

**Coop Name Recommendation for NDHSAA Board**  
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Our current system of naming cooperative sponsorships does not work with current technology. Coops are tied together on our website by name. Schools may have 5 sports or activities that are cooped with the same two schools named 5 different names. This is confusing for people going to our website and confusing for new administrators and coaches coming in to our member schools. After considerable discussion among NDHSAA staff and many member schools, I would like to recommend the following:

- 1) NDHSAA re-design cooperative sponsorship application to include one form that must be signed by all participating schools.
- 2) New Coops
  - a) Set parameters for coop names
    - i) Coops must have the same coop name for all activities among same schools
    - ii) Coop should not include mascot name.
    - iii) Cannot have only nickname as a coop name as name alone is not descriptive enough.
      - (1) Example: "Titans" may be  
Dickinson Trinity & New England or TGU Towner & TGU Granville or Valley-Edinburg
    - iv) Can't be just letters:
      - (1) Examples: SC/NS (Sargent Central – North Sargent) or S-OG (Shanley – Oak Grove)
    - v) If a coop exists between two schools and a third school is added, the first two schools names must remain the same. It is up to the discretion of the participating schools whether they want to append the coop name to include the new school.
    - vi) Schools may be added to existing coops with no change of coop name.
    - vii) Schools will identify the host school for each sport/activity on the NDHSAA website.
  - 3) Established Coops
    - a) Multiple coops between the same schools must have same name.
    - b) Clean up existing coops removing duplicate/similar coop names
    - c) For schools with similar names, one will be chosen based on NDHSAA records.
    - d) NDHSAA will use coop name of record as the coop name unless changed. If changed, must have agreement of all schools and school boards involved in the coop and NDHSAA Board approval.
    - e) Schools will identify the host school for each sport/activity on the NDHSAA website.

## Considerations:

- 1) Considered recommendation of using Host School Name Only:
  - a) Not a good system as media is familiar with coop names. NDHSAA needs to be consistent with what the public is using for names so patrons can find coops.

## Examples of Coop Names: Different names for same combination of schools:

Golf	WESTHOPE	NEWBURG		WESTHOPE
TR	WESTHOPE	NEWBURG		WESTHOPE-NBRG
GBB	Westhope	Newburg		Westhope/Newburg
BBB	Westhope	Newburg		Wsthp/Nwbrg Sioux
FB	Westhope	NEWBURG	Melita	WESTHOPE-NEWBURG
BAB	St. Thomas	Valley	Drayton	St. Thomas/Valley/Drayton
TR	St. Thomas	Valley	Drayton	Drayton/St. Thomas/Valley
FB	Drayton	St. Thomas	Valley	Drayton/St. Thomas /Valley Blue Knights
VB	Burke Central	Bowbells		BCB Aces
Speech	Burke Central	Bowbells		Bowbells/Burke Central
GBB	DRAKE	Anamoose		Butte/Drake/Anamoose
VB	Drake	Anamoose		Tri-County Raiders
FB	Drake	Anamoose	McClusky/Gdrch	Tri-County Raiders
Speech	Drake	Anamoose		Anamoose/Drake
Music	Drake	Anamoose		Drake/Anamoose Raiders
TR	Anamoose	McClusky	Goodrich	Sheridan Co./Anamoose
EDGELEY	KULM			EDGELEY-KULM
Edgeley	Kulm			Edgeley/Kulm Rebels
Ellendale	Edgeley	Kulm		Thunder
TR	GARRISON	MAX		GARRISON/MAX
Golf	Garrison	Max		Garrison
Speech	Garrison	Max		Garrison/Max Troopers
WR	Hillsboro	Central Valley		Hillsboro
TR	Hillsboro	Central Valley		Hillsboro/CV
WR	Killdeer	Halliday		Killdeer/Halliday Cowboys
Speech	Killdeer	Halliday		Killdeer/Halliday
GBB	Killdeer	Halliday		Killdeer Cowboys
FB	LAMOURE	Marion/Litchville		LaMoure
TR	LaMoure	Litchville/Marion		L-L-M Loboes
Bab	LaMoure	Litchville-Marion		Lamoure/L-M Loboes
BBB	Litchville-Marion	Monpelier		L-M-M Rebels
TR	Litchville/Marion	MONTPELIER		LMM
GBB	Litchville/Marion	MONTPELIER		MARION-MONTPELIER
WR	Larimore	Midway		Larimore Polar Bears
BaB	Larimore	Midway		Larimore/Midway Polar Bears
BBB	Leeds	Minnewaukan		Minnewaukan-Leeds-Lions
TR	Leeds	Minnewaukan	Maddock	Benson Co. Track or Western Benson Co.
FB	Leeds	Minnewaukan	Maddock	Benson Co. Wildcats

Bismarck or Century – special problem with this coop – show up as coop between these two schools.