

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**IDAHO ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**  
**“PROMOTING WAYS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM”**  
**2026 Conference Schedule**

Sunday, April 12, 2026

**Leadership Training LTC 708 - Athletic Administration: Coaching for a Legacy of Leadership** .....7:30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  
 (ASPEN) Rich Barton, CMAA, NIAAA Associate Executive Director  
 Tol Gropp, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Moderator: Polly Dahlke, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board

**AD of Year/Hall of Fame Interviews - (Convention Center)**.....9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**Jim Reed Memorial Golf Tournament – SHADOW VALLEY GOLF COURSE**.....**Tee Times start at 12:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 13, 2026

**Leadership Training LTC 630 - Contest Management - Planning Preparation & Methods** .....7:30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  
 (LIBERTY) Xavier Antheume, CMAA, Nevada Executive Director  
 Rich Barton, CMAA, NIAAA Associate Executive Director  
 Tol Gropp, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Troy Rice, CMAA, IAAA Past President  
 Moderator: Cass Herbst, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board

**Leadership Training LTC 502 - Athletic Admin: Fundamentals of Education Based Athletic Management** ....7:30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  
 (ASPEN) Tom Shanahan, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Wendy Spiers, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Kevin Stilling, CAA  
 Moderator: Polly Dahlke, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board

**CAA Exam - John Gregory, CMAA, (Riverside Board Room)**..... 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Registration, College Credit Sign-up and Door Prize Drop off (CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY)**.....9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**50-50 Tickets On Sale from Retired Athletic Directors**.....10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Exhibits Officially Open/Door Prizes (CONVENTION CENTER)**.....10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Conference Luncheon** .....11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**1st Time Attendees Session - Conference Orientation (ASPEN)**.....11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Moderators: Gerry Nutt, IAAA Executive Board  
 Tyler Johnson, CAA, IAAA President  
 Keri Carter, IAAA Executive Board

**Female Athletic Administrators Networking Social (ASPEN) Sponsored by the IHSAA**.....12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 Moderator: Julie Hammons, CAA, IHSAA Assistant Executive Director

**GENERAL SESSION I** “IHSAA Hot Topics & YEA”.....12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 (PONDEROSA) Moderator: Jeremy Burgess, CAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Speakers: Chad Williams, Executive Director, IHSAA  
 Julie Hammons, CAA, Assistant Executive Director, IHSAA  
 Mike Federico, CAA, Assistant Executive Director, IHSAA

**MS/JH School** “MS/JH Hot Topics”.....12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 (ASPEN) Moderator: Cass Herbst, IAAA Executive Board  
 Speaker: Keri Carter, IAAA Executive Board

**Exhibits and Door Prizes – Tracy Leinen (CONVENTION CENTER)**.....1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**GENERAL SESSION II** “Empowerment Through Grit and Gratitude”.....2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 (PONDEROSA) Moderator: Shelly Heath, CAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Speaker: Laura Bratton, Motivational Speaker

**Exhibits and Door Prizes – Tracy Leinen (CONVENTION CENTER)**.....3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**GENERAL SESSION III** “Title IX An Increase in Awareness”.....3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 (PONDEROSA) Moderator: Tol Gropp, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
 Speaker: Xavier Antheume, Nevada State Executive Director

**Exhibits and Door Prizes – Tracy Leinen (CONVENTION CENTER)**.....4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR /HALL OF FAME BANQUET**.....5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 (TAMARACK) Moderator: Beth Holt, IAAA Executive Board  
 IAAA Awards & IAAA Hall of Fame: Gerry Nutt, IAAA Awards Chairman

**Reception/Bean Bag Toss/Poker**.....7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS BREAKFAST**  
(TAMARACK)

Sponsored by The Riverside Hotel.....8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
Moderator: Tyler Johnson, CAA, IAAA Board President  
Speakers: Hall of Fame Recipients – Tim Cronnelly & Ted Reynolds

**Exhibits and Door Prizes** – Tracy Leinen (CONVENTION CENTER).....8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

**GENERAL SESSION IV**  
(PONDEROSA)

“AD Leadership”.....9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Moderator: Tony Brulotte, IAAA Executive Board  
Speaker: Brandon Buck, Infinite Strengths

**Exhibits and Door Prizes** – Tracy Leinen (CONVENTION CENTER).....10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Athletic Administrator’s Roundtable Discussions**.....11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

6A Moderator (Ponderosa).....Tol Gropp, CMAA, Timberline High School  
5A Moderator (Ponderosa)..... Tom Shanahan, CMAA, Bishop Kelly High School  
4A Moderator (Aspen)..... Zach Dong, Kimberly High School  
3A Moderator (Emerald).....Matt Harris, CAA, Ririe High School  
2A Moderator (Opal).....Randy Spaeth, Raft River High School  
1A Moderator (Delamar)..... Lee Jay Cook, Carey High School  
Junior High/MS Moderator (Clearwater)..... Keri Carter, Canfield Middle School

**COMMENDATION LUNCHEON**  
(TAMARACK)

“Doing the 2%”.....12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Moderator: Jon Hallock, IAAA President-Elect  
Speaker: Rich Barton, CMAA, NIAAA Assistant Executive Director  
NIAAA Scholarship Presentations: Lisa Hamilton, Capital Educators FCU  
IAAA Scholarship Presentations: David George, Leading Edge Fundraising  
IAAA Awards: Gerry Nutt, IAAA Awards Chairman

**GENERAL SESSION V**  
(PONDEROSA)

“Survival/Longevity in A Small School as an AD/Administrator”....1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Moderator: Catey Walton, IAAA Executive Board  
Speaker: Kelly Caldwell, AD Genesee High School

(ASPEN)

“Building Winning Programs”.....1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Moderator: Cass Herbst, CMAA, IAAA Executive Board  
Speaker: Matt Harr, Author

**GENERAL SESSION VI**  
(PONDEROSA)

“The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly”.....2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Moderator: Travis Bell, IAAA Executive Board.  
Speaker: Ted Reynolds, Retired High School AD

(ASPEN)

Arbiter in Action: A Hands-On Transition Workshop for ADs  
Moderator: Shelly Heath, CAA, IAAA Executive Board  
Speaker: Jen Motze, CMAA, VP School Development.....2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**IDAHO ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ANNUAL MEETING**.....3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
(PONDEROSA) Moderator: Jon Hallock, IAAA President Elect

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - Trip to National Conference in Phoenix, AZ - Dec. 11-15, 2026**  
\*\*\* (Must be present to win!)\*\*

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Idaho High School Activities Association Meeting** (8011 Ustick Rd).....8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Registration Sponsored by Final Forms/AMP**

**IAAA Scholarships Sponsored by Leading Edge Fundraising**

**NIAAA Scholarships Sponsored by Capital Educators FCU**

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**Speakers Sponsored by BSN Sports**

**Monday Luncheon Sponsored by SoundFX**

**Hall of Fame/AD of the Year Social Sponsored by Musco Sports Lighting**

**Hall of Fame Sponsored by McU Sports**

**Banquet Sponsored by Beynon Sports/Fieldturf**

**Banquet Sponsored by Big Teams/Schedule Star**

**Banquet Sponsored by Clell Wade Coaches Directory**

**Banquet Sponsored by DistrictWON**

**Golf & Banquet Reception Sponsored by Daktronics Inc.**

**Tuesday Breakfast Sponsored by The Riverside Hotel**

**Tuesday Luncheon Sponsored by PlayOn! Sports/Go Fan**

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