



SoWashCo Nordic Ski & Dance MSHSL Cooperatives

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Cooperative Agreement



An agreement between two or more schools to join together to form a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) team.

Most common reasons for a cooperative is due to low numbers, facilities and/or resources.

Requirements:

- Section Approval
- School Board Approval
- MSHSL Approval
- Renewal required after 2 years to continue or dissolve



PWER Nordic Co-op

PARK

WOODBURY

EAST RIDGE



POWER Current Situation



1. 3 schools, assigned to 2 sections for competition
2. We have asked MSHSL to be placed in the same section
3. POWER is scored as one team in Suburban East Conference competition
4. POWER trains and races as one team all season long, separating only for sections.
5. POWER Team has lower numbers than most other SEC Schools.

PWER Current Situation



6. Scoring challenges at section races

- Some skiers are not able to compete the challenging section race course due to the field of top level skiers. Thus, we are not fielding complete teams.

7. Logistical difficulties with equipment and coaches due to 2 section meets on the same day.

- Park is in Section 1
- East Ridge and Woodbury are in Section 3

Cooperative Approval Outcomes



1. Field full teams in competition
2. Appropriate and safer section racing conditions for all skiers, both PWER and opponents.
3. Improved team moral and chemistry during the year
4. Higher placement at section races
5. Better opportunity for recruitment of future nordic skiers



Current Nordic Ski Numbers



	Girls	Boys
East Ridge	7	14
Park	5	10
Woodbury	6	8



Current Nordic Ski Cooperatives

- Prior Lake/New Prague
- Eastview/Rosemount
- Burnsville/Shakopee
- Lakeville South/Lakeville North
- Bloomington Kennedy/Bloomington Jefferson
- Richfield/Holy Angels



Prior to School Board Approval



1. Zoom Meeting with families and students at the end of 23-24 school year.
2. Follow up email to families and students.
 - a. 100% of parents surveyed approved
3. Section approval



Questions?

Dance Cooperative

Winter Competition Dance

- Varsity and Junior Varsity Jazz
- Varsity and Junior Varsity Kick
- MSHSL – must have a minimum of 5 dancers to compete in varsity

Current Dance Situation in 23-24

1. East Ridge – has not hosted a team for the past three years
 2. Park – 6 athletes
 3. Woodbury – 12 athletes participated
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- The average team size in SEC during the 2023-24 season was 18 dancers.

Cooperative Approval Outcomes



1. Athletes from all district schools have an opportunity to participate in dance team.
2. We form a team that is comparable in size to other conference teams.
3. We are able to have a Junior Varsity team for our developing athletes.
4. A larger number of dancers creates greater opportunity for higher scores in “visual effectiveness” and “difficulty of formations,” which are both categories on the scoresheet.

Current Dance Team Cooperatives

- Blaine/Legacy Christian Academy
- Osseo/Park Center
- Rogers/Elk River
- St Cloud Apollo/St Cloud Tech



Prior to School Board Approval



Woodbury surveyed Dance Families:

- Woodbury Families felt this would create better opportunities, support and recognition for the team.
- Due to low numbers Park would not field a team this year and Coach suggested cooperative.

Questions?

thanks!