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1.1 Name

1.1.1 This Association shall be known as the Florida High School Activities Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and shall be a voluntary association. [Effective July 1, 2003, the name of this Association shall be the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and shall be a voluntary association. This amendment is contingent upon the Florida Legislature amending s.232.60, and any other reference to the name of the Association in Florida Statutes; as well as the successful amendment of the Association’s articles of incorporation by the effective date.]

1.2 Location

1.2.1 Its principal place of business shall be Gainesville, Florida.
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### 2.1  Aim

#### 2.1.1

The aim of this Association shall be to promote, direct, supervise and regulate all interscholastic athletic activities of high school students; to establish, maintain, and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to assure that all such activities shall be part of and contribute toward the entire educational program of the State of Florida; to cooperate closely with the Florida Department of Education in the development of interscholastic athletic activities; to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play in all athletic contests; to safeguard the physical, mental, and moral welfare of high school students and protect them from exploitation.

### 2.2  Membership in National Federation

#### 2.2.1

This Association shall hold membership in the National Federation of State High School Associations, and shall be governed by the rules and regulations thereof as far as practicable.
3.1 Eligible Schools

3.1.1 All schools with grades 6 through 12 or any combination thereof, both public and nonpublic, which are located in and serve students of the State of Florida, and which are recognized by the Florida Department of Education as schools, whether accredited or not, are eligible for membership in this Association.

3.1.2 A cooperative of home education programs may become a member of this Association provided: (a) the cooperative establishes a governing board which appoints an individual who shall serve as the cooperative’s designated representative so far as the obligations of the cooperative to this Association are concerned; (b) the cooperative pays membership dues and other such fees as established by the Board of Directors under the authority of these Bylaws; (c) each participating student has basic medical insurance coverage and has catastrophic insurance coverage provided by the cooperative or independently secured; (d) the cooperative purchases and maintains liability insurance coverage which names this Association as an insured party; (e) the representative at the conclusion of each semester certifies to the Commissioner on a form to be provided by the office of this Association that each student participating in interscholastic athletic competition in the cooperative meets the minimum grade point average standards which are required of all students; and (f) each student participating in interscholastic athletic competition must comply with eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility. Home education cooperatives which become members
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of this Association may participate in interscholastic athletic competition against any other member school; however, such cooperatives shall not be permitted to compete against nonmember schools or nonmember cooperatives.

3.2 Organization of Member Schools

3.2.1 Member schools shall be categorized as high schools, junior high schools or middle schools. A high school must have the 10th grade or higher as the terminal grade of the school and may be a two-year, a three-year or a four-year senior high school; or a six-year junior-senior high school. A junior high school must have the ninth grade as the terminal grade of the school and may be a one-year center, a two-year school or a three-year school. A middle school may serve the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, or any combination thereof. A school’s categorization as a high school, junior high school or middle school shall be determined by its last report to the Florida Department of Education. Junior high schools or middle schools which have independent plants and/or separate principals must hold separate memberships in this Association.

3.3 Application for Membership

3.3.1 The Commissioner, not later than May 1, shall mail to each member school an application for renewal of membership for the following school year. A continuing member school shall return the completed application for renewal of membership to the Commissioner in an envelope bearing a postmark not later than May 15 if it is to be accepted without penalty. The penalty for late filing of membership application shall be $50.00. In making application for membership in this Association, the principal shall certify that the District School Board, or the governing board of his/her school, has approved his/her school’s continuing membership in this Association, and its compliance with the Bylaws and regulations thereof. Each principal, on his/her school’s annual application for membership, shall name the school’s official representative to the Association. This representative must be either the principal or his/her designee. That designee must either be an assistant principal or athletic director housed within that same school.

See Policy 6, “Member School Insurance Requirements,” on page 100.
3.3.2 A prospective new member school shall file its application for membership by mailing same postage paid to the Association office in an envelope bearing a postmark not later than August 1. An application for membership filed by a prospective new member which is postmarked later than August 1 shall not be accepted for the current school year. The Commissioner shall be empowered to set aside the provisions of this bylaw for the benefit of schools seeking first-time admittance as a middle school, junior high school or affiliate member.

3.3.3 Where deadline dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday as established by Florida Law, the deadline shall be the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

3.4 Obligations of Membership

3.4.1 By signing the membership application, each principal shall bind himself/herself and the members of his/her school faculty to familiarize themselves with the Bylaws and regulations of this Association and to instruct the student body in them, especially those who are candidates for interscholastic athletic activities; to keep on file detailed academic, athletic, and attendance records of all students; to forward promptly to the Commissioner all eligibility reports and records required; to enforce the provisions of the Bylaws and regulations of this Association within his/her school; and to abide by the administrative decisions of the Board of Directors, Sectional Appeals Committee and Commissioner in the enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws and regulations of this Association. All information called for on the renewal application shall be furnished.

3.4.2 The administrative decisions of the Board of Directors, Sectional Appeals Committee and Commissioner shall be accepted in good faith by all member schools. The principal of any member school who, by any act or attitude, shall refuse to accept, or shall hold in contempt or derision, or shall permit or acquiesce in such contempt or derision on the part of any group or individual associated with his/her school, shall subject his/her school to expulsion from this Association. These provisions are not to be construed as preventing the principal of a member school from exercising his/her school’s right to due process by appealing decisions
of the Commissioner to the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

3.5 **Termination of Membership**

3.5.1 Any member school which withdraws from this Association or is expelled from membership in this Association shall be readmitted or reinstated only upon payment of a five hundred dollar ($500.00) readmittance fee which shall be in addition to the amount of annual dues as set by the Board of Directors. Any school meeting this criteria shall not be considered a new member as far as payment of annual dues is concerned and shall be assessed dues as a continuing member.

3.6 **Affiliate Membership**

3.6.1 Certain senior high schools which do not desire to enter into full membership in this Association, but which desire to participate in interscholastic athletic competition with member schools, may make application to the Commissioner for affiliate membership in this Association by the deadlines established in Article 3.3.2, provided the school has a combined enrollment of less than 100 students in grades 10 through 12, and the school has student eligibility guidelines which are comparable to those of this Association. In making application to the Commissioner for affiliate membership, a school must:

(A) Explain why it does not desire to become a full member in this Association;
(B) Document its enrollment in grades 10 through 12 combined;
(C) Provide a copy of its policies governing the eligibility of students who participate in interscholastic athletics as its representatives;
(D) Certify that it will abide by the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations as well as the regulations of this Association which govern contests in which any full member participates;
(E) Agree to contract only with officials registered with this Association for any contest it hosts in which a full member participates; and
(F) Make full payment of any affiliate membership fee
which may be established by the Board of Directors.

3.6.2 An affiliate member shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition with any full member in any sport only during the regular season of competition established for that sport by the Board of Directors. An affiliate member shall not be:

(G) Permitted to participate in any athletic tournament or meet conducted for the purpose of determining an official state championship in the Florida High School Activities Association;
(H) Permitted to apply for approval of, or serve as host for, any multi-school athletic event such as an invitational tournament or meet which must be approved by this Association;
(I) Privileged to vote on Association matters; and
(J) Privileged to share in the distribution of Association funds.

3.6.3 A student who attends a school that is an affiliate member of this Association shall be eligible to represent in interscholastic athletic competition only the affiliate member school that he/she attends.

3.6.4 The Commissioner shall be empowered to accept or reject any application for affiliate membership. A school which applies for and is granted affiliate membership in this Association shall not be eligible for full membership until the following or subsequent school year.

3.7 Administrative Sections

3.7.1 The Board of Directors shall divide the Association’s membership along existing county lines into four contiguous and compact administrative sections, each containing an equal or nearly equal number of member schools to ensure equitable representation on the Association’s Board of Directors, Representative Assembly, and Sectional Appeals Committees. Until changed by the Board of Directors, the four administrative sections shall be defined as follows:

Section 1: Member schools in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay,

Section 2: Member schools in Dixie, Gilchrist, Alachua, Putnam, St. John’s, Flagler, Levy, Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Lake, Volusia, Seminole and Orange counties.

Section 3: Member schools in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Osceola, Brevard, Indian River, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

Section 4: Member schools in Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe counties.
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4.1 Board of Directors

The executive authority of this Association shall be vested in its Board of Directors, which shall be composed of 15 persons as follows:

(A) Four public member school representatives, one elected from each of the four administrative sections by all member school representatives within those respective administrative sections;

(B) Four nonpublic member school representatives, one elected from each of the four administrative sections by all member school representatives within those respective administrative sections;

(C) Two citizens-at-large appointed by the Commissioner of Education, one appointed from the two northernmost administrative sections and one appointed from the two southernmost administrative sections;

(D) Two district school superintendents, one elected from the two northernmost administrative sections by the members in those sections and one elected from the two southernmost administrative sections by the members in those sections;

(E) Two district school board members, one elected from the two northernmost administrative sections by the members in those sections and one elected from the two southernmost administrative sections by the members in those sections; and

(F) The Commissioner of Education or his/her designee from the Department of Education executive staff.

The district school superintendent and district school board
member representative from either two sections combined shall not be from the same public school district.

4.1.2 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of nine members. When a vote is taken on any matter pending before the Board of Directors, a quorum being present, a majority of the votes of the members of the Board of Directors voting on the matter shall determine the outcome thereof.

4.1.3 The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a President and Vice President who shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among its members. These officers also shall serve as officers of the Association with the Commissioner, who shall be the Association’s executive officer. The President shall preside over all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors, and perform other duties pertaining to the office. The President shall have no vote except in case of a tie or in the case of electing President and Vice President of the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall act as President in the absence of the President or his/her incapacity to perform his/her duty. The Commissioner shall have no vote.

4.1.4 The authority and duties of the Board of Directors, acting as a body and in accordance with the Association’s Bylaws, are as follows:

(A) To act as the incorporated Association’s Board of Directors and to fulfill the obligations of such as required by the Association’s charter and articles of incorporation;
(B) To establish such guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures as are authorized by the Bylaws;
(C) To provide a Commissioner for the Association;
(D) To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the percentage of contest receipts which is to be collected by the Association;
(E) To approve the budget of the Association;
(F) To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic athletic competitions, which may or may not lead to state championships, and to establish the terms and conditions for these competitions; and
(G) To act as an administrative board in the interpretation of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member schools.
4.1.5 The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of five times annually. The date, time and place of each meeting shall be determined by its members. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President.

4.1.6 Members of the Board of Directors shall serve terms of three years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A member of the Board of Directors, other than the Commissioner of Education or his/her designee, may serve a maximum of six consecutive years. In order to establish a rotation of terms to ensure that a majority of the members’ terms do not expire concurrently, the following initial terms of office commencing with the 1997-98 school year shall apply: Section 1 – Public, three years; Nonpublic, two years; Section 2 – Public, two years; Nonpublic, three years; Section 3 – Public, one year; Nonpublic, three years; Section 4, Public, three years; Nonpublic one year; Sections 1 and 2 – Superintendent, two years, School Board member, three years, Citizen-At-Large, two years; Sections 3 and 4, Superintendent, three years, School Board member, two years, Citizen-At-Large, three years. Representatives whose initial terms under this stagger are less than a full three years shall be considered to have served a full term.

4.1.7 Each Director shall take office on July 1 following his/her election or appointment and shall serve for a three-year term, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, or until a successor has been elected or appointed.

4.2 Representative Assembly

4.2.1 The legislative authority of this Association shall be vested in its Representative Assembly, which shall be composed of the following:

(A) An equal number of member school representatives elected from each of the four administrative sections;
(B) Four district school superintendents, one elected from each of the four administrative sections by the district school superintendents in their respective administrative sections;
(C) Four district school board members, one elected from each of the four administrative sections by the district school board members in their respective administrative sections; and
(D) The Commissioner of Education or his/her designee from the Department of Education executive staff.

No member of the Board of Directors other than the Commissioner of Education or his or designee can serve on the Representative Assembly.

The Board of Directors shall establish the number of member school representatives to serve in the Representative Assembly from each of the four administrative sections, shall establish the method for their election, and shall establish a rotation of terms to ensure that a majority of the members’ terms do not expire concurrently. Additionally, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to appoint an equal number of member school representatives from each administrative section as it deems necessary to ensure racial and gender diversity in the Representative Assembly.

4.2.2 A quorum of the Representative Assembly shall consist of one more than half of its members.

4.2.3 The Representative Assembly shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson from among its members. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Assembly and shall have a vote in all matters. The vice chairperson shall serve in the capacity of chairperson in the absence of the chairperson or his/her inability to perform his/her duties.

4.2.4 The authority of the Representative Assembly is limited to its sole duty, which is to consider, adopt, or reject any proposed amendments to these Bylaws. The Representative Assembly, while empowered to adopt, reject, or revise proposed amendments, may not, in and of itself, as a body be allowed to propose any amendment for its own consideration.

4.2.5 The Representative Assembly shall meet as a body annually. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members present is required for passage of any proposal.

4.2.6 Members of the Representative Assembly, other than the Commissioner of Education or his/her designee, shall serve terms of two years and are eligible to succeed themselves for two additional terms. Members of the Representative Assembly, other than the Commissioner of Education or his/her designee, may serve a maximum of six
consecutive years in the Representative Assembly.

4.3 **Sectional Appeals Committees**

4.3.1 The initial appellate authority of this Association shall be vested in its Sectional Appeals Committees, one seated within each administrative section. Each Sectional Appeals Committee shall be composed of five (5) persons. Those persons shall be:

(A) Two member public school representatives elected by the member school representatives within the section;  
(B) One member nonpublic school representative elected by the member school representatives within the section;  
(C) One district school superintendent elected by the district school superintendents from the public school districts within the section; and  
(D) One district school board member elected by the district school board members from the public school districts within the section.

No member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to serve on a Sectional Appeals Committee.

4.3.2 A quorum of the Sectional Appeals Committee shall consist of three (3) members. In the absence of a quorum, the Commissioner shall appoint a replacement to serve for that meeting only. The replacement shall be a person who is qualified to serve in that position. When a vote is taken on any matter pending before the Sectional Appeals Committee, a quorum being present, a majority of the votes of the members of the Sectional Appeals Committee voting on the matter shall determine the outcome thereof.

4.3.3 Each Sectional Appeals Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson and vice chairperson. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the committee and shall vote only in case of a tie. The vice chairperson shall serve in the capacity of chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

4.3.4 In the event that a school of which a member of a Sectional Appeals Committee is associated makes an appeal or becomes a party to a controversy, that member shall be disqualified. The same procedure shall be followed if, for
4.3.5 The authority and duties of the Sectional Appeals Committee shall be to consider requests by member schools seeking exceptions to the Bylaws and regulations of this Association, to hear undue hardship eligibility cases which are filed by member schools on behalf of students, and to hear appeals of decisions rendered by the Commissioner which are filed by member schools. The Sectional Appeals Committee shall have no authority to waive any provision of Florida Statutes.

4.3.6 Each Sectional Appeals Committee shall meet as needed to carry out its duties nine times annually during the school year: between August 10 and 20, September 1 and 15, October 1 and 15, November 1 and 15, December 1 and 15, January 1 and 15, February 1 and 15, March 1 and 15, and April 1 and 15.”

4.3.7 Members of a Sectional Appeals Committee shall serve terms of three years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A member of the Sectional Appeals Committee may serve a maximum of six consecutive years. In order to establish a rotation of terms to ensure that a majority of the members’ terms do not expire concurrently, the following initial terms of office commencing with the 1997-98 school year shall apply: three years, the elected member school representative who receives the greatest number of votes; two years, the elected member school representative who receives the second greatest number of votes; one year, the elected member school representative who receives the third greatest number of votes; three years, the elected district school board members in Sections 1 and 3 and the elected district school superintendents in Sections 2 and 4; two years, the elected district school superintendents in Sections 1 and 3 and the elected district school board members in Sections 2 and 4. Representatives whose initial terms under this stagger are less than a full three years shall be considered to have served a full term.

4.4 Commissioner

4.4.1 The Commissioner, the Association’s executive officer, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The
person chosen shall be employed under written contract for a stated period of time. The contract is to be renewed under conditions mutually satisfactory to the Commissioner and the Board of Directors. However, no person may serve as Commissioner beyond the end of the fiscal year in which his/her seventyeth birthday occurs.

4.4.2 The duties of the Commissioner shall be:

(A) To manage and direct the affairs of this Association.
(B) To interpret all Bylaws, guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures of this Association and issue rulings pertaining to such interpretations. The Commissioner shall have the authority to waive the Bylaws of the Association in order to comply with statutory changes.
(C) To prepare and submit to the Board of Directors not later than June 30 a proposed budget for the following fiscal year for the Board of Director’s tentative approval. Final approval of a budget shall be made by the Board of Directors during its first meeting of the new fiscal year.
(D) To receive all funds of this Association; to disburse all funds within the budget fixed by the Board of Directors; to keep accurate records of all funds received and disbursed; and to make such reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.
(E) To publish annually a calendar of events, including interscholastic athletic activities sponsored by this Association.
(F) To issue a membership list of this Association as of July 1 each year, and keep the member schools informed of any changes in that list.
(G) To prepare and issue to member schools necessary forms and other supplies.
(H) To receive and check all reports from member schools.
(I) To pass upon the eligibility of all students who participate in those activities which are under the authority of this Association.
(J) To investigate all violations of the bylaws, policies or other rules of this Association that may come to his/her attention and assess penalties for such violations. This includes the forfeiture of athletic contests.
(K) To call upon members of the Board of Directors to perform such duties as may be necessary and expedient.
(L) To call upon the Board of Directors for advice and assistance.
(M) To keep a record of all meetings of this Association.

Bylaw 4.4.2(J) amended by the 2002 Representative Assembly; stipulates that the Commissioner may investigate any possible rules violations that come to his attention and not just those alleged in writing.
the Board of Directors, the Representative Assembly, the Sectional Appeals Committees, and all correspondence of this Association.

(N) To review all controversies between member schools and render decisions thereon.

(O) To approve all tournament, meet and contest schedules and to have general supervision over such tournaments, meets and contests under the rules and regulations of this Association.

(P) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors, and refer any of his/her official rulings to the Sectional Appeals Committee or Board of Directors for review upon request of any member school.

4.5 Annual Meeting

4.5.1 The annual meeting of the Representative Assembly shall be the annual meeting of this Association. The Association’s member schools shall be represented at the annual meeting by the duly elected members of the Representative Assembly. The Commissioner shall notify all members of the Representative Assembly as to the exact time and place of the meeting not less than 30 days in advance of the date set. Member school representatives who are not members of the Representative Assembly shall have no vote at the annual meeting.

4.6 Compliance with Sunshine Law

4.6.1 All meetings of this Association in which business is conducted shall be operated in compliance with the Florida Sunshine Law.
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Elections and Vacancies

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5.1 Elections

5.1.1 The election of member school representatives to the Board of Directors and Sectional Appeals Committees shall be according to the following procedure:

(A) No later than February 1 each year, the Commissioner shall mail to the representative of each member school in each administrative section in which a member of the Board of Directors and/or Sectional Appeals Committee is to be elected, a letter requesting candidates for the seat(s) available. A member school representative who wishes to declare his/her candidacy for either a seat on the Board of Directors or the Sectional Appeals Committee shall make such declaration in writing to the Commissioner so that it is received in the office of the Association by February 15.

(B) The Commissioner shall mail an official ballot to the representative of each member school on or before April 1. The official ballot shall contain the names of all announced candidates and a line for a write-in candidate and shall be returnable to the office of this Association on or before April 10. Each representative of a member school shall vote for one candidate on the official ballot, which shall bear his/her signature and the name of the school which he/she represents. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared by the Commissioner to have been elected.

(C) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first official ballot, a second official ballot shall be distributed, bearing the names of the two candidates who received the highest number of votes on the first official
ballot and a second vote shall be taken on them only. Ten days shall be allowed between the mailing of the second official ballot and the return of the ballot to the office of this Association. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second ballot shall be declared by the Commissioner to have been elected. However, in the event of a tie vote on the second ballot, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall determine the winner.

5.1.2 The procedure for election of member school representatives to the Representative Assembly shall be established by the Board of Directors.

5.1.3 The election of district school superintendents to the Board of Directors, the Sectional Appeals Committees and the Representative Assembly shall be the responsibility of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. The election of district school board members to the Board of Directors, the Sectional Appeals Committees and the Representative Assembly shall be the responsibility of the Florida School Boards Association.

5.2 Vacancy on the Board of Directors

5.2.1 In the event a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Board of Directors that is held by an elected member school representative, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified individual from the representative group to fill the vacant seat until the next regularly scheduled election of this Association at which time an individual will be elected to serve the duration of the unexpired term.

5.2.2 In the event a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Board of Directors which is held by a district school superintendent or district school board member, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents or the Florida School Boards Association, respectively, shall be responsible for promptly filling the vacant office.

5.2.3 If a vacancy occurs in the Office of President or Vice President of this Association, the Board of Directors shall elect a successor from among its members to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
5.3  Vacancy on the Representative Assembly

5.3.1 In the event a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Representative Assembly, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified individual from the representative group to fill the vacant seat until the next regularly scheduled election of this Association at which time an individual will be elected to serve the duration of the unexpired term.

5.4  Vacancy on the Sectional Appeals Committees

5.4.1 In the event a vacancy occurs in any seat on a Sectional Appeals Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified individual from the representative group to fill the vacant seat until the next regularly scheduled election of this Association at which time an individual will be elected to serve the duration of the unexpired term.

5.4.2 If a vacancy occurs in the Office of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of a Sectional Appeals Committee, the respective Committee shall elect a successor from among its members to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
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Financial Structure

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6.1 Dues

6.1.1 The amount of annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Annual dues for continuing members are payable July 1. Dues for the initial year of all new members are payable at the time of joining.

6.1.2 The representative of any member school who fails to mail his/her school’s annual dues in an envelope postmarked not later than September 30 shall be dropped from membership in this Association, but the school may be permitted to reactivate its membership at any time during the remainder of that same school year upon application with payment of the dues for that year as well as a reactivation fee of fifty dollars ($50.00). Reactivation of membership, however, shall not be permitted without additional penalty if the school of which he/she is representative has violated any of these Bylaws during his/her school’s lapse in membership. Any school that has been dropped from membership in this Association for failure to pay its annual dues and does not reactivate its membership by the end of the school year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and shall be subject to the provisions of Article 3.5.1 of these Bylaws upon application for readmittance.

6.2 Budget

6.2.1 An annual budget shall be prepared by the Commissioner for approval as submitted or amended by the Board of Directors. All moneys disbursed by the Commissioner shall be according to the budget and for the purpose of promoting the aims of this Association.

Membership dues and fees for the 2002-03 school year can be found in Policy 7, “Financial Policies,” on page 101.
6.3 Audit

6.3.1 All accounts of this Association shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant and the report made available to any member school upon request.
7.1 Definition and Responsibility of the Principal

7.1.1 The term principal as used in these Bylaws refers to the supervising principal or principal of the member school, whichever signs the membership renewal application. He/she is held responsible by this Association for the enforcement of its rules and regulations in his/her school. If a principal designates his/her responsibilities as official representative to this Association to another member of his/her staff, that does not relieve him/her, as principal, of the obligation to ensure that these Bylaws, and rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors pursuant to these Bylaws, are adhered to in his/her school.

7.1.2 All phases of interscholastic athletic activities within a member school, including the activities of booster clubs, parent groups, etc., shall be under the principal’s supervision.

7.2 Athletic Funds

7.2.1 All funds received from the sale of tickets to any athletic activity shall go directly to the treasury of the school
as provided by Florida School Law and shall be expended only for purposes approved by the principal. Disbursement of funds derived from athletic activities shall not be subject to the approval of any outside organization, but shall be subject to audit as all school funds are, and under the control of properly authorized school officials. The records shall also be available for inspection by a properly accredited representative of this Association.

7.2.2 No member school may offer or allow to be offered any article of value (car, radio, television, etc.) to be given to some lucky number holder or to some individual to be determined in any manner before, during or after any interscholastic athletic contest as an added inducement for the purchase of tickets to such contest.

7.3 Contracts for Interscholastic Athletic Competition

7.3.1 The principal shall sign all contracts for interscholastic athletic competition and shall be responsible for compliance with contracts signed by him/her or his/her predecessor.

7.4 Certification of Student Eligibility

7.4.1 The principal shall sign all eligibility reports and correspondence concerning eligibility and be responsible for their accuracy regardless of who compiles the information. The principal shall certify that the information is absolutely correct and that the students whose names appear on the reports are eligible in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

7.4.2 The assistant principal or the school’s representative to the Association, if other than the principal, may sign eligibility reports or eligibility correspondence if the principal is ill or out of town for an extended period of time, provided a statement to that effect appears on the eligibility report or correspondence.
7.5 **Maintenance of Records**

7.5.1 The principal shall keep on file copies of all records required to be forwarded to this Association.

7.6 **Recruitment of Students**

7.6.1 Recruitment of students or attempted recruitment of students for athletic purposes, regardless of their residence, is a gross violation of the spirit and philosophy of these Bylaws and is expressly forbidden. Recruiting is the use of undue influence and/or special inducement by anyone associated with a school in an attempt to encourage a prospective student to attend or remain at that school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics. A member school is responsible for any such action committed by any person associated with the school, including the principal, assistant principals, the athletic director, coaches, teachers, any other staff members or employees, students, parents or any organization, such as booster clubs, having connection to the school. A member school also is responsible for any violation committed by any person acting at the direction of the school or anyone associated with the school. The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a policy which defines undue influence and special inducement; lists examples of such actions which shall be considered to be violations of this article; establishes the penalties for such violations; and regulates academic recruitment programs and financial aid programs conducted and administered by member schools.
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Sportsmanship

8.1 School Representatives

8.1.1 Students, coaches, administrators, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school, as well as contest officials, shall practice and promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethics at all times directly or indirectly related in any manner to interscholastic relationships or events, whether prior to, during or following such relationship or event. It shall be the responsibility of each member school principal to ensure that those individuals connected with his/her school adhere to these standards. The Commissioner shall have the authority to investigate allegations and incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct which adversely affects the ethics of competition in connection with interscholastic contests. The Commissioner shall have full authority to invoke penalties against a member school and/or individuals whose conduct in connection with an interscholastic contest violates these principles or ethics.

8.1.2 The disqualification of a coach, student or other representative of a member school from an athletic contest as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct shall subject his/her school to appropriate disciplinary action. It is expected that each member school will exercise control over each individual student and coach to the extent necessary to ensure safety and fair play for all participants.

8.1.3 The removal of a team or individual competitor from an athletic contest by a coach or administrator because of his/her dissatisfaction with contest officials or other conditions of the contest shall be considered an act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

8.1.4 In the event of gross misbehavior or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of a team or individual officially representing a member school at an interscholastic athletic
tournament, meet or contest, the Commissioner shall have the authority to deny further participation to such team or individual.

8.2 Crowd Control

8.2.1 Any member school whose principal is found guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct or who fails to control the conduct of his/her student body, faculty, and/or followers within reasonable bounds shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed expulsion from membership in this Association.

See Policy 28, “Policy on Crowd Control,” on page 141.
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Interscholastic Contests

9.1 Definition of Interscholastic Contest

9.1.1 Any competition between organized teams of different schools in a sport recognized by this Association is an interscholastic contest and shall be subject to all regulations pertaining to such contests.

9.1.2 Protests of interscholastic contests shall not be allowed. The decision of the officials shall be final.

9.2 Rules of Competition

9.2.1 The rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, or those approved by it, shall be the official rules for interscholastic athletic competition in all sports, unless waived by at least a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.


NOTICE: Practice sessions of any kind on Sunday are prohibited.
9.3 **Schools with which Contests may be Held**

**9.3.1** Member schools may permit eligible students to engage in interscholastic contests as school representatives only with the following:

(A) Schools which are members of this Association;
(B) Schools which have been approved by the Commissioner for affiliate membership in this Association; or
(C) Out-of-state schools which are members of associations which regulate interscholastic athletics for schools within their states, provided the eligibility guidelines of those associations are comparable to those of the Florida High School Activities Association, and the season established by those associations for competition in the sport involved is concurrent with that of the Florida High School Activities Association.

Member schools shall not permit students to participate as school representatives in athletic contests or contractually obligate itself to participate in any tournament, meet or contest in which any schools which do not meet these criteria are scheduled to participate, or with non-school teams or groups.”

**9.3.2** Middle schools, junior high schools and combination middle-junior-senior high schools which are members of this Association may engage in interscholastic contests with middle schools and junior high schools which are not members of this Association provided:

(A) that such competition is confined to middle schools and junior high schools located within the same county under conditions established by the District School Board for that county;
(B) that students of member schools who have played during the sports season as a member of their school’s varsity teams may not participate in such competition on the middle school or junior high school teams and then return to varsity competition;
(C) that a ninth-grade team representing a four-year senior high school which is a member school may not participate in such competition against a middle school or junior high school which is not a member, except as specified in (a); and

*See Policy 5, “Policy Governing Multi-School Athletic Events,” on page 99.*
(D) that this Association will not undertake to arbitrate controversies which may develop as a result of this permissive rule except to the extent of declaring ineligible for further competition during the current season students who violate the second condition set forth herein.

9.3.3 The Commissioner shall have the authority to approve participation by a middle school, junior high school or combination middle-junior-senior high school which is a member of this Association with middle schools and junior high schools which are not members of this Association provided that such non-member schools are located within a 50-mile radius of the member school.

9.3.4 Member schools may permit their teams to participate in athletic contests with teams representing schools established by the state for correctional purposes. Such correctional schools are not eligible for membership in this Association and may not compete in tournaments or meets which are part of any state championship series conducted by this Association.

9.3.5 It is not the intent of these Bylaws, to prevent or hamper the operations of any regularly organized recreation or playground department, which is working to provide recreational facilities for students who are not members of regularly organized high school athletic teams, and which is under the direction of a city or county Recreational Director or Health and Physical Education Director, provided schools outside the unit are not allowed to participate.

9.4 Contracts

9.4.1 Contracts are required for all interscholastic athletic contests between schools which are members of this Association. To be valid the contracts shall be executed upon the regular Association forms. These forms shall be furnished by the Commissioner. A contract may be canceled by the mutual consent of the parties to the contract at any time prior to the beginning of the contest. In case of failure of the parties to reach agreement concerning cancellation, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioner for adjudication. The Commissioner’s decision, or the decision of the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or Board of Directors in case of appeal shall be final, and the provisions of the decree

The “Contract for Interscholastic Athletic Contests” is Form A11 in the 2002-03 FHSAA Forms Book, as well as on the forms page of the FHSAA web site at www.fhsaa.org.
shall be carried out by the parties to the contract. Failure to comply with the decision of the Commissioner or Sectional Appeals Committee and/or Board of Directors on the part of either principal signing the contract within ten days shall subject the school of which he/she is principal to a penalty not to exceed expulsion from this Association.

9.4.2 No contract may be entered into by member schools which purports to bind those schools for interscholastic athletic competition longer than three years from the date on which the contract was signed.

9.4.3 Details of contracts must be specific. Definite dates, sites, financial arrangements, arrangements regarding the selection of officials, and other items of interest to both parties should be specified. Indefinite terms, such as “corresponding dates”, are not binding on either party.

9.4.4 Non-contract games, under any conditions, are strictly prohibited.

9.4.5 It is not necessary for a member school to enter into contracts with other member schools for tournaments, meets or contests which have been sanctioned by the Commissioner or which are held as part of any state championship series conducted by this Association.

9.4.6 Contracts between member schools shall be subject to cancellation, whenever either party to the contract shall propose to use, or shall propose to allow to be used, as a member of a competing team any student whose eligibility has not been approved by the Commissioner, or the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or Board of Directors upon appeal to it from the Commissioner’s ruling. Schools which are members of this Association are prohibited from competing with schools which propose to use such ineligible students on their teams.

9.4.7 When a member school is placed on suspension probation or expelled from membership, all contracts which the principal has signed shall be null and void. However, other principals who are parties to such contracts may hold open the dates for games contracted and renew the contracts when the penalized school’s period of suspension probation has ended or the expelled school has been reinstated.
9.4.8 Any school which does not fulfill the terms of any valid contract or which allows itself to be bracketed in an invitational tournament in any sport and fails to compete until eliminated shall be subjected to a financial penalty as determined by the Commissioner.

9.5 Categorization of Sports

9.5.1 The Board of Directors shall categorize sports which are played by member schools as “recognized” and “sanctioned”. Recognized sports shall require participants to abide by Association bylaws, policies, rules and contest regulations with regard to student eligibility and sportsmanship in interscholastic contests. Sanctioned sports, which may be eligible for state championship series status pursuant to Article 9.8.1, may require participants to adhere to a greater degree of regulation subject to terms and conditions established by the Board of Directors. All sports which are not recognized or sanctioned by the Board of Directors shall be considered club sports and shall not be under the jurisdiction of this Association.

9.6 Participation by Girls on Boys Teams and Vice Versa

9.6.1 Girls may participate on a boys interscholastic athletic team in a sport if the school does not sponsor a girls interscholastic athletic team in that sport. Girls may not participate on a boys interscholastic athletic team in a sport if the school sponsors a girls interscholastic athletic team in that sport. Boys may not participate on a girls interscholastic athletic team in any sport if the school’s overall boys athletic program equals or exceeds the overall girls athletic program. A school that sponsors an athletic team(s) composed of both girls and boys (a mixed team) shall compete in the boys division in that sport or those sports.

9.7 State Championship Series

9.7.1 This Association may conduct state championship series to determine the official state champion(s) in those sports which are sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
Participation in state championship series shall be limited only to those senior high schools which are members of this Association and sponsor a varsity program in a minimum of two (2) sports sanctioned by this Association during each sports season. Independent middle schools and/or junior high schools which are members of this Association, as well as senior high schools holding affiliate membership, are not eligible for competition in state championship series. The Board of Directors shall determine the sports in which state championship series are to be conducted and shall establish the terms and conditions for each state championship series.

9.7.2 Member schools which host a state championship series competition shall disperse funds in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Board of Directors for that state championship series. Failure by a member school to disburse funds as required by these terms and conditions shall result in restrictive probation in all sports until proper remuneration is made to all parties.

9.8 Season Limitations

9.8.1 The Board of Directors shall establish the season limitations in those sports in which this Association conducts a state championship series. The length of the season in those sports in which both girls and boys compete shall be the same. No member school shall organize its teams for practice or participation in an interscholastic contest outside of the season limitations established by the Board of Directors in those sports.

9.8.2 Coaches or prospective coaches of any member school are not allowed to have contact outside of the sports season but during the regular school year with any team of which the makeup is more than 50 percent of students from the school or feeder school which he/she represents.

9.9 Use of Registered Officials

9.9.1 All officials for interscholastic contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling must be registered with this Association in the sport(s) the individual is to officiate. The Board of Directors shall establish the policies and procedures for
the registration of officials. All member schools shall use only registered officials who are members of an officials association which is sanctioned by this Association in these sports. The responsibility for contracting for registered officials shall rest upon the principal of the home/host school, and violation of this regulation shall subject the home/host school to a financial penalty. Failure of the sanctioned officials association to provide registered officials as contracted shall subject that association to a financial penalty.

9.9.2 Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools, shall not officiate in contests except with the consent of all competing schools. The consent of the principal, athletic director or team coach is necessary when such persons are used as officials.
Qualifications of Coaches

10.1 Qualifications of Coaches

10.1.1 An individual who serves as a head coach and/or assistant coach at a member school in any sport that is recognized or sanctioned by the Association shall be either:

(A) A full-time or part-time employee of the district school board for a member public school, the governing body for a member nonpublic school, or the cooperative board of directors for a member home school cooperative;

(B) Under contract with, but otherwise not employed by, the district school board for a member public school, the governing body for a member nonpublic school, or the cooperative board of directors for a member home school cooperative to serve as a coach at a member school; or

(C) A volunteer who is approved to serve as a coach by the district school board for a member public school, the governing body for a member nonpublic school, or the cooperative board of directors for a member home school cooperative; provided the individual signs and files with the principal of the member school an agreement to abide by the bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures of the Association.

This provision shall not relieve any public school from its obligations pursuant to Florida Statutes, Department of Education regulations or district school board policy.

10.1.2 When the head coach is a volunteer and not a full-time or part-time employee, or under contract to serve as a coach, as set forth in Bylaw 10.1.1, the principal shall assign a full-time employee to accompany the team or individual competitors to all interscholastic contests in which it/they participate.
10.2 Attendance at Rules Clinics

10.2.1 Each member school shall be represented by its head coach for the sport at an annual rules clinic sponsored by the Association in each sport in which it sponsors a program, provided rules clinics are conducted in that sport. Failure to comply with this requirement may be penalized by the Board of Directors.

The financial penalty for failure of a head coach to attend a mandatory FHSAA Rules Clinic in his/her sport is $50. See Policy 41, “Penalty Code,” on page 170.
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### Eligibility

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A student in grades 6 through 12 shall be eligible to participate on athletic teams in interscholastic athletic contests as a representative of a member school provided:

### 11.1 Attendance

**11.1.1** In order to represent a school in any branch of athletics, a student must be a bona fide student of that school – bona fide meaning one who is regularly enrolled and in regular attendance – who meets, in addition, the requirements as set forth in other sections of this Article. In order to practice with a school in any branch of athletics, a player must be a bona fide student of that school.

**11.1.2** The student must enroll within ten school days of the beginning of a semester during which he/she wishes to represent his/her school in any branch of athletics. A student who fails to enroll within ten days of the beginning of a semester must make up the school work he/she has missed. The principal shall submit to the Commissioner written statements from the student’s teachers that he/she has completed the school work he/she missed and is maintaining at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. The student must have been in school a minimum of one day for each day
missed due to late enrollment before becoming eligible.

11.1.3 An individual home education student is eligible to participate at any one of the following member schools:

(A) the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies;
(B) the public school to which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions; or
(C) a nonpublic school, provided the nonpublic school will permit the student to participate at that school.

In order for the individual home education student to participate at a member school, the following conditions must be met:

(D) the student, within 30 days of his/her withdrawal from a traditional school program, properly registers with the district school board as being enrolled in a home education program in accordance with Section 232.02(4)(b)(1) of the Florida Statutes;
(E) the student’s parents at the conclusion of each semester certify to the principal of the school on a form to be provided by this Association’s office that the student meets the minimum grade point average standards which are required of all students;
(F) the student meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities;
(G) the student registers with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletic competition as a representative of the school prior to the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he/she wishes to participate;
(H) the student complies with all regulations of this Association, including eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility, and local school regulations during the time of participation;
(I) the student meets the same admission and residency requirements as other students in the school at which he/she participates;
(J) the student provides proof of basic medical insurance coverage and both independently secured catastrophic insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names this Association as an insured party in the event the school’s insurance provider does not extend coverage to students.
enrolled in home education programs; and
(K) the student provides to school authorities all required forms and provisions.

11.1.4 A student who withdraws from a regular school program to enroll in a home education program who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic activities until the student has successfully completed one semester in home education. In determining the academic eligibility of a student who withdraws from a regular school program prior to the normal conclusion of the current semester and subsequently enrolls in a home education program, the grades as posted in each subject for that student on the date of his/her withdrawal from the regular school program shall be used.

11.1.5 A student enrolled in grades 6 through 8 who attends a public school that is not a member of this Association and has no athletic program due to low student population may represent in interscholastic athletic competition a member public school that is part of that same school district provided such participation is at the junior high/middle school level only. This student must meet all other provisions of 11.2.14.

11.2 Academic Standing

11.2.1 A student must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken that are required by s.232.245(1), Florida Statutes, at the conclusion of each semester to be eligible during the following semester. A student whose cumulative high school grade point average is below a 2.0 on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken that are required by s.232.245(1), Florida Statutes, at the conclusion of a semester shall not be eligible during the following semester.

11.2.1.1 A student shall be eligible during the first semester of his/her ninth-grade year provided that it is the student’s first entry into the ninth grade and he/she was regularly promoted from the eighth grade the immediate preceding year.
11.2.1.2 A student who is ineligible during the second semester of his/her ninth-grade year or during the first semester of his/her 10th grade year because the student’s cumulative high school grade point average was below a 2.0 at the conclusion of the previous semester and continues to be below a 2.0 at the conclusion of the semester of ineligibility may regain his/her eligibility for the following semester provided:

(A) the student signs an academic performance contract with his/her school at the beginning of the semester in which he/she is ineligible that states, at a minimum, that the student will attend summer school, or its graded equivalent, AND

(B) earns a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken during the semester of ineligibility.

11.2.1.3 Once a student enters the 11th grade, and thereafter, he/she must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken that are required by s.232.245(1), Florida Statutes, at the conclusion of each semester to be eligible during the following semester.

11.2.2 All courses taken for high school credit by a student, including those taken prior to his/her ninth-grade year, shall be included in the computation of the student’s cumulative high school grade point average.

11.2.3 In determining grade point average for athletic eligibility purposes, all member schools must comply with the grading scale as mandated in s. 232.2463, Florida Statutes: Grade “A” is 90 to 100 percent and has a GPA value of 4; Grade “B” is 80 to 89 percent and has a GPA value of 3; Grade “C” is 70 to 79 percent and has a GPA value of 2; Grade “D” is 60 to 69 percent and has a GPA value of 1; and Grade “F” is 0 to 59 percent and has a GPA value of 0.

11.2.4 The student shall not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent.

11.2.5 A student’s grade point average may be raised or lowered by attending a regularly organized summer school
Florida Statutes provide that forgiveness policies for required courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of "D" or "F" with a grade of "C" or higher earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. Forgiveness policies for elective courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of "D" or "F" with a grade of "C" or higher earned subsequently by retaking the same or comparable course or another course. These provisions on forgiveness apply only to students entering the ninth grade in the 2000-01 school year and thereafter.

The definition of a grading period as being one semester is established in Florida Statutes and cannot be waived by this Association.

The “Registration Form for Home Education Student to Participate in Interscholastic Athletics at an FHSAA Member School” is Form EL7 in the 2002-03 FHSAA Forms Book, as well as on the forms page of the FHSAA web site at www.fhsaa.org.

Bylaw 11.2.8 amended by 2002 Representative Assembly; clarifies that a student’s academic eligibility status – whether eligible or ineligible – in schools where the semester ends with the winter holiday break, continues through the holiday break.


under the direction of the District School Board or the governing board of a nonpublic school provided all courses taken during the summer school are completed before the first day of the fall semester. All courses in which a student received a grade (A, B, C, D, F or I) for the school year and the following summer school must be used to calculate the cumulative grade point average. However, when repeating a subject failed on first impulse or repeating a subject passed, the higher of the two grades shall be used to calculate the grade point average. An incomplete grade is considered a failure. A class conducted by a private, certified tutor is not acceptable for removing an eligibility deficiency.

11.2.6 A grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year (approximately 18 school weeks or 90 school days). This definition is applicable to all schools regardless of the type of class scheduling format (i.e. block, traditional, etc.) utilized.

11.2.7 A student who transfers from a home education program to a member school prior to or during a semester shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition during that semester provided the student has a successful evaluation as stipulated in Article 11.2.1. The student’s academic eligibility for each succeeding semester shall then depend upon his/her maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

11.2.8 All work required for credit must be completed before the last day of the semester, without any extension of time. Should the last day of the semester coincide with the last day of school for the winter holidays, the time period for all work required for credit will be extended through the winter holidays. The only exceptions to this rule are for courses such as agriculture which have projects that cannot be completed until late summer.

11.2.9 A student transferring into a member school under extenuating circumstances which prohibit securing a transcript from the previous school or country shall be ineligible to represent that member school until he/she has been enrolled in and established grades for one FULL semester. The details of each situation must be reported in writing to the Commissioner for approval, including student’s name, date of entry and inclusive dates of previous semester.
11.2.10 A student who is eligible or ineligible based upon the previous cumulative grade point average will become eligible or ineligible on the seventh calendar day after the last day of the previous semester. Should the last day of the semester coincide with the last day of school for the winter holidays, the seventh calendar day count will begin with the first day the students return to school after the winter holidays. In order to be declared eligible for the succeeding semester, the student must have been enrolled in, been in regular attendance at, and received grades for all courses taken during the previous two consecutive semesters.

11.2.11 The Commissioner shall be contacted in writing concerning the status of senior students who are participating in dual enrollment programs or early admission programs. These students must maintain the required grade point average.

11.2.12 A student who was eligible at the beginning of a semester because of his/her academic record shall be eligible during the semester except for lack of attendance, improper conduct, or other valid reasons which may cause his/her principal to declare him/her ineligible before the end of the semester. His/her eligibility for each succeeding semester shall depend upon his/her academic record through, and including, the preceding semester.

11.2.13 It shall be the duty of the principal to have each student’s record checked at the end of each semester and to declare the student eligible or ineligible for the following semester based upon the cumulative grade point average attained by the student, including the grades originally reported by the student’s teachers on the last day of the semester. A student who was eligible or ineligible based upon the previous cumulative grade point average will become eligible or ineligible on the seventh calendar day after the last day of the previous semester. Should the last day of the semester coincide with the last day of school for the winter holidays, the seventh calendar day count will begin with the first day the students return to school after the winter holidays. “Originally reported” means the completion of school work necessary to earn a passing grade by the end of the semester. A grade of “incomplete” originally reported by a teacher, at the end of a semester, is considered a failing grade. If a student is ill or out of school, based on an excused absence, on conclusion of the semester, he/she...
must be withheld from competition until the school work has been made up if the failure recorded for the “incomplete” grade results in the student’s inability to comply with the minimum grade point average as required by statute. The Commissioner shall be notified in writing in such cases by the principal of the member school.

11.2.14 A sixth-grade, seventh-grade and eighth-grade student in an independent middle school, a middle-junior high school or a high school must meet the following academic requirements to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition:

(A) He/she must be regularly promoted from the previous grade the immediate preceding year;
(B) He/she must be in regular attendance; and
(C) He/she must be carrying a normal class load and doing satisfactory classroom work, with a satisfactory conduct record as determined by the principal of the school and the standards of this Association.

A student who fails his/her work and must repeat the sixth, seventh or eighth grade may become eligible at the beginning of the second semester he/she is in one of these grades, if he/she passed the required work during the first semester of the second year and he/she did not participate the first year in that grade.

11.3 Residence

11.3.1 A student shall be eligible in the school in which he or she first enrolls each school year, or makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a practice prior to enrolling in any member school. The student shall be eligible in that school so long as he or she remains enrolled in that school and meets all other eligibility requirements.

11.3.2 The student referred to in 11.3.1 will remain eligible at that school even though a change of residence occurs so long as he/she remains enrolled in that school and meets all other eligibility requirements.

11.3.3 A student who, after initially enrolling in, or engaging in an athletic practice at, any school during a
school year, moves into a school community with his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom he/she has lived continuously for a full calendar year and subsequently enrolls in a new school as the result of that move, shall be eligible the following week so far as residence is concerned. The student shall be eligible on the sixth day following his/her enrollment.

11.3.4 A student who, after initially enrolling in, or engaging in an athletic practice during a school year, moves into a different school community to live with his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom he/she has not lived continuously for a full calendar year and enrolls in a new school as a result of the move, shall be ineligible so far as residence is concerned.

11.3.5 The fact that guardianship papers have been issued, placing a student under the control of a person or persons other than his/her parent(s), does not establish eligibility. Residence with and support by any individual or individuals for a period of one calendar year does establish the residence of that individual or individuals as the residence of a student.

11.4 Transfers

11.4.1 A student who initially enrolls in, or engages in an athletic practice at, one member school in a school year and transfers attendance to another member school during that same school year shall be considered to be a transfer student and therefore subject to the bylaws related to students who transfer from one school to another.

11.4.2 A student who enrolls in a member school following his/her initial enrollment in, or engagement in an athletic practice at, another school for that school year shall be ineligible to represent the new school he/she is attending for the duration of the school year. This rule shall not apply if the change of attendance from one school to another is accompanied by a corresponding change in residence on the part of the student’s parent(s) or other individual with whom the student has lived continuously for a full calendar year, which makes it necessary for him/her to attend a different school.
The “Application for Waiver of the Transfer Rule” is Form EL6 in the 2002-03 FHSAA Forms Book, as well as on the forms page of the FHSAA website at www.fhsaa.org.

The “Annual Eligibility Report” for schools not using the FHSAA interactive online database system is Form EL1 in the 2002-03 FHSAA Forms Book, as well as on the forms page of the FHSAA website at www.fhsaa.org.

Bylaw 11.4.3 amended by 2002 Representative Assembly; stipulates that a principal must either approve or disapprove an “Application for Waiver of the Transfer Rule” with his/her signature, rather than simply refusing to sign the waiver form; further clarifies that a change in residence requires a move by the student with his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom the student has continuously lived for the past year, and the move makes it necessary for the student to attend a different school.

11.4.3 The provisions of Article 11.4.2 may be waived if the benefit of athletic eligibility is requested in writing by the principal of the school to which he/she transfers and the principal of the school from which he/she transfers consents to such waiver in writing on a form to be furnished by the Commissioner. To be effective as a waiver of the provisions of Article 11.4.2, the properly executed original form must be filed in the office of this Association together with the annual eligibility report for the requesting school. Such waiver is not effective until both the annual eligibility report and the original application for waiver of the transfer rule are received in the office of this Association. A principal should consider not approving an application for waiver of the transfer rule when:

(A) recruiting is suspect;
(B) a student is suspected of transferring in whole or in part for athletic reasons; or
(C) a student is transferring because of disciplinary reasons and/or misconduct.

HOWEVER, a student who transfers to a member school without a corresponding change of residence on the part of the student’s parent(s) or other individual with whom the student has lived continuously for a full calendar year, which makes it necessary for him/her to attend a different school, on or after the beginning of any sports season (first day of practice) shall not be eligible to compete in that sport for the duration of that school year.

11.4.4 A student who has participated as a member of a senior high school in interscholastic athletic competition during a school year prior to his/her application for membership in a home education cooperative shall be ineligible to represent that cooperative in interscholastic athletic competition for the duration of that school year unless a properly executed “Application for Waiver of the Transfer Rule” is obtained from the principal of the senior high school, and vice versa. A student who withdraws from a regular school program to enroll in a home education program and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic competition as a home education student until he/she has successfully completed one semester in home education.
11.4.5 If a student who has transferred from one school to another after his/her initial enrollment in a member school for that school year without a corresponding change of residence which made it necessary for him/her to change schools and has secured an application for waiver of the transfer rule then elects to transfer to a third school without a corresponding change of residence which would make it necessary for him/her to change schools during that same school year, it will be necessary for him/her to secure applications for waiver of the transfer rule from all schools previously attended within that school year.

11.4.6 A student who transfers from a non-member school to a member school without a corresponding change of residence shall not be eligible to compete during a sports season unless his/her transfer occurred prior to the first day of practice for that sport.

11.4.7 A transfer student may represent the school to which he/she transfers on the sixth day following the date of his/her entry into that school, provided his/her transfer record has been received by the principal of the school to which he/she has transferred and provided he/she meets all eligibility requirements. A transfer record is an official written transcript signed by the principal or his/her authorized representative of the school from which the student transferred.

11.4.8 The principal of a member school shall verify the eligibility status of a student who has transferred to another member school when requested to do so by the principal of the receiving school.

11.4.9 A student who represents a school in a state championship series sponsored by this Association in a sport during the current school year may not transfer to another school and represent the school to which he/she transfers in the remainder of the state championship series in that sport.

11.4.10 A student who is ineligible, at the time of transfer from one school to another school, because of disciplinary action or because of unsatisfactory conduct, shall not be considered for eligibility at the school to which he/she transfers until he/she has been enrolled in that school for a full semester. Enrolling in a new school at the beginning of the school year does not decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility.
11.4.11 A student who transfers to a member school from a school in another state or country who has been declared ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics by the school from which he/she is transferring or by a governing association of which that school is a member shall not be eligible to participate at the member school until he/she has been enrolled in that school for a full semester.

11.4.12 Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by enrollment by that student in the affiliated school shall be considered prima facie evidence of recruiting by the school to which that student enrolled, or that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. Unless this prima facie evidence of recruiting or that the student enrolled in the new school in whole or in part for athletic reasons is disproved by the school and student to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, the student shall be ineligible to represent that school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of 365 consecutive days from the date of his/her enrollment in that school. A team affiliated with the school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the team (participants in practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school.

11.4.13 A student who transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her coach to that school without a corresponding change in residence shall be considered to have transferred for athletic reasons and shall not be eligible to participate in the sport(s) coached by that coach for one calendar year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

11.4.14 A student who marries and sets up residence in a different school community may represent the school which serves that community, provided the change in residence is immediate and he/she meets all eligibility requirements.

11.4.15 The assignment or reassignment of a student by the District School Board to a school other than that school in which he/she initially enrolled or at which he/she engaged in an athletic practice for that school year shall not bestow upon the student athletic eligibility in the new school unless
benefit of eligibility is requested upon a form to be furnished by the Commissioner. This form must bear the signature of the District School Board Chairman, the District School Superintendent or the signature of the principal of the school from which the student transferred, and the principal of the school to which the student transferred. To be effective as a waiver of these provisions, the properly executed original form must be filed in the office of this Association together with the annual eligibility report for the requesting school. Such waiver is not effective until both the annual eligibility report and the original application for waiver of the transfer rule are received in the office of this Association. A student who transfers to a member school without a corresponding change of residence on or after the beginning of any sports season (first day of practice) shall not be eligible to compete in that sport for the duration of that school year.

11.4.16 Majority to minority assignments duly made by the District School Board shall not become effective until eligibility is requested on a form to be furnished by the Commissioner. The principal of the sending school should grant the waiver after investigating and determining that the student’s transfer is from his/her racial majority to his/her racial minority school.

11.4.17 A student who is assigned to or otherwise enrolls in an out of district public school, or a nonpublic school, may be assigned to or enroll in the public school which serves his/her district without loss of eligibility, due to the transfer, provided he/she meets all other eligibility requirements. A student who transfers to a member school without a corresponding change of residence on or after the beginning of any sports season (first day of practice) shall not be eligible to compete in that sport for the duration of that school year.

11.4.18 If the District School Board changes the school to which a student is assigned to attend, the student shall be declared eligible by the principal of the school to which he/she has been transferred, provided he/she meets all other eligibility requirements and his/her name has been submitted on an annual eligibility report.

11.4.19 A student who transfers his/her residence from that of his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom the student has lived continuously for a full calendar year, to the home of another individual who resides in a different
school community because of a court order committing one or both of those with whom he/she has been living to a correctional or state medical institution shall be eligible to represent the school in which he/she first enrolls or at which he/she engages in an athletic practice following the change in residence. The residence and transfer regulations do not apply to a student who returns to his/her home after honorable discharge from a state correctional institution or to a student who returns to his/her home after serving as a page in the Congress or the State Legislature.

11.4.20 A student who transfers his/her residence from that of his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom the student has lived continuously for a full calendar year to the home of another individual who resides in a different school community because of the death of one or both of his/her parents or other individual shall be eligible to represent the school in which he/she first enrolls or at which he/she engages in an athletic practice following the change in residence.

11.4.21 In the event that a student becomes a ward of the State of Florida and is placed in a foster home, the student will be eligible so far as residence is concerned so long as he/she is enrolled in that school. Any subsequent transfer of residence that requires a change of schools shall render the student ineligible.

11.5 Limit of Eligibility

11.5.1 A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years upon first successful completion of the eighth (8th) grade as defined by the pupil progression plan of the school in which the student is enrolled. Four years from the date he or she first successfully completes the eighth grade, he or she shall become ineligible for further interscholastic athletic competition. A student who does not attend school, repeats any grade, is declared ineligible to participate, or otherwise fails to exercise the opportunity to participate for any reason for any length of time during this four-year period shall not be entitled to any additional period of eligibility. Original school records shall be submitted to the Commissioner in the event of conflicting information as to the date of first successful completion of the eighth grade.
11.5.2  A student may participate as a sixth-grade student one year only, as a seventh-grade student one year only, and as an eighth-grade student one year only.

11.5.3  Participation or non-participation in the sixth, seventh and/or eighth grades shall not affect a student’s eligibility after entering the ninth grade. A student shall have four consecutive years of opportunity for eligibility after his/her first successful completion of the eighth grade.

11.5.4  The eligibility rules of this Association are designed to promote academic achievement and to encourage students to advance with their graduating class. Unless a student exerts every reasonable effort to make up credit not earned due to absences caused by injury or illness, an undue hardship request seeking a waiver of the limit of eligibility will not be given favorable consideration.

11.6  Age

11.6.1  A student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition until reaching the age of 19 years 9 months, so far as age is concerned. Upon reaching the age of 19 years 9 months the student shall be ineligible for further participation in interscholastic athletic competition.

11.6.2  A junior high school student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition until reaching the age of 16 years 9 months, so far as age is concerned. Upon reaching the age of 16 years 9 months the student shall be ineligible for further participation in interscholastic athletic competition. The 16 year 9 month age limit for junior high school students applies only when two junior high schools or the junior high school departments of two combination junior-senior high schools are competing against each other. If a junior high school competes against a senior high school or the varsity team of a combination junior-senior high school, the age limit set for senior high school students shall apply to the students of the junior high school.

11.6.3  A middle school student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition until reaching the age of 15 years 9 months, so far as age is concerned. Upon reaching the age of 15 years 9 months the student shall be ineligible for further participation in interscholastic athletic competi-
tion. The 15 year 9 month age limit for middle school students applies only when two middle schools or the middle school departments of two combination junior-senior high schools are competing against each other. If a middle school competes against a senior high school or the varsity team of a combination junior-senior high school, the age limit set for senior high school students shall apply to the students of the middle school.

11.6.4 The first time a student’s name is submitted to the Commissioner on an annual eligibility report, the principal shall certify that he/she, or his/her authorized representative, has examined and approved a birth certificate, issued by an authorized agency, which shall not be based upon a delayed registration which is less than five years old, for each student whose name appears on the annual eligibility report. An authorized agency is:

(A) A state, county or city bureau of vital statistics, or the Department of State in Washington, DC;
(B) A hospital; or
(C) A Canadian church record which, under Canadian law, is an official record for vital statistics.

A passport from a foreign country or an immigration card for aliens may be accepted in lieu of a birth certificate. Photostatic or duplicated copies of documents issued by unauthorized agencies or individuals are not acceptable, even when a notary public certifies that they are exact copies of the original documents presented to him/her for such duplication.

11.6.5 When no birth certificate is available, as evidenced by a statement from the authorities of the state in which the student was born that there is no record of the date of his/her birth on file, age shall be established by:

(A) The attending physician’s affidavit; or
(B) Submission to the Commissioner of original school records that are at least five years old and accompanied by such affidavits as may be required. Original records from schools within the same county as the school which the student is attending must be submitted to the Commissioner.

A delayed birth certificate must be at least five years old and have cleared through the bureau of vital statistics to be considered. When conflicting evidence is submitted, the record
which establishes the earliest date of birth shall be deemed official.

If the preceding requirements cannot be met, the Commissioner shall be furnished the following information:

(C) place and date of birth;
(D) name of father and maiden name of mother; and
(E) all schools, elementary and high, previously attended.

The Commissioner shall then proceed to confirm the reported date of birth and bill the school with the cost of such confirmation.

11.6.6 The Commissioner may extend the time for filing complete information for establishing date of birth, when in his/her judgment such extension is justified; and PROVIDED, that the principal submitting the information shall be held strictly accountable for the accuracy of the date of birth given insofar as it may affect a student’s eligibility because of age.

11.7 Parental Consent

11.7.1 The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) shall complete, sign and present to the principal each year before participation in any interscholastic athletic practice or competition a certificate of consent and release. The Board of Directors shall adopt language that shall be incorporated into this certificate by each member school. This certificate shall be filed in the principal’s office.

11.8 Physical Examination

11.8.1 The student shall undergo a physical evaluation by a licensed physician not earlier than May 15 of the preceding school year and shall be certified by the physician as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletic practice or competition before being allowed an opportunity for such participation. This physical evaluation shall include a medical history questionnaire that must be completed and signed by the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). The Board of Directors shall adopt minimum requirements for the physical evaluation that shall be
adhered to by each member school. The physical evaluation form signed by the physician, as well as the medical history questionnaire signed by the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be filed in the principal’s office.

11.8.2 While only one certificate a year is required, subsequent examinations are recommended, and additional examinations should be required by the principal and coach for their own protection, as well as that of the student, immediately upon detection of the slightest indication of undue fatigue or other ill effects during practice or competition.

11.9 Amateurism

11.9.1 A student may not participate in an athletic activity of this Association unless he/she is an amateur. A student who has accepted remuneration, gift, or donation for participation in a sport or participates under an assumed name becomes a professional and is thereafter disqualified for further participation in that sport in high school for a period of one year. Reference to “gift or donation” is not intended to preclude the acceptance of medals, trophies, plaques, keys, pins, or ribbons of small intrinsic value, if presented by the sponsoring organization. Championship rings, sweaters, jackets or award blankets may be accepted by students provided they are presented by the school which they represent.

11.9.2 No awards of any kind having utilitarian value may be made by members of this Association or by any individual or organization whatsoever to students for participation in interscholastic athletics. Medals, trophies, ribbons, plaques, school letters, school sweaters, school jackets, and school award blankets are hereby declared to be of decorative value rather than utilitarian value, within the meaning of this article, and may be awarded. Championship rings, sweaters, jackets or award blankets may be accepted by students provided they are presented by the school which they represent.

11.9.3 When a student participates in non-school sponsored competition at any time during the calendar year, the student is governed by the amateur rules of the amateur governing body of that sport. If the student violates the amateur rule of the amateur governing body for the sport, the student

is ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition in that sport.

11.9.4 A student may not represent his/her school in non-school sponsored athletic competition. Neither may a student wear his/her school uniform while participating in non-school sponsored athletic events. Injuries sustained in non-school sponsored athletic competition are not covered by school insurance.

11.9.5 Violation of the amateur rule in one sport does not make a student ineligible in all other sports.

11.10 All-Star Participation

11.10.1 A student who participates in an all-star contest in a sport, prior to completing his/her interscholastic athletic eligibility in that sport, shall be ineligible to represent any member school in that sport for a period of one calendar year from the date of participation in the all-star contest. An all-star contest is one in which the participants have been selected or invited to participate as the result of their performance as a high school athlete.

11.11 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

11.11.1 Students shall adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and the ethics of competition prior to, during and following all interscholastic athletic contests in which they represent their school. The Board of Directors shall establish penalties for students who violate these principles and ethics which may include barring such students for a period of time from participation in future interscholastic athletic contests.

11.11.2 A student who, prior to, during or following an interscholastic athletic contest, commits an act of a malicious and hateful nature toward a contest official or an opponent, shall be guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct and be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of six weeks. Such malicious acts shall include, but not be limited to, cursing, striking or threatening a contest official during a contest or at any other time because of resentment over occurrences or decisions during
a contest; physical contact with an opponent that is beyond the normal scope of competition and which appears to be with the intent of inflicting bodily harm on the opponent; spitting on a contest official or opponent; directing gender, racial or ethnic slurs toward a contest official or opponent; or other such acts which may be deemed as unacceptable conduct either by the principal of the member school the student attends or this Association. The Commissioner, the Sectional Appeals Committee or the Board of Directors on appeal, may restore the eligibility of such a student prior to the expiration of the six weeks when in his/her opinion the student has been properly disciplined by the authorities of the school which he/she attends and the student signs a written statement of his/her intention to comply with the provisions of Articles 8.1.1 and 11.11.1 of these Bylaws in the future.

11.11.3 In matters pertaining to personal conduct in which interscholastic athletic competition is not involved, the member school which the student(s) attend shall be the judge as to whether the student(s) may play on its team.

11.11.4 A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student’s system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs.

11.12 Use of Athletes

11.12.1 Only students who are currently eligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest shall appear at the contest in the uniform of their school. An ineligible student shall not be allowed on the players’ bench, in the team box or on the field of play, in athletic uniform during an athletic contest. A student in athletic uniform during an athletic contest is defined as having participated. Any member school which allows a student to participate in interscholastic athletic competition (dress in uniform) in violation of the regulations of this Association will be held guilty of using an ineligible student and subject to the penalties assessed.

11.12.2 A student who falsifies information to gain eligibility status that causes a member school to violate eligibility rules of this Association shall be declared ineligible to

See Policy 30, “Policy on the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substances,” on page 144.
represent any member school for a period of one year from the date of the discovery of the violation.

11.13 **Annual Eligibility Report**

11.13.1 It shall be the responsibility of the principal of each member school to file an annual eligibility report with the Commissioner concerning the status of each prospective athlete. This information shall be furnished on a form to be supplied by this Association or through the Association’s electronic eligibility software. Each annual eligibility report shall contain all the information required, including the legal names of the students written exactly as they appear on their birth certificates. The name of a student shall not be submitted to the Commissioner more than one time during a school year. A student whose name is submitted on an annual eligibility report using the Association’s electronic eligibility software shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition on the same day as his/her name is submitted to the Association office via computer. A student whose name is submitted on an annual eligibility report using the form supplied by the Association shall be eligible on the sixth day following the date of the postmark on the envelope in which the form is submitted. Violations of the provisions relative to date of filing annual eligibility reports shall result in a financial penalty as determined by the Board of Directors.

11.13.2 Eligibility is not by sports season. When a student has been reported on an annual eligibility report to the Commissioner for a school year and declared eligible by the principal, the student may participate in any and all sports during the school year as long as the student maintains current eligibility requirements.

11.14 **Official Eligibility Rulings**

11.14.1 Each member school principal or his/her designee having reasonable cause to believe that a student is ineligible to participate in, or continue to participate in, interscholastic athletic competition under any provision of these Bylaws may request an official ruling on the student’s eligibility from the Commissioner on a form to be provided by this Association, and must do so at the student’s request.
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A member school which requests an official ruling on a student’s eligibility shall submit in writing on the form a full statement of the facts surrounding the student’s ineligibility. The Commissioner, or his/her designee, within a reasonable amount of time, shall issue a ruling on the student’s eligibility in writing based solely on the statement of facts which is provided in writing on the form. Only those rulings which are issued in writing and signed by the Commissioner, or his/her designee shall be official. This bylaw does not relieve the principal or his/her designee from his/her responsibility of ensuring the eligibility of all students who are allowed to participate in interscholastic athletic competition on behalf of his/her school, or from any other responsibility as set forth in Bylaw 7.4.1.

11.14.2 A student who is determined to be ineligible by a member school principal or his/her designee, or ruled ineligible by the Commissioner, shall be provided with notice of his/her ineligibility either in writing or by delivering said notice in person. The notice shall specify the reason(s) for the ineligibility and identify the individual provision(s) of these Bylaws involved. The student shall also be informed of his/her right to have the school appeal the decision of the principal or his/her designee to the Commissioner, or the Commissioner’s ruling to the Sectional Appeals Committee; or to file a request for undue hardship waiver on his/her behalf, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of these Bylaws.
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Penalties and Protests

12.1 Penalty for Violating Rules

12.1.1 Any violation of this Association’s Bylaws, as well as the regulations, guidelines, policies and/or procedures established by the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws, shall be reported to the Commissioner, who shall have authority to investigate all alleged violations. The findings of the investigation shall be made known to the school (or schools), person (or persons), alleged to have committed a violation. The Commissioner shall then have full authority to invoke one or more of the following penalties against such school(s) or person(s) found to have committed violations:

(A) REPRIMAND – An official letter of censure to the individual and/or school concerned in regard to the offense committed and warning against further acts of a detrimental nature which are contrary to the aims of this Association. This letter of reprimand becomes a part of the file of the individual and/or school involved.
(B) FINE – A monetary payment.
(C) FORFEIT – The forfeiture of an interscholastic athletic contest.
(D) PROBATION – Types of probation that may be imposed on a school are as follows:
   (a) Administrative Probation – The school is reprimanded, fined and served notice that it is in a period of warning for one or more calendar years and additional violations during this period may result in an extension of the probationary period, or in the school being placed on restrictive or suspension probation, or in the school being expelled from membership in this Association.

(b) Restrictive Probation – The school is reprimanded, fined and restricted in some manner for one or more calendar years, including restriction from participation in championship competition in one or more sports. The school is further served notice that it is in a period of warning for one or more calendar years and additional violations during this period may result in an extension of the probationary period, or in the school being placed on suspension probation, or in the school being expelled from membership in this Association.

(c) Suspension Probation – The school is fined, reprimanded and suspended from participating in interscholastic athletic competition in a particular sport or sports, or all sports, for one or more calendar years. The school is further served notice that it is in a period of warning for one or more calendar years and additional violations during this period may result in an extension of the probationary period, or in the school being expelled from membership in this Association.

(E) EXPULSION – Involuntary termination of a school’s membership in the Association for a period of one or more calendar years. No member school of this association shall engage in any interscholastic athletic competition with the expelled school during the period of expulsion. Any member school which participates in any interscholastic athletic competition with an expelled school may subject itself to expulsion from the Association for one calendar year.

12.1.2 A member school which is found to have violated the bylaws, policies or other rules of this Association following investigation by the Commissioner shall pay to this Association all expenses incurred by this Association related to such violation including, but not limited to, the cost of the investigation, attorney’s fees and legal costs, and all other related costs.

12.1.3 If a member school or student, while in violation of or noncompliance with any provision(s) of this Association’s rules, participates in interscholastic competition contrary to such rules but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or this Association, and that injunction or restraining order is subsequently voluntarily vacated (by dismissal of the case or otherwise), stayed, reversed or a final determination is made by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified or if the injunction or restraining order expires without fur-
ther judicial determination, the actions required by Article 12.1.1 shall be taken.

12.2 Forfeiture of Contest

12.2.1 If an ineligible student is accidentally or intentionally permitted to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest, forfeiture of the game and honors shall be automatic and mandatory. The principal of the school shall notify the Commissioner that an ineligible student has been allowed to participate in one or more athletic contests, furnishing the date(s) of the competition. In team sports, the contest and honors shall be forfeited. In individual sports, the points won by the ineligible student, individually or as a member of a relay team, shall be forfeited. The principal of the school represented by the ineligible student shall forfeit the contest(s) or points. Copies of the letters of forfeiture must be sent to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall have full authority to invoke additional penalties against a member school which, in his/her determination, intentionally permitted an ineligible student to participate.

12.2.2 If a student is ineligible according to this Association’s rules but is permitted to participate in interscholastic athletic competition contrary to such rules but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or this Association, and that injunction or restraining order is subsequently voluntarily vacated (by dismissal of the case or otherwise), stayed, reversed or a final determination is made by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified or if the injunction or restraining order expires without further judicial determination, the actions required by Article 12.2.1 shall be taken.

12.3 Protest Procedure

12.3.1 Any member school filing a protest over the eligibility of a student(s) or actions of a member school shall submit in writing a full statement of the facts over the signature of its principal to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall transmit a copy of the statement to the principal of the school against which a protest has been made or to the principal, parent or guardian if such protest pertains to an individual. The Commissioner shall determine if alleged violations of this Association’s regulations, which
are purported to have occurred during the student(s) limit of eligibility, shall be investigated.

12.3.2 The decisions of contest officials shall be final. Protests against the decision of a contest official(s) shall not be reviewed by the Commissioner, Sectional Appeals Committees or the Board of Directors. Member schools, however, should file with the Commissioner reports of unsatisfactory performance on the part of contest officials, which may be due to alleged lack of knowledge of the rules, errors in judgment or improper conduct.
13.1 Eligibility Appeals and Requests for Undue Hardship Waivers

When a student is determined to be ineligible by a member school principal and/or is ruled ineligible by the Commissioner based upon any provision of these Bylaws, the member school principal may appeal the ruling of the Commissioner if he/she or the student takes issue with it; or, in individual cases, the member school principal may file a request for undue hardship waiver on behalf of the student when, in his/her opinion, enforcement of the provision(s) which render(s) the student ineligible would work an undue hardship upon the student. The principal is required to file either at the student’s request. Such eligibility appeals or requests for undue hardship waivers shall be considered by the Sectional Appeals Committee which serves the administrative section in which the petitioning school is located only at a regularly scheduled meeting. The following procedures shall apply:

(A) An eligibility appeal or request for undue hardship waiver must be filed with the Commissioner on the form(s) provided by this Association and must be accompanied by all necessary documentation. The appeal or request must be signed by the principal and mailed so that it is received in the office of this Association not later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing dates established by the Board of Directors and printed in the FHSAA Activities Planning Calendar. Appeals and requests received after the deadline date will not be considered at that Sectional Appeals Com-
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mittee meeting, but will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. No exceptions will be made. To be complete, all appeals and requests must include all necessary documentation at the time of filing. Those appeals and requests which are filed by the deadline but which do not include all necessary documentation will be returned to the school unprocessed. The school will be notified of the documentation necessary and the appeal or request will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting pending receipt of the necessary documentation. Only that documentation which is relevant to the appeal or request should be included. Character references or other testimonials filed on behalf of the student are not relevant and will not be presented to the Sectional Appeals Committee.

(B) An appearance by the student and a school representative before the Sectional Appeals Committee is mandatory for an appeal or request for undue hardship waiver involving age, limit of participation and unsportsmanlike conduct provisions. An appearance by the student and a school representative before the Sectional Appeals Committee is optional for an appeal or request for undue hardship waiver involving attendance, residence, transfer and academic eligibility provisions. A student who is required, or chooses, to appear before the Sectional Appeals Committee must be accompanied by a school representative and may be accompanied by his/her parent(s) or other individual with whom he/she lives. The school representative who is required to accompany the student must be a full-time employee of the school and must be identified on the form at the time of filing. A student who is required, or who chooses, to appear before the committee will be assigned a time for the appearance. A twenty (20) minute block will be allotted for each case involving an appearance. A student who is not required, but chooses, to appear before the Sectional Appeals Committee must indicate his/her decision to appear before the Sectional Appeals Committee on the form at the time of filing. Otherwise, the student may attend the meeting but will not be permitted to address the Sectional Appeals Committee. A student may be represented at the hearing by an attorney of his/her choice, but such representation shall not excuse the appearance of a student who is required to appear before the Sectional Appeals Committee as set forth herein.

(C) The Sectional Appeals Committee is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The Sectional Appeals Committee, in most cases, will render an immediate decision on each appeal or request for undue hardship
waiver unless a question arises which prompts the committee to table disposition of a case. Eligibility granted a student by the committee shall be immediate. The decision of the Sectional Appeals Committee in each case shall be by majority vote.

13.1.2 An unfavorable decision by the Sectional Appeals Committee on an eligibility appeal or request for undue hardship waiver may be appealed to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting by the member school principal on behalf of the student if he/she or the student takes issue with it, and must file such an appeal at the student’s request. The effects of the Sectional Appeals Committee decision, however, shall be final until a disposition of the case by the Board of Directors. The request for an appeal hearing before the Board of Directors must be made in writing to the Commissioner, must be signed by the member school principal or his/her designee, and must be received in the office of this Association within five (5) business days following the date of the Sectional Appeals Committee meeting. Failure to file a request for an appeal hearing before the Board of Directors so that it is received in the office of this Association within the five (5) business days following the date of the Sectional Appeals Committee meeting shall be deemed a waiver of the right of an appeal as granted herein. An appearance by the student before the Board of Directors in all cases is optional. If, however, the student chooses to appear before the Board of Directors such appearance shall be subject to the same provisions as set forth in Article 13.1.1(b). The Board of Directors is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The decision of the Board of Directors in each case shall be by majority vote and shall be final.

13.1.3 By seeking an undue hardship waiver, the student and the member school accept the fact that the student is ineligible under the FHSAA Bylaws but are asking for a grant of waiver of those Bylaws. For the purpose of determining whether to grant or deny an undue hardship waiver pursuant to these Bylaws, the following criteria shall be followed. The fact that a student is retained in a lower grade because he/she fails to pass the required number of courses, is voluntarily withdrawn from school or repeats a lower grade is not sufficient grounds for granting an undue hardship waiver. The fact that a student misses school for
a prolonged period of time that causes him/her to repeat a
grade, or other unforeseen, unavoidable conditions or events
that are/were beyond the control of the student and/or his/her
parent or guardian, may be grounds for granting an undue
hardship waiver request. In the event the hardship waiver
request is based on time missed from school because of a
serious injury or prolonged illness, the condition must be
supported by a physician’s record that establishes that the
absence from school is directly and solely related to such
injury or illness. The fact that a student is unable to par-
ticipate in interscholastic activities is not, in and of itself,
grounds for granting an undue hardship waiver request.

13.1.4 The burden of showing error in the determina-
tion of a student’s ineligibility or in showing why an undue
hardship waiver should be granted is on the student, his/her
parent(s) or guardian(s), and the principal or his/her desig-
nee of the member school filing the appeal of the eligibility
ruling or request for undue hardship waiver on the student’s
behalf. The member school principal or his/her designee
shall file with the appeal or request for undue hardship
waiver a detailed statement made on his/her best knowledge
and belief giving the reason(s) why the appeal or request for
undue hardship waiver should be granted. Such statement
shall include as a minimum a brief statement of the facts
involved, the specific bylaw(s) or policy(s) involved and
argument in support of the relief requested. This statement
shall be supported by any relevant documentary evidence
available.

13.1.5 Neither the Sectional Appeals Committee nor
the Board of Directors have the authority to waive a provi-
sion of Florida Statutes.

13.2 Appeals of Commissioner’s
Findings and Requests for Waivers

13.2.1 The principal of a member school or his/her
designee, or any other individual, who is found to be in vio-
lation of the rules of this Association by the Commissioner,
whether or not such finding results in the imposition of pen-
alty, may appeal the finding of the Commissioner if he/she
takes issue with it, or may appeal the penalty imposed, if any,
if he/she, while not disagreeing with the finding, believes the
penalty to be too severe. The appeal must be filed so that it
13.2.1 The principal of a member school or his/her designee, or any other individual, may request a waiver of any Bylaw or other regulation, guideline, policy or procedure of this Association not directly related to student eligibility when special circumstances arise that, in the principal or his/her designee’s opinion, or in the opinion of the individual, call for relief from, or a modification of the effects of the rule. Such requests for waiver shall be considered by the Sectional Appeals Committee which serves the administrative section in which the petitioning school is located only at a regularly scheduled meeting, unless the effect of the waiver requested would affect member schools in more than the one administrative section, in which case the request for waiver shall be forwarded directly to the Board of Directors.

13.2.2 When filing an appeal of a finding by the Commissioner or the imposition of a penalty, or when filing a request for waiver of any rule of this Association, the following procedures shall apply:

(A) The appeal or request for waiver must be filed with the Commissioner in writing and must be accompanied by all necessary documentation. The appeal or request must be signed by the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, and filed so that it is received in the office of this Association not later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing date.

13.2.3 Bylaw 13.2.1 amended by 2002 Representative Assembly; stipulates that a member school that unsuccessfully appeals a decision of the Commissioner must pay any attorney’s fees incurred by the Association in its defense of the Commissioner’s decision.
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future dates established by the Board of Directors and printed in the FHSAA Activities Planning Calendar. Appeals and requests received after the deadline date will not be considered at that Sectional Appeals Committee meeting, but will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. No exceptions will be made. Only that documentation which is relevant to the appeal or request should be included.

(B) An appearance by the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, before the Sectional Appeals Committee is optional for any appeal or request directed to that body. If the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, choose to appear before the Sectional Appeals Committee he/she must notify the Commissioner of his/her intent to do so at the time the request for appeal or waiver is filed and a time for the appearance will be assigned. Otherwise, the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, may attend the meeting but will not be permitted to address the Sectional Appeals Committee. A twenty (20) minute block will be allotted for each case involving an appearance. A member school or other individual may be represented at the hearing by an attorney of its/his/her choice.

(C) The Sectional Appeals Committee is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The Sectional Appeals Committee, in most cases, will render an immediate decision on each appeal or request for waiver unless a question arises which prompts the committee to table disposition of a case. The decision of the Sectional Appeals Committee in each case shall be by majority vote.

13.2.4 An unfavorable decision by the Sectional Appeals Committee on an appeal or request for waiver may be appealed to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting by the member school principal, or other individual, if he/she takes issue with it. The effects of the Sectional Appeals Committee decision, however, shall be final until a disposition of the case by the Board of Directors. The request for an appeal hearing before the Board of Directors must be made in writing to the Commissioner, must be signed by the member school principal or his/her designee, or other individual, and must be received in the office of this Association within five (5) business days following the date of the Sectional Appeals Committee meeting. Failure to file a request for an appeal hearing before the Board of Directors within the five (5) business days following the date of the Sectional Appeals Committee meeting shall be deemed a waiver of the right of an appeal as granted herein.
An appearance by the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, before the Board of Directors in such cases is optional. If, however, the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, chooses to appear before the Board of Directors such appearance shall be subject to the same provisions as set forth in Article 13.2.3(A). The Board of Directors is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The decision of the Board of Directors in each case shall be by majority vote and shall be final.

13.2.5 Appeals of a finding by the Commissioner which arises from a situation involving or affecting member schools in more than the one administrative section, or a finding which results in the imposition of a penalty of restrictive probation, suspension probation or expulsion against a member school, an appeal of that finding shall be forwarded directly to the Board of Directors. Requests for waiver of a rule of this Association that, if granted, would affect member schools in more than the one administrative section shall be forwarded directly to the Board of Directors. An appearance by the member school principal or his/her designee before the Board of Directors shall be mandatory for any appeal of a finding by the Commissioner which results in the imposition of a penalty of restrictive probation, suspension probation or expulsion against the member school. An appearance by the member school principal or his/her designee in all other cases shall be optional. The Commissioner shall be notified as to the names of the individual(s) who will appear before the Board of Directors at the time the appeal is filed. Otherwise, the principal or his/her designee may attend the meeting but will not be permitted to address the Board of Directors. A twenty (20) minute block will be allotted for each case involving an appearance. A member school may be represented at the hearing by an attorney of its choice, but such representation shall not excuse the appearance of a member school principal or his/her designee who is required to appear before the Board of Directors as set forth herein. The Board of Directors is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The decision of the Board of Directors in each case shall be by majority vote and shall be final.
13.3 Findings Arising from Disputes Between Member Schools

13.3.1 A member school principal or his/her designee may appeal a finding by the Commissioner which arises from a dispute between his/her school and one or more other member schools. The appeal must be filed so that it is received in the office of this Association within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the Commissioner’s finding. Failure to file an appeal so that it is received in the office of this Association within the ten (10) business days allowed shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal as granted herein. The cost of the appeal, including the Association’s attorney fees, shall be borne by the appellant if the finding of the Commissioner is upheld. If all member schools which are parties to the dispute are located within the same administrative section, the appeal shall be heard by the Sectional Appeals Committee in that administration section. If, however, one or more of the member schools which are parties to the dispute is/are located in different administrative sections, the appeal must be heard by the Board of Directors. A decision by the Sectional Appeals Committee, which shall be by majority vote, may be appealed to the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article 13.2.4. An appearance by the principal or his/her designee of one or all of the member schools which are parties to the dispute before the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or the Board of Directors may be required. Such an appearance, in all cases, shall be permissible if the principal(s) or his/her/their designees request an appearance. The Board of Directors is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The decision of the Board of Directors in each case shall be by majority vote and shall be final.

13.4 Procedure in Cases of Expulsion

13.4.1 When the Commissioner believes that his/her preliminary findings in any investigation into any violation of any rule of this Association warrants the expulsion of a school from membership in this Association, the following procedure shall be followed:

(A) The Commissioner shall notify the principal of the accused school of his/her preliminary findings and shall set
a date for a hearing on the allegations and preliminary findings. The date of this hearing shall be by mutual agreement of the Commissioner and the principal of the accused school, but shall be not less than five (5) working days and not more than fifteen (15) working days from the date the notice is mailed by certified or registered mail to the principal of the accused school from the office of this Association unless the principal of the accused school can show just cause for a reasonable delay in the hearing. The site of the hearing shall be in the office of this Association.

(B) During the hearing, which shall be conducted by the Commissioner or his/her designee, the accused school may have an attorney present, and may present witnesses, testimony, and any other relevant evidence or information for consideration by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may also request, or allow, the presentation of witnesses, testimony, and any other relevant evidence or information by another member school(s) which may have been affected by, or have direct knowledge of, the violations which the accused school is alleged to have committed.

(C) Following the hearing, the Commissioner shall reach a conclusion as to his/her findings, shall make a final decision as to the disciplinary action, if any, to be taken against the accused school, and shall notify the principal of the accused school of the findings and the disciplinary action, if any, to be imposed. If it is the final determination of the Commissioner that the accused school be expelled from membership in this Association, he/she shall further notify the principal of the accused school that such expulsion shall be effective on a date not less than ten (10) business days from the date on which the final decision is rendered. The Commissioner shall inform the principal of the accused school of his/her right to request an appeal of the Commissioner’s findings and decision to expel his/her school from membership in the Association within five (5) business days. The request for appeal must be in writing and must be received in the office of this Association within the five (5) day limit. Failure to file a request for an appeal so that it is received in the office of this Association within the five (5) day limit shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal as granted herein. The cost of the appeal, including the Association’s attorney fees, shall be borne by the appellant if the finding and decision of the Commissioner are upheld. If the principal of the accused school properly requests such an appeal, the Commissioner shall schedule the appeal to be heard by the Board of Directors prior to the date on which expulsion of the accused school is to occur. If the Board of Directors is scheduled to meet prior to the date on which expulsion of the accused school is to occur, the appeal shall be scheduled for a date subsequent to the date on which the Board of Directors was scheduled to meet. If the Board of Directors is not scheduled to meet prior to the date on which expulsion of the accused school is to occur, the appeal shall be scheduled for a date subsequent to the date on which expulsion of the accused school is to occur.

Bylaw 13.4.1(C) amended by 2002 Representative Assembly; stipulates that a member school that unsuccessfully appeals a decision of the Commissioner must pay any attorney’s fees incurred by the Association in its defense of the Commissioner’s decision.
to that date, the appeal will be heard during its regularly scheduled meeting. If, however, the Board of Directors is not scheduled to meet prior to that date, a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called for the express purpose of hearing the appeal of the accused school.

(D) During the hearing of the appeal by the Board of Directors, the accused school may have an attorney present, may present witnesses, testimony, and any other relevent evidence or information for consideration by the Board of Directors. The Commissioner may also may present witnesses, testimony, and any other relevent evidence or information for consideration by the Board of Directors. After hearing the evidence and arguments, the Board of Directors shall render its decision by majority vote. The Board of Directors is empowered to sustain, modify or overturn the decision of the Commissioner in each case which comes before it. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

13.4.2 A school which has been expelled from membership in this Association for a period of one or more calendar years may apply for reinstatement after a period of one calendar year and then yearly thereafter. The principal of the school must notify the Commissioner in writing that he/she intends to apply for reinstatement and request to be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. The principal shall then make a verbal appeal for reinstatement before the Board of Directors at that meeting. A school expelled from membership in this Association shall be reinstated only upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

13.5 Compliance with Decisions

13.5.1 The administrative decisions of the Board of Directors, Sectional Appeals Committee and Commissioner shall be accepted in good faith by all member schools. The principal of any member school who, by any act or attitude, shall refuse to accept, or shall hold in contempt or derision, or shall permit or acquiesce in such contempt or derision on the part of any group or individual associated with his/her school, shall subject his/her school to expulsion from this Association. These provisions are not to be construed as preventing the principal of a member school from exercising his/her school’s right to due process by appealing decisions of the Commissioner to the Sectional Appeals Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
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Amendments

14.1 Submission of Amendments

14.1.1 Each member school representative, the Board of Directors acting as a whole or as members acting individually, any advisory committee acting as a whole to be established by the Association, and the Association’s Commissioner are empowered to propose amendments to the Bylaws. Any other individual may propose an amendment by securing the sponsorship of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be submitted to the Commissioner not less than sixty (60) days prior to consideration by the Representative Assembly. All proposed amendments received by the deadline shall be submitted by the Commissioner directly to the Representative Assembly for its consideration.

14.2 Action by Representative Assembly

14.2.1 The Representative Assembly shall consider, adopt, or reject any proposed amendments to these Bylaws. The Representative Assembly, while empowered to adopt, reject, or revise proposed amendments, may not, in and of itself, as a body be allowed to propose any amendment for its own consideration. Any revision to a proposed amendment by the Representative Assembly shall require the written authorization of its original sponsor(s). Such revisions shall require a majority of the votes cast of delegates to the Assembly.

14.2.2 A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by delegates present is required for passage of any proposal. A vote on the final passage of any proposal shall be by roll call.
or signed ballot with the vote cast by each delegate reported to the member schools.

14.3 Effective Date of Amendments

14.3.1 An amendment shall become effective on the first day of July following its adoption unless otherwise specified.

14.4 Compliance with Florida Statutes

14.4.1 The Board of Directors and Commissioner are authorized to make necessary adjustments in these Bylaws to be consistent with Florida Statutes.
Pursuant to the authority granted it in Article 4.1.4 of the FHSAA Bylaws, the FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following guidelines, policies and procedures, to govern the Association’s interscholastic athletic programs. In the case of any conflict, whether actual or believed, with the Bylaws of the FHSAA, the Bylaws shall control. Any understanding, misunderstanding, opinion or belief by an individual as a result of reading these policies shall not be binding on the FHSAA. Official rulings shall be requested in writing only by the principal or designated official representative of a member school and shall be provided in writing by the Commissioner or his/her designee. Only a formal ruling by the Commissioner is binding on the FHSAA. Substantive changes for the 2002-03 school year are shaded.
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POLICY 1
Adoption and Enforcement of Athletic Regulations

A. REGULAR SEASON
    1. The Board of Directors will adopt regulations for all interscholastic athletic contests. These regulations will be printed in the appropriate sports manuals published by this Association.
    2. All FHSAA Sports Seasons will be determined by dates established in accordance with the standardized calendar developed by the National Federation of State High School Associations. This calendar will number the weeks of the year, with Week One (1) being the first full week of July (Sunday through Saturday). Hereinafter, this calendar will be referred to as the FHSAA Standardized Calendar.
    3. The Board of Directors will determine the percentage of receipts from invitational tournaments and meets, preseason classics and jamborees to be paid to the Association.
    4. Directors of tournaments, meets, matches and games held during the regular season, through the host schools, are responsible for the enforcement of FHSAA Bylaws, policies and regulations, for filing reports, for making payment of profit shares, if agreed upon, to participating schools and for remitting the Association’s share of the receipts, if required, to the FHSAA Office.

B. FHSAA STATE SERIES
    1. The Board of Directors will establish and develop terms and conditions, including school classifications, to govern FHSAA State Series to determine the official FHSAA State Champion in those sports which qualify under Article 9.8.1 of the FHSAA Bylaws. These terms and conditions will be printed in the appropriate sports manuals published by this Association. FHSAA State Series will be conducted in addition to and following the conclusion of the regular season. There will be a maximum of three successive levels of competition in FHSAA State Series. These levels, in order of competition, will be known as the district level, regional level and state level. The maximum number of contests in any FHSAA State Series, exclusive of competition on the district level, in which a member school may be required to compete will not exceed five.
    2. All contests in FHSAA State Series will be conducted on dates established in accordance with the FHSAA Standardized Calendar.
    3. The Board of Directors will determine the formula for distribution of receipts from contests in FHSAA State Series, including the percentage of receipts to the Association.
    4. Directors of tournaments, meets, matches and games in FHSAA State Series, through the host schools, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Association’s rules, for filing reports, for the division and payment of receipts to participating schools as determined by the FHSAA Board of Directors and for remitting this Association’s share of the receipts to the FHSAA Office.
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POLICY 2
General Policies on Interscholastic Contests

The following policy shall govern the conduct of practices and interscholastic contests in sports recognized by this Association:

A. INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS
   1. FHSAA Bylaw 9.1.1 defines an interscholastic contest as “any competition between organized teams of different schools in a sport recognized by this Association.” All such contests are subject to FHSAA Bylaws as well as the guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors for that sport and in general.
   2. Practice games, exhibition games, non-contract games and scrimmage games with other schools, groups, alumni or league teams are strictly prohibited. All such games or sessions shall be on an intra-squad basis. Non-squad members may not participate in any team practice, game or contest.
   3. No interscholastic athletic contest may be held on a Sunday except under emergency conditions in tournaments or meets which are approved by the Commissioner or the Board of Directors. The conduct of practice sessions of any kind on a Sunday is prohibited.

B. OUTCOME OF INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS
   1. The outcome (i.e. winners and losers) of all interscholastic contests are final, and cannot be reversed, except where the rules of the sport permit or in the case where a winner must forfeit its victory or points.
   2. Individuals or teams that are eliminated from FHSAA State Series competition by defeat by individuals or teams that later are ordered to forfeit their victory, place and/or points, or are vacated from the bracket, are not reinstated and do not advance in the FHSAA State Series competition from which they were eliminated by defeat.
   3. If championships or other placements in FHSAA State Series competitions are ordered vacated by individuals or teams, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those placements.

POLICY 3
Categorization of Interscholastic Sports

The following guidelines shall govern the categorization of interscholastic sports programs sponsored by member schools, as well as the implementation of state championship series competitions in those sports. These guidelines establish the thresholds (minimum standards) that sports must meet for categorization and state championship series implementation. These guidelines are not to be construed as requiring action by the Board of Directors.

A. CLUB SPORTS
   Any sport that is not categorized as either a recognized sport or a sanctioned sport
by the Board of Directors as stipulated herein shall be considered to be a club sport and shall not be under the jurisdiction of this Association. No Association bylaw, policy, rule or contest regulation shall apply to competition in a club sport. Public member schools, however, shall be required to abide by the academic eligibility requirements as set forth in Florida Statutes.

B. RECOGNIZED SPORTS

1. A recognized sport is a sport that is recognized by the Board of Directors as being played on an interscholastic basis by member senior high schools. Bylaw 9.5.1 states that recognized sports shall require participants to abide by Association bylaws, policies, rules and contest regulations with regard to student eligibility and sportsmanship in interscholastic contests. The Board of Directors shall not establish season limitations of any kind in a sports program that holds only recognition status, except as outlined in paragraph 3[b] of this section.

2. The Board of Directors may extend recognition to a sport, effective with the beginning of the next school year, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, when a minimum of 32 member senior high schools that are geographically situated in at least two (2) of the four (4) administrative sections submit letters of petition requesting recognition status for the sport on their respective schools’ official stationeries. Not more than three-fourths of these schools may be located in the same one administrative section. Each school submitting a letter of petition must have sponsored a program in the sport for a minimum of two (2) years in which it actively engaged in competition in the sport with other schools. The letters of petition must be submitted by the requisite number of member senior high schools within the same school year, and shall become invalid at the conclusion of that school year.

3. The Board of Directors may authorize the conduct of an invitational state championship series in a sport which has been recognized for at least one (1) school year, effective with the following school year, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, under the following conditions:

   (a) A minimum of 48 member senior high schools must have sponsored a program in, and competed in, the recognized sport for a minimum of one (1) year.

   (b) The Board of Directors shall establish season limitations to which those member senior high schools volunteering to participate in the invitational state championship series shall agree to adhere. These season limitations shall include beginning and ending dates for practice and competition, as well as a maximum number of regular season contests that participating schools shall not exceed. The Board of Directors shall also establish terms and conditions according to which the invitational state championship series shall be conducted. These terms and conditions shall set forth the format and financial arrangements for the invitational state championship series.

   (c) When the Board of Directors authorizes an invitational state championship series in a recognized sport, the FHSAA Office shall mail to all member senior high schools a form on which to record its intention with regard to participation in that invitational state championship series. A minimum of 48 member senior high schools, of which not more than three-fourths may be geographically located within the same one administrative section, must respond in the affirmative on the commitment form for an invitational state championship series to be implemented. These schools must have sponsored a program in, and competed in, the sport for a minimum of one (1) year since the sport was given
recognition status. It is not necessary that all member senior high schools that commit to participate in the invitational state championship series have sponsored a program in, and competed in, the sport for a minimum of one (1) year since the sport was given recognition status. It is only necessary that at least 48 of the member senior high schools that commit to participate in the invitational state championship series have done so. In committing to participate in the invitational state championship series, schools shall agree to abide by all season limitations, as well as all terms and conditions for the invitational state championship series, as established by the Board of Directors. If the requisite number of member senior high schools does not commit to participate in the invitational state championship series under these conditions, the invitational state championship series shall not be implemented at that time.

(d) Member senior high schools that sponsor a program in the sport but do not commit to participate in the invitational state championship series shall not be required to abide by the season limitations, or terms and conditions for the invitational state championship series, as established by the Board of Directors.

4. Sports that hold recognition status only are girls bowling, boys bowling, girls flag football, boys volleyball, girls water polo, boys water polo and girls weightlifting.

C. SANCTIONED SPORTS

1. A sanctioned sport is a recognized sport in which, in the determination of the Board of Directors, a representative number of member senior high schools has engaged in interscholastic competition for a sufficient period of time to warrant sanction of the sport as being eligible for official state championship series competition. Bylaw 9.5.1 states that sanctioned sports, in which an official state championship series competition is implemented, may require participants to adhere to a greater degree of regulation subject to terms and conditions established by the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors may sanction a recognized sport as being eligible for official state championship series competition, effective with the beginning of the following school year, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, when a minimum of 10 percent of the total member senior high schools, which are geographically situated in at least two (2) of the four (4) administrative sections, have sponsored a program in, and competed in, a recognized sport for a minimum of two years. Not more than three-fourths of these schools may be located in the same one administrative section.

3. When a sport is sanctioned by the Board of Directors as being eligible for official state championship series competition, the FHSAA Office shall mail to all member senior high schools a form on which to record its intention with regard to participation in an official state championship series in the sport. A minimum of 10 percent of the total member senior high schools, of which not more than three-fourths may be geographically located within the same one administrative section, must respond in the affirmative on the commitment form for an official state championship series to be implemented in a single classification in the following school year. These schools must have sponsored a program in, and competed in, the sport for a minimum of two (2) years since the sport was given recognition status. It is not necessary that all member senior high schools that commit to participate in the official state championship series have sponsored a program in, and competed in, the sport for a minimum of two (2) years since the sport was given recognition status. It is only necessary that at least 10 percent of the member senior high schools that commit to participate in the official state championship series have done so. Otherwise, the
official state championship series shall not be implemented at that time. Any invitational state championship series that has been implemented and is being conducted in the sport, however, shall be continued.

4. A sanctioned sport, in which an official state championship series is implemented, shall be fully supervised and regulated by the Association. All Association bylaws, policies, rules and contest regulations shall apply to the sport and to the member schools that sponsor programs in the sport, regardless of the schools’ intent with regard to participation in an official state championship series in the sport. The Board of Directors shall establish season limitations to which all member schools sponsoring a program in the sport shall adhere. These season limitations shall include, but not be limited to, beginning and ending dates for practice and competition, as well as a maximum number of regular season contests that schools shall not exceed.

5. The Board of Directors shall establish terms and conditions according to which the official state championship series in the sanctioned sport shall be conducted. These terms and conditions shall set forth the format and financial arrangements for the official state championship series. Policies governing commitments to participate; assignments to classifications, districts and regions; and district tournament seeding; if applicable, shall also apply.

6. Sports that currently are sanctioned by the Board of Directors are boys baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls cross country, boys cross country, boys 11-man football, girls golf, boys golf, girls soccer, boys soccer, girls fast-pitch softball, girls swimming & diving, boys swimming & diving, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls track & field, boys track & field, girls volleyball, boys weightlifting and boys wrestling.

D. REVOCATION OF CATEGORIZATION STATUS

The Board of Directors may revoke the status given any sport, and suspend or discontinue the invitational state championship series or official state championship series in any sport, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, when:

(a) The requisite number of member senior high schools no longer sponsor a program in the sport;

(b) Two-thirds of the member senior high schools that sponsor a program in the sport submit letters of petition on their respective official stationeries requesting that the status of the sport be revoked and/or the invitational state championship series or official state championship series in the sport be suspended or discontinued;

(c) It is determined that it is no longer financially feasible for the Association and its member schools to supervise and regulate the sport, and/or conduct an invitational state championship series or official state championship series in the sport; and/or

(d) The number and nature of acts of unsportsmanlike conduct, or other acts of a flagrant and malicious nature, that are committed by student-athletes and coaches during competition in the sport, reach such a level as to make it no longer in the best interests of the Association or its member schools to recognize and/or sanction competition in the sport.
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POLICY 4
Sports Seasons Guidelines

The following guidelines shall govern season limitations, team limitations and individual student limitations for all member schools participating in FHSAA-sanctioned sports.

Note: The FHSAA utilizes a standardized calendar in which the weeks of the year are numbered. This ensures consistent dates from year to year. Week 1 begins with the first Sunday in July. Thanksgiving always falls in Week 21.

A. BASEBALL

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its baseball teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 29 or later than Saturday of Week 46.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in baseball no earlier than Monday of Week 33. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 43.

2. Team Limitations
   (a) A member school baseball team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 28 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.
   (b) A member school baseball team may play in no more than three (3) different regular games or one (1) regular game and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than four (4) total games, inclusive of both regular games and tournament games, during a school week. No more than one of the three regular games may cause loss of time from school. The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed by inclement weather.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school baseball team may play. However, each and every game played by the team in a tournament will count toward the team’s maximum limit of 28 games as established in A-2(a).
   (d) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of games a member school baseball team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in A-2(a)(b). A tournament in which a member school baseball team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. No team may participate in a tournament game which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in baseball may participate in no more than 28 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow
for a student to participate in 28 games during a season at one school and 28 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28.

(b) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in baseball as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the third day following such participation.

(c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Baseball Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Baseball Series competition during the same school year.

B. GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its girls basketball teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 35.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in girls basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 21. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 32.

2. Team Limitations
   (a) A girls basketball team representing a member school which participates in interscholastic football may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 28 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.
   (b) A girls basketball team representing a member school which does not participate in interscholastic football may not, in any one season, participate in more than 32 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 32 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.
   (c) A member school girls basketball team may play in no more than three (3) different regular games or one (1) regular game and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than four (4) total games, inclusive of both regular games and tournament games, during a school week. No more than one of the three regular games may cause loss of time from school. The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed due to emergency reasons.
   (d) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school girls basketball team may play. However, each and every game played by the team in a tournament will count toward the maximum limit of 28 games for schools which play football and 32 games for schools which do not play football as established in B-2(a)(b) above.
   (e) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of games a member school girls basketball team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in B-2(a)(b)(c). A tournament in which a member school girls basketball team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. No team may participate in a tournament game which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
3. **Individual Student Limitations**

   (a) A student who participates on a team in girls basketball at a school which participates in interscholastic football may participate in no more than 28 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 28 games during a season at one school and 28 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28.

   (b) A student who participates on a team in girls basketball at a school which does not participate in interscholastic football may participate in no more than 32 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 32 games during a season at one school and 32 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 32.

   (c) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in girls basketball as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.

   (d) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Girls Basketball Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Girls Basketball Series competition during the same school year.

C. **BOYS BASKETBALL**

1. **Season Limitations**

   (a) A member school may not organize its boys basketball teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 19 or later than Saturday of Week 36.

   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in boys basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 22. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 33.

2. **Team Limitations**

   (a) A boys basketball team representing a member school which participates in interscholastic football may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 28 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.

   (b) A boys basketball team representing a member school which does not participate in interscholastic football may not, in any one season, participate in more than 32 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 32 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.

   (c) A member school boys basketball team may play in no more than three (3) different regular games or one (1) regular game and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than four (4) total games, inclusive of both regular games and tournament games, during a school week. No more than one of the three regular games may cause loss of time from school. The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed due to emergency reasons.

   (d) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school boys basketball team may play. However, each and every game played by the team in a tourna-
ment will count toward the maximum limit of 28 games for schools which play football and 32 games for schools which do not play football as established in C-2(a)(b) above.

(e) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of games a member school boys basketball team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in C-2(a)(b)(c). A tournament in which a member school boys basketball team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. No team may participate in a tournament game which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. Individual Student Limitations

(a) A student who participates on a team in boys basketball at a school which participates in interscholastic football may participate in no more than 28 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 28 games during a season at one school and 28 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28.

(b) A student who participates on a team in boys basketball at a school which does not participate in interscholastic football may participate in no more than 32 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 32 games during a season at one school and 32 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 32.

(c) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in boys basketball as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.

(d) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Boys Basketball Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Boys Basketball Series competition during the same school year.

D. CROSS COUNTRY

1. Season Limitations

(a) A member school may not organize its cross country teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 20.

(b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in Cross Country no earlier than Monday of Week 9. The final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 18.

2. Team Limitations

(a) A member school cross country team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 15 meets exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

(b) A member school cross country team may compete in no more than three (3) different meets during a school week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
3. **Individual Student Limitations**
   
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in cross country may participate in no more than 15 meets in any one season, exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 15 meets during a season at one school and 15 meets during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of meets in which a student may participate during any one school year is 15.
   
   (b) A student who participates on a member school team in cross country may participate in no more than three (3) meets in any one week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
   
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Cross Country Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Cross Country Series competition during the same school year.

E. **FOOTBALL**

1. **Season Limitations**
   
   (a) A member school may not organize its football teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 23. The first three full days of practice will be restricted to conditioning drills. Helmets and dental guards may be issued, but deliberate body contact as well as contact with sleds during this three-day period is prohibited. Uniforms may be issued and body contact engaged in no earlier than Thursday of Week 6.
   
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in football no earlier than Monday of Week 9. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Saturday of Week 18.

2. **Team Limitations**
   
   (a) A member-school varsity football team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 10 games exclusive of a preseason classic game and/or those games played as part of the FHSAA State Series or a postseason bowl game.
   
   (b) A member-school junior-varsity team, ninth-grade team, junior-high team or any other football team on a level below the varsity team of a member senior high school may not, in any one season, participate in more than eight (8) games.

3. **Individual Student Limitations**
   
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in football may participate in no more than 10 games in any one season, exclusive of a preseason classic game and/or those games played as part of the FHSAA State Series or a postseason bowl game. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 10 games during a season at one school and 10 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 10.
   
   (b) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in football as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the sixth day following such participation.
   
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Football Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Football Series competition during the same school year.
   
   (d) A student may not engage in deliberate body contact during football practice, both spring and fall, until the student has practiced for three (3) days in shorts. The student
must be confined to conditioning exercises during this three-day period.

4. **Spring Practice**
   (a) Spring Football practice is confined to a maximum of 20 sessions and must be conducted exclusively during the month of May.
   (b) Each individual player must practice for three (3) days in shorts. For these three days, practice drills must be confined to conditioning exercises. Helmets and dental guards may be issued, but deliberate body contact as well as contact with sleds during this three-day period is prohibited.
   (c) A member school may compete in one jamboree or spring classic game during the final week of its spring practice. However, this jamboree or spring classic game must be counted as one of the 20 permissible practice sessions.

F. **GOLF**

1. **Season Limitations**
   (a) A member school may not organize its golf teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 18.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in Golf no earlier than Monday of Week 8. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 17.

2. **Team Limitations**
   (a) A member school golf team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 16 matches or tournaments exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
   (b) A member school golf team may compete in no more than three (3) different matches or tournaments during a school week. Only one (1) of these matches or tournaments may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school golf team may participate. However, each and every tournament in which the team participates will count toward the maximum limit of 16 matches.
   (d) Tournaments must be completed in one (1) day unless the second day of the tournament is not a school day. A member-school golf team may not participate in a tournament which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. **Individual Student Limitations**
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in golf may participate in no more than 16 matches or tournaments in any one season, exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 16 matches during a season at one school and 16 matches during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of matches in which a student may participate during any one school year is 16.
   (b) A student who participates on a member school team in golf may participate in no more than three (3) matches or tournaments in any one week. Only one (1) of these matches or tournaments may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Golf Series competi-
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A member school, in any one season, may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Golf Series competition during the same school year.

G. SOCCER

1. Fall and Winter Seasons
   (a) A member school which participates in interscholastic football must participate in soccer during the winter soccer season.
   (b) A member school which does not participate in interscholastic football may choose to participate in soccer during either the fall or winter season. However, a school that chooses to participate in soccer during the fall season will not be eligible to participate in soccer during the winter season of the same school year.

2. Fall Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its soccer teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 19.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in soccer no earlier than Monday of Week 9. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 17.

3. Winter Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its soccer teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 17 or later than Saturday of Week 34.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in soccer no earlier than Monday of Week 20. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 31.

4. Team Limitations
   (a) A member school soccer team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 games exclusive of those games played in the FHSAA State Series. These 28 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.
   (b) A member school soccer team may play in no more than three (3) different regular games or one (1) regular game and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than four (4) total games, inclusive of both regular games and tournament games, during a school week. No more than one of the three regular games may cause loss of time from school. The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed by inclement weather.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school team may play. However, each and every game played by the team in a tournament will count toward the team’s maximum limit of 28 games as established in G-4(a) above.
   (d) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of games a member school team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in G-4(a)(b). A tournament in which a member school team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. A member school team may not participate in a tournament game which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
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5. **Individual Student Limitations**

   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in soccer may participate in no more than 28 games in any one season, exclusive of those games held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 28 games during a season at one school and 28 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28.

   (b) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in soccer as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the third day following such participation.

   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Soccer Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Soccer Series competition during the same school year.

H. **SOFTBALL**

1. **Season Limitations**

   (a) A member school may not organize its softball teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 30 or later than Saturday of Week 45.

   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in softball no earlier than Monday of Week 33. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 43.

2. **Team Limitations**

   (a) A member school softball team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 games exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 28 games include any and all games played in regular season tournaments.

   (b) A member school softball team may play in no more than three (3) different regular games or one (1) regular game and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than four (4) total games, inclusive of both regular games and tournament games, during a school week. No more than one of the three regular games may cause loss of time from school. The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed by inclement weather.

   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member-school softball team may play. However, each and every game played by the team in a tournament will count toward the team’s maximum limit of 28 games as established in H-2(a).

   (d) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of games a member-school softball team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in H-2(a)(b). A tournament in which a member-school softball team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. No team may participate in a tournament game which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in softball may participate in no more than 28 games in any one season, exclusive of those games played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 28 games during a season at one school and 28 games during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28.
   (b) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in softball as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the third day following such participation.
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Softball Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Softball Series competition during the same school year.

I. SWIMMING AND DIVING
   1. Season Limitations
      (a) A member school may not organize its swimming and diving teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 20.
      (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in swimming and diving no earlier than Monday of Week 9. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 19.

   2. Team Limitations
      (a) A member school swimming and diving team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 15 meets exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
      (b) A member school swimming and diving team may compete in no more than three (3) different meets during a school week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
      (c) Meets must be completed in one (1) day unless the second day of the meet is not a school day. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

   3. Individual Student Limitations
      (a) A student who participates on a member school team in swimming and diving may participate in no more than 15 meets in any one season, exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 15 meets during a season at one school and 15 meets during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of meets in which a student may participate during any one school year is 15.
      (b) A student who participates on a member school team in swimming and diving may participate in no more than three (3) meets in any one week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
      (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Swimming & Diving Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Swimming & Diving Series competition during the same school year.
J. TENNIS

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its tennis teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 30 or later than Saturday of Week 43.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in tennis no earlier than Monday of Week 32. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Saturday of Week 41.

2. Team Limitations
   (a) A member school tennis team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 20 matches or tournaments exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
   (b) A member school tennis team may compete in no more than three (3) different regular matches or one (1) regular match and (1) tournament during a school week. Only one (1) of the three regular matches may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school tennis team may participate. However, each and every tournament in which the team participates will count as two (2) matches toward the maximum limit of 20 matches.
   (d) Tournaments must be completed in one (1) day unless the second day of the tournament is not a school day. A member school tennis team may not participate in a tournament which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in tennis may participate in no more than 20 matches in any one season, exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 20 matches during a season at one school and 20 matches during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of matches in which a student may participate during any one school year is 20.
   (b) A student who participates on a member school team in tennis may participate in no more than three (3) matches or tournaments in any one week. Only one (1) of these matches or tournaments may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Tennis Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Tennis Series competition during the same school year.

K. TRACK AND FIELD

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school assigned to either Class 2A or A may not organize its track and field teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 29 or later than Saturday of Week 44. A member school assigned to either Class 4A or 3A may not organize its track and field teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 30 or later than Saturday of Week 45.
   (b) A member school assigned to either Class 2A or A may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in track and field no earlier than Monday of Week 32. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 42. A member school assigned to either Class 4A or 3A may compete in its first regular season
interscholastic contests in track and field no earlier than Monday of Week 33. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 43.

2. **Team Limitations**
   (a) A member school track and field team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 15 meets exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
   (b) A member school track and field team may compete in no more than three (3) different meets during a school week. Only one (1) of the three meets may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) Meets must be completed in one (1) day unless the second day of the meet is not a school day. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. **Individual Student Limitations**
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in track and field may participate in no more than 15 meets in any one season, exclusive of those meets held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 15 meets during a season at one school and 15 meets during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of meets in which a student may participate during any one school year is 15.
   (b) A student who participates on a member school team in track and field may participate in no more than three (3) meets in any one week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in track and field as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the third day following such participation.
   (d) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Track & Field Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Track & Field Series competition during the same school year.

L. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

1. **Season Limitations**
   (a) A member school may not organize its volleyball teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 19.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in volleyball no earlier than Monday of Week 9. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 17.

2. **Team Limitations**
   (a) A member school volleyball team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 28 matches exclusive of those matches played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. These 28 matches include any and all matches played in regular season tournaments. All matches must be the best two out of three games.
   (b) A member school volleyball team may play in no more than four (4) dual team matches, two (2) tri-matches or two (2) dual team matches and one (1) tournament during a school week. However, no team may play in more than six (6) total matches, inclusive of all dual team matches, tri-matches and tournament matches, during a school week. No more than one of the dual team matches or tri-matches may cause loss of time from school.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school vol-
leyball team may play. However, each and every match played by the team in a tournament will count toward the team’s maximum limit of 28 matches as established in L-2(a) above.

(d) Tournaments will be limited to a maximum field of 16 teams. Single elimination, double elimination, round robin and pool play formats are permissible. There is no limit on the number of matches a member school volleyball team may be guaranteed of playing in a tournament other than those limits established in L-2(a)(b). A tournament in which a member school volleyball team participates must be completed in the same one week (Monday through Saturday) unless held during a holiday period. No team may participate in a tournament match which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in volleyball may participate in no more than 28 matches in any one season, exclusive of those matches played in a preseason classic tournament and/or the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 28 matches during a season at one school and 28 matches during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of matches in which a student may participate during any one school year is 28 matches.
   (b) A student who participates in an interscholastic contest in volleyball as a member of the varsity team may not participate as a member of a junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Volleyball Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Volleyball Series competition during the same school year.

M. BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its weightlifting teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 30 or later than Saturday of Week 41.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in Weightlifting no earlier than Monday of Week 33. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Saturday of Week 41.

2. Team Limitations
   (a) A member school weightlifting team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 15 meets exclusive of the FHSAA Weightlifting State Series.
   (b) A member school weightlifting team may compete in no more than three (3) different meets during a school week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.

3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in weightlifting may participate in no more than 15 meets in any one season, exclusive of the FHSAA Weightlifting State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 15 meets during a season at one school and 15 meets during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of meets in which a student may participate during any one school year is 15 meets.
(b) A student who participates on a member school team in weightlifting may participate in no more than three (3) meets in any one week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.

(c) A student who represents any school in the FHSAA State Weightlifting Series may not represent any other member school in the FHSAA State Weightlifting Series during the same school year.

N. WRESTLING

1. Season Limitations
   (a) A member school may not organize its wrestling teams for practice earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 34. There must be a minimum of 10 practice sessions on 10 separate days prior to the first match.
   (b) A member school may compete in its first regular season interscholastic contest in wrestling no earlier than Monday of Week 21. Its final regular season interscholastic contest may be no later than Tuesday of Week 32.

2. Team Limitations
   (a) A member school wrestling team may not, in any one season, participate in more than 20 meets exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.
   (b) A member school wrestling team may compete in no more than three (3) different regular meets or one (1) regular meet and (1) tournament during a school week. Only one (1) of the three regular meets may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) There is no limit on the number of tournaments in which a member school wrestling team may participate. However, each and every tournament in which the team participates will count as two (2) meets toward the maximum limit of 20 meets.
   (d) Tournaments must be completed in one (1) day unless the second day of the tournament is not a school day. A member school wrestling team may not participate in a tournament which begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day. It is intended that the loss of time from school due to athletic competition be minimal. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series.

3. Individual Student Limitations
   (a) A student who participates on a member school team in wrestling may participate in no more than 20 meets in any one season, exclusive of those tournaments held as part of the FHSAA State Series. This provision does not allow for a student to participate in 20 meets during a season at one school and 20 meets during the same or any other season at another school. The total number of meets in which a student may participate during any one school year is 20.
   (b) A student who participates on a member school team in wrestling may participate in no more than three (3) meets in any one week. Only one (1) of these meets may cause a loss of time from school.
   (c) A student who represents any school in any FHSAA State Wrestling Series competition may not represent any other member school in FHSAA State Wrestling Series competition during the same school year.
   (d) A student must participate in 10 practice sessions on 10 separate days prior to the student’s first match, except that a student who participates in interscholastic athletic competition in a fall sport may compete in his/her first match following five (5) practice sessions on five (5) separate days.
POLICY 5

Policy Governing Approval of Multi-School Athletic Events

The Board of Directors has established the following policy for the approval of interscholastic multi-team athletic events:

1. **Multi-Team Events:** (a) Any athletic event hosted by an FHSAA member school which involves three or more schools such as an invitational tournament or meet; preseason classic tournament; preseason jamboree; spring football jamboree; or any tournament or meet which is held to determine the champion of a city, county, conference or league; must be approved by the FHSAA Office. Approval is not required for regular season contests involving three or more schools, such as tri-meets and quad-meets, in the sports of cross country, golf, swimming & diving, track & field and weightlifting. The host member school is responsible for making application for approval on the form entitled “Application for Approval of Athletic Event” (Form AT2). The application for approval must be submitted to the FHSAA Office with a postmark bearing a date not later than 30 days prior to the first day of the event to avoid a late processing fee of $50.

   (b) It is strongly recommended that host schools and invited schools exchange letters of commitment to participate in invitational tournaments and meets, preseason classic tournaments, preseason jamborees and spring football jamborees.

   (c) Independent middle schools and/or junior high schools shall not be permitted to enter teams into tournaments or meets in which senior high school teams participate.

2. **Interstate Sanctions:** A member school which hosts a multi-school athletic event in which an out-of-state school(s) is invited to participate may be required to submit to the FHSAA Office an “Application to NFHS for Sanction of Interstate Athletic Event” in addition to the FHSAA form entitled “Application for Approval of Athletic Event” (Form AT2). NFHS procedures regarding application for sanction of interstate athletic events and the necessary form are printed elsewhere in this Handbook, as well as each sports manual published by this Association.

3. **International Sanctions:** A member school which hosts any multi-school athletic event or single athletic contest involving a team from another country – with the exception of two (2) and three (3) school competitions with a school or schools from Canada or Mexico and/or which necessitates a round trip of less than 600 miles – must submit a request to the National Federation for international sanction, and notice to and sanction by the appropriate National Governing Body. NFHS procedures regarding application for sanction of international athletic events and the necessary form are printed elsewhere in this Handbook, as well as each sports manual published by this Association.

4. **Participation by Member School in Out-of-State Event or Contest:** A member school which is invited to participate in a multi-team athletic event or single athletic contest which is to be conducted outside the state of Florida is not required to submit an application for sanction for this event or contest to the FHSAA Office. Such application must be submitted by the host school through its state association to the National Federation of State High School Associations and approved by the FHSAA Office. No member school may participate in any event or contest in which any school that is not a member of an association which regulates interscholastic athletic competition within its state is scheduled to participate.
6. **Participation in Unsanctioned Events or Contests:** Member schools are prohibited from hosting or otherwise participating in multi-team athletic events or single athletic contests on an intrastate, interstate or international basis which are not sanctioned or approved by the FHSAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations.

7. **Penalty for Violation of Sanction Policy:** A minimum financial penalty of $100.00 will be assessed against any member school which violates any provision of this Sanction Policy.

**POLICY 6**

**Member School Insurance Requirements**

The Board of Directors has established the following requirements with regard to insurance coverage for member schools:

1. **Activities Medical Base Plan:** Up to $25,000 limit for medical expenses for each participant in interscholastic activities sponsored, supervised and engaged by the school. The member school principal will be allowed to accept certification from parents that the coverage is in place for the student-athlete on a family plan that meets this requirement. If the student-athlete is not covered under his/her parents’ family plan, then the school must provide a plan for the student that will satisfy these requirements. The student may purchase this plan individually or the school may purchase a blanket plan for all members of its athletic teams. The principal must certify on the membership application that each student has the minimum coverage.

2. **Activities Catastrophic Medical Plan:** Minimum limits of $1,000,000 for medical expenses for each participant in interscholastic activities sponsored, supervised and engaged in by the school. This coverage is to be in excess of the activities base plan medical policy limits or the policy can include the base plan medical coverage within the policy. No fault coverage.

3. **Activities Catastrophic Disability:** Minimum limits of $500,000 for total disability of any participant in interscholastic activities sponsored, supervised and engaged in by the school. Structured pay-out benefits may vary. Coverage must also include some limited benefits for partial disability. No fault coverage.

4. **General Liability:** Recommend and encourage all member schools to secure a general liability plan with minimum limits of $1,000,000 and to name the FHSAA as additional insured.

Member school principals of public schools are advised to contact their county risk management department in order to ensure proper coverage. Member school principals of nonpublic schools are advised to contact their agencies or brokers to ensure proper coverage.

All member school principals will be required to certify this coverage on the membership application and also to provide a certificate of coverage from their insurance carrier or broker.
POLICY 7  
Financial Policies

The following policies shall govern the finances of the Association:

A. DEFINITIONS

1. Gross receipts: All revenue derived from gate receipts and entry fees charged in conjunction with an athletic event. Gross receipts do not include revenue derived from food and beverage concessions, souvenir merchandise sales (except as stipulated in the FHSAA Licensing Policy), parking fees, corporate support or other contributions, or any other form of revenue.

2. Gate receipts: All revenue derived from the sale of all forms of tickets (including advanced, reserved, general admission, etc.), passes or other forms of special admissions (i.e. day passes, event passes, tournament, etc.), and any and all other forms of paid admission to an athletic event.

3. Entry fees: All revenue derived from any fees or other charges paid by any school and/or individual to participate in an athletic event.

B. MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. Senior High Schools (full members):
   (a) Renewing members: Membership dues for a senior high school renewing its full membership for the 2002-03 school year shall be determined on the basis of 50 cents per each student in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades as reported to the FHSAA Office for classification purposes in October 2001 by each of the 67 district school board offices for public schools and individually by each private school. The minimum dues shall be $300 and the maximum dues shall be $1,000.
   (b) New members: Membership dues for an existing senior high school joining the Association as a full member effective with the 2002-03 school year shall be determined on the basis of 50 cents per each student enrolled in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades at the conclusion of the 2001-02 school year as reported to the FHSAA Office on the school’s application for membership. A newly opened senior high school joining the Association effective with the 2002-03 school year shall be initially assessed the minimum dues of $300, and shall be billed for the balance should its student population in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades as reported to the FHSAA Office in October 2002 exceed 600 students.

2. Senior High Schools (affiliate members): Membership dues for a senior high school joining the Association as an affiliate member shall be $100.

3. Junior High Schools: Membership dues for a junior high school for the 2002-03 school year, regardless of its size, shall be $200.

4. Middle Schools: Membership dues for a middle school for the 2002-03 school year, regardless of its size, shall be $200.

5. Late Payment Penalty: A school that fails to pay the appropriate membership dues by the deadline of September 30 as established in FHSAA Bylaws shall be assessed a financial penalty of $50.

C. LEGAL FEES

1. Senior High Schools (full members):
(a) Renewing members: The legal fee assessment for a senior high school renewing its full membership for the 2002-03 school year shall be determined by taking the total legal expense incurred by the FHSAA during the 2001-02 school year, subtracting the total flat fee assessed junior high school and middle school members, and dividing the balance equally by the total number of senior high school members at the close of the 2001-02 school year. The total legal expense includes all attorney’s fees, court costs, settlements and judgments.

(b) New members: A senior high school joining the Association effective with the 2002-03 school year will not be assessed a legal fee in its initial year of membership.

2. Senior High Schools (affiliate members): A senior high school which is an affiliate member of the Association will not be assessed a legal fee.

3. Junior High Schools: The legal fee assessment for a renewing junior high school member for the 2002-03 school year shall be $25.

4. Middle Schools: The legal fee assessment for a renewing middle school member for the 2002-03 school year shall be $25.

D. FLORIDA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION DUES

Junior, middle and senior high schools which are full members of the FHSAA shall be required to hold membership in the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (FIAAA). Annual dues are $25 regardless of school size. A school joining the Association effective with the 2002-03 school year will not be assessed the FIAAA dues in its initial year of membership. A senior high school which is an affiliate member of the Association will not be assessed FIAAA dues.

E. ADMISSION TO REGULAR SEASON EVENTS

1. Preseason and Spring Jamborees: The admission price to a preseason or spring jamboree in all sports shall be determined by the host school.

2. Preseason and Spring Classics: The admission price to preseason and spring classic tournaments or games in all sports shall be $4. However, the host school may request that it be allowed to increase the admission charge to the amount it charges for a regular season game or match.

3. Invitational Tournaments and Meets: The admission price to an invitational tournament and meet in all sports shall be determined by the host school.

4. Postseason Football Bowl Games: The admission price to a postseason football bowl game shall be determined by the host school.

F. ADMISSION TO STATE SERIES EVENTS

The following admission prices shall be charged by the host school/organization for all 2002-03 FHSAA State Series contests unless waived in writing by the Associate Commissioner for Athletic Operations in advance of the event:

1. Football: The admission price to games in the 2002 FHSAA State Football Series shall be as follows: District Shootouts, $4; Regional Tournament Games, $6 general admission, $7 reserved seating; State Semifinal Games, $6 general admission, $7 reserved seating; FHSAA Florida Finals, $8.

2. Baseball, Basketball, Girls Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Girls & Boys
**Volleyball and Wrestling:** The admission price to tournament sessions in the 2002-03 FHSAA State Series shall be as follows: District Tournaments, $5; Regional Tournaments, $6; FHSAA Florida Finals, $7.

3. **Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field:** The admission price to meets in the 2002-03 FHSAA State Series shall be as follows: District Meets, $4; Regional Meets, $5; FHSAA Florida Finals, $7.

4. **Boys Weightlifting:** The admission price to meets in the 2003 FHSAA State Series shall be as follows: District Meets, $4; FHSAA Florida Finals, $6.

3. **Golf and Tennis:** No admission shall be charged to FHSAA State Series events in these sports.

**G. TICKET POLICY FOR STATE SERIES EVENTS**

Host school/organizations for all 2002-03 FHSAA State Series contests shall adhere to the following guidelines with regard to the sale of tickets at such contests:

1. Numbered tickets shall be sold at each FHSAA State Series game, tournament or meet at which admission is required to be charged.
2. Each ticket must be torn in half by ticket takers so that they cannot be resold.
3. All tickets sold must be accounted for in the ticket manifest section of the financial report form.

**H. DIVISION OF REGULAR SEASON EVENT RECEIPTS**

1. **Preseason and Spring Jamborees:** The FHSAA shall receive eight (8) percent of the gross receipts of all preseason jamborees in all sports (other than basketball), as well as spring jamborees in the sport of football. The balance of gross receipts shall be divided among the participating schools in accordance with the agreement between them.

2. **Preseason and Spring Classics:**
   (a) Football: The host school shall receive 45 percent, the visiting school 35 percent and the FHSAA 20 percent of the gross receipts of all preseason football classic games, as well as spring football classic games.
   (b) Baseball, Soccer, Softball, Girls Volleyball and Wrestling: The FHSAA shall receive 15 percent of the gross receipts of all preseason classic tournaments in the sports of baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball. The balance of gross receipts shall be divided among the participating schools in accordance with the agreement between them.

3. **Invitational Tournaments and Meets:** The FHSAA shall receive eight (8) percent of the gross receipts of all invitational tournaments and meets in all sports with the exception of basketball, golf and tennis. The balance of gross receipts shall be divided among the participating schools in accordance with the agreement between them.

   **Note:** The Board of Directors has approved a one-year experiment in which member schools will pay to the FHSAA an application fee for approval to host preseason jamborees & classics and invitational tournaments rather than a percentage of the gross receipts. These application fees are as follows: preseason jamboree, $200.00; preseason classic, $250.00; invitational tournament (3-8 teams), $250.00; and invitational tournament (9-16 teams), $500.00.

4. **Postseason Football Bowl Games:** The FHSAA shall receive eight (8) percent of the gross receipts of all postseason football bowl games. The balance of gross receipts shall be divided between the participating schools in accordance with the agreement between them.
POLICIES

I. DIVISION OF STATE SERIES GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND MEETS RECEIPTS

1. Football: Each District Shootout, Regional Tournament game and State Semifinal Game shall be financially independent. The total gate receipts of each District Shootout, Regional Tournament game and State Semifinal Game shall be divided as follows: 45 percent to the host school; 30 percent to the visiting school(s); 25 percent to the FHSAA. If, however, a District Shootout, Regional Tournament game or State Semifinal Game shows a net profit of $250 or less, the host school shall retain the net profit and no percentage shall be paid to the visiting school(s) or the FHSAA. The net profit is determined by subtracting total expenditures from the total gate receipts on the financial report form. If a District Shootout, Regional Tournament game or State Semifinal Game shows a net loss on the financial report form, the FHSAA shall compensate the host school up to $250 for the loss, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

2. Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Girls Volleyball: Each District Tournament and Regional Tournament game/match shall be financially independent. The total gate receipts of each District Tournament and each Regional Tournament game/match shall be divided as follows: 55 percent to the host school; 30 percent to the visiting school(s); 15 percent to the FHSAA. If, however, a District Tournament or Regional Tournament game/match shows a net profit of $250 or less, the host school shall retain the net profit and no percentage shall be paid to the visiting school(s) or the FHSAA. The net profit is determined by subtracting total expenditures from the total gate receipts on the financial report form. If a District Tournament or Regional Tournament game/match shows a net loss on the financial report form, the FHSAA shall compensate the host school up to $250 for the loss, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

3. Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field and Wrestling: Each District Tournament/Meet and Regional Tournament/Meet shall be financially independent. The total gate receipts of each District Tournament/Meet and each Regional Tournament/Meet shall be divided as follows: 85 percent to the host school; 15 percent to the FHSAA. If, however, a District Tournament/Meet or Regional Tournament/Meet shows a net profit of $250 or less, the host school shall retain the net profit and no percentage shall be paid to the FHSAA. The net profit is determined by subtracting total expenditures from the total gate receipts on the financial report form. If a District Tournament/Meet or Regional Tournament/Meet shows a net loss on the financial report form, the FHSAA shall compensate the host school up to $250 for the loss, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

4. To be eligible to receive the $250 maximum compensation for a net loss shown on the financial report form, a host school must:
   (a) Charge the full admission price established in Section F;
   (b) Sell numbered tickets and account for all tickets sold in the ticket manifest section of the financial report form, as stipulated in Section G;
   (c) File a financial report form for the meet within 21 calendar days of the completion of the meet as stipulated in Section J;
   (d) Submit with the financial report form the FHSAA State Series Contest Pass Gate Sign-In Form(s) as stipulated in the “State Series Pass Policy”; and
   (e) Be in compliance with all policies for the event.
J. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND PAYMENTS OF REVENUE SHARES

1. Jamborees, Classics, Invitational Tournaments/Meets, Postseason Bowl Games: A complete financial report must be submitted to, so that it is received by, the FHSAA Office, as well as the participating/visiting school(s), within 21 calendar days of the completion of the preseason or spring jamboree; preseason or spring classic; invitational tournament or meet or postseason bowl game by the host school using the forms provided by the FHSAA. Payment of profit shares due participating schools and the FHSAA must be included with the report. If the completed financial report and payment of profit shares is not submitted to, so that it is received by, the FHSAA Office, as well as the participating/visiting school(s), within 30 calendar days of the completion of the event, a late filing fee of $50 shall be assessed.

Note: The Board of Directors has approved a one-year experiment in which member schools will pay to the FHSAA an application fee for approval to host preseason jamborees & classics and invitational tournaments rather than a percentage of the gross receipts. These application fees are as follows: preseason jamboree, $200.00; preseason classic, $250.00; invitational tournament (3-8 teams), $250.00; and invitational tournament (9-16 teams), $500.00.

2. State Series Games, Tournaments, Meets: A complete financial report must be submitted to, so that it is received by, the FHSAA Office, as well as to the participating/visiting school(s), within 21 calendar days of the completion of district football shootout; district tournament or meet; regional game, tournament or meet; and state semifinal football game by the host school using the forms provided by the FHSAA. Payment of profit shares due participating schools and the FHSAA must be included with the report. If the completed financial report and payment of profit shares is not submitted to, so that it is received by, the FHSAA Office, as well as the participating/visiting school(s), within this 21-day period, the host school shall forfeit any compensation for a net loss realized from the event to which it might be entitled. If the completed financial report and payment of profit shares is not submitted to, so that it is received by, the FHSAA Office, as well as the participating/visiting school(s), with 30 calendar days, a late filing fee of $50 shall also be assessed.

K. COMPENSATION TO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN FHSAA FLORIDA FINALS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. Football: When net profits, after expenses allow, the FHSAA shall pay to each school an amount based upon its mileage from the site of the Florida Finals as follows: 0-300 miles round trip, $4,250 plus $2 per mile; 301-600 miles round trip, $5,000 plus $2 per mile; 601-over miles round trip, $5,750 plus $2 per mile. Neither the FHSAA nor the host organization shall assume responsibility for any other team expenses of any kind except for those expenses specified above. When net profits after expenses do not allow for the payment of this schedule, participating teams shall divide 100 percent of the net profit in mileage. In such cases, the FHSAA will not retain any share of the net profit. At no time shall participating schools be paid reimbursement for expenses when the Florida Finals do not show a net profit after expenses.

2. Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Girls Volleyball: When net profits, after expenses allow, the FHSAA shall pay to each school an amount based upon its mileage from the site of the Florida Finals as follows: 0-300 miles round trip, $1,000 plus
$1 per mile; 301-600 miles round trip, $1,500 plus $1 per mile; 601-over miles round trip, $2,000 plus $1 per mile. Neither the FHSAA nor the host organization shall assume responsibility for any other team expenses of any kind except for those expenses specified above. When net profits after expenses do not allow for the payment of this schedule, participating teams shall divide 50 percent of the net profit in mileage and 50 percent of the net profit on a share-per-games-played basis. In such cases, the FHSAA will not retain any share of the net profit. At no time shall participating schools be paid reimbursement for expenses when the Florida Finals do not show a net profit after expenses.

3. **Cross Country, Golf, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Weightlifting and Wrestling:** No reimbursement of any kind shall be paid to schools which qualify teams and/or individual contestants to the Florida Finals. Neither the FHSAA nor the host school or organization shall assume responsibility for any participating school or individual contestant expenses of any kind.

**L. ATHLETIC EVENTS NOT HELD DUE TO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

1. If severe weather occurs in the area prior to the start of, or during any, scheduled outdoor game, tournament or meet and the event is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special rules apply. If for other unforeseen reasons, a game, tournament or meet is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special rules apply.

2. If tickets have been sold for the event and any revenue related to the event is retained by the school, then the regular financial reporting process must be completed with payments to the FHSAA and to the participating school(s). If free entry is given for a future event, the revenue received and retained should be reported for the event. If money is refunded and not retained then it should not be included as revenue reported for the event. If tickets were presold for the event and the event was cancelled before it was to begin, then the revenue received and retained (not refunded) from the presold tickets should be reported on the financial report.

3. If a financial hardship results from the inclement weather and the related loss of playing time, the host school should submit a written request for waiver of financial share payments. Requests should be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Athletic Operations. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**POLICY 8**

**State Series Commitment Form Policy and Procedures**

The following policy and procedures shall govern Commitments to Participate in the FHSAA State Series:

**A. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE SERIES**

1. **Team Participation**

   (A) Participation in the FHSAA State Series in any sport is voluntary and limited only to those senior high schools that include grades 10 through 12 or any combination thereof which are members of the Association. Compensation for expenses of schools competing in a State Series is not guaranteed.
In each sport, the school’s team shall engage in a minimum number of interscholastic contests against FHSAA full member senior high school varsity teams each year. The following minimums are applicable:

- Football – 6 contests;
- Other team sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball) – 12 contests;
- Individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, weightlifting, wrestling) – one-half the maximum number of permissible contests.

To count as a contest, the school’s team actually shall participate in and complete the contest. Scheduled contests that are canceled or not completed (in accordance with the playing rules of the sport in question) may not be counted.

In the individual sports, the school’s team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward the minimum-competes requirement. The following minimums are applicable: cross country – 5 participants; golf – 4 participants; swimming & diving – 8 participants; tennis – 5 participants; track & field – 8 participants; wrestling – 7 participants; weightlifting – 6 participants.

To be eligible for participation in the FHSAA State Series in a sport, a school shall sponsor a team and conduct a representative schedule in that sport for the current season.

1. In a team sport, the school’s team shall be required to compete in a minimum number of contests against every other school in the district in the sport to be eligible to be seeded and participate in the district tournament.

2. In an individual sport, the school’s team shall be required to compete in a minimum of six (6) contests in the sport to be eligible to participate in the district tournament or meet.

A school may enter only one team in the FHSAA State Series in a sport.

A high school that joins the Association shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual into the FHSAA State Series in any sport in its initial year of membership. Neither shall a continuing member senior high school that is starting a program in a sport for the first time or resuming a program in a sport that was previously discontinued be eligible to enter a team or individual into the FHSAA State Series in that sport until the school has fielded a team in that sport and participated in a representative schedule against other member schools for a minimum of one school year. A representative schedule in a sport is defined in paragraphs 1(A)(1).

The provisions of paragraph (D) shall not apply to newly opening public high schools that join the Association in their initial two years of existence.

2. Individual Participation

To be eligible for participation in the FHSAA State Series in a sport, an individual student-athlete shall participate in a minimum of four (4) varsity interscholastic contests in that sport for the current season. A student-athlete who is academically ineligible at the beginning of a sports season and who regains his/her eligibility during that sports season, but is unable to participate in the minimum of four (4) varsity interscholastic contests in
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that sport shall be exempted from this provision.

(B) In an individual sport, to be eligible for individual honors on the regional and state levels, a student-athlete shall compete for individual honors on the district level. To be eligible for individual honors on the state level, a student-athlete shall compete for individual honors on the district and regional levels.

(C) Boys may not participate on a girls team or in the girls division in the FHSAA State Series in any sport. In a team sport, a girl may participate on a boys team in the FHSAA State Series only if the school does not sponsor a girls team in that sport. In an individual sport, a girl may not participate in the boys division in the FHSAA State Series if competition is conducted in a girls division in that sport.

B. Filing of Commitment Form Required

1. Each member school that elects to participate in a State Series competition in a given sport must notify the FHSAA Office of its intent to do so on the appropriate FHSAA State Series Commitment Form. The FHSAA issues commitment forms by sport on a biennial basis (in even school years, i.e. 2000-01). A commitment made using this form is for the following two school years (i.e., 2001-02 and 2002-03).

2. A commitment form, to be valid, must bear the signature of the member school principal.

3. A properly executed commitment form is a binding agreement between the member school and the Association. The following penalties shall be assessed a member school that commits to participate in the FHSAA State Series in a sport and then subsequently withdraws from, or fails to honor, its commitment:

   (a) If the school withdraws from its commitment after submitting the form to the FHSAA Office but before the classification and district assignments are released by the FHSAA Office, the school shall be assessed a $50.00 administrative fee.

   (b) If the school withdraws from its commitment after the classification and district assignments are released by the FHSAA Office, but before the District Tournament/Meet Planning/Scheduling Meeting, the school shall be assessed a $100.00 administrative fee and its program in that sport may be placed on administrative probation.

   (c) If the school withdraws from its commitment after the District Tournament/Meet Planning/Scheduling Meeting, the school shall be assessed a $250.00 administrative fee, and its program in that sport will be placed on restrictive probation and will not be allowed to participate in the FHSAA State Series in that sport for the two-year period for which the commitment form originally was filed, as well as the next two-year period, unless the reason stated for such failure to participate is ruled sufficient by the Commissioner.

4. A school that does not commit to participate in the FHSAA State Series in a sport by the commitment deadline, and later submits a request to participate to the FHSAA Office shall:

   (a) Be assessed an administrative fee of $50 if the request is received before the classification and district assignments are released by the FHSAA Office.

   (b) Be assessed an administrative fee of $100 if the request is received after the classification and district assignments are released, but before the District Tournament/Meet Planning/Scheduling Meeting.

No school, under any circumstance, shall be assigned to a classification and district in the FHSAA State Series in a sport if its request for such assignment is received in the
FHSAA Office on or after the date of the District Tournament/Meet Planning/Scheduling Meeting.

5. By committing to participate in an FHSAA State Series, a member school agrees to participate in accordance with and abide by all the procedures, guidelines, policies and regulations for that FHSAA State Series as approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Florida High School Activities Association.

POLICY 9

Official Entry List Policy and Procedures

The following policy and procedures shall govern Official Entry Lists for the FHSAA State Series:

1. Each member school that commits to participate in State Series competition in a sport must submit directly by facsimile (fax) transmission to the Director (host school) of the District Tournament/Meet to which the school is assigned an Official State Series Entry List on the form furnished by the FHSAA Office. This official entry list must contain the names of those student-athletes who will represent the member school in State Series competition in that sport.

2. The Official Entry List must contain only the names of those student-athletes who have been previously reported to the FHSAA Office on an Annual Eligibility List either electronically by use of the FHSAA interactive on-line database system or by hard copy on the form furnished by the FHSAA Office. Only those student-athletes who are enrolled in, and in attendance at, your school prior to:
   (a) The last permissible date for a district contest in team sports (i.e. baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball); or
   (b) The Saturday that is immediately prior to the Monday on which the Official Entry List is due to be filed with the District Tournament/Meet Director in individual sports (i.e. cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, weightlifting, wrestling).

   All student-athletes must be eligible in accordance with all FHSAA rules and regulations before they participate.

3. The number of student-athletes whose names may be placed on an Official Entry List in a given sport by a member school shall be limited to the following:
   (a) Baseball – 25 student-athletes of which any 20 may participate on a given level of the State Series
   (b) Basketball – 15 student-athletes, all of which may participate on a given level of the State Series
   (c) Cross Country – 15 student-athletes of which any seven (7) may participate on a given level of the State Series
   (d) Golf – 10 student-athletes of which any five (5) may participate on a given level of the State Series
   (e) Soccer – 27 student-athletes of which any 22 may participate on a given level of the State Series
   (f) Softball – 25 student-athletes of which any 20 may participate on a given level of the State Series
(g) Swimming & Diving – no limit  
(h) Tennis – 12 student-athletes  
(i) Track & Field – no limit  
(j) Volleyball – 18 student-athletes of which any 15 may participate on a given level of the State Series  
(k) Weightlifting – three (3) student-athletes in each weight class of which any two (2) of the three (3) – up to a maximum of 15 total student-athletes – may participate in the state meet  
(l) Wrestling – no limit; however, of the student-athletes listed only 14 – one (1) in each weight class – may participate in the district tournament  

4. To be valid, the Official Entry List must bear the signatures of the principal, the official FHSAA representative or the athletic director, and the head coach of the school’s team in that sport. The District Tournament/Meet Director must not accept an Official Entry List that does not bear all three required signatures.  

5. To avoid penalty, the Official Entry List must be sent by facsimile (fax) transmission to the District Tournament/Meet Director not later than 5 p.m. local time on the Monday of the week immediately prior to the week during which the District Tournament/Meet is to be held. A late filing fee of $50.00 will be assessed a member school that does not submit its official entry list by this deadline. The late filing fee will increase to $100.00 if the Official Entry List is not faxed to the District Tournament/Meet Director by 5 p.m. local time on the Friday of the week immediately prior to the week during which the District Tournament/Meet is to be held. A school that fails to submit its Official Entry List to the District Tournament/Meet Director prior to the scheduled starting time of the first competition (i.e. game, match or event) in the District Tournament/Meet that directly involves the school’s team or individual representative may be permitted to participate in competition only with the approval of the FHSAA Office. That school, however, will be assessed a minimum financial penalty of $250. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that any student-athlete(s) representing the school in uniform was ineligible to do so. Under no circumstances shall the Director of a District Tournament/Meet permit a team for which he/she has no Official Entry List to participate in the District Tournament/Meet without the approval of the FHSAA Office.  

6. A member school may add previously unlisted student-athletes to, or change or replace existing student-athletes on its Official Entry List according to the following procedure:

(a) For team sports (i.e. baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball), the addition or change must be requested prior to the scheduled starting time of the first competition (i.e. game, match or event) in the District Tournament that directly involves the school’s team or individual representatives. No change may be made to an Official Entry List for the District Tournament after this deadline. An addition or change may subsequently be made between the completion of the District Tournament and the school’s first competition in the Regional Tournament and/or the completion of the Regional Tournament and the school’s first competition in the State Tournament.  

(b) For individual sports (i.e. cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, weightlifting, wrestling), the addition or change must be requested prior to the time agreed to in the District Tournament/Meet Planning Meeting for submitting to the District Tournament/Meet Director the times, marks, records, etc. for the seeding of individual competitors into flights, heats, matches, etc. No change may be made to an Official
Entry List after this deadline, with the exception of swimming & diving and track & field in which changes may be made only for members of relay teams that qualify from the District Meets to the Regional/State Meets and from the Regional Meets to the State Meets.

(c) The request for the addition or change must be submitted in writing directly to the FHSAA Office by fax at (352) 373-1528, or such other telephone number designed by the FHSAA, to the attention of the Director of Member Services, on the form furnished by the FHSAA Office. The request must include a copy of the original Official Entry List that was submitted to the District Tournament/Meet Director as well as the requested addition or change. The addition or change, once approved by the FHSAA Office, will be forwarded by fax to the District Tournament/Meet Director.

(d) The member school will be assessed an administrative fee of $50 for each addition or change made to its Official Entry List.

(e) In the event a school discovers the need to make an addition or change to its Official Entry List in a team sport immediately prior to the scheduled starting time of the first competition (i.e. game or match) in the District Tournament that directly involves the school’s team and, as a result, finds it impossible to submit a written request for approval of the addition or change to the FHSAA Office prior to the scheduled starting time of the first competition that directly involves the school’s team, the District Tournament Director may secure verbal authorization from the FHSAA Office to approve the addition or change on site. The school will be assessed an administrative fee of $100 for each such on-site addition or change made to its Official Entry List. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that the student-athlete(s) added to the school’s Official Entry List was ineligible.

7. The District Tournament/Meet Director must forward to the FHSAA office all Official Entry Lists submitted by participating schools within 10 working days following the conclusion of the District Tournament/Meet.

8. A student-athlete who qualifies in an individual event in a State Series tournament or meet is expected to compete in that event on successive levels of the State Series unless ill, injured, suspended due to disciplinary action or for any other reason acceptable to the Commissioner. If the student-athlete does not compete on a successive level, the student-athlete will not be permitted to compete in any other event in the State Series in that sport. Personnel on relay teams in the sports of swimming & diving and track & field may be changed in accordance with the rules governing those sports.

POLICY 10
Classification Policy

The Board of Directors has approved the following system for classifying member senior high schools for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years:

A. GENERAL

1. Membership classifications will be applied for administrative and FHSAA State Series purposes. A member school may not participate in a classification above or below that to which it is assigned on the basis of its student population.

2. Only senior high schools (schools having the 10th, 11th and 12th grades or any
combination thereof) shall be classified.

3. Schools shall be classified on a biennial basis (in even school years, i.e. 2000-01) for the following two school years (i.e., 2001-02 and 2002-03).

4. Each sport shall be classified according to the guidelines and criteria herein.

B. STUDENT POPULATIONS OF SCHOOLS

1. An existing full member senior high school shall be classified for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years on the basis of the school’s student population in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades combined as reported to the FHSAA during the week in October 2000 designated by the Florida Department of Education for the fall semester FTE survey of public schools. The student population report for an existing member public school shall be filed by the district school board office that governs the school, and shall include in its totals any students attending alternative schools that have been approved by the Commissioner to represent the member public school in interscholastic athletic competition. The student population report for an existing member private school shall be filed by the principal of the member private school. Student populations for schools that enroll girls only or boys only (i.e. one gender comprises greater than 90 percent of the student body) shall be doubled for classification purposes.

2. A senior high school applying for new full membership in the Association shall be classified in its initial year of membership on the basis of the school’s student population in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades combined at the conclusion of the previous school year as reported to the FHSAA on the school’s application for membership.

3. A newly opening senior high school applying for new full membership in the Association shall be classified in its initial year of membership on the basis of the school’s projected student population in the grades with which the school will open. This projected student population must be submitted by the District Superintendent for a public school or the senior administrator for a private school, and must be certified with their respective signatures. If the actual student population reported for the school in October 2000 of the school year would place it into a classification lower than that of its projected student population, the school shall be required to compete in the FHSAA State Series in the higher classification. If, however, the school’s actual student population would place it into a classification higher than that of its projected student population, the school shall not be eligible to compete in the FHSAA State Series in the lower classification. An error margin of 10 percent will be allowed for discrepancies between the projected student population and actual student population of a school that is so classified. If the school’s actual student population is greater than 10 percent of its projected student population, the school shall immediately be reclassified on the basis of its actual student population.

4. An existing full member senior high school that expects to incur a significant increase or decrease in student population the following school year due to the opening of a new school or to the redrawing of attendance zone boundaries by the district school board may request to be classified on the basis of the school’s projected student population for the following school year rather than the school’s actual student population reported in the current school year. This projected student population must be submitted by the District Superintendent for a public school or the senior administrator for a private school, and must be certified with their respective signatures. If a school requesting to be classified on such a projection reports an actual student population in October of the following school year that would place it into a classification lower than that of its projected student population...
population, the school shall be required to compete in the FHSAA State Series in the higher classification. If, however, the school’s actual student population would place it into a classification higher than that of its projected student population, the school shall not be eligible to compete in the FHSAA State Series in the lower classification.

5. In the event an existing member senior high school does not have each of the 9th, 10th and 11th grades, its student population for classification purposes shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) For a three-year senior high school (grades 10, 11 and 12 only) that does not have a 9th grade, the combined student population of the 10th and 11th grades shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.71 and the result rounded up to the next full number. [Note: Multiplication by 1.71 results in a 41.5-percent increase in the school’s student population. According to Department of Education statistical data, the 9th grade on average constitutes 41.5 percent of students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades combined.]

(b) For a senior high school in its initial year of existence that opens with a 9th and 10th grade only or in its second year of existence with a 9th and 10th grade only, the combined student population of the 9th and 10th grades shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.35 and the result rounded up to the next full number. [Note: Multiplication by 1.35 results in a 25.7-percent increase in the school’s student population. According to Department of Education statistical data, the 11th grade on average constitutes 25.7 percent of students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades combined.]

(c) For a senior high school in its initial year of existence that opens with a 9th grade only, the student population of the 9th grade shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.79 and the result rounded up to the next full number. [Note: Multiplication by 1.79 results in a 44.2-percent increase in the school’s student population. According to Department of Education statistical data, the 10th grade on average constitutes 44.2-percent of students in the 9th and 10th grades combined.]

C. FOOTBALL

1. Number of Classifications:

The FHSAA State Football Series in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years shall be conducted in six (6) classifications. The six classifications are 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A.

2. Division of Classifications:

(a) The total number of existing member schools that committed to participate in the FHSAA State Football Series for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years shall be ranked in order of student population and evenly divided across the six classifications. Any remainder shall be evenly distributed among the classifications beginning with the lowest classification and working up. The student population of the smallest school in each classification shall form the dividing line between that classification and the next lowest classification. Schools that have the same student population as a school whose student population forms the dividing line between classifications shall be placed with that school into the higher classification. The requisite number of schools then shall be assigned to each successive classification. (Example: 420 schools commit to participate in the state series. Evenly divided over six classifications, 70 schools are to be assigned to each classification. When counting down the 70 largest schools to be assigned to Class 6A, however, it is determined that the 71st largest school has the same student population as the 70th largest school. Both schools are assigned to Class 6A, giving that classification 71 schools. 70 schools then
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are assigned to Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A. The remaining 69 schools comprise Class A. Once the dividing lines between classifications for a two-year period are determined, they shall not be changed during that two-year period.

(b) The dividing lines between the classifications for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons are as follows: schools with enrollments of 2,085 or more students inclusive shall be Class 6A; schools with enrollments of 1,664 to 2,084 students inclusive shall be Class 5A; schools with enrollments of 1,361 to 1,663 students inclusive shall be Class 4A; schools with enrollments of 921 to 1,360 students inclusive shall be Class 3A; schools with enrollments of 371 to 920 students inclusive shall be Class 2A; and schools with enrollments of 1 to 370 students inclusive shall be Class A.

(c) A new member school that requests to participate in the FHSAA State Football Series at the time of joining, and is eligible to do so, shall be assigned to the appropriate classification according to its student population or projected student population.

3. Assignment to Districts:
   Schools in each classification shall be assigned to districts on a geographic basis with an effort to balance the number of schools in the districts when possible.

D. BASEBALL, GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1. Number of Classifications:
The FHSAA State Series in the sports of baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, softball and girls volleyball for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years shall be conducted in six (6) classifications. The six classifications are 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A.

2. Division of Classifications:
   (a) The total number of existing member senior high schools – regardless of the sports in which they sponsor programs – shall be ranked in order of student population and shall be assigned to basic classifications as follows: the 80 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 6A; the next 80 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 5A; the next 80 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 4A; the next 80 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 3A; the next 80 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 2A; and all remaining schools shall be assigned to Class A. The student population of the smallest school assigned to each classification shall form the dividing line between that classification and the next lowest classification. Schools that have the same student population as a school whose student population forms the dividing line between classifications shall be placed with that school into the higher classification. The requisite number of schools then shall be assigned to each successive classification. (Example: There are 560 total member senior high schools. When counting down the 80 largest schools to be assigned to Class 6A, it is determined that the 81st and 82nd largest schools have the same student population as the 80th largest school. All three schools are assigned to Class 6A, giving that classification 82 schools. 80 schools then are assigned to Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A. The remaining 158 schools comprise Class A.) Once the dividing lines between classifications for a two-year period are determined, they shall not be changed during that two-year period.

   (b) The dividing lines between the basic classifications for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons are as follows: schools with enrollments of 1,994 or more students inclusive shall be Class 6A; schools with enrollments of 1,543 to 1,993 students inclusive shall be Class 5A; schools with enrollments of 1,210 to 1,542 students inclusive shall be Class 4A; schools with enrollments of 553 to 1,209 students inclusive shall be Class 3A; schools with enrollments of 1 to 552 students inclusive shall be Class A.
enrollments of 234 to 552 students inclusive shall be Class 2A; and schools with enrollments of 1 to 233 students inclusive shall be Class A.

(c) A new member school that requests to participate in the FHSAA State Series in the sports of baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, softball and girls volleyball at the time of joining, and is eligible to do so, shall be assigned to the appropriate classification according to its student population or projected student population.

3. Assignment to Districts:

Schools in each classification – regardless of the sports in which they sponsor programs – shall be assigned to basic districts on a geographic basis. The actual competitive districts in each sport then shall be determined by deleting from each district the schools that do not commit to participate in the FHSAA State Series in that sport. Under no circumstance shall schools be shifted from one district to another by sport once the basic district assignments are finalized.

E. GIRLS & BOYS SOCCER

1. Number of Classifications:

The FHSAA State Series in the sports of girls soccer and boys soccer for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years shall be conducted in four (4) classifications. The four classifications are 4A, 3A, 2A and A.

2. Division of Classifications:

(a) The total number of existing member senior high schools – regardless of the sports in which they sponsor programs – shall be ranked in order of student population and shall be assigned to basic classifications as follows: the 96 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 4A; the next 96 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 3A; the next 96 largest schools shall be assigned to Class 2A; and all remaining schools shall be assigned to Class A. The student population of the smallest school assigned to each classification shall form the dividing line between that classification and the next lowest classification. Schools that have the same student population as a school whose student population forms the dividing line between classifications shall be placed with that school into the higher classification. The requisite number of schools then shall be assigned to each successive classification. (Example: There are 560 total member senior high schools. When counting down the 96 largest schools to be assigned to Class 4A, it is determined that the 97th largest school has the same student population as the 96th largest school. Both schools are assigned to Class 4A, giving that classification 97 schools. Ninety-six schools then are assigned to Classes 3A and 2A. The remaining 271 schools comprise Class A.) Once the dividing lines between classifications for a two-year period are determined, they shall not be changed during that two-year period.

(b) The dividing lines between the basic classifications for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons are as follows: schools with enrollments of 1,873 or more students inclusive shall be Class 4A; schools with enrollments of 1,417 to 1,872 students inclusive shall be Class 3A; schools with enrollments of 800 to 1,416 students inclusive shall be Class 2A; and schools with enrollments of 1 to 799 students inclusive shall be Class A.

(c) A new member school that requests to participate in the FHSAA State Series in the sports of girls soccer and/or boys soccer at the time of joining, and is eligible to do so, shall be assigned to the appropriate classification according to its student population or projected student population.

3. Assignment to Districts:
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Schools in each classification – regardless of the sports in which they sponsor programs – shall be assigned to basic districts on a geographic basis. The actual competitive districts in each sport then shall be determined by deleting from each district the schools that do not commit to participate in the FHSAA State Series in that sport. Under no circumstance shall schools be shifted from one district to another by sport once the basic district assignments are finalized.

C. CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, SWIMMING & DIVING, TENNIS, TRACK & FIELD, WEIGHTLIFTING & WRESTLING

1. **Number of Classifications:**
   (a) The number of classifications in the FHSAA State Series in the sports of cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, weightlifting and wrestling for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years shall be determined by the number of member schools having entered full teams into State Series competition in those sports in the 2000-01 school year. If 85 percent or more of the member senior high schools entered a full team, there may be six classifications; if 70 percent or more entered a full team, there may be five classifications; if 55 percent or more entered a full team, there may be four classifications; if 40 percent or more entered a full team, there may be three classifications; if 25 percent or more entered a full team, there may be two classifications; and if less than 25 percent entered a full team, there may be only one classification. The number of classifications in a sport shall not be changed except in the first year of a two-year period.
   
   (b) For classification purposes only, a full team shall be defined as follows: cross country, five (5) or more runners; golf, four (4) or more golfers; swimming & diving, eight (8) or more competitors; tennis, five (5) singles players and two (2) doubles teams; track & field, 10 or more competitors; weightlifting, six (6) lifters; and wrestling, eight (8) wrestlers, one entered into each of eight different weight classes.
   
   (c) Sports shall be classified together without regard to gender. In these cases, the number of classifications in the sport shall be determined by the gender having the fewer number of full teams as defined herein.
   
   (d) The number of classifications in each sport for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years are as follows: cross country, four classifications (4A, 3A, 2A, A); golf, two classifications (2A, A); swimming & diving, three classifications (3A, 2A, A); tennis, four classifications (4A, 3A, 2A, A); track & field, four classifications (4A, 3A, 2A, A); weightlifting, two classifications (2A, A); wrestling, three classifications (3A, 2A, A).

2. **Division of Classifications:**
   (a) Once the total number of classifications in a sport is determined according to the criteria above, the total number of schools that commit to participate in the State Series in the sport shall be ranked in order of student population and evenly divided across the total number of classifications determined for that sport. Any remainder shall be evenly distributed among the classifications beginning with the lowest classification and working up. The student population of the smallest school assigned to each classification shall form the dividing line between that classification and the next lowest classification. Schools that have the same student population as a school whose student population forms the dividing line between classifications shall be placed with that school into the higher classification. The requisite number of schools then shall be assigned to each successive classification. (Example: 300 member schools commit to participate in the FHSAA State Wrestling Series. Evenly divided over three classifications, 100 schools are to be assigned to each...
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When counting down the 100 largest schools to be assigned to Class 3A, however, it is determined that the 101st largest school has the same student population as the 100th largest school. Both schools are assigned to Class 3A, giving that classification 101 schools. 100 schools then are assigned to Class 2A. The remaining 99 schools comprise Class A.) Once the dividing lines between classifications for a two-year period are determined, they shall not be changed during that two-year period.

(b) A new member school that requests to participate in the FHSAA State Series in the sports of cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, weightlifting or wrestling at the time of joining, and is eligible to do so, shall be assigned to the appropriate classification according to its student population or projected student population.

3. Assignment to Districts:
Schools in each classification shall be assigned to districts on a geographic basis with an effort to balance the number of schools in the districts when possible.

Policy 11

District Tournament Seeding Policy

The following policy shall govern the seeding for district tournaments in the sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball:

A. DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS
Schools that commit to participate in the State Series in a sport shall be assigned on a geographical basis to a district in the appropriate classification. A tournament shall be conducted in each district following the conclusion of the regular season on the dates set by the Board of Directors to determine the two schools that shall represent that district in the remainder of the FHSAA State Series.

B. DISTRICT SCHEDULE/TOURNAMENT PLANNING
1. Each school assigned to a district shall be required to schedule two regular season games/matches with every other school in that district to be eligible to participate in the District Tournament. A school, however, shall not schedule a district game/match to be played later than Saturday two weeks prior to the week in which the District Tournament is scheduled to be played. Any school that does not comply with this requirement shall not be permitted to participate in the District Tournament.
   [Note: Schools in Class A districts that are comprised of 11 or more participating schools may play a one-game/match district schedule.]
2. A district scheduling/tournament planning meeting shall be conducted in each sport to schedule necessary district games/matches and to make arrangements for the district tournament for the following season, according to the following basic guidelines:
   (a) The meeting in each district shall be conducted by the FHSAA representative of the member school that is designated the leader for that district on a date to be determined by the FHSAA Office. The site and time of the meeting shall be determined by the District Leader, except that the time of the meeting should cause no loss of time from school for any attendee.
   (b) The FHSAA representative or athletic director from each school in the dis-
District shall be required to attend the meeting, and shall be the only individual from a school authorized to schedule district games/matches or vote on tournament planning decisions on behalf of the school. In the event that a school is not properly represented at the meeting the District Leader shall schedule the necessary district games/matches for that school and it shall have no vote on matters pertaining to plans for the district tournament. A school that is not properly represented at the meeting shall be assessed a $100 penalty.

[Note: A District Leader may request of the Associate Commissioner for Athletic Operations permission to conduct a district scheduling/tournament meeting by teleconference if his/her district is spread over a large geographic area.]

(c) No regular season games/matches for the following season may be scheduled in advance of the district scheduling meeting. Agreements or contracts to play a game/match that are entered into in advance of the meeting are null and void.

3. If a scheduled district game/match is postponed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen and unavoidable situations and can only be played after the deadline, the Commissioner may grant permission for the game/match to be played after the deadline and counted. This exception, however, will be granted only if the game/match was originally scheduled to be played prior to the deadline.

4. The manner in which any two schools within a district satisfy these requirements is at the discretion of the two schools provided the games/matches are part of the regular season schedule of both schools and not games/matches played between the two schools as part of an invitational tournament. It is not necessary that the two games/matches be played on a home-and-home basis. It is acceptable for the two schools to play either or both games/matches at a neutral site or both games/matches at either school’s facility. If, however, two schools in a district cannot agree to any alternative arrangement, then they must play each other on a home-and-home basis.

C. SEEDING AND BRACKETING

1. Each school in a district shall be seeded and placed on the bracket for its District Tournament according to the following provisions:

(a) In the sports of baseball, basketball, softball and volleyball, each school shall be seeded based on its win-loss record in the two games/matches played against all district opponents during the regular season. The school with the best district record shall be seeded No. 1; the school with the second-best district record shall be seeded No. 2; etc.

(b) In the sport of soccer, each school shall be seeded based on the district points it accumulates in the two games played against all district opponents during the regular season. Three (3) points shall be awarded for each victory over a district opponent. One (1) point shall be awarded for each time with a district opponent. The school with the most district points shall be seeded No. 1; the school with the second-most district points shall be seeded No. 2; etc.

(c) In the event two or more schools within the district are unable to play the required two district games/matches due to inclement weather or other unforeseen and unavoidable situations which are deemed acceptable by the Commissioner, all schools within that district shall be seeded according to the percentage of district games/matches won (average of points accumulated in soccer). The school with the highest percentage of district games/matches won (average points in soccer) shall be seeded No. 1; the school with the second-highest percentage of district games/matches won (average points in soccer) shall be seeded No. 2, etc.
2. Two-Schools Tied: When two schools are tied for a seed, the following procedure shall be used (in the following order until the tie is broken):
   (a) Won-loss results of head-to-head competition between the two schools;
   (b) Won-loss record (points in soccer) of the two schools versus the highest-seeded school (and proceeding through the lowest seeded school, if necessary);
   (c) Number of victories (points in soccer) on the road in district games/matches;
   (d) Number of victories (points in soccer) at home in district games/matches;
   (e) Overall winning percentage (average points in soccer); and
   (f) Coin toss by the District Leader.

3. Three (or more)-Schools Tied: When three or more schools are tied for a seed, the following procedure shall be used (in the following order until the tie is broken):
   (a) Total won-loss record (points in soccer) of games/matches played among the tied schools;
   (b) Won-loss record (points in soccer) of the tied schools versus the highest-seeded school (and proceeding through the lowest seeded school, if necessary);
   (c) Number of victories (points in soccer) on the road in district games/matches;
   (d) Number of victories (points in soccer) at home in district games/matches;
   (e) Overall winning percentage (average points in soccer); and
   (f) Draw by the District Leader.

   Once the three-or-more-way tie has been reduced to two schools, the two-school tiebreaker formula shall be used.

4. A single-elimination, standard progression bracket shall be used. The Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12 and 13 seeds shall be placed in the upper half of the bracket and the Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 seeds shall be placed in the lower half of the bracket. Byes, if any, shall be awarded to the higher seeded schools. The school on the top line of the bracket in each tournament game/match shall be designated the home school for that game/match.

5. Each school in the district shall report by phone to the District Leader its final district win-loss record (points in soccer) not later than 10 a.m. Monday of the week immediately preceding the week in which the District Tournament is to be played. The District Leader then shall seed the schools, place the schools on the bracket according to their seed, and assign games/matches dates and times in accordance with the provisions herein and the arrangements agreed upon during the District Scheduling/Tournament Planning Meeting. A copy of the finalized bracket shall then be faxed by the District Leader to all schools in the district as well as to the FHSAA Office.

POLICY 12
Minimum Specifications for Facilities in which State Series Contests in Basketball, Football, Girls Volleyball are to be Held

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following minimum specifications for facilities in which FHSAA State Series contests in basketball, football and girls volleyball
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are to be held. These specifications do not preclude a school with inadequate facilities from hosting a State Series contest in either sport. However, the school will be required, at its own expense, to host the contest in a neutral facility which does meet the necessary specifications. If a school in line to host a contest has inadequate facilities and chooses not to host the contest at another site, the visiting school will be given the opportunity to host the event in its facilities, if adequate, or at an adequate neutral site, if not. A basketball district in which no school has a facility that meets these minimum specifications must either play its district tournament at an adequate neutral facility or place it at the district school whose facility is closest to these minimum specifications. Only those schools that have filed the necessary facility specifications reports with the FHSAA Office will be eligible to host a State Series contest in the sports of basketball, football and girls volleyball. Counties that cannot meet the specifications can appeal to the Board of Directors for relief.

A. BASKETBALL

1. The facility must be adequately constructed to control the entry and exit of spectators for the purpose of charging admission.
2. The facility must have a minimum of two restrooms (one male and one female) for public use.
3. The facility must have an electronic clock and scoreboard clearly visible to both team bench areas and spectators.
4. The facility must have a public address system.
5. The facility must have separate dressing rooms for both home and visiting teams, preferably with access to restroom and shower facilities.
6. The facility must have a separate dressing area for officials, preferably with access to restroom and shower facilities.
7. The facility must have a playing surface which is not less than 84 feet from end line to end line and not less than 50 feet from sideline to sideline. The court must be properly marked according to National Federation rules, including the proper markings for both teams’ coaching boxes.
8. The facility must have a minimum of three feet of unobstructed space from sidelines to seating, walls or other obstacles and a minimum of six feet of unobstructed space from end lines to seating, walls or other obstacles.
9. It is recommended, but not required, that the facility have spectator seating on both sides of the court. In any case, however, the facility must meet the following minimum seating capacities:
   (a) Class 6A – 1,300 seats
   (b) Class 5A – 1,100 seats
   (c) Class 4A – 900 seats
   (d) Class 3A – 700 seats
   (e) Class 2A – 500 seats
   (f) Class A – 300 seats

B. FOOTBALL

1. The facility must be adequately constructed to control the entry and exit of spectators for the purpose of charging admission.
2. The facility must have a minimum of two restrooms (one male and one female) for public use.
3. The facility must have adequate artificial lighting to accommodate night games.
4. The facility must have an electronic clock and scoreboard clearly visible to both team bench areas and spectators.
5. The facility must have a public address system.
6. The facility must have separate dressing rooms for both home and visiting teams, preferably with access to restroom and shower facilities.
7. The facility must have a separate dressing area for officials, preferably with access to restroom and shower facilities.
8. The facility should have a minimum of five yards of unobstructed space outside the playing field along each sideline and end line.
9. The facility must have restraining cables, fences, walls, etc. from goal line to goal line to separate spectators from each team box along the sideline.
10. The facility must have bleachers having masonry or metal understructure with footboards and seating properly maintained for both visitor and home fans.
11. It is recommended, but not required, that the facility have spectator seating on both sides of the field. In any case, however, the facility must meet the following minimum seating capacities:
   (a) Class 6A – 2,500 seats
   (b) Class 5A – 2,000 seats
   (c) Class 4A – 1,500 seats
   (d) Class 3A – 1,000 seats
   (e) Class 2A – 750 seats
   (f) Class A – 500
   A facility with seating capacities less than these minimums may set up portable seating at its own expense in order to satisfy these minimum requirements.

C. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1. The facility must have a minimum seating capacity of 300 seats.

POLICY 13

State Series Pass Policy

The Board of Directors has adopted the following policy relative to those passes that will be honored at State Series contests:

1. **District, Regional Levels**
   The following individuals only may be admitted to the facility without charge:
   (a) Student-athletes who are members of the team, coaches, managers, etc.;
   (b) Cheerleaders in uniform and their sponsor(s);
   (c) In football only, band members and drill-team members and their chaperons;
   (d) Working news media with appropriate identification;
   (e) Broadcast crews from radio and television outlets whose broadcasts have been approved by the FHSAA Office upon payment of the appropriate broadcast rights fees;
   (f) Uniformed police or security;
   (g) Individuals holding FHSAA Lifetime Passes issued by the Commissioner;
   (h) Students holding FHSAA Student SID Identification Cards (only for events in
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which their school is participating); and
(i) Member school personnel and registered contest officials with FHSAA State Series Passes upon presentation of a photo I.D.

2. State Level

The following individuals only may be admitted to the facility without charge:
(a) Student-athletes who are members of the team, coaches, managers, etc. with appropriate passes as issued by the FHSAA Office according to the athletic regulations governing the particular sport;
(b) Cheerleaders in uniform and their sponsor(s);
(c) In football only, band members and drill-team members and their chaperons (1 chaperon per 10 students);
(d) Working news media with appropriate credentials as issued by the FHSAA Office according to the Media Credentials Policy;
(e) Broadcast crews from radio and television outlets whose broadcasts have been approved by the FHSAA Office upon payment of the appropriate broadcast rights fees;
(f) Uniformed police or security;
(g) Individuals holding FHSAA Lifetime Passes issued by the Commissioner;
(h) Students holding FHSAA Student SID Identification Cards (only for events in which their school is participating); and
(i) Member school personnel and registered contest officials with FHSAA State Series Passes upon presentation of a photo I.D.

3. FHSAA Identification Card

FHSAA Identification Cards are provided to the principal of each member school each year in bulk quantity to distribute to members of his/her administrative staff and faculty who are directly or indirectly affiliated with the school’s activities and athletic programs. This card is intended to serve only as a means of identifying the bearer as an employee of a member school and, in and of itself, is not considered to be a pass of any kind. Member schools, however, may at their discretion honor these cards for complimentary admission to activities events and regular season athletic events. Under no circumstances are these cards to be honored for complimentary admission to any FHSAA State Series contest on the district, regional or state level.

4. FHSAA State Series Pass

FHSAA State Series Passes may be purchased each year, at a price to be set by the Board of Directors, by each member school for use by its personnel only, as well as by each registered contest official. This pass will provide the bearer with complimentary admission to all FHSAA State Series events on the district, regional and state level. The bearer will be required to show a picture I.D. with the State Series Pass and provide a signature and card number on an official FHSAA State Series Contest Pass Log to be provided to each host site by the FHSAA Office. The principal and FHSAA representative, if a designee of the principal, from each member school each year will receive a complimentary FHSAA State Series Pass.

5. FHSAA Lifetime Pass

FHSAA Lifetime Passes are issued by the Commissioner to individuals who serve the Association as members of its Board of Directors; office staff upon their retirement; and inductees into its Hall of Fame. This pass will provide the bearer with complimentary admission to regular season events at the discretion of the host school, and to all FHSAA State Series events on the district, regional and state level. The bearer will be required to
show a picture I.D. with the Lifetime Pass and provide a signature on an official FHSAA State Series Contest Pass Log to be provided to each host site by the FHSAA Office.

6. **FHSAA Student SID Identification Card**

FHSAA Student SID Identification Cards are issued by the FHSAA communications department to students who serve their schools in the capacity of student sports information director. These cards should be honored for complimentary admission to regular season events in which the student’s school participates, and must be honored by host schools of FHSAA State Series events. The bearer will be required to provide a signature on an official FHSAA State Series Contest Pass Log to be provided to each host school by the FHSAA Office.

**POLICY 14**

**Criteria for Determining Eligibility of Students Enrolled in Schools with Block Scheduling, Special Schools, Special Programs, Home Education Programs and Charter Schools**

**A. SCHOOLS WITH BLOCK SCHEDULING FORMATS**

1. A grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year (approximately 18 school weeks or 90 school days). This definition is applicable to all member schools regardless of the type of scheduling format (i.e. block, traditional, etc.) which they use.

**B. SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

1. A student-athlete enrolled in any special school or special program must be evaluated on a semester that is consistent with the semester for all other students enrolled in the member school which the student-athlete represents.

2. The minimum grade point average requirement as stated in s. 232.245, Florida Statutes, and the Association’s Bylaws must be maintained each semester by all student-athletes enrolled in special schools or special programs regardless of the nature of the special school or special program.

3. Special Schools: A student-athlete who is enrolled in an alternative school, a school for gifted students, a non-member magnet school with no athletic program or a vocational-technical school may be eligible to represent in interscholastic athletic competition the public school in whose zone the student-athlete resides provided the special school is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the District School Superintendent, and the District School Superintendent submits a written request to the FHSAA Office for approval of the student-athlete’s participation at his/her home public school.

4. Special Programs:

   (a) Dual Enrollment Program – A student-athlete who is enrolled in a dual enrollment program operated by a community college or four-year university may be eligible to represent in interscholastic athletic competition the regular school which the student attends provided: 1) the principal of the school which the student-athlete will represent...
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submits a written request to the FHSAA Office for approval of such participation on the part of the student-athlete; 2) the school awards credit toward graduation for the work the student completes at the community college or four-year university; 3) grades must be officially issued by the college or four-year university on the same schedule as the school’s semester; 4) the student must take and complete the minimum number of credits required for graduation; 5) the student-athlete does not represent, in any way, the community college or four-year university in intercollegiate athletic competition; and 6) the student meets all other FHSAA eligibility requirements.

(b) Early Admissions Program – A student-athlete who is enrolled in an early admissions program operated by a community college or four-year university may be eligible to represent in interscholastic athletic competition the regular school which the student attends provided: 1) the District School Superintendent and the principal of the school which the student-athlete will represent submits a written request to the FHSAA Office for approval of such participation on the part of the student-athlete; 2) the school awards credit toward graduation for the work the student completes at the community college or four-year university; 3) grades must be issued by the college or four-year university on the same schedule as the school’s semester; 4) the student must take and complete the minimum number of credits required for graduation; 5) the student-athlete does not represent, in any way, the community college or four-year university in intercollegiate athletic competition; and 6) the student meets all other FHSAA eligibility requirements.

C. HOME EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Home Education Student Participation in Athletics at Member Schools:

   (a) A student enrolled in a home education program is eligible to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies; the public school to which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions; or a nonpublic school, provided the nonpublic school will permit the student to participate at that school, provided: (1) the student, within 30 days of his/her withdrawal from a traditional school program, properly registers with the district school board as being enrolled in a home education program in accordance with Section 232.02(4)(b)(1) of the Florida Statutes; (2) the student’s parents at the conclusion of each semester certify to the principal of the school on a form to be provided by the FHSAA Office that the student meets the minimum grade point average standards which are required of all students; (3) the student meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities; (4) the student registers with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletic competition as a representative of the school prior to the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he/she wishes to participate; (5) the student complies with FHSAA regulations, including eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility, and local school regulations during the time of participation; (6) the student meets the same admission and residency requirements as other students in the school in which he/she participates; (7) the student provides proof of basic medical insurance coverage and both independently secured catastrophic insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names the FHSAA as an insured party in the event the school’s insurance provider does not extend coverage to students enrolled in home education programs; and (8) the student provides to school authorities all required forms and provisions.

   (b) A student who withdraws from a regular school program, which for the purpose
of this policy is defined as a member school other than a cooperative of home education programs, to enroll in a home education program and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic competition as a home education student until he/she has successfully completed one semester in home education. In determining the academic eligibility of a student who withdraws from a regular school program prior to the normal conclusion of the current semester and subsequently enrolls in a home education program, the grades as posted in each subject for that student on the date of his/her withdrawal from the regular school program shall be used.

2. Home Education Student Eligibility Upon Enrollment in Member School:
   (a) A student who transfers from a home education program to a member school prior to or during the first semester of the school year shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition during the first semester provided the student has the necessary 2.0 cumulative grade point average through the second semester of the previous school year as required by Florida Statutes. The student's academic eligibility for each succeeding semester shall then depend on his/her cumulative grade point average through the conclusion of the the previous semester.

3. Home Education Program Cooperatives:
   (a) A cooperative of home education programs may become a member of this Association provided: (1) the cooperative establishes a Board of Directors or governing body which appoints a designated representative to the FHSAA so far as the obligations of the cooperative to this Association are concerned; (2) the cooperative pays membership dues and other such fees as established by the FHSAA Board of Directors under the authority of these Bylaws; (3) each participating student has basic medical insurance coverage and has catastrophic insurance coverage provided by the cooperative or independently secured; (4) the cooperative purchases and maintains liability insurance coverage which names the FHSAA as an insured party; (5) the FHSAA representative at the conclusion of each semester certifies to the Commissioner on a form to be provided by the FHSAA Office that each student participating in interscholastic extracurricular activities in the cooperative meets the minimum grade point average standards which are required of all students; and (6) each student participating in interscholastic athletic competition must comply with FHSAA eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility.

   (b) A student who has participated as a member of a senior high school in interscholastic athletic competition during the current school year prior to his/her application for membership in a home education cooperative shall be ineligible to represent that cooperative in interscholastic athletic competition for the duration of that school year unless a properly executed “Application for Waiver of the Transfer Rule” is obtained from the principal of the senior high school, and vice versa. A student who withdraws from a regular school program to enroll in a home education program and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic competition as a home education student until he/she has successfully completed one semester in home education.

   (c) Home education cooperatives which become members of this Association may participate in interscholastic athletic competition against any other FHSAA member school; however, such cooperatives shall not be permitted to compete against non-member
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schools or non-member cooperatives. Home education cooperatives shall be classified for State Series competition based on the total number of students participating in the cooperative in grades 9 through 11.

D. CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. A student enrolled in a charter school that is not a member of this Association is eligible to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies; or the public school to which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions; provided: (a) the student meets the requirements of the charter school program; (b) the student demonstrates educational progress as required by s. 232.425(b); (c) the student meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he/she participates; (d) the students meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance that are required of other students participating in interscholastic athletics; and (e) the student must register with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletics as a representative of the school before the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he/she wishes to participate.

2. A student who transfers from a non-member charter school to a traditional public member school or nonpublic member school before or during the first semester of a school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition during the first semester provided the student has the necessary 2.0 cumulative grade point average through the second semester of the previous school year as required by Florida Statutes. The student’s academic eligibility for each succeeding semester shall then depend on his/her cumulative grade point average through the conclusion of the previous semester.

3. A student who withdraws from a regular school program – public or nonpublic – to enroll in a charter school that is not a member of this Association and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic competition as a charter school student until he/she has successfully completed one semester in the charter school program. In determining the academic eligibility of a student who withdraws from a regular school program prior to the normal conclusion of the current semester and subsequently enrolls in a charter school, the grades as posted in each subject for that student on the date of his/her withdrawal from the regular school program shall be used.

POLICY 15
Guidelines for the Enforcement of Bylaws Relative to Transfer Students

The Commissioner has established the following guidelines for the enforcement of the provisions of Article 11.4.5, which places restrictions on the transfer waiver. This provision states, “A student who transfers to a member school without a corresponding change of residence on or after the beginning of any sports season (first day of practice) shall not be eligible to compete in that sport for the duration of that school year.”

1. A student who transfers on or after the starting date of a sports season without
physically changing his or her residence will be ineligible to participate in all sports played
during that season at the new school. The starting date of a season is defined as the first day
of practice as permitted by the FHSAA standardized calendar. See the 2002-03 FHSAA
Planning Calendar for the first day of practice for each sport during the 2002-03 school
year.

2. The FHSAA will consider the effective date of a transfer as the date the student
enrolls in the new school. Neither the date of withdrawal from the previous school nor the
date on which a blue waiver is initiated will be considered as the effective date of a transfer.
For example, if a student withdraws from School A on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and enrolls in
School B on Friday, Aug. 3, the student will be eligible to participate in athletics at School
B during the fall season upon execution of a properly completed blue waiver. However, if
the student withdraws from School A on Wednesday, Aug. 1, but does not enroll in School
B until Monday, Aug. 6, or thereafter, the student will be ineligible to participate in all fall
sports at School B for that season, even with a properly executed blue waiver. The blue
waiver will, however, enable the student to participate in athletics at School B during the
winter and spring seasons. Obviously, failure to obtain a blue waiver will render the stu-
dent ineligible in all sports for the duration of that school year.

POLICY 16
Policy on the Eligibility of Foreign Exchange
and Other International Students

The following policy and procedures shall govern the eligibility of students engaged in
foreign exchange programs and the eligibility of other international students who enroll in
member schools.

A. STUDENTS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The FHSAA acknowledges the importance of permitting students visiting Florida
through a recognized foreign exchange program to experience the benefits of participa-
tion in interscholastic athletic competition. To this end, the FHSAA will permit a foreign
exchange student to participate in interscholastic athletic competition under the following
conditions:

1. The foreign exchange student must be sponsored and placed with a U.S. host
family by a “bona fide” international student exchange program that has been accepted
for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and
recognized by the U.S. Department of State. The foreign exchange program must assign
students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school or other interested
party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. Neither shall the foreign
exchange student be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or
abilities.

2. A foreign exchange student is considered placed with a host family when:
   (a) the school that the student attends had no input into the selection or assignment
       of the student;
   (b) no member of the school’s faculty or staff or other individual, paid or voluntary,
       connected to the school’s athletic program serves as the host family; and
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(c) the host family placement is approved by the national headquarters of the sponsoring organization.

3. The foreign exchange student must possess a J-1 visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

4. The foreign exchange student must be in attendance at the school on the first day of the school year and must be enrolled in a full-year program, rather than a program of shorter duration such as a six-week, three-month or six-month program, etc.

5. Any subsequent transfer by the student to a different school during the school year must correspond with a change in residence by the foreign exchange student and the host family with whom he/she was placed at the time of enrollment in the original school. If the transfer of schools occurs as a result of a move by the foreign exchange student to another host family, the foreign exchange student will be ineligible at the new school for the remainder of the school year.

6. The foreign exchange student may be eligible for a maximum of one year at any school or combination of schools in this or any other of the United States commencing with his/her initial date of enrollment in a U.S. school.

7. The foreign exchange student must not have completed the 12th grade (terminal grade) or its equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible once they have completed the 12th grade or its equivalent in either the U.S. or their home countries.

8. The foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility standards of the FHSAA Bylaws while a student at a member school.

B. OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

An international student who is not sponsored by a bona fide foreign exchange program may be eligible to represent an FHSAA member school in interscholastic athletic competition under the following conditions:

1. The international student must possess an F-1 visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. An international student visiting this country on a B-2 tourist visa is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition.

2. The international student’s complete original and untranslated transcript, from his/her school of first impulse in the eighth grade or its equivalent in the student’s home country to the present, must be received by the member school from the last school that the student attended.

3. The member school must translate, analyze and evaluate the international student’s transcript. This translation, analysis and evaluation may be performed either by:

   (a) individuals employed by the school who are qualified to provide such services; or

   (b) an independent organization approved by the FHSAA to translate and analyze the transcripts of international students.

Through the translation, analysis and evaluation of the international student’s transcript, the appropriate grade in which the student should be placed in the member school must be determined. It must be demonstrated that the student is on track to receive a high school diploma. It must also provide an explanation or description of the educational system in the student’s home country.

The cost of this service, if any, must be borne either by the student or the member school.
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4. The principal of the member school shall not declare the international student eligible to represent his/her school in interscholastic athletic competition until such time as he/she receives the completed translation, analysis and evaluation of the student’s transcript.

5. The member school shall report to the FHSAA Office on a form provided by the Association each international student declared eligible to represent the school in interscholastic athletic competition by its principal before such participation can occur. This form, at a minimum, will require the following information be provided:
   (a) the international student’s name;
   (b) the student’s birthdate;
   (c) the name, mailing address and physical address of all schools attended by the student since first successful completion of the eighth grade;
   (d) the grades completed by the student since he/she successfully first completed the eighth grade; and
   (e) the student’s participation record in organized athletics in his/her home country.
   A photocopy of the student’s birth certificate, passport, certificate of health insurance issued by a U.S. provider, immigration documents including the F-1 visa form I-20 A-B, the student’s complete original and untranslated transcript, and the translation and analysis of the student’s transcript must also be included with the form.

6. The international student must be placed in a traditional academic track that leads to a high school diploma by the member school.

7. The international student must not have been recruited to attend the member school for athletic reasons by any individual or agency, whether or not associated with the school’s athletic interest, or selected or placed in the school on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.

8. No individual or agency associated with the school’s athletic interest may provide financial assistance to the international student in gaining necessary visas, assist in the payment of the student’s transportation to the U.S., or contribute to the student’s living expenses while in the U.S.

9. The international student must not reside with a coach or other individual associated with the school’s athletic program.

10. The international student must not reside in the U.S. with any other individual(s) from his/her home country with whom he/she has not lived continuously for the previous 365 consecutive days.

11. The international student must not have completed the 12th grade (terminal grade) or its equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country. International students will not be eligible once they have completed the 12th grade or its equivalent in either the U.S. or their home countries.

12. The international student must meet all other eligibility standards of the FHSAA Bylaws while a student at a member school.

13. Pursuant to Federal law, an international student attending a public school is eligible to remain in the U.S. for a maximum of one year and must reimburse the public school for the cost of his/her U.S. education.
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POLICY 17
Guidelines for Practices and Scrimmages

The Board of Directors has adopted the following policy relative to the practicing and scrimmaging of member school athletic teams:

A. PRACTICES
1. Only those student-athletes who are bona fide students in a member school, or who are either home education program or charter school program students registered with a member school, may participate in the practice of an athletic team which represents that member school.
2. Practice sessions and/or practice games in which students from two or more schools participate are prohibited.
3. The conduct of practice sessions of any kind on a Sunday is prohibited.
4. Student-athletes who are seniors may not participate in spring football practice.
5. Eighth-grade students may participate in spring football practice at the public high school for which the students are zoned and will attend as ninth-graders in the following school year under the following conditions:
   a. The students may practice on or in the high school facility only if such practice is approved in writing to the FHSAA Office by the District School Superintendent.
   b. The students may be instructed in practice by high school coaches only if such instruction is approved in writing to the FHSAA Office by the School District Superintendent.
   c. The principals of both schools must give their permission in writing to the FHSAA Office for the students to participate in such practice.
   d. The students must have catastrophic insurance coverage for such practice.
   e. The students must have the written permission of their parents or legal guardians to participate in such practice on file in the school office.
   f. The students must have undergone a physical examination during the current school year.
   g. The students must not suffer any loss of time from school.
   h. The students may not participate in a spring football jamboree or spring classic game.
   i. The students may not participate in practice or have contact in any manner with student-athletes in the ninth, 10th or 11th grades who are members of the high school team.

B. SCRIMMAGES
1. Only those student-athletes who are bona fide students in a member school, or who are either home education program or charter school program students registered with a member school, may participate in the scrimmage of an athletic team which represents that member school.
2. Scrimmages and scrimmage games in which students from two or more schools participate are uncontracted interscholastic contests and are prohibited. Such scrimmages and scrimmage games may be on an intra-squad basis only.
3. Scrimmages and scrimmage games involving groups, alumni teams, league
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teams, etc. comprised in whole or in part of individuals who are not bona fide students of the member school are prohibited. Such scrimmages and scrimmage games may be on an intra-squad basis only.

POLICY 18
Non-Faculty Coach Guidelines

The following policy and procedures shall govern member schools that appoint individuals who are not faculty members or other full-time or part-time employees to serve as coaches:

1. An individual who is not a member of the school’s faculty, or otherwise employed by the school on a full-time or part-time basis, may be appointed as either a head coach or assistant coach, in one of the following two ways:
   (a) The individual may be placed under written contract with, but not otherwise employed by, the school to serve as a coach; or
   (b) The individual may be a volunteer and not under written contract with the school. In this case, however, the individual must sign and file with the principal an agreement to abide by the bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures of the FHSAA.

2. When the head coach is a volunteer as defined in 1(b) above and not a full-time or part-time employee of the school, or under written contract with the school, the principal must assign a full-time employee of the school to accompany the team or individual competitors to all contests in which it or they participate.

3. A public school must continue to abide by all obligations under Florida Statutes, Department of Education regulations and district school board policy.

POLICY 19
Guidelines for Advisory Committees

The Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws, has complete authority to organize and conduct such statewide interscholastic activities as may or may not lead to state championships and to establish regulations for these activities. Whenever it is deemed advisable, the Board of Directors shall call upon specialists from the high school field for such technical or other advice and assistance as may seem necessary. In exercising this right, the Board of Directors has established a number of advisory committees comprised of individuals – experts in their field – who work with the various programs of the Association. These advisory committees shall operate according to the following guidelines:

A. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

1. An advisory committee exists solely for the purpose of evaluating the FHSAA program(s) with which it is charged. In achieving its purpose, the committee shall review FHSAA regulations which govern the program(s); offer to the Board of Directors recommendations for change to such regulations as it deems appropriate; and offer advice and guidance to the Board of Directors and staff.
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2. An advisory committee shall have no direct authority to establish guidelines, regulations, policies or procedures; and its decisions and recommendations shall not be final unless adopted by the Board of Directors in general session.

3. An item must pass an advisory committee by simple majority vote to be referred to the Board of Directors. A tie vote among voting members on any item shall defeat the item.

4. An item first passed by an advisory committee shall be publicized for one year until the next regularly scheduled meeting of that advisory committee in the following school year. At this meeting, the advisory committee will reconsider the item for second passage. Upon second passage, the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Commissioner, however, may authorize that a recommendation be fast-tracked through the process if he/she determines the recommendation to be essential to the betterment of the program.

5. Five (5) of the voting members of an advisory committee shall constitute a quorum.

6. Should a vacancy occur in any seat with an unexpired term on an advisory committee the Commissioner shall appoint a qualified individual from the represented group to fill the vacant seat for the duration of the term.

7. An advisory committee may introduce a proposed amendment to the FHSAA Bylaws for consideration.

B. ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. The Athletic Directors Advisory Committee shall be comprised of nine individuals – two member school athletic directors elected by their peers from each of the Association’s four administrative sections as well as the president of the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (FIAAA) if he/she is not elected to represent a section. No member of any sports advisory committee shall be eligible to also serve as a member of the Athletic Directors Advisory Committee, or vice versa. Each elected member of the committee shall serve a term of three years and shall not be eligible to succeed himself/herself. A rotation of terms shall be established to ensure that not more than one-half of the elected members’ terms expire concurrently. The committee will elect from among its members a chairperson, who shall have a vote on all matters coming before the committee.

2. The Athletic Directors Advisory Committee shall meet three times annually – once following each season’s round of sports advisory committee meetings to review the recommendations brought forward by those committees; and to evaluate the entire FHSAA interscholastic athletic program, making such recommendations of its own as it deems necessary. In reviewing the recommendations brought forward by the various sports advisory committees, the Athletic Directors Advisory Committee shall either give its endorsement or withhold its endorsement on each recommendation, but shall not have the authority to defeat any recommendation.

C. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1. There shall be an advisory committee in each sport in which the FHSAA sanctions a State Series competition. Currently, these sports are baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.
2. Each sport advisory committee shall be comprised of nine individuals – two member school head coaches elected by their peers from each of the Association’s four administrative sections as well as the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) state chairperson in that sport if he/she is not elected to represent a section. Each elected member of the committee shall serve a term of three years and shall not be eligible to succeed himself/herself. A rotation of terms shall be established to ensure that not more than one-half of the elected members’ terms expire concurrently. The committee will elect from among its members a chairperson, who shall have a vote on all matters coming before the committee. In sports in which schools enter both girls and boys teams, representation on the committee shall be one-half girls team coaches and one-half boys team coaches. The FHSAA staff shall establish a rotation to ensure such equitable gender representation.

3. Each sports advisory committee shall meet once annually following the conclusion of its respective State Series to evaluate the FHSAA program for that sport.

D. OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. There shall be an Officials Advisory Committee comprised of 12 members: Two officials from the sports of football, basketball, baseball and soccer; one official each from the sports of volleyball, wrestling and softball, all of whom shall be elected by those officials who are registered and in good standing in that sport and who are in attendance at the mandatory FHSAA Rules Clinics; and Florida’s representative to the National Federation Officials Association (NFOA) who shall have no vote.

2. The Officials Advisory Committee shall meet at least once annually to evaluate the FHSAA officials program.

E. SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee comprised of physicians and other specialists from the medical community. In comprising this committee, the Commissioner shall make every effort to secure specialists in the fields of neurological medicine, cardio-pulmonary medicine, orthopedic medicine, dentistry, sports psychology, diet, general medicine and athletic training.

2. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee shall meet at least once annually to review the interscholastic athletic program and make recommendations on safety and other health-related issues.

F. PUBLIC LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Pursuant to s. 232.63, Florida Statutes, the Association shall establish, sustain, fund and provide staff support to a Public Liaison Advisory Committee composed of the following:
   (a) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;
   (b) A member public school principal;
   (c) A member nonpublic school principal;
   (d) A member school principal who is a member of a racial minority;
   (e) An active athletic director;
   (f) An active coach, who is employed full time by a member school;
   (g) A student athlete;
   (h) A district school superintendent;
(i) A district school board member;
(j) A member of the Florida House of Representatives;
(k) A member of the Florida Senate;
(l) A parent of a high school student;
(m) A member of a home education association;
(n) A representative of the business community; and
(o) A representative of the news media.

No member of the Board of Directors, a Sectional Appeals Committee or the Representative Assembly is eligible to serve on the Public Liaison Advisory Committee.

The Public Liaison Advisory Committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members.

2. The authority and duties of the Public Liaison Advisory Committee are as follows:
   (a) To act as a conduit through which the general public may have input into the decisionmaking process of the Association and to assist the Association in the development of procedures regarding the receipt of public input and disposition of complaints related to high school athletic and competition programs.
   (b) To conduct public hearings annually in each of the four administrative sections during which interested parties may address issues regarding the effectiveness of the rules, operation, and management of the organization.
   (c) To conduct an annual evaluation of its findings, organization as a whole and recommendations to the Board of Directors, to the Commissioner of Education, and to the respective education committees of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives. The recommendations must delineate policies and procedures that will improve the implementation and oversight of high school athletic programs by the organization.

3. The Public Liaison Advisory Committee shall meet four times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the committee chairperson, the Association president, or the Commissioner.

POLICY 20
Policy on Summer Athletic Participation

The Board of Directors has established the following guidelines relative to athletic participation by member schools during the summer:

A. POLICY
   1. Effective with the 1994-95 school year, the FHSAA will no longer regulate the athletic activities of member schools during the summer as defined herein with one exception in football. The individual member school principal, district school superintendent, district school board or private school governing body are totally responsible for adopting regulations governing the activities of their respective schools during this period of time.
   2. Member schools may not, under any condition, permit student-athletes in football programs to wear helmets or pads or engage in physical contact during the summer.
B. SUMMER DEFINED

The summer season is defined as that period of time outside the FHSAA Sports Year. This period for each member school is defined as beginning the day following the school’s last day of classes for the spring semester or the day following the school’s last day of spring athletic activities (including spring football practice), whichever is later, or June 1 for schools whose last day of classes for the spring semester occurs on May 31 or thereafter, and concluding with the Saturday of Week 5 in the FHSAA standardized calendar for the following school year.

C. RATIONALE FOR POLICY

Over the past several years many outside agencies promoting summer athletic participation opportunities have evolved in various sports such as:
- Baseball – Babe Ruth, American Legion, City/County leagues
- Basketball – AAU, USA, USOC
- Golf – USGA, AJGA
- Soccer – FIFA, Youth leagues
- Softball – ASA, USSSA
- Swimming & Diving – USS, NISCA, ASCA, CSCAA, AAU
- Tennis – FTA, USTA, USOC, ITF
- Volleyball – USVBA, USOC, USA, AVA
- Wrestling – USA, AAU

Depending upon the location and facilities of member schools, the above opportunities are made available to students in varying degrees. However, summer participation opportunities are virtually non-existent in sports such as football, track and field and cross country.

Many member schools adhered to previous FHSAA summer regulations. Others, however, did not. It is unreasonable to assume that the FHSAA has either the resources or personnel to monitor all summer activities participated in by its membership.

D. INTENT OF POLICY

It is not the intent of this policy to deregulate summer activities in order to allow member schools to promote interscholastic athletic competition during the summer. To the contrary, interscholastic athletic competition during the summer is highly discouraged. School involvement may range from a highly developed program to no involvement at all as the district school board, district school superintendent, governing body or principal so choose.

The intent of this policy is to allow those directly responsible for the school more flexibility in providing opportunities for students to become involved in activities of their choice under adult supervision.

E. QUESTIONS RAISED BY SUMMER ATHLETICS

Each district school board or governing body of a private school is encouraged to consider the following questions relative to participation in athletics during the summer by students enrolled in its schools (this list is certainly not all inclusive):

(a) Does the school have on file the parents’ written permission for the student to participate in summer athletics?
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(b) Has the student undergone a physical examination within the last calendar year?
(c) Does the student, while participating in summer athletics, have catastrophic insurance coverage?
(d) Should the student be allowed to use school-owned equipment while participating in summer athletics?
(e) Should the student be allowed the use of school facilities for participation while participating in summer athletics?
(f) Should the school or head coach require the student to participate in summer athletics or should such participation be strictly voluntary?
(g) How should conflicts which may arise between various sports programs and head coaches within a school relative to summer participation by students be resolved?
(h) Will pressure to participate in summer athletics encourage students to specialize in a particular sport rather than encourage them to participate in a variety of sports?

POLICY 21
Off-Season Participation Guidelines

The Board of Directors has established the following guidelines relative to contact by coaches in a given sport with student-athletes who participate in that sport at times during the school year outside that sport’s season as defined in “Sport Seasons Guidelines” contained elsewhere in this handbook:

1. During the off-season, a coach may not have contact with any student-athletes who are members of his/her team outside the normal teacher-student classroom environment except to make arrangements for and assist in the conduct of physical examinations; explain eligibility regulations; solve insurance problems; review films; and build morale.

2. During the off-season, a coach or prospective coach of any member school may not have contact with any non-school team which is comprised of more than 50 percent of students from the school, or its feeder school(s), which the coach represents (Bylaw 9.8.2).

3. Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by enrollment by that student in the affiliated school, shall be considered prima facie evidence of recruiting by the school to which that student enrolled, or that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. Unless this prima facie evidence of recruiting or that the student enrolled in the new school in whole or in part for athletic reasons is disproved by the school and student to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, the student shall be ineligible to represent that school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of 365 consecutive days from the date of his/her enrollment in that school. A team affiliated with a school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the team (participants in practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school (Bylaw 11.4.10).

4. What is the “off-season”? The off-season is defined as that period of time during
the regular school year but outside the defined sports season for a given sport. A sports season is defined as that period of time which begins with the first permissible day of practice and ends with the conclusion of the FHSAA State Series in a given sport. During this period of time, a school may organize its teams in the given sport for practice and interscholastic athletic competition within the regulations established to govern that particular sport.

**POLICY 22**

**Open Facilities Program Guidelines**

The Board of Directors has established the following guidelines relative to open facilities programs conducted by member schools:

1. Member schools may open their gymnasiums and other athletic facilities for recreational activities to students without being in violation of FHSAA Bylaws under the following guidelines:
   
   (a) The facility is open to all students enrolled in that school for participation. Opening facilities for a select group of students to practice individual skills for a specific sport is a violation of this policy.
   
   (b) Students not enrolled in a school may not be permitted to participate in recreational activities offered by that school.
   
   (c) Supervision by school personnel is required. However, school personnel, including faculty and non-faculty coaches in attendance, may not provide coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques in any sport by any school personnel. Their presence may be in a supervisory capacity only.
   
   (d) Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a team.
   
   (e) No select group or skills or interval training schedules, except weight training, may be assigned to students to perform.
   
   (f) The school administration assumes the responsibility for making certain that there is adherence to these guidelines.

2. Member schools may make their gymnasiums and other athletic facilities available to outside groups or organizations such as USA Wrestling, AAU Basketball, American Legion Baseball and others as approved by the school district or governing body for a private school for the conduct of recreational activities programs without being in violation of FHSAA Bylaws under the following guidelines:
   
   (a) The school may not assume responsibility for, nor provide facilities for, these activities except under the condition that if the school’s facilities are used, such facilities must be contracted to the group or organization that is responsible for the program.
   
   (b) The school may not assume liability or insurance responsibility for non-school recreational activities.
   
   (c) The provisions of 1(a) will apply except that students not enrolled in the school may participate in competitive situations under the direction of the group or organization conducting the recreational activities. However, no coach or other employee of the athletic department or other representative of the school whose facilities are being used may have any contact with a student who is participating in the activity but is not enrolled in that school.
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POLICY 23
Guidelines for Conduct of Coaching Schools, Camps, Clinics, Workshops by Member Schools

Member schools, coaches or other athletic department employees of member schools, and individuals, groups or organizations related to or affiliated with member schools may conduct coaching schools, camps, clinics or workshops provided:

(a) The coaching school, camp, clinic or workshop is approved by the district school superintendent and/or district school board and member school principal if use of school equipment and/or school facilities are to be used.

(b) The event is conducted only during the summer as defined in the Policy on Summer Athletic Participation.

(c) The event is open to any student and is not restricted to certified athletes from any given school or feeder school.

(d) Participation in the event by students is not an actual or implied prerequisite to their membership on a high school team.

(e) Fees for the students who participate in the event are not paid by the school, coach or school district.

(f) Discounts on fees or complimentary admission to the event are not granted to any student.

(g) A coach or athletic department employee or other individual related to or affiliated with the school does not transport any student to or from the event.

(h) The event is conducted in such a manner that none of its activities might be construed as an attempt on the part of a member school or a coach or other representative or a member school to unduly influence, offer special inducement or otherwise attempt to solicit the transfer of a prospective student-athlete not already enrolled in the school.

(i) Students may accept a nominal fee for instructing, supervising and/or officiating in an organized youth sports program.

POLICY 24
Guidelines for Participation by Student-Athletes in Coaching Schools, Camps, Clinics, Workshops

The following guidelines govern participation of students of FHSAA member schools in coaching schools, camps, clinics or workshops for an interscholastic sport.

1. Individuals
   Students from FHSAA member schools may participate as individuals in coaching schools, camps, clinics or workshops at any time of the year without jeopardizing their interscholastic athletic eligibility, provided:
   (a) Students participating in the event do not, in any way, represent their school.
   (b) Fees for the students who participate in the event are not paid by the school, coach or school district.

2. Teams
   FHSAA member schools may permit their athletic teams to participate in coaching
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schools, camps, clinics or workshops without jeopardizing their interscholastic athletic eligibility, provided:
(a) The coaching school, camp, clinic or workshop takes place only during the summer as defined in the Policy on Summer Athletic Participation. Participation by school teams in coaching schools, camps, clinics or workshops held during the school year is strictly prohibited.
(b) Fees for the students or team who participate in the event are not paid by the school, coach or school district.
(c) Participation in the event by students is not an actual or implied prerequisite to their membership on the team.

POLICY 25

Guidelines for Participation by Student-Athletes in All-Star Games

The following guidelines govern participation of students of FHSAA member schools in all-star contests for an interscholastic sport.

1. A high school all-star team is a team comprised of athletes who are selected as team members or invited to participate in a try out for membership on the team as the result of the athletes' performance as a high school athlete. No student at a member school shall participate on a high school all-star team in a sport as a result of his/her performance as a high school athlete until the student completes his/her interscholastic athletic eligibility in that sport.

2. Students from FHSAA member schools may participate as individuals in all-star games without jeopardizing their interscholastic athletic eligibility, provided:
(a) The all-star game, or tryouts or practices for the all-star game, may not be conducted prior to the completion of the FHSAA State Series in the sport in which the all-star game is to be conducted.
(b) The student-athlete has exhausted his/her eligibility in the sport in which the all-star contest is to be conducted.
(c) Fees for the student-athlete who participates in the all-star contest are not paid by the school, coach or school district.

3. A student-athlete who participates in an all-star contest in a sport in which he/she has not exhausted his/her eligibility will be ineligible to represent any FHSAA member school in that sport for a period of one calendar year from the date of participation in the contest.

POLICY 26

Schools’ Responsibilities to FHSAA Officials

The Board of Directors has charged member schools with the following responsibilities relative to FHSAA officials when serving as host for an athletic contest to which the officials are assigned:
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1. An authorized representative of the host school should greet the officials upon their arrival.
2. The host school should provide a private, secure place for the officials to park.
3. The host school should provide a secure dressing facility which affords privacy.
4. The host school should provide the officials access to private shower facilities with hot water whenever possible.
5. The host school should provide the officials with refreshments during the halftime intermission, following the conclusion of the contest and other appropriate times.
6. The host school must provide pregame, halftime and postgame security for the officials. A school official or principal’s designee must escort the officials to and from the playing field or court to prevent harassment.
7. The host school principal or game administrator must indicate to the referee or umpire-in-chief his/her seat location should a situation develop where assistance is needed during the contest.
8. Coaches must not enter the officials dressing facility while the officials are in attendance except when requested by the officials.

POLICY 27
Rules of Conduct for FHSAA Officials

The Board of Directors has established the following provisions as rules of conduct by which all FHSAA officials are expected to abide. A violation of any one of these provisions may subject an offending official to a monetary penalty, suspension as an official, or both.

1. All FHSAA officials must conduct themselves on and off the athletic field in a manner conducive to the best interests of the FHSAA, its member schools, and the interscholastic athletic program in general. No FHSAA official may pursue a course of action which is detrimental to the welfare of the FHSAA or its member schools.
2. All FHSAA officials must comply with all FHSAA guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures as contained in the FHSAA Officials Guidebook.
3. All FHSAA officials must be neatly dressed in the appropriate uniform as prescribed in the Officials Guidebook, and project a physically fit appearance, when officiating a contest involving an FHSAA member school.
4. All FHSAA officials are expected to arrive on time for the contest as required by the rules of the applicable sport.
5. All FHSAA officials should be in good physical condition, mentally ready to work the best possible contest and be fully cognizant of the sport’s rules. Officials are expected to make each call as they see it without fear or favor, regardless of the score, and hustle at all times.
6. No FHSAA official may officiate a contest involving a school which his/her child currently attends, a relative currently works, or from which the official himself/herself attended or graduated within the last 15 years. Additionally, no FHSAA official who is employed by a member school may officiate a contest involving a team from that school except as provided in Article 9.10.2 of the FHSAA Bylaws which states, “Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools shall not officiate in contests except
with the consent of all competing schools.”

7. No FHSAA official may cancel a contract made between his/her local officials association and a member school or violate any provisions thereof without a satisfactory reason.

8. No FHSAA official may arrive or appear at the contest site with the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his/her breath.

9. No FHSAA official may use tobacco or tobacco-like products during the contest or in the vicinity of the athletic field.

10. No FHSAA official may engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.

11. No FHSAA official may refuse to officiate any contest with another FHSAA official because that same other FHSAA official is or is not also a registered member of a national or international officials organization.

12. No FHSAA official may officiate a contest or part of a contest which is classified as an “exhibition” or “practice game” between two or more member schools. Such games are prohibited by the FHSAA Bylaws. This provision, however, does not preclude an FHSAA official from officiating an intra-squad contest or scrimmage in which all participants are students at the same one school.

13. No FHSAA official may publicly criticize or berate a coach or other employee of a member school. Professional ethics require that officials use proper channels to report their problems rather than airing them publicly.

POLICY 28
Policy on Crowd Control

The Board of Directors has established the following policy with regard to crowd control at interscholastic athletic contests:

The home school administration is responsible for the control of spectators during an athletic contest. The FHSAA recommends that the home school administration secure uniformed security to assist with this responsibility. However, the officials assigned to work a contest are responsible for the on-the-court or on-the-field conduct of the contest itself. In the event a spectator or spectators interfere with the conduct of a contest or cause an official to become distracted through continual, unrelenting verbal abuse, the official should immediately stop the action and report the spectator or spectators to the home school administration or the nearest uniformed security officer and ask that they be restrained or removed from the facility. If the home school administration or uniformed security is unwilling or unable to comply and the official does not believe the contest can be safely continued, the official must declare the contest ended at that point. Under no circumstance should an official ever confront, challenge, rebuke or threaten a spectator, or make gestures of any kind toward a spectator before, during or after a contest.

POLICY 29
Policy on Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Article 2.1.1 of the FHSAA Bylaws states that one of the aims of the Association is
“to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play in all athletic contests . . .” To this end, the following policy shall govern unsportsmanlike conduct at all interscholastic athletic contests in both the regular season and FHSAA state championship series involving member schools:

A. SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICS

Student-athletes, coaches, administrators, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school, as well as contest officials, shall adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and the ethics of competition before, during and after all contests in which they participate and/or attend.

B. DISQUALIFICATION OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE

1. Penalties Assessed the Student-Athlete:
   (a) A student-athlete who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of that contest and in any interscholastic athletic contest for the next seven (7) calendar day at the same level, or any level, of participation in which the student-athlete was disqualified (ejected). If less than two (2) contests are scheduled during this seven-day period of time at the same level as disqualification (ejection), the student will be ineligible for the next football game or a minimum of the next two (2) contests in all other sports. If the disqualification (ejection) occurs in the last contest of a season, the student will be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates.
   (b) A student-athlete who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for any act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, or a second or subsequent act of general unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul, will be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic athletic contest for a period of up to six weeks. Acts constituting gross unsportsmanlike conduct are defined in FHSAA Bylaw 11.11.2.
   (c) it is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this policy is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This policy applies to all regular season and State Series.

Interpretation: For all sports other than football, a student disqualified (ejected) from any contest will be suspended from participation for a minimum period of one week AND a minimum of two contests at the same level as disqualified (ejected).

2. Penalties Assessed the School:
   (a) In the event that more than three (3) students from the same school are disqualified (ejected) for unsportsmanlike conduct in any one sport, that school – beginning with the fourth disqualification (ejection) – will be immediately placed on administrative probation in that sport for one or more years, and will be assessed a minimum financial penalty of $100 per disqualification (ejection) in that sport for the remainder of that sport’s season.

Example 1: A school has had three players disqualified (ejected) in earlier football games. During a later football game a fourth player is disqualified (ejected). The school’s football program will be placed on administrative probation and the school will be fined a minimum of $100 for the disqualification (ejection) of the fourth football player and each subsequent disqualification (ejection) in football for the remainder of the season.

Example 2: A school has had no disqualifications (ejections) in boys basketball. However, during a boys basketball game, a bench-clearing brawl occurs and six of the school’s players are disqualified (ejected) as a result. The school’s boys basketball pro-
gram will be placed on administrative probation and the school will be fined a minimum of $100 for each of the fourth, fifth and sixth players disqualified (ejected), for a minimum total of $300. This fine will be in addition to the $100 minimum fine assessed for the bench-clearing brawl. The school also will be fined a minimum of $100 for every other disqualification (ejection) in boys basketball for the remainder of the season.

(b) When the first disqualification (ejection) of a student for “gross unsportsmanlike conduct” as defined in FHSAA Bylaw 11.11.2 occurs in any sport, a written warning shall be issued to the school represented by the offending student that each subsequent disqualification (ejection) of a student for an act of “gross unsportsmanlike conduct” in any sport will subject the school to a minimum financial penalty of $250 per occurrence. Beginning with the next (second) disqualification (ejection) of a student for an act of “gross unsportsmanlike conduct” the minimum financial penalty of $250 will be assessed.

C. DISQUALIFICATION OF A COACH

1. Penalties Assessed the Coach:
   (a) A coach who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from coaching for the remainder of that contest and in any interscholastic athletic contest for the next seven (7) calendar days at the same level, or any level, of participation in which the coach was disqualified (ejected). If less than two (2) contests are scheduled during this seven-day period of time at the same level as the disqualification (ejection), the coach will be suspended from coaching the next football game or a minimum of the next two (2) contests in all other sports. If the disqualification (ejection) occurs in the last contest of a season, the coach will be suspended for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which he/she coaches.

   (b) A coach who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for any act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, or a second or subsequent act of general unsportsmanlike conduct, shall be suspended from coaching in any interscholastic athletic contest for a period of up to six weeks. Acts constituting gross unsportsmanlike conduct are defined in FHSAA Bylaw 11.11.2.

   (c) When disqualified (ejected) from a contest, a coach shall immediately leave the premises or facility (i.e. gymnasium in basketball, volleyball and wrestling; stadium in baseball, football, soccer and softball, etc.) to a place where the coach is not visible to either student-athletes, officials, spectators or other coaches; and to where the contest itself is not visible to the coach. A disqualified (ejected) coach shall not have any further contact with or give instruction to athletes or other members of the coaching staff for the remainder of the contest, including halftime intermission, breaks between quarters, periods or innings and post-contest activities.

   (c) A coach who has drawn a suspension from the next contest or number of contests after having been disqualified (ejected) from the previous contest shall not attend the contest(s) from which he/she has been suspended in any capacity and shall not be present at the site(s) of such contest(s). A suspended coach also shall be prohibited from accompanying his/her team to the site(s) of such contest(s).

2. Penalties Assessed the School:
   (a) A school whose coach is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed a minimum financial penalty of $100. Additional minimum fines may be imposed for unsportsmanlike conduct.

   (b) It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this policy is
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enforced. When a coach is allowed to coach in a contest from which he/she has been sus-
pended, the school shall face additional penalties. This policy applies to all regular season
and State Series contests.

POLICY 30
Policy on the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco
and Other Substances

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following policy with regard to
the use of alcohol, tobacco and other substances by student-athletes, coaches and offi-
cials:

1. The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products by student-athletes, coaches
and officials is prohibited during the contest and in the vicinity of the playing field or court.
A student-athlete in violation of this policy is guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, will
be ejected from the contest and will be suspended from subsequent contests for a period
of up to six weeks in accordance with the FHSAA Policy on Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
Additionally, the official must report any violation of this policy by either a student-athlete
or coach to the FHSAA Office. Violation of this policy by a student-athlete or coach will
subject the school to a monetary penalty. Violation of this policy by an official will subject
the official to a monetary penalty or suspension or both.

2. The use of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs by a student-
athlete is not permissible and is considered to be an act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.
A student-athlete discovered to be using such substances will be ineligible to compete in
any interscholastic contest until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the
student’s system is free of those substances.

POLICY 31
Inclement Weather Policy for Outdoor Contests

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following policy in the event of
inclement weather which threatens an outdoor contest:

1. If a severe thunderstorm or electrical storm occurs in the area prior to the start of
or during any outdoor contest, the officials must immediately contact the principal of each
school involved in the contest to determine if the contest should be played as scheduled,
delayed, suspended or postponed. If the principal of either of the schools involved requests
that the contest be interrupted or postponed, the officials must immediately honor such
request. If the principal of only one of the competing schools is available, his/her request
must be honored.

2. The safety and welfare of all concerned is of paramount importance. In no case
may an official deny a request by a principal to delay, suspend or postpone an outdoor con-
test due to inclement weather or imply that the contest will be forfeited as a result of such
a request.

3. A suspended contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption. Otherwise,
National Federation Rules regarding the resumption of suspended contests will apply.

POLICY 32

Cheerleading Guidelines

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following policy with regard to the activities of cheerleaders:

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Cheerleaders are prohibited from building pyramids higher than two tiers during any routine in practice or during a performance in conjunction with an interscholastic contest. Host school principals are responsible for the enforcement of this regulation during regular season contests. Tournament/Meet managers and directors will be responsible for the enforcement of the regulation during FHSAA State Series contests.

2. Prior to a student’s participation in cheerleading tryouts, practice or performance, the student must secure a physician’s certificate to the effect that the student is physically fit for participation.

S. 232.433, FLORIDA STATUTES – Safety Standards for Cheerleaders. The Florida High School Activities Association or successor organization shall adopt statewide uniform safety standards for student cheerleaders and spirit groups that participate in any school activity or extracurricular student activity. The Florida High School Activities Association or successor organization shall adopt the “Official High School Spirit Rules,” published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, as the statewide uniform safety standards.

B. INDOOR CONTESTS

1. Cheerleaders must remain in their seats along the sidelines at all times when the ball is alive or a match is in progress.

2. Officials are responsible for the enforcement of this regulation. First offense – warning; Second and subsequent offense – technical foul in basketball; awarding of point against violating school in volleyball and wrestling.

POLICY 33

Guidelines for Filming, Videotaping Athletic Contests

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following guidelines for filming and/or videotaping athletic contests involving member schools:

A. REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS

1. A visiting school may film or videotape its team’s or contestants’ performance in a contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the host school principal. Videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.
2. No representative of a school which is not participating in a contest may film or videotape all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the principal of each school which is participating in the contest.

B. STATE SERIES CONTESTS

1. Each participating school may film or videotape its team’s or contestants’ performance in a contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the tournament/meet management. Videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.

2. No representative of a school which is not participating in a contest may film or videotape all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the tournament/meet management and the principal of each school which is participating in the contest.

3. There may be additional guidelines or restrictions for state championship events. Consult the appropriate athletic regulations governing for additional guidelines or restrictions concerning filming and videotaping at a state championship event in a particular sport.

C. PENALTY

A school which violates these guidelines will be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and will be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA.

POLICY 34
Policy on Boarding Schools

The following policy and procedures shall govern boarding schools that are members of the FHSAA. A boarding student who attends a boarding school that does not comply fully with the provisions of this policy shall not be eligible to represent the boarding school in interscholastic athletic competition.

1. A boarding school is defined as a school that has an enrolled resident boarding school population in the ninth through 12th grades of at least 25 boarding students or 10 percent of the full student enrollment in its ninth through 12th grades, whichever is greater.

2. A boarding school must have appropriate dormitory facilities to house, feed and provide general living accommodations for boarding students. A boarding school must also employ and have on duty 24 hours a day in the dormitories appropriately trained supervisory dormitory personnel.

3. A boarding school must be recognized as a boarding school in its own literature and must be verified as such by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) and/or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

4. A boarding student must spend at least an average of five (5) days per week living and boarding on campus while school is in session.

5. Not more than 50 percent of a school’s boarding students may be members of the school’s varsity or junior varsity athletic teams in any single sport.

6. Coaches or other individuals employed by or associated with a boarding school’s
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athletic program shall not serve as dormitory supervisors or otherwise live with boarding students in school housing.

7. Only those schools that qualify as boarding schools as defined herein may provide any assistance for room and board to students who participate in interscholastic athletics, and only if such assistance is based on financial need. In no other schools may room and board expense be included in the determination of school expenses and financial need.

POLICY 35

Policy on Recruiting

The FHSAA Board of Directors has established the following policy with regard to the illegal recruitment of student-athletes by member schools:

A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Recruiting is the use of undue influence and/or special inducement by anyone associated with a school in an attempt to encourage a prospective student to attend or remain at that school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

2. Recruitment of students or attempted recruitment of students for athletic purposes, regardless of their residence, is a gross violation of the spirit and philosophy of the Bylaws of the Florida High School Activities Association and is expressly forbidden (FHSAA Bylaw 7.6.1).

3. Member schools are responsible for any violation committed by any person associated with the school, including principals, assistant principals, athletic directors, coaches, teachers, any other staff members or employees, students, parents or any organization, such as booster clubs, having connection to the school. Member schools also are responsible for any violation committed by any person acting at the direction of the school or anyone associated with the school.

4. Member schools each year will be required to submit to the FHSAA Office with their Membership Application form a Certification of Compliance with the FHSAA Recruiting Policy. The principal, athletic director and head coach in each varsity sport offered by the school will be required to sign a form provided by the FHSAA Office certifying that they have reviewed this policy and will comply with all provisions of this policy, and that they will review the provisions of this policy with other individuals or groups associated with the school such as athletic booster clubs.

5. Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by enrollment by that student in the affiliated school, shall be considered prima facie evidence of recruiting by the school to which that student enrolled, or that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. Unless this prima facie evidence of recruiting or that the student enrolled in the new school in whole or in part for athletic reasons is disproved by the school and student to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, the student shall be ineligible to represent that school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of 365 consecutive days from the date of his/her enrollment in that school. A team affiliated with a school is one
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that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other
person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the team
(participants in practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school (Bylaw
11.4.10).

B. UNDUE INFLUENCE

1. The use of undue influence, which is the use of direct or indirect communica-
tion by anyone associated with a school with a prospective student-athlete in an attempt
to solicit or encourage the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete in that school, is
prohibited. Additionally, no one associated with a school may request any third party to
solicit or encourage the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete in that school, for in
that case the third party also becomes associated with that school.

2. Undue influence includes, but is not limited to:
   (a) Initiating or arranging telephone, telegram or other written contact such as ques-
tionnaires, cards or letters, with a prospective student-athlete or member of his/her family
for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a
school.
   (b) Visiting or entertaining a prospective student-athlete or member of his/her family
for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a
school.
   (c) Providing transportation to a prospective student-athlete or member his/her family
to visit a school or to meet with anyone associated with a school for the purpose and
intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in that school.
   (d) Attending grade school, junior high or middle school games for the purpose of
evaluating and recruiting specific prospective student-athletes.
   (e) Requesting booster club members, students, parents or alumni from a school
to discuss the merits of the school’s athletic program with a prospective student-athlete or
member of his/her family by phone, in person or through letters or other written communi-
cation.
   (f) Any other contact with a prospective student-athlete or member of his/her family
for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a
school.

3. No member school and no one acting on behalf of any member school may give
any speech or give any slide, film or tape presentation or distribute any written material,
including advertisements in newspapers, magazines or other publications, which states or
implies that a member school’s athletic program is better than the athletic program of any
other member school or that it would be more advantageous for any prospective student-
athlete to participate in athletics at that member school as opposed to any other school.

4. When a student at a junior high, middle school or other high school, or the
parent(s) or guardian(s) of that student contacts a coach about attending the coach’s school,
the coach must immediately refer the student, parent(s) or guardian(s) to the principal or
other appropriate school personnel, who have the responsibility of seeking and processing
prospective students.

5. It is not considered a violation for a coach to have normal community contact
with a student who attends a junior high or middle school of the same system which is a
feeder to the high school at which the coach is employed.
C. SPECIAL INDUCEMENT

1. A student-athlete may not receive or be offered any remunerations of any kind or receive or be offered any special inducement of any kind which is not made available to all students who enroll in or apply to a school.

2. Special inducements include, but are not be limited to:
   (a) Offer or acceptance of money or other valuable consideration such as free or reduced tuition during the regular school year or summer school by any person associated with a school.
   (b) Offer or acceptance of room, board, textbooks or clothing, or financial allotment for textbooks or clothing.
   (c) Offer or acceptance of pay for work that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.
   (d) Offer or acceptance of free transportation by any person associated with a school.
   (e) Offer or acceptance of a residence with any person associated with a school.
   (f) Offer or acceptance of any privilege not afforded to non-athletes.
   (g) Offer or acceptance of free or reduced rent for parents or guardians.
   (h) Offer or acceptance of payment of moving expenses of parents or guardians or assistance with the moving of parents or guardians.
   (i) Offer or acceptance of employment of parent(s) or guardian(s) in order to entice the family to move to a certain community if any person associated with the school makes the offer.
   (j) Offer or acceptance of help in securing a college athletic scholarship.

D. ACADEMIC RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

1. This policy is not intended to prevent a member school from conducting academic recruitment programs or recruitment programs designed to attract students based upon the school’s overall educational and extracurricular programs. However, such recruitment programs must be designed to present the overall educational and extracurricular programs of the school and not be used as a subterfuge for recruiting students for athletic purposes. Such general recruitment programs permissible under this article must be carried out under the following guidelines:
   (a) With the permission of the principal, member schools may present speeches, slides, film, tape or other similar programs to students at elementary, junior high or middle schools with grades below the ninth from which the member school can normally expect enrollment.
   (b) Member schools may present speeches, slides, film, tape or other similar programs to students at elementary, junior high or middle schools with grades below the ninth from which the member school can normally expect enrollment so long as said speeches, slides, film, tape or other presentations are designed to attract students to attend the member school and are based upon the overall educational programs and not presented solely for the purpose of recruiting prospective athletes. Any mention of athletics in said speeches, films, slides, films, tapes or other such presentations or in any written material handed out at such presentations must be limited to listing the various interscholastic athletic programs in which that school participates and to a description of the athletic facilities available at said school. No information can be distributed through such programs by the use of speech, slides, films, tapes or written material which in any way implies that the member
school’s athletic program is better than any other member school’s athletic program or that it would be more advantageous for a prospective student-athlete if he/she participated at that member school as opposed to any other member school.

(c) Recruiting programs of any kind cannot be conducted by coaches or any member of the school’s athletic staff.

(d) Member schools may conduct open house, but information presented at said open houses or in advertisements for said open houses concerning the school’s athletic program must be limited to a listing of the sports in which that school participates in interscholastic athletics and to a description of the school’s athletic facilities. No information distributed at a school’s open house through any speech, slide, film, tape or written material can imply that the school’s athletic program is better than any other member school’s athletic program or that it would be more advantageous for a prospective student-athlete if he/she participated at that member school as opposed to any other member school.

E. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1. Financial assistance is a monetary contribution or credit, including work-student programs, toward payment of school costs, granted on the basis of objectively determined need.

2. Non-public member schools and schools conducted by colleges and universities for purposes of educational experimentation, research and practice teaching are permitted to maintain financial assistance programs for students without regard to athletic interest, potential or performance. Financial assistance based even partially on athletic interest, potential or performance is not permitted from the school or any individual or group associated with the school’s athletic interest.

3. Financial assistance programs must be carried out under the following guidelines:

   (a) Evaluation of the student’s need for financial assistance, with tuition and fees, and housing if a boarding student, must be performed by a recognized organization independent of the school. Organizations recognized by the FHSAA are:

       Family Financial Needs Assessment
       P.O. Box 466
       Hernando, Mississippi  38632

       Financial Aid Independent Review, Inc.
       P.O. Box 484
       Rosemount, MN  55068

       Private School Aid Service
       P.O. Box 770728
       Lakewood, Ohio  44107-0034

       School and Student Service for Financial Aid
       Educational Testing Service
       P.O. Box 6657
       Princeton, New Jersey  08541-6657
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Tuition Aid Data Services
740 Mississippi River Blvd, Suite 20B
St. Paul, Minnesota  55116

(b) Documentation of the student’s financial need and the amount of financial assistance provided as determined by the independent organization must be kept on file in the school. Member schools must make all records of financial assistance available to the Commissioner or his/her designee for inspection upon request.

(c) No coach or any other unauthorized person associated with the school may suggest or promise that any part of tuition will be waived for a prospective student or that financial assistance may be granted for any reason, including financial need. The only person who may address the possibility of fee reduction or financial assistance is that person who has specific responsibility for admissions and financial assistance policies and procedures.

(d) Funds which have been donated to schools by businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals may be given as financial assistance to students through the normal financial assistance program of the school for all students, without regard to athletic potential.

4. Work-study programs through which students receive financial assistance from the school in exchange for labor performed by the student for the school may be operated under the following guidelines:

(a) The school must submit to the FHSAA Office each school year a complete description of its work-study programs.

(b) The school must maintain detailed records regarding each student-athlete who participates in a work-study program. These records must include a description of the job(s) performed by the student, a documentation of the hours worked by the student, and the amount of financial assistance given the student in exchange for his/her labor.

(c) A student-athlete must not receive financial assistance through a work-study program during the season of the sport(s) in which the student participates.

(d) Coaches or other individuals employed by or associated with the school’s athletic program shall not supervise student-athletes in work-study programs.

5. A school that provides financial assistance to a student-athlete based on any criteria other than need must:

(a) Denote on the Annual Eligibility List that the student-athlete is receiving such financial assistance; and

(b) Must submit in writing the student’s name, the amount of financial assistance and the source of the funds (i.e. foundation, private donation, etc.) from which the financial assistance is derived at the time the student’s name is submitted to the FHSAA Office on the Annual Eligibility List or anytime such assistance is subsequently provided. If the source of the funds is a private donation earmarked specifically for the student-athlete, the name of the donor must also be provided.

(c) Financial assistance based even partially on athletic interest, potential or performance is not permitted from the school or any individual or group associated with the school’s athletic interest.

6. Only those schools which qualify as boarding schools as defined in the Policy on Boarding Schools may provide any assistance for room and board and only if based on financial need. In no other schools may room and board expense be included in the determination of school expenses and financial need.
F. PENALTIES

1. A member school found to be in violation of any provision of this policy: (a) will be assessed a financial penalty as well as all expenses incurred by the FHSAA in its investigation, placed on administrative probation and required to forfeit all contests won in which a recruited student(s) participates and/or all points earned in any contests by a recruited student(s); (b) may be placed on restrictive probation and denied participation in the FHSAA State Championship Series for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred; (c) may be placed on suspension probation and denied any participation with any member school for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred; and/or (d) may be expelled from membership in the Association for a period of not less than one year.

2. A student who allows himself/herself to be successfully recruited by a member school: (a) will be declared permanently ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition at the school to which he/she was recruited; and (b) may be declared ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for a period not to exceed one year at any member school.

POLICY 36

Chaperonage Guidelines

The Board of Directors has established the following guidelines which is intended to serve as a guide for each member school in setting up its policy on chaperonage:

A. PLANNING A TRIP

1. Reservations should be made early enough to assure satisfactory housing of students. Complete plans for the trip such as transportation, meals, etc., should be completed well in advance of the departure. These arrangements should be made by the adult in charge. They should be confirmed in writing if made by telephone.

2. Housing should be in a standard hotel, motel, dormitory, or other recognized facilities. All students in the charge of a particular chaperon should be housed together. All students of the same sex should be housed in continuous rooms.

3. Travel in private cars should be avoided. Driving into the early morning should be ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.

4. If more than one group from a school is going to the same activity, all should adhere to the same general regulations.

5. The person in charge of the trip should meet with chaperons in advance of the departure to discuss assignments and regulations.

6. Students taking the trip should be thoroughly indoctrinated as to the rules of the trip prior to departure. No student should be permitted to accompany a group on a trip until the student has agreed, in writing, to abide by the rules set up and has submitted the written consent of his/her parents for him/her to make the trip.

7. The principal should make it a point to talk with students prior to departure, stressing the responsibility of the students as representatives of the school and making sure that they understand and agree to the regulations.
B. STUDENT GUIDELINES

1. Students should wear appropriate clothing, and engage in activities of a group nature only. Social dating while on the trip should be prohibited.

2. When a student is assigned to a group or a chaperon, the student is to remain with the group at all times unless the student has made special arrangements. Students should return with the group unless other traveling arrangements are made prior to the time of departure.

3. No student should be permitted to visit relatives or friends while on a trip unless arrangements have been made between the student’s parents and the chaperon in charge.

4. Smoking is prohibited.

5. Hotel rooms are bedrooms. Under no circumstances should students of the opposite sex entertain guests in their hotel rooms.

6. A curfew should be set by chaperons and all members of the group notified. The time should allow a reasonable amount of time after the close of the last event. Events should not be planned to last after 11 p.m. and the curfew should not be later than midnight. When any mixed group travels at night, a curfew hour will be announced by the chaperons and after this time there should be segregation of sexes.

C. DUTIES OF CHAPERONS

1. Teachers who assume the responsibilities for chaperoning a group of students on an out-of-town trip should recognize that they are assuming a 24-hour-a-day responsibility from the time they leave until they return. At no time may chaperons make personal plans except with the consent of the person in charge of the trip.

2. The drinking of alcoholic beverages by a chaperon at any time during the trip should be prohibited.

3. Chaperons should keep an accurate check on the members assigned to them at all times.

4. Chaperons should not retire until all students are in their rooms, all visiting between rooms has stopped and the chaperons are sure the students are quiet.

5. Policies are of no value unless they are adhered to. All regulations, once decided upon, should be followed.

6. If a party includes members of each sex, there should be chaperons from each sex.

7. All chaperons should be teachers on staff at a member school. It is strongly recommended that, at the very least, the person in charge of the trip be a teacher on staff at a member school. There should be a minimum of one chaperon for each 10 students.

POLICY 37

Licensing and Royalty Policy

A. RIGHTS TO FHSAA PROPERTIES

The FHSAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logos, seal, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including “Florida High School Activities Association,” “Florida High School Athletic Association,” “FHSAA,” “FHSAA Florida Finals,” “Florida Finals,” “FHSAA Championships,” “FHSAA State
B. LICENSING

The name, emblem and logos of the FHSAA are registered service marks under the laws of the State of Florida and will be protected from unlawful use for the benefit of the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) and its member schools. By virtue of its membership in this Association, each school will be an authorized agent of the FHSAA with respect to use of any or all service marks subject to the terms and conditions of this Licensing and Royalty Policy. By virtue of its contract with this Association, each organization which hosts an FHSAA State Championship event will be an authorized agent of the FHSAA with respect to use of any or all service marks subject to the terms and conditions of this Licensing and Royalty.

NOTE: The term “member school” hereinafter will refer both to member schools of the FHSAA and non-school organizations under contract with the FHSAA to host FHSAA State Championship events.

B. LICENSING

1. Member schools are encouraged and licensed to use the FHSAA name, acronym, emblem, logos and service marks on programs and event merchandise in connection with sanctioned interscholastic events only as set forth herein. A royalty will be due or owing the FHSAA for any use of the FHSAA name, acronym, emblem, logos, trademarks and service marks for any item sold or distributed by a member school or outside vendor at or in connection with any such activity during the regular sports season when any official marks or logos are used. Required use during FHSAA State Series events is set forth separately in this policy.

2. Member schools may not authorize any other individual or entity to use any FHSAA name, acronym, emblem, logo or service mark without the prior written approval of the FHSAA.

3. Member schools may contract only with those outside vendors who are licensed by the FHSAA to produce event merchandise on which the FHSAA name, emblem and/or logos is displayed. It will be the responsibility of the member schools to refer outside vendors wishing to become licensed to the FHSAA Office. The FHSAA Office will prepare and distribute to member schools a listing of such licensed vendors on a regular basis. The annual licensing fee shall be $100 per vendor.

4. Any use of the FHSAA name, acronym, emblem, logos or service marks not otherwise specifically stated in this policy will obligate either the member school or an outside vendor doing business with the member school to remit to the FHSAA a royalty fee of ten percent (10%) of the price of first sale gross revenue in connection with all merchandise items.

5. Any other use of the FHSAA name, acronym, emblem, logos or service marks, such as on team patches, shirts, sweatshirts, hats, jackets, towels, artifacts or otherwise, requires the prior written approval of the FHSAA on terms specified by the FHSAA at its discretion.
6. Print, radio and television media may use the FHSAA name, emblem and logos as part of its coverage of FHSAA events and/or in any publication, slide, videotape, brochure, pamphlet, advertisement, commercial, etc. relating to its coverage of the FHSAA. Permission from the FHSAA Office is not required and the terms of this Licensing and Royalty Policy do not apply. However, the use of any of the official marks in any merchandise created and/or distributed in connection with coverage of and/or sale of promotional use is subject to this Licensing and Royalty Policy.

7. The enforcement of this policy will be the responsibility of each member school in conjunction with the FHSAA Office. The collection of the revenue required pursuant to this policy will be the responsibility of the FHSAA Office via the member school or outside vendor, depending upon who is responsible for arranging for the actual production or distribution of any merchandise for the event. Forms for the accounting of all royalties due will be provided by the FHSAA and must be used by the member school or outside vendor. All contracts or agreements with a vendor, manufacturer, supplier or distributor of merchandise will incorporate this policy (as may be revised from time to time without notice, except that the policy in effect when any contract is signed will apply to that contract only) and include a requirement that a full accounting of revenues and expenses be made available to the FHSAA. All contracts and agreements will be for the benefit of the member school, FHSAA State Series event host and FHSAA whether or not named in any contract or agreement. The FHSAA may enforce this policy in the name of itself or any member school or FHSAA State Series event host as the FHSAA may elect.

8. A member school which contracts with an outside vendor not licensed by the FHSAA to produce merchandise and otherwise in which the FHSAA official marks is displayed, for sale or distribution at regular season events will be in violation of this policy and will be fined twenty percent (20%) of the gross retail sales less applicable sales tax of any merchandise sold.

9. Jurisdiction regarding any action to enforce this Licensing and Royalty Policy or any terms or provisions hereof will lie solely in the enforcement powers of the FHSAA with regard to its member schools and in the State Courts within the State of Florida, more specifically within Alachua County, with all other parties.

B. FHSAA STATE SERIES EVENTS

1. The FHSAA Championships Logo must be conspicuously displayed on all T-shirts, other merchandise, printed materials or otherwise produced and/or distributed in connection with any FHSAA State Series event. FHSAA State Series events include, but are not limited to, all contests, games, meets or other events conducted by or under the auspices of the FHSAA on the district, regional and FHSAA State Championship levels. Other merchandise include caps, hats, golf shirts, rugby shirts, sweat shirts, muscle shirts, key chains, car tags, bumper stickers, pennants, banners, cups, mugs, posters and otherwise. Printed materials are considered to include programs, heat sheets, bracket sheets, scorecards, placards, promotional posters, flyers, advertisements, billboards and otherwise.

2. The FHSAA Office will enter into an agreement with one or more vendor(s) to exclusively produce the official merchandise, including T-shirts, for all FHSAA State Series events on the district, regional and state levels. The exclusive vendor(s) of FHSAA State Series event merchandise shall be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the contract between the FHSAA and the vendor. A member school or organization that serves as
host for any FHSAA State Series event and wishes to sell souvenir merchandise specific to that event shall be required to purchase such souvenir merchandise from the exclusive vendor(s). Should the exclusive vendor(s) elect to come to the site of any FHSAA State Series event and sell such souvenir merchandise directly to the participants and general public at the event, the host school/organization for the event shall be required to grant to the exclusive vendor(s) ingress to and egress from the facility in which the event is to be conducted, as well as space in the facility in which to set up a booth(es) from which to sell the souvenir merchandise. The FHSAA will retain complete control over the design of merchandise to be produced for sale at an FHSAA State Series event. In either case, the minimum royalty fee to be paid to the FHSAA on the price of first sale for all merchandise produced for sale at an FHSAA State Series event shall be ten (10) percent by the vendor on the district and regional levels, and twenty (20) percent by the vendor on the state level, for the first sale of the item. First sale is defined as follows:

(a) Wholesale – The sale of merchandise by an outside vendor to a member school for resale by the member school.

(b) Retail – The sale of merchandise by the outside vendor, or member school if member school created, directly to the customer.

5. No royalty fee will be due to the FHSAA for use of the FHSAA’s protected identification marks on printed material as detailed in Item B-1. However, failure to properly display the FHSAA’s protected identification marks on all printed materials as required in Item B-1 will subject the member school to a fine for failure to comply with this policy. Member schools should notify the FHSAA office if they participated in any FHSAA State Series event at which printed materials lacking the proper FHSAA identification marks were distributed.

6. Selection of a member school to host a particular FHSAA State Series event will be conditioned, in part, upon such school’s agreement to comply with and enforce this Licensing and Royalty Policy. This policy is subject to modifications deemed necessary by the FHSAA which modifications will be binding on all member schools.

POLICY 38

News Media General Policies and Procedures

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Florida High School Activities Association will promulgate rules and regulations concerning the release of information about FHSAA business and activities, the issuance of media credentials and broadcast rights for radio and television to FHSAA State Series contests, as well as general operating procedures for news media at FHSAA State Championship events. Print editors and broadcast directors should carefully review those policies and procedures applicable to their organization. Unless otherwise specified, these rules and regulations do not apply to regular season contests unless implemented by choice by the host school principal or contest manager.

(a) For regulations concerning media credentials to FHSAA State Series contests see the FHSAA Policy on Media Credentials.

(b) For regulations concerning broadcast rights to FHSAA State Series contests see the FHSAA Policy on Radio, TV Broadcasts.
B. PROVIDING INFORMATION

1. The FHSAA, while not a government agency, subscribes to and abides by both the Open Records Law and Sunshine Law of the State of Florida. All FHSAA records, other than personnel records of a confidential nature and academic and disciplinary records of students, are available for public review. All meetings of the FHSAA are open to the public with the following exceptions:
   (a) Those meetings of the Board of Directors and other FHSAA committees at which confidential matters pertaining to an employee of the Association are to be discussed will be closed to the public only during the period of discussion on the confidential matter;
   (b) Hearings before the Sectional Appeals Committees relative to Undue Hardship Cases filed on behalf of a student-athlete by a member school during which matters of a private nature may be discussed will be closed to the public at the request of the student-athlete and/or the student-athlete’s parent(s) or guardian(s).

2. All requests to review FHSAA records and/or obtain copies of such records must be made in writing to the FHSAA Office. A nominal fee may be assessed for photocopies or facsimile transmissions of such records when requested. The FHSAA Office requires an appointment be made by an individual who wishes to physically review original copies of records on file in the FHSAA Office.

3. Members of the news media may be asked to notify the FHSAA Office in writing of their intention to attend a meeting of Board of Directors or other committees. Such a request is based on the FHSAA Staff’s need to prepare and have available for the news media in attendance an adequate number of photocopies of all documents to be distributed to members of the Board or committees during the meeting. Normally, the FHSAA Office will provide to the news media a form on which to submit the necessary written notification. Those news media who do not notify the FHSAA Office in writing of their intention to attend an FHSAA meeting may not be provided with photocopies of the documents distributed at the meeting.

4. Regularly throughout the calendar year, the FHSAA distributes via e-mail news releases and media advisories to the news media concerning any and/or every aspect of Association business and activities. All news releases and media advisories will be posted on the FHSAA web site the same day on which they are e-mailed.

5. All news media may request to be placed on the FHSAA mailing list at no charge to the news media. All news media on this mailing list will receive special media information that may not be available on the FHSAA web site on an occasional basis throughout the school year.

6. Any member of the news media may purchase FHSAA publications at a reasonable cost to be established by the FHSAA Office. Such publications include the FHSAA Handbook, FHSAA Sports Manuals (one in each sport), FHSAA Member School Directory, FHSAA Planning Calendar and FHSAA Officials Guidebook.

7. Tournament pairings for each level of each FHSAA State Series in all team sports will be posted on the FHSAA web site immediately after such pairings have been completed and verified by the FHSAA Office.

8. Telephone calls from the news media to the FHSAA Office, in general, will be directed to the Director of Communications. However, such calls may be diverted to the administrator in charge of a specific activity so that the news media will be provided with the best possible answer to its question(s).
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C. ELIGIBILITY DECISIONS, INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF FHSAA REGULATIONS AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

1. The FHSAA will not comment about an eligibility situation until it has been resolved within the framework of the FHSAA Bylaws. At no time, however, will the FHSAA divulge personal details of the eligibility situation which might compromise the privacy of the minor student-athlete involved.

2. The principal of the member school involved or the person(s) involved may release information about an eligibility case as they see fit. Once the FHSAA has substantiated knowledge of its decision by all parties involved, it will then entertain questions and respond.

3. The FHSAA will not comment about any investigation into alleged violations of Association Bylaws, regulations or policies until such time as the investigation has been concluded and the FHSAA has substantiated knowledge of its decision by all parties involved. It will then entertain questions concerning the investigation and respond.

4. The FHSAA will not release by telephone, fax, mail or otherwise the names of student-athletes involved and/or implicated in any investigation into alleged violations of Association Bylaws, regulations or policies. Such information may be obtained from the principal of the member school involved or the person(s) involved.

POLICY 39

Policies Regarding News Media Credentials for FHSAA State Series Events

A. REGULAR SEASON

This policy applies only to FHSAA State Series contests. Member schools may choose to adopt all or part of this policy for use during the regular season, but they are not obligated to adhere to this policy outside of FHSAA State Series competition.

B. STATE SERIES PRELIMINARIES

1. Working news media with valid press identification must be admitted to the facility without charge for FHSAA State Series contests. This valid press identification should be in the form of a card issued to the individual by the news media organization which the individual represents.

2. Every effort should be made to provide all media personnel with seating which allows an unobstructed view of the playing area. It is preferable that this seating be at mid-court or mid-field from the center out. The host school principal or contest managers should reserve more space for the news media for an FHSAA State Series contest than is required for a regular season contest.

3. An outlet which has been approved by the FHSAA to originate broadcasts of an FHSAA State Series contest must be provided with an adequate area in which to work. This area should provide an unobstructed view of the playing area. The station must contact the host school principal or contest manager in advance to make arrangements for seating and equipment set-up. (See the FHSAA Broadcast Policy for details.)

4. Media personnel must understand that certain facilities in which FHSAA State
Series contests may be held will have limited seating in the press box or media seating area and that it may be necessary for them to sit in the spectator seating area. When such situations occur, the host school principal or contest manager should give priority consideration to the principal media outlets covering the two schools participating in the particular contest.

5. Media personnel may prefer to cover FHSAA State Series football and soccer games from the sidelines. Access to the sidelines is left to the discretion of the host school principal or contest manager who should guard against the overcrowing of the sideline areas which may threaten the safety of the media personnel, the participants and the contest officials. Media personnel must remain outside each team box at all times.
   (a) Media personnel must avoid distracting the participating teams and refrain from entering either team’s box during the game.
   (b) Photographers and videographers are prohibited from erecting tripods on the sidelines during the game.

6. The host school should cooperate with media personnel in providing them access to a work area and telephone following an FHSAA State Series contest so that the media personnel may file their account of the contest. Please understand that these individuals are working on a deadline. The head coach of each competing team is encouraged to cooperate with the news media by participating in interviews as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the contest and providing game statistics or meet results when available.

7. Designated Media Areas (National Federation Baseball Rule 1-2-3 and National Federation Softball Rule 1-2-3) are mandatory for all FHSAA State Series baseball and softball games which are played in facilities without camera wells.
   (a) The host school shall be responsible for determining the location of the area and clearly marking its boundaries. The FHSAA recommends the area be located behind either the first base coaching box or the third base coaching box and that the boundary of the area most distant from home plate be flush with the baseline between first and second base extended or the baseline between second and third base extended. The FHSAA further recommends the area be 20 feet wide and at least five feet deep with the back of the area being the fence or dugout area.
   (b) Only photographers and videographers should be allowed in the area. Reporters should remain off the playing field while the game is in progress.
   (c) The Umpire-in-Chief will check for the location of the area and shall be the final judge as to the safety of its location. If in the judgment of the umpire, the area is not safely located or could be involved too much in play, the umpire may prohibit the use of the area. Photographers and videographers will be required to remain off the playing field if use of the area is prohibited.
   (d) While the FHSAA does not require Designated Media Areas be marked for regular season baseball and softball games, umpires shall be instructed to enforce National Federation Baseball Rule 1-2-3 and National Federation Softball Rule 1-2-3 and prohibit access to unmarked fields by photographers and videographers. For this reason, the FHSAA strongly recommends the areas be marked so that photo and video coverage of regular season contests is not jeopardized.

8. Electronic flash equipment may be used by photographers at FHSAA State Series contests provided the use of such equipment does not interfere with the conduct of the competition. The host school principal, contest manager and/or the officials assigned to work the contest will have the authority to require photographers to cease using electronic
flash equipment if it is determined that it interferes with the conduct of the competition. Photographers should be granted reasonable access to the out-of-bounds areas of the court or field in all sports as long as their presence does not interfere with the contest and does not endanger either themselves, the student-athletes or the officials working the contest. The host school principal, contest manager and/or the officials assigned to work an FHSAA State Series contest will have the authority to require the repositioning of photographers if they believe their placement may threaten the safety of the participants or interfere with the conduct of the competition.

9. If members of the news media do not abide by the news media rules and regulations established by the host school principal, contest manager and the FHSAA for an FHSAA State Series contest, their credentials may be revoked and/or they may jeopardize their opportunity to secure credentials in the future. The contest manager will have the authority to act on the behalf of the FHSAA in enforcing this policy.

C. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: SECURING CREDENTIALS

1. News media personnel must obtain credentials from the FHSAA or the host school or host organization, if designated, for admission to the facility for FHSAA State Championship events in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, soccer (winter), swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling. Credentials are not needed for FHSAA State Championship events in golf or tennis. Credentials provide news media personnel with access to the press seating area and other press facilities. 

   NOTE: The FHSAA may issue a FHSAA Florida Finals season credential to select news media representatives. This season credential will be good for admission to all FHSAA Florida Finals state championship events during the school year. News media representatives receiving such a season credential still will be required to notify the FHSAA Office of their plans to attend an event to be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the event.

2. Legitimate requests for credentials only will be honored. Persons accompanying media personnel to an FHSAA State Championship event will be admitted to the facility only with a ticket of admission.

3. Requests for credentials to an FHSAA State Championship event must be made on-line via a secured area on the FHSAA website or on company stationary and received by the FHSAA Office or the host school or organization, if designated, by the deadline established for that event. Only those representatives requesting credentials by the deadline will be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the event. The FHSAA Office will e-mail media representatives on its e-mail list with instructions on securing credentials online.

4. It is the responsibility of the individual(s) requesting credentials to an FHSAA State Championship event to follow up with the FHSAA Office or the host school or host organization, if designated, to verify receipt of and approval for legitimate requests for media credentials. An individual or outlet which submits a request for credentials will not automatically receive confirmation.

D. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: LIMITATIONS ON CREDENTIALS

1. The FHSAA reserves the right to limit the number of credentials issued to any one outlet for an FHSAA State Championship event so that as many outlets as possible may be accommodated.
2. The following guidelines set maximum limits on the number of credentials to be issued for an FHSAA State Championship event:
   (a) Daily Newspaper or Wire Service – 4 reporter credentials; 2 photographer passes;
   (b) Non-Daily Newspaper – 1 reporter credential; 1 photographer pass;
   (c) Originating Radio Station – 4 reporter credentials;
   (d) Non-Originating Radio Station – 1 reporter credential;
   (e) Television Crew Originating Tape-Delay Telecasts – Number agreeable to both outlet and FHSAA;
   (f) Television News Team Shooting Highlight Footage – 1 reporter credential; 1 videographer pass; 1 producer/technician pass.

3. Out-of-state media personnel will not be granted media credentials to FHSAA State Championship events unless the outlet which they represent covers one of the participating schools or has an established circulation within the state of Florida of such a number that is deemed representative by the FHSAA. The FHSAA, however, shall reserve the right to deny credentials to an FHSAA State Championship event to any out-of-state media personnel even if the outlet which they represent meets the requirements listed herein.

4. Exceptions to all limits may be made by the FHSAA on a case-by-case basis.

E. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: DISTRIBUTION OF CREDENTIALS, SEATING AND PARKING

1. Credentials to FHSAA State Championship events will not be mailed in advance, but may be picked up at the press entrance upon presentation of proper identification. An individual picking up credentials will be required to sign for them.

2. Acceptance of media credentials to an FHSAA State Championship event constitutes an agreement by the individual to abide by all media regulations furnished by the FHSAA and/or the contest manager.

3. Credentials to FHSAA State Championship events are almost exclusively issued as string tags. The tags must always be visible while at the event site. In some cases, specific areas will be restricted for media only.

4. Credentials to FHSAA State Championship events are approved only for authorized representatives of the company to which they were issued, and are not transferable. Unauthorized use of this credential will cause the person(s) and/or company responsible to forfeit future media privileges. It is the responsibility of the company or individual to which a credential has been issued to report its loss to the FHSAA or contest manager. The decision to replace lost credentials rests solely with the FHSAA.

5. Seats at some locations may be assigned by either the FHSAA Office or the host site. When this occurs, seating assignments will be prioritized as follows: (1) FHSAA television network; (2) FHSAA radio network; (3) daily newspaper in whose circulation area the event is being held; (4) daily newspapers which cover the two participating teams; (5) news wire services; (6) non-daily newspapers which cover the two participating teams; (7) all other daily newspapers; (8) all other non-daily newspapers; (9) all other radio and television stations; and (10) all other media.

6. Possession of a credential to an FHSAA State Championship event does not guarantee media personnel a seat in the press area for all contests or sessions. Seating will be assigned only for those individuals who request credentials in advance on a first-come, first-served basis.
7. Seating in the media area will be restricted to working news media. Friends and relatives who accompany the news media to the event site will not be allowed to sit in the media area.

8. The host site will provide working news media with reasonable access to telephones on which toll-free, credit card or collect calls can be placed for the purpose of filing reports. Arrangement for installation of personal telephone lines and payment for their use is the sole responsibility of each individual outlet.

9. The FHSAA or the host site will provide each member of the working news media one (1) copy of the official event program, as well as official results, statistics, etc. upon the conclusion of each contest. Such items will be provided on a complimentary basis.

10. “Cheerleading” or verbal abuse of contest officials in the working media areas will not be tolerated. These areas will be maintained to offer a working atmosphere conducive to productivity and concentration.

11. Violation of this policy may result in the loss of credentials and ejection from the news media area.

12. Reserved parking, where available, will be provided for media personnel with credentials which have been issued by the FHSAA to an FHSAA State Championship event. However, the FHSAA is not obligated to provide reserved parking for the news media. In most cases, parking in the press area will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

F. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

1. The FHSAA operates under a closed lockerroom policy at all FHSAA State Championship events. At no time will news media personnel be granted access to lockerrooms or dressing rooms at any FHSAA State Championship event.

2. Awards ceremonies at FHSAA State Championship events are to take place in a timely and smooth fashion following conclusion of competition and is an FHSAA priority. While the FHSAA recognizes the deadlines and time constraints of the news media, it is FHSAA policy that interviews of coaches and athletes involved in awards ceremonies must wait until the conclusion of the ceremony. This allows for awards to be conducted in an appropriate manner with equal treatment to all media.

3. The following postgame interview policy will apply for FHSAA State Championship events in football:

   (a) At the conclusion of the championship game 10 minutes shall be placed on the game clock. During this 10-minute period, media representatives will be permitted on field to interview coaches and players.

   (b) Once the 10-minute period has expired, all media representatives other than photographers and videographers will be instructed to leave the field for the awards ceremony. No interviews shall be permitted during the awards ceremony.

   (c) Once the awards ceremony is completed, media representatives may conduct additional interviews at the discretion of the coaches and players.

4. The following postgame interview policy will apply for FHSAA State Championship events in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball:

   (a) The host site must designate a room or area secluded from the general public for a postgame press conference involving the head coach and up to five players from each team participating in the just-concluded contest.

   (b) Participation in this press conference by the head coach is mandatory. Participa-
tion by the athletes is voluntary and at the discretion of the head coach.

(c) The procedure for each press conference will be as follows: (1) a five minute “cooling off” period will precede the start of the press conference; (2) the first head coach and athletes to appear will be from the losing team and will take questions for approximately five minutes; (3) the second head coach and athletes to appear will be from the winning team and will take questions for approximately 10 minutes.

(d) The interview session for each team must be conducted as expeditiously as possible so that the coaches may tend to responsibilities to their athletes or to the requirement that they vacate dressing rooms. Both the head coach and athletes may agree to supplemental one-on-one interviews following their press conference at their discretion.

5. The following postgame interview policy will apply for FHSAA State Championship events in cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track and field and wrestling:

(a) The host site must designate a room or area secluded from the general public for post-competition interviews in a relaxed setting involving the head coach and athletes from participating schools. This is not a formal press conference and interviews will not be restricted to the designated area. Coaches and athletes may agree to be interviewed outside the designated interview area at their discretion.

(b) Participation in interviews by the head coach when requested is mandatory. Participation by the athletes is voluntary.

G. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Electronic flash equipment may be used by photographers at FHSAA State Championship events held outdoors provided the use of such equipment does not interfere with the conduct of the competition. The use of electronic flash equipment, other than strobe flash, at FHSAA State Championship events held indoors, however, is strictly prohibited. The FHSAA, contest manager and/or the officials assigned to work the contest will have the authority to require photographers to cease using electronic flash equipment at outdoor contests if it is determined that it interferes with the conduct of the competition.

2. Photographers and videographers displaying proper credentials to FHSAA State Championship events will be granted reasonable access to the out-of-bounds areas of the court or field in all sports as long as their presence does not interfere with the contest and does not endanger either themselves, the student-athletes or the officials working the contest, and does not violate the rules of the host facility. However, the FHSAA reserves the right to limit shooting spaces and shooting locations on an event-by-event basis.

3. Designated Media Areas (National Federation Baseball Rule 1-2-3 and National Federation Softball Rule 1-2-3) will be marked when necessary for the FHSAA State Baseball Championships and at the FHSAA State Fast-Pitch Softball Championships. Only photographers and videographers will be allowed in these areas.

H. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Upon written request of the school’s FHSAA representative, the FHSAA will provide to each participating school in an FHSAA State Championship event up to four (4) temporary floor/field passes (with accompanying instructions) for use by student media, such as the school newspaper, school yearbook and school video yearbook. No other passes than the four (4) will be given to a participating school for use by its student media.
POLICIES

I. FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: REVOCATION OF CREDENTIALS

If members of the news media do not abide by the news media rules and regulations established by the FHSAA, their credentials may be revoked and/or they may jeopardize their opportunity to secure credentials in the future. The contest manager will have the authority to act on the behalf of the FHSAA in enforcing this policy.

POLICY 40

Broadcast Policy

A. REGULAR SEASON

1. Radio broadcast, telecast, cablecast and internet broadcast rights for regular season contests in all sports are held by the home/host school. The FHSAA cannot grant radio broadcast, telecast, cablecast or internet broadcast rights to regular season contests. Outlets wishing to broadcast, telecast, cablecast or webcast a regular season contest should contact the principal of the home/host school to secure rights and make arrangements.

(a) The terms “radio station(s)”, “over-the-air television station(s)”, “cable TV system(s)”, “independent producer(s)” and “internet providers” are applicable and appropriate any place in this policy where the term “outlet(s)” is used unless one or more of the terms is specifically used.

(b) The term “telecast(s)”, “cablecast(s)” and “internet broadcast(s)” or “webcast(s)” is applicable and appropriate any place in this policy where the term “broadcast(s)” is used unless the two are specifically differentiated.

2. An outlet that broadcasts a regular season contest shall agree to hold the FHSAA and its member schools harmless because of any injury to person or property on the premises. The outlet shall further agree to assume all responsibility for any damages which are a direct result of the activities of the broadcast. The outlet shall also agree to defend all claims made against the FHSAA or its member schools for damages occasioned by the outlet of whatever nature.

B. FHSAA STATE SERIES

1. An outlet wishing to broadcast a contest in the FHSAA State Series must request and be granted rights by the FHSAA prior to originating or accepting feed of such a broadcast and make payment to the FHSAA Office of the appropriate rights fee. Such rights are not exclusive.

(a) An outlet granted broadcast rights may not feed its broadcast to any other outlet(s) without written permission from the FHSAA. For the purposes of television, a videotape of an FHSAA State Series contest is considered a “feed.” Therefore, an over-the-air or cable television station, even if granted broadcast rights by the FHSAA, may not share a videotape of an FHSAA State Series contest without express written permission from the FHSAA and payment of appropriate rights fees. Requests for permission to feed such broadcasts should be indicated on the FHSAA Broadcast Rights Application Form.

(b) The FHSAA reserves the right to grant exclusive rights to broadcasts for FHSAA State Championship events to network providers. In these cases, there may be additional network fees which must be paid.

2. Radio broadcast rights must be secured from the FHSAA for both live and tape-
delay broadcasts. Telecast rights, in general, are for tape-delay telecasts only. However, rights fees for live telecasts may be negotiated at the Commissioner’s discretion.

(a) There can be no delay in the start of a contest to accommodate a live or tape-delay radio broadcast or a tape-delay telecast of an FHSAA State Series contest; neither can there be any radio or television timeouts, or any extension of halftime. Provisions for live telecasts, when permitted, are found in item (b) of this provision.

(b) Live telecasts of football and basketball games, when permitted, may operate under the following guidelines upon approval of the Commissioner: (1) The intermission between the first and second quarters, the third and fourth quarters, and overtime periods will be extended from 60 seconds to 90 seconds; (2) The outlet will be granted one 90-second television timeout during each quarter. This timeout will be granted at the dead ball following the change of possession which occurs nearest to the midpoint of the quarter. This television timeout will be granted regardless of whether one of the two participating teams has called a charged timeout close to the midpoint of the quarter. Additionally, this television timeout will not preclude either one of the two participating teams from calling a charged timeout near the midpoint of the quarter; and (3) All charged timeouts called by either team will be a full 60 seconds in duration. It will be the responsibility of the referee to see that these guidelines for television timeouts are strictly adhered to.

3. Tape-delay telecasts may not be aired earlier than 12 hours following the scheduled starting time of the contest and may not conflict with the playing times of scheduled FHSAA State Series contests in the same sport. There is no limit on the number of times these telecasts may be replayed by the outlet approved for such telecasts.

4. The use of audiotape, videotape and/or film by an outlet granted broadcast rights for any purpose other than for complete playback of the contest(s) for which it was approved, or for the use of excerpts for regularly scheduled newscasts is expressly forbidden. Any other use of the verbal description and/or video account of the contest(s) must be approved in writing by the FHSAA.

5. FHSAA approval of broadcasts of FHSAA State Series contests is final. Host schools or contest managers will be required to permit all broadcasts approved by the FHSAA, and admit to the facility without charge personnel originating these broadcasts upon presentation of the proper documentation.

6. The outlet must make all arrangements for seating and equipment set-up with the host school principal or contest manager. The outlet must assume all expenses in connection with the broadcast, and must provide all equipment necessary for the broadcast. This includes arranging for broadcast lines with the appropriate telephone company.

7. Personnel originating approved broadcasts who are to be admitted to the facility without charge must not exceed four (4) persons. The host school principal or contest manager must make every effort to provide these personnel with seating which provides them with an unobstructed view of the playing area.

8. In facilities where seating is limited in the press box or broadcast booth, the host school principal or contest manager should provide seating to the one (1) principal outlet covering each participating school. Thereafter, seating in the press box or broadcast booth should be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. An outlet must understand that it may be necessary for it to set up operations in the spectator seating area at facilities with limited space in the press box or broadcast booth. The principal outlet for a participating school is considered to be the outlet which has broadcast the greatest number of regular season contests and/or FHSAA State Series contests in which the school has participated.
9. The host school principal, contest manager and/or the officials assigned to work the contest will have the authority to require the repositioning of television cameras and videographers if they believe their placement may threaten the safety of the participants or interfere with the conduct of the competition.

10. The outlet must incorporate into its broadcast of each FHSAA State Series contest a minimum of two (2) announcements concerning the FHSAA and its activities programs. Script for these announcements and/or cassette copies of professionally pre-produced spots will be provided by the FHSAA.

   (a) The outlet may present scripted announcements in a manner of its choice, and may use sound and/or visual effects as it desires, provided the integrity of the FHSAA State Series in which the announcement is used, the Florida High School Activities Association and its member schools is upheld.

   (b) The two (2) mandatory FHSAA announcements must be incorporated into the actual broadcast of the contest. Airing the announcements and disclaimer during a pre-game and/or postgame show will not satisfy the requirements of this policy.

11. The outlet must incorporate into each broadcast the following disclaimer establishing its broadcast rights as granted by the FHSAA:

   “BROADCAST RIGHTS TO THIS F-H-S-A-A STATE SERIES CONTEST HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO (THE OUTLET) BY THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION AND IS INTENDED SOLELY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR (LISTENING/VIEWING) AUDIENCE. ANY REBROADCAST, RETRANSMISSION OR OTHER USE OF THIS PRODUCTION WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION IS PROHIBITED.”

The disclaimer must be incorporated into the actual broadcast of the contest. Airing the disclaimer during a pregame and/or postgame show will not satisfy the requirements of this policy.

12. Announcers are expected to handle broadcasts with efficiency and without introduction of objectionable comments such as criticism of an official, coach, team, player, school or other entity. Reports of any accidents, injuries or other incidents should be minimized and factual, in order to prevent undue anxiety on the part of viewers. Announcers should also make every effort to correctly pronounce the names of individual participants.

13. The terms “sponsor”, “sponsorship” or other like terms that imply or refer to the presentation and support of the activities under the jurisdiction and control of the Florida High School Activities Association by entities other than the FHSAA must not be used during any broadcast of an FHSAA State Series event unless expressly approved, in writing, by the FHSAA. Announcers may not refer to or use words that imply a sponsorship of any FHSAA State Series contest by a commercial advertiser without the expressed written consent of the FHSAA (see Item E-9 elsewhere in this policy).

14. The outlet must abide by each and all terms and conditions of this policy. Failure to do so may result in the immediate revocation of the outlet’s immediate broadcast rights, and denial of future broadcast rights to the outlet for a period to be determined by the Commissioner. The FHSAA reserves the right to discontinue at any time an outlet’s broadcast of an FHSAA State Series contest if previous broadcasting by the outlet is considered by
the FHSAA to have been in poor taste or incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the FHSAA State Series, the Florida High School Activities Association and its member schools. The host school principal or contest manager will have the authority to act on the behalf of the Florida High School Activities Association in enforcing this policy during all FHSAA State Series contests at his/her facility.

15. An outlet which broadcasts an FHSAA State Series contest without prior written approval of the FHSAA may be denied future broadcast rights for a period to be determined by the Commissioner. A host school principal or contest manager who permits the broadcast of an FHSAA State Series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA will subject his/her school, organization or facility to a monetary penalty to include payment of the appropriate rights fees and, for member schools, a financial assessment in the amount of $50.00 per game broadcast.

16. An outlet which broadcasts an FHSAA State Series contest must agree to hold the FHSAA and its member schools harmless because of any injury to person or property on the premises. The outlet must further agree to assume all responsibility for any damages which are a direct result of the activities of the broadcast. The outlet must also agree to defend all claims made against the FHSAA or its member schools for damages occasioned by the outlet of whatever nature.

17. Venue of any civil action arising out of this policy will lie in Alachua County, Florida.

18. The FHSAA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time and in any manner deemed necessary. No exception to this policy may be made by an outlet, host school principal or contest manager except by written permission of the FHSAA.

C. OBTAINING BROADCAST RIGHTS

1. Application to broadcast an FHSAA State Series contest must be made on the FHSAA Broadcast Application Form, a copy of which is provided in this Handbook as well as in the manual published for each sport. An application also may be obtained by contacting the FHSAA communications department at (352) 372-9551 ext. 170.

   a) It is the responsibility of an outlet feeding its broadcast to another outlet(s) to request permission for this feed on its application form, and to make payment of the appropriate rights fees for both itself and all other outlets accepting its feed.

   b) The Broadcast Application Form shall be an agreement between the outlet and the FHSAA and will be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

2. The broadcast application form must be received in the FHSAA Office not later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time on the business day immediately preceding the date of the contest or event to be broadcast. The form may be mailed to the attention of the Director of Communications, FHSAA, P.O. Box 1173, Gainesville, FL 32602, or faxed to the FHSAA Office at (352) 373-1528.

3. A late filing fee of $25.00 shall be assessed an outlet that fails to meet the appropriate deadline for filing its broadcast application form. The FHSAA reserves the right to deny any request for broadcast rights which is filed after the deadline.

4. The FHSAA will not grant blanket broadcast rights to an outlet which intends to follow a school, until it is eliminated, through each level of an FHSAA State Series. An outlet must file a separate broadcast application form for contests on each level in which the school being followed participates, with the exception of district tournaments in the sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. Requests for broadcast rights
to games or matches in district tournaments in these sports shall be processed as a single event for which a flat rights fee shall be paid regardless of the number of games or matches in the tournament that are broadcast. Levels of the FHSAA State Series are: Football – district shootout, each round of the regional series and the FHSAA State Championship game; Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball – district tournament, regional series and FHSAA State Championship tournament; Other sports – district tournament or meet, regional tournament or meet, and FHSAA State Championship tournament or meet. Individual rounds in the district and state championship tournaments are not considered to be separate levels of an FHSAA State Series.

5. Upon approval of an outlet’s broadcast application, the FHSAA will fax to the outlet the approved application form signed by the Commissioner or his/her designee which grants the outlet permission to broadcast the contest. The approved application form will also be faxed to the host school principal or contest manager. An outlet’s broadcast crew should have a copy of the broadcast approval in its possession to ensure admission to the facility.

D. PAYMENT OF RIGHTS FEES

1. An outlet granted broadcast rights to an FHSAA State Series contest must pay rights fees as follows:
   a) Live or tape-delay radio broadcast – $50.00
   b) Tape-delay telecast or cablecast – $250.00
   c) Live telecast or cablecast – To be determined by Commissioner.

An outlet must pay all rights fees, both for itself as well as $25.00 for each outlet to which it feeds its signal, to the FHSAA. Payment of rights fees must be by company check made payable to the FHSAA. Payment of rights fees must be received in the FHSAA Office not later than 30 calendar days following the event broadcast. A $25.00 late fee shall be assessed if payment is not received by the 30-day deadline.

2. An outlet which feeds its broadcast to another outlet(s) is solely responsible for collecting reimbursement for its $25.00 feeder fee payment to the FHSAA from each outlet to which the originating outlet feeds its broadcast. Any fees charged by an originating outlet to accepting outlets will be in addition to FHSAA rights fees.

3. A $30.00 returned check fee will be assessed to any outlet whose payment of rights fees is returned due to insufficient funds. Additionally, such outlet will be denied broadcast rights to future FHSAA State Series contests until such time as payment of rights fees and any other fees assessed by the FHSAA is made to the satisfaction of the FHSAA.

4. An outlet must pay all costs of collection to include reasonable attorney’s fees if it becomes necessary for the FHSAA or the host school principal or contest manager to place the account for collection and bills incurred. Venue of any such civil action relative to the collection of rights fees shall lie in Alachua County, Florida, or in the county of Florida wherein the host school or facility is located.

E. COMMERCIALS AND SPONSORS

1. An outlet must submit the names of all sponsors on the Broadcast Application Form, and must be able to produce in writing upon request of the FHSAA any and all commercials used during the broadcast.

2. The FHSAA reserves the right to reject any and all applications for broadcast rights, whether sponsored or unsponsored. The FHSAA reserves the right to approve or
reject the product or service which desires to sponsor the broadcast.

3. Advertisements for the following are prohibited:
   a) Promotions for the possession, use or sale of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, harmful drugs, firearms and contraceptives;
   b) Bars, taverns and cocktail lounges or other establishments that serve alcoholic beverages;
   c) Exotic dance clubs;
   d) Political issues;
   e) 900 call-ins for personal services, betting services, scouting services or other 900 call-ins which are in poor taste or are incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the FHSAA State Series or the Florida High School Activities Association;
   f) Parimutuels, including the Florida Lottery; and
   g) Any other business, product, service or ideal that is incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the FHSAA State Series, the Florida High School Activities Association and its member schools.

4. Combination businesses such as drug stores, grocery stores, department stores, hardware stores, hotels and restaurants which dispense alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, harmful drugs, firearms and contraceptives may be acceptable as sponsors provided no part of the advertising messages for these establishments refer to the dispensing of such products; or to a bar, tavern, cocktail lounge or other facility dispensing such products.

5. While advertisements for political issues are prohibited by this policy, political candidates may be acceptable as sponsors provided no part of their political advertisements raise controversial political issues.

6. Advertisements of the type prohibited in Item E-3(a-g) above are prohibited from use at any time during the broadcast from the time the pregame show begins until the completion of the postgame show. Advertisements of this type are prohibited from use in pregame and/or postgame shows whether such pregame or postgame shows originate from the site of the contest or from the studio of the originating outlet. At no time during the broadcast may a listing of broadcast sponsors be read which includes the name of such business, product or service listed in Item E-3(a-g) above and referred to in this note.

7. Sponsorship of a broadcast does not provide for display of sponsor banner(s) and/or other promotional items and such display is prohibited. Originating outlet name identification banners, however, are permitted.

8. Commercial announcements may not occupy time when actual competition is taking place. An outlet must, as near as possible, limit its commercial announcements to timeouts and other times when the contest is not in progress.

9. Outlets may not use or allow to be used during a broadcast, both live and tape-delay, any commercial announcement that implies a sponsorship of any FHSAA State Series contest without the expressed written consent of the FHSAA.

   Example: Language may be used which indicates that contest coverage “is brought to you by _________,” “is sponsored by _________,” or “_________ is a sponsor” of this tournament coverage.

   Outlets may not allow advertisers to claim that they are sponsors of FHSAA State Series contests.

10. The FHSAA will exercise immediately its responsibility to cancel all broadcast rights for the particular contest and subsequent contests of any outlet found to have violated the provisions of this section of the policy. The host school principal or contest
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manager will have the authority to act on behalf of the FHSAA in enforcing the provisions of this section of the policy.

F. NEWS FILM CREWS

1. A film crew not to exceed three persons from an over-the-air television station or cable TV system will be allowed access, without charge, to an FHSAA State Series contest to shoot news film clips for use as part of the outlet’s regular news telecast or other special news programs. The outlet may not air a total of more than three (3) minutes of such footage. Any use of such footage must include visual credit to FHSAA.

2. The outlet must not sell, loan or give away any part of the footage shot and must use it only for the purpose set forth above unless permission for its use otherwise is granted in writing by the FHSAA.

G. CREDENTIALS

1. The FHSAA will not issue credentials to FHSAA State Series contests below the state championship level. Authorized working personnel employed by an outlet which has been approved to broadcast an FHSAA State Series contest must be admitted to the facility without charge upon presentation of proper identification and payment of appropriate rights fees to the host school principal or contest manager.

2. Application must be made to the FHSAA for credentials to certain FHSAA State Series contests on the state championship level. Please refer to the FHSAA Media Credential Policy for regulations governing state championship contest credentials.

POLICY 41

Penalty Code

Article 12 of the FHSAA Bylaws establishes the five penalties that may be assessed a member school for violations of FHSAA Bylaws, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines, while Article 13 establishes a school’s or individual’s right to appeal any penalty assessed it.

A. PENALTIES

The five penalties, in general, that may be assessed, separately or collectively, include:

1. REPRIMAND – An official letter of censure to the member school regarding the violation(s). The letter of reprimand becomes a permanent part of the school’s membership record.

2. FINE – A financial penalty assessed the school for the violation(s). Fines range from as little as $50 to as much as $2,500 or more.

3. FORFEIT – The surrender of a victory due to the violation(s).

4. PROBATION – A period of warning for one or more calendar years during which time any additional violations committed by the school may result in more severe penalties being assessed. There are three levels of probation:
   (a) Administrative Probation – The least severe, it is simply the period of warning.
   (b) Restrictive Probation – In addition to the period of warning, it includes some
form of restriction(s) on the school’s athletic program for one or more calendar years. Examples of such restrictions include but are not limited to restriction from participation in the total number of regular season contests normally allowed in a sport(s); restriction from participation in out-of-state contests or contests within Florida beyond a certain distance from the school; restriction from participation in home contests; restriction from participation before spectators; restriction from participation in invitational tournaments or meets; restriction from participation with a particular individual(s) in attendance; restriction from competing for city, county, conference or other championships; and restriction from participation in the FHSAA State Series.

(c) Suspension Probation – The more severe form of probation. In addition to the period of warning, the school is suspended from participating in interscholastic athletic competition in a particular sport or sports, or all sports for one or more calendar years. Suspension from participation means that the school cannot enter a team or individual into competition in the specified sport(s) against any other member school.

5. EXPULSION – The most severe penalty that can be assessed any member school. It is the involuntary termination of the school’s membership in the Association for a period of one or more calendar years. No member school may enter into competition – athletic or non-athletic – with any school that has been expelled from membership in the Association.

B. FINE SCHEDULE

The following fines are generally assessed member schools for the most common rules violations. This schedule is not all inclusive and does require the Commissioner to determine fines for violations not specifically covered herein. In all cases, these amounts are minimums and may be increased relative to the severity of the violation.

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<td>2. Permitting student-athlete to compete in an interscholastic contest prior to his/her name being submitted to the FHSAA Office on an Annual Eligibility Report</td>
<td>$ 50.00</td>
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<td>3. Statements of criticism or other derogatory remarks concerning officials which are made by coaches or other school personnel and appear in the news media</td>
<td>$ 50.00</td>
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<td>4. Permitting student-athlete to compete in an FHSAA State Series contest who was not submitted to the FHSAA Office on the Official Entry List for that sport</td>
<td>$ 50.00</td>
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<td>5. Failure of school to have representative present at District Tournament/Meet Planning Meeting</td>
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<td>6. Use of tobacco or tobacco-like products by a coach during a contest or in the vicinity of the court or playing field</td>
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<td>Illegal filming or videotaping of an athletic contest</td>
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<td>Failure of student-athlete who has qualified to advance in the FHSAA State Series to participate on the next level of the State Series</td>
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<td>Disqualification (ejection) of a coach for unsportsmanlike conduct</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Use or profanity or other such gutter language by a coach</td>
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<td>Coach continuing to give instruction to his/her student-athletes or other members of the coaching staff after having been ejected from a contest</td>
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<td>Pursuit of officials with intent following a contest by a coach or other school personnel</td>
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<td>Refusal of an ejected coach to leave the court, playing field or team area</td>
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<td>Physical contact by a coach or other school personnel with an official</td>
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<td>Disqualification (ejection) of a student-athlete for gross unsportsmanlike conduct, beginning with second incident during a school year</td>
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<td>Participation by one or more student-athletes on the bench in an altercation on the court or playing field (i.e., bench-emptying)</td>
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<td>Removal by a coach or school personnel of a team or individual from an athletic contest prior to its normal conclusion</td>
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<td>Premature termination of a contest by an official due to unsportsmanlike conduct by student-athletes, coaches, other school personnel spectators in attendance</td>
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<td>Actions which may not be regarded as unsportsmanlike which result in a contest being prematurely concluded</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td>Failure to contract with sanctioned local officials associations for registered officials at all interscholastic home contests</td>
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<td>23.</td>
<td>General failure to comply with FHSAA policies and procedures</td>
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<td>Failure to submit team photo and data for publication in Florida Finals official souvenir program by deadline</td>
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### C. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE

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<td>3. Filing of an Official Entry List after the deadline</td>
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LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Listing of Full Member Schools by Administrative Section/Legislative Division
(664 Full Member Schools as of June 30, 2002)

Administrative Section 1
(153 Schools)

Legislative Division 1
(26 schools)

Escambia County
East Hill Christian School (Pensacola)
Escambia Charter School (Gonzalez)
Escambia High School (Pensacola)
Gulf Coast High School (Pensacola)
Northview High School (Bratt)
Pensacola Catholic High School
Pensacola Christian Academy
Pensacola High School
Pine Forest High School (Pensacola)
Tate High School (Cantonment)
Washington High School (Pensacola)
West Florida High School (Pensacola)
Woodham High School (Pensacola)

Okaloosa County
Baker High School
Choctawhatchee High School (Fort Walton Beach)
Crestview High School
Fort Walton Beach High School
Laurel Hill High School
Niceville High School
Rocky Bayou Christian School (Niceville)

Santa Rosa County
Central High School (Milton)
Gulf Breeze High School
Jay High School
Milton High School
Navarre High School
Pace High School

Legislative Division 2
(19 schools)

Bay County
Arnold High School (Panama City Beach)

Bay School
Baker High School (Panama City)
Mosley High School (Lynn Haven)
Rutherford High School (Springfield)

Holmes County
Bethlehem High School (Bonifay)
Bonifay Middle School
Holmes County High School (Bonifay)
Ponce de Leon High School
Poplar Springs High School (Graceville)

Walton County
Freeport High School
Freeport Middle School
Paxton High School
South Walton High School (Santa Rosa Beach)
Walton High School (DeFuniak Springs)
Walton Middle School (DeFuniak Springs)

Washington County
Chipley High School
Roulhac Middle School (Chipley)
Vernon High School
Vernon Middle School

Legislative Division 3
(16 schools)

Calhoun County
Altha High School
Blountstown High School
Blountstown Middle School

Franklin County
Apalachicola High School
Carrabelle High School

Gulf County
Port St. Joe High School
Port St. Joe Middle School
Wewahitchka High School

Jackson County
Cottondale High School
Graceville High School
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Grand Ridge High School
Malone High School
Marianna High School
Marianna Middle School
Sneads High School

Liberty County
Liberty County High School (Bristol)

Legislative Division 4
(23 schools)

Gadsden County
Carter-Parramore Middle School (Quincy)
Chattahoochee High School
Greensboro High School
Havana Middle School
Havana Northside High School
Munroe High School (Quincy)
Shanks High School (Quincy)

Leon County
Chiles High School (Tallahassee)
Community Christian School (Tallahassee)
FAMU High School (Tallahassee)
FSU High School (Tallahassee)
Godby High School (Tallahassee)
Holy Comforter Episcopal School (Tallahassee)
John Paul II High School (Tallahassee)
Leon High School (Tallahassee)
Lincoln High School (Tallahassee)
Maclay School (Tallahassee)
North Florida Christian School (Tallahassee)
Rickards High School (Tallahassee)
Trinity Catholic Middle School (Tallahassee)

Lafayette County
Lafayette High School (Mayo)

Madison County
Madison County Central School
Madison County High School

Suwannee County
Branford High School
Suwannee High School (Live Oak)
Suwannee Middle School (Live Oak)

Taylor County
Taylor County High School (Perry)
Taylor County Middle School (Perry)

Legislative Division 6
(17 schools)

Baker County
Baker County High School (Glen St. Mary)
Baker County Middle School (Macclenny)

Bradford County
Bradford High School (Starke)
Bradford Middle School (Starke)
Lawtey Community School

Columbia County
Columbia High School (Lake City)
Fort White High School
Lake City Middle School
Richardson Middle School (Lake City)

Nassau County
Callahan Middle School
Fernandina Beach High School
Fernandina Beach Middle School
Hilliard High School
West Nassau County High School (Callahan)
Yulee Middle School

Union County
Lake Butler Middle School
Union County High School (Lake Butler)

Legislative Division 7
(20 schools)

Duval County (North and East)
Andrew Jackson High School (Jacksonville)
Arlington Country Day School (Jacksonville)
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Bishop Kenny High School (Jacksonville)
Bolles School (Jacksonville)
Englewood High School (Jacksonville)
Episcopal High School (Jacksonville)
First Coast High School (Jacksonville)
Fletcher High School (Neptune Beach)
Hendricks Methodist Day School (Jacksonville)
Mandarin High School (Jacksonville)
Mandarin Christian School (Jacksonville)
Providence School (Jacksonville)
Raines High School (Jacksonville)
Ribault High School (Jacksonville)
Sandalwood High School (Jacksonville)
Seacoast Christian Academy (Jacksonville)
Stanton College Preparatory School (Jacksonville)
Terry Parker High School (Jacksonville)
University Christian School (Jacksonville)
Wolfson High School (Jacksonville)

Legislative Division 8
(20 schools)

Clay County
Clay High School (Green Cove Springs)
Green Cove Springs Junior High School
Keystone Heights High School
Lakeside Junior High School (Orange Park)
Middleburg High School
Orange Park Christian Academy
Orange Park High School
Orange Park Junior High School
Ridgeview High School (Orange Park)
St. Johns Country Day School (Orange Park)
Wilkinson Junior High School (Middleburg)

Duval County (West and South)
Baldwin High School
Eagle’s View Academy (Jacksonville)
Ed White High School (Jacksonville)
First Coast Christian School (Jacksonville)
Forrest High School (Jacksonville)
Paxon School For Advanced Studies (Jacksonville)
Potter’s House Christian Academy (Jacksonville)
Robert E. Lee High School (Jacksonville)
Trinity Christian Academy (Jacksonville)

Administrative Section 2
(147 Schools)

Legislative Division 9
(21 schools)

Alachua County
Buchholz High School (Gainesville)
Countryside Christian School (Gainesville)
Eastside High School (Gainesville)
Gainesville High School
Hawthorne High School
Loften High School (Gainesville)
Newberry High School
Oak Hall School (Gainesville)
P. K. Yonge School (Gainesville)
Rock School (Gainesville)
Santa Fe High School (Alachua)

Dixie County
Dixie County High School (Cross City)
Rains Middle School (Cross City)

Gilchrist County
Bell High School
Trenton High School

Levy County
Bronson High School
Cedar Key High School
Chiefland High School
Chiefland Middle School
Williston High School
Williston Middle School

Legislative Division 10
(19 schools)

Marion County
Belleview High School
Dunnellon High School
Forest High School (Ocala)
Lake Weir High School (Ocala)
North Marion High School (Citra)
St. John Lutheran School (Ocala)
Trinity Catholic High School (Ocala)
Vanguard High School (Ocala)
West Port High School (Ocala)

Putnam County
Crescent City High School
Interlachen High School
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Palatka High School

St. Johns County
Bartram Trail High School (Jacksonville)
Florida School for the Blind (St. Augustine)
Florida School for the Deaf (St. Augustine)
Menendez High School (St. Augustine)
Nease High School (St. Augustine)
St. Augustine High School
St. Joseph Academy (St. Augustine)

Legislative Division 11
(16 schools)

Flagler County
Flagler Palm Coast High School (Bunnell)

Volusia County
Atlantic High School (Port Orange)
Calvary Christian Academy (Ormond Beach)
Halifax Academy (Ormond Beach)
DeLand High School
Deltona High School
Father Lopez High School (Daytona Beach)
Mainland High School (Daytona Beach)
New Smyrna Beach High School
Pine Ridge High School (Deltona)
Seabreeze High School (Daytona Beach)
Spruce Creek High School (Port Orange)
Stetson Baptist Christian School (DeLand)
Taylor High School (Pierson)
Trinity Christian Academy (Deltona)
Warner Christian Academy (South Daytona)

Legislative Division 12
(15 schools)

Citrus County
Citrus High School (Inverness)
Citrus Springs Middle School
Crystal River High School
Crystal River Middle School
Inverness Middle School
Lecanto High School
Lecanto Middle School
Seven Rivers Christian School (Lecanto)

Hernando County
Central High School (Brooksville)
Fox Chapel Middle School (Spring Hill)
Hernando High School (Brooksville)
Parrott Middle School (Brooksville)

Legislative Division 13
(20 schools)

Pasco County
Bayonet Point Middle School (New Port Richey)
Centennial Middle School (Dade City)
Chasco Middle School (Port Richey)
Gulf High School (New Port Richey)
Gulf Middle School (New Port Richey)
Hudson High School
Hudson Middle School
Land O’Lakes High School
Mitchell High School (New Port Richey)
Pasco High School (Dade City)
Pasco Middle School (Dade City)
Pine View Middle School (Land O’Lakes)
Ridgewood High School (New Port Richey)
River Ridge High School (New Port Richey)
Saddlebrook Academy (Wesley Chapel)
Seven Springs Middle School (New Port Richey)
Stewart Middle School (Zephyrhills)
Weightman Middle School (Wesley Chapel)
Wesley Chapel High School
Zephyrhills High School

Legislative Division 14
(15 schools)

Lake County
Eastridge High School (Clermont)
Eustis High School
First Academy (Leesburg)
Leesburg High School
Montverde Academy
Mount Dora Bible School
Mount Dora High School
South Lake High School (Groveland)
Tavares High School
Umatilla High School

Sumter County
South Sumter High School (Bushnell)
South Sumter Middle School (Webster)
The Villages Charter High School
Wildwood High School
Wildwood Middle School
### Listing of Member Schools

#### Legislative Division 15
**(17 schools)**

**Orange County (North)**
- Apopka High School
- Orangewood Christian School (Maitland)
- Trinity Preparatory School (Winter Park)
- Winter Park High School

**Seminole County**
- Crooms Academy (Sanford)
- Cyber High Charter School (Sanford)
- Forest Lake Academy (Apopka)
- The Geneva School (Fern Park)
- Lake Brantley High School (Altamonte Springs)
- Lake Howell High School (Winter Park)
- Lake Mary High School
- Lake Mary Preparatory School
- Lyman High School (Longwood)
- Master's Academy (Oviedo)
- Oviedo High School
- Seminole High School (Sanford)
- Winter Springs High School

#### Legislative Division 16
**(24 schools)**

**Orange County (South)**
- Bishop Moore High School (Orlando)
- Boone High School (Orlando)
- Central Florida Christian Academy (Ocoee)
- Circle Christian School (Orlando)
- Colonial High School (Orlando)
- Cypress Creek High School (Orlando)
- Dr. Phillips High School (Orlando)
- Edgewater High School (Orlando)
- Evans High School (Orlando)
- Faith Christian Academy (Orlando)
- First Academy (Orlando)
- Foundation Academy (Winter Garden)
- Jones High School (Orlando)
- Lake Highland Preparatory School (Orlando)
- Oak Ridge High School (Orlando)
- Olympia High School (Orlando)
- Orlando Christian Prep School
- Orlando Lutheran Academy
- Pine Castle Christian Academy (Orlando)
- Timber Creek High School (Orlando)
- University High School (Orlando)
- West Oaks Academy (Orlando)
- West Orange High School (Winter Garden)
- Windemere Preparatory School

#### Legislative Division 17
**(17 schools)**

**Pinellas County (North)**
- Calvary Christian High School (Clearwater)
- Clearwater Central Catholic
- Clearwater High School
- Countryside High School (Clearwater)
- Dunedin High School
- East Lake High School (Tarpon Springs)
- Indian Rocks Christian School (Largo)
- Keswick Christian School (St. Petersburg)
- Lakeside Christian School (Clearwater)
- Largo High School
- Oldsmar Christian School
- Osceola High School (Seminole)
- Palm Harbor University High School
- Pinellas Christian Homeschool (Clearwater)
- Pinellas Park High School (Largo)
- Seminole High School
- Tarpon Springs High School

#### Legislative Division 18
**(20 schools)**

**Hillsborough County (South and West)**
- Academy of the Holy Names (Tampa)
- Bayshore Christian School (Tampa)
- Berkeley Preparatory School (Tampa)
- Blake High School (Tampa)
- Jefferson High School (Tampa)
- Plant High School (Tampa)
- Robinson High School (Tampa)
- Tampa Preparatory School

**Pinellas County (South)**
- Academy Prep Center (St. Petersburg)
- Admiral Farragut Academy (St. Petersburg)
- Boca Ciega High School (Gulfport)
- Canterbury School (St. Petersburg)
- Dixie Hollins High School (St. Petersburg)
- Gibbs High School (St. Petersburg)
- Lakewood High School (St. Petersburg)
- Northeast High School (St. Petersburg)
- Northside Christian School (St. Petersburg)
- Shorecrest Preparatory School (St. Petersburg)
- St. Petersburg Catholic High School
- St. Petersburg High School
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Legislative Division 19
(24 schools)

Hillsborough County (North and East)
Alonso High School (Tampa)
Armwood High School (Seffner)
Bloomington High School (Valrico)
Brandon High School
Cambridge School (Tampa)
Chamberlain High School (Tampa)
Durant High School (Plant City)
East Bay High School (Gibsonston)
Freedom (Tampa)
Gaither High School (Tampa)
Hillsborough High School (Tampa)
Jesuit High School (Tampa)
King High School (Tampa)
Leto High School (Tampa)
Middleton (Tampa)
Plant City High School
Riverview High School
Sickles High School (Tampa)
Tampa Baptist Academy
Tampa Bay Technical High School
Tampa Catholic High School
Temple Heights Christian School (Tampa)
Wharton High School (Tampa)

Venice High School

Legislative Division 21
(20 schools)

Polk County
All Saints’ Academy (Winter Haven)
Auburndale High School
Bartow High School
Evangel Christian School (Lakeland)
Fort Meade High School
Frostproof High School
George Jenkins High School (Lakeland)
Haines City High School
Kathleen High School (Lakeland)
Lake Gibson High School (Lakeland)
Lake Region High School (Eagle Lake)
Lake Wales High School
Lakeland Christian School
Lakeland High School
McKeel Academy (Lakeland)
Mulberry High School
Santa Fe Catholic High School (Lakeland)
Sonrise Christian School (Lakeland)
Vanguard School (Lake Wales)
Winter Haven High School

Legislative Division 22
(18 schools)

DeSoto County
DeSoto County High School (Arcadia)

Hardee County
Hardee High School (Wauchula)
Hardee Junior High School (Wauchula)

Highlands County
Avon Park High School
Lake Placid High School
Sebring High School
Walker Memorial Academy (Avon Park)

Okeechobee County
Okeechobee High School
Osceola Middle School (Okeechobee)
Yearling Middle School (Okeechobee)

Osceola County
Celebration School
Gateway High School (Kissimmee)
Life Academy (Kissimmee)
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

New Dimensions School (Kissimmee)
Osceola High School (Kissimmee)
Poinciana High School (Kissimmee)
Southland Christian School (Kissimmee)
St. Cloud High School

Legislative Division 23
(22 schools)

Brevard County
Astronaut High School (Titusville)
Bayside High School (Palm Bay)
Brevard Christian School (West Melbourne)
Brevard Home Educated Activities Teams (Palm Bay)
Cocoa Beach High School
Cocoa High School
Community Christian School (Melbourne)
Covenant Christian School (Palm Bay)
Eau Gallie High School (Melbourne)
Florida Air Academy (Melbourne)
Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy (Melbourne)
Melbourne Central Catholic
Melbourne High School
Merritt Island Christian School
Merritt Island High School
Palm Bay High School (Melbourne)
Rockledge High School
Satellite High School (Satellite Beach)
Space Coast Junior/Senior High School (Cocoa)
Temple Christian School (Titusville)
Titusville High School
West Shore High School (Melbourne)

Administrative Section 4
(204 Schools)

Legislative Division 25
(25 schools)

Charlotte County
Charlotte High School (Punta Gorda)
Community Christian School (Port Charlotte)
Lemon Bay High School (Englewood)
Port Charlotte High School

Collier County
Barron Collier High School (Naples)
Community School of Naples
Everglades City High School
Gulf Coast High School (Naples)
Immokalee High School
Lely High School (Naples)
Naples High School
St. John Neumann High School (Naples)

Lee County
Bishop Verot High School (Fort Myers)
Canterbury School (Fort Myers)
Cape Coral High School
Cypress Lake High School (Fort Myers)
Dunbar High School (Fort Myers)
Estero High School
Evangelical Christian School (Fort Myers)
Fort Myers High School
Lehigh High School (Lehigh Acres)
Mariner High School (Cape Coral)
North Fort Myers High School
Riverdale High School (Fort Myers)
Southwest Florida Christian Academy (Fort Myers)

St. Lucie County
Centennial High School (Port St. Lucie)
Fort Pierce Central High School
Fort Pierce Westwood High School
John Carroll High School (Fort Pierce)
Lincoln Park Academy (Fort Pierce)
Morningside Academy (Port St. Lucie)
Port St. Lucie High School

Martin County
Community Christian School (Stuart)
Hidden Oaks Middle School (Palm City)
Indiantown Middle School
Martin County High School (Stuart)
Murray Middle School (Stuart)
South Fork High School (Stuart)
Stuart Middle School

Legislative Division 24
(20 schools)

Indian River County
Gifford Middle School (Vero Beach)
Oslo Middle School (Vero Beach)
Sebastian River High School
Sebastian River Middle School
St. Edward’s School (Vero Beach)
Vero Beach High School

Lee County
Bishop Verot High School (Fort Myers)
Canterbury School (Fort Myers)
Cape Coral High School
Cypress Lake High School (Fort Myers)
Dunbar High School (Fort Myers)
Estero High School
Evangelical Christian School (Fort Myers)
Fort Myers High School
Lehigh High School (Lehigh Acres)
Mariner High School (Cape Coral)
North Fort Myers High School
Riverdale High School (Fort Myers)
Southwest Florida Christian Academy (Fort Myers)
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Legislative Division 26
(24 schools)

Glades County
Moore Haven High School

Hendry County
Clewiston High School
Clewiston Middle School
LaBelle High School
LaBelle Middle School

Palm Beach County (North)
Benjamin School (North Palm Beach)
Berean Christian School (West Palm Beach)
Cardinal Newman High School (West Palm Beach)
Dreyfoos School of the Arts (West Palm Beach)
Dwyer High School (Palm Beach Gardens)
Glades Central High School (Belle Glade)
Glades Day School (Belle Glade)
Gold Coast High School (West Palm Beach)
Inlet Grove High School (Riviera Beach)
Jupiter Academy
Jupiter Christian School
Jupiter High School
King’s Academy (West Palm Beach)
Pahokee High School
Palm Beach Gardens High School
Palm Beach Lakes High School (West Palm Beach)
R. J. Hendley Christian School (Riviera Beach)
Royal Palm Beach High School
Suncoast High School (Riviera Beach)

Pope John Paul High School (Boca Raton)
Santaluces High School (Lantana)
Spanish River High School (Boca Raton)
St. Andrew’s School (Boca Raton)
Summit Christian School (West Palm Beach)
Trinity Christian Academy (Lake Worth)
Wellington Christian School
Wellington High School
Yeshiva High School (Boca Raton)

Legislative Division 28
(29 schools)

Broward County (North)
Boyd Anderson High School (Lauderdale Lakes)
Broward Christian School (Plantation)
Calvary Christian Academy (Fort Lauderdale)
Cardinal Gibbons High School (Fort Lauderdale)
Coconut Creek High School
Coral Springs Charter School
Coral Springs Christian School
Coral Springs High School
Deerfield Beach High School
Dillard High School (Fort Lauderdale)
Douglas High School (Parkland)
Ely High School (Pompano Beach)
Fort Lauderdale Christian School
Fort Lauderdale High School
Fort Lauderdale Preparatory School
Highlands Christian Academy (Pompano Beach)
North Broward Preparatory School (Coconut Creek)
North Lauderdale Academy High School
Northeast High School (Oakland Park)
Pine Crest School (Fort Lauderdale)
Piper High School (Sunrise)
Plantation High School
Pompano Beach High School
Posnack Jewish High School (Plantation)
Taravella High School (Coral Springs)
Upperroom Christian Academy (Lauderhill)
Westminster Academy (Fort Lauderdale)
Zion Lutheran Christian School (Deerfield Beach)
**LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS**

**Legislative Division 29**  
(26 schools)

**Broward County (South)**  
Abundant Life Christian Academy (Margate)  
American Heritage School (Plantation)  
Archbishop McCarthy High School (Fort Lauderdale)  
Chaminade College Preparatory (Hollywood)  
Community Christian Academy (Plantation)  
Cooper City High School  
Cypress Bay High School (Weston)  
Flanagan High School (Pembroke Pines)  
Florida Bible Christian School (Miramar)  
Hallandale High School  
Hollywood Christian School  
Hollywood Hills High School  
Master's Academy (Fort Lauderdale)  
McArthur High School (Hollywood)  
Miramar High School  
Nova High School (Davie)  
Pembroke Pines Charter High School  
Sagemont Upper School (Weston)  
Sheridan Hills Christian School (Hollywood)  
South Broward High School (Hollywood)  
South Plantation High School  
St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Fort Lauderdale)  
Stranahan High School (Fort Lauderdale)  
University School (Fort Lauderdale)  
Western High School (Davie)  
Westlake School (Davie)

**Legislative Division 30**  
(25 schools)

**Dade County (North)**  
Allison Academy (North Miami Beach)  
American High School (Hialeah)  
Champtagnat Catholic School (Hialeah)  
Dade Christian School (Miami)  
Dr. Krop High School (Miami)  
First Baptist School (Hialeah)  
Goleman High School (Miami)  
Hialeah High School  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School  
Hillcrest High School (North Miami Beach)  
Horeb Christian School (Hialeah)  
Miami Carol City High School  
Miami Central High School  
Miami Country Day School  
Miami Douglas MacArthur North High School  
Miami Norland High School  
Miami Northwestern High School  
Miami Springs High School  
Miami Union Academy (North Miami)  
Monsignor Pace High School (Miami)  
North Miami Beach High School  
North Miami High School  
Northwest Christian Academy (Miami)  
Trinity Christian Academy (Hialeah)  
Washington High School (Miami)

**Legislative Division 31**  
(25 schools)

**Dade County (Central)**  
Academy for Community Education (Coral Gables)  
Archbishop Curley High School (Miami)  
Belen Jesuit Preparatory School (Miami)  
Braddock High School (Miami)  
Brito Miami Private School  
Carrollton School (Miami)  
Christopher Columbus High School (Miami)  
Design & Architecture High School (Miami)  
Doral Academy (Miami)  
Florida Christian School (Miami)  
Greater Miami Academy (Miami)  
Hebrew Academy (Miami Beach)  
LaProgresiva School (Miami)  
LaSalle High School (Miami)  
MAST Academy (Key Biscayne)  
Miami Beach High School  
Miami Christian School  
Miami Coral Park High School  
Miami Edison High School  
Miami High School  
Miami Jackson High School  
Ransom Everglades School (Miami)  
South Miami High School  
Southwest Miami High School  
St. Brendan High School (Miami)

**Legislative Division 32**  
(27 schools)

**Dade County (South)**  
Archbishop Carroll High School (Miami)  
Bay Point School (Miami)  
Calusa Preparatory School (Miami)  
Colonial Christian School (Homestead)  
Coral Gables High School  
Coral Reef High School (Miami)
LISTING OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Gettysburg Academy (Miami)
Gulliver Preparatory School (Coral Gables)
Holy Cross Academy (Miami)
Homestead High School
Miami Douglas MacArthur South High School
Miami Killian High School
Miami Palmetto High School
Miami Southridge High School
Our Lady of Lourdes Academy (Miami)
Palmer Trinity School (Miami)

Princeton Christian School
South Dade High School (Homestead)
Varela High School (Miami)
Westminster Christian School (Miami)
Westwood Christian School (Miami)

Monroe County
Coral Shores High School (Tavernier)
Island Christian School (Islamorada)
Key Largo School
Key West High School
Marathon High School