

SECTION 19 – *CO-OP TEAMS*

- A. The Southern Lakes Conference views the role of a cooperative team as one of assisting schools to develop and sponsor individual teams. The Southern Lakes Conference recognizes that cooperative teams provide opportunities for students who do not have programs in their home schools, but the conference owes its first allegiance to students of its member schools. With this in mind the following criteria are required for approval.
- a. SLC is committed to our conference students who wish to participate in a co-op and will have top priority.
 - b. SLC will honor present co-op schools contracts and participation.
 - c. SLC will follow the WIAA procedures when co-op contracts are renewed every two years.
 - d. The principals will approve every two years renewal of co-op applications.
- B. Co-ops
- a. Per WIAA guidelines, the schools involved must be in the same geographical area.
 - b. The agreement for a cooperative team must specify two school years, but that agreement may be terminated by the WIAA Board of Control and/or the Southern Lakes Conference for documented extenuating circumstances.
 - c. Applications for initial approval, or renewal of a cooperative team, must include a completed and signed cooperative request form, reflecting:
 - i. Approval of involved schools.
 - ii. Approval of involved board(s) of education or governing body.
 - iii. Approval of Southern Lakes Conference and/or conference in which the cooperative team will participate.
 - d. Total enrollment of schools involved in cooperative team will determine classification of competition in WIAA tournament series.
 - e. A cooperative agreement requires majority approval of all conference schools involved in that sport.