



## ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

### **Title: Relationship Between The Near North District School Board and the Secondary Athletic Associations**

**Effective Date:** September 30, 2000      **Responsibility:** Superintendent of Program and Schools (Secondary)

#### 1.0 Background

The Near North District School Board supports the initiatives of the two secondary sports organizations which serve its students. These are the Nipissing District Association (N.D.A.) and the Muskoka-Parry Sound Athletic Association (M.P.S.A.A.). At the same time, it is recognized that these organizations exist at arm's length from the Near North District School Board. They function under their own constitutions and they involve staff and students from several Boards.

#### 2.0 Decision Making

The secondary athletic associations function under their own constitutions, and they plan athletic competitions and make decisions based on their own constitutions and guidelines.

#### 3.0 Legal Liability

The Near North District School Board accepts no liability for the operation of secondary athletic associations.

3.1 Athletic coaches from the Near North District School Board are covered under the Board's liability insurance because they are working within the scope of their duties with the Board.

3.2 Convenors of athletic events or competitions are covered under Board liability for decisions which are purely organizational in nature (such as preparing a schedule or arranging for referees). The Secondary Athletic Associations are asked to restructure their convenor roles to be purely organizational in nature.

3.3 The Executives of the Athletic Associations are encouraged to take out liability insurance and to become incorporated.

4. The Near North District School Board places a high priority on athletic excellence as part of a well-rounded extra curricular program.