

## **STUDENT SPORTS INTEREST SURVEYS**

The Illinois State Board of Education's Public School Approval Section, Department of Recognition and Supervision monitor district compliance with Title IX and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules.

Both Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules require that schools accommodate to an equal degree the athletic interests and abilities of students of both sexes. It is further required that districts conduct a written assessment of students' sports interest, the results of which are to be used in the design of comparable athletic programs.

To assist in meeting these requirements, the Illinois State Board of Education offers sample survey, which may be used in the assessment of students' sports interest. These surveys are provided as samples only. They should be tailored to fit the needs of particular school districts.

It is important to remember that survey results are to be used for athletic program planning and development as well as in assessing current program comparability.

Certain administrative precautions will promote the collection of meaningful student sports interest data. For instance, it is necessary to survey students of both sexes, using one survey that lists the same sports options for boys and for girls. The number and variety of sports options offered on the survey must be reasonably broad, and should include but not be limited to those sports currently offered by the district. Sports listed on the survey should not be gender-specific, i.e., list "basketball" not "girls' basketball," and the survey should include a category of "other" to allow students the opportunity to choose a sport not listed on the form. The survey should be offered to at least those students who are now or who will be next year eligible to participate in sports. Only the responses of the students who want to be participants in sports programs are to be considered in the application of survey results to athletic program design.

Based upon tabulated results of the survey, school districts are required to offer the number and kinds of sports, as well as the range of competitive levels within those sports, that will equally accommodate the assessed interests of male students and female students.



## STUDENT SPORTS INTEREST SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:     Male                      Female

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_            YES, I would like to participate in school-sponsored sports.

\_\_\_\_\_            NO, I would not like to participate in school-sponsored sports.

COMPLETE THE NEXT PART ONLY IF YOU CHECKED "YES" ABOVE.

Please read through the following list of sports. Then indicate in order of your preference each activity in which you would like to participate. Use the number "1" to indicate your first choice, "2" for your second choice, etc. For example, if your first choice is basketball and your second choice is tennis, place a "1" next to basketball and a "2" next to tennis.

### SPORT

- \_\_\_\_\_ Badminton
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competitive Cheerleading
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diving
- \_\_\_\_\_ Field Hockey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Football (Flag)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Football (Tackle)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golf
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gymnastics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Hockey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Softball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speed Swimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Track and Field
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Polo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wrestling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (list)