



## INSTRUCTION

6145.2

### Criteria for Adding High School Interscholastic Teams and Continuing Teams

The following criteria will be considered in depth prior to the addition of any interscholastic athletic team:

1. STUDENT INTEREST - There must be an indication of strong student interest.
2. CIAC - the athletic sport MUST be a CIAC sanctioned activity.
3. COMPETITION - There must be an organized interscholastic competition at the league and/or state levels.
4. FACILITIES - Adequate facilities must exist. It must be possible to coordinate the use of facilities so as not to conflict with existing programs.
5. COACHES - It must be possible to secure a competent coaching staff. The coaches MUST possess current Connecticut teaching certificates or Connecticut coaching certificates (temporary or regular).
6. GROWTH - Consideration must be given to the potential growth of the athletic team.
7. FUNDING - Adequate funding must be available so that the athletic team can be supported. Funding will NOT be diverted from the existing athletic program to create new programs.
8. SCHEDULING - The potential for scheduling competition on a league and/or regional basis will be a priority.
9. WEATHER & GEOGRAPHY - In order to ensure safety, sufficient practice and adequate competition, local weather and geographic conditions will be considered.
10. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - Priority will be given to those athletic teams that best equalize the opportunities for boys and girls.
11. All requests to add an athletic team will be forwarded by letter to the high school administration for a recommendation.
12. No athletic teams will be added in the school year in which the request was made. For example, if the request for an athletic team is approved during the 1987-88 school year, the team will become effective during the 1988-89 school year or later on a probationary

basis provided the criteria is met.

13. The athletic team must be approved by the Board of Education at a regularly scheduled meeting.
14. The administration will report to the Board of Education in April or earlier on the forecasted size of all sports teams in the high school for the following year.
15. It will be necessary for the administration to justify to the Educational Evaluation Committee why any sport which cannot field a complete varsity and a junior varsity team should continue. The Educational Evaluation Committee will evaluate the request and will make its recommendation to the Board of Education in May or earlier. The decision of the Board of Education will be final.