

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Procedures for Requesting a New Sport

Any parent, student, coach or other individual interested in starting a new sport at their school must submit a letter to either the Athletic Liaison or Principal of their school. The letter should include the new sport, the level of play, a petition signed by students who are interested in the sport, and the reason/s why the school should consider adding this sport to the current sports offered at the school

The Principal will bring the request to the attention of the Director of Athletics at which time they will have an open dialogue in regard to the logistics of starting the new sport at the school. Considerations include but are not limited to sufficient internal or external competition, budgetary constraints, number of participants that meet the minimum requirement to have a team, facilities, and supervision of the team for practices and competitions.

The Director of Athletics will share the information for adding a new team with the Quadrant Office to seek approval. If approved at the managers level, the Director of Athletics will work with the high school Principal and/or the Athletic Liaison to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to start the new sport at the school.

This information would be placed on the Worcester Public Schools athletics website under each of the seven high schools along with submitting the information to be added to the Worcester Public Schools Policies Handbook. The information would also be provided to the coaches at their mandatory preseason coaches' meeting and brought to the attention of the student athletes at the mandatory preseason wellness meetings.