



Cooperative Sponsorship Application

Oregon High School Lacrosse Association

See OSAA Constitution, Article 6-5, and Executive Board Policy, "Cooperative Sponsorship" for additional information. This application was adopted from the OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Application form.

Philosophy

The philosophy that will guide the OHSLA Board in reviewing and approving applications for cooperative sponsorship of lacrosse is as follows:

1. The Board will attempt to increase the number of students who are participating in activities by making lacrosse available for students that would not be available in their school because of a lack of numbers if joint sponsorship did not occur.
2. The Executive Board would prefer to see projects that combine smaller schools for sponsorship of lacrosse rather than a small school program combining with a larger school when the smaller school cannot support lacrosse alone because of a lack of numbers.
3. Improving the quality of a team (i.e., better won-lost record) will not be a valid criterion in deciding whether approval should be granted.
4. Agreements **are for a maximum two-year period** but may be terminated by the Executive Board under the following conditions:
 - a) Closing of one of the schools.
 - b) Valid complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting.
 - c) Complaints from parents, coaches, administrators, students in cooperating schools, etc.
 - d) Other valid reasons as determined by the OHSLA Board.
5. The ultimate objective of the applicant is to establish a lacrosse program at the applicant's school. To receive OHSLA Board approval, the applicant must agree to initiate the formation of a lacrosse program at the applicant's school. Each year of renewal the applicant must show growth in player numbers to lead to the creation of an autonomous team at the applicant's school.
6. **Ongoing Cooperative Agreements between two small schools (1A to 3A sized schools), where enrollment numbers may otherwise prohibit team formation, will be supported by OHSLA Board.**

Cooperative Sponsorship Questions of Concern

The OHSLA Board has outlined some possible problem areas and suggest that they be considered before entering into a cooperative sponsorship program:

1. Participation by your students: If you already have a program, are students from another school going to replace students from your school community and, thus, deny other students an opportunity take part in Lacrosse?
2. Have costs for equipment and travel thoroughly been considered and equally apportioned?
3. How will gate receipts, if any, be handled for playoff games?
4. Have practice facilities been secured and how will students from cooperative sponsorship schools get to (and from) practice sessions?
5. Are your local eligibility and training rules the same for all students in both schools in the co-op?
6. Can schedules for practice sessions and games be coordinated to eliminate class schedule conflicts in the different schools?
7. Will all OSAA/OHSLA rules be adhered to by participants from both schools?
8. What will be the team name and team nickname?
9. Who is responsible for accountability of program in case of a violation or other problem?
10. Has in-depth consideration been given to liability insurance coverage by all schools involved?

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Each school involved in the cooperative agreement must complete this application form separately before the OHSLA Board will consider the application. The deadline for a cooperative sponsorship is the first contest date of the season in which the cooperatively sponsored team is to compete. Note that three signatures are required (in the gray boxes).

1. Activity covered by this application: BOYS LACROSSE
2. Reason for cooperative sponsorship: _____

This application is for the 20____-20____ school Year.

1. Under this cooperative sponsorship, what will be the identity of the team? _____
2. Where will practices be held? _____
3. Where home competitions be held? _____

NAME OF SCHOOL A _____ **Date:** _____

Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in lacrosse for each grade year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor lacrosse during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

Grade	12	11	10	9
Last school year				
Current school year				
Anticipated next year				

Approval of Athletic/Activity Director of School A: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Approval of Head Lacrosse Coach of Host School: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

NAME OF SCHOOL B: _____ **Date:** _____

Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in lacrosse during each grade year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor lacrosse during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

Grade	12	11	10	9
Last school year				
Current school year				
Anticipated next year				

Approval: Athletic/Activity Director of School B: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Return Completed Form to: Paul Schlesinger, Commissioner
Oregon High School Lacrosse Association
 Scan & email to: Paul.Schlesinger@schlesingercos.com

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 c/o Paul Schlesinger
 610 SW Alder St, Suite 1221
 Portland, OR 97205

OHSLA OFFICE USE ONLY Date Submitted: _____ Approved Denied Date: _____