LANGDON AREA CARDINALS ATHLETIC COOPERATIVE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT for 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

ARTICLE I Parties:

- A. The Langdon Area, St. Alphonsus, Munich, and Edmore School Districts enter into this cooperative athletic agreement which will be called the Langdon Area-Edmore-Munich Cardinals. The respective schools will belong to and abide by the rules of the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA).
- B. Grades participating will be 7-12

ARTICLE II TEAM IDENTITY:

- A. Name: Langdon Area-Edmore-Munich
- B. Mascot: Cardinals
- C. Colors: Cardinal Red and White
- D. School Song: College Boy
- E. Logo: Cardinals

ARTICLE III FINANCIAL STRUCTURE:

- A. The Fiscal Agents in each sport will be the host school. The fiscal agent is responsible for all revenues and payments made by that sport as well as the following: gate receipts, equipment, game travel, payment of coaches, payment of officials, and any other expense.
- B. Langdon Area will be the host school for the following sports: football, volleyball, baseball, boys & girls' basketball, track, cross country, and golf.
- C. Munich and Edmore will each be financially responsible for \$25,000 annually.
- D. Income and expenses associated with scheduled games will be submitted to host school at the end of each season and reflected in final report.
- E. Concessions will go to the school hosting the game.

ARTICLE IV SITES:

- A. All available sites will be utilized for Practices and games, subject to the Athletic Director and in collaboration with Head Coaches of the respective sports.
- B. Practice schedules will be made by the LAS Athletic Director.
- C. Each cooperative school within this co-op agreement will provide transportation to practice and home games at their own expense.

ARTICLE V EQUIPMENT:

All requisitions shall be approved by LAS administration. The uniforms and equipment will be stored at the site of the host team.

ARTICLE VI TRANSPORTATION:

- A. Coaches are expected to complete the Bus Transportation session and the Defensive Driver training in the Fall of each year.
- B. Co-op teams will transport their athletes to the LAS facility for practices and/or to LAS for the departure time prior to the away competition. This cost of transport to/from LAS will be the co-op's responsibility.

ARTICLE VII COOP MEETINGS:

In April and August of each year, a Cardinal Cooperative Meetings will be held at the host school. The meeting will be comprised of the Langdon Area Activity Committee, and two representatives from each coop school. Members of coop school representatives may recognize their board members or

administrators in attendance for input. The school hosting the meeting will be responsible for the meeting agenda and a person to take minutes of the meeting.

The purpose of the meetings is to advise the respective school boards for the Langdon Area-Edmore-Munich Cardinals.

- 1. Coaching Assignments
 - A. Coaches will be hired by LAS with input from the co-op committee and administration.
 - B. Coaches will be paid by the LAS Salary Schedule.
 - C. To the extent possible, Langdon Area will seek to divide the coaching duties between the schools if applicable.

ARTICLE VIII PRACTICE AND HOME GAMES:

- A. Games
 - 1. Game dates and locations will be set by the LAS Athletic Director.
 - A. LASD will allow: 1 baseball, 1 volleyball, 2 boys basketball and 2 girls basketball games to be played at cooperative sites outside of Langdon.
 - 2. The LAS Athletic Director will attempt to schedule remaining JV/JH/Elem games at cooperative school's facilities, subject to availability.
- **B.** Practices
 - 1. Practice times and locations will be arranged by the LAS Athletic Director upon consultation of the Head Coach, in each of the coop sports.
- C. LAS Athletic Director will develop schedules, coordinate practice schedules, contract officials, workers for home games, and transportation for games by the AD.

ARTICLE IX ADMISSION:

<u>Athletic Passes</u>

- \$ Free Senior General Pass 65 yr.+
- \$75.00 Adult General Pass
- \$50.00 Student General Pass
- \$75.00 Student Athletic Pass (student in athletic activity)
- \$75.00 Business pass (can be passed around amongst a businesses' employees but only 1 person per game can use it)

We have no "family pass" of any kind.

Passes are good for all home games (regardless of game site) only, excluding tournaments.

Individual Game Ticket Prices

\$7 – Adults

\$5 – Student

ARTICLE X STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

Academic Eligibility – Cardinals will follow the eligibility requirements of the NDHSAA and their respective school.

ARTICLE XI GAME WORKERS:

Game workers are to be set up and arranged by the "site" Athletic Director.

ARTICLE XII ATHLETIC BANQUET:

The co-op banquet will be located at LAHS facility.

ARTICLE XIII SPORTSMANSHIP:

Cardinal Fan conduct at games will be the responsibility of the school/facility where the game is being played. The following are areas that provide an opportunity to demonstrate respect for our school, our nation, and our opponents:

1. Fans will follow all NDHSAA Minimum Behavior Expectations. (document attached)

2. A course chosen at the discretion of the LAS Athletic Director must be completed by any fan that is removed from a game, until they are allowed to attend a home game at any coop site.

- Current course is "Positive Sport Parenting" at the NFHS Learn website.

3. If a fan is removed a 2nd time in their "lifetime" or commits any egregious ejections, the fan will not be allowed to attend any home game until they have requested re-admittance and meet with a sub-committee of the Coop Board.

Example of egregious ejection – Physical contact or direct verbal threat to a participant, ref, coach, or another fan; harassment; necessity for removal by law enforcement.

- All coops will be notified and allowed to participate in sub-committee hearing.

- The meeting will be comprised of the Langdon Area Activity Committee, and up to two representatives from each coop school.

ARTICLE XIV SALARY SCHEDULE:

LAS will use the attached matrix for paying our Coaches.

ARTICLE XV Administrative Officials Signature:

We, the undersigned, certify that the aforementioned articles have been discussed and agreed to by our school board.

Board President	Date
Board President	Date
Board President	Date
Board President	Date
Superintendent	Date
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St. Alphonsus School District _____ Superintendent

Date

Edmore School District

Superintendent

Date

NDHSAA MINIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR REGULAR AND POSTSEASON COMPETITIONS:

- Respect the American flag and the National Anthem.
- Contesting schools shall each have an authorized faculty representative present who shall be responsible for his/her school's participants, students, and fans throughout the contest.
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso. Those who do not comply or who wear clothing that is vulgar, obscene or that in some other way inappropriate, as determined by school/tournament personnel, will be removed from the facility if they do not cooperate with this behavior expectation.
- The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, trash talk, name-calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable and must be immediately addressed by school/tournament administrators.
- Any attendee ejected from a NDHSAA tournament venue will be banned from the venue(s) for the remainder of the event.
- Respect the game/contest. Under no condition shall anyone other than the members of the official squad enter the playing surface. No one may interfere with the contest in any way.
- Hand held signs and flags, which do not obstruct the view of others, are permitted provided they are in good taste. Signs or other similar items contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed. Message or "white" boards are prohibited. The carrying of flags around the playing surface is NOT allowed.
- Artificial noisemakers of any kind (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, and other similar items) are not allowed at any indoor events, including outdoor sports played at indoor venues. Exception – Megaphones appropriately used by cheerleaders are permitted if allowed by contest officials.
- Laser lights or any other lights deemed distracting to participants are strictly prohibited.
- Confetti is banned at all NDHSAA tournament venues. Tournament staff is instructed to confiscate such articles at the door.
- Objects shall not be thrown into the stands at any NDHSAA tournament venue.

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any persons at NDHSAA tournament venues.