



Softball Cooperative Sport Proposal



NJSIAA By-Laws for Cooperative Sports Program

The purpose of a Cooperative Sports Program is to provide opportunities for participation when none would otherwise exist, as for instance when a school lacks a particular program or when a school has declining enrollment in a particular program.

Under no circumstances is a CSP to be used for purposes of creating a stronger or more competitive team, or as an excuse for eliminating an otherwise viable athletic program.

Primary Purpose for the Cooperative Softball Program

1. Declining participation numbers
2. Safety Concerns due to player lack of experience

Decline in Participation Numbers

Registration at secondary schools

School	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
HSN	33	30	29	23	16
HSS	26	21	21	14	15
CMS	-	-	15	30	23
GMS	-	-	23	22	26

MS numbers includes- 6,7,8 grade

Current Numbers-2021

High School North: 16 students (2 - 12th graders; 5 - 11th graders; 4 - 10th graders; 5 - 9th graders)

Community Middle School: 25 (9 - 8th graders; 9 - 7th graders; 7 - 6th graders)

High School South: 15 students (6 ; 12th graders; 1 - 11th graders; 4 - 10th graders; 3 - 9th graders)

Grover Middle School: 26 Students (4 - 8th grades; 5 - 7th graders; 16 - 6th graders)

2022- High School Team Projections

High School North- 22 players

- 13 returning players
- 9 graduating from CMS

High School South- 8 players

- All returning players

*4 graduating 8th graders from GMS will attend private schools

WW-P Recreation Softball

- **Steady decline since 2007- 68% decrease**
 - 2007- 187 players
 - 2018- 84 players
 - 2019- 71 players
 - 2020- 64 players
 - 2021- 51 players- includes 9 from Cranbury merger
- **Current Breakdown - K-7th grade**
 - 15 at K-2 Level
 - 21 at 3-4
 - 23 at 5-7
- **Number of Teams at Major/Minor Level**
 - 2007- 14 teams
 - 2017 and on, no more than 6 teams
- **District All Star Team**
 - No team at 8U and 9U levels
 - Unable to field U-10 Level
 - 12 players for U12 District All Star Team

Safety Concerns

- Level of Experience 4 years or more
 - HSN- 5 players
 - CMS-8 players (5- 8th grade; 2 -7th grade 1- 6th grade)
 - HSS- 7 players
 - GMS- 11 players
- Specialized positions
 - Pitchers
 - HSN- 3 (2 incoming 9th graders, 1 senior)
 - HSS- 2 pitchers (1 Senior, 1 Junior)
 - Catchers
 - HSN- 1 Catchers- (1 Senior)
 - HSS 2 catchers (1 Junior, 1 Sophomore)

Actions taken previously to increase participation

- Added 6th grade eligibility at the middle school level
- West Windsor-Plainsboro Softball Rivalry Nights at Ward Field
 - Double headers CMS/GMS followed by North/South game
- Merger of WWLL with Cranbury
- 2021- A and B Team at the middle school level
 - Teaching fundamentals skills to novice players

CVC has already approved the possibility of a WW-P North and WW-P South Softball Co-Op

Next Steps

1. Presentation and Approval from the Board Of Education
2. Submission of the Cooperative Sports Program Application to the NJSIAA-
September 15 deadline
3. Committee Hearing with the NJSIAA Cooperative Sports Committee