

USD 415 Board approves new sport

(KNZA)--Hiawatha High School students will be allowed to participate in a new sport—competitive clay target shooting—beginning next spring.

The Board of Education Monday evening approved use of the school name and mascot for a high school team to participate in the Kansas State High School Clay Target League, pending the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

State League Director Tom Binyon gave a presentation on the growing sport last month on behalf of interested students and the Brown County Quail Forever chapter. Binyon said the sport is offered as an alternative for those who don't participant in other sports. The League was established last year.

Superintendent Lonnie Moser said the sport will not be a high school sponsored activity.

On the advice of the Kansas Association of School Boards, Moser says each student participating will have to sign a waiver and the coach/sponsor will have to sign a memorandum of understanding.

Students must possess a league-approved firearm education certificate to be eligible to participate in the co-ed extra curricular activity.

Students will practice and compete at the new Falls City shooting range for two months during the spring sports season, followed by one state tournament in Wichita in June.

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