## Criteria for High School Snowboard & Freeski Team Awards Program

The following criteria will demonstrate how students become eligible to receive school awards through participation on the G Team Competition Snowboarding Team.

- I. Documentation that demonstrates how the time requirement (at least 150 hours) will be met.
  - A. Athletes are required to participate in both practice and competitions. Daily attendance records will be kept to establish the accrual of participation.
  - B. Practices for athletes are held on average 3 days per week for 6.5 months, estimating a total of 78 days or 156 hours of practice. Athletes must participate, at minimum, 85% of scheduled practices for freestyle or alpine, resulting in, at minimum, 125 hours.
  - C. Due to the nature of snowboarding & freeskiing, events are specialized into disciplines: Slalom, Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Boardercross/Skiercross, Banked Slalom and Rail Jam. Competitions for athletes are scheduled as single or double day events with a total of 3-4 events per discipline during the season. Athletes must specialize in at least two disciplines. Therefore, athletes must participate in at least 2 events per discipline, competing in at least total of 4 events. As a result, participation will accrue at least a total of 32 hours of competition.
    - Through the combined participation of practice and competition, athletes who meet or exceed the team's requirements will meet the time requirement set by the High School.
  - D. Athlete must participate in at least one event at the High School State Championships.
- Demonstrate how the requirement for public contests, performances, and/or competitions will be met.
  - A. Athletes are required to participate in the Upper Midwest Alt Series, a regional snowboarding competition series sanctioned by the United States of America Snowboarding Association.
    - 1. Athletes must specialize in at least two disciplines of competitive snowboarding or freeskiing within USASA competitions.
    - 2. Athletes compete in regional events within their own age division on an individual and team basis.
  - B. Athletes are required to compete in at least one event at the High School State Championships
    - 1. Athletes will accrue points, which are awarded through their finishes.
    - 2. In order to become a "regional champion" for the selected discipline/division athletes will accumulate points towards the High School Championship for their team.
- III. Demonstrate how the criteria for level of performance will be met.
  - A. Participation by athletes must be of the "advanced" level as opposed to the "entry" level.
    - 1. Athletes will be evaluated initially to assure their performance level as being advanced.
    - 2. Athletes will then be evaluated on an on-going basis throughout the season, in order to meet or exceed the requirements for being at the advanced level. Requirements include:
      - a. Mastery of basic fundamentals of snowboarding.
      - b. Mastery of skills and techniques necessary for their specialized disciplines.
  - B. Athletes who meet or exceed the above requirements for training will be awarded with a "Participation" Award. Athletes who meet or exceed the above requirements for training and competitions will earn an award at the "Lettering Level."