



# **FHSAA Athletics Services Compliance Seminar**

# Athletics Staff



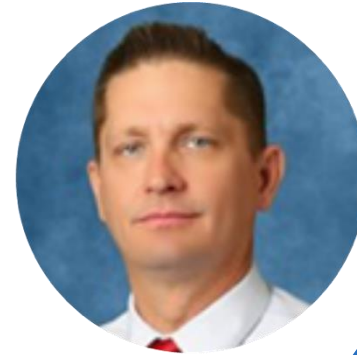
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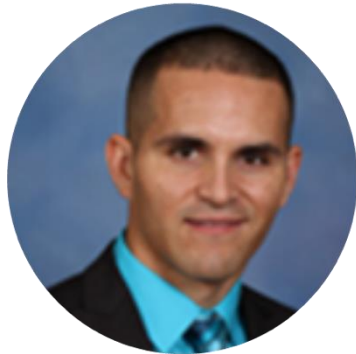
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# Fall Season

**FALL SPORTS START DATE WILL BE  
JULY 28, 2025.**

This includes  
tryouts.

- No team activities until  
July 28.



Please look for the  
updated calendars  
and important dates  
on Home Campus.





# Contracts

- Per Bylaw 8 and Policy 4.1.10, Contracts for all events are required!
- Failure to honor a contract could result in removal from the state series and monetary penalties.
- Once a contract has been sent by the host school, it cannot be amended by the receiving school unless it is signed again by the host school acknowledging the change.



# Policy Changes



# Policy 3.1

## POLICY 3

### **Categorization of Interscholastic Sports**

**3.1 General Principles.** The following guidelines shall govern the categorization of interscholastic sports programs sponsored by member schools, as well as the implementation of Florida High School State Championship Series competitions in those sports. These guidelines establish the thresholds (minimum standards) that sports must meet for categorization and Florida High School State Championship Series implementation. Any full member school that sponsors a sport, as defined in Policy 3, that is recognized or sanctioned by this Association shall, utilizing the Association's official process as approved by the Executive Director, declare the sport with the FHSAA and abide by all regulations of this Association.



# Policy 4.1.8

## POLICY 4

### **Interscholastic Contests**

**4.1.8 Sunday Contests and Practices.** No interscholastic athletic contest may be held on a Sunday, except under emergency or extraordinary conditions, in tournaments or meets which are approved by the Executive Director or the Board of Directors. The conduct of ~~practice sessions~~ athletics activities as defined in Bylaw 1.4.16 of any kind on a Sunday is prohibited.

**4.1.8.1 Penalties to School.** Failure to comply with this policy may subject the school to a monetary penalty of a minimum of \$250 and/or other sanctions.



# Policy 6

## POLICY 6

### **SPORT SEASON LIMITATIONS**

**6.1.1 Season Limitations.** A member school shall not organize its teams for interscholastic practice or interscholastic competition in a sport outside of the dates listed for that sport. The Board of Directors will establish the dates for the first day of allowable practices/tryouts, pre-season contests, first and last days of regular season contests and the Florida High School State Championship Series for each sport. These dates will be published on the FHSA Website. There will be no further practices following the date of the last regular season contest or the date of elimination from Florida High School State Championship Series competition, whichever is last to occur.

**6.1.1.1 Middle School Teams.** A member middle school or member combination school may request to conduct their middle school season outside of the dates listed for a sport, utilizing the Association's official process as approved by the Executive Director.

**6.1.1.42 Spring Practice.** Competitive Cheerleading and football may engage in spring practice for a maximum of twenty (20) sessions commencing with ~~the Monday of Week 44 or the last twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) school days of the member school's academic calendar year, whichever comes first. The varsity team and each individual student may compete in one (1) jamboree or one (1) spring classic game during the final week, which must be counted as one (1) of the twenty (20) sessions.

**6.1.3.2.2 Exception: Softball.** A student-athlete can participate at different competition levels (i.e., varsity, junior varsity, freshman, etc.) on the same day. Such participation will count as one (1) contest. An individual student may not pitch ~~or catch~~ at different competition levels on the same day or catch at different competition levels on the same day.





# Policy 9.10.5

**9.10.5 Entry Fees for a Florida High School State Championship Series.** Entry fees may only be charged to participating teams in a Florida High School State Championship Series event in the following situations:

- (a) Cross Country event held on property that does not permit ticket sales. Fees may be assessed to cover reasonable costs of the event
- (b) Tennis and Golf event where fees are assessed to share reasonable costs of the event with the host
- (c) Swimming & Diving events where host incurs a pool rental fee and splits the cost of the rental with participating schools (see policy 14 for maximum rental fees)
- ~~(d) Sharing shortfalls on a District Florida High School State Championship Series event after FHSAA loss reimbursement, when authorized by the District Planning Meeting~~
- (d) Upon prior written permission from the Executive Director or his/her designee



# Policy 10.2.1

## POLICY 10

### **Florida High School State Championship Series**

**10.2.1 Eligibility for Participation.** To be eligible for participation in the Florida High School State Championship Series in any sport:

- (a) The school commits to participate in the Florida High School State Championship Series with FHSAA prior to the reclassification process, utilizing the official Association process as approved by the Executive Director.
- (b) A school that does not commit to participate in the Florida High School State Championship Series prior to the reclassification process in that sport may request to be added within the first two (2) weeks of the sport season, utilizing the official Association process as approved by the Executive Director. A fee of \$250 will be assessed.
- (c) A school may request to be added as Independent until three (3) weeks before the state series in that sport. The team shall be assigned "Independent Status" in that sport for the duration of the classification cycle and the school may be subject to a \$100 administrative fee.



# Policy 10.4.2

**10.4.2 Student Athlete Failure to Appear.** A student-athlete who qualifies in a Florida High School State Championship Series meet as an individual is expected to compete on successive levels of the Florida High School State Championship Series unless ill, injured, suspended due to disciplinary action, or for any other reason acceptable to the Executive Director. 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 Florida High School State Championship Series in that sport. Personnel on relay teams may be changed in accordance with the rules governing those sports. A school must submit in writing to the FHSAA Office the name of the student-athlete and an explanation for the inability to compete in advance of the competition whenever situations make it possible to do so. Failure to participate in the district/regional meet by an individual or relay team is a violation of FHSAA policy and may subject the school to a ~~\$50~~ **\$250** penalty unless the reason for failure to participate is approved by the FHSAA Office.



# Policy 12.4.1.4

## POLICY 12

### **CLASSIFICATION**

**12.4.1.4** The number of classifications in each sport for the current classification cycle are as follows: cross country, flag football, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field four (4) classifications (4A, 3A, 2A, 1A); beach volleyball, boys volleyball, golf, girls weightlifting, boys weightlifting and boys wrestling three (3) classifications (3A, 2A, 1A); ~~beach volleyball~~, girls lacrosse, and boys lacrosse two (2) classifications (2A, 1A); competitive cheerleading two (2) classifications (2A, 1A); a single classification in the sports of bowling, water polo, and girls wrestling.



# Policy 14.3.2.3

This Policy aligns facility seating requirements with the current classifications in basketball and football. It mirrors the previous numbers



# Policy 30

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### **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

#### **30.1 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.

##### **30.1.1 Education on Sportsmanship and Ethics**

**30.1.1.1 Requirement for Coaches and Student Athletes.** All FHSAA member school head coaches, paid/supplemented coaches, and student-athletes are required to annually view the most current “Sportsmanship” course, which may be viewed online at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

*\*Renumber subsequent sections*

**30.3.1.2 Level 2 Suspension.** A coach or other representative of the school’s athletic interests (see Bylaw 1.4.17) who receives a second Level 1 Suspension or commits an unsportsmanlike act, as defined in Bylaw 7.2.1, will be ineligible to coach or attend, at a minimum, the next interscholastic athletic contest at the same level of participation in the sport of the suspension and may be ineligible to coach or attend any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport, at any level, for a period of up to a maximum of the following:

- (a) Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Water Polo - 12 contests
- (b) Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Lacrosse, and Tennis - 9 contests
- (c) Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Flag Football, and Weightlifting - 6 contests
- (d) Football and Competitive Cheerleading - 5 contests
- (e) Golf - 8 contests
- (f) Wrestling - 10 contests; ~~or~~

**30.3.1.3 Level 3 Suspension.** A coach or other representative of the school’s athletic interests (see Bylaw 1.4.17) who receives a second Level 2 Suspension or commits an egregious unsportsmanlike act, as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, will be ineligible to coach or attend the next interscholastic athletic contest at the same level of participation in the sport of the suspension and may be ineligible to coach or attend any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport for a period of up to one (1) year.





# Policy 45

## POLICY 45

### **MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENTS**

#### **45.2 School-based Media**

##### **45.2.1 Credentials.**

**45.2.1.1 Bowling, Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.** ~~Florida High School State Championship~~ credential requests from a member school for the ~~Florida High School State Championships~~ must be submitted by the Athletic Director no later than the advertised deadline. Credentials will be limited to three (3). ~~One (1) for an active student reporter, one (1) for an active student photographer and one (1) for a school faculty member to serve in a supervisory capacity over the students.~~ Credentials will be based on availability and issued for yearbook and reporting purposes only.

**45.2.1.2 Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Competitive Cheerleading, Flag Football, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Water Polo.** ~~Two (2) Florida High School State Championship credentials per team will be available at the pass gate for pick-up by the qualifying team's Athletic Director, for yearbook and reporting purposes only.~~



# Policies that **were not** passed by the BOD

Policy 9.9.1 – Football Fall and Spring Classic/Jamboree  
fees

Policy 34.2 – Drone usage in FHSAA State Series events

Policy 43 – SMAC recommendation





# Corrective Actions

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## 2023-24

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Total Ejections: 1624

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Coaches: 239

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Athletes: 1333

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Other: 7 (Fans, School Admin, Trainer)

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## 2024-24

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Total Ejections: 1986

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Altercation reports: 46

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Coaches: 263

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Players: 1702

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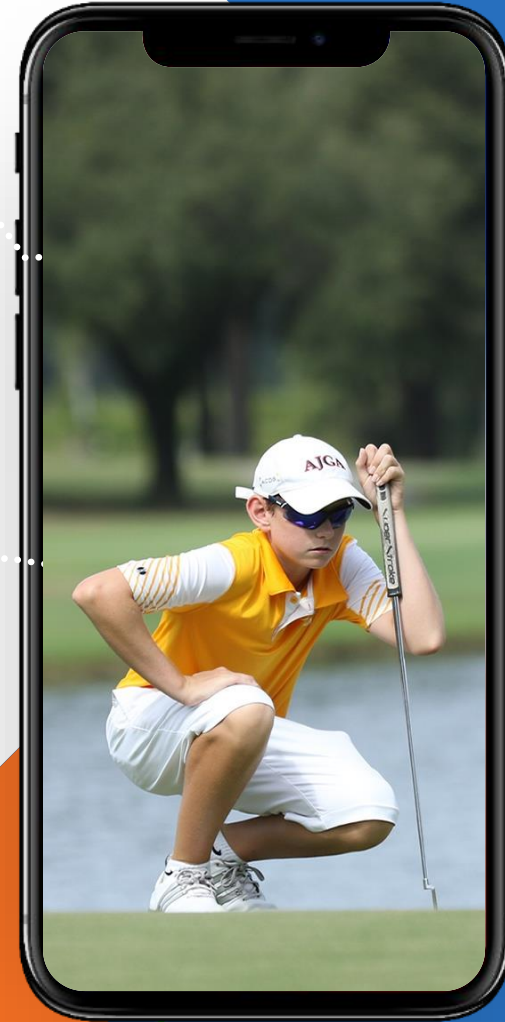
Other: 8 (Trainer, Fan, Athletic Director, School Administrator, Parent)



# Official's Guidebook Regulations on Compensation

Prior to signing contracts with official's associations, please verify all fees and game rates your school is paying are in compliance.

Communicate with the association if there is an issue. If issues persist, please reach out to Justin Harrison.



# Previous changes from September BOD meeting

Baseball best 2-out of-3

Policy 6.1.3.2 – Softball JV/Varsity participation on same day

Track and Field Honest Effort Rule

Water Polo Mercy Rule



# TEAM SPORTS UPDATE



## REMINDER:

As approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors in 2024 there will be an Open Division for all team sports starting in 2026-27.

At the conclusion of the District Tournament (in tackle football at the conclusion of regular season), the top eight (8) teams in the FHSAA Power Rankings will compete in a double elimination tournament.

**Thank you!**



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