

OHSET

Excellence in Equestrian Athletics

2017-18 Coaches & Advisors Training
 Redmond, OR 10/07
 Canby, OR 11/18




Cooperative Sponsorship (Co-Ops)

- Cooperative Sponsorship should not be for convenience, but due to necessity
- Before applying for a Co-Op, a diligent effort must be made to create an OHSET Team at the school
- Document all steps take to try and create a team at the school, including those that did not work




Co-Op Guidelines (cont.)

- Typical steps to demonstrate effort taken to create an OHSET Team include:
- Contact with school officials to test interest, gain assistance, and verify if the school will approve an OHSET team
- Canvassing of the school to create interest in OHSET
 - Flyers
 - Phone Calls
 - Lunch meetings
 - Radio Announcements
 - School Announcements




Co-Op Guidelines (cont.)

- Plan an evening meeting place and time and invite all interested athletes & parents
- Show OHSET promotional information to stimulate the interest in OHSET
- Ask for a spot on the next school district board meeting
- Get the local horse community to attend the board meeting to support your efforts



Co-Op Guidelines (cont.)

- Remember that only three things are needed to qualify as a team
- One rider + Advisor + School approval as a high school varsity team or high school club sport
- OK to share practice arenas, advisors, and coaches
- If you have diligently exhausted all options with little or no response, cannot create a school team, or the school will not allow a team, then and only then does the cooperative team become an option



Cooperative Sponsorship Process

- Each application evaluated and voted on based on individual merit
- Only Schools, Districts or State organizations may apply for cooperative sponsorship, not families or individuals
- Recruitment of athletes is to be strongly discouraged; any applications with that intent will be denied



Standard Co-Ops

- Sponsoring school team members – less than ten (10) athletes
- Applying school team members– less than five (5) athletes
- Applying schools request a Co-Op with the nearest school in their OHSET district that fields an OHSET Team



Standard Co-Ops – Approval Process

- Authorized school official of the sponsoring school must sign the application
- Authorized school official of the applying school must be informed of the application
- Completed application reviewed for approval at the next board meetings, district and State.
- Approved Co-Ops are for one year



Co-Ops -- Questions?

