an undue hardship on schools. The Superintendent will develop implementing regulations for Tier 2 and Tier 3 interscholastic athletic activities listed on the Registry to address operation, control, and funding responsibilities.

Typical startup and recurring cost categories include, but are not limited to, those listed below:

1. Coaching/sponsor stipends
2. Maintenance of the facilities required in conducting interscholastic activities. To include:
  - (a) Running tracks (including jumping pits, shot put and discus areas)
  - (b) All field areas
  - (c) Bleachers
  - (d) Press boxes
  - (e) Dug outs
  - (f) Lights
  - (g) Public address systems
  - (h) All indoor facilities
  - (i) Locker rooms
  - (j) Rental fees
  - (k) Other
3. Transportation, to include transporting teams:
  - (a) To and from practice sessions held away from the school site
  - (b) To and from all contests

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4.      All start up costs related to the addition of new interscholastic activities placed on the Registry to include:

- (a)      Initial uniforms and warm up suits (home and away when appropriate)
- (b)      Initial equipment and supplies
- (c)      Medical supplies

D.      Registry of Approved Interscholastic Activities

The current Registry of approved interscholastic activities shall be a part of this policy.

Cross References: Policy and Regulations 4-2 (Student Fees and Charges); 8-48 (Student Activities)

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# Registry of Interscholastic Activities

## TIER 1

### BOYS ATHLETICS

1. Baseball
2. Basketball
3. Cross Country
4. Football
5. Golf
6. Soccer
7. Tennis
8. Track
9. Swimming
10. Wrestling
11. Lacrosse

### GIRLS ATHLETICS

1. Basketball
2. Cheerleading
3. Cross Country
4. Gymnastics
5. Soccer
6. Softball
7. Tennis
8. Track
9. Swimming
10. Volleyball
11. Lacrosse

\*Girls may participate in any sport when a comparable sport is not offered (e.g., football, wrestling, golf).

\*Boys may participate in cheer.

### ALL STUDENTS

1. Academic Competition Sponsor
2. Debate
3. Drama/Theatre
4. Forensics
5. Magazine
6. Newspaper
7. Yearbook

The following are not VHSL activities:

1. Band
2. Chorus
3. Drill Team
4. Future Educators Association
5. Junior Class
6. Senior Class
7. Student Council Association
8. TV Production

**TIER 2**

BOYS ATHLETICS

1. Indoor Track

GIRLS ATHLETICS

1. Indoor Track

### TIER 3

#### ALL STUDENTS

1. Crew