



Media Credential Provisions

The IHSAA authorizes the number of credentials issued to any media organization. The IHSAA media credential is issued to members of legitimate newsgathering organizations and member schools that have a professional working function at IHSAA State Tournament venues and events.

1. The credential provides access to specified locations, venues and events for which the credential was issued. At certain tournaments, some areas may be restricted for radio, television, newsprint, Internet sites and photographers.
2. Credentials must be worn and displayed at all times while at the tournament venue for which the credential is issued.
3. The transfer, sale or resale of credentials is prohibited and will result in immediate confiscation of credential and/or possible denial of future credentials to individual perpetrators or their affiliated media organization.
4. The media work areas are available for professional working members of the media. Cheerleading in press boxes and media seating is unprofessional and will not be tolerated. Violators will have their media credentials revoked.
5. Children, spouses and friends of media that are not officially employed by a media outlet are not permitted in the media areas during or immediately following contests.
6. Any member of the media believed to be intoxicated, under the influence of mood-altering substances or acting in an unprofessional manner will have their media credentials revoked and be escorted out of the media area with possible denial of future credentials to individual perpetrators and/or their affiliated media organization.
7. A media credential does not allow access to team or participant locker rooms before, during or after any state tournament competition. Coaches and participants may be available for interviews directly outside the locker rooms.
8. The IHSAA reserves the right to revoke current and deny future credentials to any media organization or individual in violation of any IHSAA media policies, failure to pay rights fees or any other provisions of credentials. Media organizations that violate credential policies are subject to legal ability, as well as all costs incurred in enforcing the terms of these policies, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees.