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Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference

Attn: Cooperative Team Committee
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

Subject: Appeal of Cooperative Team Committee Decision – Northeast Shamrocks

Dear Members of the CIAC Cooperative Team Committee,

I am writing to formally appeal the recent decision of the CIAC Cooperative Team Committee to deny the request for continuation/approval of the **Northeast Shamrocks** cooperative hockey team. On behalf of the participating schools, I respectfully request that the CIAC Cooperative Team Committee review and reconsider this decision.

The cooperative team provides student-athletes from multiple schools in our region with the only viable opportunity to participate in ice hockey at the interscholastic level. The participating schools have consistently demonstrated compliance with all CIAC policies and have maintained full transparency in roster reporting, equitable participation, and adherence to eligibility standards. The program has operated successfully in fostering sportsmanship, participation, and school representation across communities.

This year we requested to add Cheney Tech to our cooperative team. Cheney Tech has expressed that there are three student athletes who are looking for a place to play. We feel as though the Northeast Shamrocks would be the logical fit for these student athletes, because of the location of the school to our ice rink in Bolton. The number of student athletes would still comply with the CIAC cooperative team policy outlined in the handbook. We anticipate Rockville and Coventry will have the most student athletes of any school with six. We anticipate no more than 26 total student athletes. The policy states that one school cannot have more than 15 student athletes and no more than 30 student athletes among all the schools involved in the cooperative team (Page 65). I've attached the entire policy in the email sent on 10/21/25 for your review.



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The Northeast Shamrocks have a strong record of academic eligibility, sportsmanship, and community representation — all in alignment with the CIAC's mission to promote educational athletics.

We believe that maintaining this cooperative aligns with both the spirit and intent of the CIAC's cooperative team policy — ensuring equitable access to athletic opportunities for all Connecticut students, regardless of school size or resources. We respectfully request that the CIAC Cooperative Team Committee review our application and reconsider the decision.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal and your continued support of student-athletes across the state. Please let me know if additional documentation or data would assist in your review.

Sincerely,
Jeff Farrell
Athletic Director, Rockville High School
On behalf of the Northeast Shamrocks Cooperative Program

Anticipated Roster

Rockville- 6 total- 2 Soph, 2 JR, 2 SR

RHAM- 5 total- 2 Soph, 2 JR, 1 SR

Coventry- 6 total- 5 Soph, 1 SR

Bolton- 3 total- 1 Soph, 1 JR, 1 SR

East Hartford- 1 total- 1 Soph

Windham Tech- 2 total- 1 JR, 1 SR

Cheney Tech- 3 total- 1 Soph, 2 JR

Total- 26 total- 12 Soph, 8 JR, 6 SR



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