



Board of Directors Meeting

April 9, 2025, 8:00 am MT

Members Present

Spencer Barzee, Tonia Burk, Burke Davis, Brady Dickinson, Dana Facer, Hiroshi Fukuoka, Heath Jackson, Tyler Johnson, Mark Kress, Randy Lords, Starr Olsen, Shawn Tiegs, Ted Reynolds, Rob Sauer

Members Absent

Jan Bayer

Staff Present

Mike Federico, Julie Hammons, Chad Williams, Morgan Potter, Conlin Coburn as secretary

Visitors

Vince Mann, Borah
Greg Carpenter, Nampa
Tol Gropp, Timberline
Larry Taylor, WIC
Troy Rice, Rocky Mountain
Brent Knapp, Preston
Matt Harris, Ririe
Jason Warr, West Ada
Mark Pixton, Century
Linda Zollinger, Challis
Richard Whitelaw, Sun Valley
Kris Knowles, Vallivue
Brian Walker, Boise SD
Jared Hillier, Bear Lake
Will Barber, Nampa SD

Travis Hobson, Thunder Ridge
Shayne Proctor, Madison
Ryan Pope, Gooding
Catey Walton, Timberlake
Craig Christensen, Post Falls
Lee Jay Cook, Carey
Dakota Wickard, St. Maries
Brian Barber, Boise
Stacy Wilson, Buhl
Tony Brulotte, Eagle
Chad Hill, South Fremont
Jon Hallock, Caldwell
Peter Horan, Boise High
Travis Bell, Highland
John Hartz, Ridgevue

Robert Parker, Pocatello
Tonya Wilkes, PCSD
Ty Shippen, Rigby
Kristan Young, Murtaugh
Dane Pence, Mountain View
Cheryl Hutchinson, Bishop Kelly
Keri Carter, Canfield MS
Gavin Watson, Centennial
Trudy Weaver, Cassia SD
Jennifer Murdock, Declo
Kevin Stilling, Wood River
Darren Krzesnik, Officials
Riley Jones, IHSAA
Jeremy Burgess, Payette

AGENDA ADDITIONS

A motion was made to add aligning girl's wrestling weight classes with the 14-weight class structure recommended by the NFHS to the agenda as a First Reading.

A motion was made to add Proposal 1 from the Wrestling Committee to the agenda as a First Reading.

A motion was made to add modifications to IHSAA Rule 11 to the agenda as a First Reading.

A motion was made to add Rule 2-5-3d regarding a MaxPreps fine to the Discussion Agenda.

Motion carried

A motion was made to approve amended agenda.

Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Chad presented the financial report and highlighted several key areas. Sponsorship revenue is currently at 55%, but this is not a concern as additional funds are expected to come in. Interest and dividends are performing in alignment with trends in the stock market. The Boys' Basketball Tournament is projected to bring in an additional \$30,000 in revenue; however, this is still below both last year's figures and the current budget, which had assumed higher income due to a \$1 increase in ticket prices. Chad also highlighted the success of the State Dance and Cheer event, which brought in its highest revenue to date. Additionally, he reviewed the broadcast and ticketing rights, noting that revenue has reached 97% of the budgeted amount, far exceeding the original projection of 75%. This variance is attributed to actual reimbursements from the NFHS Network surpassing the initial projections used when the budget was created.

Chad reviewed notable expense lines. Printing and Publications are high but justified—Printing due to necessary updates and Publications from a planned \$10,000 payment to First Federal Bank for educational supplies under a two-year agreement. Miscellaneous line item spiked due to a delayed \$30,000 hotel bill from 23-24 paid after the start of this fiscal year. Website Expense was slightly over budget from an updated concussion video, and Pixellot Reimbursement, the VPS and the funding that the NFHS shares, has surpassed the amount we originally anticipated. The Total Expenses between 2024-25 year to date and the 2023-24 year to date a \$300,000 shortfall. Amanda noted it's not overly concerning, but the Board discussed options such as raising activity card prices, adjusting participation fees, and reviewing reimbursements to schools if needed.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda which included the Balance Sheet, Financial Report from July 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025 and the IHSAA Board of Directors actions via phone or email.

Motion carried

REPORT ITEMS

YEA Update

Julie Hammons reported that the fund balance is currently down a little bit, sitting at \$5.2 million. She noted that the accountant is going to come in and explore new potential deductions for donations, and community contributions at the spring YEA Board meeting May 5th. Julie also shared that she recently attended the District III Commissioners Advisory Board meeting to discuss concerns regarding jamborees. She noted a shift in officials moving away from the original fundraising-based model and have starting charging schools, so she is working on educating officials on the purpose of the jamborees. She encouraged all involved to understand and support the original goals of these events.

Marketing

Zach Hoffman announced that he is transitioning to a new position inside of PlayFly, and Brandon Riley will be stepping into his role, though he will be based in Utah.

- **Dairy West-**Zach noted that Dairy West has renewed the IHSAA partnership for the 42nd year, and we are excited to work with them again.
- **Ball Contracts-** Zach discussed how four ball agreements are up for renewal: basketball, soccer, volleyball, and softball. Bids have been requested, reviewed, and discussed with the board. Chad will be sending out an email with a survey to gather opinions, with a goal to distribute it within the next week. The survey will specifically involve feedback from basketball and softball coaches as well as athletic directors.

- **Merchandise Contract**-MCU's contract is up for renewal and has been opened to a bid process involving six companies. MCU's is also participating in the process. The goal is to secure the best possible opportunity. The bid window closes on April 5th.
- **Gem State of Mind**- Morgan updated the Board on spring sports and the "Gem State of Mind" sportsmanship initiative, encouraging submissions for the media packet on the website. Mike mentioned that some schools have contacted MCU's directly for t-shirts, but they stated they are not ready to proceed. They did clarify that custom colors would increase the cost to \$7.50 due to the use of three colors, up from \$6.50.

Officials

Darren Krzenik discussed the previous conversation about waiving fees for first- and second-year officials. He noted that for spring 2022-2023, there were 127 baseball umpires, with 240 this year. Softball saw a 15% increase, from 139 to 202 officials, and track had a 22% increase.

Board Committees

- **Representation**
 - **3A Wrestling Representation**- Chad noted that the number of teams for Districts 4 and 5 was incorrect, and the highlighted section has been updated. The updated information is reflected in the action agenda for representation.
 - **1A Basketball Representation**- There was an error in the number of teams, but the representation ultimately remained correct. The updated information is reflected in the action agenda for representation.
 - **Wrestling Rule Change Proposal**- A proposal from Post Falls, signed by several schools, was presented. Chad mentioned that he had reviewed it with the wrestling committee. Since a previous motion was added to the agenda, the proposal will be discussed later. (See pages 17-19)
 - **2A Basketball Representation**- There was an error in the 2A representation regarding the number of schools. Chad corrected the error, recalculated the figures, and the representation has since changed. The updated information is reflected in the action agenda for representation.
- **State Tournament**
 - **Girls Wrestling Expansion**- The proposed expansion of girls wrestling was added to the agenda as a First Reading and will be discussed later in the meeting. (See pages 20-23)
 - **Social Media Credential**- Mike said multiple ADs have received calls about schools hiring social media staff. Media credentials are only issued to recognized outlets and students—not for social media. Requests for state tournament access are denied due to monitoring challenges and Steve Connor's first right of refusal. Mike plans to work with other states on a proposal to address this.
 - **2026 3A Baseball/Softball Sites**- It was noted that both baseball and softball for 2026 are scheduled in Orofino. With 12 teams expected at once, Mike and Julie will coordinate, and one tournament will be relocated.

- **5A Soccer Play-in Site Caldwell-** The request was to move the 5A play-in game between Districts 1 and 3 from Lewiston to McCall to mirror the 5A girls' site and to avoid a potential home-field advantage. The committee had concerns about fall weather in McCall, but wasn't concerned about the fairness of Lewiston possibly hosting on its own field, since IHSAA allows state tournaments at home sites. The request was denied, but future game locations may be reviewed.
- **Max Preps fines** - Rule 2-5-2d regarding MaxPreps fines was added to the discussion agenda and will be addressed later in the meeting. (See pages 24-25)

2025 Cheer and Dance State

Julie discussed State Cheer and Dance, noting a 100% revenue increase over the past five years, with no price hike for the events. She praised the tournament staff for making it the smoothest event yet, despite the 37-hour, two-day commitment. For next year, the event will move to the Mountain America Center in Idaho Falls, with changes to the floor setup, schedule, and order of performance. She also mentioned that one cheer classification will be moved to the dance day to better balance the event length. Adjustments, including the selection of tournament directors, will be made this summer.

2025 Girls Real Dairy Shootout

Chad expressed gratitude to the State Girl's Basketball managers and recognized Greg from Nampa, who kept his costs the lowest. Overall, the revenue reached \$31,000, the highest in the past three years.

2025 Wrestling State Tournament

Chad reviewed State Wrestling, noting a great turnout. Financially, this year and last year were comparable. He mentioned that the changes to the awards presentation improved the speed and smoothness of the tournament. He also appreciated the Hall of Famers having dedicated time for recognition due to the new approach to the awards ceremony.

2025 Boys Real Dairy Shootout

Chad discussed the Boys State Basketball Tournament, thanking all the managers and highlighting Troy at Rocky Mountain for keeping on-site expenses the lowest. While BBB typically generates strong profits, this year's matchups didn't draw as large a crowd. He noted that last year's revenue should be adjusted down by \$30,000 due to a late officials' hotel bill, and this year's total will be slightly higher once remaining cash is received.

2025 Debate State Competition

Chad shared that he attended the State Debate Tournament for the first time and thanked Kimberly High School for hosting. He enjoyed the beginning of the tournament and noted the passion of the participants. The event ran well, with a typical \$5,000 loss. Overall, it was a great tournament.

Schools of Excellence: Midyear Calculations

Julie gave a midyear Schools of Excellence update. Fall academics are based on submitted GPAs; athletics earn points by placement (100 for 1st, 95 for 2nd, etc.). While activities don't have academic champs, GPAs from speech arts and top varsity choir and band can count. Submissions are due by May 5.

The "PERF" column reflects placement points from State Debate and Drama; Music scoring has been inconsistent and will be reviewed. Schools seeing zeros should contact Julie. The program highlights academic, competitive, and—later—citizenship achievements.

Winter Concussion Data

Chad noted that there aren't many comparisons to share yet but will provide more later. He pointed out that the yellow highlights indicate schools that haven't submitted data, making the current results less useful due to the lack of entries. He encouraged schools to submit their data and mentioned the fine that goes along with non-submission.

NFHS Network Reimbursement

Chad presented this topic as a highlight at the IAAA Conference, sharing detailed information on revenue generated through the NFHS Network. While the program initially operated at a loss, it has since seen a steady upward trend, with more than \$1 million earned collectively by Idaho schools and the IHSAA. Schools receive payments based on the number of games they stream on the NFHS Network and the viewership those games attract. Several athletic directors mentioned it was the largest payout they had received from the network. Chad noted that these payouts are expected to continue increasing in the future.

GoFan Fall Review

Mike reviewed the Fall GoFan summary, explaining that GoFan is the platform used for ticket sales. The report highlights schools that utilize the system. The IHSAA receives 10% back from all schools using GoFan for ticketing, and 100% of that amount is returned to those schools.

IHSAA Awards

- **Interscholastic Star Student Scholarship-** Mike discussed the Interscholastic Star Student Scholarship, noting that the application deadline is April 15th and that several submissions have already been received. He encouraged all juniors involved in sports and activities to apply, with the application available on the IHSAA website. The principal recommendation has been removed from the process, though principals of finalists will still complete an evaluation with specific questions. After an initial screening, a committee of retired athletic directors and school administrators will review video interviews of the finalists. Around \$12,000 in scholarships will be awarded, and the winner will speak at the annual Hall of Fame banquet.
- **Winter Sportsmanship-** Mike mentioned that the sportsmanship team awards for the year have been completed and are listed. Letters are sent to schools and communities recognizing their contributions to sportsmanship. The committee is considering adding softball and baseball to the awards, but softball is typically held at two different sites, making consistent scoring a bit challenging.
- **Winter Academic -** Julie mentioned that the Winter Academic Champions awards were distributed to everyone during the tournaments. She acknowledged the time-consuming nature of the process for ADs but expressed her gratitude. She encouraged ADs to submit their GPAs, even if they don't think they'll win, as they will still earn Schools of Excellence points.
- **Spirit of Sport-** Julie reviewed the Spirit of Sport award and mentioned that the deadline is May 15th for nominations. The award is for a current coach, athlete, or team that has demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, overcome hardship, shown empathy, and embodied the values we aim to teach through activities and athletics. It could be someone who has faced a significant challenge and used participation as a way to overcome it.
- **Official of the Year-** Julie discussed the upcoming Official of the Year award, noting that the deadline for submitting applications is May 15th. She will reach out to each Board of Control to request one nominee from each district. The winner will be recognized at the June meeting.

- **Memorial Awards** - Julie reviewed the Memorial Awards and explained the details, noting that the deadline was April 10th. The Dick Fleischmann Award is for individuals who have hosted state tournaments. The Wes Lowe Award honors those who prioritize their kids and programs over personal gain, focusing on teaching life lessons rather than wins and losses. The Duane D. Wolfe Award recognizes businesses in the community that volunteer their time and resources to support local programs.

Board Member Expiring Terms

- **IAAA: Ted Reynolds, replacement Jeremy Burgess**
- **ISBA: Starr Olsen, replacement TBD**
- **District VI: Heath Jackson, may be reelected**

Committees

- **Play-off Format Agenda, Committee Proposals-** Chad shared that he discussed the playoff format with the ADs at the IAAA conference. The playoff format committee has met several times, and their agenda and ideas are available for review. In the end, they developed two proposals. (See pages 26-45)

A motion was made to present the two recommendations from the Board of Directors to our member schools.

Motion carried

Chad mentioned that the office will take time to educate schools statewide about the proposals. They plan to host a Zoom meeting where schools can attend, ask questions, and later review the proposals. Schools can also invite the office to attend their meetings to ensure everyone is well informed. Towards the end of May, Chad will send out a survey asking schools for their level of support for Option A or Option B. However, it's not final that every classification will be locked into one option; the data collected will inform the final decision.

- **Pre-Enrollment Contact-** Julie discussed that the pre-enrollment contract committee was formed due to concerns about kids transferring. However, HB 237 was introduced, which takes an opposite approach to how kids transfer now. She mentioned that the committee has paused its work until they see the outcome of HB 237.
- **Classification Committee**
 - **Rule 2, November 2024 enrollment numbers, 2-Box** - Tol Gropp chaired the classification committee, with two representatives from each district. The group reviewed eight proposals, many of which included elements like multipliers for private and charter schools and strategies for balancing classification numbers. These ideas were merged into one simplified proposal, which was approved by a vote of 8–3. The proposal recommends moving to seven classifications to improve regionality and increase student participation. Some concern came from the 5A level, where there's a significant enrollment gap between the largest and smallest schools. The goal is to balance classification sizes and allow schools on the enrollment border to move rather than expanding classifications. The proposed structure is similar to systems used in other states with seven classifications. (See pages 46-48)

- i. [Rule 2, November 2024 enrollment numbers, 2-Box](#)
- ii. February 15, 2025: Classification proposals due to the IHSAA office (Rule 2-2-2).
- iii. February 16 – April 8, 2025: Classification Committee reviews proposals and prepares [recommendation for the Board](#).
- iv. April 9, 2025: IHSAA Board first reading of the new classification proposal
- v. June 3, 2025: Deadline to notify the IHSAA of changes to district alignment (e.g., districts combining).
- vi. June 4, 2025: Final reading of the new classification proposal, if one is being approved.
- vii. September 10, 2025: Classification petitions due to the IHSAA office (Rule 2-3).
- viii. September 30, 2025: Board will approve or deny classification petition

A motion was made to proceed with creating a new timeline for classification proposals and the committee work that will be done with those proposals.

Motion carried

Recognitions

- **2025 National High School Hall of Fame: Diane Wolf** - Julie Hammons shared that Diane Wolf is being inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in the contributor category. Diane was a longtime teacher, coach, and assistant director at the IHSAA. However, her induction is based on her national contributions—she authored the NFHS Dance and Cheer Safety Rules Book, served 19 years as an at-large member of the NFHS rules committee, and traveled across the country as a rule’s interpreter, assisting at other states’ championships.
- **2025 NFHS Section 8 Citation Award: Ty Jones**- Chad mentioned that Ty Jones, former Executive Director of the IHSAA, will be receiving the 2025 NFHS Section 8 Citation Award—one of the highest honors given by the NFHS. He shared that Section 8 nominated Ty in recognition of his many contributions to both the section and the state.
- **NFHS Outstanding Speech & Debate Educator: Robin Christensen**- Julie shared that Robin Christensen was nominated as Idaho's state representative for the NFHS Outstanding Speech & Debate Educator Award. Robin has served as the speech commissioner for several years and was selected as the Section 8 winner—a significant honor achieved by only a few.

Board of Control Survey Results

Chad discussed an upcoming survey he plans to send to the Board of Control to better understand how each board approaches various situations, aiming to identify similarities and differences across districts when making decisions. The survey hasn’t been sent out yet, so if there are any suggested changes, he asked that they be shared with him. Results will be available by the next board meeting.

MaxPreps: Basketball Report

Mike reviewed the basketball report, which has been compiled after every team sport for the past four years. He noted that typically, the top four ranked teams earn trophies most of the time, and higher-ranked teams consistently perform better at state. While there’s no rule ensuring the best teams qualify—since the system relies on representation—data shows that most of the top teams still make it to state. Over the past four tournaments, only once has an 8-seed won the championship.

Rules & Regulations / By-Laws

- **Summer equipment rule 17-1-4** Chad mentioned that he’s been receiving requests for equipment use over the summer. To ensure ADs are providing all the necessary information, he wrote a sample letter to guide them in submitting complete and accurate requests.

ACTION AGENDA-FINALS READINGS

Wrestling in Moscow, Venue Cost

Chad gave an update on the wrestling proposal to be hosted at the University of Idaho in Moscow. A survey sent out by the Coach's Association showed that 60% of coaches support the move. Chad and Shawn plan to take a letter to the University of Idaho to begin discussions about the cost and logistics.

A motion was made to keep the Wrestling in Moscow proposal with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Motion was Tabled

Rule 8-12-1

Chad reviewed that this is to provide clarification in Rule 8-12-1 to define that practices need to be supervised by a school specific and sport specific coach.

Proposed

8-12-1

Practice is defined as a scheduled physical fitness activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season. Practices must be conducted under the **direct** supervision of a coach or supervisor **who is both school-specific and sport-specific.**

A motion was made to approve the change to Rule 8-12-1 with modification as needed as a Final Reading.

Motion carried

Associate Membership Form

A motion was made to approve the changes made to the Associate Membership Form with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Proposed

Any public or private school within the State of Idaho seeking associate membership in the IHSAA must be at least in the **"candidacy stage"** of accreditation. Please attach a letter of verification from the Idaho State Department of Education that your school has met this criteria.

Motion carried

Cross-Country Meet Limitations

A motion was made to approve the Cross-Country Meet Limitations increasing from eight to nine with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Motion carried

2025-26 Wrestling Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2025-26 Wrestling Representation with the additional change to the 3A representation with modification as needed as a Final Reading.

3A Representation							5A Representation						
BOYS WRESTLING							BOYS WRESTLING						
	I-II	III	IV	V		VI		I-II	III	IV	V		VI
2024-25	4* of 9 47%	3* of 7 46%	3* of 6 53%	2* of 5 44%		3* of 6 53%	2024-25	2* of 4 68%	3* of 6 63%	3* of 6 63%	2 of 3 66%		3* of 6 63%
2025-26	4* of 9 47%	3* of 7 46%	3* of 6 53%	2* of 5 44%		3* of 6 53%	2025-26	2* of 4 68%	3* of 6 63%	3* of 6 63%	2 of 3 66%		3* of 6 63%
*next highest seed	94%	92%	106%	88%		106%		136%	126%	126%	132%		126%
GIRLS WRESTLING							GIRLS WRESTLING						
	I-II	III	IV	V-VI				I-II	III	IV	V-VI		
2024-25	2*	5*	3*	5*			2024-25	2*	5*	3*	5*		
2025-26	2*	5*	3*	5*			2025-26	2*	5*	3*	5*		
* Next highest seed							* Next highest seed						
4A Representation							6A Representation						
BOYS WRESTLING							GIRLS WRESTLING						
	I-II	III	IV	V		VI		I-II	III	IV	V-VI		
2024-25	1* of 2 80%	4* of 5 92%	3* of 4 90%	3* of 4 90%		2* of 3 87%	2024-25	2*	5*	3*	5*		
2025-26	2 of 2 100%	4** of 5 90%	3** of 4 87%	3** of 4 87%		2** of 3 83%	2025-26	2*	5*	3*	5*		
	180%	182%	177%	177%		170%	* Next highest seed						
* Next three highest seeds		** Next two highest seeds											
GIRLS WRESTLING							BOYS WRESTLING						
	I-II	III	IV	V-VI				I-II	III	IV-V-VI			
2024-25	2*	5*	3*	5*			2024-25	2* of 3 77%	10* of 14 74%	3* of 5 60%			
2025-26	2*	5*	3*	5*			2025-26	2* of 3 77%	9* of 14 66%	4* of 5 80%			
* Next highest seed								154%	140%	140%			
							* Next highest seed						

3A Boys Wrestling																					
	I-II				III				IV				V				VI				I
2024-25	* 4.20	of 9	47%		* 3.20	of 7	46%		* 3.20	of 5	64%		* 2.20	of 6	37%		* 3.20	of 6	53%	16.00	
2025-26	* 4.33	of 9	48%		* 3.33	of 7	48%		2.00	of 5	40%		* 3.33	of 6	56%		3.00	of 6	50%	15.90	
			95%				93%				104%				92%				103%		
* next highest seed												Gap = 12%									

Motion carried

2025-26 State Basketball Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2025-26 State Basketball Representation with the additional change to the 2A representation with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Girls Basketball Representation

6A		5A		4A		3A		2A		1A	
I	1	I-II	1.5	I-II	1	I-II	2	I	1	I	1
III	5	III	2.5	III	2.5	III	2	II	1.5	II	1.5
IV-V-VI	2	IV	1.5	IV	2	IV-V	2	III	3	III	1.5
		V	1	V	1.5	VI	2	IV	1.5	IV	2
		VI	1.5	VI	1			V-VI	1	V-VI	2

Boys Basketball Representation

6A		5A		4A		3A		2A		1A	
I	1	I-II	1.5	I-II	0.5	I-II	2	I	1	I	1
III	5	III	2.5	III	2.5	III	2	II	1.5	II	1.5
IV-V-VI	2	IV	1.5	IV	2	IV-V	2	III	2.5	III	1.5
		V	1	V	2	VI	2	IV	2	IV	2
		VI	1.5	VI	1			V-VI	1	V-VI	2

Boys Basketball																					
	I				II				III				IV				V-VI				16
2024-25	1.00	of 4	25%		1.50	of 7	21%		2.50	of 11	23%		2.50	of 9	28%		0.50	of 3	17%	8.00	
2025-26	1.00	of 4	25%		1.50	of 7	21%		2.50	of 11	23%		2.00	of 9	22%		1.00	of 3	33%	8.00	
			50%				43%				45%				50%				50%		

Girls Basketball																				
I				II				III				IV				V-VI				16
2024-25	1.00	of 4	25%	2.00	of 8	25%	2.50	of 13	19%	2.00	of 9	22%	0.50	of 3	17%	8.00				
2025-26	1.00	of 4	25%	1.50	of 8	19%	3.00	of 13	23%	1.50	of 9	17%	1.00	of 3	33%	8.00				
			50%			44%			42%			39%			50%					

Motion carried

2025-26 State Play-in Basketball dates, times and sites

A motion was made to approve the 2025-26 State Play-in Basketball dates, times and sites with the additional change to the 2A girls with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Play-In Games

<u>5A Girls</u> 1-2B vs 3C Feb. 14, 2026 1:00 pm PST Grangeville HS	<u>5A Girls</u> 4B vs 6B Feb. 14, 2026 1:00 pm MST American Falls HS	<u>4A Girls</u> 1-2A vs 3C Feb. 14, 2026 3:00 pm PST Grangeville HS	<u>2A Girls</u> 2B vs 4B Feb. 14, 2026 1:00 pm MST Cascade HS	<u>1A Girls</u> 2B vs 3B Feb. 14, 2026 1:00 pm MST Prairie HS
<u>5A Boys</u> 1-2B vs 3C Feb. 28, 2026 1:00 pm PST Grangeville HS	<u>5A Boys</u> 4B vs 6B Feb. 28, 2026 1:00 pm MST American Falls HS	<u>4A Boys</u> 3C vs 5B Feb. 28, 2026 1:00 pm MST Twin Falls HS	<u>2A Boys</u> 2B vs 3C Feb. 28, 2026 3:00 pm MST Grangeville HS	<u>1A Boys</u> 2B vs 3B Feb. 28, 2026 1:00 pm MST McCall-Donnelly HS

Motion carried

2025-26, Milk Bowl dates, times and sites

A motion was made to approve the 2025-26 Milk Bowl dates, times and sites with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

Milk Bowl Rotation

	6A	5A	4A
2025	East vs North = Kibbie East vs West = ICCU North vs West = Kibbie	East vs North = Kibbie East vs West = BSU North vs West = Kibbie	East vs North = Kibbie East vs West = ICCU North vs West = Kibbie
2024	BSU (East vs West)	ICCU (East vs East)	BSU (East vs West)

	3A	2A	1A
2025	East vs North = Kibbie East vs West = BSU North vs West = Kibbie	East vs North = ICCU East vs West = BSU North vs West = BSU	East vs North = Kibbie East vs West = BSU North vs West = Kibbie
2024	ICCU (East vs East)	Kibbie (East vs North)	ICCU (East vs East)

Motion carried

2026 SRV Baseball Representation Proposal

Mike discussed the 2026 SRV Baseball Representation Proposal, which is designed to even out representation percentages over a two-year period. The proposal would grant the district an automatic berth in one year and adjust representation the following year to maintain balance. This differs from the current approach, where the district champion earns a berth, and the rest of the teams are selected through at-large bids for seeding purposes.

A motion was made to approve the 2026 SRV Baseball Representation Proposal with modifications as needed as a Final Reading. (See pages 49-50)

Motion carried

Hall of Fame Finalists

A motion was made to approve to select three individuals to be inducted into the 2025 IHSAA Hall of Fame as a Final Reading.

The inductees for the 2025 IHSAA Hall of Fame are Terry Beck, Tim Perrigot, and Steve Sosnowski.

Motion carried

Rule 11-3

A motion was made to remove Rule 11-3 and add a statement that says until codified by law, the IHSAA will follow the federal February 5th, 2025, executive order as a Final Reading.

Motion carried

Approve 13, Abstain 1

ACTION ITEMS-FIRST READING

Petitioning: Fall Petitioning Results

Mike reviewed the outcomes of recent tournaments for schools that had petitioned to participate in a different classification. He went over all the results but specifically highlighted one girls' basketball team and one boys' basketball team—both of which earned trophies—demonstrating successful performances following their petitions.

A motion was made to add section E to Rule 2-3 that states the schools that petition down a classification, do not get to compete in the post season tournament.

Motion denied

Approve 3, Deny 11

World Schools Debate

A motion was made to approve the World Schools Debate to replace Policy Debate with modifications as a First Reading.

Motion carried

Officials Passes

A motion was made to approve official's passes through DragonFly, costing \$35 and allowing a plus one with modifications and needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

2026 State Softball Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2026 State Softball Representation with modifications as a First Reading.

Representation

6A		5A		4A		3A		2A	
I	1.5	I-II	1	I	.5	I-II	2	II	2*
III	4.5	III	2	III	2.5	III	2	III-IV	2*
V-VI	2	IV	2	IV	1.5	IV-V	1.5	<i>*Next two best MaxPrep seeds</i>	
		V	1	V	2	VI	2.5		
		VI	2	VI	1.5				

Motion carried

2026 State Play-in Softball dates, times and sites

A motion was made to approve the 2026 State Play-in Softball dates, times and sites with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Play-In Games

6A
1B May 9, 2026
3E Time 1:00 pm PT
Grangeville HS

4A
1A May 9, 2026
3C Time 3:00 pm PT
Grangeville HS

4A
4B May 9, 2026
6B Time 1:00 pm
Blackfoot HS

3A
4-5B May 9, 2026
6C Time 1:00 pm
Blackfoot HS

Motion carried

2026 State Track & Field Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2026 State Track & Field Representation with the additional 4A representation change highlighted with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

<u>6A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	2*	1*
	III	10*	4*
	IV-V-VI	3*	2*

* Next best mark statewide qualifies

<u>3A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	3*	1**
	III	4	1**
	IV-V	5*	1**
	VI	3*	1**

*Next best mark statewide qualifies

** Next four best marks qualify

<u>5A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	2*	1
	III	3*	2
	IV	3*	2
	V	2	1
	VI	3*	2

*Next three best marks statewide qualify

<u>2A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	5	2
	III	4	2
	IV	4	2
	V-VI	3	2

<u>4A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I	2*	1*
	III	5	2*
	IV	3	2
	V	3*	1*
	VI	2*	1*

*Next best mark statewide qualifies

Track Individual Events																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												</
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Motion carried

2026 State Tennis Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2026 State Tennis Representation with modifications as needed as a First Reading

TENNIS CLASSIFICATION 2025 & 2026 SEASONS

6A CLASSIFICATION – 16 reps.

	<u>I-II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV-V-VI</u>
2025	3 of 3 = 100%	10 of 14 = 71%	3 of 5 = 60%
2026	2 of 3 = 67%	10 of 14 = 71%	4 of 5 = 80%
Cycle Total	167%	142%	140%

5A CLASSIFICATION – 16 reps.

	<u>I-II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>VI</u>
2025	3 of 4 = 75%	4 of 6 = 67%	4 of 6 = 67%	1 of 2 = 50%	4 of 6 = 67%
2026	2 of 4 = 50%	4 of 6 = 67%	4 of 6 = 67%	2 of 2 = 100%	4 of 6 = 67%
Cycle Total	125%	134%	134%	150%	134%

4A CLASSIFICATION – 13 reps.

	<u>I-II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV-V-VI</u>
2025	5 of 6 = 83%	4 of 5 = 80%	4 of 4 = 100%
2026	5 of 6 = 83%	5 of 5 = 100%	3 of 4 = 75%
Cycle Total	166%	180%	175%

Motion carried

2026 State Baseball Representation

A motion was made to approve the 2026 State Baseball Representation with the additional 4A classification change with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

BASEBALL REPRESENTATION 2024-2026 Classification Cycle 2025 & 2026 Baseball Seasons

6A – 21 Teams						
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV-V-VI</u>			
2025	1 of 3 33%	5 of 13 38%	2 of 5 40%			
2026	1 of 3 33%	5 of 13 38%	2 of 5 40%			
2-Year Percentage	66%	76%	80%			
• 4 At-Large Teams						
5A – 26 Teams						
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>I-II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>VI</u>	
2025	1 of 4 25%	2 of 7 29%	2 of 6 33%	1 of 3 33%	2 of 6 33%	
2026	1 of 4 25%	2 of 7 29%	2 of 6 33%	1 of 3 33%	2 of 6 33%	
2-Year Percentage	50%	58%	66%	66%	66%	
• 4 At-Large Teams						
4A – 19 Teams						
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>VI</u>	
2025	1 of 2 50%	1 of 6 17%	1 of 4 25%	1 of 4 25%	1 of 3 33%	
2026	1 of 2 50%	1 of 6 17%	1 of 4 25%	1 of 4 25%	1 of 3 33%	
2-Year Percentage	100%	34%	50%	50%	66%	
• 3 At-Large Teams						
3A – 21 Teams						
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>I-II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV-V</u>	<u>VI</u>		
2025	2 of 5 40%	2 of 6 33%	2 of 5 40%	2 of 5 40%		
2026	2 of 5 40%	2 of 6 33%	2 of 5 40%	2 of 5 40%		
2-Year Percentage	80%	66%	80%	80%		
• 4 At-Large Teams						
2A – 17 Teams						
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III-IV</u>				
2025	2 of 8 25%	2 of 9 22%				
2026	2 of 8 25%	2 of 9 22%				
2-Year Percentage	50%	44%				
• 4 At-Large Teams						

Motion carried

2026-2027 State Tournaments Sites: Move from tentative to approved

A motion was made to approve the 2026-27 State Tournament Sites from tentative to approved with modifications as a First Reading. (See page 51)

Motion carried

2027-2028 State Tournaments Sites: Move from suggested to tentative

A motion was made to approve the 2027-28 State Tournament Sites from suggested to tentative with modifications as a First Reading. (See page 51)

Motion carried

Wrestling Proposal 1

A motion was made to approve the Wrestling Proposal 1 with modifications as needed as a First Reading. (See pages 17-19)

Motion carried

NFHS Girls Wrestling Expansion

A motion was made to approve the NFHS Girls Wrestling Expansion 14 as a First Reading for 2026 girl's tournament with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

MaxPreps Fine Rule 2-5-3

A motion was made to add a section D to Rule 2-5-3 that states that those schools that don't make the deadline with we fined \$1,500 per sport with missing score, with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Rule 8-14: Transfers-** Chad spoke with athletic directors about ongoing concerns surrounding transfer rules. In response, he has established a Transfer Rule Review Committee to address some of the issues raised by members of the legislature. The committee has met once so far, and each member has been tasked with researching how other states handle transfer policies and considering how those practices could be applied in Idaho. If the committee develops a proposal, it will be brought forward to the IHSAA Board for review. Chad emphasized that the purpose of the current transfer rules is to protect the integrity of competition and reflect the values of the member schools. No Action Taken
- 2. Board Priorities vs. IHSAA Goals Final June-** The Board priorities and the IHSAA goals have been discussed and will be final in June. No Action Taken.
- 3. Appeals Process: AD from sending school-** Discussion was held about the idea of giving the sending school's athletic director more opportunity to provide input during face-to-face appeal hearings. One suggestion was that, since the student gets a chance to share more information, the previous school should also have that option. Someone proposed creating a questionnaire to send to the previous school, possibly for all hardship cases. However, concerns were raised about what an AD is legally allowed to say about a student after they've left, and how to handle confidentiality. A conversation with the IHSAA attorney will take place to clarify any potential legal issues. No Action Taken.

4. **August 5, 2025, Meeting Date: IASA Conference, August 6-9, 2025-** This year's August meetings will follow the same one-day format as last year. The work session will take place on the morning of August 5th, followed by the regular Board meeting later that day. The Annual Meeting will be held on August 6th, with the Hall of Fame banquet that evening.
5. **Nampa High School Request-** Rule 2-4 states that if a school district changes its boundaries and that change impacts enrollment numbers, the affected school must be placed in the appropriate classification. Based on this rule, Nampa should be classified as 5A instead of 6A for the 2025–2026 school year. The Board will ensure the school is placed in the correct classification accordingly.
6. **Regular Membership Requirements-** Julie discussed that some new schools are struggling to understand the IHSAA rules and procedures. She acknowledged that, in fairness, the IHSAA hasn't done much in terms of training for these new schools. To address this, there is a proposal to modify the bylaws to require new schools to serve as associate members for two years before becoming regular members. However, schools that are formed as a split from an existing school can still request to move directly into regular membership. (See Page 52)

A motion was made to move Regular Membership Requirements to the Action Agenda for the next Board Meeting.

Motion carried

INFORMATION

1. Prairie GB Letter, State WR Letter
2. Board of Control Minutes
 - a. District I Minutes
 - b. District V_Minutes
 - c. District VI Minutes

Regular session adjourned at 11:54.

A motion was made to adjourn Executive Session at 12:43.

POST FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

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March 21, 2025

Chad Williams, Executive Director
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Chad,

I would like to propose the following rule changes to state wrestling be considered by the IHSAA board.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,



Craig Christensen
Post Falls High School

1. Rule regarding competition on day of three scratches.

1. To be eligible for district and state competition, each wrestler must weigh in at scratch weight on three of the sixteen regular season dates. The coach must provide verification that any wrestler has made the three required weigh ins before the district seeding meeting.

Change- The phrase “then compete at scratch weight, or up one weight above scratch weight” has been removed. The change would no longer require a wrestler to have to compete in a match the day of the weigh in.

Rationale- The definition of competition is tough to enforce. Can you put a wrestler on the mat for a few seconds with the intent of stopping action almost immediately and then forfeiting the match? What if the other team doesn’t have a competitor at the weight. The state feels the old rule is arbitrary and can put coaches in an ethical dilemma. We want to remove that pressure on a coach to get a wrestler 3 scratches and then matches that meet the rule. The athlete simply must make the weigh ins and not compete.

2. Rule regarding the 3 scratch weigh ins for district eligibility.

1. To be eligible for district and state competition, each wrestler must weigh in at scratch weight on one of the sixteen regular season dates. The coach must provide verification that any wrestler has made the one required weigh in before the district seeding meeting.

Change- Moving from 3 required scratch weigh ins during the season to only 1 required scratch weigh in prior to or including districts.

Rationale- The state has been using the weight certification and descent plan for a number of years. It is Idaho’s weight control program. Why are we still using a system of three scratch weigh ins when the descent plan and alpha weight spell out specifically where a wrestler can compete on any date all year long. If the 3-scratch rule was put in place to protect wrestlers from losing too much weight in an unhealthy manner, why are we sticking with it 25 years after the introduction of our new weight control program. Let’s require one scratch weigh in before or at districts as long as the wrestler follows their weight descent program.

3. Rule Introduce a third opportunity for wrestlers to certify for the weight program.

1. A window to recertify will be the 2nd full week of January. Wrestlers must have certified during the original window to have this opportunity to recertify.

Change- Adding a chance for wrestlers to recertify at a lower weight due to natural loss of weight.

Rationale- Some wrestlers find themselves naturally losing weight during the course of a season. Several occasions have had wrestlers naturally weighing a weight class below what they can legally wrestle based on the first certification. We are finding that it is dangerous for some of these athletes to compete at a weight class above their actual weight. This would allow for these athletes to recertify and compete at their actual weight. Schools should be responsible to pay for these recertifications.

4. Rule restructure state representation for the 6A classification

1. Change state representation for the 6A classification to the following:
Dist I-II 1
Dist III 9
Dist V-VI 2
Next 4 highest seeds 4 Wild cards

Change- Remove one automatic bid from each of the 3 district tournaments and add them as wildcards.

Rationale- This will be a better way of ensuring the best wrestlers in the state will make the state tournament. We have had several occasions where a top ranked wrestler for the entire season does not qualify for the state tournament. This year at 113 the top four wrestlers in the rankings were all in dist 1 and one of them stayed home.

5.Rule- Change Friday night weigh in at tournaments.

1. Allow a one-time weigh in on Friday for two-day tournaments.

Change- Remove the second weigh in on Friday evening for two-day tournaments allowing the first weigh in on Friday to count.

Rationale- If we already allow a Friday night weigh in to count for Saturday action (an exception to the NFHS (rules) why not get rid of it altogether. Wrestlers will still be over weight the same amount come Saturday morning. This will solve problems associated with weigh ins on Friday night of the state tournament and allow wrestlers to eat during competition on Friday. Host Schools would still have the option of a Saturday morning weigh in.

These rule change proposals are supported by Post Falls High School and the following individuals.

Ryan Wood
Jeremy Zender
Jeff Moffitt

Corey Owen

Jason Jerome

Dennis Humphrey (all but rule 2)

Scott Miller (all but rule 2)

State rules interpreter

PFHS Head Coach

CDA Head Coach

LCHS Head Coach

Timberlake Head Coach

St. Maries Head Coach

Kellogg AD and head Coach

Girls						
		Assessed	Participated	% Assessed who participated	State Reps	State Part %
NFHS 14	3 classifications		1000		672	67.20%
NFHS 14	2 classifications		1250		448	35.84%
NFHS 14	1 classification		999		224	22.42%
NFHS 14	2025-26 (3yr average)	823	616	74.84%	224	36.38%
NFHS 12	2025-26 (3yr average)	823	616	74.84%	192	31.19%
NFHS 12	2024-25	925	750	81.08%	192	25.60%
NFHS 12	2023-24	849	615	72.44%	192	31.22%
NFHS 12	2022-23	694	482	69.45%	192	39.83%
NFHS 10	2021-22	481	338	70.27%	80	23.67%

NFHS 12	NFHS 13	NFHS 14
100	100	100
107	106	105
114	112	110
120	118	115
126	124	120
132	130	125
138	136	130
145	142	135
152	148	140
165	155	145
185	170	155
235	190	170
	235	190
		235

New NFHS 14 (+98)	Boys					
		Assessed	Participated	% Assessed who participated	State Reps	State Part %
	5 year average					35.02%
New NFHS 14 (+98)	2025-26 (3yr average)	3656	2805	76.72%	960	34.22%
New NFHS 14 (+98)	2025-26 (3yr average)	3656	2805	76.72%	960	34.22%
New NFHS 14 (+98)	2024-25	3578	2998	83.79%	960	32.02%
Old NFHS 14 (+98)	2023-24	3884	2854	73.48%	960	33.64%
Old NFHS 14 (+98)	2022-23	3507	2563	73.08%	960	37.46%
Old NFHS 14 (+98)	2021-22	3418	2491	72.88%	960	38.54%

New NFHS 14
(+98)

192

106

113

120

126

132

138

144

150

157

165

175

190

215

285

Difference

% Boys above Girls

-35.84%

-2.16%

6.42%

2.42%

-2.38%

14.87%

[May 2022 Survey](#)

[Scott Palmer Link](#)

I am proposing that we get in front of this before the season starts so all the Idaho Girls Tournaments could start with the 14 Weight Class grouping from the start.

Benefits:

Benefits: 1. Idaho Girls Weight Classes would match all the surrounding states, except Montana. Making weight classes and seeding criteria uniform for all involved.

Would bring us more compliant with Title IX where as now the girls are offered 3 less weight classes than the boys(12 vs 15) and a lower percentage of participants allowed to compete at the state tournament (31% vs 34%).

Provide more opportunity for girls to compete in the most populated weight ranges.

RULE 2 - CLASSIFICATION

- 2-1** School enrollment will be the primary basis for establishing classification. Final placement may be determined by consideration of the following factors:
1. Minimizing loss of instructional time.
 2. Reducing travel time and distance.
 3. Facilitating equitable scheduling.
 4. Evaluating safety concerns relative to competitive scheduling and pairing.
 5. Competitive equity of schools' program/s.
- 2-2** Classifications shall be reviewed every two years. Grades 9-12 enrollment numbers are obtained during the enrollment year from the State Board of Education and as outlined in Rule 8-15, 16, 17. Enrollment numbers for private schools are obtained from the school principal and verified with the school's student management system. Figures are compiled during a one-year period, with a one-year grace period as illustrated below. The average of enrollment figures used in calculating classification shall not be rounded up.

<u>Enrollment Year</u>	<u>Grace Year</u>	<u>Classification Period</u>
2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025 / 2025-2026
2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027 / 2027-2028
2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029 / 2029-2030

- 2-2-1** Classifications for the current school year:

Sports/Spirit/Drama

- 6A 1400 & over
- 5A 1399-700
- 4A 699-350
- 3A 349-175
- 2A 174-90
- 1A 89 and below

- 2-2-2** All proposals for reclassification shall be reviewed by the IHSAA Classification Committee before being considered by the Board of Directors.
- a. The proposal must be submitted to the Classification Committee by February 15 of the enrollment year.
 - b. The proposal must be submitted as outlined on the IHSAA Classification Guidelines.
- 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. Petitions must be submitted to the IHSAA by September 10 of the grace year.
- a. Schools may petition to move down a classification in specific team sports (see 2-3-1).
 - b. Schools may petition to move up a classification in specific team sports (see 2-3-1).
 - c. Schools may petition to move up a classification in specific individual sports (those not listed in 2-3-1).
 - d. Schools may petition to move up a classification as a school (all sports/activities).
- 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. 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. A simple majority of the superintendent votes, one vote per high school, must be obtained to move the petition to the Board for a final decision.
 - b. Cover letter and letters of support.
 - c. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman combined winning percentage is near or below 25% during the most recent two years of competition against their assigned classification.
 - d. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman teams finished near or below the bottom 33% of their postseason tournaments during the most recent two years of competition.
 - 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:
- 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. A simple majority of the superintendent votes, one vote per high school, must be obtained to move the petition to the Board for a final decision.
 - Cover letter and letters of support.
 - 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.

2-4 When school attendance boundaries change, causing an alteration in the enrollment and classification status of member schools within that school district, the following procedure will be used to determine the classification for the next school year:

- The Board of Directors, at their December meeting, will review the fall enrollment figures obtained from the State Board of Education of each school in question.
- The Board will place each school in their proper classification beginning at the start of the next school year.

2-5 REPRESENTATION

2-5-1 State tournament representation in volleyball, soccer, swimming, football, basketball, wrestling, track, baseball, 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.

- 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.
- State play-in games should be used when the percentage of the representation between districts or regions can be more equitable.
- When there are three or more schools within a region or district, representation should be at least 1.5 if possible.
- 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, baseball and softball will be seeded using MaxPreps rankings. Each school year, brackets will be flipped to balance the bracket time slots, based on a 4-year rotation. The higher seed will be the home team in all contests.

<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>
3 vs 6	1 vs 8	2 vs 7	4 vs 5
2 vs 7	4 vs 5	3 vs 6	1 vs 8
1 vs 8	3 vs 6	4 vs 5	2 vs 7
4 vs 5	2 vs 7	1 vs 8	3 vs 6

- MaxPreps rankings will include all regular season games and district tournament games.
- Regular season and district tournament game scores must be posted by each member school on MaxPreps prior to midnight the Saturday prior to the state tournament. Scores posted and/or altered after the Saturday deadline will NOT be included in the final rankings.
- Official and final rankings will be published by the IHSAA the Monday prior to the state tournament.

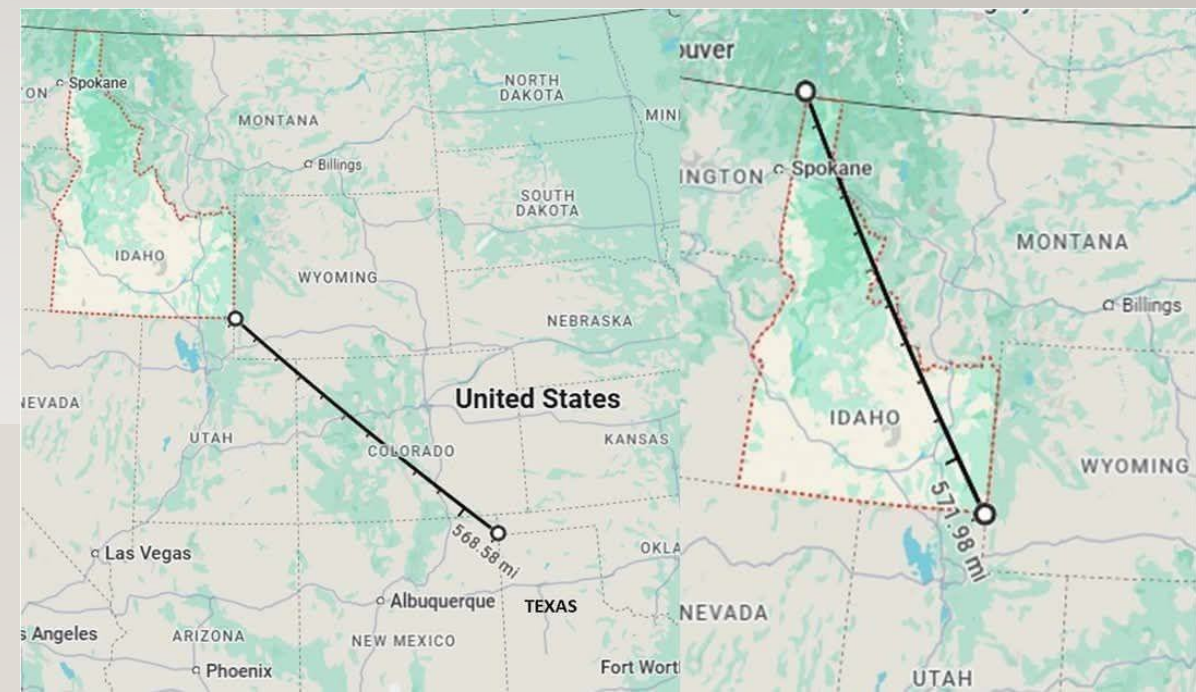


Playoff Format Committee

PHILOSOPHY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – WHY

- Best Teams at State
- District Representation
- Travel
 - NW Idaho to SE Idaho = 571 miles
 - SE Idaho to NW Texas = 568 miles
- Equity from Sport to Sport
- Equity from Classification to Classification
- Equity from District to District



Cake & Eat It Too

No Perfect Bracket only Perfect Brackets

40% Bracket with Rule of 5 Additional Representation

7 Team Percentage Bracket

2-5 REPRESENTATION (CURRENT MODEL)

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40% Bracket

2025 Boys Basketball						
	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>2A</u>	<u>1A</u>
8 Teams (Current %)	40%	30%	42%	35%	24%	22%
10/11 Teams	50%	37%	53%	43%	30%	28%
12 Teams	60%	44%	63%	52%	35%	33%

2024 Girls Soccer			
	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>
8 Teams (Current %)	40%	31%	26%
10/11 Teams	50%	38%	32%
12 Teams	60%	46%	39%

Building the Bracket

- District Champions
- District Qualifiers – schools that are not district champions with Rule of 5 additional representation
- At-Large Qualifiers – Remaining highest ranked MaxPreps teams that aren't district qualifiers
 - Number of At-Large Qualifiers is determined by the 40% Bracket

In 8 team brackets District Qualifiers and At-Large Qualifiers fill the brackets. No play-in games necessary

In all other team brackets District Qualifiers and At-Large Qualifiers participate in play-in games for final berths to the State Championship



2024-26 BOYS BASKETBALL CLASSIFICATION & ALIGNMENT

District	6A 1400 & Above	5A 1399-700	4A 699-350	3A 349-175	2A 174-90	1A 89 & below
I (17)	Coeur d'Alene Lake City Post Falls	Lakeland Sandpoint	Bonnets Ferry Timberlake	Kellogg Priest River St. Maries	Clark Fork Genesis Prep Lakeside Wallace	Coeur Du Christ Kootenai Mullan
II (18)		Lewiston Moscow		Grangeville Crofino	Kamiah Kendrick Lapwai Logos Pottlatch Prairie Troy	Clearwater Valley Deary Genesee Highland-C* Nezperce St. John Bosco Timberline-W
III (51)	Boise Borah Capital Centennial Eagle Kuna Meridian Mountain View Owyhee Ridgevue Rocky Mountain Timberline-B	Bishop Kelly Caldwell Columbia Emmett Middleton Nampa Skyview Vallivue	Cole Valley Christian Fruitland Homedale McCall-Donnelly* Payette Weiser	Ambrose Marsing Melba Nampa Christian New Plymouth Pama Vision Charter	Centennial Baptist Compass Charter Gem State Academy Idaho City Liberty Charter North Star Charter Notus Rimrock Riverstone Victory Charter Wildier	Cascade Council Garden Valley Greendale Friends Horseshoe Bend Salmon River Tri-Valley
IV (30)	Canyon Ridge	Burley Jerome Minico Mountain Home Twin Falls Wood River	Buhl Filer Gooding Kimberly	Declo Wendell	Glenns Ferry Hagerman Lighthouse Christian Murtaugh Oakley Raft River Shoshone Sun Valley Comm. Valley	Bliss Camas County Carey Castleford Dietrich Hansen ISDB Richfield
V (17)	Highland-P	Century Pocatello Preston	American Falls Bear Lake Marsh Valley Snake River	Aberdeen Malad Soda Springs West Side	Grace	Grace Lutheran North Gem Rockland Sho-Ban
VI (26)	Madison Rigby Thunder Ridge	Blackfoot Bonneville Hillcrest Idaho Falls Shelley Skyline	South Fremont Sugar-Salem Teton	Firth North Fremont Ririe Salmon West Jefferson	Alturas Prep Butte County	American Heritage Challis Clark County Leadore Mackay Taylor's Crossing Watersprings
(159)	(20)	(27)	(19)	(23)	(34)	(36)

*Member of combined co-op

Rule of 5 Representation

Boys Basketball

Number of Teams

3-5 Team District = District Champion advances to State Tournament

6-10 Team District = District Champion plus 1 advances to State Tournament

11-15 Team District = District Champion plus 2 advances to State Tournament

*1-2 Team District

a) District champions w/top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to State Tournament

b) District champions with below a top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to play-in game

	6A	5A	4A	3A	2A	1A
District I	3/1	4/1	*2/1	5/1	4/1	3/1
District II	N/A	with/1	N/A	with/1	7/2	7/2
District III	12/3	8/2	6/2	7/2	11/2	7/2
District IV	5/1	6/2	4/1	6/2	9/2	8/2
District V	with/IV-VI	3/1	4/1	with/IV	3/1	11/3
District VI	with/IV-V	6/2	3/1	5/1	with/V	with/V

Boys Basketball 2025

6A

I-II 1.5
III 4.5
IV-V-VI 2

1 Play-In Game

5A

I-II 1
III 2
IV 2
V 1
VI 2

4A

I-II 1
III 2.5
IV 1.5
V 1.5
VI 1.5

2 Play-In Games

3A

I-II 1.5
III 2.5
IV-V 2.5
VI 1.5

2 Play-In Games

2A

I 1
II 1.5
III 2.5
IV 2.5
V-VI .5

2 Play-In Games

1A

I .5
II 1.5
III 1.5
IV 1.5
V-VI 3

2 Play-In Games

QUALIFIED (*Play-in Game)

5 of top 8

#13 Boise
#14 Thunder R.
#16 Borah

5 of top 8

#11 Columbia
#12 Twin Falls
#20 Jerome

6 of top 8

#10 Filer
#11 *Kimberly

6 of top 8

#14 *Marsing
#17 Orofino

5 of top 8

#12 Hagerman
#13 *Grace
#24 Victory

5 of top 8

#10 Challis
#12 Nezperce
#14 *Coeur du Christ

OUT (*Play-in Game)

#6 Capital
#7 CDA
#8 *Post Falls

#4 Pocatello
#6 Sandpoint
#7 Skyview

#5 American Falls
#7 *Teton

#2 West Side
#7 Priest River

#4 Logos
#6 Butte Co.
#8 Lapwai

#5 Carey
#7 Council
#8 Mackay

2025 Boys Basketball – Rule of 5 Representation

** Didn't get in

6A

I-II I
III 3
IV-V-VI 1

5A

I-II I
III 2
IV 2
V 1
VI 2

4A

I-II I
III 2
IV 1
V 1
VI 1

3A

I-II I
III 2
IV-V 2
VI 1

2A

I I
II 2
III 3
IV 2
V-VI 1

1A

I I
II 2
III 2
IV 2
V-VI 3

*3 District Champs
2 District Qualifer
3 At-Large

#2 *Lake City
#1 *Owyhee
#3 *Madison
#13 Boise
#5 Meridian
#4 Timberline PI
#6 Capital**
#7 CDA**

*5 District Champs
3 District Qualifer
3 At-Large

#2 *Lewiston
#4 *Middleton
#7 *Twin Falls
#1 *Preston
#3 *Hillcrest
#11 Columbia
#20 Jerome
#8 Bonneville
#4 Pocatello**
#6 Sandpoint**
#7 Skyview**

Play-In Games

#20 Jerome @ #4 Pocatello
#11 Columbia @ #6 Sandpoint
#8 Bonneville @ #7 Skyview

*5 District Champs
1 District Qualifer
2 At-Large

#1 *Bonners Ferry
#4 *Cole Valley
#10 *Filer
#6 *Marsh Valley
#3 *Sugar Salem
#8 McCall-Donnelly
#2 Snake River PI
#5 American Falls**

*4 District Champs
2 District Qualifer
6 At-Large

#17 *Orofino
#8 *New Plymouth
#4 *Wendell
#3 *Firth
#5 Ambrose
#6 Soda Springs
#1 Declo PI
#2 West Side**
#7 Priest River**
#9 St. Maries**
#10 West Jefferson**
#11 Nampa Christian**

Play-In Games

#11 Nampa C. @ #1 Declo
#10 West J. @ #2 West Side
#9 St. Maries @ #5 Ambrose
#7 Priest River @ #6 Soda Springs

*5 District Champs
4 District Qualifer
2 At-Large

#5 *Lakeside
#3 *Kendrick
#7 *Riverstone
#2 *Valley
#13 *Grace
#1 Kamiah PI
#14 Victory Charter
#15 Compass Charter**
#12 Hagerman
#4 Logos**
#6 Butte County**

Play-In Games

#15 Compass @ #1 Kamiah
#14 Victory @ #4 Logos
#12 Hagerman @ #6 Butte Co.

*5 District Champs
5 District Qualifer
1 At-Large

#14 *Coeur du Christ
#12 *Nezperce
#4 *Cascade
#1 *Dietrich
#3 *Watersprings
#16 Deary**
#6 Garden Valley PI
#9 Camas County**
#2 Rockland
#10 Challis
#5 Carey**

Play-In Games

#16 Deary @ #2 Rockland
#10 Challis @ #5 Carey
#9 Camas Co. @ #6 Garden Valley

2024-26 GIRLS SOCCER CLASSIFICATION & ALIGNMENT

District	6A 1400 & Above	5A 1399-700	4A 699 & Below
I (11)	Coeur d'Alene* Lake City	Lakeland Sandpoint Post Falls	Bonnets Ferry CdA Charter Kellogg Priest River St. Maries Timberlake
II (3)		Lewiston Moscow*	Grangeville
III (26)	Bishop Kelly Boise Borah Capital Centennial Eagle Kuna* Meridian Mountain View Owyhee Ridgevue Rocky Mountain Timberline-B	Caldwell* Columbia Middleton Nampa Skyview Vallivue	Emmett* Fruitland Homedale McCall -Donnelly* Pama Payette Weiser*
IV (15)	Canyon Ridge	Burley Jerome Minico Mountain Home Twin Falls Wood River	Bliss* Buhl Declo Filer Gooding Kimberly Sun Valley Comm. Wendell
V (9)	Highland-P	Century Pocatello Preston*	Aberdeen American Falls Marsh Valley Malad Snake River
VI (13)	Madison Rigby Thunder Ridge	Blackfoot Bonneville Hillcrest Idaho Falls Shelley Skyline	Firth South Fremont Sugar-Salem Teton
(78)	(20)	(26)	(31)

Rule of 5 Representation

Girls Soccer

Number of Teams

3-5 Team District = District Champion advances to State Tournament

6-10 Team District = District Champion plus 1 advances to State Tournament

11-15 Team District = District Champion plus 2 advances to State Tournament

*1-2 Team District

a) District champions w/top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to State Tournament

b) District champions with below a top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to play-in game

	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>
District I	*2/1	5/1	7/2
District II	N/A	with/1	with/1
District III	13/3	6/2	7/2
District IV	5/1	6/2	8/2
District V	with/IV-VI	3/1	5/1
District VI	with/IV-V	6/2	4/1

Girls Soccer - 2024

6A		5A		4A	
I-II	1	I-II	1.5	I-II	1.5
III	5	III	1.5	III	2
IV-V-VI	2	IV	2	IV	2
		V	1	V	1.5
		VI	2	VI	1
		1 Play-In Game		1 Play-In Game	

QUALIFIED

6 of top 8
#9 Highland
#15 Madison

6 of top 8
#12 Wood River
#13 Idaho Falls

7 of top 8
#10 Homedale

OUT (*Play-in Game)

#7 Mt.View
#8 Eagle

#6 Skyline
#7 Vallivue*

#6 McCall-Donnelly

2024 Girls Soccer – Rule of 5 Representation

**** Didn't get in**

6A

I-II	1
III	3
IV-V-VI	1

*3 District Champs
2 District Qualifiers
3 At-Large

#1 *Rocky Mt.
#6 *Lake City
#9 *Highland
#2 Boise
#5 Bishop Kelly
#3 Owyhee
#4 Timberline
#7 Mt.View **

5A

I-II	1
III	2
IV	2
V	1
VI	2

* 5 District Champs
3 District Qualifiers
3 At-Large

#4 * Sandpoint
#1 * Middleton
#8 * Twin Falls
#3 * Pocatello
#5 * Hillcrest
#7 Vallivue **
#12 Wood River
#6 Skyline **
#2 Lewiston ** PI
#9 Moscow **
#10 Mt. Home **

Play-In Games

#12 Wood River @ #2 Lewiston
#10 Mt. Home @ #6 Skyline
#9 Moscow @ #7 Vallivue

4A

I-II	2
III	2
IV	2
V	1
VI	1

* 5 District Champs
3 District Qualifiers
3 At-Large

#8 * CDA Charter
#2 * Fruitland
#3 * Sun Valley
#5 * Marsh Valley
#1 * Sugar-Salem
#15 Bonners Ferry ** PI
#10 Homedale
#7 Buhl
#6 McCall-Donnelly **
#9 Timberlake **
#11 Kimberly **

Play-In Games

#15 Bonners Ferry @ #6 McCall-Donnelly
#11 Kimberly @ #7 Buhl
#10 Homedale @ #9 Timberlake

Boys Basketball

	6A	5A	4A	3A	2A	1A
40% Bracket	40%	37%	42%	43%	35%	33%
District Champions	3	5	4/5	4	5	5
District Qualifiers	2	3	1/1	2	4	5
At-Large Qualifiers	3	3	2/2	6	2	1
Play-In Games	0	3	*1/0	4	3	3

Girls Soccer

	6A	5A	4A
40% Bracket	40%	38%	39%
District Champions	2/3	5	5
District Qualifiers	2/2	3	3
At-Large Qualifiers	3/3	3	3
Play-In Games	*1/0	3	3

Additional Guidelines:

- Implementation with new classification cycle (Fall 2026)
- Seed State Championships by MaxPreps final standings prior to play-in games (after district tournament)
- Play-In Games:
 - High seed host play-In game
 - Game Management – Host school
 - Officials – Assigned by local commissioner
 - Financial Considerations
 - Reimburse traveling team up to 100% of travel cost
 - Pure Rankings –
 - If there is a substantial gap in MaxPreps rankings and overnight travel is necessary, the IHSAA advises bypassing the play-in game and advancing the higher-ranked team. The final decision rests with the traveling team's local school board and/or school administration.

7 Team Percentage Bracket

2-5-1 State tournament representation in volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball will be determined for a two-year period based on a percentage of schools in that classification.

1) 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 for 7 of the 8 spots in the tournament.

A. The final spot is determined by:

- a. At-Large - play-in of next highest MaxPreps ranked teams
- b. *Next Best – When applicable

*1-2 Team District

- a) District champions w/top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to State Tournament
- b) District champions with below a top-eight MaxPreps ranking advances to play-in game



6A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

VOLLEYBALL

I	III
1 of 3 33%	4 of 13 31%
1 of 3 33%	4 of 13 31%
66%	62%

GIRLS SOCCER

I	III
*1 of 2 50%	4 of 13 31%
*1 of 2 50%	4 of 13 31%
*0-100%	62%
*If ranked in top 8	

BOYS SOCCER

I	III
*1 of 2 50%	4 of 14 29%
*1 of 2 50%	4 of 14 29%
*0-100%	58%
*If ranked in top 8	

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I	III
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
66%	66%

BOYS BASKETBALL

I	III
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
66%	66%

SOFTBALL

I	III
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
1 of 3 33%	4 of 12 33%
66%	66%

6A

IV-V-VI

2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
80%	

IV-V-VI

2 of 5 40%	*Next Best	2 at-large
2 of 5 40%	*Next Best	2 at-large
60%		

IV-V-VI

2 of 5 40%	*Next Best	2 at-large
2 of 5 40%	*Next Best	2 at-large
60%		

IV-V-VI

2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
60%	

IV-V-VI

2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
2 of 5 40%	2 at-large
60%	

IV-V-VI

2 of 4 50%	2 at-large
2 of 4 50%	2 at-large
100%	

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

5A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

5A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

VOLLEYBALL

I-II

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

III

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

IV

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

V

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%
*If ranked in top 8

VI

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

*Next Best
*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

BOYS SOCCER

I-II

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

III

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

IV

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

V

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66.0%

VI

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

GIRLS SOCCER

I-II

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

III

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

IV

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

V

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66%

VI

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I-II

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

III

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

IV

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

V

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66%

VI

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

BOYS BASKETBALL

I-II

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

III

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

IV

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

V

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66.0%

VI

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

SOFTBALL

I-II

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

III

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

IV

2 of 7 28%
1 of 7 14%
42%

V

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%
*If ranked in top 8

VI

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

*Next Best
*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

4A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

4A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

VOLLEYBALL

I

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

III

2 of 7 29%
2 of 7 29%
58%

IV

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

V

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

VI

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66%

*Next Best
Plus One/*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

BOYS SOCCER

I

1 of 7 14%
2 of 7 28%
42%

III

2 of 7 28%
1 of 7 14%
42%

IV

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

V

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

VI

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

GIRLS SOCCER

I

1 of 7 14%
2 of 7 28%
42%

III

2 of 7 28%
1 of 7 14%
42%

IV

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

V

1 of 5 20%
1 of 5 20%
40%

VI

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

2 at-large
2 at-large

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66.0%

IV

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

V

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

VI

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66.0%

*Next Best
Plus One/*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

BOYS BASKETBALL

I

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66.0%

IV

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

V

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

VI

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66.0%

Plus One/*Next Best
Plus One/*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

SOFTBALL

I

*1 of 2 50%
*1 of 2 50%
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

IV

1 of 4 25%
2 of 4 50%
75%

V

1 of 4 25%
1 of 5 20%
60%

VI

1 of 3 33%
1 of 3 33%
66%

*Next Best
*Next Best

2 at-large
2 at-large

3A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

3A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

VOLLEYBALL

I-II

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

III

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

IV-V

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

VI

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%
2 at-large
2 at-large

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I-II

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

IV-V

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

VI

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%
2 at-large
2 at-large

BOYS BASKETBALL

I-II

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

III

2 of 7 29%
2 of 7 29%
58%

IV-V

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

VI

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%
2 at-large
2 at-large

SOFTBALL

I-II

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

IV-V

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

VI

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%
2 at-large
2 at-large

2A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

2A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

VOLLEYBALL

I

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

II

2 of 8 25%
2 of 8 25%
50%

III

2 of 10 20%
2 of 10 20%
40%

IV

2 of 10 20%
2 of 10 20%
40%

V-VI

*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I

1 of 5 20%
2 of 5 40%
60%

II

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

III

2 of 6 33%
2 of 6 33%
66%

IV

2 of 5 40%
1 of 5 20%
60%

V-VI

*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

I

1 of 4 25%
1 of 4 25%
50%

II

1 of 7 14%
2 of 7 28%
43%

III

3 of 11 27%
2 of 11 18%
45%

IV

2 of 9 22%
2 of 9 22%
44%

V-VI

*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*1 of 2 50% *District V-VI/1 at-large
*0-100%

*If ranked in top 8

SOFTBALL

I-II

2* of 9 33%
2* of 9 33%
66%

III-IV

2* of 7 43%
2* of 7 43%
86%

** Current system

*two at-large based on final MaxPreps rankings

*two at-large based on final MaxPreps rankings

IA

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

*****2026-2028 CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

1A

7 TEAM PERCENTAGE BRACKET

VOLLEYBALL

I

*1 of 3 33%
*1 of 3 33%
*0-100%
*If ranked in top 8

II

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

III

2 of 8 25%
1 of 8 19%
44%

IV

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

V-VI

2 of 11 18% *District I/1 at-large
3 of 11 27% *District I/1 at-large
45%

GIRLS BASKETBALL

I

*1 of 3 33%
*1 of 3 33%
*0-100%
*If ranked in top 8

II

1 of 6 17%
2 of 6 33%
50%

III

2 of 6 33%
1 of 6 17%
50%

IV

1 of 8 13%
2 of 8 25%
38%

V-VI

3 of 12 25% *District I/1 at-large
2 of 12 17% *District I/1 at-large
42%

BOYS BASKETBALL

I

*1 of 3 33%
*1 of 3 33%
*0-100%
*If ranked in top 8

II

2 of 7 29%
1 of 7 14%
43%

III

1 of 7 14%
2 of 7 29%
43%

IV

1 of 8 13%
2 of 8 25%
38%

V-VI

3 of 12 25% *District I/1 at-large
2 of 12 16% *District I/1 at-large
41%

7 Classification Proposal

Current Classification			Proposed Classification		
Classification	Average Enroll	# of schools	Classification	Average Enroll	# of schools
6A (1400+)	1720	22	7A Larges 18 schools (1534-2470)	1782	18
5A (700-1399)	1118	23	6A Next 18 schools (1141-1460)	1287	18
4A (350-699)	509	18	5A Next 18 schools (512-1071)	757	18
3A (175-349)	259	32	4A Next 22 schools (272-505)	356	22
2A (90-174)	122	25	3A Next 22 schools (146-266)	218	22
1A (0-89)	61	39	2A ½ remaining schools (84-143)	109	30
			1A ½ remaining schools (26-79)	53	30

(Note: Not all 1A and 2A schools offer every sport, leading to fewer schools in their divisions.)

[Spread Sheet of Proposal](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H7chGNZ9pO4g91TNRTuVnB1ABASMqZRillRjvQnauQ/edit?usp=sharing)

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Idaho's school enrollment distribution is very unique when compared to other states. Idaho has a significant number of schools with large and small enrollments, but a relatively small number of schools fall in between.

- 39 schools with enrollments over 1000 students (many of which are over 1500)
- Over 120 schools with fewer than 500 students
- 16 schools with enrollments between 500-1000

As more and more of us are finding out, it is becoming more challenging for school districts to pass levies. Creating a 7th classification leads to → more competitive balance within the classifications leading to → more teams to be competitive leading to → more success leading to → more community support leading to → higher chances of passing levies throughout the entire state.

A key concern with this proposal is the potential for "watered-down" classifications. However, when comparing Idaho's proposed system to other states with similar enrollment dynamics, we can see that many of them successfully manage smaller classifications with relatively few schools per division.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dakota's AAA - 9 schools. • Vermont's D1 - 11 schools. • Wyoming's 4A - 10 schools. • Maine's Class A - 12 schools. • Montana's AA - 16 schools. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhode Island's D1 - 10 schools. • New Hampshire's D3 - 13 schools. • New Mexico's 4A - 15 schools. • Arkansas' 7A - 16 schools |
|--|---|

Another concern is having too many classifications. Many states throughout the country have 7 or more classifications for specific sports: South Dakota, New Mexico, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nevada, Nebraska, Utah, Oklahoma, Oregon, Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Colorado, Minnesota, Arizona, Arkansas, Tennessee and the majority of the more populated states. The majority of states that do not have 7 or more classifications have evenly distributed classification.

There is not a single classification system that will be perfect. With that said, our student-athletes and communities deserve to have the most equitable classification system available.

Committee Approved Classifications

- 7A -18 largest schools
(18 schools)
- 6A -19 - 36 largest schools
(18 schools)
- 5A - 37 - 54 largest schools
(18 schools)
- 4A - 55- 76 largest schools
(22 schools)
- 3A - 77 - 98 largest schools
(22 schools)
- 2A/1A Split remaining
(24-31 schools pending
sport)

7A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Mountain View	2470	3
Rigby	2037	6
Boise	1987	3
Owyhee	1883	3
Rocky Mountain	1857	3
Meridian	1775	3
Eagle	1774	3
Timbertine-B	1770	3
Centennial	1748	3
Borah	1730	3
Madison	1722	6
Kuna	1716	3
Thunder Ridge	1695	6
Ridgevue	1641	3
Post Falls	1615	1
Capital	1588	3
Coeur d'Alene	1539	1
Lake Cily	1534	1
Average	1782	

6A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Highland - p	1460	5
Canyon Ridge	1449	4
Middleton	1447	3
Caldwell	1402	3
Twin Faus	1383	4
Skyline	1341	6
Idaho Falls	1304	6
Nampa	1295	3
Lewiston	1288	2
Pocatello	1281	5
vamvue	1253	3
Hillcrest	1232	6
Minico	1212	4
Bonnevme	1177	6
Blackfoot	1171	6
Columbia	1171	3
Skyview	1151	3
Jerome	1141	4
Average	1287	

5A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Century	1071	5
Burtey	1032	4
Sandpoint	1006	1
Bishop Kelly	946	3
Wood River	922	4
Mountain Home	919	4
Lakeland	838	1
Shelley	802	6
Moscow	773	2
Preston	686	5
Emmett	676	3
Kimberly	648	4
Snake River	587	5
Teton	585	6
Sugar-Salem	583	6
Timberlake	521	1
Weiser	513	3
Fruitland	512	3
Average	757	

4A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Filer	505	4
South Fremont	465	6
McCall-Donnelly	456	3
American FaUs	440	5
Bonnors Ferry	425	1
Cole Valley Christian	402	3
Homedale	400	3
Gooding	387	4
Bear Lake	368	5
Buhl	348	4
Declo	328	4
Wendell	326	4
Malad	322	5
Payette	322	3
Marsh Valley	314	5
Parma	310	3
Firth	306	6
Kellogg	297	1
SL Maries	283	1
Compass Charter	281	3
Melba	272	3
New Plymouth	272	3
Average	356	

3A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Nampa Christian	266	3
West Side	261	5
Priest River	258	1
Marsing	256	3
Victory Charter	252	3
Liberty Charter	250	3
Grangeville	243	2
Ririe	240	6
Soda Springs	238	5
Orofino	234	2
Ambrose	222	3
Salmon	215	6
Vision Charter	215	3
Aberdeen	213	5
West Jefferson	206	6
Alturas Prep	191	6
North Fremont	185	6
Sun Valley Comm.	184	4
North Star Charter	180	3
Grace	173	5
Valley	163	4
Logos	146	2
Average	218	

2A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Shoshone	143	4
Potlatch	140	2
Prairie	134	2
Lapwai	132	2
Wilder	132	2
Butte County	129	6
Glenns Ferry	129	4
Wallace	127	1
Lakeside	125	1
Clea.1water Vaney	122	2
Raft River	118	4
Murtaugh	116	4
Oakley	111	4
Hagerman	110	4
Riverstone Int'l	105	3
Troy	103	2
Kamiah	102	2
Taylor's Crossing	101	6
Notus	100	3
Genesis Prep	99	1
CasUeford	94	4
Clark Forte	93	1
Idaho Cily	91	3
American Heritage	90	6
Challis	90	6
Garden Valley	88	3
Carey	87	4
Sho-Ban	86	5
Hansen	85	4
Kendrick	84	2
Average	109	

1A		
School	Enroll	Dist
Gem State	79	3
Genesee	78	2
Rimrock	77	3
Mackay	71	6
Council	69	3
Grace Lutheran	68	5
Cascade	65	3
Dietrich	65	4
Deary	62	2
Richfield	62	4
Kootenai	61	1
Rockland	60	5
Timbertine-W	60	2
Greenleaf Friends	52	3
Watersprings	52	6
Lighthouse Christian	51	4
Coeur du Christ	50	1
Highland-C	49	2
Nezperce	49	2
Horseshoe Bend	46	3
Camas County	45	4
North Gem	42	5
Salmon River	39	3
Centennial Baptisl	38	3
Leadore	34	6
Mullan	31	1
Bliss	29	4
ClarieCounty	28	6
St. John Bosco	26	2
Lewis County 1A	Coop	2
Tri Valley 1A	Coop	3
Average	53	

Dear IHSA State Tournament Committee,

Below is a proposal/ modification to the current 4A Baseball State Championship postseason formats for the 2025 & 2026 seasons.

The current representation for the 4A State Baseball Championships is the 5 districts champions and 3 at-large teams (Highest ranked MaxPreps non-district champions).

District III is not in favor of the approved representation at the 4A State Baseball Championships. With the approved representation District III does not receive an equitable share at the Baseball State Championships.

The guaranteed representation that was approved based on a percentage is as follows:

District 1&2- 50%- 1 of 2
District 3- 16%- 1 of 6
District 4- 25%- 1 of 4
District 5- 25%- 1 of 4
District 6- 33%- 1 of 3

District III's proposed modification to the current 4A State Baseball Championships for the 2025 & 2026 seasons would be as follows:

2 Team Play-In Game Format (2 Days)

Best 2/3 Qualifier- Winner of Play-In Games Advances to State Championships

Representation- 6 teams based on the 5 district champions and the District III runner up. 2 At-Large teams (Highest Ranked MaxPreps non-district champions)

*2025 Hosts- District 1 Top 3 Highest Ranked District Champions from Districts 3/4/5/6

*2026 Hosts- Top 4 Highest Ranked District Champions

Opponents will be based on final Idaho MaxPreps Rankings vs. District Champions

With the proposal the new percentages for guaranteed representation from each district would be:

District 1 & 2- 50%
District 3- 33%
District 4- 25%
District 5- 25%
District 6- 33%

We feel this modification to the current model is more of an equitable representation of all districts at the State Baseball Championships.

This proposed modification has the approval of all six schools in District III.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the other Athletic Directors in District III.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Casey Grove- Homedale High School
Mark VanWeerdhuizen- Fruitland High School
Conor Kennedy- McCall-Donnelly High School
Jeremy Burgess- Payette High School
Connor Jackson- Cole Valley Christian High School
Bowe von Brethhorst- Weiser High School

Idaho High School Activities Association

2024 - 2029 Possible Sites & Dates

	2024-2025	2025-26	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
	Approved	Approved	Tentative	Suggested	Suggested
GOLF	Oct. 11-12	Oct. 9-10 (6A), Oct. 10-11 (5A)	Oct. 9-10	Oct. 8-9	Oct. 6-7
6A	Highland GC, Pocatello	RedHawk GC (Mtn View host)	District I	District VI	District II
5A	River's Edge GC, Burley	Purple Sage GC (Middleton host)	District I	District II	District II
SOCCER	Oct. 24-26	Oct. 23-25	Oct. 22-24	Oct. 21-23	Oct. 19-21
6A	Coeur d'Alene B/Sandpoint G	Eagle/Rocky Mtn H.S.	Bonneville G/Hillcrest B	Owyhee/Meridian H.S.	Coeur d'Alene G/Sandpoint B
5A	Bonneville B/Hillcrest G	Columbia B/Middleton G	Sandpoint - Field of Dreams	TBD/Middleton H.S.	Bonneville B/Hillcrest G
4A	Real Life Turf Fields, Post Falls	Owyhee/Meridian H.S.	Twin Falls/Burley H.S.	Eagle/Rocky Mtn H.S.	Real Life Turf Fields, Post Falls
VOLLEYBALL	Oct. 31-Nov 2	Oct. 30 - Nov. 1	Oct. 29-31	Oct. 28-30	Oct. 26-28
6A	Mt. America Center - District VI	Capital H.S.	Coeur d'Alene H.S.	Mt. America Center - District VI	Lake City H.S.
5A	Mt. America Center - District VI	Timberline H.S.	Post Falls H.S.	Mt. America Center - District VI	Coeur d'Alene H.S.
4A	Lake City H.S.	Mt. America Center - District VI	Lake City H.S.	District V	Mt. America Center - District VI
3A	University of Idaho	Mt. America Center - District VI	Lewiston H.S.	District V	Mt. America Center - District VI
2A	Jerome H.S.	Post Falls H.S.	Mt. America Center - District VI	Lewis-Clark State College	District III
1A	Canyon Ridge H.S.	Coeur d'Alene H.S.	Mt. America Center - District VI	Lewiston H.S.	District III
CROSS COUNTRY	Nov. 2	Nov. 1	Oct. 31	Oct. 30	Oct. 28
	Eagle Island State Park	LCSC Orchards, Lewiston	Portneuf, Pocatello	Eagle Island State Park	LCSC Orchards, Lewiston
SWIMMING	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 7-8	Nov. 6-7	Nov. 5-6	Nov. 3-4
	West YMCA, Meridian	West YMCA, Meridian	West YMCA, Meridian	West YMCA, Meridian	West YMCA, Meridian
FOOTBALL	Nov. 22-23	Nov. 21-22	Nov. 20-21	Nov. 19-20	Nov. 17-18
6A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
5A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
4A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
2A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
DRAMA	Dec. 6-7	Dec. 5-6	Dec. 4-5	Dec. 3-4	Dec. 1-2
	Canyon Ridge H.S.	Thunder Ridge H.S.	District III	District I	District V
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Feb. 20-22	Feb. 19-21	Feb. 18-20	Feb. 17-19	Feb. 15-17
6A	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center
5A	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.
4A	Middleton H.S.	Skyview H.S.	Skyview H.S.	Middleton H.S.	Middleton H.S.
3A	Bishop Kelly H.S.	Kuna H.S.	Bishop Kelly H.S.	Kuna H.S.	Bishop Kelly H.S.
2A	Columbia H.S.	Columbia H.S.	Columbia H.S.	Columbia H.S.	Columbia H.S.
1A	Nampa H.S.	Owyhee H.S.	Nampa H.S.	Owyhee H.S.	Nampa H.S.
CHEER	Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Feb. 23
	Ford Idaho Center	Mountain America Center	Mountain America Center	Ford Idaho Center	TBD
DANCE	Mar. 1	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Feb. 25	Feb. 24
	Ford Idaho Center	Mountain America Center	Mountain America Center	Ford Idaho Center	TBD
WRESTLING	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Feb. 27-28	Feb. 26-27	Feb. 25-26	Feb. 23-24
	ICCU Dome	Ford Idaho Center	ICCU Dome	ICCU Dome	Ford Idaho Center
BOYS BASKETBALL	Mar. 6-8	Mar. 5-7	Mar. 4-6	Mar. 2-4	Mar. 1-3
6A	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center	Ford Idaho Center
5A	Rocky Mountain H.S.	Rocky Mountain H.S.	Rocky Mountain H.S.	Rocky Mountain H.S.	Rocky Mountain H.S.
4A	Eagle H.S.	Eagle H.S.	Eagle H.S.	Eagle H.S.	Eagle H.S.
3A	Capital H.S.	Capital H.S.	Capital H.S.	Capital H.S.	Capital H.S.
2A	Vallivue H.S.	Vallivue H.S.	Vallivue H.S.	Vallivue H.S.	Vallivue H.S.
1A	Caldwell H.S.	Caldwell H.S.	Caldwell H.S.	Caldwell H.S.	Caldwell H.S.
DEBATE	Mar. 14-15	Mar. 13-14	Mar. 12-13	Mar. 10-11	Mar 9-10
	Kimberly H.S.	District III	District V	District III	District VI
SPEECH	Apr. 11-12	Apr. 10-11	Apr. 9-10	Apr. 7-8	Apr. 6-7
	Blackfoot H.S.	District V	District III	District VI	District IV
SOLO & ENSEMBLE	May 2-3	May 1-2	Apr. 30-May 1	May 5-6	May 4-5
	Idaho State University	District I/II	District III	District IV	District V/VI
GOLF	May 12-13	May 11-12	May 17-18	May 15-16	May 14-15
4A	Clear Lake CC (Buhl host)	District III (Homedale)	District II	District V	District I
3A	River's Edge GC (Declo host)	District III	District II	District V	District I
SOFTBALL	May 15-17	May 14-16	May 20-22	May 18-20	May 17-19
6A	Eagle/Owyhee H.S.	Coeur d'Alene/Lake City H.S.	Thunder Ridge H.S.	Post Falls H.S.	District V
5A	Skyview H.S.	Post Falls H.S.	Blackfoot H.S.	Coeur d'Alene/Lake City H.S.	District IV
4A	Skyview H.S.	Filer H.S.	American Falls H.S.	Timberlake H.S.	District IV
3A	Quad Park, Caldwell	Orofino H.S.	Capell Park (Malad host)	Moscow H.S.	District IV
2A	Quad Park, Caldwell	Moscow (Potlatch host)	Quad Park, Caldwell	Genesee H.S.	Quad Park, Caldwell
BASEBALL	May 15-17	May 14-16	May 20-22	May 18-20	May 17-19
6A	Hawks Stadium	Hawks Stadium	Melaleuca Field	Hawks Stadium	Hawks Stadium
5A	College of Idaho	Melaleuca Field	Hawks Stadium	College of Idaho	Melaleuca Field
4A	Melaleuca Field	College of Southern Idaho	Borah H.S.	Melaleuca Field	College of Southern Idaho
3A	Northwest Nazarene University	Orofino H.S.	College of Southern Idaho	Borah H.S.	College of Idaho
2A	Orofino H.S.	Northwest Nazarene University	Orofino H.S.	Northwest Nazarene University	Orofino H.S.
TENNIS	May 16-17	May 15-16	May 21-22	May 19-20	May 18-19
6A	Appleton Tennis Complex	Appleton Tennis Complex	Boise Racquet Club	Boise Racquet Club	Appleton Tennis Complex
5A	Boise Racquet Club	Boise Racquet Club	Appleton Tennis Complex	Appleton Tennis Complex	Boise Racquet Club
4A	Ridgevue H.S.	Ridgevue H.S.	Ridgevue H.S.	Ridgevue H.S.	Ridgevue H.S.
TRACK	May 16-17	May 15-16	May 21-22	May 19-20	May 18-19
6A/5A	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.	Mountain View H.S.
4A/3A/2A	Middleton H.S.	Middleton H.S.	Middleton H.S.	Middleton H.S.	Middleton H.S.

Membership Requirements From IHSAA By Laws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A. Regular Members. Any public or private school within the State of Idaho that meets the accrediting standards of secondary schools as required by the State Board of Education and facility and program requirements for interscholastic competition as outlined by the IHSAA Board of Directors is eligible to become a regular member of the corporation. **In order to become a regular member of the corporation, schools must a) serve as an associate member for two years, or b) request permission to apply for direct regular membership from the IHSAA Board.** Application for membership by schools in the State must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors as a Final Reading at the January IHSAA Board of Directors meeting the school year prior to membership.

All applicants for regular membership in the IHSAA must meet the following facility and program requirements.

1. Facility Requirements
 - a. Demonstrate the ability to host competition and provide a safe and appropriate environment for those activities the school chooses to sponsor.
 - b. Demonstrate the ability to meet the following field and gym conditions:
 1. Meets National Federation field/court specifications (ex. – size, length, ceiling height)
 2. Playing surface – safe and adequately maintained, properly marked
 3. Crowd control capabilities – (Security barrier)
 - c. Demonstrate the ability to meet the following facility amenities:
 1. Adequate spectator seating/viewing area
 2. Available restrooms
 3. Score boards – public address system when needed
 4. Crowd control management
 5. Adequate locker room for visiting teams
 6. Adequate team areas – (sideline benches, etc.)
 7. Adequate parking for visiting team buses and spectators
2. Program Requirements
 - a. Schools seeking membership in the IHSAA that are established for the purpose of selecting students on the basis of skills and technique in an IHSAA-sponsored activity would be ineligible to compete against member schools in that activity.
 - b. Associate Members. Schools not meeting the State Board of Education accreditation standards are eligible to become associate members of the corporation. An associate member shall have the same privileges as a regular member except that it shall have no right to vote, shall not be entitled to participate in district or state tournaments, and shall not be entitled to championship awards.
 - c. With the payment of annual membership dues to the corporation, both classes of members agree to subscribe to the by-laws, rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation.