



# FHSAA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Florida High School Athletic Association

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## Advantages of Becoming a Member

### 1. COMPETITIVE EQUITY

FHSAA rules promote the opportunity for equity in competition to assure individual student-athletes and school teams will not be unfairly prevented from achieving the benefits through participation in interscholastic athletics.

### 2. CONSISTENT OFFICIALS COMPENSATION

All contest officials are independent contractors who are members of local officials associations sanctioned by the FHSAA. The FHSAA establishes a set of officials pay for each sport that each member school may use for officials negotiations. Each sport pay scale details the maximum amounts, including mileage rates, that may be paid by any FHSAA member school to any local officials associations.

### 3. STATE WIDE INVITATIONALS

All member schools have the opportunity to participate locally in each of these events. Each event is directed by the FHSAA Staff and hosted locally which ensures fair and equitable events.

### 4. CONSISTENT ELIGIBILITY & SPORT RULE ENFORCEMENT

Through consistent leadership by the Board of Directors, the FHSAA is able to provide a set of student eligibility rules for every member school to follow. This allows a level "playing field" for each sport. In addition, FHSAA member schools participate using sport rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), or those approved/amended by the Board of Directors. These rules are distributed by the FHSAA to each member school.

### 5. INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

The FHSAA cooperates closely with the Florida Department of Education by mandating a 2.0 GPA for participation. This in turns promotes higher academic standards within the classroom. The FHSAA also promotes the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play in all athletic contests; and Enacts enacts policies and guidelines that safeguard the physical, mental and moral welfare of all students, and protect them from exploitation.

**OUR PURPOSE:** *The FHSAA provides leadership for the development, supervision and promotion of interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by its member schools. Participation in these programs enriches the educational experience of qualified student-athletes by providing them with opportunities to compete in an equitable, sportsmanlike and wholesome manner.*

#### Current Membership Stats

Public Middle School Members: 102  
Total High School Members: 804

#### Program Offerings

- Middle School Taskforce
- Middle School Guidelines
- Member School Classified Ads

#### Sports

- Track and Field 2014 (100M)
- Middle School Basketball "Invitationals"

## FHSAA FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF:

Interscholastic athletic programs play a vital role in the education of students who participate in them. Through their participation in interscholastic athletics, students are provided character-building opportunities to demonstrate honesty, integrity, respect, caring, cooperation, trustworthiness, leadership, tolerance and personal responsibility. These fundamental values enable participants to realize and fulfill their potential as students, as athletes, as individuals and as citizens.

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