**Purpose**

The Quakertown Community School District accepts the concept of citizen and community support of co-curricular activities, parent, teacher and/or student organizations and intramural and interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by the district. Further, the Board of School Directors recognizes that involvement and contributions by booster groups can add to the quality of a student’s school life. The purpose of any booster group is to support and further the activities within the district. Therefore, these activities should be consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the district and its policies. As such, the activities and actions of such booster groups could have a direct bearing on whether or not a school group, athletic program and/or individual is eligible or possibly disqualified from participation in sanctioned events.

**Definition**

**Booster group** is hereinafter defined as any parental or community support group that provides services, awards, funds and/or equipment for a district-sponsored program. These programs shall include but are not necessarily limited to, athletic and nonathletic, as well as interscholastic, co-curricular and extracurricular programs.

**Authority**

The Board acknowledges that the purpose of booster groups is to assist and support, but not to supplant, the existing activity or athletic program. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that all district-sponsored activities remain at the school level and under the control, direction, and supervision of the Board of School Directors through its administrative team and its duly appointed professional employees or subcontractors. Only those booster groups operating under the bylaws approved by the Board of School Directors will be recognized by the district and have the right to utilize and access school facilities. Booster groups shall be required to apply for district recognition on an annual basis.

A booster group, in order to be recognized and acknowledged by the Board, must conduct its activities in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy, mission, policies, and goals of the district.

**Guidelines**

The Board is well aware that the members of these Booster groups donate countless hours and financial resources to their respective organizations and that certain district programs would suffer without the
assistance and involvement of booster groups. The Board also recognizes that the focus of each booster group is student-centered and thus these groups contribute in a material way through services, supplies, and equipment to district students. Often, this can have a direct result which lessens the financial burden to the district taxpayers.

All contributions of supplies and equipment must be approved by the Athletic Director and the Business Administrator before purchasing.

The Board wishes to further provide Booster groups the opportunity to support local school programs (both athletic and nonathletic), however, the Board also acknowledges that all booster groups must adhere to Board, and state-wide promulgated rules and policies.

All booster organizations which are recognized by the Board shall adhere to the guidelines established by the administration and set forth in the accompanying Administrative Regulation. Failure to comply shall result in the loss of Board recognition and, subsequently, the right to utilize or access school facilities.

**Guidelines for Sponsorships, Banquets, Fundraisers and Events**

All sponsorships, banquets, fundraisers and events must comply with the requirements of Board policies and regulations. Among other requirements, such policies and regulations prohibit the promotion of weapons, drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.

Using the correct name and/or logo of an establishment when the name references alcohol or other prohibited subjects (such as "brewing", "bar", "pub" and similar) does not violate this policy. The establishment name or logo may not, however, picture, promote, or advertise alcohol or other prohibited subjects specifically (such as "beer", "wine", brand names, or similar). Sponsored items such as clothing, flyers, and advertisements must conform to this requirement, or be modified to comply.

At any fundraiser, banquet or event where students are invited, participating, or will be present, alcohol may not be served, sold, brought into, or consumed within the area of the facility/room where the event is being held during the time of the event.

Promotions such as a "discount night" at an establishment that serves alcohol where students attend with their family and the general public and where the students are not under the supervision or auspices of the school do not violate this policy.

Except for "discount night" type events as described above, fundraisers or events where alcohol will be served, sold or consumed must be adults only, and may not be advertised by students or within schools pursuant to Policy 913.1.

Refer to Policy 913.1 (Flyers/Information) and Policy 915 (Commercial Activities).

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

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