

## **RULE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

### **1-1 GENERAL**

- 1-1-1 The principal of each member school is recognized as the school representative and, as such, is accountable to the Association for the conduct of the activities program of that school.
- 1-1-2 The principal or an authorized adult representative shall accompany each team to all contests.
- 1-1-3 The principal has the authority to designate a faculty member employed in that school system to act as activities director of the teams representing the school.
- 1-1-4 The principal must provide adequate team and crowd control at all contests in which his/her school participates and assure that participants and fans conduct themselves in a proper and sportsmanlike manner. Failure of the principal to provide adequate control or failure of the school's participants and/or fans to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner shall be deemed sufficient reason for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
- 1-1-5 Any school may narrow the scope of its activities and may have rules governing participants in addition to these rules provided the same do not conflict with or violate the Association rules.
- 1-1-6 The Board of Directors will not overrule a local school policy that is consistent with these rules and regulations.
- 1-1-7 Mutual agreements that violate the rules of this Association may result in disciplinary action being taken against the schools involved.
- 1-1-8 All new principals and athletic directors are required to attend annual IHSAA rules and regulations workshops that are held in each activity district at the beginning of the school year.

### **1-2 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

- 1-2-1 The eligibility of all contestants in sports and specific activities shall be certified by the school principal in accordance with the rules hereby adopted. An *Eligibility Verification* form must be filed with the IHSAA office for each sport and specifically named activity in which a school participates.
- 1-2-2 The filing dates for eligibility verification have been determined by the Board of Directors. A late fee of \$5.00 per sport/activity will be charged for failure to file the form on or before the deadline.