OSUSBC HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP

GUIDELINES

Student athletes are generally required to bowl with the school they attend. Home-schooled, e-schooled, Alternative School, and private school students are automatically eligible to bowl for the school within whose attendance boundaries they reside with their parent(s) or Guardian(s).

Alternative school and private school students are encouraged to create and enter a team from the school they attend, if possible.

If the school a student attends or whose attendance boundaries in which the student resides is unable to field a team, a Cooperative Sponsorship may provide the student with an opportunity to compete.

Cooperative Sponsorships are considered at the school level and are a matter of necessity, not convenience. The OSUSBC is dedicated to the growth of our sport and believes every high school athlete should be allowed the opportunity to compete and earn awards at the high school level.

When utilized, the co-op agreement is generally made for the school, not for an individual athlete. If a school is participating in a co-op agreement, all athletes from that school will generally participate with a single sponsoring school. The Cooperative Sponsorship Review Committee may consider special circumstances. Once a co-op agreement is approved, it will remain in place until the end of the current school year. Boys' and girls' teams are separate entities and will be considered separately.Co-ed (Open Division teams are not eligible for cooperative sponsorship except in extreme cases).

Prior to applying for a cooperative sponsorship, an athlete must make a diligent effort to create an independent team at his/her school as defined by OSUSBC High School Tournament guidelines. If the athlete is unable to form a team of at least five bowlers, the closest (by driving distance) participating school, as determined by the Cooperative Sponsorship Review Committee Chair, will be contacted to determine interest in a cooperative sponsorship. If the closest participating school waives/refuses the cooperative sponsorship, the next closest school will be contacted until a school agrees.

When all efforts have been unsuccessful in creating a high school team at the athlete's current school, application for cooperative sponsorship can be made to the OSUSBC Cooperative Sponsorship Review Committee (CSRC). See application and school approval forms. The CSRC will review each application and either approve or deny the application.

If, after an application has been approved, intentional deception by one or both parties is determined, penalties will apply. Protests must be submitted in writing within 48 hours to the CSRC.

Questions? E-mail – CSRC@osusbc.com or call – 503-621-7275

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Prior to applying for a Cooperative Sponsorship, an attempt must be made to establish a team at your school. The following steps must be completed AND documented:

1) Contact your school's Principal, Athletic Director, Activities Director, and/or Coach to determine interest and assistance at your school;
   a) If your school will not support or approve bowling as either a varsity or club sport, go to the application process, below.
2) Post a sign-up sheet at the school
3) Post a notice on your school's Facebook page and/or use other social media to recruit team members
4) Canvas your school to determine interest in bowling by making phone calls, posting flyers, conducting meetings, making announcements, etc.

All of these **steps MUST BE DOCUMENTED** in order for the committee to consider your application.

<u>Application Process</u>
If you are still unable to establish a team at your school AFTER following the above steps, you may apply for a Cooperative Sponsorship with another school as follows:

A. Determine the high school closest to your school by driving distance. Verify this determination with the CSRC Chair.
   a. If this school does not currently offer bowling or have a bowling team, you are encouraged to attempt to establish a team with them.
      i. If this is unsuccessful, determine the closest school to your school that does have a bowling team.
   b. If this school does have a bowling team, determine whether they qualify as a sponsoring team (see Sponsoring School Requirements);

EXCEPTION – The OSUSBC CSRC will honor a current OSAA-approved Co-op agreement. Documentation of the agreement is required for this exception.

B. Contact the Principal, Athletic Director, Activities Director, and/or Head Coach to determine if the school is interested in becoming a cooperating or sponsoring school;

C. Complete the application, including signatures of the Principals and/or Athletic Directors or Activities Directors from the participating schools. If you are unable to obtain approval from the schools, you may request assistance and a letter from the CSRC.

D. Submit the completed application forms, along with the required documentation to the CSRC no later than November 30th

OSUSBC recognizes all situations are not the same. **The goal is to have documentation showing every possible effort has been made to create a high school team at the school requesting a cooperative relationship.**

If, after an application has been approved, it is determined one or both parties participating on a cooperative team have intentionally deceived the review committee, penalties will occur. Team members will not be eligible for awards. The school/schools participating in the deception will lose their ability to apply for cooperative sponsorship or sponsor another school the following year.

<u>Sponsoring School Requirements</u>

A. Must not make “cuts”;
B. Bowlers from the sponsoring school may not be replaced by bowlers from the cooperating school;
C. A school may sponsor no more than 2 other schools;
D. Schools with 12 or more bowlers from their school are not eligible to sponsor another school unless no other option exists for the school without a team.

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APPLICATION

This Cooperative Sponsorship application form must be completed by the Sponsoring School AND the Cooperating School prior to submitting it to the OSUSBC Cooperative Sponsorship Review Committee for consideration.

Application Deadline – Application must be postmarked by January 7th.

Date of Application _____ OSUSBC High School District _____

School Year _____ City _____

Gender (circle one) – Boys / Girls
* Separate applications must be made for boys and girls teams

Name of Contact _____ Telephone _____

E-mail address for contact _____

Cooperating School making request _____
(This is the school that does NOT have a team)

Did your school have a team at the District Tournament in 2019? – Yes / No

If yes, explain why the school is unable to have a team this year - _____

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Did you obtain approval to organize a team from your Principal and/or Athletic/Activities Director? **Circle One** - Yes / No

If no, why not? _____

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Date that sign up sheet was posted at your school - _____

*** Attach copies of flyers posted, sign-up sheet, and documentation of social media postings. Application will not be considered without these.**

Describe steps taken to generate interest through social media

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Describe other steps taken to generate interest (i.e. flyers posted, school announcements, etc.)

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Indicate conditions prompting request for Cooperative Sponsorship

____ Requesting school has _____ bowler(s) interested in participation (**list names**)

_____ _____

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____ Requesting school is unable to obtain approval for a team from the school

____ Other, please explain _____

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<u>Cooperating School Approval</u> - Principal, Athletic Director, Activities Director, or other authorized Official

_____ _____
Printed Name Signature

_____ _____
Title Phone Number

_____
Email

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APPLICATION

The following to be completed by the **SPONSORING SCHOOL:**

School - _____

School Contact Name: _____

School Phone:_____ E-mail: _____

Important Note to Sponsoring School:
Bowlers who are students at the school you are sponsoring may NOT take the place of any bowlers from your school on your tournament roster. If it is found that this has occurred, your team may be disqualified.

Name of head coach - _____

Telephone - _____ E-mail - _____

I have read and understand the Cooperative Sponsorship Guidelines including the

"Important Note to Sponsoring School", above, and agree to follow all of these guidelines:

Signature of head coach: _____

Does your team make cuts? Yes / No

Number of bowlers currently scheduled to participate on this team from your school

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Add any notes you feel the CSRC should know when considering this application:

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List **current** roster below (this must be completed for the application to be considered):

(ONLY include bowlers from your school)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Attach an additional sheet, if necessary, to list more **current** team members.

<u>Sponsoring School Approval</u> - Principal, Athletic Director or other authorized Official

_____ Printed Name

_____ Signature

_____ Title

_____ Phone Number

_____ Email

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Submit the completed application and required documents to the OSUSBC Cooperative Sponsorship Review Committee for consideration:

By mail:
OSUSBC CSRC
PO Box 33256
Portland, OR 97292

By email: CSRC@osusbc.com

Receipt of this application will be confirmed within 7 days to the contact person listed.

If you have not been contacted by the CSRC within 7 days of submitting this application, contact Rebecca Cole at 503-621-7275 or CSRC@osusbc.com.

The Committee makes a decision for acceptance or denial of the application. The Committee Chair will notify the schools and the contact person of the decision.

OSUSBC Review Committee

Date received - _____

Decision Date - _____ Approved / Denied

Explanation of decision _____

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