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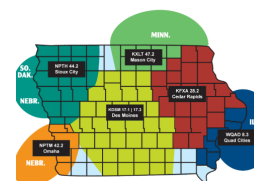


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# From the desk

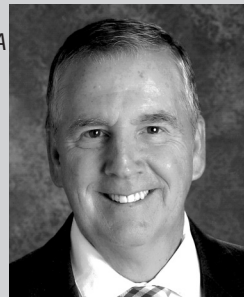
## Parents and adult fans: The biggest challenge facing high school sports today

An op-ed with NFHS executive director Karissa Niehoff

*This op-ed from the IHSAA and NFHS is being republished from its original August 27, 2019 release to member schools and statewide media.*

### IHSAA EDITORIAL

Offering guidance and support to IHSAA member schools, administrators, officials, coaches, and the student-athletes who make interscholastic athletics thrive.



Tom Keating  
Executive Director  
Iowa High School Athletic Association

Inappropriate adult behaviors at high school athletic events across the country have reached epidemic proportion.

When more than 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a recent national survey what they like least about their job, 62.3 percent said it was, “dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans.”

And the men and women who referee or umpire those contests agree. In fact, almost 60% of new officials registered in Iowa in 2016-17 did not return to officiate in 2017-18, and unruly parents are often cited as a major reason why. As a result, there is a growing shortage of high school officials here in Iowa, and in baseball, football, track and field, and wrestling, the IHSAA is seeing record lows. No officials means no games.

If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this fall, you can help by following these six guidelines:

**1. Act your age.** You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud.

**2. Don't live vicariously through your children.** High school sports are for them, not you. Your family's reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.

**3. Let your children talk to the coach instead of doing it for them.** High school athletes learn how to become more confident, independent and capable—but only when their parents don't jump in and solve their problems for them.

**4. Stay in your own lane.** No coaching or officiating from the sidelines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent, not a coach or official.

**5. Remember: Participating in a high school sport is not about a college scholarship.** According to the NCAA, only about 2% of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the average total value of that scholarship is only around \$18,000.

**6. Make sure your children know you love watching them play.** Do not critique your child's performance on the car ride home. Participating in high school sports is about character development, learning and having fun—not winning and losing.

Purchasing a ticket to a high school sporting event does not give you the right to be rude, disrespectful, or verbally abusive. Cheer loud and be proud, but please also be responsible and considerate as a spectator.

The future of high school sports in Iowa is dependent on you.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Keating".



# Important dates: Fall, winter 2019

## CROSS COUNTRY

### First Practice

August 12

### First Competition

August 26

### State Qualifying Meets

October 24

### State Meet — At Kennedy Park, Fort Dodge

November 2



## FOOTBALL

### First Practice

August 12

### First Competition

August 29

### Postseason, First and Second Rounds

November 1, 8

### State Semifinals — At UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls

November 14 — Eight-Player, Class 3A

November 15 — Class A, Class 4A

November 16 — Class 1A, Class 2A

### State Finals — At UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls

November 21 — Eight-Player, Class A, Class 3A

November 22 — Class 1A, Class 2A, Class 4A



## GOLF (CLASS 4A)

### First Practice

August 12

### First Competition

August 15

### District Meets

October 7 or 8

### State Meet — At Tournament Club of Iowa, Polk City

October 11-12



## WINTER SPORTS

### Bowling & Swimming, First Practice

November 11

### Bowling & Swimming, First Competition

November 25

### Basketball & Wrestling, First Practice

November 18

### Basketball & Wrestling, First Competition

December 2





## Ballard wrestling champ gets awards back after blaze

The IHSAA was pleased to present Ballard's Skyler Noftsgger with replacement brackets and medals in August after the 2019 state wrestling champion lost his family home and his hard-earned wrestling awards in a fire this summer.

The July house fire in Cambridge claimed almost everything inside the Noftsgger home. A corner of his 2019 bracket board remained inside his bedroom, but his friends and neighbors reached out in the weeks following the incident and were able to help the three-time placewinner get back his belongings.

IHSAA wrestling administrator Lewie Curtis worked with administrative assistant Kim Mechura to recoup the melted medals for Noftsgger and track down full results from his state wrestling tournament performances with the Bombers. State tournament calligrapher Zoe Ollendick stepped in complete the traditional championship brackets, then an August meeting was set up at Ballard with wrestling coach Steve Mickelson, athletic director Nate Boock, and Noftsgger's parents Drake and Melanie.

"As a mom, it breaks your heart to see your kids lose everything," Melanie told WHO-TV in an August interview after the awards were given back to Noftsgger.

"I just knew how much it meant to him, so I wanted to be



Skyler Noftsgger (middle) stands with IHSAA director of officials Lewie Curtis (left) and Ballard wrestling coach Steve Mickelson on August 16 after being presented with his state wrestling tournament medals and 2019 championship bracket.

there to see that happiness come back."

Noftsgger won the Class 2A title at 160 pounds in his senior season and is at South Dakota State this fall as a student-athlete.

## IHSAA associate director Nanninga to step aside

Finalized at August's Board of Control meeting, IHSAA associate director Brett Nanninga will step aside in December following five and a half years of service inside the Boone office.

Nanninga was a two-term Board of Control member and two-time chairperson prior to joining the IHSAA in 2014. He was an administrator at Tri-Center, Neola for 26 years, including 10 as high school principal and the last 16 as superintendent. The Nebraska native spent five years as a teacher and coach in his home state before arriving in Iowa in 1988.

Among his varied operational duties at the IHSAA, Nanninga has served as the basketball administrator and oversaw the shift in postseason seeding processes and the 2018 change to a five-day state tournament in Des Moines.

He has also managed the IHSAA's facility and technology operations and served as the office's liaison to the Iowa Hall of Pride and the sports advisory and awards committees. Nanninga was an IHSAA representative to the School Administrators of Iowa and the Iowa Association of School Boards during his tenure.

He has been a leading and vocal advocate for interscholastic activities in Iowa and is also proud of his work promoting basketball officiating, incorporating new officials into the postseason, and updating technology and usage needs at the IHSAA and at the Hall of Pride in Des Moines.

"It has been my pleasure to serve and represent the member schools of Iowa at the IHSAA," Nanninga said.

"I would urge coaches, athletic directors, and administrators from all across the state to seek the best from your state activities associations. Continue the pursuit of excellence in your schools and communities and make it your daily mission to take care of the kids. And remember, each year is one more year in the life of a child."

Nanninga and his wife Sally intend to move to the Kansas City area to be closer to their three grown and married children and three grandchildren.



Brett Nanninga



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# Student leadership conference set for October

Registration is now open for the 2019 Iowa Student Leadership Conference to be held October 27 & 28 in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center.

The conference is sponsored by the Iowa High School Athletic Association & Iowa Association of Student Councils in partnership with the School Administrators of Iowa.

The conference is a great way for high school and junior high student leaders to connect and learn new ideas on how to become even better leaders in their schools. This conference is not just for student council members, but for any high school and junior high students in leadership positions.

More than 1,500 student and advisers converge on the Iowa Events Center for the annual Iowa Student Leadership Conference each year. This year's conference, "Shine Your Light," will focus on finding ways that students can shine their light of leadership in school, community, nation and the world.

The Sunday evening optional general session starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends with an illumination ceremony. The conference gets in full swing on Monday morning. During the general session, various awards will be presented, the state project will be introduced, and new state officers will be announced.



The Iowa Student Leadership Conference brings together over 1,000 students leaders and advisers annually at Iowa Events Center.

This year's keynote speaker is Patrick Maurer, an award-winning motivational speaker and leadership coach on a mission to not just inspire but to actually empower students. Maurer will address the critical need to develop today's leaders with the proficiency to make the most of their time and contemplate potential impact.

Often hailed as "fresh" and "engaging," he is known for his perfected approach of fusing real-life stories, humorous anecdotes, and his pop culture savviness with compelling topics. The result is an entertaining and authentic experience that is relatable, relevant and real for any audience.

Students will then be able to select break-out leadership sessions from a menu of choices. Break-out sessions will center on school improvement, leadership development, fundraising, appreciation, character building, community service, and school spirit.

**Early Bird Session:** The conference plans to offer an early-bird session on Sunday afternoon for schools (Student Councils) who would like to have an exchange of ideas. Schools will have the opportunity to come early to fulfill their Honor Council Student Council Exchange requirement.

*Schools may learn more & register online at:*

[www.iowastudentcouncils.org/conferences/](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org/conferences/)



Presentations throughout the conference provide opportunities for student leaders to share and provide feedback on topics affecting them most, seen here with Centerville students in 2018.



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# IHSSN announces new 2019-20 TV arrangement

In August, the Iowa High School Sports Network (IHSSN) announced a new distribution plan that will allow boys' state events to be viewed by a much larger statewide audience. IHSSN is the exclusive rights holder for specific broadcast, marketing, and media events of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, including championships in football, wrestling, basketball, track and field, soccer, and baseball. The IHSA neither owns nor operates IHSSN.

The new network plan will be an over-the-air broadcast on six affiliates throughout the state for the IHSA's state football finals, state wrestling finals and state basketball finals. Those events also will be streamed live for free on [ihssn.com](http://ihssn.com).

The broadcasts will be available on the stations' digital channels. Those channels are accessed by subscribing to a local cable company that provides access to the digital channels or by having a television antenna (attic, wall mount or table top) in your home.

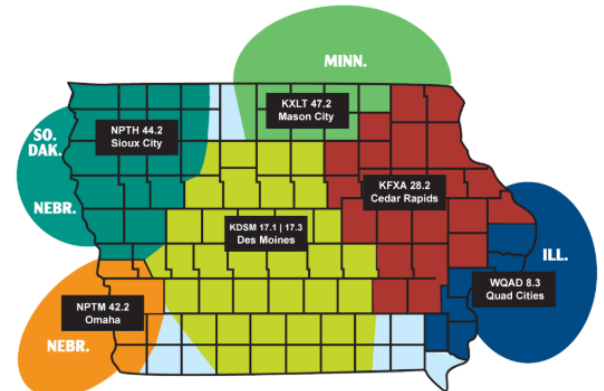
## 2019-20 TV NETWORK PLAN & MAP

Channel	#	City
KDSM	17.1/17.3	Des Moines
KFXA	28.2	Cedar Rapids
NPTM	42.2	Omaha
NPTH	44.2	Sioux City
KXLT	47.2	Rochester
WQAD	8.3	Quad Cities

The breakdown of the 2019-20 plan is as follows below, with updates as they become available at [ihssn.com](http://ihssn.com)...

**ONLINE:** All games and all rounds of IHSSN broadcast events available at [ihssn.com](http://ihssn.com), with the exception of early rounds of the state wrestling tournament. Check [ihssn.com/live](http://ihssn.com/live) for broadcast times and details. Livestream now available to viewers anywhere on internet-connected devices.

**TELEVISION:** The IHSSN will use six over-the-air broadcast affiliates in 2019-20 to carry state football finals, state wrestling finals, and state basketball finals. Those channels are available via antenna or a digital provider (cable or satellite) that provides access to: KDSM 17.1 or 17.3 from Des Moines, KFXA 28.2 from Cedar Rapids, NPTM 42.2 from Omaha, NPTH 44.2 from Sioux City, KXLT 47.2 from Rochester, and WQAD 8.3 from the Quad Cities.



## Inside IHSAA award selections, nominations

The IHSAA is proud to offer numerous awards and honors for administrators, member schools, their supporters and assistants, and Halls of Fame for former student-athletes and coaches. However, these awards are only made possible by the considerations and nominations provided by schools through the Member School Link at [iahsaa.org](http://iahsaa.org).

Award categories: Bernie Saggau Award of Merit, School Administrator Award, Friend of School Award, Morris D. Kelley Award for public address announcers, Sports Media Award for media members, and Sports Medicine Award for school sports medicine providers.

Hall of Fame categories: Football for players, Wrestling for players and coaches, Basketball for players and coaches, and Officials.

The process follows four independent steps:

**NOMINATION:** Ideas may come from anywhere, but nomination forms for awards must come from member school administrators.

**SELECTION:** Each award process and Hall of Fame has a selection committee who parses through the nomination forms and makes decisions on who to recommend as picks.

**APPROVAL:** The IHSAA's Board of Control, made up of elected and appointed school administrators, has the say on whether to approve or deny committee award and Hall of Fame selections.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Different honors are announced throughout the year; sport Halls of Fame are presented during their respective sport championships.

Thank you for your submissions through the Member School Link and for supporting the IHSAA's award programs!



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# Baseball

## Perfect weather, pitching shine in 2019 tournament at Principal Park

DES MOINES, Iowa – Great weather and pitching performances carried the 2019 IHSAA State Baseball Tournament at Principal Park, delivering only one extended rain delay in eight days of baseball in downtown Des Moines. The four championships on August 3 were decisively claimed, including two repeat titlists in Class 1A's Newman Catholic, Mason City, and Class 4A's Urbandale.

Nearby Van Meter won its second baseball title by taking the 2A crown, followed by Xavier, Cedar Rapids making a championship-worthy return to the state tournament in 3A. The 2019 audience was bolstered by Iowa High School Sports Network making all games available via free video streaming.

More details from the tournament are below, by class...

### CLASS 4A

Even after a nearly three-hour rain delay following the first inning of its tournament opener, Urbandale focused in and allowed just four runs over three games to repeat as 4A champion. Coach Jeremy Heinen's J-Hawks (31-14) entered the tournament as the No. 6 seed, but shutout star-led Epworth, Western Dubuque in the quarterfinals, scored 10 runs on 12 hits in the semifinals over Iowa City, West, then held off rival Johnston in a local battle for a state title. Urbandale used five different pitchers over four days and were bolstered by Ty Langenberg's 12-strikeout show in the semifinals. Saturday night's win marked Urbandale's fourth state baseball title.

Top-seeded Johnston returned to the state final for the second time in the last three years, but the explosive offense that featured 4A's home run king Peyton Williams and rolled through CIML foes Ankeny and Dowling Catholic went quiet against the J-Hawks. Four of the five CIML qualifiers were placed on the same side of the 4A bracket, with Urbandale emerging out of the eastern Iowa contingent that included Pleasant Valley making its first tournament appearance since 2003.



### Photo Captions (Top-Bottom)

**4A:** Urbandale's Cal Watson (30) was credited with the save and went 3-for-3 at the plate in Saturday's championship game.

**3A:** Central DeWitt, including senior Devin Hurdle (diving), made it to the state title game for the first time in 2019.

**2A:** Des Moines Christian's Kole Bradley was locked in a pitcher's dual with North Linn's Jake Hilmer until the sixth inning of a dramatic semifinal.

**1A:** Newman Catholic, Mason City was tested in this opening game against Pekin, but held down the top seed yet again to win its third consecutive state championship.



# Baseball

## CLASS 3A

Xavier, Cedar Rapids made its first trip back to Des Moines since 2013 and completed a dominant 41-2 season in the process. The top-seeded Saints allowed just four runs in three games, facing a pitching threat in underdog ADM, Adel, a local rival with Marion in the semifinals, then a red-hot Central DeWitt squad appearing in its first final and coming off the upset of two-time defending champion Assumption, Davenport. Senior Bryson Bastian threw over 100 pitches in the title game to get the Saints across the finish line, striking out 12 and scattering just four hits in the 8-1 win over Central DeWitt.

The Sabers (38-4) were a game runner-up, knocking out defending 2A champ Centerville in the quarterfinals, then holding on against Assumption thanks to pitcher Alex McAleer's 11-strikeout gem. Marion got to the semifinals against Xavier thanks to senior Rick Atkins' lefty performance

against perennial power Bishop Heelan, Sioux City, tossing 16 strikeouts and allowing just three hits in a shutout in the Triple-A ballpark.

## CLASS 2A

A competitive class from start to finish, Van Meter was able to take 2A with an offensive explosion in the quarterfinals and shutouts against strong West Sioux and North Linn squads en route to the title. The Bulldogs (34-3) scored 17 runs in their opener over Underwood, then followed it with 17 strikeouts and just two allowed hits from Zach Pleggenkuhle against West Sioux in the semifinals. Van Meter got one final lift in the title game with quarterback Anthony Potthoff throwing all seven innings and holding a confident North Linn squad.

North Linn, the 2A basketball champs last winter, were 1A baseball semifinalists in 2018 and made it back to Principal Park in a record-setting summer for senior Jake Hilmer. The

## State Tournament Results

### Class 4A

#### Quarterfinals

Dowling Catholic, W.D.M. 7, Southeast Polk 0  
Johnston 6, Ankeny 0  
Urbandale 3, Epworth, Western Dubuque 0  
Iowa City, West 6, Pleasant Valley 3

#### Semifinals

Urbandale 10, Iowa City, West 2  
Johnston 7, Dowling Catholic, W.D.M. 0

#### Final

Urbandale 8, Johnston 2



Urbandale

### Class 3A

#### Quarterfinals

Xavier, Cedar Rapids 7, ADM, Adel 2  
Marion 4, Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City 0  
Central DeWitt 11, Centerville 1 (5 innings)  
Assumption, Davenport 7, Boone 3

#### Semifinals

Xavier, Cedar Rapids 4, Marion 1  
Central DeWitt 4, Assumption, Davenport 1

#### Final

Xavier, Cedar Rapids 8, Central DeWitt 1



Xavier, Cedar Rapids

## Baseball

Lynx (40-6) won one of the tournament's top games against Des Moines Christian in this year's semis, with Hilmer carrying a perfect game into the 7th inning and finishing with 12 strikeouts and just one hit allowed. His opposite number in the game, DMC's Kole Bradley, scattered just three hits in his five complete innings, keeping an anxious crowd on the edge of their seats until North Linn broke through for all three runs in a 3-0 game in the bottom of the 6th.

### CLASS 1A

Newman Catholic, Mason City is gobbling up the record books: 12 straight state tournament appearances, 12 straight years as the No. 1 seed, and now three consecutive championships in 1A. Coach Alex Bohl's squad had to hold on in their opener, getting an 8-7 scare from Pekin as the Panthers had the game-tying run on the bases. The Knights rolled from then on: 10-0 vs. Don Bosco, Gilbertville in a five-inning semifinal and 11-1 vs. Alburnett in the six-inning title game.

Senior leadoff Josh Fitzgerald was the standout for Newman, clocking a home run in the championship game and hitting a pair of triples in the semifinals.

Alburnett produced perhaps the highlight of the tournament in the semifinals, escaping a classic contest against St. Mary's, Remsen by laying down a squeeze bunt in the bottom of the 7th to win 4-3. Sophomore Shane Neighbor reached up to knock the bunt as classmate Austin Huber rushed in for the game-winning score. St. Mary's reached that contest supported by sophomore pitcher Blaine Harpenau, who allowed just two hits in his complete game win over Martensdale-St. Marys in the quarterfinals and suffered his first loss of the season in that tense semifinal.

The 2020 state baseball tournament is currently scheduled for July 24-August 1 at Principal Park in Des Moines.

## State Tournament Results

### Class 2A

#### Quarterfinals

North Linn, Troy Mills 8, West Branch 1

Des Moines Christian 9, Central Lee, Donnellson 7

West Sioux, Hawarden 7, New Hampton 2

Van Meter 17, Underwood 7 (6 innings)

#### Semifinals

Van Meter 3, West Sioux, Hawarden 0

North Linn, Troy Mills 3, Des Moines Christian 0

#### Final

Van Meter 6, North Linn, Troy Mills 0



Van Meter

### Class 1A

#### Quarterfinals

Don Bosco, Gilbertville 3, Coon Rapids-Bayard 1

Newman Catholic, Mason City 8, Pekin 7

Alburnett 13, South Winneshiek, Calmar 4

St. Mary's, Remsen 4, Martensdale-St. Marys 2

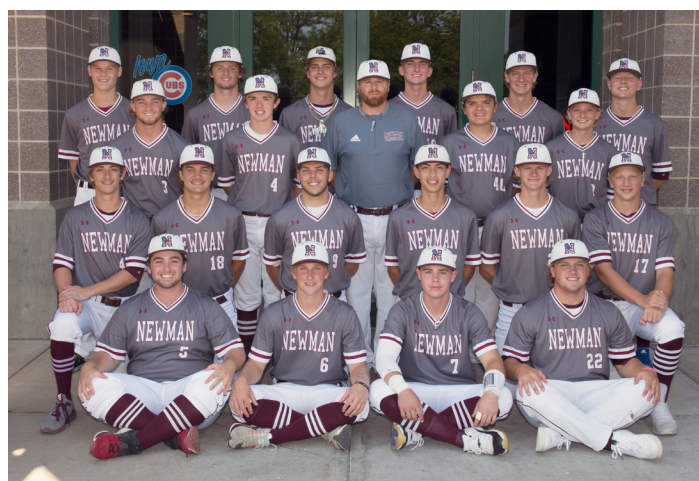
#### Semifinals

Newman Catholic, Mason City 10, Don Bosco, Gilbertville 0 (5 innings)

Alburnett 4, St. Mary's, Remsen 3

#### Final

Newman Catholic, Mason City 11, Alburnett 1 (6 innings)



Newman Catholic, Mason City



# National participation declines for first time in 30 years

Iowa drops to No. 20 in total participation as only 3 states see increase from 2017-18

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Participation in high school sports declined in 2018-19 for the first time in 30 years, according to the annual High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The 2018-19 total of 7,937,491 participants is a decline of 43,395 from the 2017-18 school year when the number of participants in high school sports reached an all-time record high of 7,980,886. This year's total – the third-highest ever – consisted of 4,534,758 boys and 3,402,733 girls, according to the figures obtained from the 51-member state high school associations, which includes the District of Columbia. The last decline in sports participation numbers occurred during the 1988-89 school year.

"We know from recent surveys that the number of kids involved in youth sports has been declining, and a decline in the number of public school students has been predicted for a number of years, so we knew our 'streak' might end someday," said Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS executive director. "The data from this year's survey serves as a reminder that we have to work even harder in the coming years to involve more students in these vital programs – not only athletics but performing arts programs as well."

The biggest contributors to the decline were the two long-standing and popular sports of football and basketball. Participation in boys 11-player football declined by 30,829 participants to 1,006,013 – the lowest mark since 1,002,734 in the 1999-2000 school year.

Although the actual number of participants in boys 11-player football dropped for the fifth consecutive year, the number of schools offering the sport remained steady. The survey indicated that 14,247 schools offer 11-player football – an increase of 168 from last year. A comparison of the figures from the past two years indicates that the average number of boys involved in 11-player football on a per-school basis dropped from 73 to 70, which would include freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

While participation in boys 11-player football dropped in all but seven states, participation in 6-player, 8-player and 9-player gained 156 schools and 1,594 participants nationwide, with the largest increase in boys 8-player football from 19,554 to 20,954. In addition, in the past 10 years, participation by girls in 11-player football has doubled – from 1,249 in the

2009-10 school year to 2,404 last year.

"The survey certainly confirms that schools are not dropping the sport of football, which is great news," Niehoff said. "Certainly, we are concerned about the reduction in the number of boys involved in the 11-player game but are thrilled that states are finding other options by starting 6-player or 8-player football in situations where the numbers have declined."

"While we recognize that the decline in football participation is due, in part, to concerns about the risk of injury, we continue to work with our member state associations, the nation's high schools and other groups to make the sport as safe as possible. Every state has enacted rules that limit the amount of contact before the season and during practices, and every state has concussion protocols and laws in place, so we continue to believe that the sport is as safe as it has ever been."

"We also are working with groups such as USA Football to reduce contact and teach proper tackling skills at the youth levels to increase the interest level as kids reach junior high school and high school."

The top 10 states by participants remained the same in 2018-19. Texas and California topped the list again with 825,924 and 824,709 participants, respectively, followed by New York (369,266), Ohio (339,158), Illinois (333,838), Pennsylvania (316,429), Florida (308,173), Michigan (292,947), New Jersey (281,058) and Minnesota (240,487). Only Texas, California and Minnesota reported higher figures than the previous year.

The participation survey has been compiled in its current form by the NFHS since 1971 through numbers it receives from its member state associations.

The complete 2018-19 High School Athletics Participation Survey is available via the following link: <http://www.nfhs.org/ParticipationStatistics/ParticipationStatistics/>



**NFHS release from September 5, 2019**

## Participation by State, 2018-19

#	State	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Texas	495,617	330,307	825,924
2.	California	465,789	358,920	824,709
3.	New York	197,505	171,761	369,266
4.	Ohio	197,084	142,074	339,158
5.	Illinois	191,912	141,926	333,838
6.	Pennsylvania	167,431	148,998	316,429
7.	Florida	173,655	134,518	308,173
8.	Michigan	166,605	126,342	292,947
9.	New Jersey	161,056	120,002	281,058
10.	Minnesota	122,602	117,885	240,487
11.	Massachusetts	125,633	101,634	227,267
12.	North Carolina	110,711	87,541	198,252
13.	Georgia	118,736	76,666	195,402
14.	Wisconsin	105,537	73,484	178,841
15.	Washington	94,614	79,764	174,378
16.	Virginia	98,558	75,508	174,066
17.	Missouri	100,185	71,740	171,925
18.	Indiana	89,538	63,410	152,948
19.	Alabama	89,714	49,001	138,715
20.	Iowa	81,863	56,347	138,210
29.	Kansas	60,716	42,647	103,363
33.	Nebraska	45,919	32,609	78,528
45.	South Dakota	16,638	13,080	29,718

**Note:** Reflects participation rate, i.e., individual participated in two sports is counted twice, three sports - three times, etc.

## Iowa Boys Participation, 2018-19

Sport	Schools	Participants	National Rank
Baseball	341	10,615	17/48
Basketball	355	10,964	19/51
Bowling	106	1,870	6/27
Cross Country	326	5,619	18/51
Football (11-Player)	266	15,984	25/51
Football (8-Player)	65	1,762	5/22
Football (Total)	331	17,746	-
Golf	332	4,896	10/50
Soccer	160	6,699	25/51
Swimming	49	1,425	28/49
Tennis	107	2,515	20/49
Track & Field (Outdoor)	350	12,012	18/51
Wrestling	279	6,523	15/51

## Iowa Girls Participation, 2018-19

Sport	Schools	Participants	National Rank
Basketball	352	7,285	21/51
Bowling	106	1,372	8/27
Cross Country	326	4,700	16/51
Golf	313	3,410	7/49
Soccer	153	5,818	24/51
Softball (Fast Pitch)	339	7,538	17/49
Swimming & Diving	55	1,647	28/49
Tennis	114	3,707	18/49
Track & Field (Outdoor)	348	9,908	18/51
Volleyball	356	10,718	12/51

## Iowa Boys Participation, Last Five Years

Sport	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	+/-
Baseball	10,407	11,010	10,445	10,463	10,615	208
Basketball	10,921	11,249	11,106	11,441	10,964	43
Bowling	1,576	1,834	1,801	1,848	1,870	294
Cross Country	5,223	5,499	5,505	5,689	5,619	496
Football, 11-Player	18,126	17,829	17,011	16,785	15,984	-2,142
Football, 8-Player	1,726	1,771	1,748	1,519	1,762	36
Football (Total)	19,852	19,600	18,759	18,304	17,746	-2,106
Golf	5,109	5,203	4,849	4,804	4,896	-213
Soccer	6,265	6,736	6,302	6,623	6,699	434
Swimming	1,344	1,619	1,467	1,478	1,425	81
Tennis	2,322	2,629	2,382	2,482	2,515	193
Track & Field (Outdoor)	11,301	12,308	11,923	12,228	12,012	711
Wrestling	6,424	6,512	6,586	6,406	6,523	99

## Most Popular Sports by Participant - National

BOYS			GIRLS		
#	Sport	Total	#	Sport	Total
1.	Football - 11-Player	1,006,013	1.	Track and Field - Outdoor	488,267
2.	Track and Field - Outdoor	605,354	2.	Volleyball	452,808
3.	Basketball	540,769	3.	Basketball	399,067
4.	Baseball	482,740	4.	Soccer	394,105
5.	Soccer	459,077	5.	Softball - Fast Pitch	362,038
6.	Cross Country	269,295	6.	Cross Country	219,345
7.	Wrestling	247,441	7.	Tennis	189,436
8.	Tennis	159,314	8.	Swimming and Diving	173,088
9.	Golf	143,200	9.	Competitive Spirit	161,358
10.	Swimming and Diving	136,638	10.	Lacrosse	99,750



# Ejection Reports

## Baseball ejections from the 2019 season

### Coach Report

There were 21 ejections of coaches during the 2018 baseball season.

#### Number of ejections by level

<u>JH</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Varsity</u>
0	1	1	4	15

#### List of coaches ejected

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Job</u>
BCLUW, Conrad	Matt Zoske	Varsity	Teacher
Bishop Heelan, Sioux City	Josh Logan	Junior Varsity	Non-Teacher
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows	Chris Allen	Junior Varsity	Non-Teacher
Des Moines Christian	Derek Flack	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Des Moines Christian	Kyle Martin	Freshman	Non-Teacher
Des Moines, North	Ryan Kramer	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Shawn Schlechter	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Greene County	John Hupp	Junior Varsity	Non-Teacher
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	Tom Lane	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Highland, Riverside	Kevin Nonnahme	Junior Varsity	Non-Teacher
Iowa City, City High	Brian Mitchell	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Iowa Valley, Marengo	John Bowlin	Varsity	Teacher
Keokuk	Scott Rose	Varsity	Non-Teacher
MOC-Floyd Valley	Drew Nonnemacher	Varsity	Teacher
Northeast, Goose Lake	Ryan Jordan	Varsity	Teacher
Notre Dame, Burlington	Chris Chiprez	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Saydel	Steve Gebhart	Varsity	Teacher
Southeast Warren	Eddie Kraber	Varsity	Non-Teacher
Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Matt Nelson	Varsity	Teacher
Sioux City, East	Kevin Dicus	Varsity	Teacher
Wahlert, Dubuque	Anthony Ruden	Sophomore	Non-Teacher

**Notes:** There were three more ejections during the 2019 season than in the 2018 season; All information compiled by schools' and officials' reports.

### Player Report

There were 59 ejections of student-athletes during the 2018 baseball season.

#### Number of ejections by level

<u>JH</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Varsity</u>
0	7	7	6	40

#### Reason for ejections

Malicious Contact - Home	22	Profanity	14
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	10	Malicious Contact - Base	7
Arguing Balls & Strikes	4	Chewing Tobacco	1
Throwing Equipment	1	Intentional Throw at Batter	1

#### Number of ejections by season

<u>Year</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>#</u>
2019	60	2014	51
2018	59	2013	41
2017	62	2012	54
2016	47	2011	53
2015	47	2010	76

**Notes:** There was one more ejection in the 2019 season than in the 2018 season; One student-athlete will be ineligible for the first competition of the 2019 season.



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# Member schools with zero ejections in 2018-19

ACGC	Harlan Community	Seymour
Akron-Westfield	Heartland Christian	Shenandoah
Alburnett	Hillcrest Academy	Sidney
Alta-Aurelia	Hinton	Sigourney
Anamosa	HLV, Victor	Sioux Center
Aplington-Parkersburg	Hudson	Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids
Baxter	IKM-Manning	Sioux City, West
Bedford	Iowa School for the Deaf	Siouxland Christian
Belle Plaine	Janesville	South Hamilton, Jewell
Bondurant-Farrar	Kee, Lansing	South Page, College Springs
Burlington	Keota	South Winneshiek, Calmar
CAM, Anita	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Southeast Valley, Gowrie
Cedar Rapids, Jefferson	Lake Mills	Southwest Valley
Centerville	Lamoni	Springville
Central Decatur, Leon	Lawton-Bronson	St. Edmond, Fort Dodge
Central Lee, Donnellson	LeMars	St. Mary's, Remsen
Central Lyon, Rock Rapids	Lenox	St. Mary's, Storm Lake
Central, Elkader	Lewis Central	Stanton
Charles City	Lisbon	Sumner-Fredericksburg
Clarinda	Lynnville-Sully	Tri-Center, Neola
Clarinda Academy	Maquoketa	Tri-County, Thornburg
Clarke, Osceola	Maquoketa Valley, Delhi	Trinity Christian High School
Clarksville	Marion	Turkey Valley, Jackson Junction
Clay Central-Everly	Mediapolis	Twin Cedars, Bussey
Clayton Ridge, Guttenberg	Meskwaki Settlement School	Underwood
Clear Creek-Amana	Midland, Wyoming	Union, La Porte City
Clear Lake	Montezuma	Unity Christian, Orange City
Colfax-Mingo	Moravia	Van Buren Community
Collins-Maxwell	Mormon Trail, Garden Grove	Wapello
Columbus Community, Columbus	Moulton-Udell	Wapsie Valley, Fairbank
Junction	Murray	Waterloo Christian School
Coon Rapids-Bayard	MVAOCOU	Waterloo, West
Crestwood, Cresco	Newell-Fonda	Waukon
Davis County, Bloomfield	North Butler, Greene	Waverly-Shell Rock
Decorah	North Cedar, Stanwood	Wayne, Corydon
Denison-Schleswig	North Fayette Valley	Webster City
Don Bosco, Gilbertville	North Iowa, Buffalo Center	West Bend-Mallard
East Sac County	North Linn, Troy Mills	West Central, Maynard
East Union, Afton	North Tama, Traer	West Delaware, Manchester
Easton Valley	North Union	West Hancock, Britt
Edgewood-Colesburg	Ogden	West Harrison, Mondamin
Essex	Orient-Macksburg	West Lyon, Inwood
Estherville Lincoln Central	Osage	Western Christian, Hull
Exira/Elk Horn-Kimballton	Pella Christian	Williamsburg
Forest City	Perry	Woodward Academy
Fort Dodge	Pleasant Valley	Xavier, Cedar Rapids
Fort Madison	Pocahontas Area	
Gehlen Catholic, LeMars	Riceville	
Gilbert	River Valley, Correctionville	
Graettinger-Terril	Ruthven-Ayrshire	
Griswold	Saint Ansgar	
Grundy Center	Scattergood Friends	

**149 of 365 member schools  
had zero ejections in 2018-19.  
Thank you and congratulations!**



# Academic Achievement

Honorees from the 2018-19 school year

School	Coach	GPA	School	Coach	GPA
<b>BASEBALL</b>					
<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>					
Anamosa	Bryan McCray	3.34	Perry	Austin Daniels	3.21
Audubon	Sean Birks	3.35	Regina, Iowa City	Todd Becker	3.25
BCLUW, Conrad	Matt Zoske	3.43	Roland-Story, Story City	Chris Hill	3.16
Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Fred Martin	3.61	Sheldon	Brad Zeutenhorst	3.07
BGM, Brooklyn	Jordan Ely	3.84	Treynor		3.21
Bishop Garrigan, Algona	Rob Meister	3.37	Tri-County, Thornburg	Scott Edmundson	3.02
Carroll	Ryne Young	3.27	Vinton-Shellsburg	Henry Bratten	3.05
Cascade, Western Dubuque	Roamn Hummel	3.41	West Hancock, Britt	Josh Eisenman	3.20
Central Decatur, Leon	Shane Akers	3.32	West Harrison, Mondamin	Tony Nunez	3.15
Central DeWitt	Shane Sikkema	3.47	<b>BASKETBALL</b>		
Colo-Nesco	Brandon Frohwein	3.30	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Crestwood, Cresco	Gary Steffen	3.37	Colo-Nesco	Brandon Kelley	3.48
Denver	Dustin Rewerts	3.48	Glenwood	Curt Schulte	3.25
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura		3.40	Kingsley-Pierson	Jarrod Schott	3.67
Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Scott Kiburis	3.56	Pleasant Valley	Steve Hillman	3.35
Glenwood	Kurt Schulz	3.40	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Larry Peterson	3.35
Hudson	Joe Bahnsen	3.52	West Sioux, Hawarden	Jerome Hoegh	3.33
Iowa City, Liberty	Tom Cronk	3.43	<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>		
Kingsley-Pierson	Taylor Doeschot	3.33	Belle Plaine	Justin Northrop	3.03
Marquette Catholic, Bellevue	Isaac Sturm	3.26	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Jake Young	3.02
Moulton-Udell	Jason Ogden	3.25	<b>BOWLING</b>		
New London	Brad Helmerson	3.26	<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>		
Pleasantville	Sheldon Card	3.43	Pleasant Valley	Pat Meyer	3.24
Rock Valley	Doug Bundy	3.41	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Ken Mehlsing	3.15
Shenandoah	Brett Roberts	3.54	<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>		
Sibley-Ocheyedan	Nate Vos	3.26	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
South Central Calhoun	Nate Lamphier	3.43	Janesville	Nolan Hovland	3.60
Springville	Tony Dlouhy	3.34	Glenwood	Todd Peverill	3.44
St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Duncan Patterson	3.40	<b>FOOTBALL</b>		
Tipton	Troy Smock	3.52	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Tri-Center, Neola	Max Kozeal	3.27	Kingsley-Pierson	Bart Boustead	3.33
Urbandale	Jeremy Heinen	3.37	Glenwood	Cory Faust	3.27
West Sioux, Hawarden	Brian Engleman	3.35	<b>GOLF - SPRING</b>		
Winterset	Travis Nedved	3.36	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Woodbury Central, Moville	Bill Meacham	3.49	BGM, Brooklyn	Jerod Burns	3.53
<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>			Cascade, Western Dubuque	Steve Weber	3.50
Ankeny	Joe Balvanz	3.22	Crestwood, Cresco	Justin Thrailkill	3.26
Ballard	Nick Steenhagen	3.12	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Ken Krause	3.32
Bondurant-Farrar	Brad Hamilton	3.05	Harlan Community	Chad Swanson	3.29
Creston	Steve Birchard	3.05	Hudson	Jeff Curly	3.58
Davis County, Bloomfield	Todd White	3.10	Kingsley-Pierson	Tim Dirksen	3.67
Decorah	Adam Riley	3.23	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Brian Billmeier	3.39
Grinnell	Tony Stenberg	3.23	Lynnvile-Sully	Alison Knouse	3.49
Griswold	Carter Stephens	3.04	Regina, Iowa City	Chris Stauffer	3.44
HLV, Victor	Wes Warwick	3.19			
Iowa Mennonite, Kalona	Danny Hershberger	3.23			
Jesup	Bruce Wall	3.08			
Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Randy Snyder	3.22			
Lynnvile-Sully	Scott Alberts	3.23			
Manson Northwest Webster	Brian Patterson	3.14			
Mason City	Troy Rood	3.14			
Newell-Fonda	Bo Darrow	3.24			
North Polk, Alleman		3.16			
North Scott, Eldridge	Travis Ralfs, Brad Ward	3.22			

## 2018-19 school year

School	Coach	GPA	School	Coach	GPA
South Central Calhoun	Barry Stevens	3.49	<b>TENNIS</b>		
Tipton	Heath Hesse	3.50	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Treynor	Thad Nelson	3.26	Ames	Dustin Rhoads	3.89
Unity Christian, Orange City	Cody Harskamp	3.41	Ankeny	Steve Smith	3.53
Woodbury Central, Merville	Matthew Jenness	3.34	Decorah	Reg Laursen	3.47
<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>			Glenwood	Trent Turney	3.34
Anamosa	Trent Jeffrey	3.22	Harlan Community	Chad Bruns	3.44
BCLUW, Conrad	Heath Rhinehart	3.19	Iowa City, West	Mitch Gross	3.57
Belle Plaine	Andrew Dahlquist	3.12	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Matt Greteman	3.58
Decorah	Rich Gaard	3.15	Mason City	Pat Kruger	3.72
Denver	Kevin Shedenhelm	3.16	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Doug Stuva	3.40
Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Julie Frischmeyer	3.16	Xavier, Cedar Rapids	Jim Potts	3.60
Glenwood	TBA	3.17	<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>		
Iowa Mennonite, Kalona	Steve Nelson	3.20	Audubon	McKenzie Krauel	3.13
Madrid	Kyle Stribe	3.15	Iowa City, City High	Chip Hardesty	3.23
Marquette Catholic, Bellevue	Noah Cornelius	3.04	<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>		
New London	Greg Lerdal	3.23	<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Postville	Mike Sass	3.04	Anamosa	Justin Bader	3.55
Rock Valley	Noah De Yager	3.21	Ankeny	Nick Nelson	3.27
Roland-Story, Story City	Mike Risdal	3.12	BCLUW, Conrad	Anthony Jahr	3.70
Sheldon	Gene Bomgaars	3.24	Bishop Garrigan, Algona	Marty Wadle	3.44
Southeast Valley, Gowrie	Shawn Blunk	3.19	Cascade, Western Dubuque	Chris Curry	3.28
St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Mike Klusman	3.10	Crestwood, Cresco	Chris Sullivan	3.37
Vinton-Shellsburg	Chad Pettyjohn	3.08	Decorah	Joel Rollingier	3.31
West Hancock, Britt	Melinda Tremmel	3.07	Denver	Rhett Barrett	3.49
West Sioux, Hawarden		3.10	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Kelsey Edwards	3.29
Woodbine	Tim Marshall	3.01	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Jackson Anderson	3.31
<b>SOCCER</b>			Hudson	Blaire Puls	3.56
<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>			Iowa Mennonite, Kalona	Marty Gingerich	3.56
Anamosa	David Stemper	3.33	Marquette Catholic, Bellevue	Rebecca Draus	3.60
Ankeny	Jordan Burns	3.35	Panorama, Panora	Greg Thompson	3.27
Decorah	Ben Shockey/Julie Shockey-Trytten	3.45	Regina, Iowa City	Liam Hartley	3.48
Denver	Jared Pickett	3.69	Southeast Valley, Gowrie	Travis Nuss	3.35
Harlan Community	Dave Voge	3.30	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Russ Sidelar	3.55
Hudson	Sue Rink	3.81	Treynor	Jeff Koenck	3.38
Iowa City, West	Brad Stiles	3.33	Tri-Center, Neola	Gene Johnson	3.29
Regina, Iowa City	Rick Larew	3.38	Unity Christian, Orange City	Karl Kaemingk	3.52
Unity Christian, Orange City	Steve Westra	3.46	West Sioux, Hawarden	Jerome Hoegh	3.51
Winterset	Cody Sullivan	3.44	Woodbine	Ryan Coenen	3.27
Xavier, Cedar Rapids	Amir Hadzic	3.32	Xavier, Cedar Rapids	Russ Camacho	3.45
<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>			<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>		
Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Jon Dinsdale	3.06	Audubon	Monte Riebhoff	3.20
Iowa City, City High	Jose Michel Fajardo	3.02	Belle Plaine	Mark Tegeler	3.22
Iowa Mennonite, Kalona	Marcus Miller	3.02	BGM, Brooklyn	Matt Smith	3.02
Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Ken Massey	3.04	Glenwood	Mark Starnier	3.21
Marquette Catholic, Bellevue	Gary Penniston	3.07	Harlan Community	Sam Brummer	3.16
St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Tom Lorkovic	3.20	Iowa City, City High	Mike Moore	3.15
Tri-Center, Neola	Josh Calhoon	3.18	Iowa City, West	T.J. Craig	3.18
Vinton-Shellsburg	Kyle McAbee	3.20	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Ryan Steinkamp	3.14
<b>SWIMMING</b>			Lynnville-Sully		3.02
<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>			Madrid	Steve Perkins	3.14
Pleasant Valley	Stacey Zapolski	3.41	Mason City	Tyler Ketelsen	3.06
			New London	Joe White	3.05
			Roland-Story, Story City	Brian Petersen	3.22
			South Central Calhoun	Bryan Case	3.20
			Sumner-Fredericksburg	Dan Leete	3.00
			West Hancock, Britt	Bob Sanger	3.20
			West Harrison, Mondamin	Andrew Stevenson	3.17



## 2018-19 school year

<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>GPA</u>
<b>WRESTLING</b>			<b>CHEER - WRESTLING</b>		
<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>			<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>		
Belle Plaine	Brandon Heying	3.06	Belle Plaine	Leah Mast	3.25
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Cory Jenniges	3.02	Hudson	Ellie Klenk	3.55
Glenwood	Tucker Weber	3.19	Kingsley-Pierson	Christal Reis	4.00
Kingsley-Pierson	Brandon Borkowski, Bill Seuntjens	3.00	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jeanna Sherbondy	3.47
Pleasant Valley	Jacob Larsen	3.02	<b>Excellence in Academic Achievement</b>		
St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jeremy Hulshizer, Devon Yeoman	3.00	Pleasant Valley	Telly Skahill	3.09
			West Sioux, Hawarden	Madalyn Vlotho	3.22
<b>CHEER - BASKETBALL</b>					
<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>					
Belle Plaine	Leah Mast	3.55			
Glenwood	Dixie Thomas	3.46			
Hudson	Ellie Klenk	3.89			
Kingsley-Pierson	Shelly Schaeuble	3.33			
Pleasant Valley	Megan Ramirez	3.55			
St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jenna Dunn	3.86			
<b>CHEER - FOOTBALL</b>					
<b>Distinguished in Academic Achievement</b>					
Kingsley-Pierson	Shelly Schaeuble	4.00			

Keep an eye on the action.  
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# Board of Control minutes

Approved records from IHSAA board meetings from after April 24, 2019

## SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION JUNE 10, 2019

The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) met June 10, 2019, at the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) office in Boone, pursuant to notice. Board of Control members present were Chairperson Greg Darling, Vice Chairperson Rod Earleywine, Brent Cook, Greg Dockum, Paula Wright and Ryan Wise (non-voting). Association staff members present were Executive Director Alan Beste; Associate Director Brett Nanninga; Assistant Directors Todd Tharp, Chad Elsberry and Jared Chizek; Director of Finance Jessica Morgan, Director of Officials Lewie Curtis, Communications Director Chris Cuellar. Also present was Tom Keating, IHSAA incoming executive director.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Darling at 8:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - (MM-S) Dockum-Cook to approve the April 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - (MM-S) Earleywine-Dockum to proceed to Executive Session. (MM-S) Cook-Wright to adjourn the Executive Session.

### CONSENT ITEMS

**2019 POSTSEASON BASEBALL MANUAL** - Assistant Director Chizek presented the 2019 Postseason Baseball Manual.

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS START DATE** - Assistant Director Chizek presented the email correspondence from the board on Monday, May 20, 2019 approving a change in the junior high school sports start date.

**RED CARD NOTIFICATION IN POSTSEASON SOCCER** - Assistant Director Tharp presented correspondence sent to all seven schools who had two or more red cards at the start of the postseason soccer tournament.

**STATE TRACK 3200-METER RACE AWARDS** - Executive Director Beste presented the resolution to the 3200-meter race in the Class 1A state track and field meet.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** - (MM-S) Wright-Earleywine to approve all consent items as presented and reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

### ACTION ITEMS

**2019-20 IHSAA BUDGET APPROVAL** - Executive Director Beste and Chairperson Darling presented the minutes and recommendations of the IHSAA Budget Committee. (MM-S) Earleywine-Dockum to receive the minutes and recommendations of the IHSAA Budget Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Director of Finance Morgan presented April 30, 2019 financial statements including the Detailed Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Budgetary Activities. (MM-S) Earleywine-Cook to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**IHSAA BASKETBALL COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Associate Director Nanninga presented the minutes of the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee. The committee made five recommendations. 1) To have the IHSAA provide a HUDL video pool for state tournament teams. 2) To increase the number on the state tournament roster from 15 to 18. 3) To adjust the postseason calendar to start the 1A tournament on the previous Friday or Saturday. 4) To draft a letter to the Department of Education to expand the coach-athlete contact rule. 5) To move the state tournament to Hilton Coliseum in 2021. (MM-S) Dockum-Cook to receive the minutes and to approve recommendations 1, 2 and 3 and to deny recommendations 4 and 5. Motion carried unanimously.



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**JUNIOR HIGH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Assistant Director Chizek presented the minutes of the Junior High Advisory Committee. The committee made four recommendations, one of which was already approved by the Board. 1) To allow awards to be presented in junior high wrestling meets. 2) To allow each host school the ability to determine how many track and field teams to invite for its regular season events. 3) To allow junior high schools to play seven soccer matches. (MM-S) Earleywine-Cook to receive the minutes and to approve recommendations 1, 2 and 3. Motion carried unanimously.

**IHSAA SWIMMING COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Assistant Director Chizek presented the minutes of the Swimming Coaches Advisory Committee. The committee made five recommendations. 1) At the district meet, to provide a five-minute break at the conclusion of each event where the competition pool and any other pool, approved by meet management, is open to all competitors. 2) To use all eight lanes for relay events at district swimming events with eight or fewer entries. 3) To allow state meet qualifiers to participate at the state venue after the district meet. 4) To swim-off a tie for the last state qualifying spot at the state meet venue prior to the parade of champions. 5) To investigate going to a prelim/finals state swimming meet starting in 2021. (MM-S) Wright-Earleywine to receive the minutes and to approve recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 5 and to deny recommendation 4. Motion carried unanimously.

**IHSAA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Director of Officials Curtis presented the minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee. The committee made two recommendations. 1) To allow high school students who are registered to officiate subvarsity contests in all sports. 2) As part of the registration process, to allow the IHSAA to share an official's contact information with member schools through the member school link. (MM-S) Dockum-Earleywine to receive the minutes and to approve recommendations 1 and 2. Motion carried unanimously.

**IHSAA GOLF COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Assistant Director Elsberry presented the minutes of the Golf Coaches Advisory Committee. The committee made two recommendations. 1) To enforce the IHSAA golf uniform shirt regulation as a code of conduct issue. 2) To advance one additional player and all ties in all postseason rounds if a host school occupies one of the at-large individual qualifying positions. (MM-S) Earleywine-Cook to receive the minutes and to approve recommendation 1 and to deny recommendation 2. Motion carried unanimously.

**NFHS FOOTBALL RULE CHANGE** – Assistant Director Tharp presented information relative the NFHS football rule change allowing state associations to use instant replay for their postseason football tournament series. (MM-S) Earleywine-Wright not to use instant replay for the 2019 football playoffs. Motion carried unanimously.

**2019 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATIONS** – Assistant Directors Tharp and Chizek presented the baseball classifications for the 2019 postseason tournament. (MM-S) Cook-Dockum to approve the classifications as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**2019 CLASS 4A GOLF CLASSIFICATION, DISTRICT SITES AND ASSIGNMENTS** – Assistant Director Elsberry presented the golf classifications and district sites and assignments for the 2019 fall season. (MM-S) Wright-Cook to approve the classifications, district sites and assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SCRIMMAGE TRAVEL DISTANCE** – The administrative staff presented information relative to the current scrimmage policy and the need to look at the mileage limitation. (MM-S) Cook-Earleywine to change to the scrimmage policy in all sports to allow a school to travel anywhere in the state of Iowa and continuous state and the state of Kansas. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY** – Executive Director Beste provided information relative to the use of the public address system at all postseason events and other IHSAA sponsored activities. (MM-S) Dockum-Wright to approve the public address announcement policy as presented for all IHSAA postseason and sponsored events. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND EVALUATION FORMS** – Executive Director Beste provided job descriptions for each IHSAA employee and the evaluation rubric to be used in the future. (MM-S) Earleywine-Wright to approve the job descriptions, along with any possible future addendums, and evaluation forms for the IHSAA staff. Motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

**D.O.E. REPORT** – Board Member Wise shared the Department recently distributed its annual "Letter to the Field" providing an update to schools on all the legislative changes for the 2019-20 school year.

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**I.A.S.B. REPORT** – Board Member Dockum shared the organization is hosting a fiscal management conference on July 17 in Altoona.

**I.H.S.A.D.A REPORT** – Board Member Cook shared the IHSADA Summer Leadership Institute will not be held this summer due to lack of interest.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & OUTREACH REPORT** – Assistant Director Elsberry provided information regarding future workshops with the Center for Violence Prevention and the Iowa Leadership Training Camp along with potential Conference Connection workshops by partnering with the Ray Center.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT** – Communications Director Cuellar provided social media analytics for the board to review.

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS REPORT** – Director of Officials Curtis shared the 2019 spring sport ejection report and 2018-19 officials registration numbers in all sports.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT** – Associate Director Nanninga and Communications Director Cuellar provided an update on the future plans of technological upgrades for the IHSAA office and new web site.

**IHSSN/NFHS NETWORKS REPORT** – Associate Director Nanninga and Executive Director Beste provided an update relative to the spring tournaments and the Iowa High School Sports Network and NFHS Network.

### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) Executive Director Beste shared the IHSAA Annual Meeting announcement sent to member schools.
- 2) Executive Director Beste provided a resignation letter from Denny Presnall regarding his role as an independent contractor for the Iowa Hall of Pride.
- 3) Assistant Directors Tharp and Chizek shared correspondence sent to member schools regarding the online baseball rules meeting.
- 4) Executive Director Beste provided information regarding the number of insurance claims filed under the Head Strong Insurance program as of June 1.
- 5) Executive Director Beste presented the NFHS summer meeting schedule.
- 6) Executive Director Beste provided a potential list of names to be considered as potential nominees for the NFHS Hall of Fame.
- 7) Executive Director Beste shared information about the August board retreat.
- 8) Executive Director Beste provided an update on the board policy manual.
- 9) Executive Director Beste and Chairperson Darling shared information regarding Executive Director Beste's retirement party.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** - The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 9 and 10, 2019 at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort in Riverside, Iowa.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Darling at 11:15 a.m.

I, Jared Chizek, Assistant Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Control held Monday, June 10, 2019.

### SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION JULY 10, 2019

The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) met July 10, 2019, at the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) office in Boone, pursuant to notice. Board of Control members present were Chairperson Greg Darling (via phone), Vice-Chairperson Rod Earleywine (via phone), Dave Wiebers (via phone), Greg Dockum (via phone) and Brent Cook (via phone). Association staff members present were Executive Director Tom Keating and Assistant Directors Todd Tharp and Jared Chizek. Also present was Brian Humke, IHSAA legal counsel.



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**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Darling at 8:30 a.m.

**(1) NEVADA** - Marshal S. - Open Enrollment Transfer Rule 36.15(4). Pursuant to a letter received from Rick and Lisa S., parents of student. Rick and Lisa S., appellants, participated in the hearing. The participants were informed Board Member Wise had recused himself from the hearing and had not received any materials pertaining to the telephonic hearing. (MM-S) Earleywine-Cook that in accordance with 36.15(4), eligibility be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Darling at 9:15 a.m.

I, Jared Chizek, Assistant Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Control held Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE  
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) met August 6, 2019, at the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) office in Boone, pursuant to notice. Board of Control members present were Chairperson Greg Darling, Vice-Chairperson Rod Earleywine (via phone), Treasurer Barb Schwamman (via phone), Dave Wiebers (via phone), Greg Dockum (via phone), Brent Cook (via phone), Scott Kibby (via phone) and Paula Wright (via phone). Association staff members present were Executive Director Tom Keating and Assistant Directors Todd Tharp and Jared Chizek. Also present was Brian Humke, IHSAA legal counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Darling at 8:35 a.m.

**(1) MARION** - Logan H. - Scholarship Rule 36.15(2). Pursuant to a letter received from Greg Semler, principal at Marion High School. Greg Semler, appellant, Tim Lovell, football coach, Jason Haag, wrestling coach, Logan H., student, and Ida R., student's mother, participated in the hearing. The participants were informed Board Member Wise had recused himself from the hearing and had not received any materials pertaining to the hearing. (MM-S) Schwamman-Earleywine that in accordance with 36.15(2), the appeal requesting an extension of eligibility be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Darling at 9:10 a.m.

I, Jared Chizek, Assistant Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Control held Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Jared Chizek  
Assistant Director