ADMINISTRATOR'S CHECK-LIST FOR SPIRIT TEAMS WITH SPORT STATUS FOR PROPORTIONALITY COUNTS

As you are aware, OCR offers technical assistance that identifies a number of factors pertinent to school district's analysis of whether an activity can be considered part of it's athletic program within the meaning of athletics provisions of the Title IX regulations. Some key factors have been placed in writing which will assist in determining whether a school on an individual basis meets the criteria that would allow them to factor spirit teams within their proportionality numbers.

While OCR doesn't ordinarily review a school's determination of sport declaration, submission of the check list with your proportionality statistics in April does not insulate the school and/or district from future complaints or compliance reviews. This check-list will assist in determining the sport level of your Spirit teams and provide you documentation for your proportionality rating.

1) Are spirit programs recognized and governed as a sport by the State Association?
   Yes No

2) Spirit team follows all CHSAA and National Federation High Schools regulations?
   Yes No

3) Head coach is certified and meets all CHSAA coaching requirements?
   Yes No

4) Head coach salary is based on coaching salary scale for all varsity head coaches?
   Yes No

5) Team selection based on many factors including athletic ability?
   Yes No

6) Administration set up regular practice sessions and provide comparable access to facilities conducive to the sport of spirit?
   Yes No

7) Is the amount of money budgeted and spent on program comparable to other programs offered through the athletic department?
   Yes, fully funded No, partially funded No, no funds allocated for spirit team

8) Spirit team competed in a minimum of two recognized competitions which must include CHSAA State competition (list on CHSAA website) for the purpose of engaging in competition against other eligible schools?
   Yes No