

## Procedure for adding a new interscholastic sport

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1. All requests to establish a new sport should be initially presented to the Athletic Director.
2. The Athletic Director should take the request to the Principal for consideration.
3. The Principal may take request to the Superintendent.
4. The Superintendent must give the OK for the data gathering process to continue.
5. The Superintendent informs the Athletic Committee of this proposal.
6. Consideration of liability, safety, and appropriateness
7. Compliance with Title IX. Would there be equal opportunities for both genders?
8. Equity. Will all students be able to reasonably afford personal expenses associated with participation?
9. Compliance with NJSIAA and GMC rules and regulations
10. Compatibility with budget cycle. A proposal must be submitted at least one year prior to the start of the particular sports season.
11. Facilities. Are there appropriate and safe on-site facilities? What are the ramifications if off-site facilities are necessary?
12. Expenses. The district should be prepared to fully fund the sport. Are the expenses similar to other sports? The financial estimate should address cost to district and personal costs incurred by families. District costs include: stipends, transportation, uniforms, equipment, fees, supervision, security, etc. Personal costs might include: practice clothing/gear, shoes, equipment, etc. If this is not a co-ed sport, then expense estimate should be doubled to accommodate both boys and girls teams.
13. Transportation.
14. Availability of appropriately training coaches.
15. Sustainability – participants over time as well as financial considerations
16. The Athletic Director brings the information gathered to the Principal.
17. The Principal may bring this information to the Superintendent
18. The Superintendent should share the information gathered (whether there is a recommendation or not) with the Athletic Committee.
19. If there is a recommendation, then the proposal should go to Finance Committee for consideration.
20. The recommendation to add the sport would be presented to the BOE as part of the winter budget process.
21. The BOE would grant an April approval of the budget with the new sport included for the upcoming school year.