2020-21 ACTIVITY / RULE / BY-LAW CHANGES
As of July 1, 2020

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

Sports/Spirit/Drama
5A  1280 & over
4A  640-1279
3A  639-320
2A  319-160
1ADI 159-85
1ADII 84 and below

IHSAA Media Rights
The IHSAA will now control the media rights for all rounds of football from the round of 16 onward.

11-3  TRANSGENDER STUDENT PARTICIPATION
To be in compliance with Idaho Code 33-6203 that provides for transgender participation, the following interpretation will be used:
Interscholastic teams shall be expressly designated as:
a. Males, men or boys;
b. Females, women, or girls; or
c. Coed or mixed.
11-3-1 Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex.
11-3-2 A dispute regarding a student’s sex shall be resolved by the school by requesting that the student provide a health examination and consent form or other statement signed by the student’s personal health care provider that shall verify the student’s biological sex. The health care provider may verify the student’s biological sex as part of a routine sports physical examination relying on one (1) or more of the following:
a. The student’s reproductive anatomy.
b. The student’s genetic makeup.
c. The student’s normal endogenously produced testosterone levels.

10-1-2 Code of Ethics and Background Checks for Officials
a. The Association reserves the right to suspend or drop from the approved list any official who does not comply with the Code of Ethics for Athletic Officials, whose conduct on or away from the area of competition indicates the official is unfit to serve, or who does not wear the official uniform as prescribed by the Association.
b. All officials must pass a criminal background check conducted by the Association upon registering and every odd-numbered year of continued service. Officials cannot have been convicted of:
   1. A felony involving the use, possession or sale of a controlled substance within the last 10 years.
      The 10-year period of ineligibility to officiate shall commence from the date of suspension from officiating duties or from the date of conviction, whichever occurred first, or
   2. A crime involving the use or threatened use of violence against a person within the last 10 years.
      The 10-year period of ineligibility to officiate shall commence from the date of suspension from officiating duties or from the date of conviction, whichever occurred first, or
   3. A crime involving a minor child at any time.
c. Officials will be suspended during any and all formal investigations.
**Baseball Pitch Count Reporting**

5. If a school/pitcher violates the pitching rules, the game in which the violation occurred will result in a forfeit.
6. During each contest, the home team hosts the official book. A record of pitches should be recorded with the opposing team after each full inning. Verification of all pitchers and pitches thrown should be agreed on by both teams after each game.
7. Each school will use MaxPreps to record their own team’s total pitches of each game.
   a. Pitch count will be recorded on MaxPreps by noon the date following the game or prior to their next contest whichever occurs first.
   b. If a team plays a doubleheader, pitch count for both games will be recorded on MaxPreps by noon the date following the doubleheader or prior to their next contest whichever occurs first.
8. If a school fails to report the pitch count from a game to Max Preps, the violation should be reported to the board of control and the coach will be suspended for the following two games.

**Exemption for Speech Arts**

Any competition after the state tournament requires permission of the principal or superintendent and the IHSAA.

**NFHS Student Mental Health Course**

The online NFHS Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention course will be required for all coaches beginning fall 2020 and must be retaken every even-numbered year (2020-21, 2022-23, etc.).

**Mandatory Reporting for Tennis**

All regular season and tournament scores shall be reported using TennisReporting.com.

**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 take the NFHS free, online Positive Sport Parenting course and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course 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.

**11-man Football Mercy Rule**

The mercy rule will begin at the start of the 4th quarter for all 11-man games.
Fall No Contact Period - *Waived for 2020-21
17-2-4 Coaching Limitations
   a. Coaches are not allowed to coach students of the school competitively (during competition) from August 3 to the start of that sport season during the school year. *Coaches, athletic trainers, or other school personnel cannot contact students during that same time. Winter and spring activities can contact students after the last starting date for fall activity practices.
   b. Schools will determine a 3-day, consecutive no contact period over winter break and notify the IHSAA of those dates through their fall School Directory update.

Five-Day No Contact Period
A mandatory five-day no contact period in the summer will be implemented starting in 2021.

Classification Petitions
2-3-2 Schools may use ONE of the following to petition up or down:
   a. Receive a simple majority vote from all voting superintendents of the classification in which the school wishes to be placed as well as the classification they will be leaving.
   b. Complete and submit the Competitive Equity Forms, and additional documentation requested on the forms. This includes but is not limited to the schools’ varsity, JV and freshman team statistics, superintendents’ advisory vote from the classification they wish to join and the classification they will be leaving, and additional information pertinent to the request.
   c. The IHSAA Board of Directors shall make the final determination on all classification petitions.

IHSAA Football Play-off Rules
The following requirements will be implemented for all football brackets that use a seeding system for playoffs:
   1. MaxPreps rankings will be the system used for all classifications.
   2. MaxPreps rankings will be final after the last regular season game.
   3. Teams will not be re-seeded after the quarterfinal round.
   4. The team with the higher MaxPreps ranking will host. If a classification does not use MaxPreps, the top of the bracket will host unless two opponents are from the same conference, then the higher seed will host.

Speech Event Change
Change Oratorical Analysis to Communication Analysis
   Communication Analysis: An original speech by the student designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

MaxPreps Requirement
Teams in the following sports will be required to enter rosters, schedules and scores on MaxPreps:
   • Soccer
   • Volleyball
   • Basketball
   • Softball