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Athletic Policy-Sanctioning of Sports - Procedure

Oyster River Cooperative School District students, teachers, staff, or parents may initiate the process for establishing a new sport or expanding an existing sport. The following procedure will apply:

- All requests to establish a new sport/club or expand an existing sport/club will initially be presented to the athletic director and building principal to determine if the proposed activity is appropriate for the Oyster River extra-curricular/co-curricular program.
- If the proposal is potentially viable the principal and athletic director will provide suggestions to the group and meet again to finalize the concerns from principal and athletic director.
- Building principal and athletic director must recommend organization to continue forward with potential formation of organization.
- If recommended, the superintendent, principal, and athletic director will then gather information about the request for consideration as part of the approval process. The following elements are examined when considering the approval of a new sport/club or the expansion of an existing sport/club:
 1. Liability and safety.
 2. Compatibility with ORCSD policies and regulations.
 3. Compliance with Title IX and other applicable state and federal laws.
 4. Availability of practice and game facilities and space.
 5. Availability of local, same-level competition.
 6. Time and duration of season.
 7. Appropriateness for student group.
 8. Demonstrated need/interest in the new activity
 9. Ability to attract new participants.
 10. Timeliness of the request in relation to the ORCSD budget cycle and expense to District and participants.
 11. Availability of staff, including quality coaches and trainers.
 12. Availability of adequate administrative supervision.
 13. Sustainability over time.
 14. Availability of transportation.
- After consideration of above factors if the program merits it a recommendation will be made to school board by principal and athletic director.
- All clubs/sports will be evaluated annually by principal and athletic director and will determine the appropriate sanction level..