

Athletic Director Report
March 2, 2010

- 1) Girls basketball will be starting regionals March 9th at South Shore.
- 2) Boys basketball plays Solon Springs in their first regional game March 2.
- 3) Wrestling team had no members qualify for sectionals.
- 4) The ski team participated in the state meet. One student was selected to ski in the national meet for team Wisconsin based on his placement at state.
- 5) Middle school volleyball has its last tournament March 6th. The season is going well with 24 girls participating.
- 6) Enclosed is my recommendation for the addition of cross country for the 2010-2011 season.
- 7) Baseball and girls soccer sign ups are under way, both starting March 22.

Darryl Penner
Athletic Director

Athletic Director's Recommendation for Adding Cross Country for 2010/2011

Participation

Last year Ludlow North ran a club cross country team to gauge interest. They ended up with 4 female runners, two of which played volleyball at the same time and had some conflict with missing games for cross country meets.

Finances

Coach - \$2330

Transportation – 9 meets - .50 cents per mile = \$500, assuming less than 8 people using school vehicle.

Uniforms – Donated last year

Tournament fees - \$500

Total estimated cost - \$3300

Pros

Adding cross country would allow some students to be involved in a sport that they would not have the chance to be a part of.

Cons

- For a school this size, adding a sport during the same season that we have Girls Volleyball and Boys soccer could hurt those teams. Soccer for example needs 11 players to play and we have to recruit every year to make sure we have enough. I would hate to have to cancel a soccer season and have 10 players not be able to play for the sake of three running in cross country. I was researching how many division 4 schools have both a soccer and cross country team and I have yet to find one.
- We have tried having two sports for the same gender and we ended up cutting those programs. Examples – Cross Country, Softball, Track and Field. Now that we have less students than we did then I don't think it would be a good idea to add them back.
- The cost for having only minimal participation is quite high.

Athletic Director's Advisory Committee

A committee consisting of Loren LaPointe, Anne Sullivan, Bob Kent and myself met on November 10th to discuss criteria to look at when adding a sport. We came up with finances, transportation and affecting existing sports. I used these criteria to make the judgment that even though I would love to see some students participate in cross country it has the possibility of adversely affecting our other sports. I think we need to focus on the teams we have and make them stronger.

Athletic Directors Recommendation

I recommend that we do not add the sport of Cross country for the 2010/2011 school year.