

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CLUB SPORTS

# SHALER AREA

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT

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122.1 CLUB SPORTS	
1. Purpose	<p>The purpose of this policy is to assist in regulating club sports which have been authorized and sanctioned by the Board of School Directors through School Board action. Although club sports exist through community sponsorship, the Board of School Directors may support club sports by contributing limited resources such as facilities, fields, locker rooms, finances, and coaching personnel through an individual affiliation agreement with each club sport.</p> <p><b>Affiliation Agreement :</b> A document executed by community sponsors and the Board of School Directors that sets forth the purpose of the club sport and responsibilities of the sponsoring and supporting bodies including organizational bylaws, insurance certifications, and unequivocal commitment by the athletic club to follow all School District and league rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. The agreement shall authorize the use of the School District's name and logo, approvals required by leagues, associations, and conferences, as well as permission to advertise or communicate according to School District rules and other limitations or privileges such as District priority for use of facilities, grounds, and access to District equipment and services.</p>
2. Authority	<p>In order to apply for affiliation, a prospective club sport must submit a letter of application through the High School athletic department. The letter must include the purpose of the club, organizational bylaws, rules governing the election of officers by the membership, a financial plan, an annual audit of finances (Policy 916), certification of insurance, and the unequivocal intent to follow all rules, regulations, guidelines, and policies of the School District. The Athletic Administrator shall make a recommendation to the respective Principal regarding granting affiliation to the club. Upon recommendation of both the respective Principal and the Superintendent, the Board of School Directors may grant the club affiliation with the School District contingent upon completion and execution of an affiliation agreement.</p>

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The club sport head coach will be supervised by and report to the Athletic Administrator. Violations of the affiliation agreement will be documented by the Athletic Administrator and reported to the Principal, Superintendent, and Board of School Directors. Appropriate action will be taken to resolve any and all violations. Excessive and/or repeated violations may result in termination of the club sport activity by the Board of School Directors.

The Board of School Directors reserves the right to limit the number of club sports within the District. The Board also retains the right to determine its level of financial support for each club sport. Priority will be given to club sports which best match the needs of the student body, the educational program, and the financial limitations of the District. Any club sport that fails to meet the conditions of its affiliation agreement shall be subject to sanctions imposed by the District, up to and including termination of affiliation with the District. The District shall select, employ, and supervise club sport head coaches.

Students, sponsors, chaperones, and/or parents participating in a club sport event or practice are bound by personal conduct standards as stated in Shaler Area School District Policy Manual; in particular, Policy 222, Tobacco Use; and Policy 227, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Therefore, a student who violates Shaler Area School District established student control policies may be excluded from participating in any club sport event or practice.

An employee or supervisor who violates established Shaler Area School District policies or procedures shall be subject to progressive discipline by their immediate supervisor.

All coaches will be subject to the same processes, procedures, and conditions up to and including dismissal, as coaches of the District-operated athletic programs. Limitations imposed by District policy, collective bargaining agreements, and state and federal law will be enforced.

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AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Shaler Area \_\_\_\_\_ Club Board of Control:  
Name, Home Address, Phone Number(s):

Bylaws of the Club:

Background of the Club:

Purpose of the Club:

Objectives of the Club:

Support Provided by the Shaler Area \_\_\_\_\_ Club:

Expenses and Funding:

The Shaler Area \_\_\_\_\_ Club will comply with and follow all rules, regulations, guidelines, and policies set forth by the Shaler Area School District.