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### **9195 CLUB SPORTS**

The Haddon Township Board of Education recognizes the value to the students of the Haddon Township School District and to the community of a program of club sports as part of the total school experience. Club sports provide students the opportunity to exercise and test their athletic abilities in a context greater and more varied than that which can be offered by the Board of Education alone.

For purposes of this Policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all club sports officially recognized by the Board of Education. A club sport is defined as a program for students in grades 7 through 12 that is organized, funded and operated by members of the Haddon Township community for the benefit of students enrolled in the Haddon Township School District.

Club sports that participate in interscholastic scrimmages or games are subject to the rules and regulations of the NJSIAA. All students who participate in club sports must follow the Board of Education's academic eligibility guidelines and are required to comply with all rules and regulations of the Board of Education and NJSIAA, including, but not limited to, eligibility guidelines and attendance requirements. In order to establish a new club sport, a representative from the prospective club sport is required to submit a proposal to the Athletic Director and Superintendent at least six months prior to the commencement of that sport's regular season. The proposal must include:

1. Purpose of the club;
2. Proof the club has obtained or has made or intends to make application for a not-for-profit status, within 60 days of approval;
3. Organization Bylaws;
4. Proposed operating budget;
5. Estimated use of School District resources;
6. Funding sources;
7. League information, including member school participants;
8. Any proposed team rules in addition to Board of Education rules and regulations; and
9. Agreement to follow the rules and policies of the Board of Education and the NJSIAA, as well as the governing body(ies) of the club sport, if applicable.

The Athletic Director and Superintendent will review the application and provide their recommendation for approval or rejection of the request to the Board of Education. The Board will then review and approve or reject the request based upon several factors, including:

- Compliance with the requirements in this policy;

- The Board's judgment of the value of the club sport within the overall education program of the district;
- Access to a similar program offered by the Board of Education;
- Access to a similar program in the community during the applicable competition season; and
- The degree to which the proposed club sport will expand the district's athletic program and impact the district's capacity (fiscal, personnel and facility).

If the application is approved and the club sport is recognized, the club sport community board will be required to either: 1) obtain insurance and name the Board of Education as an additional named insured for a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 prior to any club meetings, practices and/or games or scrimmages; or 2) reimburse the Board of Education any additional cost in adding the club sport to the Board of Education's insurance policy as an additional named insured.

Property maintenance fees, if applicable, will be calculated and assessed annually in consultation with the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, the School Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools. Due notice of the amount of the fee will be provided to the club board representative prior to the school year in which the sport will be played.

All club sports must be self-funded. Proof of sufficient funding for the upcoming season of operation shall be furnished to the Superintendent at least 3 months before the start of any activity for the club sport. After review and approval by the Superintendent, the sport will be submitted for annual approval by the BOE. After initial approval, the club sport will be subject to bi-annual financial review by the Superintendent.

The guidelines of the BOE for interscholastic activities will be the guide for establishing the number of coaches, whether paid or volunteer, necessary for the club sport, given the nature of the sport and the number of participants. The club must provide sufficient funds to pay for any and all coaches deemed necessary for proper supervision.

While the funding for the compensation of coaches will be the sole responsibility of the club, coaches, whether paid or volunteer, shall be employed directly by the Board of Education under an employee at will relationship and will be subject to all rules and regulations relevant to employees of the Board of Education, including but not limited to criminal background checks.

The Board of Education reserves the right to discontinue the club sport at its sole discretion.

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