



Jackson Public School District Department of Athletics

Process for Requesting New Sports

Students, teachers, staff or parents may initiate the process for establishing a new sport or expanding an existing sport to another level. The steps listed below will be followed.

All requests to establish a new sport must initially be presented to the Executive Director of Athletics, Mr. Clinton Johnson.

The Executive Director of Athletics will take the request to the school principal for comment and approval for consideration.

The District's administration will gather information about each of the elements for consideration of the proposal for approval or disapproval. The following elements are considered in the approval of a new sport or the expansion of an existing sport:

1. Liability and safety
2. Compatibility with Jackson Public School District and Mississippi High School Activities Association policies and procedures
3. Compliance with Title IX and other applicable laws
4. Availability of practice and game space
5. Availability of same-level competition locally
6. Appropriateness for student group
7. Demonstrated need/interest in the new activity
8. Timeliness of the request in relation to the Jackson Public School District budget cycle
9. Availability of staff (including sponsors, coaches and trainers)
10. Availability of adequate administrative supervision
11. Sustainability over time
12. Availability of transportation

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