# **Idaho High School Activities Association**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

December 7, 2021

#### **Members Present:**

Paul Anselmo, Spencer Barzee, Curt-Randall Bayer, Tonia Burk, Hiroshi Fukuoka, Randy Lords, Starr Olsen, Tim Perrigot, Ted Reynolds, Eric Studebaker, Shawn Tiegs, Chad Williams, Stacy Wilson, Craig Woods

## **Members Absent:**

Dana Facer

#### **Staff Present:**

Ty Jones, Julie Hammons, Mike Federico, Zach Hoffman, Conlin Coburn (intern), Debbie Johnson as secretary

## **Staff Absent:**

None

#### **Visitors:**

Jon Hallock, Caldwell HS
Jaclyn St. John, Dairy West
Mike Green, Wendell HS
Tony Brulotte, Vallivue HS
Brian Barber, Boise HS
Larry Taylor, Greenleaf Academy
Robert Parker, Pocatello HS
Jason Warr, West Ada SD

Vince Mann, Borah HS Jon Watson, Centennial HS Beth Holt, Eagle HS Darren Krzesnik, Officials Mark Wachsmuth, Liberty Charter Mike McHan, Camas County HS Tyler Johnson, Bonneville HS Eric Bonds, Skyview HS Richard Whitelaw, SVCS Tracy Donaldson, Kuna HS John Clark, Mt. Home HS Jon Ruzicka, Boise SD Tol Gropp, Timberline HS Troy Rice, Rocky Mt. HS

## **Information:**

#### Letters

- NFHS Section 7/8
- St. Lukes
- Pocatello Cross Country
- Borah Swim Team

Randy Lords moved, Chad Williams seconded to approve the agenda.

Motion carried

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Randall-Bayer moved, Starr Olsen seconded to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.

Ty Jones reported on the financials stating the fall activities had a really good year. Our total revenue was up approximately \$300,000; keeping in mind ticket prices were increased, which is the first time in seven years. Expenses also increased this year and were up approximately \$250,000. Overall, we are pretty close to what was expected.

Craig Woods moved, Shawn Tiegs seconded to approve the August 31 - November 30, 2021 financial report.

Motion carried

Spencer Barzee moved, Craig Woods seconded to approve the IHSAA Board of Directors action via phone/email.

Motion carried

## REPORT AGENDA

## **YEA Update**

Julie Hammons reported the YEA portfolio is just shy of reaching \$5 million. As of October 31, 2021 the total was \$4,980,697. We had a great jamboree season. There were 32 fall jamborees bringing in an income of over \$20,000. For winter, there are 39 jamborees scheduled with a projected income of approximately \$15,000. Total number of fully vested schools is 71 with 6 schools in the 80% range. The YEA Board did not take action on exceeding 100% vestment level and will continue to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

## **Dairy West Update**

Ty Jones reported on Dairy West stating they have been a great sponsor for us and we are very pleased to be continuing our partnership.

## Officials Update

Darren Krzesnik gave the officials update stating they have put together a committee that consists of an official representative from all 6 districts. This committee will gather and provide to the board any information and/or issues that may arise throughout the state. A few topics of concern included low official numbers and possibly waiving registration fees, reimbursements for traveling crews and coverage for week day games.

#### **Marketing Update**

Zach Hoffman gave a big thank you to Dairy West and all the Idaho dairy farm families for being our official sponsor of all our state events. Milk was handed out at state cross country, state soccer and at Holt Arena for state football. In addition to Dairy West's sponsorship, we are also pleased to have back the sponsorship of the Idaho Army National Guard this year. We have also secured three new sponsors that include the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare - Division of Public Health, eTeamSponsor and the U.S. Marine Corps. We are definitely excited to have these three new sponsors as part of our association.

## **2021 State Soccer Tournament**

Julie Hammons reported State Soccer was held in the Treasure Valley and a big thank you went out to all of the managers for their time and hard work. The number of 5A sites was reduced from three to two which was a good improvement. There were a few concerns regarding sites and crowd control along with the NFHS network streaming games. Max Preps was used for the first time this year and caused a few concerns; however, we will continue tracking the percentages. Financially, state soccer had a great year and was up about \$20,000 - keeping in mind we had a ticket price increase.

## **2021 State Cross Country**

Ty Jones reported State Cross Country was held at Eagle Island this year and thanked, manager, Tim Severa along with everyone that helped with this event. There was a minor computer glitch with the 5A races and they had to be scored by hand. This took a little extra time but overall, it was a good day. Admissions were up quite a bit as were the expenses. Next year it will be in Lewiston – call now to reserve rooms! A survey will be sent out shortly to determine if it should be a one day event or two day event.

## 2021 State Volleyball Tournament

Mike Federico reported State Volleyball was held up in north Idaho this year in District I and District II. It was so nice to be able to have fans this year! Thank you to all of the managers for their efforts. Lewiston High School was a new facility for us and was great with a lot more space. There was a slight delay with the 4A teams having to move gyms due to a leaky roof. We really appreciate Craig Christensen and his crew for stepping up and doing a great job taking care of things. We also appreciate all the teams that were so flexible. The ranking using Max Preps worked out really well however using it for the regular season was a problem. Financials were pretty good and overall, it was a fantastic tournament.

## 2021 State Swim Meet

Julie Hammons reported on State Swim stating we were thankful that kids got to swim in person this year. We had several restrictions we were given and there were a lot of changes that had to be made. The format was changed and we swam by gender and by classification which created two new sessions per day. Unfortunately, many were not happy with some of the restrictions but overall, the kids got to swim and enjoyed the event. Julie gave a huge thank you to all the workers for their help and also stated we are very much reliant on our relationship with the West YMCA and the Boise Aquatic Center.

#### 2021 State Football Playoffs & Milk Bowl

Ty Jones reported on State Football stating the financials are not yet complete and should be finished up in January. There was an issue at the 5A game when ticket sales were stopped for a couple of hours to clear out some of the 3A fans. A disclaimer was posted however there were still some upset fans. There have been a few ticketing issues with the new online ticketing and we are working on a solution.

#### 2021 State Drama

Mike Federico reported State Drama was held at Centennial High School this year and had close to 500 students participating. Tabroom.com was used again this year and everything went really well. A huge thank you to everyone that helped. It was a fantastic event.

#### Fall Academic Champions

Julie Hammons reported the fall Academic Champions are posted on our website ~ Congratulations to all the schools!

#### Schools of Excellence – Fall Standings

Julie Hammons stated the mid-year standing are posted on our website. Please check the numbers and points to make sure they are correct.

## Statewide Football Bracketing Meeting

Ty Jones reported the statewide football bracketing meeting was well attended and brackets will be sent out. Ted Reynolds stated in order to fill schedules, teams will have to play zero-week games. Tim Brennan is working hard to get a football coaches association going which was a pretty big topic. Overall, it was a good meeting with a lot of good discussions.

## **Online Rules Clinics**

Sport	Attendees
Basketball	196
Wrestling	39
Track Wrestling	59

#### Fall 2020 Concussion Numbers

Conlin Coburn reported on the fall 2021 concussion numbers stating the numbers have gone down. Numbers were compared to 2019, since 2020 was a COVID year. Although there were quite a few more participants this year, the concussion numbers were significantly lower which is a good thing.

## **Committee Reports**

- State Tournament The tournament sites were reviewed and the following changes were made; For boys state basketball Vince Mann is going to take over as the new 5A state tournament manager and Troy Rice is going to be the 4A state tournament manager. Also at state basketball (both boys & girls) there will be a reserved seating section for the semifinals and state championship rounds. There has been a request to move 1A softball to Moscow. That is in the works and information will be sent out once finalized. 4A golf is TBD. Falcon Crest will not be hosting 4A golf this spring. 5A tennis will be at Fort Boise and Fairmont Jr. High.
- **Representation** will be in the Action Agenda.
- Student Advisory Mike Federico reported there was a meeting in November with some really good discussions. Some of the items they are working on include placing sportsmanship do's and don'ts posters in every gym and focusing on how coaches treat their own players. They also discussed continuing the Battle of the Fans and would like to hold a spring summit in April. This is really a great meeting with a great group of kids.
- **Sportsmanship** Mike Federico reported they met the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November and reviewed the manuals, sportsmanship guidelines and watched videos on sportsmanship. There was a lot of discussion pertaining to officials; on the lack of officials and the inability to retain officials due to fan and coaches' behavior. We put out some guidelines and expectations for our schools that will hopefully be helpful/useful.
- **SMAC** We are working on wrestling hydration issues and protocols.

## **Policy Manual**

Ty Jones reviewed Rule 2-5 Representation and Rule 8-14-1 Rental Policy. (See page 10)

#### **ACTION AGENDA - FINAL READINGS**

#### Softball & Baseball Limitations

A motion was made to approve modifying softball and baseball player limitations as a Final Reading. (See page 11)

Motion carried

#### **2022-2023 Calendar**

A motion was made to approve moving the 2022-2023 calendar from tentative to approved with modifications as needed as Final Reading. (See page 12)

Motion carried

#### 2023-2024 Calendar

A motion was made to approve moving the 2023-2024 calendar from suggested to tentative with modifications as needed as a Final Reading. (See page 12)

Motion carried

#### 2021-2025, 2025-2026 Calendars

A motion was made to approve moving the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 calendars to suggested calendars with modifications as needed as a Final Reading. (See page 12)

Motion carried

## Allowing 16+ Year Old Officials

A motion was made to approve allowing students 16 years or older to officiate IHSAA sanctioned sports as a Final Reading.

Motion carried

Approve 11; Deny 2

## **ACTION AGENDA – FIRST READINGS**

#### **Debate Scoring**

A motion was made to approve amending how debate scoring is determined for sweepstakes points as a First Reading. (See page 13)

Motion carried

## Forge International School

A motion was made to approve Forge International School regular membership in the IHSAA for the 2022-2023 school year as a First Reading pending accreditation.

Motion withdrawn

A motion was made to TABLE Forge International School regular membership in the IHSAA for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried

## Name, Image, Likeness Policy

A motion was made to approve implementing a Name, Image, Likeness policy as a First Reading.

**Motion carried** 

## **2022-2023 State Soccer Representation**

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 representation to the State Soccer Tournament with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

## 2022 Soccer State Tournament

#### Representation

5 <b>A</b>	4A		3 <b>A</b>	
I-II 1.5	I-II	1	I-II	2
III 4.5,	.5 III	2	III	1
V-VI 1.5	IV	2	IV	2
	V	1	V	1.5
	VI	2	VI	1.5

Motion carried

## 2022-2023 State Soccer Play-in Games

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 State Play-in Soccer games, dates, times and sites as a First Reading.

#### Play-In Games

5**A** 

1-2B October 15, 2022

E 1:00 pm Boys/3:00 pm Girls

Lewiston HS

3**A** 

5B October 15, 2022

6B 1:00 pm Boys/3:00 pm Girls

Blackfoot HS

5A

3F October 15, 2022

5-6B 1:00 pm Boys/3:00 pm Girls Canyon Ridge HS

## 2022-2023 State Volleyball Representation

A motion was made to approve 2022-2023 representation to the State Volleyball Tournament with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

2022 Volleyball State Tournament										
	REPRESENTATION									
5A	4/	4	3.4	1	2.	A	1AD	I	1ADI	I
I-II 1.5	I-II	1	I	1.5	I-II	1.5	I	1	I	.5
III 4.5 .5	III	2	III	2.5	III	2.5	II	2	II	2
V-VI 1.5	IV	2	IV	1.5	IV	1	III	2.5	III	2
	V	1	V	1.25	V	1.5	IV	2	IV	1
	VI	2	VI	1.25	VI	1.5	V-VI	.5	V-VI	2.5

Motion carried

## 2022-2023 State Volleyball Play-in Games

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 State Play-in Volleyball games, dates, times and sites as a First Reading.

5A		3A	2A		
1-2B October 22, 2022	1B C	October 22, 2022	1-2B	October 22, 2022	
3E 3:00 PM Pacific	3C 1	:00 PM Pacific	3C	3:00 PM Pacific	
Grangeville HS	C	Grangeville HS		Prairie HS	
5A		3A		2A	
5-6B October 22 2022	4B	October 22, 2022	5B	October 22, 2022	
3F 3:00 PM Mountain	5B/6B	1:00 PM Mountain	6B	1:00 PM Mountain	
Canyon Ridge HS		Canyon Ridge HS		Pocatello HS	
1A DI		1A DII			
3C October 22, 2022	1A	October 22, 2022			
5-6A 1:00 PM Mountain	5-6C	1:00 PM Pacific			
Twin Falls HS		Prairie HS			

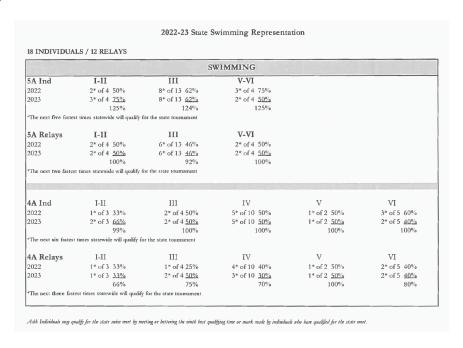
Motion carried

## 2022-2023 State Football Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Football representation and bracketing with modifications as needed as a First Reading. (See pages 14-21)

## 2022-2023 State Swim Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Swim representation with modifications as needed as a First Reading.



Motion carried

### Classification Rule 2-3-2

A motion was made to approve changing wording for Classification rule 2-3-2 with modifications as needed as a First Reading. (See pages 22-23)

Motion carried

## **Zero-week Football Games**

A motion was made to approve zero-week football games for schools that cannot find regular season games with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

1. A motion was made to approve moving **Waiving Officials Fees as a three-year pilot** to the January Action Agenda as a First Reading.

2.	A motion was made to keep Shot Clock on the discussion agenda for the January Board of Directors
	meeting.

Motion carried

**3.** A motion was made to move **Eighth Grade Participation** to the January Action Agenda as a First Reading.

Motion carried

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:55 p.m.

- 8-14-1 Rental Policy If the parents of a student move less than fifty miles from their present residence and rent the new residence, the follow information must accompany the Athletic Transfer Form:
  - 1. Letter from parents explaining the move.
  - 2. Letter of support from school filing the request.
  - 3. Letter of support from previous school.
  - 4. Copy of rental agreement.

The IHSAA Executive staff or Board of Directors may approve or deny varsity competition if circumstances warrant.

Parents, students or schools that provide false or misleading information will be subject to Rule 15-6.

- a. A student who transfers to a new school in advance of the parents move will become eligible the day the parents move into the new district, providing all other IHSAA requirements have been met.
- b. The student may remain in the old school until the close of the current semester or until the close of the school year and remain eligible at that school.
- c. The student may transfer to the new school at the time of moving or any time thereafter during the school year or prior to the beginning of the ensuing school year and be eligible upon enrolling in and attending the new school.
- d. If the student does not transfer to the new school within the time periods provided in (a), (b), and (c) above, the student will remain eligible at the original school but is ineligible at the new school unless otherwise approved by the school from which the student transferred and the Eligibility Committee.

#### 2-5 REPRESENTATION

- 2-5-1 State tournament representation in volleyball, soccer, swimming, football, basketball, wrestling, track, softball and tennis will be determined for a two-year period based on a percentage of schools in that classification. Note: Representation may be altered periodically to reflect the historical representation of each classification.
- a. Representation to state competition will be determined by the percentage of the number of teams from a district or region that qualify for state tournament competition.
- b. State play-in games should be used when the percentage of the representation between districts or regions can be more equitable.
- c. When there are three or more schools within a region or district, representation should be at least 1.5 if possible.
- d. When state play-in games are used, they should be played at neutral sites and between regions or districts of the state that would not cause unrealistic travel requirements. Note: It is considered unrealistic travel if a team cannot travel to a play-in site, compete and return to their own school in one day.
- 2-5-2 State tournament representation for cross country, golf, speech, debate, drama, cheer and dance will be determined yearly by the total number of team and/or individual finishers at a district/regional qualifying competition.
- 2-5-3 State tournament brackets for girls' soccer, boys' soccer, volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball and softball will be seeded using MaxPreps regular season rankings.

#### Softball/Baseball Innings Played Proposal

Written Proposal from St. Maries High School

Things to Consider:

- 1. Courtesy runner should not count toward a game total
- 2. Floating players can play up to 10 innings in a sub varsity double header and only be charged 1 game
- 3. Move to an innings limitation

#### Rational:

These measures will allow teams to keep their JV programs alive and reduce the strain on small schools trying to field 2 teams.

#### **Current Rule:**

#### **Game Limitations**

A team or individual is limited to 22 games or 20 games plus one tournament, not to exceed 24 games. If a school loses a scheduled tournament game or a school is unable to attend a tournament due to reasons beyond their control, the school can reschedule lost games. A contestant who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSAA sponsored competition of that sport.

#### **Proposed Rule Change:**

#### **Game Limitations for Each Team**

A team is limited to 22 games or 20 games plus one tournament, not to exceed 24 games. If a school loses a scheduled tournament game or a school is unable to attend a tournament due to reasons beyond their control, the school can reschedule lost games.

#### **Game Limitations for Individuals**

During the regular season, athletes are permitted to play in no more than 154 innings in a 22 game schedule, or 168 in a 24 game schedule. For a game in which the score is tied at the end of seven innings, the extra innings shall be considered as an extension of the seventh inning. A contestant who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSAA sponsored competition of that sport.

# Idaho High School Activities Association Calendar 2021 - 2026

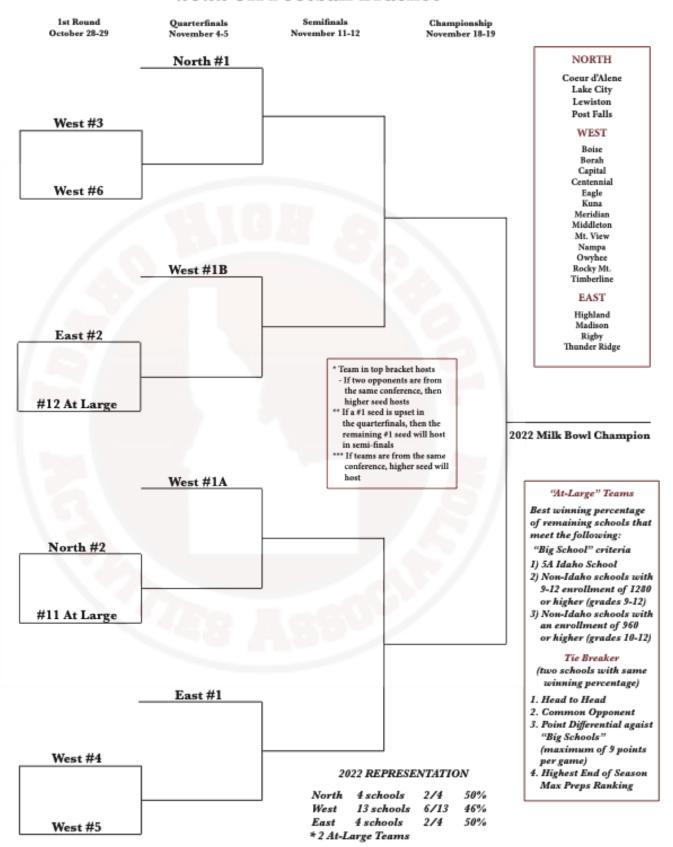
	2021 - 20				
*with modifications as needed	2021-2022 Approved	2022-2023 Approved	2023-2024 Tentative	2024-2025 Suggested	2025-2026 Suggested
IHSAA Board Meeting/Hall of Fame Banquet	Aug. 4	Aug. 3	Aug. 2	Aug. 7	Aug. 6
No Practice Period	Aug. 2-8	Aug. 1-7		Aug. 7	Aug. 4-10
1st Practice FB/SOC/VB/ XC/SW/CH/Dance/4A, 5A Golf	Aug. 2-8		Aug. 7		_
1st Soccer Competition	Aug. 20	Aug. 8 Aug. 19		Aug. 12	Aug. 11 Aug. 22
			Aug. 18	Aug. 23	
1st SW/VB/XC Competition	Aug. 25	Aug. 24	Aug. 23	Aug. 28	Aug. 27
1st Football Competition	Aug. 27	Aug. 26	Aug. 25	Aug. 30	Aug. 29
IHSAA Board Meeting	Sept. 28	Sept. 27	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 30
4A, 5A District Golf Completion	N/A	Oct. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 7	Oct. 6
State Golf - 4A, 5A	N/A	Oct. 7-8	Oct. 6-7	Oct. 11-12	Oct. 10-11
District Soccer Completion	Oct. 16	Oct. 15	Oct. 14	Oct. 19	Oct. 18
State Soccer	Oct. 21-23	Oct. 20-22	Oct. 19-21	Oct. 24-26	Oct. 23-25
District VB/XC Completion	Oct. 23	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 26	Oct. 25
State Volleyball	Oct. 29-30	Oct. 28-29	Oct. 27-28	Nov. 1-2	Oct. 31 - Nov 1
State Cross Country	Oct. 30	Oct. 29	Oct. 28	Nov. 2	Nov. 1
District Swimming Completion	Oct. 30	Oct. 29	Oct. 28	Nov. 2	Nov. 1
1st Girls Basketball Practice	Nov. 1	Oct. 31	Oct. 30	Nov. 4	Nov. 3
State Swimming	Nov. 5-6	Nov. 4-5	Nov. 3-4	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 7-8
1st GBB Competition/1st BBB Practice	Nov. 12	Nov. 11	Nov. 10	Nov. 15	Nov. 14
1st Wrestling Practice	Nov. 15	Nov. 14	Nov. 13	Nov. 18	Nov. 17
Football Milk Bowl	Nov. 19-20	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 17-18	Nov. 22-23	Nov. 21-22
District Drama Completion	Nov. 27	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 30	Nov. 29
1st Boys Basketball Competition	Nov. 27	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 30	Nov. 29
1st Wrestling Competition	Dec. 1	Nov. 30	Nov. 29	Dec. 4	Dec. 3
State Drama	Dec. 3-4	Dec. 2-3	Dec. 1-2	Dec. 6-7	Dec. 5-6
IHSAA Board Meeting	Dec. 7	Dec. 6	Dec. 5	Dec. 10	Dec. 9
IHSAA Board Meeting	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 22	Jan. 21
All-State Music	Feb. 3-5	Feb. 2-4	Feb. 1-3	Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Feb. 5-7
State Dance/Cheer	Feb. 11-12	Feb. 10-11	TBD	TBD	TBD
Girls District Basketball Completion	Feb. 12	Feb. 11	Feb. 10	Feb. 15	Feb. 14
Girls Basketball State Tournament	Feb. 17-19	Feb. 11 Feb. 16-18	Feb. 15-17	Feb. 20-22	Feb. 19-21
	Feb. 17-19	Feb. 18	Feb. 13-17	Feb. 20-22	Feb. 19-21 Feb. 21
District Wrestling Completion State Wrestling	Feb. 25-26	Feb. 24-25	Feb. 23-24	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Feb. 21 Feb. 27-28
1st BA/SB/TR/TN Practice	Feb. 25	Feb. 24	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Feb. 27
Boys District Basketball Completion	Feb. 26	Feb. 25	Feb. 24	Mar. 1	Feb. 28
1st Golf Practice - 2A, 3A	Feb. 28	Feb. 27	Feb. 26	Mar. 3	Mar. 2
Boys Basketball State Tournament	Mar. 3-5	Mar. 2-4	Feb. 29-Mar. 2		Mar. 5-7
District Debate Completion	Mar. 5	Mar. 4	Mar. 2	Mar. 8	Mar. 7
1st Spring Sports Competition	Mar. 9	Mar. 8	Mar. 6	Mar. 12	Mar. 11
State Debate	Mar. 11-12	Mar. 10-11	Mar. 8-9	Mar. 14-15	Mar. 13-14
District Speech Completion	Apr. 2	Apr. 8	Apr. 6	Apr. 5	Apr. 4
IHSAA Board Meeting	Apr. 6	Apr. 5	Apr. 3	Apr. 9	Apr. 15
State Speech	Apr. 8-9	Apr. 14-15	Apr. 12-13	Apr. 11-12	Apr. 10-11
State Solo Music Contest	May 6-7	May 5-6	May 3-4	May 2-3	May 1-2
2A, 3A District Golf Completion	May 12	May 11	May 9	May 8	May 7
District TR/SB/TN Completion	May 14	May 13	May 11	May 10	May 9
State Golf - 2A, 3A	May 16-17	May 15-16	May 13-14	May 12-13	May 11-12
State Track/Softball/Tennis	May 20-21	May 19-20	May 17-18	May 16-17	May 15-16
State Baseball Completion	May 21	May 20	May 18	May 17	May 16
IHSAA Board Meeting	June 8	June 7	June 5	June 4	June 10

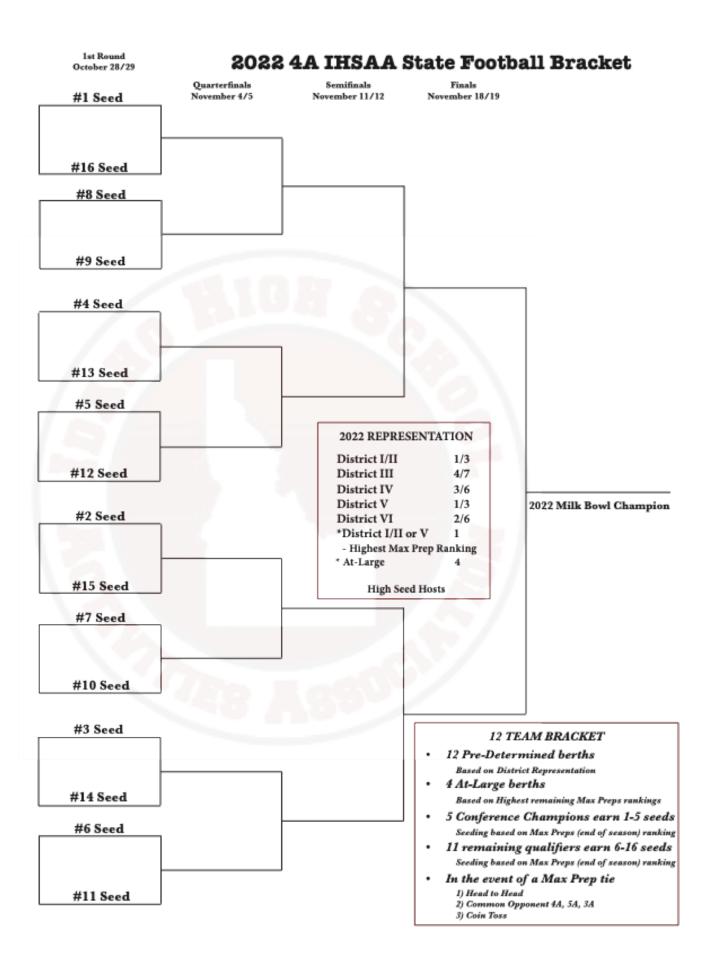
## Speech Arts Proposal

#### Debate:

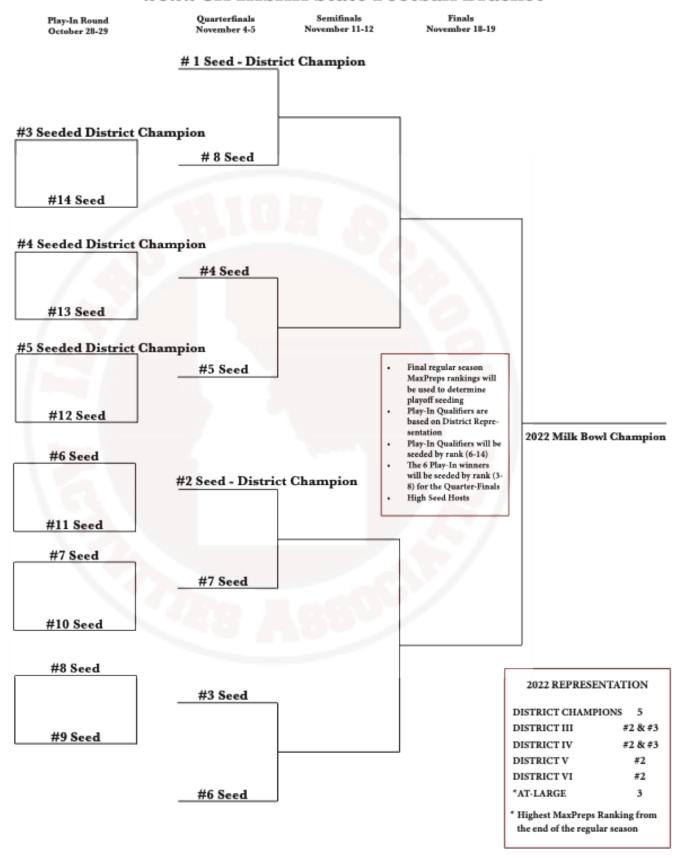
- Add a sub-point: 5.5B to read:
  - AMENDMENT to 5.5B: a subpoint: 5.5B to read: §B. If sixteen or fewer entries
    qualify for the state tournament in a single debate event, that event will break
    straight to quarterfinals and qualifying entries will earn sweepstakes points from
    quarterfinals on.

## 2022 5A Football Bracket

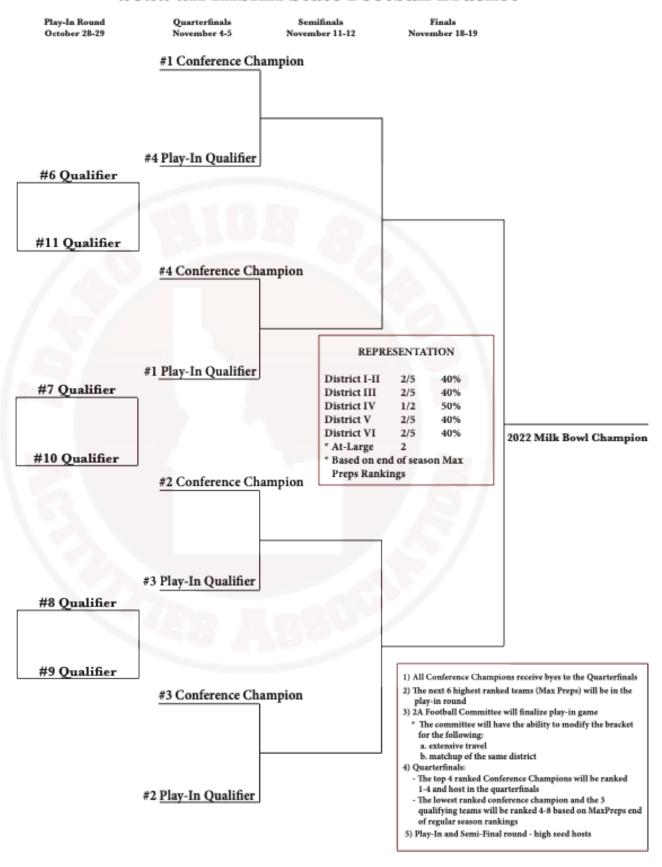




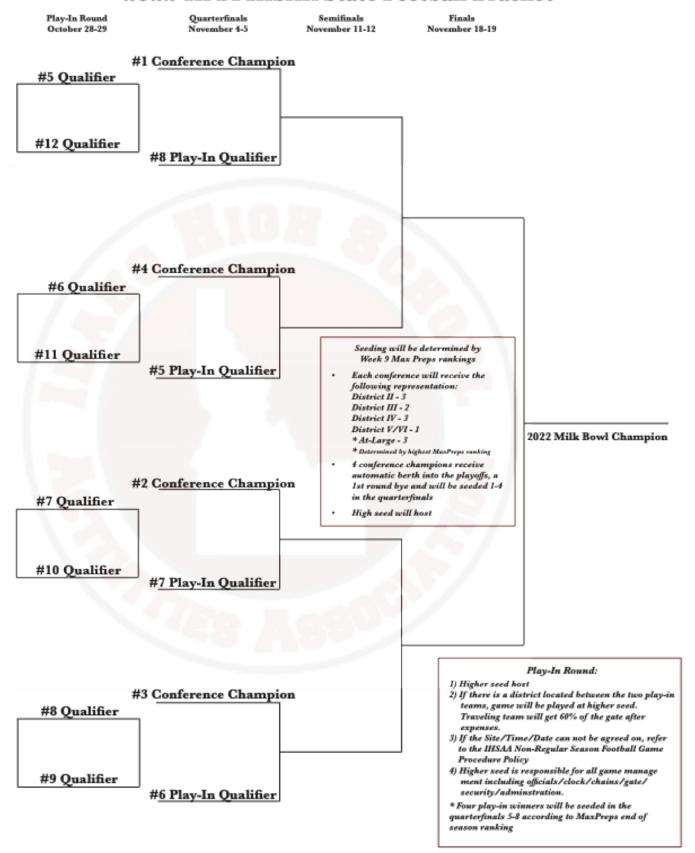
## 2022 3A IHSAA State Football Bracket



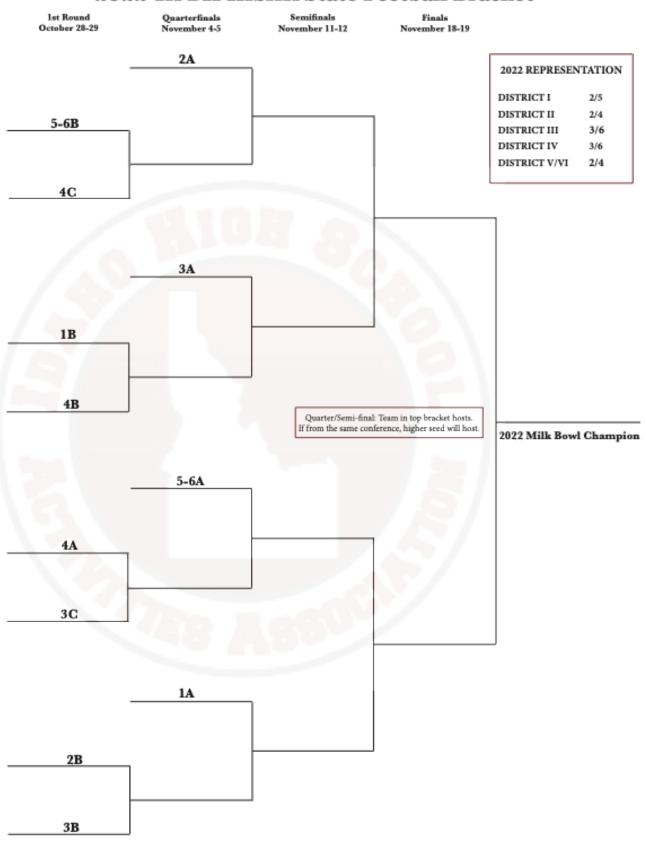
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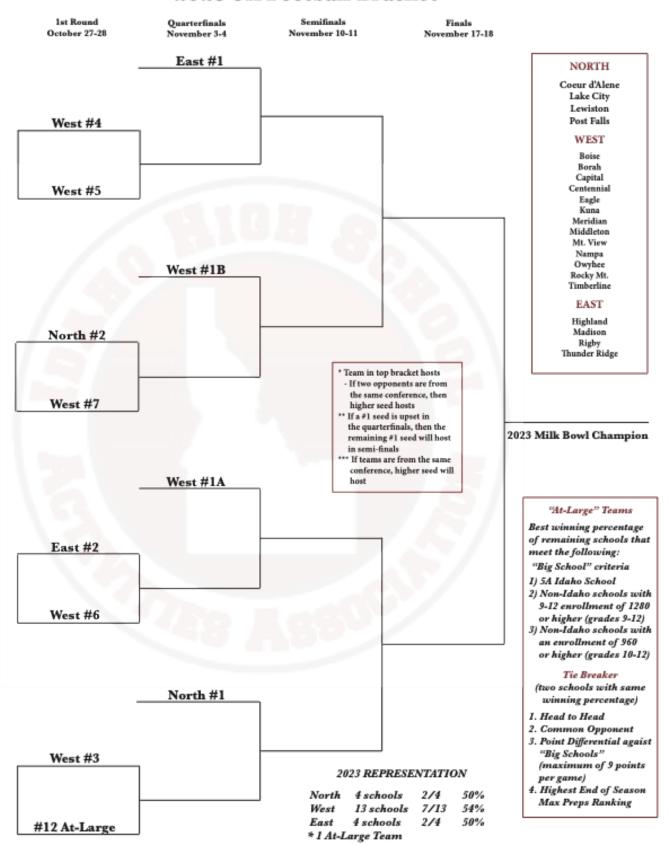
## 2022 1A DI IHSAA State Football Bracket



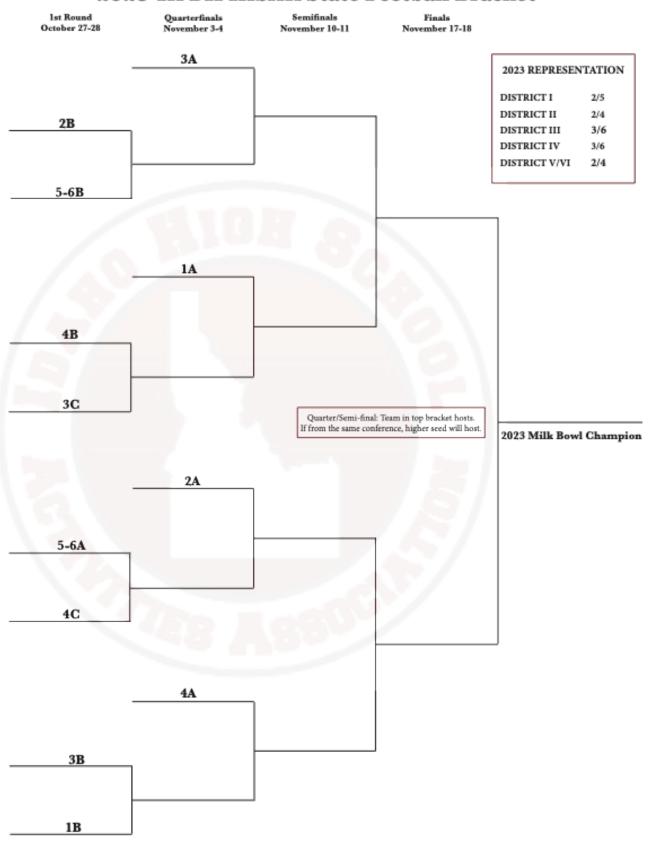
# 2022 1A DII IHSAA State Football Bracket



## 2023 5A Football Bracket



# 2023 1A DII IHSAA State Football Bracket



## Shelley School District #60

To: IHSAA Board of Directors and IHSAA Classification Committee

From: Chad Williams

Date: December 7, 2021

Re: Rule 2-3 Classification Petitioning Process; beginning 2024-2025

This is a proposal to change rules governing the classification petitioning process. The <u>February 2021 proposal</u> helps justify how <u>Rule 2-3</u> is broken.

## **Proposed Rule**

**2-3:** The IHSAA Board of Directors shall make the final determination on all classification petitions during their annual September meeting. Classification petitions will be considered for two-year cycles. Schools may petition to move up or down a classification in specific team sports or up a classification in specific individual sports by submitting a classification petition to the IHSAA by September 10 of the grace year. Schools cannot petition to a smaller classification in individual sports.

- **2-3-1:** Cheer, dance, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball and softball are considered team sports for the classification petitioning process.
- **2-3-2:** Petitions must include the following to be considered when petitioning down a classification:
  - A. Cover letter and letters of support.
  - B. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman combined winning percentage was below 25% during the most recent two years of competition against their assigned classification.
  - C. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman teams finished in the bottom 33% of their postseason tournaments during the most recent two years of competition.
  - D. The IHSAA office will tabulate votes from all superintendents of the classification in which the school wishes to be placed as well as the classification they will be leaving to be used as advisory information.
  - E. The IHSAA office will organize team sport committees to review all petitions prior to coming to the IHSAA Board of Directors to be used as advisory information.
- 2-3-3: Petitions must include the following to be considered when petitioning up a classification:
  - A. Cover letter and letters of support.
  - B. The IHSAA office will tabulate votes from all superintendents of the classification in which the school wishes to be placed as well as the classification they will be leaving to be used as advisory information.
  - C. The IHSAA office will organize team sport committees to review all petitions prior to coming to the IHSAA Board of Directors to be used as advisory information.

#### The proposed rule change will result in:

- 1. Protection for smaller schools from losing their state births to a larger school who petitioned down.
- 2. More competitive games and fewer mismatches/blowouts.
- 3. Improve struggling schools ability to build their weaker programs.

#### **Current Rule**

- **2-3:** Schools may petition to move from one classification to another in all sports/activities or in football only. All petitions will be approved for a two-year classification cycle.
- **2-3-1:** Schools or football programs that do not meet the criteria for moving from one classification to another by using enrollment figures, or will not exceed those limits during the "classification period", may petition to move up or down in classification by submitting a petition to the IHSAA by September 10 of the grace year.
- **2-3-2:** Schools may use ONE of the following to petition up or down:
  - A. Receive a simple majority vote from all voting superintendents of the classification in which the school wishes to be placed as well as the classification they will be leaving.
  - B. Complete and submit the Competitive Equity Forms, and additional documentation requested on the forms. This includes but is not limited to the schools' varsity, JV and freshman team statistics, superintendents' advisory vote from the classification they wish to join and the classification they will be leaving, and additional information pertinent to the request.
  - C. The IHSAA Board of Directors shall make the final determination on all classification petitions.
  - D. Football- only petitions must use the guidelines 2-3-2b and all requests will be reviewed by a committee prior to coming to the IHSAA Board of Directors.