



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

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RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Board will consider requests for recognition from non-school organizations that sponsor athletic programs for high school and middle school students. Recognition includes allowing the organization to use the school name and to award school athletic letter to participants.

In order for a request to be considered, the sponsoring organization must agree to all of the following:

1. Participation will be limited to students in grades 7-12, but only those in grades 9-12 can receive an athletic letter. Only students who are enrolled in Sturgis Brown High School or who are part of a written cooperative agreement with another high school (agreement of both school districts) will be allowed to participate in the program.
2. Students will be required to follow all of the athletic participation rules of the South Dakota High School Activities Association including, but not limited to, physical examinations, academic eligibility, age, enrollment in school, and compliance with the transfer rules.
3. All students will be required to follow all of the athletic rules that apply to participants in programs sponsored by Sturgis Brown High School including, but not limited to, training rules and school attendance rules. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to enforce these rules.
4. The sponsoring organization must agree to provide funding for all expenses connected with the program.
5. The sponsoring organization must provide documentation that it carries an adequate liability insurance policy, including both general and automobile liability.
6. Participating students must provide evidence that they are covered by appropriate accident insurance.
7. The season for which recognition is requested must be limited to a specific portion of the year (Fall, Winter, Spring).
8. All transportation to out-of-town competitive events *will be the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.*

9. The Activities Director of the District must approve the guidelines established by the sponsoring organization for awarding athletic letters.
10. The sponsoring organization must designate specific representatives to work with the District.
11. Representatives of the sponsoring organization are to work with the Activities Director/s of the District/s to implement all provisions relating to this policy. The Activities Director will submit all concerns or complaints to these representatives.
12. If the sponsoring organization desires that its student participants be classified the same as the students of school sanctioned activities for the purposes of school attendance (Policy File: JED – “Attendance Policy”) then the sponsoring organization must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Submit season schedule to the Activities Director for approval by June 1 of each year.
 - b. Provide list of students who will be absent for an event at least two (2) days prior to the scheduled event or absence.
 - c. Ascertain that make-up slips are given out prior to the event or absence.
13. The sponsoring organization will be required to submit an “End of the Year” report to the Activities Director/s within two weeks of the conclusion of the sponsoring organizations season.
14. Parents will be required to sign waivers absolving the District/s of any legal responsibility for the program.

A written agreement incorporating the above terms must be approved by the Board and signed by both parties, and it must be renewed each year. The Board reserves the right to cancel the agreement at any time if the above provisions have not been met or for any other cause.

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