Minnesota Department of Education

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Assessment and Determination Worksheet

The following list of questions is intended to assist school districts in conducting the assessment and making the determination of whether an activity falls within its athletic program or within its interscholastic athletic program. These questions are derived from policy interpretations provided by OCR and from state law. Final determinations pertaining to Title IX implementation are often made by the courts or other tribunals. This worksheet is designed to enable school districts to copy and maintain assessment documentation for each activity. This worksheet, which must be accompanied by supporting documentation, should be available to MDE when a school district is monitored for civil rights compliance and when MDE evaluates the data contained in the athletic program reports submitted by the school districts.

Activity title: _____

Who administers the activity? Is it the athletic department? Does the activity have the same or similar relationship to the high school athletic department as current sports?

Does the District collect or maintain information that demonstrates the activity is included within the District's athletic department budget for uniforms, equipment, supplies, and other support given by the District to its interscholastic athletic teams?

How are the activity coaches selected and compensated? Is it the same or similar manner as coaches of current sports? Please describe.

How are the coaches/judges certified? Are the coaches/judges certified in a comparable manner to current sports?

What is the selection criterion for making the team? Is it based upon objective factors related primarily to athletic ability? Are non-athletic factors, such as leadership, appearance, and personality considered in selecting participants for the activity? And, if so, are the non-athletic ability criteria the primary basis for team selection for any current sports?

Does the activity have a defined season? If so, what is the season?

What is the number of practice sessions held during the season? Is the practice schedule comparable to current sports?

What is the number of competitive opportunities held during the season? How do the prescribed minimum number and average number of competitive opportunities for the activity's season compare with those prescribed in other sports? Does the activity prepare for and engage its participants in competition in the same way as other teams in the interscholastic athletic program?

What tournaments or post-season opportunities are available to the activity participants? What state, national, or conference championships exist for the activity?

Are participants in the activity eligible for varsity letters and similar awards available to athletes in the interscholastic athletic program?

Is the primary purpose of the activity athletic competition and not the support or promotion of other athletes? Is the activity a stand-alone activity as the primary event without being scheduled simultaneously with another event? Does the activity perform at halftime shows, pep rallies, or other support functions at the competitive events of the District's sports teams during the activity's competitive season?

Does the activity prepare for and engage its participants in competition in the same way as other teams in the interscholastic athletic program?

Does the activity fall within an organized conference under the auspices of the Minnesota State High School League? If so, what is the name of the organized conference(s)? Has a state conference rulebook or manual been adopted for the activity? Has a state regulation of competition officials along with standardized criteria upon which the competition may be judged been adopted for the activity?

Does the activity fall within an organized conference with other like teams in other schools operating under separate jurisdiction? If so, what is the name of the organized conference(s)?

Is the activity governed by a specific set of rules published by a state or national organization in the same or similar manner as current sports?