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| Selecting a Sport Board |

The Sport Board is a student group that assists the teacher with ensuring high quality sport experiences for all students. Having students participate in the process of selecting Sport Board members offers a great opportunity for all students to be involved in shaping a governing body for the sport season, and, thus, have greater ownership in the total sport experience. This can be a unique and very powerful feature of a Sport Education season, especially in secondary school programs.

Once the students and you gain some experience with doing Sport Education, we encourage you to start using a Sport Board. When guided and instructed well, the Sport Board is an excellent group that can help make important decisions for the season, assist you, take on more responsibility; and allows your students to not be solely dependent on you.

You must give careful attention to how you will introduce the students to: a) the function and expectations of the Sport Board, b) the process of selecting the Sport Board members, and the process used to have Sport Board members select teams.

***Following are several suggestions for establishing Sport Board:***

1. ***Wait with including a Sport Board until you and your students have completed several full Sport Education seasons. They will be better prepared to take on more ownership when they have mastered some initial levels of responsibility.***
2. ***The Sport Board selection should occur during the very first lesson of a new season.***
3. ***The number of Sport Board members generally should equal the number of teams involved in the competition.***
4. ***The process for selecting Sport Board members should be clearly explained (for a brief overview of how this process can be shaped see below).***
5. ***Regardless of which selection process is used, teachers should provide a clear overview of the types of skills, dispositions and expectations that come with being an effective Sport Board member.***
6. ***Given the critical role of the Sport Board, this overview of expectations should occur prior to the actual selection process.***
7. ***Across multiple seasons, be sure that Board membership changes regularly. You want to avoid having the same students serve in this capacity.***

***How To Select the Sport Board***

Depending on your knowledge of the student group, either one of the following processes can be used to select the Sport Board:

1. Students can ***Volunteer*** for Board Membership;
2. Students ***Apply*** for Board Membership; or
3. Students ***Vote*** for Board Member Nominees.

A brief step-by-step explanation for each process follows below:

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| Students Volunteer for Board Membership |
| ***When using the volunteer approach, you will want to:***   1. Announce the number of volunteers that you need. 2. If you need six volunteers, ask for six volunteers to come in front of the class. 3. If more students come forward than needed, have all volunteers turn away from the rest of the group. 4. By the raising of hands, the rest of the group can then be asked to “voice” their opinion on the best candidates. |

***NOTE***

The process of asking for volunteers is arguably the quickest means of selecting members. This may be an important factor!

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| Students Apply for Board Membership |
| When using this process, you will want to:  1. Provide students sufficient time to learn about the Sport Board role, functions and duties. 2. Publish role description and expectations (e.g., by posting them on the Sport Education Bulletin Board) 3. Give students time to fill out the “Job Application” (see next page). 4. You would select the best candidates, according to the expectations, your knowledge of the applicants and any previous experience. |

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| Sport Board Member Application Form |
| ***Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class period: \_\_\_\_\_***  ***Sport: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** |
| Why I Would Be An Effective Sport Board Member |
| Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| ***Students Vote for Board Member Nominees*** |
| When having students cast votes, you will want to:   1. Using the form shown on the next page, have students provide nominations for possible Sport Board members (Students should be allowed to nominate themselves!). 2. Post the nominations. 3. Provide all class members with a piece of paper. Given the posted nominations, each student would then list, in order of preference from more to less, the names of those people they believe would serve effectively in that role. 4. You would select the best candidates, according to the expectations, your knowledge of the applicants and any previous experience. 5. After the votes have been cast, count all the votes. If you need five members, you would then announce the five people who received most votes. |

SPORT BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

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