

Informal Survey of Schools (11/18/2016)

Monticello-

Have not had this request but would allow it if it didn't interfere with school practices or maintenance.

Solon-

They would allow it. Have not faced this request. No fee as long as it's Solon kids.

Mt. Vernon-

Mount Vernon starts using their gym at 7:00 for PE and agilities related to their strength program. Thus they do not have club teams in before school.

Maquoketa-

Have not had the request but would allow it.

West Branch -

Has not had request.

Head Coaches Survey

Question:

As a head coach, what are your feelings about athletes who may or may not be involved in an activity, practicing for an out of season club team before school?

Responses:

- Out of season I am good, in-season, kids need their sleep.
- I'm not a big fan of it. Practice for an hour and a half, school and practice for 2 hours or a game seems like a lot.
- As long as it's not taking gym time from in season teams, I see no problem. You will never be able to force players to play in-season sports when they enjoy other sports more.
- I'm fine with it as long as high school teams have first priority. If gym is just sitting empty and they aren't going to damage anything I would be fine with it.
- I guess I don't have a problem with it. I think our athletic programs have to share our athletes as much as possible. The in-season sport should take priority however, so our athletes should try to steer clear of morning practices the day of an in-season sport game. I'll certainly support whatever decision is made though.
- If you can share if you know... Age or grade level? Is it for example a traveling basketball team...practicing during basketball season? Is there board policy currently in place? Is the school district going to be paid?
- I have no problem with club teams practicing before school if the athletes are not involved in an in-season activity at the time. If they are involved in an in-season activity, no way. The kids need time to recharge after school, practice, weight lifting and conditioning, homework, work and whatever other activities they may be involved in.
- Out of season athletes only and as long as the school teams have first choice.

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November 17, 2016

Lisa Beames

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Dear Mrs. Beames -

I have recently been asked my for my input regarding having 6:00 AM practice in our facilities and the impact it would have on building care and operations.

Our gyms are used pretty much all day long every day of the week plus much of the weekend. We have physical education throughout the day, school-sanctioned practices, games, non school-sanctioned practices, and other groups wanting to use our facilities continuously. The gyms get very little down time. My staff are continually working around times when there are people using the gyms to clean them. We try to accommodate everyone, but we still need to maintain our facilities sometime. Morning practices make it difficult, if not impossible, for my staff to accomplish their tasks on a daily basis. This is most noticeable on mornings following games.

With inclement weather season upon us, we have added complications. Clearing our lots with vehicles in them is difficult and the job we are able to do is less than satisfactory. Removing snow from our walks after being packed by foot traffic is also more difficult, not to mention snow tracked into our buildings making more work for my staff.

If you have any questions regarding my concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "R".

Tom Rogers

Director of Operations

Anamosa Community Schools

Impact

8:07 AM

me to me

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From: Matt English <menglish@anamosa.k12.ia.us>

Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 7:42 AM

Subject: Re: Impact

To: Lisa Beames <beames@anamosa.k12.ia.us>

It would up our decision time to before 5:30.
Snow removal would be difficult since no matter where they park they will be in the way.
Usually do S.Hill first because of Kids Club then AMS. 2nd truck does HS.

Basically from weather standpoint I am not in favor of it.

Matt

On Nov 17, 2016 7:27 AM, "Lisa Beames" <beames@anamosa.k12.ia.us> wrote:

I need a document showing the impact of 6:00 am to 6:15 AM practices at AMS and potentially AHS would have on building care..operations including winter weather conditions.