

Warren County Sports Merger Proposal

Model Overview

The following points of emphasis provide an overview of each of the following sport merger models.

Sections in Models

- Section 1 - Identifies the sports that each high school will maintain in each season
- Section 2 - Identifies sports that will be combined into one county wide team
- Section 3 - Identifies sports that will be combined into two teams in the county when applicable

Key Information

The following is a recommendation that applies to each model.

- Practices on school days may be held later in the afternoon and/or evening to allow students safe, sufficient travel time to get to the practice site (transportation may be provided)
- Practices and scheduled events may be held at any of the schools within each cooperative agreement provided the facility is adequate (safety and space will be considered)
- Host schools will maintain their current league affiliation
- Host school name and colors will be used for team identity
- Transportation to away contests will be provided by the host school
- Cooperative agreements that do not create a change in classification may begin prior to the next 2 year cycle
- Paperwork for all cooperative agreements that will create a change in classification must be submitted by September 15, 2019 and will begin in the fall of 2020
- Paperwork for any cooperative agreement requesting to be dissolved will be submitted by September 15, 2019
- Coaching positions for all consolidated programs will be advertised as vacant
- All programs will be evaluated prior to a new enrollment cycle (every two years) and new cooperative agreements may be recommended

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Model B Modified

Model B Section 1

Each high school and middle school will retain the following sports in each season. The recommended sports are listed below with exceptions shown in parenthesis.

Fall Season – Football, Girls’ Volleyball, & Girls’ MS Basketball (YHS JV/V football co-op w/WAHS)

Winter Season – Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball, Wrestling (YHS and EMHS co-op in wrestling)

Spring Season – Girls’ and Boys’ Track

**The current Abraxas/Sheffield cooperative agreements will be hosted by SAMHS in football, wrestling, softball, and boys’ track. Sheffield will not form new geographic cooperative agreements with WAHS in wrestling and softball as outlined in section 3. Co-ops in boys’ and girls’ soccer, baseball, and cross country will continue with WAHS. The current football agreement between WAHS and YHS will continue over the next 2 year cycle and will come to an end at the conclusion of the 2019 fall season.

Model B Section 2

A cooperative agreement will continue with the boys and girls sports listed below with the host identified. Currently, a county wide cooperative agreement exists in boys and girls swimming/diving and golf. Tennis can be added as a county wide co-op when there is interest from the other schools.

- Swim/Diving (boys’/girls’) * Hosted by WAHS
- Golf (boys’/girls’) * Hosted by WAHS
- Tennis (boys’/girls’) Hosted by WAHS

* Already a county wide co-op

Model B Section 3

Cooperative agreements in certain sports will be set up geographically with Eisenhower Middle High School and Youngsville High School forming an agreement, and Warren Area High School and Sheffield Area Middle High School forming an agreement in the following sports. See ** above for exceptions to section 3.

- Soccer (boys’ and girls’) Hosted by WAHS and EMHS
- Cross Country Gr. 7-12 Hosted by WAHS and YHS
- Wrestling Gr. 7-12 Hosted by EMHS
- Softball Hosted by YHS
- Baseball Hosted by WAHS and EMHS

The middle school sports affected in this section are cross country and wrestling. It is recommended that these middle school sports follow this geographical format to form teams with the host school as listed in this plan. Each high school and middle school may offer cheer or competitive cheer if numbers allow. Cooperative agreements can be formed for cheer and competitive cheer if needed.

Change in Classification

The cooperative agreements listed below are based on current PIAA classification numbers. All cooperative agreements below in green will have a change in classification and cannot begin until August 2020. The required paperwork will need to be submitted on or before September 15, 2019 to District IX and X. All other cooperative agreements listed in plain text can begin anytime during the two year cycle once approved by the Warren County School District Board of Directors, District IX/X, and the PIAA.

- Boys' Soccer WAHS & SAMHS - No change in classification 3A *
- Football EMHS & YHS – Change in classification 1A to 2A (begins in 20-21)
- Girls' Soccer WAHS & SAMHS - No change in classification 3A *
- Boys' Soccer EMHS & YHS - No change in classification 2A *
- Girls' Soccer EMHS & YHS - No change in classification 1A *
- Boys' Cross Country WAHS & SAMHS - No Change in classification 2A *
- Girls' Cross Country WAHS & SAMHS - No change in classification 2A *
- Boys' Cross Country EMHS & YHS - No change in classification 1A
- Girls' Cross Country EMHS & YHS - No change in classification 1A
- Girls' Golf – 3A *
- Boys' Golf – 3A *
- Girls' Tennis – No change in classification 3A
- Boys' Tennis – Change from 2A to 3A
- Girls' Swimming and Diving – 3A *
- Boys' Swimming and Diving – 3A *
- Baseball WAHS & SAMHS - No change in classification 4A *
- Baseball EMHS & YHS - Change from 2A to 3A
- Softball YHS & EMHS- Change from 1A to 3A
- Wrestling EMHS & YHS - No change in classification 2A

* Co-op in place

Summary

To keep consistency in our programs, it is recommended that all future cooperative agreements within the WCSD follow the geographic model outlined in section 3. New cooperative agreements beginning in August of 2018 will involve EMHS and YHS in cross country and wrestling. In the spring of 2021, these two schools will also form agreements in baseball and softball. It is also recommended that the WAHS and YHS football agreement be dissolved after the completion of the 19-20 football season. To be consistent within this model, it is recommended that a football cooperative agreement be created between EMHS and YHS beginning in 20-21.

Estimated Cost Savings from Model B Modified

Salaries = \$20,721

Transportation = \$11,473

Officials = \$5,066

Event Costs = \$900

Estimated Savings = \$38,160

Estimated Cost Savings Implemented over a Two Year Period

Phase 1 Savings = \$18,551 (co-ops in cross country and wrestling in August 2018 pending PIAA approval)

Phase 2 Savings = \$19,609 (co-ops in baseball and softball in March 2021 and JH football in August 2020)

Estimated Savings = \$38,160