



**Idaho High School Activities
Association
2024-2025
Football Coaches Packet**

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2024 Football

Classification — based on grades 9-12

6A	1,400- over	3A	349-175
5A	1,399-700	2A	174 -90
4A	699-350	1	89-below

2024 Football Season

August 12: First day of practice without pads for schools.

August 23: First day of competition for schools.

*All teams will be required to enter rosters, schedules and scores on MaxPreps.

Football Sports Practice Model

The IHSAA Board of Directors has adopted the fall sports practice model for football.

Ten Day Practice Rule

Ten days of practice, in the sport, must be conducted before an athlete participates in a contest regardless of when they become a participant on the team. Helmets may be worn on the first day. Each player must have at least two (2) days of practice without any pads. Shoulder pads may be worn on the third (3rd) day and full pads on the fifth (5th) day.

Game Limitations for Each Team

No team may play more than nine games maximum for regular season play. No interschool football game will be approved unless at least five days have elapsed from the date of the previous game by that team. The term “football team” includes sophomore, junior varsity or varsity teams in grades 9-12. With approval, a team may play on the fifth day following competition.

Game Limitations for Individual

An athlete is permitted to play a maximum of four quarters of football per day and five quarters of football per week. 1A, 2A and 3A football players may play in six quarters per week and five quarters per day providing they are not a varsity starter on offense or defense.

The week in which the five/six quarters may be played is measured from Sunday to Sunday. A student who played in two quarters of the varsity game on Friday night could play in three quarters of the JV game the following Saturday. A quarter is defined as: When a player enters play during a given quarter, the player will be credited with one quarter of play regardless of time played during the quarter.

When Playing Two Games the Same Day: Any 6A, 5A, or 4A, school may request a waiver of the four quarter per day, to five quarters per day. Any 3A, 2A, 1A, school may request a waiver of the five quarter per day, to six quarters per day. (Example: Varsity/Junior Varsity, Junior Varsity/Freshmen etc.)

Only those schools playing two games the same day will be considered. A letter requesting a waiver of the one day quarter rule must be submitted to the IHSAA signed by the principal and athletic director, that verifies:

1. There are 44 or fewer participants in the program at the 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A classifications, and 32 or fewer participants in the program at the 2A and 1A classification, and the program desire to field two teams; or
2. There are 61 or fewer participants in the program at the 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, classifications, and 32 or fewer participants in the program at the 2A and 1A classification, and the program desires to field three teams; and
3. The lack of participants will cause the loss of a sub-varsity program; and
4. The lack of participants will cause the school to cancel scheduled games at the sub-varsity level; and

5. A reasonable number will be designated as varsity players (in any event at the 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, classification not less than 15, and at the 2A and 1A classification not less than 7), these players to remain subject in 6A, 5A, 4A to four quarters per day, and in 3A, 2A, 1A to five quarters per day.
6. The school's coaching staff has not cut, nor will cut players, nor discouraged players from participating in football, regardless of ability.

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.

Scheduling Requirements

All member schools that sponsor football are required to participate in the statewide scheduling of varsity football games in order to provide all schools a full and competitive schedule.

Football Rules

The official rules for football in Idaho are the National Federation rules. Football Rule Books and Case Books are to be picked up and signed for by the school representative at the district rules clinic.

40 Point Rule: In eleven-man football, if at any point in the contest there becomes a 40- point differential between the teams, the mercy rule/running clock will be in effect at the start of the fourth quarter. Once the mercy rule is in effect, the game clock will run continuously. The only time the clock may be stopped is for injury time outs, team time outs and after a team scores. The game will be played until halftime even if the mercy rule starts in the first half of the game. The mercy rule is not in effect for IHSAA playoff or championship games.

Eight-Man Football Rules

Eight-man football shall be played under the same rules as eleven-man football except for the rule differences as listed in the NFHS rulebook. Three certified officials are required for all eight-man football games.

40 Point Rule: In eight-man football, when one team is 40 or more points ahead at the end of the first half, or if it secures such a lead during the second half, the 40-point rule shall be invoked. Once the rule is in effect, it will not be revoked.

After halftime, with the mercy rule in effect, the coach/administrator (on the losing side) may call a timeout to end the contest. Once the mercy rule is in effect the clock will continue to run and will only stop with the timeouts listed above or if the losing team calls timeout to stop the contest.

It is strongly encouraged that coaches and officials from both teams meet together prior to the contest to determine the course of action, especially if there is a strong likelihood the mercy rule may come into effect during the game. At the pre-game meeting the coaches may decide to end the contest at a certain number of point or talk through a course of action should the mercy rule come into effect.

Resolving of Ties

Games ending in a tie must be resolved by using the 10-yard line overtime procedure as outlined in the NFHS rules book. (Exception: In games that do not affect the determination of football playoff representation.) The decision to break ties or not should be made prior to the game by the two teams playing.

Safety

For protection of our participants, the IHSAA recommends the following:

1. Principals and/or activity administrators should prepare a letter for the football coach with instructions to not teach face-tackling or butt-blocking. A copy of the letter should be kept on file with the school.
2. Coaches should include, in their players and/or coaches manual, a description of the legal technique of blocking and tackling. Head coaches should be certain that the legal method is taught by all assistants. Protect yourself and your profession by teaching proper techniques.
3. An assistant coach or trainer should check helmets and other equipment periodically for breakage and improper adjustment.
4. Reasonably foreseeable dangers must be pointed out to participants. Possible catastrophic injuries, including paralysis and death, must be identified and warned against.
5. All rules of the game should be identified, adhered to, and reemphasized whenever they have been violated.
6. Documentation is essential. Protect yourself by keeping records of whom you have instructed and advised, when, where, and how. Keep the records in a safe place, and file a copy in the school administration office.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke has been a major cause of death in American football during the past several years. These are preventable deaths, and this information is intended for Idaho coaches and trainers to outline a program for the prevention and recognition of this disorder.

1. **Acclimatization and Conditioning** - the most important force operating to prevent heat stroke is acclimatization. Players should be encouraged to start workouts 14-21 days prior to the first practice session. The best single activity is running, and this should start with 20-30 minute workouts twice daily.
2. **Proper clothing** - jerseys should be short sleeved and lightweight. Cotton socks should be recommended.
3. **Fluid intake** - fluids should be available on the practice field for intake at all times. Athletes' weights should be taken by a manager before and after every practice. Those players who lose a large amount of weight (over 5 lbs.) should consume liquids to make up fluid loss.
4. **Practice** - With temperatures of 85 degrees and higher, caution should be exercised.
5. **Forced weight loss** - Never should an athlete be placed in any kind of plastic suit and be expected to workout in the heat, indoors or outdoors.

Recognizing Clinical Syndromes

Heat Exhaustion - is associated with weakness, profuse sweating, and often headache. Cooling of patient with fans and sips of liquids will usually relieve the symptoms in a few minutes. The temperature is normal.

Heat Stroke - is associated with unconsciousness in a patient with dry hot skin. The temperature is elevated. This is a prime medical emergency and minutes are precious. The patient should be packed with ice or cold cloths and rushed to a hospital. **In case of doubt, treat for heat stroke.**

State Football Championships

In the final round, all games will be played at a site determined by the IHSAA Board of Directors. State championship games will be held at Idaho's three university facilities, if possible.

Home/Visiting Team Designation for Championship Games

Home team: The team that travels the greatest distance to the site will be designated as the visiting team. The visiting team will be assigned the largest locker room with the most showers and restrooms and placed on the same side of the playing field as the press box. The visiting team will wear white jerseys. If both teams are from the same city, the team with the highest seed will be designated as the home team. Locker room, sideline placement and student sections will be assigned at the discretion of the site manager.

The following criteria will be used to determine sites for state championship games.

A. Number of Games

1. Idaho State University: There will be at least three games, preferably four, scheduled at Holt Arena. Two games may be scheduled on Friday. Suggested times are 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The remaining game or games will be scheduled on Saturday, with times to be determined by ISU's football schedule.
2. University of Idaho: There may be a maximum of two games scheduled at the Kibbie Dome. If possible, games will be scheduled for Friday afternoon and evening. Game dates and times will be determined by the U of I football schedule.
3. Boise State University: There may be two games played at Albertson Stadium/Dona Larsen. Any classification could have championship games in Albertson Stadium/Dona Larsen. Game times and dates will be determined by the BSU football schedule.

B. Other factors determining the site of a championship game:

1. Travel: loss of instruction time for the two participating teams.
2. Geographical rotation based upon recent participation of the district from which the teams are participating.
3. Availability of lodging and meals for teams, support groups and spectators.
4. Availability of the site to set reasonable game times. No game may be scheduled to start after 9:00 p.m.
5. A region may not host a state championship game two years in a row unless both teams are from the same region.

The final decision in setting sites, dates and time for each state championship game will be made by the IHSAA District Representative Board Members and will be finalized by 10:00 a.m. the Sunday prior to the state championship game.

6A / 5A Financial Plan — Semi Final Round

This plan is for all 5A and 4A games except championship games.

1. Per game reimbursement
 - a. Travel: \$3.00 per mile (one way) towards the cost of transportation regardless of number of buses a school wishes to send.
 - b. Meals and/or lodging: (1) up to 200 miles one way - \$250, (2) 200-300 miles one way - \$500*, (3) Over 300 miles one way - \$2,000.
*Any contest between District II and District III will fall into category 3 due to the type of roads.
2. Trophy and medal costs will be shared by participating schools.
3. Reasonable local expenses - if the game is held in a non-school facility, rent will be paid.
4. IHSAA will receive 15% of gate receipts after sales tax deduction.
5. If the gate receipts are not sufficient to cover the on-site expenses, the travel reimbursement will be proportionate to the income.
6. Net receipts from all semi-final games will be divided among participating schools. Each participating school will receive one share for each game it plays.
7. The IHSAA will be in control of all media rights for the rounds of 8 and 16. All media money from these rounds will be returned to the participating schools.

4A/ 3A / 2A / 1A Financial Plans – Quarter/Semi Final Rounds

1. Plan when the game is played at a host site:
The following expenses will be deducted before the revenue is shared.
 - a. Percentage to State Association (a) 10%, (b) 15%, (c) 20%
 - b. Officials
 - c. Percentage of cost of awards based upon the number of games in playoff
 - d. \$3 per mile one way for traveling team
 - e. Sales tax
 - f. The host team will be allowed up to \$400-4A/3A, \$300-2A/1A for on-site expenses.
The remaining revenue will be divided as follows:

a. \$1-\$1000	Home Team	45%
	Visiting Team	55%
b. \$1001-\$4000	If travel is over 200 miles, teams split 35-65 in favor of traveling team; otherwise, split is 45-55.	
c. Over \$4000	Home Team	48%
	Visiting Team	52%
2. Plan to be used when the contest is played at a site other than home site:
The following expenses will be deducted before the revenue is shared.
 - a. Percentage to State Association (a) 10%, (b) 15%, (c) 20%
 - b. Officials
 - c. Percentages awards costs based upon the number of games in playoff
 - d. \$3 per mile one way for traveling team
 - e. Sales TaxThe remaining revenue will be divided as follows:
 - a. 0-100 mile difference - 50/50
 - b. 101-200 mile difference - 45/55
 - c. 201-up mile difference - 35/65
3. If the gate receipts are not sufficient to cover the on-site expenses, the travel reimbursement will be proportionate to the income.
4. The IHSAA will be in control of all media rights for the round of 16. All media money from this round will be returned to the participating schools.

Financial Plan for Championship Finals

The following financial plan is for the state football championship finals only.

Meal allowance based upon one way mileage:

	<u>0-200</u>	<u>201-300</u>	<u>301-450</u>	<u>Over 450</u>
1A	\$150	\$500	\$750	\$900
2A	150	500	750	900
3A	240	800	1,200	1,600
4A	270	900	1,400	1,900
5A	300	1,000	1,600	2,200
6A	360	1,200	2,000	2,800

In addition to the above amount, each school that travels will receive \$3.00 per mile one way for travel. Example: Moscow travels to Pocatello for final round. Moscow is 524 miles from Pocatello. Therefore, they would receive $524 \times 3 = \$1572$ for mileage. Because they are a 4A school traveling over 450 miles, they would receive \$2200 additional.

The Board has no adopted formula for division of gate revenues for doubleheaders and tripleheaders. The Board will review each on an individual basis.

Playoff Sites

The Board of Directors will approve the sites, dates and times for all football playoff games at the January board meeting annually. In all playoffs, the host designation should not be construed to mean that the contest will automatically be played at that team's home field.

In the second round, if both teams traveled or if both teams were home, the top team will be the host. If one traveled and one team did not in the first round, the host in the second round will be the team that traveled in the first round unless otherwise determined by that classification.

The host school has the right to host the game at their school or move it to a neutral site such as Holt Arena, Albertsons Stadium/Dona Larsen, the Kibbie Dome, or any site that meets the IHSAA state playoff requirements. Schools must receive approval from the IHSAA before scheduling playoff games at Holt Arena, Albertsons Stadium/Dona Larsen or the Kibbie Dome.

Playoff Site Requirements

Each District Board of Control must submit a list to the IHSAA of all potential sites that meet the requirements for hosting state football playoffs.

1. Adequate parking
2. Adequate spectator seating for the following classifications:

1A:	Home team: 200; Visiting team: 150
2A:	Home team: 200; Visiting team: 150
3A:	Home team: 400; Visiting team: 200
4A:	Home team: 600; Visiting team: 250
5A:	Home team: 800; Visiting team: 300
6A:	Home team: 1000; Visiting team: 500
3. Appropriate number of sites for ticket sales.
4. Football playing field area prepared to meet the existing weather conditions.
5. Adequate locker rooms with restrooms and showers with handicapped accessibility. Player restrooms shall be separate from spectators.
6. Adequate number of restrooms for spectators.
7. Adequate security to maintain crowd control. Playoff site management shall take necessary measures to prohibit home team fans from being in the visiting team spectator area.
8. The football field playing area shall be secured by a barrier that is at least seven yards from the out-of-bounds line. The barrier may be a fence, rope, or any other material that is not dangerous to spectators. The barrier shall be at a height of at least 36" above the ground. The barrier shall be monitored by game security to prevent any fans or spectators from being closer than seven yards from the out-of-bounds line.

Heaters (Playoff games)

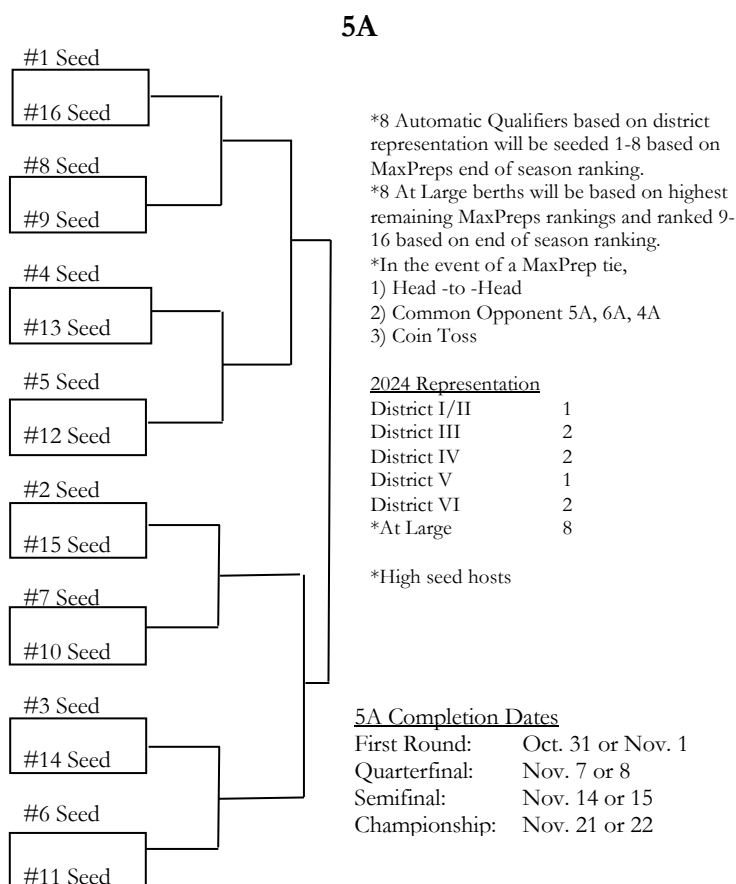
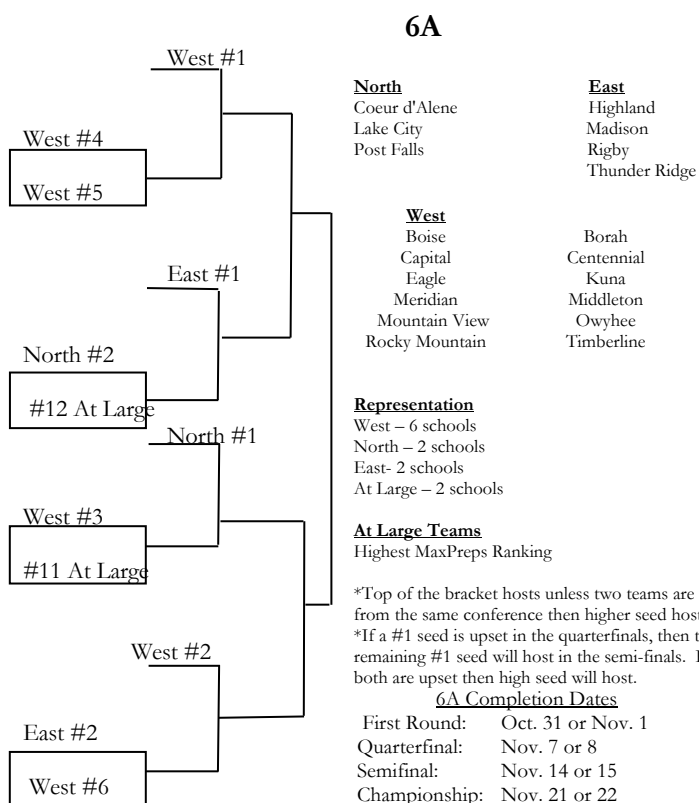
Heaters must be made available to the visiting team if they are going to be used by the host team.

Pre-Tournament Practice

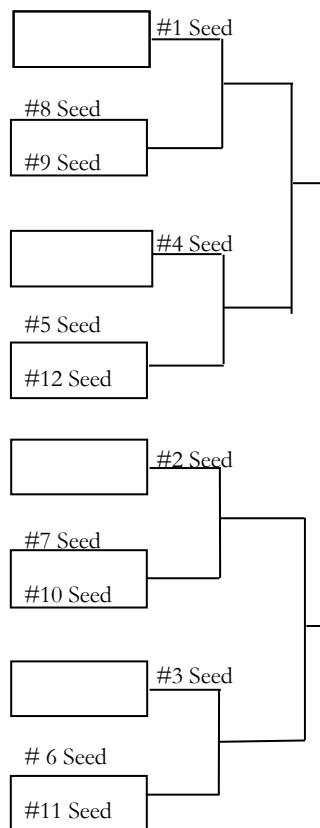
No team may practice in Holt Arena or the Kibbie Dome during the state playoffs. This pertains to all rounds of the state football championships, except the championship game. In the championship game, if one team has practiced or played in the facility during the current season and the opponent has not, a request may be made to the tournament director by the team that has not practiced in the facility on the day prior to the championship game. All requests will depend on the availability of the facility as determined by the tournament manager. If available, practices will only be scheduled one day prior to the championship game.

2024 Pairings

The top team in the bracket will be designated as the home team and will have the first option to provide halftime performances.



4A

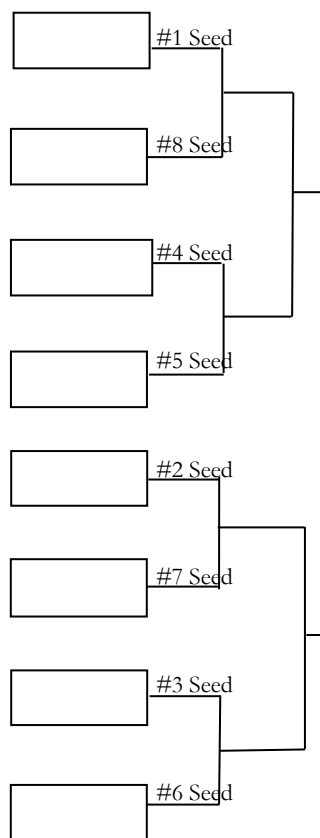


*5 District Champions receive automatic bids
*Remaining slots go to the highest ranked teams
*Final regular season MaxPreps rankings will be used to seed all 12 teams
*Top 4 seeds receive a bye into the quarterfinals
*Highest MaxPreps seed will host through the semifinals

4A Completion Dates

First Round: Oct. 31 or Nov. 1
Quarterfinal: Nov. 7 or 8
Semifinal: Nov. 14 or 15
Championship: Nov. 21 or 22

3A

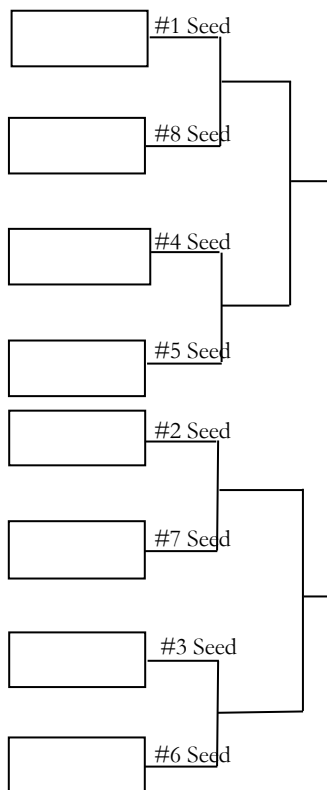


*4 District Champions receive first round bye
*The next 8 highest ranked teams according to MaxPreps will play-in
*Play-in game opponent and sites to be determined by football committee
*Quarterfinals will be seeded 1-8 by the end of season MaxPreps rankings
*EXCEPTION : District 1/2 champion will be seeded #4 unless earning a higher rank
*Quarterfinals hosted by district champion ; if 2district champions are playing, higher seed would host. If district champions have heade-to-head, winner would host
*Semifinals will be hosted at a neutral site

3A Completion Dates

First Round: Oct. 31 or Nov. 1
Quarterfinal: Nov. 7 or 8
Semifinal: Nov. 14 or 15
Championship: Nov. 21 or 22

2A 8-Man



*4 conference champions receive first round bye

*The next 8 highest ranked teams according to MaxPreps will play-in

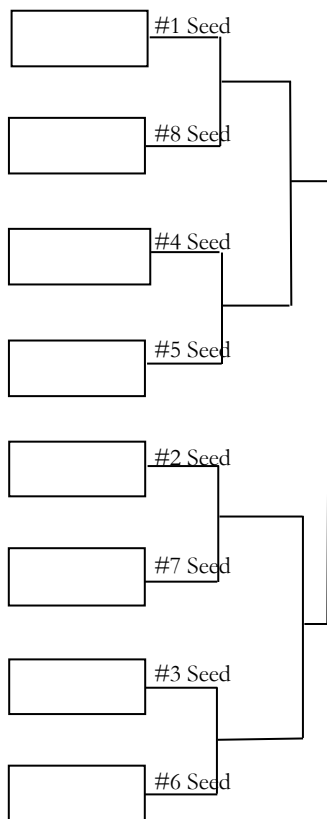
*Quarterfinals will be seeded using MaxPreps week 9 rankings

*High seed will host until Championship Game. If a conference champion is playing a non-conference champion in the quarter-finals, the conference champion will host.

2A Completion Dates

First round: Oct. 31 or Nov. 1
 Quarter-final: Nov. 7 or 8
 Semi-final: Nov. 14 or 15
 Championship: Nov. 21 or 22

1A 8-Man



*4 Highest ranked conference champions receive first round bye

*Lowest ranked conference champion plays lowest ranked qualifying team in play-in round

*Remaining qualifiers, 6-12 are the highest ranked non-conference champions from the end of season MaxPreps rankings

*Quarterfinals will be seeded using MaxPreps week 9 rankings

*High seed will host until Championship Game. If a conference champion is playing a non-conference champion in the quarter-finals, the conference champion will host.

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****As of February 8, 2024**

IHSAA Coaches Code of Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. Interscholastic programs should be designed to promote citizenship and enhance the academic mission of the school.

The Coach Will

- Be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. The coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. The coach/school will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- Master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Demonstrate respect and support for officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which would incite players or spectators against the officials. The coach will not make statements concerning officials' decisions after a game.
- Work with school faculty to promote overall educational growth of the student. The coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration.
- Honor the commitment to student based programs that supplement the educational growth of each student-athlete.
- Be professional in association with other coaches. The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
- Exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship of all extracurricular activities.
- Cooperate with different media sources in an appropriate manner that promotes all aspects of the sport, school and community. Public criticism of officials, opponents or players is unethical.
- Uphold all policies and procedures of the school, district, IHSAA and the National Federation.



Safety courses are required for all coaches on even numbered years. Courses must be taken after May 1, 2024. Submit certificate of completion to your administration.

Required Safety Courses:

- *Student Mental Health & Suicide Prevention**
- *Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
- *St. Luke's Concussion Course**

Follow these instructions to access the free, courses.

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - www.idhsaa.org
- ✓ Click school / Coaches
- ✓ Fill in required information to sign-in or create account
- ✓ Follow instructions to start course
- ✓ At the conclusion of the course, **PRINT / SAVE CERTIFICATE.**

NFHS Learn Help Desk
(317) 565-2023



For more information on IHSAA and NFHS coaches education

- Idaho Coaches Education – www.idhsaa.org
- NFHS Learning Center – www.nfhslearn.com
- Follow Idaho Coaches on Twitter @IHSAAcoach

IHSAA Coach Education

The Idaho High School Activities Association is committed to the promotion of coaches' education programs as well as providing resources toward continuing education for all of Idaho's coaches.

✓ Requirements for Idaho Coaches

ALL COACHES

- CPR/1st Aid Certification
- St. Luke's Concussion Course (fall of even numbered years)
- NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course (fall of even numbered years)
- NFHS Student Mental Health & Suicide Prevention (fall of even numbered years)

NON-CERTIFIED TEACHER

- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching
- NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior

CHEER/DANCE/MUSIC/DRAMA/ADMINISTRATION

- NFHS Understanding Copyright & Compliance

POLE VAULT COACHES

- NFHS Coaching Pole Vault

✓ NFHS/IHSAA Educational Recommendations for Interscholastic Coaches

- Complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course (prior to coaching)
- Complete necessary courses to become and NFHS LEVEL 1 Coach within the first year of coaching
- Maintain current certification in CPR, AED and 1st Aid Safety
- Complete online courses or professional development specific to the sport in which they are an interscholastic coach
- Know the playing rules of their sport(s) and understand state association rules and policies governing their sport
- Encourage the participation of team building activities and community service projects with your team
- Pursue NFHS Certified LEVEL 3 credential within two years
- Read, understand and agree to the national and state Coaches Code of Ethics

NFHS Learning Center Coaches Education Courses

SPORT/ACTIVITY SPECIFIC COURSES

Coaching Baseball
Introduction to Pitch Smart – **FREE**
Coaching Basketball
Coaching Cheer & Dance
Spirit Safety Certification
Coaching Football
Blocking, Shoulder Tackling & Equipment Fitting
USA Football Tackling & Contact
Coaching Golf
Coaching Cross Country
Coaching Soccer
Coaching Softball
Coaching Swimming
Coaching Tennis
Coaching Track & Field
Coaching Pole Vault – **FREE**
Coaching Volleyball
Coaching Wrestling
Coaching Adapted Sports – **FREE**
Coaching Unified Sports – **FREE**
Adjudicating Speech & Debate – **FREE**
Introduction to Music – **FREE**
Introduction to Music Adjudication – **FREE**
Introduction to Esports – **FREE**
Speech & Debate Event Management – **FREE**
Theater Safety – **FREE**
Band Safety – **FREE**

ISSUES IN ACTIVITIES/SCHOOLS COURSES

Fundamentals of Coaching
Engaging Effectively with Parents – **FREE**
Appearance & Performance Enhancing Drugs – **FREE**
Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors – **FREE**
NCAA Eligibility – **FREE**
Mental Training for Performance
Middle School Sports
Positive Parenting Within the School – **FREE**
Social Media – **FREE**
Implicit Bias – **FREE**
Sportsmanship – **FREE**
Sports Nutrition – **FREE**
Strength & Conditioning
Teaching and Modeling Behavior
Teaching Sports Skills
Captains Course – **FREE**
Supervising After School Activities – **FREE**
Interscholastic Music Event Management – **FREE**
Title IX – **FREE**
Understanding Copyright & Compliance – **FREE**
Understanding Vaping & E-Cigarettes – **FREE**
Protecting Students from Abuse – **FREE**
P.A. Announcing – **FREE**

STUDENT COURSES - FREE

Concussion for Students
Hazing Prevention for Students
Learning Pro:
Homework Helper
Reading & Learning Strategies
Research Skills
Test Taking Tips
Captains Course
Social Media for Students
The Student Experience
Student Mental Health – **FREE**
SAFETY COURSES
Sudden Cardiac Arrest – **FREE**
Heat Illness Prevention – **FREE**
First Aid, Health and Safety
Concussion in Sports – **FREE**
Protecting Students from Abuse – **FREE**
ACL Prevention – **FREE**
The Collapsed Athlete – **FREE**
Band Safety – **FREE**
Afterschool Safety
COVID-19 for Coaches – **FREE**

4-3 EJECTIONS

4-3-1 In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any coach or player ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Any staff or parent/fan/spectator associated with a member school ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next two regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition.

Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.

- a. At the time of ejection, the person/s must leave the field of play and assume a position that will not enable him or her to see or be seen.
- b. During the suspension of the next regularly scheduled contest, the player is permitted to watch the contest, but may not participate. The coach is not allowed at the contest. The parent/staff/fan/spectator is not allowed at the next two contests.
- c. Players will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- d. Coaches will also be required to take the NFHS online Teaching and Modeling Behavior course and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- e. Parents will also be required to earn the NFHS National Parent Credential which includes the free, online Positive Parenting Within School Programs course and The Parent Seat. Credential Certificate must be submitted to school administration prior to reinstatement. The credential must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- f. Other Persons (staff/fan/spectators that are not parents) will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.

4-3-2 A second violation will result in being suspended for the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests. The third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of that season. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next IHSAA sponsored sport.

4-3-3 The procedure for suspension and notification is:

- a. The officiating crew must approve any additional suspension by a majority vote at the conclusion of the contest.
- b. The officials shall issue a card to the coach or school administrator when a player/ coach/staff/parent/fan/spectator is ejected from competition. The card must be issued at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
- c. The official must notify the ejected person/s' school administration/coach of the suspension for the next contest at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
- d. The game official that disqualifies an individual for an unsportsmanlike act must notify the District Commissioner with a written report by the conclusion of the next day.
- e. The District Commissioner, upon receipt of the report, shall notify the District Secretary, President of the District Board of Control, the school, and the IHSAA with a written report of the incident by the conclusion of the next school day.

4-3-4 The responsibility to enforce the penalty for being suspended lies with the school principal. Any dialogue concerning the suspension should come from the school principal and be directed to the President of the District Board of Control of the region in which the contest took place. The President of the District Board of Control (of the region in which the contest took place) may appoint a hearing committee to hear any appeals within 48 hours of the receipt of a complete report of the incident. It is the responsibility of the secretary of the District Board of Control in which the hearing took place, to notify the district Board of Control secretary in which the student athlete or coach resides. Appeals may not deal with decisions made by contest officials.

4-3-5 When an individual is suspended for the next contest, the interpretation of "contest" is as follows:

Football: next game	Volleyball: next match
Basketball: next game	Cross Country: next meet
Wrestling: next contest	Softball: next game
Baseball: next game	Track: next meet
Tennis: next match	Golf: next match
Soccer: next match	Swimming: next meet

4-3-6 Any ejection that is the result of physical contact or excessive verbal abuse by a player/coach on a game official will be referred to the local District Board of Control for review to determine if any additional reprimand or suspension is warranted.

4-3-7 If a coach is ejected from an IHSAA contest, the designated school administrator must appoint an appropriately qualified adult to supervise the remainder of the contest or forfeit the contest.



GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONTESTS DURING **LIGHTNING DISTURBANCES**

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the *Guidelines for Lightning Safety* section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook www.nfhs.org.