

FAQs

Achieve Challenge 2025



What is the Achieve Challenge?

The Achieve Challenge is a voluntary statewide community service initiative for high schools.

Are schools required to participate?

Schools are encouraged, but not required, to participate.

How do we select our community service project?

Participating schools are permitted to select a service project that is meaningful for their students and community. We strongly encourage both schools to participate in one combined service project.

How are service award winners selected?

Service awards will be based upon the social media submitted by each school highlighting their community service event and scrimmage. Five (at large across the state) \$500 awards will be given to the most outstanding community service projects. The Achieve Challenge is sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery.

What is a Challenge Scrimmage/Exhibition?

Schools participating in the Achieve Challenge are eligible to participate in a "**Challenge Scrimmage/Exhibition**" (high schools only). Schools that receive authorization for a Challenge Scrimmage are permitted to use one of their 3 allotted basketball scrimmages (boys and/or girls) to play a regulation game under all normal game conditions, including charging admission, keeping score and using officials. **All schools wishing to participate in a Scrimmage must have the HOST school register online through the Bound forms at IHSAA.**

Can JV and / or Freshmen teams participate in a Challenge Scrimmage?

A single event may include Varsity, JV and Freshmen (if part of the high school basketball program). A single event may include boys and girls.

How many Challenge Scrimmages can we participate in?

Each school is permitted to participate in a maximum of ONE Challenge Scrimmage event for the girls' team(s) and ONE event for the boys' team(s).

Can we charge admission at our Challenge Scrimmage?

Yes, schools are permitted to charge admission.

Does our Challenge Scrimmage count on our record?

Schools are permitted to keep score, but Challenge Scrimmages **do not** count on a team's record.

Does our Achieve Challenge Scrimmage have to be a full regulation game?

No, it is at the discretion of the participating schools whether to play a full regulation game or a modified version.

Can we include a three-point contest or free-throw shooting contest?

The event may include additional activities such as a three-point contest or free-throw contest. Schools also have the option of a more traditional scrimmage scenario.

When can we schedule our Challenge Scrimmage?

Scrimmages must take place during the designated time frame (Nov. 10, 2025 to Dec. 20, 2025).

Is there a cost or fee to participate in an Achieve Challenge Scrimmage?

There is NO cost for schools to hold a Challenge Scrimmage. Schools may also collect a gate for admissions if they choose at their event.

What happens to Challenge Revenues?

Proceeds from the event may either be used to benefit your chosen service project or may be retained by the host school.

How do we get approval to participate in an Achieve Challenge Scrimmage?

The host school is responsible for completing a brief online application through their IHSAA Bound forms.

When will we receive authorization to go ahead on our Achieve Challenge Scrimmage?

After submitting the online form, the application will be reviewed and an email will be sent to the host school contact that was provided on the form with permission to proceed or request for additional information.

When is the final deadline to submit our Achieve Challenge Application?

November 7, 2025 – all applications must be approved BEFORE scrimmages occur.

Questions regarding the Achieve Challenge should be directed to:

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