

NEPN/NSBA CODE: JJI
TITLE: PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS
AUGUSTA CODE/TITLE: SAME

Augusta's current policy is nearly identical to the MSMA sample that was distributed in the September 2006 bulletin, "*Sports in Schools: A Policy Perspective*." This policy serves as the foundation for all of the sports-related policies in the revised manual.

The Board's philosophy will influence the way programs are approved and evaluated, the selection of coaches, academic eligibility standards, conduct expectations of students, relations with booster groups, spectator behavior and the school system's approach to other issues. On the administrative side, the Board's philosophy will (or should) influence the Athletic Director and coaches' approach to issues such as playing time and "cuts."

We noted that Augusta has a separate policy (IGDA in the current manual but recoded as JJA in the revised manual) that governs approval of student organizations including club teams. The Board should be aware that we have addressed club sports in policy JJIB, Sponsorship and Evaluation of Athletic Programs, because of the philosophical aspects, the frequency of parent/booster involvement, and other considerations such as gender equity that are not as common in the formation of traditional student clubs and organizations.

We have also included for the Board's review some other athletic policies that were not in Augusta's current manual. Because of the relationship between policy JJI and policies ✓ JJIA, Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities, JJIB, Sponsorship and Evaluation of Athletic Programs; JJIBA, Hiring and Evaluation of Coaches; JJIBB, Sportsmanship; and JJIBC, Relations with Booster Groups, the Board or its Policy Committee may find it helpful to discuss all of these documents at the same meeting to maintain consistency across policies. Cross-references should be checked so that the notations refer only to those policies that the Board chooses to adopt.

Rationale: