

Students

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**SUBJECT: MIXED COMPETITION REVIEW PANEL GUIDELINES**

Upon a request to the school authorities for a student to participate in mixed competition, as provided in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, a review panel shall be formed. The Athletic Director should coordinate the activities of the review panel. The information reported on the *Individual Athletic Profile for Mixed Competition* (Form #7420F.2), shall be used by the review panel in making a determination.

Completing the Athletic Profile**Part I: School Information**

Fill in the information as indicated.

Review Panel

- 1) A *school physician* and a *physical education teacher* (designated by the Principal) shall serve on the review panel as school representatives. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student shall also be given the option of having a *physician of choice* serve on the panel. If the parent(s)/guardian(s) elects not to have a physician on the panel and a disagreement on the determination of participation by the student develops, the parent(s)/guardian(s) should be so advised. If the parent(s)/guardian(s) still opts not to select a physician for the panel, it is recommended that the School Principal appoint another physician so there are two physicians and a physical education teacher on the panel as intended by Commissioner's Regulations.
- 2) The review panel should convene as soon as feasible in order to give the student a reasonable opportunity for an early tryout for the team, if approved to do so.

Part II: Student Information

The Athletic Director should be responsible for providing the panel with all available information.

Part III: Physical Education and Medical History

- 1) The information on the physical education history of the student should be obtained from the physical education teachers who have had the student in classes.
- 2) The school registered professional nurse should provide the information on the medical history of the student by reference to the available health records.

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- 1) The school physician shall provide the information obtained as part of the normal health examination for participation in athletics.
- 2) The developmental age or maturity level of the student can be established by using the Developmental Screening Procedures used in the Selection/Classification Program.
- 3) A determination of general body type should be made by the physician during the health examination. Comments on joint structure would also be helpful.
- 4) If the school physician determines during the health examination that the student has a physical impairment which would make it unsafe for the student to participate in the sport, the review panel need not convene.

Part V: Athletic Performance Testing (Fitness)

- 1) The Athletic Performance Test used in the Selection/Classification Program should be used as a means of assessing the student's fitness level.
- 2) Scores achieved on this test shall be recorded on the profile form where indicated. The test should be administered by a physical education teacher.
- 3) When reviewing the test scores, the panel needs to be made aware that the relative importance of the test item to the demands of the sport in question is reflected in Selection/Classification Standards.
- 4) When reviewing the test scores, the panel should refer to the standards related to the sex of the team and the level of play at which the student wishes to play.
- 5) *The Athletic Performance Standards of the Selection/Classification Program are not intended as qualifying or disqualifying scores for mixed competition. The scores that appear in the chart are not absolute requirements for the panel to consider. The scores only provide a reference as to what could normally be found among the members of the team for that sex at that level of play. If the scores of the student differ from the standards, the panel should assess the significance of that difference for the student being considered. Known strengths and abilities of the team in question should also be considered.*

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- 1) Once the decision of the panel has been made, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised.
- 2) A "YES" decision means that the student may tryout for the team. The coach will then either allow the student to remain on the team or be dropped by using the normal tryout criteria used for all other students trying out for the team.
- 3) *The panel decision applies only to the sport and season for which the application was made. Subsequent seasons or sports will require another review.* Therefore, all students that have been previously approved to participate in a mixed competition situation *must* be reapproved each season for each sport in which he/she wishes to participate. This practice is predominantly a safety issue as it is evident that a student's athletic profile could change dramatically from one year to the next. Participation in mixed competition in any other sports or levels will again require panel approval.