

(Old Language)

4.5.E. ONE PERSON TEAM (1-3 STUDENT-ATHLETES)

If a school does not sponsor a team in a specific sport, but does have one, two or three student-athletes wishing to participate in that sport, an option available to schools is to sponsor a one-person team. *If a school has more than three student-athletes in a sport, they should consult with CIAC about program options. The following information must be followed in order to sponsor one-person teams:

1. One person teams must be confined to a single receiving school per sport.
2. A maximum of three individuals may represent a school.*
3. Individuals representing a school must meet all CIAC eligibility rules.
4. All appropriate forms including eligibility must be completed as required by tournament regulations for that sport.
5. Qualification for CIAC tournaments may be achieved if the individual(s) receiving school permits the individual(s) to compete as an "additional team" in what are normally dual or triangular meets.
6. One person teams are permitted in the sports of cross country, gymnastics, golf, track and field, tennis, wrestling and swimming. One person teams cannot qualify for the CIAC tennis state tournament.
7. The final date for submission of appropriate "one person team" forms is the date of the first contest in that sport. Schools may not change the school they are linked with after that date.
8. It is recommended that members of "one person teams" practice with the receiving school.
9. Appropriately certified coaches must be present at all practices and contests.
10. Each home school is responsible for submitting tournament entries.

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4.5.E. Collaborative Team (Replaces language for "One Person Team")

If a school does not sponsor a team in a specific sport, but has student-athletes wishing to participate in that sport, an option available to schools is to form its own team and collaborate with a host school. **Your school is independent from the host school and is not participating on the host school team. For example... collaborative team athletes cannot participate in relays with members of the host team in swimming or track**

The following regulations must be followed in order to sponsor collaborative teams:

1. Collaborative teams are permitted in the sports of cross country, gymnastics, golf, track and field, tennis, wrestling and swimming.
2. Collaborative teams must be confined to a single host school per sport. A host school is not limited in the number of collaborative schools it can accommodate.
3. Schools must declare that they are having a collaborative team each year by submitting the declaration form in the eligibility center.
4. All eligibility forms and entry forms required for participation must be submitted by the school which the collaborative athlete(s) attend(s). This differs from a co-op team, where the "host" school submits all forms for all athletes on the team.

5. Collaborative teams may practice with the host school. The host school may provide practice facilities, coaching staff, supplies, trainer services and other support necessary to carry out an interscholastic competitive season.
6. Collaborative teams may qualify for CIAC tournaments as their own school within the parameters of the tournament regulations for that sport. Collaborative teams cannot qualify for the CIAC tennis state tournament.
7. Financial compensation from collaborative schools to the host school will be determined between the schools.
8. The final date for submission of appropriate "Collaborative" forms is the date of the first contest in that sport. Schools may not change the school they are linked with after that date.
9. Appropriately certified coaches must be present at all practices and contests.
10. Each school is responsible for submitting their own tournament entries.