

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

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NAC 385B.(392) Sanctioning of new sports by the Association.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.390, the Board may amend the list of designated sanctioned sports pursuant to the process outlined in this section.*
- 2. Any member school or representative who wishes to propose a new sport may do so by completing a form approved by the Association and submitting it to the Executive Director. The form shall include:*
 - (a) The proposed season the sport will take place;*
 - (b) Whether the sport will be offered for boys, girls or be coed;*
 - (c) The proposed individual and/or team contest limits;*
 - (d) The proposed minimum number of participants required to participate in the athletic program;*
 - (e) Any equipment and facilities required to participate in the sport;*
 - (f) The financial impact the sport will have on schools and school districts;*
 - (g) Considerations regarding facility availability, transportation, risk of injury, opportunities for all member schools to participate, possible roadblocks, and impact on existing sanctioned sports;*
 - (h) The rationale for the new sport and any third-party entities that may be involved in its implementation and funding; and*
 - (i) Any data regarding the number of member schools and pupils currently participating in the sport through an intramural program associated with the member school.*
- 3. As soon as practicable after receiving the proposal, the Executive Director shall include the proposal as a "Discussion" item at a Board of Control meeting.*
- 4. The Association shall collect interest surveys from all member schools before the following Board of Control meeting. The survey shall include:*
 - (a) The amount of student interest in the new sport;*
 - (b) Equity amongst boys and girls sports offered at the school with adding the new sport;*
 - (c) The impact of the new sport on existing sanctioned sport participation numbers; and*
 - (d) A determination on whether the member school will participate in the new sport if approved.*
- 5. The Association shall collect information from each public school district, charter school, and private school before presenting the proposal to sanction the sport at a Board of Control meeting. The information shall include:*
 - (a) Financial and logistical impact of the sport which may include, but is not limited to;*
 - (1) Equipment and uniforms;*
 - (2) Facilities costs for upgrades, rental, or any other cost associated with the facility required to participate in practices and contests;*
 - (3) Coaching personnel;*
 - (4) Transportation; and*
 - (5) Officials.*

6. *As soon as practicable after receiving the interest surveys and logistical information, the Executive Director or his/her designee shall present the information to the Board. The Board may approve, deny, or delay action on the proposal with consideration of any factor deemed relevant, which may include, but is not limited to:*
 - (a) The information provided in the proposal;*
 - (b) The interest surveys collected by the member schools;*
 - (c) The financial and logistical information collected by the public school districts, charter, or private schools;*
 - (d) The impact on Title IX compliance;*
 - (e) Whether or not other state high school associations sanction the sport; and*
 - (f) Whether the National Federation of State High School Associations publishes rules for interscholastic competition in the sport.*
7. *If the Board approves the proposal for a new sport, an implementation date shall be determined no sooner than one calendar year from the date of approval. Implementation of the new sport shall follow a progression over three years, which includes:*
 - (a) A “Pilot” year for member schools to begin offering the sport at the varsity level and competing against other member schools, but wherein no postseason contest will take place, followed by;*
 - (b) A “Develop” year for member schools to begin offering the sport at other levels, if applicable, or continue to grow the varsity program, but wherein no postseason contest will take place, followed by;*
 - (c) A “Full Implementation” year, after final Board approval, where all levels of the sport may be offered, if applicable, and a postseason state tournament takes place.*
 - (d) The ability for the Board to adjust the initial placement of the proposed sport on the continuum pursuant to this subsection.*
8. *If at any time during the identified three stages of implementation, the number of participating schools drops to 50% or less of the original total, the Board will require an additional year at the previous stage. If the number of participating schools does not increase to over 50% of the original total during the additional year, the proposed sport will not be advanced to the Board for a vote.*
9. *Schools participating in the implementation process for a new sport must provide reports to the Association for review by the Board during the “Pilot” and “Develop” years. The report may include, but is not limited to:*
 - (a) Participation numbers;*
 - (b) Competitive structure and balance;*
 - (c) Student and school engagement;*
 - (d) Logistical challenges;*
 - (e) Geographic distribution of competition;*
 - (f) Financial sustainability; and*
 - (g) Facility usage.*

10. The Board shall evaluate and vote on “Full Implementation” after the “Develop” year, or after any additional years required pursuant to subsection 9. The approval for “Full Implementation” must be for the first year of a realignment cycle.