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Back to school updates for 2019-20 athletic year; Classification Committee forming

BOONE, Iowa - As fall sport practices begin, the IHSAA's Board of Control met and approved policy updates for upcoming the 2019-20 school year. Standard publications approved at the annual retreat were the 2019-20 IHSAA Handbook and the Fall Sports Manual for 2019, which includes cross country, football, and golf for Class 4A squads. The IHSAA's Junior High Manual was also updated. All are updated and available online [HERE](#).

[2019-20 Handbook](#)

| [2019 Fall Sports Manual](#)

| [2019-21 Junior High Manual](#)

- Advisory committee appointments were also approved for IHSAA sport and oversight committees, made up of representatives from member schools and partner organizations across the state. Committee lists and position vacancies can be viewed [HERE](#).

- HeadStrong Concussion Insurance has been renewed for IHSAA sport participants in 2019-20. The program's premium expenses are paid for the IHSAA's title sponsor, the Iowa Farm Bureau. More information on the program is available [HERE](#).

- The IHSAA's public address announcement policy was also updated for postseason events. Full text of the policy is available on Page 40 of the [2019-20 Handbook](#), indicating that host site PA systems are not to be used as open forums for, "the expression of views by individuals or organizations concerning political, philosophical, religious, or other matters unrelated to the conduct of the event, or the management and safe use of the event site."

IHSAA associate director Nanninga to step aside

Associate director Brett Nanninga will resign after five years and a half years at the IHSAA, effective Dec. 31, 2019. A longtime educator and former Board of Control member, Nanninga joined the IHSAA in 2014 after 26 years at Tri-Center, Neola, serving 10 as principal and 16 as superintendent. Nanninga is currently the IHSAA's basketball administrator, manages facility and technology operations, and is the office's liaison for the Iowa Hall of Pride and the IHSAA's sports advisory and awards committees. A native of Nebraska, Nanninga and his wife Sally plan to move to the Kansas City area to be closer to their three grown and married children and three grandchildren.

Classification Committee update

The IHSAA's Classification Committee [will meet as planned this fall](#) with statewide member school representation and input from the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Twenty-six school districts have submitted a form resolution calling for the IHSAA and IGHSAU to, "convene a committee to seriously evaluate the competitive needs of students and schools to experience success and the inequities inherent in a system based solely on enrollment size without consideration of family and community capacity for support and make a recommendations to a joint board of both associations to resolve this issue in the 2019-20 school year."

The committee is tasked with studying and reviewing the organization's sport classification structure and submit possible recommendations to the IHSAA's Board of Control. The IHSAA sets enrollment-based classifications for postseason competition in 10 of its 11 sports. Football is the only activity with regular season scheduling and districting determined by IHSAA classifications. The Classification Committee last met in 2017.

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