

2018-19 ACTIVITY / RULE / BY-LAW CHANGES

Foreign Exchange and International Student Eligibility

- 8-9-2** The foreign exchange student must possess a current visa issued by the US State Department.
- J-1 Visa: Student may be granted varsity eligibility for one year.
 - J-1 Visa Direct Placement: Student may be granted varsity eligibility for the regular season only for one year. No district or state competition allowed. Direct placement is reported to the IHSAA by the NFHS.
 - F-1 Visa: Student may be granted varsity eligibility for the regular season only for one year. No district or state competition allowed.
 - F-1 Visa, Non Foreign Exchange International Student: see Rule 8-9-7

8-9-7 Non-Foreign Exchange International Students

International students who are not under the auspices of, and placed by CSIET listed exchange program will be eligible at any level during the regular season but may not participate in any district or state competition as long as following requires are met:

- Must file a Foreign Exchange Student Transfer Form with the IHSAA Office and be approved.
- The student must possess a current F-1 visa, issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- The student must provide to the principal of the school he/she attends an official untranslated transcript and a transcript that is translated into English, by an acceptable agent or agency, which indicates work taken in all grades in which the student was enrolled.
- The international student must pay tuition to the high school he/she attends as prescribed in Section 625 of U.S. Public Law 104-208. A receipt of their paid tuition must be included in the paperwork.
- No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the resident family for the student.
- The international student must comply with all eligibility requirements set forth by the state high school association of which the school he/she attends is a member.

Non-compliance with one or more of the foregoing provisions shall render the international student ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any high school that is a member of any NFHS member state high school association.

Music Copyright and Compliance Rules

All new head cheer and dance coaches will be required to take the NFHSLearn online course "*Understanding Copyright and Compliance*". Schools will be required to use the NFHS Database to submit proper music licensure for all music in order to be eligible for competition.

Three-person Basketball Officiating Crews

Three-person officiating crews will be used for basketball beginning with the 2019 State Basketball Tournaments.

Eligibility Regulation Waiver

Rule 8-14-14; add: c. A student declared eligible for JV only, but participates at a school that does not have a JV team, will be allowed to participate at the varsity level during the regular season but will not be allowed to play in district or state competition.

Official Soccer Ball

The IHSAA official soccer ball is the Baden Perfection Thermo ST7.

NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course

4-3-1 In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any person (coach, player, staff or parent/fan/spectator associated with a member school) ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree –and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.

- At the time of ejection, the person/s must leave the field of play and assume a position that will not enable him or her to see or be seen.
- During the suspension of the next regularly scheduled contest; the player is permitted to watch the contest, but may not participate. The coach is permitted to watch the contest but may not have any contact with players or coaches three (3) hours preceding the contest, at half time and through the conclusion of the contest. The parent/staff/fan/spectator is not allowed at the contest.

- c. Players: will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- d. Coaches: will also be required to take the NFHS online Teaching and Modeling Behavior course and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.

Limiting Combined Co-Op Size

7-2-a, add: For 5A schools, combined enrollment cannot exceed 150% of host school's student enrollment.

Assigning Neutral Football Officiating Crews for Quarterfinal and Semifinal Games

Neutral officiating crews will be assigned in the sport of football for all semifinal games. District crews will have equal representation when possible. If neutral officials are requested for the 3A, 2A and 1A quarterfinals, the requesting school will pay all additional expenses or \$250, whichever is greater, to the IHSAA.

Rule 9 - Game Management

- 9-1 Students, parents and fans are not allowed on the playing surface during game time or after the game until the opposing team and officials have left the playing area. Administration, or their designees, from each school is responsible for keeping their fans off the playing surface and in their designated seating areas. Rushing the court or field after games or interfering or attempts to interfere with any contest is not allowed.
- 9-2 Host school administrators are responsible for getting officials to, and from, the officials dressing areas before, during and after contests. Host school administrators are also responsible for letting the visiting teams and fans know where their seating sections will be.
- 9-3 Any conduct or violation of this rule may subject actors to any and all remedial measures available to the local IHSAA Board of Control and the IHSAA.

NFHS Positive Sport Parenting Class

4-3-1 In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any person (coach, player, staff or parent/fan/spectator associated with a member school) ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree –and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.

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- e. Parents: will also be required to take a free NFHS, online course. Parents are required to take Positive Sport Parenting course, and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- f. Other Persons: (staff/fan/spectators that are not parents) will also be required to take the free NFHS, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.

Rule 3 - Coaches

3-3 No coach or athletic director may accept remuneration of any kind from sources outside the local board of education in return for services rendered in instructing or coaching any member of the high school athletic/activity team. Coaches may receive appreciation gifts from team members, parents or community organization that do not exceed the value of an IHSAA player award (\$300).