

New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets  
Athletic Cooperative – Maddock Public School  
Football

Adopted: August 2022

**Article I Parties:** The New Rockford-Sheyenne and Maddock School Districts enter into this cooperative athletic agreement which will be called the New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets. The respective schools will belong to and abide by the rules of the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA).

**Article II Team Identity:** Mascot: Rocket, Colors: Columbia Blue, Yellow: Logo: Rocket

**Article III Financial Structure:** The fiscal agent for football will be the New Rockford-Sheyenne School District and is responsible for all revenues and payments made by that sport.

No later than June 30<sup>th</sup> the administration from NRS shall prepare an expense and revenue summary of the costs and income incurred by NRS for football. Eligible costs and revenues are:

- Coaches' salaries
- Bus drivers' expense
- Vehicle mileage for practice, games and scouting
- Cost of officials and referees
- Equipment, uniforms, and supplies
- Game gate revenue
- Revenue from invitation and NDHSAA tournament participation
- Participation fees
- Season tickets

Revenue from concession stand sales is the property of the respective organization sponsoring concession sales.

**Article IV Governing Bodies:** The New Rockford-Sheyenne School District will act as the governing body for the athletic cooperative. The NRS district will reserve the right to hire and assign football coaches.

**Article V Practice and Home Games:** The location of football practices and games will be determined in consultation between the athletic director and the head coach. Practice length shall be set by the coaching staff with direction from the athletic director. No practice should go later than 7:00 p.m. unless

approved by the athletic director. Students in grades 9-12 participating in practices shall be out of the school by 5:30 pm. If a student has church related activities which require his or her attendance before 5:30 pm., the student may attend at no risk. Sunday activities and practices must be approved by the administration. There will be no 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade practices on Wednesdays after school or evenings.

It will be at the NRS Athletic Director's discretion to schedule varsity or junior high games and practices in Maddock. In the spirit of consolidation and cooperation the NRS District will make every attempt to ensure that all parties engaged in this cooperative, specifically players and their fans, feel included and supported.

**Article VI Transportation:** If a Maddock coach is requested by the NR-S athletic director at the expense of the Maddock School District, transportation will be provided by the Maddock Public School District. If a coach is not requested, Maddock students will be responsible for their own travel to and from practice. The New Rockford-Sheyenne District will provide transportation for all players to out of district events. Transfer points will be identified by the NRS head coach to economize time and travel expenses.

**Article VII Head Coaching Responsibilities:** Duties: The head coach will determine player position, arrange schedules in consultation with the athletic director, attend all practices and games, provide an equipment procurement list and inventory listing to the fiscal agent at the end of each season, compile (or have compiled) all individual and team statistics, and determine award recipients after consultation with the assistants.

**Article VIII Admission:** Both Maddock and New Rockford-Sheyenne will charge the same rates for admission.

**Article IX Student Participation:** All players will follow the eligibility requirements of the NDHSAA and those administrative regulations or board policy directives respective to each district.

**Article X Game Workers:** Game workers are to be set up and arranged by the athletic director of the school at which the game is to be held. Payment for home game personnel (bookkeepers, chain crew, etc.) will be at the discretion of the school where the game is played.

**Article XI Sportsmanship:** Fan conduct at games will be the responsibility of the school where the game is being played. The NDHSAA behavioral expectations for regular and post season play will be in effect.

**Article XII Co-op Assessment:** If either district determines that the cooperative is not in their best interest, the business manager from the respective school district will contact the cooperative partner's business manager by May 1, indicating the intent to dissolve the cooperative. The appropriate school

board will then take action, which will be communicated to the cooperative partner by the business manager.

Both schools will convene an annual meeting to review the enrollment projections for each district. If cooperative enrollment numbers dictate that the football program will be required to move to a different division, the cooperative arrangement will become null and void.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Rockford-Sheyenne School District \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Maddock School District \_\_\_\_\_ Date