

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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To: Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Larry L. White, Executive Director
RE: Cooperative Sports Program Application

Attached is the **Cooperative Sports Program (CSP)** application. Please refer to the NJSIAA Bylaws Article III Section 10 for further information on Cooperative Sports Programs.

Please review the following information before completing the application:

1. A public high school can only enter into a CSP with another public high school while non-public schools can only enter into such programs with another non-public school.
2. A member school may enter into Cooperative Sports Programs with more than one other school for more than one sport; however, a member school may only enter into one Cooperative Sports Program for a particular sport.
3. CSPs involving ice hockey will allow three member schools to combine to form a tri-school CSP but their combined roster may not exceed thirty (30) student athletes.
4. The enrollments for all schools involved in a CSP will be combined for classification determinations made by the Classification Review Committee.
5. A CSP application is for a two year period with an automatic two year renewal.
6. A participating school may withdraw from a CSP during the approval period. Written notice must be submitted to the NJSIAA and other participating school(s).
7. A CSP for a particular sport will cover all levels of competition (i.e. Varsity, JV and Freshman). However, either school may establish a stand-alone sub-varsity team while continuing in the cooperative program in that same sport.
8. The LEA will be entitled to all League & Conference and NJSIAA awards; however, a disqualification will be assigned to the member school that the student-athlete attends.
9. The “participating” league or conference means the league or conference which assigns the regular season schedule for the requested sport.
10. Cooperating schools may include all school names on their uniforms.

Please review **Article III, Sections 10.D and 10.E** of the NJSIAA Bylaws for details on the CSP approval process.

The seasonal deadlines for a CSP application is as follows:

Fall sports:	January 15 th	Winter sports:	April 15 th	Spring sports:	September 15 th
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Lastly, the participating schools shall agree on the legal, financial, staff and personnel responsibilities of each school, including but not limited to, such considerations as transportation, release time, equipment, training, rules and medical, police, supervisory and custodial services.

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LEA School		Sport/ Gender	
Partner School #1		Application Date	
Partner School #2 *		Coop Name	

	School Enrollment Data			Sport Participant Data		
	Current Year	Prior Year	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Prior Year
LEA						
Partner #1						
Partner #2 *						
Total						

*Partner #2 is for Ice Hockey tri-school cooperative program only.

1.	New application or renewal to existing program?	
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2.	School years covered by co-op sports program application:	
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3.	Total distance between LEA and Partner school:	
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4.	Levels expected to offer (i.e. Varsity, JV, Freshman):	
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5.	Name of participating league or conference(s):	
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6.	Endorsed by “participating” league or conference(s) (Yes/No):	
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7.	Voting result of “participating” league or conference(s): (please indicate yes/no/abstain):	
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8.	“Participating” L&C Officer(s) Signature/Date:	
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9.	LEA Principal Signature/Date:	
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10.	Board of Education Approval Date:	
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11.	Partner Principal Signature/Date:	
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12.	Board of Education Approval Date:	
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13.	Partner Principal Signature/Date: (Ice Hockey tri-op only)	
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14.	Board of Education Approval Date:	
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15.	Cooperative Sports Committee Approval/Date:	
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16.	Cooperative Sports Program classification:	
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Cooperative Sports Committee, Chair		

17.	Cooperative Sports Appeals Committee Approval/Date:	
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18.	Cooperative Sports Program classification:	
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Cooperative Sports Appeals Committee, Chair		

19.	NJSIAA Executive Committee Approval Date:	
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President, NJSIAA Executive Committee		

Executive Director, NJSIAA		

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Please attach brief answers to the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. What is the primary purpose in your decision to submit a CSP application?
2. What are your anticipated participation numbers for all levels (Varsity, JV and Freshman)?
3. Has your school considered participating as a JV program only for one year?
4. If the partner schools is not within your “participating” league or conference, then please describe the steps taken to exhaust all options within your “participating” league or conference?
5. Please provide details on the participation levels of the youth recreation programs in the school communities for all involved schools.
6. If the CSP is approved, then do you anticipate a need to make roster cuts on any level?
7. Do you anticipate an increase in participation within the schools, or do you anticipate renewing a CSP? Please briefly describe your exit plan, if applicable.
8. Lastly, the Cooperative Sports Committee may reclassify the CSP for post-season participation. So, please indicate your suggested classification group to be considered by the Committee.

On behalf of the LEA school, I approve this completed application and written answers as attached.

Athletic Director

Principal

Superintendent