APPENDIX K

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**Philosophy**

In accordance with the Derry Area philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program while at Derry, we encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can without unbalancing the integrity of their sport. Obviously, time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport. However, when developing policy in this regard, please strive to maximize the opportunities for our students without diluting the quality of the program.

**Cutting Policies**

* + - 1. Responsibility

Choosing the members of athletic squads is the responsibility of the coaches of those squads. However, if the decision has been made to cut members of those who try out, the Athletic Director must give his approval prior to cuts being made.

Lower level coaches shall take into consideration the policies as established by the Head Coach in that particular program when selecting final team rosters.

Prior to trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

Extent of tryout period

Criteria to be used to select the team

Number to be selected

Practice commitment if they make the team

Game commitments

* + - 1. Procedure

When a squad cut becomes a necessity, the process will include these important elements. Each candidate shall:

Have competed in a minimum of three practice sessions

Have performed in at least one inter-squad scrimmage

Be personally informed of the cut by the coach and the reason for the action

Cut lists cannot be posted

Coaches will discuss alternative possibilities for participation in the program

In the event that an athlete appeals the cut as being unfair, he/she *may* be granted one day of additional tryout by the Athletic Director.

Coaches should immediately inform the Athletic Director, in writing, of the cut process as it is completed to include:

Number that tried out

Number kept

Names of students cut

Reason why they were cut

Alternative plan offered

Student response