



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Basketball Memo #1

October 10, 2025

Good afternoon basketball coaches and AD's. As we prepare for the beginning of the basketball season, here are a few items to begin focusing on.

1. E-Mail Receipt

This list of e-mail addresses (both AD & Head Coaches has been downloaded from that data entered by someone at your school into Bound. AD's, please confirm with your basketball coach that they have received this email. If they have not received this email, please contact me as soon as possible so I can enter the list into my database so that consistent communication takes place each week.

2. Pre Season Prospectus

As the IHSAA has done the previous two years, we are asking each boy's head coach to complete a prospectus regarding their team. Please complete this prospectus by Monday, October 28th. This information is very valuable to our rankings committee. Here is the link to complete the prospectus:

<https://www.iahsaa.org/basketball/preseason-prospectus/>

3. 22nd Game Requests

Weekly, I will attempt to provide a list of 22nd game requests that have been submitted. Just to clarify the process, the school that is short a contest(s) should be the school that submits the form after the date and site of the contest have been negotiated. If your game is listed, then it has been approved by our office.

Link to submit a request for a 22nd contest: <https://www.iahsaa.org/basketball-22nd-game-request/>

Link to view 22nd game contests approved: <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Preliminary-Classifications-Oct.-10.pdf>

4. Basketball Schedule Entered into Bound

Please make sure you have entered your (HOME) varsity basketball schedule into Bound. If you are playing at a neutral site, the school hosting the event should be listed as the home team. If you have listed both home and away contests, that is not a problem, you are simply helping out your visiting opponent on their schedule. If you have not done so already, the schedules need to be entered by Monday, November 10th. We will then download the schedule into a spreadsheet and share it with HUDL so there will be easy access for all schools to share video and download video of upcoming opponents.

5. Preliminary Basketball Classifications

Preliminary classifications have been placed under the "Basketball" tab on our website. A reminder that a new state law requires that only 25% of a school's enrollment be used when a sharing agreement takes place. The school with the larger enrollment will be used to determine the base enrollment and then 25% of the remaining school(s) will be added to that base enrollment. Enrollments will be preliminary until the Board of Control meeting on November 21st. At that time they become final and if schools decide to enter a sharing agreement or dissolve a sharing agreement will not be able to change classifications.

Here is the link: <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Preliminary-Classifications-Oct.-2.pdf>

6. IHSAA Basketball Advisory Recommendations and IHSAA Board of Control Approval for 2025-2026

There were two recommendations from the IHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee and both of these recommendations were approved by the Board of Control.

1. Daily quarter limitation eliminated. No longer will coaches have to keep track of the number of quarters a player plays in one day. All players are permitted 44 regular season games. One quarter equals one game played.

Example: School A is scheduled for a JV/Varsity doubleheader. Todd Tharp plays in 4 quarters of the junior varsity game and plays in 4 quarters of the varsity contest. How many contests are counted against him?

Answer: Todd Tharp has played in 2 contests and has 42 contests left to play in.

Example: School A is scheduled for a 9th/JV/Varsity tripleheader. Todd Tharp plays in 1 quarter of the 9th contest and 1 quarter of the JV contest and 1 quarter of the varsity contest. How many contests are counted against him.

Answer: Todd Tharp has played in 3 contests. He has 41 contests left to play in.

2. Class 1A and Class 2A District Final contests will be played at the higher seeded facility.

Minimum seating capacity for Class 1A District Finals: 800

Minimum seating capacity for Class 2A District Finals: 1,000

If the higher seeded team does not meet the minimum seating capacity, they can elect to contact another school that meets the seating capacity and the contest can be played there. If the higher seeded team cannot find another school to host, the contest will be moved to the lower seeded team's site. If the lower seeded team cannot meet the seating capacity minimums, the IHSAA will determine the location of the contest.

Thank you for all you do. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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