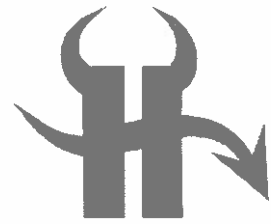


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October 12, 2023

Dear Mr. Tessmer and Mr. Kendall,

Hammond Central School is requesting a merger with OFA for the 2023-24 wrestling season for the boys' varsity team.

Our Hammond Central School Board of Education has approved this merger. We are asking Mr. Kendall and your Board of Education to consider this request.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. McQueer
Superintendent of Schools/Athletic Director
Hammond Central School

Section 10 Athletics

COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION (Varsity/JV Only)

1 Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:

In previous seasons, some Hammond students have participated on teams at OFA. Hammond does not have enough student interest to field its own team.

2 List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

HOST SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
OFA	390	UNK	UKN
REQUESTING SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
Hammond	47	1	0

Original Team Classification/Division

Classification/Division With Combined School(s)

3 What name will the team use? Ogdensbrug

4 Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? Matt Tessmer

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the **host** school? UNK

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the **requesting** school? Merger Fee

NOTE: Financial obligations, if any, will be paid directly by the school or a school organization.

5 Which school will be responsible for awards? Hammond

Which school will be responsible for game/contest transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6 Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7 Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? YES If one or more do not, please explain procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Hammond	2. OFA
3.	4.

have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of:

Boys Wrestling at the Var Level, during the 2023-24 school year.

(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (VAR, JV)

Signature of the Requesting Superintendent*

Signature of the Host Superintendent

October 12, 2023

Date

11/7/23

Date

COMBINING of SCHOOLS POLICY: As per NYSPHSAA Handbook, *Section 10 form*
required <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Classifications>

1. The joining together of students from two or more schools shall be permitted for the following reasons provided certain criteria are established and substantiated:

- a. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports.
- b. Fiscal problems that force school districts to curtail or eliminate interscholastic programs.
- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
- e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.

2. Special factors that need local consideration:

a. United and consistent decisions on the following details are mentioned for those who may be considering combinations.
This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations:

- (1) Transportation - how, when, where, etc.
- (2) Medical information - common student medical forms
- (3) Insurance - similar or the same
- (4) Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes
- (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
- (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
- (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
- (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)
*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?

b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.

3. Listed procedures for combinations:

- a. Schools seeking to combine must be dues paying members of NYSPHSAA and Section X.
- b. All schools in a combination must have Board of Education approval.
- c. All schools in a combination must have approval of the league. (If not a member of a league, apply directly to Section X).
- d. The Athletic Director of the **host school** is responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the Section X office prior to the start of the respective sport season.

e. A master copy of all completed merger/combined school applications will be provided to the Athletic Council & Sports Coordinator prior to each sports season.

f. The Section X Athletic Council will make the final decision and forward its decision to the applying school or schools as well as the NYSPHSAA. *Extensions beyond the date maybe considered by the Executive Committee on a case by case. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.

g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

i. The application deadline for all merger/combined school applications:

Fall August 1st, Winter November 1st & Spring March 1st.

4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.