

Soccer questions

Questions that have come up.

1. Can we get this accomplished before spring?
 - a. No---Practice starts March 10th--Generally you have to let the IAHSAA know sometime during the previous year (I think April 30) if starting a new sports program. They will occasionally make exceptions--but we would also have no contests scheduled and other schools have their schedules set. When creating a schedule, you also have to find registered officials to work them and they are all likely already booked for this year. Also, I'm not sure where they would play/practice this year with the project going on. The new fields will not be ready by early spring.

2. Where would we get a coach and what would that cost?
 - a. We would advertise and see who applies. Based on the numbers--they would likely want now or in the future an assistant as well. That would be in line with our other activities. They would go on our contract amount. A brand new head coach with no experience would cost \$3,735 plus FICA/IPERs/Etc. A brand new assistant would cost \$2,716. They receive \$100 to \$150 per year step raise for 9 years. Depending on numbers they could need two head coaches (boys and girls) and two assistants. Coaching salaries are general fund expenses.

3. What would be a close estimate of start-up costs?
 - a. Soccer Goals \$2,300 to \$3,640 per goal--\$200 for corner flags--\$27 for lineman flags--\$1,500 for paint and fertilizer—headgear \$60 per player—Uniforms \$3,000—soccer balls \$50 each—looking at the low range it looks like \$10,327 in initial costs. Headgear is not required—but becoming more recommended with the emphasis on concussions—start up costs do not include any headgear.

4. Where would the start up money come from?

The group has said they would raise and pay for any start-up costs. If they didn't, it would have to come from the activity fund as it cannot come from any place else.

5. What would we charge to get into games?
 - a. Our standard \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. These are not well attended outside of parents and family members.

6. Would our team be boys, girls, Co-Ed? What details would change with those three options?
 - a. Most schools start with Co-ed as they don't know what their numbers may be. This is a little confusing because what it really means is we will have a boys team with girls on it. There really isn't a Co-Ed league or class--the boys association allows girls to play on its teams. So we will likely play some if not most boys only teams. The parents know this. If numbers grow, the expectation is that we would eventually go to a boys team and a girls team. Which would be another set of start-up costs for uniforms, balls, etc.

7. If the gate receipts are not enough to cover the costs what do we do?
 - a. This happens now with some activities--Cross Country, Golf, Speech, etc. The gate receipts from other activities, booster clubs, activity tickets, and concession stand sales have to pay for any activities that don't generate revenue or enough revenue to cover their costs. Football and basketball receipts carry a lot of the other activities. Except for one special exception (certain safety items), general fund monies cannot be used to fund extra-curricular programs.

8. Enrollment by grade level with a five year projection:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Seventh	73	66	62	72	61	64
Eighth	77	73	66	62	72	61
Ninth	70	89	85	77	72	85
Tenth	87	70	87	82	77	72
Eleventh	74	87	70	87	82	77
Twelfth	99	74	87	70	87	82
Total	480	459	457	450	451	441

7th and 8th doesn't include St. Joe's. Simple cohort numbers are used to project.

9. The coach's salary would come out of the general fund? What would they get paid? Do we need more than one coach?
 - a. Yes, coaching salary is a general fund expense. If it was a first year coach, the salary would be \$3,735 plus taxes. If we had a boys and a girls team that would require two head coaches. One for each team. If we went with a single co-ed team, it may be one coach, but I suspect we may have a lot of participants and would need an assistant. We've generally said if there is 30 participants on a team, we would also have an assistant coach.

10. Will we have to provide an athletic trainer? Will that cost us more? Will they have the manpower to cover the event?
- As a contact sport I would assume we would try our very best to get coverage for soccer games. The cost for a trainer is \$25 per hour of event coverage. This fall we just paid a bill for 102 hours or \$2550. We will pay around \$1500 each for Winter and Spring coverage currently to finish out the year. We typically pay around \$6000 for training coverage, which is paid out of the activities budget. We have a great trainer in Maggie Peterson and relationship with Mercy Medical. They do their best to have coverage at the events that are listed within the contract agreement.
11. Will we be spreading our AD too thin? Trying to cover golf, track, trapshooting, and soccer?
- In my opinion, as I am currently in this role I think we would be spreading the role of the athletic director too thin. This is only one facet of the position, I am also asked to do some day-to-day operational duties at the high school. For example, discipline, attendance, cover as the “Assistant Principal” when Sarah is out. I am fearful of burnout as there are not enough days I get to go home and see my own kids before they are off to bed. Don’t get me wrong someone could be hired to supervise game events but that is another added cost. On average I would say I am here at school 10 hours a day now so yes I would like I would be getting spread very thin.
12. What will it cost to set up a new soccer field?
- See question 3 above.
13. What will officials cost per game?
- Officials typically cost around \$120 plus mileage (.39 per mile one way). I have heard from schools that hire officials that you can expect to pay around \$400 - \$500 per set of three officials on any given night. Tournament officials would get paid a little bit more depending on what the assignor’s rate would be. Official’s fees are set from where they are assigned out of Cedar Valley, Rochester, and Cedar Rapids.
14. Is it possible to put together the past 3 years of activities budget to see how much “extra” we have currently at the end of the year that isn’t already accounted for in an account that is the sports money?
- Ending balances for activity fund that are not in specific activity, club, or camp accounts
 - 2018 \$14,324.53
 - 2017 \$8,095.23
 - 2016 \$946.63
15. Does Christy feel we can handle another spring sport on the transportation end?
- In visiting with her, she feels she can make it work as this isn’t the busiest time of year for her.
16. Could we have a volunteer soccer coach?
- Yes, we could have a volunteer coach. This would be the same as Trapshooting.

17. What are the logistical challenges this creates at the AD level that we probably aren't thinking of?
 - a. I think we've talked about most—the two biggest concerns are the additional time for supervision, ticket takers, etc. and regularly finding the funds to run another program. Last year we spent \$464,336 in activities.

18. How would it work if we did share the program with another school? Ex-if there was a shortfall between costs and gate receipts--can that be split?
 - a. When sharing with other schools--some take the total costs less gate receipts and divide the total costs by the number of students in the program and then each school pays that amount per student to cover the excess costs. We would have to outline that in our sharing agreement.