

# COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF AN ACTIVITY

(FALL Activities—Application for school years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017)

1. This application **form must be completed by both member schools** involved in the cooperative agreement and mailed to the KSHSAA.
2. Applications are to be initiated by both schools preceding the season for which they are applicable and submitted to the KSHSAA by **June 1** for fall activities; by **September 1** for winter activities; and by **January 1** for spring activities.
3. Cooperative sponsorship agreements will be for a two (2)-year period.
4. Cooperative agreements may be voided at any time by a mutual agreement of both schools. No other cooperative agreement in the same activity may be made with another school until the original two-year period elapses.
5. Member schools may apply for a cooperative sponsorship in any activity recognized by the KSHSAA; but **a separate application must be made for each activity.**
6. In team sports the enrollments (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12) of the two schools entering into a cooperative sponsorship will be combined to determine the Class in which the combined group(s) will participate. (*Exception: When combining football teams, the enrollments in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be used.*) The schools will continue to participate in their Class in all activities where **Rule 29-2-1** is not applied.
7. **Combination individual/team activities** such as cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, track and field and wrestling will only be approved as combined teams under Rule 29 during the regular season. (Leagues have the option of requiring cooperative teams to separate for league tournaments or league championship events.) **In post-season competition, it will be necessary for the two high schools to sponsor separate teams or individual entries in the sports listed above. In regular season contests, cooperative teams may not voluntarily separate to compete as separate schools.**

**Please review Rule 29-2-1, the Executive Board policy,  
and the questions concerning possible problem areas on the back of this form.**

School _____			Other school involved _____	City _____
Address _____			Activity to be combined _____	
City _____	Zip _____	USD # _____	Resulting Classification _____	
Phone _____		FAX _____		

**Conditions which prompted your school to file this application:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the projected number of students from your school who have or will **PARTICIPATE** in this activity. If your school has not sponsored the activity, submit figures based on your student survey.

Grade	9	10	11	12
<b>2014-2015</b> Last School Year	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>2015-2016</b> Next School Year	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>2016-2017</b> School Year	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>2017-2018</b> School Year	_____	_____	_____	_____

What will be the identity of the combined team? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will practices be held? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will competitions be held? \_\_\_\_\_

Other information which may assist the KSHSAA in reaching a decision on this application: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

Principal's Signature

Date

Superintendent's Signature

**Submit to: KSHSAA, PO Box 495, Topeka, KS 66601-0495**

**DEADLINE DATE - September 1 for WINTER activities**

**DEADLINE DATE - January 1 for SPRING activities**

**DEADLINE DATE - June 1 for FALL activities**

## KSHSAA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RULE 29

**Rule 29-2-1** reads as follows:

With the consent of the Executive Board, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students from member schools may be combined for interscholastic activity competition and field a common participating group.

- a. When fielding a common participating group, no more than two member schools may be combined to compete and the classification appropriate for the combined enrollment of the schools involved will apply. The number of schools that may be combined may be waived by the KSHSAA Executive Board when the schools are within the same school district.
- b. In those activities where there is an absence of an effective program in one of the schools, a combined program may be established, provided a need is shown to the Executive Board. Examples which may constitute need are: (1) insufficient numbers; (2) lack of staff; and (3) lack of facilities.
- c. At the time the application to field a common participating group is made, one of the participating schools shall be designated to administer the program.

The philosophy the KSHSAA Executive Board will use in reviewing and approving applications for cooperative sponsorship of senior high school activities is as follows:

1. Attempt to provide activities to those students who otherwise would not have an opportunity to be involved in their home school for the reasons outlined in 29-2-1b above.
2. Will not allow schools to use **Rule 29-2-1** to gain an advantage over other member schools.

### POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS TO CONSIDER

*The KSHSAA has outlined some of the possible problem areas that schools should resolve before entering into a cooperative program per Rule 29-2-1.*

- A. If you already have a program, are students from another school going to replace students from your community?
- B. Who will pay the cost of equipment and travel?
- C. How will gate receipts be disbursed?
- D. Who is responsible for the cost of travel to and from practice?
- E. Where will practice be held?
- F. Where will contests be played?
- G. Which school's identity will be used? Mascot, colors, etc.
- H. Are local eligibility rules, lettering guidelines, etc., the same at both schools?
- I. Selection of cheerleaders, who's eligible?
- J. Will activity tickets and/or season tickets be honored?
- K. How will coaches be employed and paid?
- L. Insurance
- M. If students are combined for Girls Basketball but not for Boys Basketball, teams may be assigned to different sub-states—maybe even different Classes.
- N. Expenses for facilities, lights, heating, showers, towels, laundry, etc., including maintenance of practice and playing facilities.
- O. Expenses for scouting, coaches meetings, etc. Who is responsible?
- P. Contracts with other schools, officials, etc.
- Q. Responsibilities for hosting and supervising the event.
- R. Resolution of disputes.
- S. **Both schools must submit eligibility forms for their students.**

These and many more items must be recognized and agreed upon before deciding to combine schools for an activity. It is recommended a written agreement be drawn up in advance.

### POST-SEASON COMPETITION

- **KSHSAA policy requires that cooperative agreement teams in quasi-team/individual sports separate for post-season competition.**
- **In quasi-team/individual sports both schools are required to pay the KSHSAA entry fee and process the necessary entry forms.**
- **Each school is responsible to verify eligibility of its students.**
- **Cooperative teams in quasi-team & individual sports, may not voluntarily separate to compete as separate schools in regular season contests.**