

# **"SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE" INITIATIVE**

## **Academics - Athletics - Activities - Citizenship**

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The Idaho High School Activities Association is pleased to continue the "Schools of Excellence" Initiative, whereby schools earn points based on their varsity teams' achievements in the classroom, at the competitive venue, and in the area of citizenship/sportsmanship. Participation is voluntary, and the school in each classification with the best overall program is honored with a special award at the end of the year. The three major areas of high school participation - academics, athletics/activities, and sportsmanship/citizenship - are weighted equally. *Deductions are made by the IHSAA for any player and/or coach unsportsmanlike ejections during the year and also for unsportsmanlike school behavior at state championship events.*

#### **Academic Component**

Points are compiled by the IHSAA, based on cumulative team GPAs as submitted on the *Academic State Champions Application* or *Academic Report – Non Athletic Activities Form* by the due date for each season. 100 pts. maximum value per sport/activity program:

1. Highest GPA in classification	100
2. Second highest GPA in classification	95
4. Team GPA 3.50 – 4.00	90
5. Team GPA 3.00 – 3.49	85
6. Team GPA 2.50 – 2.99	80
7. Team GPA under 2.50	75

#### **Athletics/Activities Component**

Points are compiled by the IHSAA, based on place of finish at sixteen IHSAA-sponsored state championship events, as well as state speech arts events, state cheer and dance events, state music competition, and state baseball. 100 pts. Maximum value per tournament:

1. State championship - 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	100
2. State championship - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place team	95
3. State championship - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place team	90
4. State championship - 4 <sup>th</sup> place team	85
5. Qualifying for state tournament (team sports)	75
6. Places 5 through 8 (individual sports)	75

#### **Citizenship Component**

Schools monitor their sportsmanship/citizenship activities throughout the year and submit the enclosed *School Self-Assessment Form* to the IHSAA in May. Points are based on self-evaluation of seven separate areas. Deductions are made by the IHSAA for all player and/or coach unsportsmanlike ejections during the year and also for unsportsmanlike school behavior at state championship events.

Citizenship Component Values:            One-third of overall score (point values TBD)

#### **6A/5A Scoring**

Points accumulated for both Academic and Athletics/Activities will be totaled and combined with points from the Citizenship Component (minus points for coach/player ejections) to determine winners.

#### **4A/3A/2A/1A Scoring**

Total points accumulated for both Academic and Athletics/Activities will be converted to a percentage using the number of sports/activities offered by each school. There will be a minimum for each classification based on the average number of offerings by classification. Schools will be responsible for submitting a **Schools of Excellence Overview form**, listing the sports/activities offered. The score from the Citizenship Component (minus points for coach/player ejections) will then be added to determine winners.

**Overall Completion**

Schools who send in at least 90% of their teams' Academic Champions applications and complete the Citizen Component of the program will receive one coaches' card, compliments of the IHSAA.