

# GENERAL SPORTS INFORMATION

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# MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota High School Activities Association will serve member schools by providing leadership in the development, supervision and conduct of interscholastic activities which enrich the educational experiences of high school students. The SDHSAA is committed to the ideals that will provide equitable participation opportunities and positive recognition to students, while working cooperatively with all schools to enhance the achievement of desired educational goals.

We believe:

- The SDHSAA is the recognized state authority on interscholastic activity programs.
- Interscholastic activity programs enrich each student's educational experience.
- Participation in education-based activity programs promotes student academic achievement.
- Student participation in interscholastic activity programs is a privilege.
- Interscholastic participation develops good citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and strengthens cultural diversity.
- Interscholastic activity programs foster involvement of a diverse population.
- Interscholastic activity programs promote positive school/community relations.
- The SDHSAA, in conjunction with the NFHS, is the pre-eminent authority on competition rules for interscholastic activity programs.
- National competition rules promote fair play and minimize risks for student participants.
- Properly trained administrators/coaches/directors promote the educational mission of the interscholastic experience.
- Properly trained officials/judges enhance interscholastic competition.
- In earning public trust through administering honest and dependable activities programs.
- In providing South Dakota students with quality educationally based activities programs.
- In providing programming that provides balanced coverage of both athletic and fine arts programs.
- The SDHSAA and its member schools value the following:
  - equity, fairness and justice,
  - activities which support the academic mission of schools,
  - fair play and honorable competition,
  - activities which support healthy lifestyles, and
  - treating people with dignity and respect.

Numerous studies have been conducted which provide empirical evidence to the value of co-curricular programs that are supported by our member schools:

- ❖ **Activities Support The Academic Mission Of Schools.** Activities are not a diversion but rather an extension of a good educational program. Students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students generally.
- ❖ **Activities Are Inherently Educational.** Activity programs provide valuable lessons for practical situations—teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing and hard work. Through participation in activity programs, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations. These are qualities the public expects schools to produce in students so that they become responsible adults and productive citizens.
- ❖ **Activities Foster Success In Later Life.** Participation in high school activities is often a predictor of later success—in college, a career and becoming a contributing member of society.

Did you know . . .

- School activities are not a diversion, but rather an extension of a good educational program.
- Students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems.
- Activity programs provide valuable lessons for practical situations—teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing and hard work. Through participation in activity programs, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations.
- Participation in high school activities is likely a predictor of later success.

- Of the 60 students listed in *USA Today's* All-USA High School Academic First, Second and Third Teams and the 51 who earned honorable mention, 75 percent were involved in sports, speech, music or debate.
- A study by the Search Institute indicates that co-curricular activities play a central role in students' healthy development.
- School-age children and teens who are unsupervised during the hours after school are far more likely to use alcohol, drugs and tobacco, engage in criminal and other high-risk behaviors, receive poor grades, and drop out of school than those children who have the opportunity to benefit from constructive activities supervised by responsible adults.
- A nationwide study by the Women's Sport Foundation indicated that athletes do better in the classroom, are more involved in school activity programs and stay involved in the community after graduation.
- According to a study conducted by Indiana University, students participating in a number of activities not only achieve better academically, but also express greater satisfaction with the total high school experience than students who do not participate.
- Individuals at the executive vice-president level or above in 75 Fortune 500 companies indicated that 95 percent of those corporate executives participated in sports during high school. In addition, 54 percent were involved in student government, 43 percent in the National Honor Society, 37 percent in music, 35 percent in scouts and 18 percent in the school's publication.
- The American College Testing Service compared the value of four factors in predicting success after high school. The one yardstick that could be used to predict later success in life was achievement in school activities.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVITIES**

A strong activities program can and should complement a school's academic program. Activities are an integral part of the total curriculum of South Dakota schools. A well-balanced activities program provides the opportunity for physical, social and emotional development complementing intellectual growth.

Participation in school activities encompasses all students without regard to sex, race, or creed and teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules.

It is the duty of the member schools, through their Activities Association, to maintain the appropriate balance between the academic and activities program offered.

## **RULES AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT**

### **From the Executive Director**

I believe that it is fair to say that there is general agreement that interschool activities can have positive educational values for students, member schools of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and your respective communities when properly planned, administered and supervised.

Toward these goals, and to insure that individuals compete in a consistent and fair atmosphere, a set of rules and regulations has been developed for the activities governed by the SDHSAA. These rules and regulations can be found in the Association Constitution and Bylaws, the Handbook, approved Rulings of the Board of Directors and in the established game rules governing the various sports.

The SDHSAA has long demonstrated pride in its democratic system whereby the member schools, through their representatives, create these rules. They are not decrees of any one person or the executive staff in the Pierre office. Each of the activities covered by the SDHSAA and the sections in the Constitution and Bylaws was voted into effect by the membership.

In essence, all SDHSAA rules are adopted by every school belonging to the Association as its own rules when the time comes for participation in SDHSAA activities. When an SDHSAA rule is violated by a school, coach, or individual, in effect, your rules are being violated. Oftentimes, when a violation occurs, there are charges that the rule is unfair. Naturally, most any penalty for a rule infraction often is labeled too severe, especially when an entire school or team receives a penalty when just one person or a few people were responsible for the infraction. I am sure that most of you are aware of the fact that the penalty for most infractions is not finitely spelled out in the Constitution and Bylaws. For the most part, determining the

appropriate penalty for infractions is left up to the discretion of the Board of Directors. You must understand that penalties serve two purposes: (1) A deterrent to a violation, and (2) a means to rectify an inequity. The penalties established in the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as well as the penalties established by Rulings of the Board of Directors are made to fulfill these purposes and to be consistent with the purpose of the Association. If the penalties are considered too severe or if the wrong parties are being penalized, then the penalty should, of course, be changed or corrected through the Association's amendment process or by rulings of the Board of Directors.

Last but not least, the administrative staff at the SDHSAA office wishes to thank all superintendents, principals, activity directors, athletic directors, coaches, vocal and instrumental music directors, speech and drama directors, journalism directors, and student council supervisors for all the wonderful cooperation we have received in the past. It is impossible to express our sincere appreciation to all of you individually, just as it would be impossible to have a successful activities program in all of our 180 member schools without your dedication and cooperation. We especially want to thank those of you who serve as supervisors of tests as well as those of you who serve as directors of our state events. We also thank those schools for the use of their facilities for our various sub-state and state programs. We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage every school to plan for and carry out special programs during NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK scheduled for October. Best wishes for a most joyous, exciting, rewarding and successful school year.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTIONS/POLICIES**

### **GAMBLING/SMOKING**

The Board of Directors adopted the following Resolutions and they express the thinking of the board. It is our belief that these resolutions reflect the thinking of all school administrators, coaches, and those who have a sense of moral responsibility. We hope that these Resolutions are used in all weekly papers in the state, by our daily papers, by radio and television stations.

Each sportswriter and sportscaster who is on our mailing list will receive a copy of these Resolutions, but we are dependent on the school people to take care of publicity in the local weekly papers. At your local games and at tournaments, efforts by the management must be made to curtail or eliminate all gambling and smoking associated with high school athletics.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, properly-directed high school athletics provide indispensable and invaluable training for high school students both in physique and in character, and

**WHEREAS**, boards of education and school administrators are striving more and more to provide coaches for high school athletics who are examples of upstanding character and who are able to inspire athletes to be what athletes ought to be, and

**WHEREAS**, betting on inter-school athletic contest results in placing undue pressure on coaches and teams to win at any cost and thus to violate the high principles that should guide athletic participation, and

**WHEREAS**, using high school athletic contests as a basis for making, or trying to make, money through betting is an unwarranted form of exploitation of our state's youth, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association, that all betting on high school athletic contests should be condemned by the parents of the participating athletes; by the taxpayers who supply the cost of the buildings, grounds, and coaching; and by the general public.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the SDHSAA promotes a healthy lifestyle and encourages local Boards of Education to adopt policies that promote the prohibition of the use of alcohol, tobacco and mood altering drugs on school property, and

**WHEREAS** properly executed high school activity programs provide indispensable and invaluable training for high school students both in physique and in character, and

**WHEREAS** Boards of Education and school administrators are striving more and more to provide coaches/directors/advisors who are examples of upstanding character and who are able to inspire students to be examples of upstanding character, and

**WHEREAS** alcohol, tobacco, and mood altering drugs are not conducive to upstanding character, and

**WHEREAS** the American Medical Association has deemed alcohol, tobacco, and mood altering drugs as harmful both to the user and to those who come into contact with those whom use, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association that the SDHSAA supports member schools who have adopted policies preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and

mood altering drugs from all indoor/outdoor facilities, parking lots and other school property where activities sponsored by the SDHSAA and member school districts are held.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Whereas** the South Dakota High School Activities Association is a voluntary, non-profit association,  
and

**Whereas** being statutorily authorized the school boards of public schools and the governing body of non-public schools have delegated the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic activities to this association, and

**Whereas** the South Dakota High School Activities Association staff and board are empowered to work jointly and in cooperation with member schools across South Dakota for the advancement of both curricular and co-curricular interscholastic activities, and

**Whereas** the schools boards of the member public schools participating in the association are required to operate within the parameters of the open meeting laws of the State of South Dakota, and

**Whereas** the South Dakota High School Activities Association staff and board desire to continue to communicate openly and completely with these member schools to ensure that it operates with similar transparency.

### **BE IT RESOLVED**

The official meetings of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association consisting of a majority of the Board members of the association are open to the public.

The SDHSAA shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire twenty-four hours before any meeting, by posting a copy of the notice describing the time and place of the meeting, visible to the public, at the principal office of the SDHSAA, and by posting it on the SDHSAA's website immediately upon dissemination of the notice to the Board.

If any printed material intended for consideration during the open meeting and relating to an agenda item of the meeting is prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the SDHSAA staff or board and the printed material is distributed before the meeting, the material shall either be posted on the SDHSAA's website or made available at the SDHSAA office at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or at the time the material is distributed to the SDHSAA board, whichever is later.

If for any reason certain of the printed material which is open for inspection is not available for posting on the website or available for viewing at the SDHSAA office, at least one copy of the printed material must be available in the meeting room for inspection by any person while the SDHSAA board is considering the printed material.

The SDHSAA receives and develops records intended to be considered during executive or closed meetings, and these records shall not be made available for distribution to the public.

While the South Dakota High School Activities Association desires to operate openly with its member schools, the SDHSAA Board of Directors recognizes that important reasons exist for it enter into executive or closed session for certain purposes including:

- (1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness of any employee or prospective employee;
- (2) Discussing any actions impacting participation by or eligibility of a student or member school in extracurricular activities;
- (3) Consideration and discussion of confidential records received from members schools or students for utilization by the Board during its decision making process;
- (4) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel on matters requiring his or her expertise;
- (5) Preparing for or reporting upon contract negotiations;
- (6) Discussing financial, marketing, pricing, proprietary or other business sensitive matters that might be deemed harmful by the board to the position of the association;
- (7) Other circumstances where the board determines that the nature of the discussion under consideration clearly mandate the session be closed.

### **Native American mascots**

- (1) WHEREAS after numerous empirical studies, personal anecdotes, and recommendations from national organizations and federal programs, it is evident that stereotypical Indian imagery and Indian mascots cause harm, and
- (2) WHEREAS one leading study conducted by Dr. Stephanie Fryberg (Stanford University, 2004) determined that stereotypical representations from Indian mascots and Indian imagery of the “leathered and feathered” Indian have a direct negative impact on the self-esteem of American Indian youth, as they restrict the number of ways in which American Indian youth see themselves, and
- (3) WHEREAS exposure to such pervasive stereotypical imagery resulted in lower self-esteem, a lower sense of community worth, and decreased views of students’ own potential, and
- (4) WHEREAS in 2005, the American Psychological Association (APA) called for the “immediate retirement of all American Indian mascots, symbols, images, and personalities by schools, colleges, universities, athletic teams, and organizations”, and
- (5) WHEREAS two years later the American Sociological Association (ASA) also called for the elimination of American Indian names, mascots and logos, and in 2011, the American Counseling Association (ACA) passed a resolution calling upon their members to advocate for the elimination of all stereotypes associated with Indian mascots, and
- (6) WHEREAS in October 2015, the White House Initiative on American Indian/Alaska Native Education released a report with recommendations for schools to immediately retire Indian mascots and stereotypical Indian imagery, after findings which confirmed the harm of stereotypical Indian imagery, and
- (7) WHEREAS considering all of the aforementioned recommendations, it is very clear that Indian mascots, and any representation of stereotypical Indian imagery not only cause harm to American Indian youth, but moreover, such imagery is not suitable for educational settings which aim to foster healthy psychological development and/or student self-actualization.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the South Dakota High School Activities Association encourages its membership to consider not using any stereotypical Indian imagery and Indian mascots that cause harm.

### **WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT**

The Board of Directors adopted the following resolution on January 17, 1985:

- (1) “Be it resolved that all member schools be urged to cooperate with local church and ministerial organizations as much as is practical in observing Wednesday night as church night and avoiding conflicts in scheduling church and school activities whenever possible.”

### **SCHEDULING CONFLICTS RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors and it expresses the thinking of the board:

- (1) If it is necessary to schedule school activities at the local level on the dates of an SDHSAA state event, it is recommended that priority be given to the students who qualified for the state event.
- (2) Schools should follow the following precedent—state event over regular season event and performance over practice.

### **SDHSAA AND NFHS POLICY STATEMENT ON STEROIDS**

The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), strongly oppose the abuse of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. Such use violates legal, ethical and competitive equity standards, and imposes unreasonable long-term health risks.

The SDHSAA and the NFHS support prohibitions by educational institutions, amateur and professional organizations and governmental regulators on the use of anabolic steroids and other controlled substances, except as specifically prescribed by physicians for therapeutic purposes.

### **SHARING OF COACHES**

Schools may request to share coaches in extenuating circumstances. These requests will be handled by the SDHSAA staff on a case by case basis.**(New 2016):** Only coaches who have been hired and approved by a school’s Board of Education and have been listed on a team’s roster consistently throughout the season are allowed to be on the sidelines, in the press box or otherwise involved with the coaching of a squad during SDHSAA contests. Coaches are not allowed to “assist” other schools after their own team has been eliminated from the postseason.

**Board Action April 18-19, 2006, June 2016**

### **GENDER MIXED TEAMS**

When the school being attended has a boys program but does not have a comparable program for girls in that sport, then a girl shall have the opportunity to qualify and participate with or against boys provided she follows the contest and season rules established for boys. However, girls shall not be permitted to participate in a SDHSAA tournament program for boys when there is a SDHSAA tournament program for girls in that sport in which they can qualify as girls tournament entrants.

In view of the fact that overall athletic opportunities for boys have not been and are not now limited in South Dakota secondary schools, boys shall not be eligible for participation as individuals or on a team in interschool athletic season or tournament contests designed for girls.

## **GENDER EQUITY**

One of the purposes of the SDHSAA is to assure that every student athlete has a fair opportunity to compete. That purpose can only be achieved when there is true equality of opportunity to participate in athletics. Athletic participation in an SDHSAA member school is an extension of and an integral part of the educational experience for those young people who become student athletes.

The SDHSAA believes that gender equity is more than being in compliance with the law. It is a spirit. It is a personal ethic. It is a commitment to do what is right and fair for all student-athletes. It means creating an atmosphere and an environment where opportunities and resources are distributed fairly to both boys and girls. It means creating an atmosphere and an environment where no person experiences discrimination on the basis of gender.

It is the position of the SDHSAA that its member schools must monitor their athletic programs to ensure that athletic offerings are equitable and meet the interests and abilities of student-athletes.

While the SDHSAA does not have the authority to provide specific interpretations or to rule on compliance issues regarding Title IX, it does believe that all concerned should take steps to be sure the spirit and intent of gender equity is met.

## **TRANSGENDER PROCEDURE**

### **Philosophy of Gender Identity Participation:**

The SDHSAA Follows SDCL 13-67-1 through 13-67-5.

### **Gender Identity Participation:**

The SDHSAA Follows SDCL 13-67-1 through 13-67-5.

### **Definitions:**

For the purposes of this policy, the following definition applies:

1. Transgender Person: a person whose gender identity does not match the sex assigned to him or her at birth.
2. Gender Identity: a person's deeply-felt internal sense of one's own gender.
3. Gender Expression: a person's external characteristics and behaviors that are socially defined as either masculine or feminine (dress, speech, mannerisms, social interactions, etc.)

### **Privacy Statement:**

To the extent permitted by law, all discussions and documents at all levels of the process either by a member school and/or the SDHSAA shall be kept confidential, and the proceedings will be sealed unless the student and family make a specific request.

### **Approval Procedure:**

- 1) Notice to School: The student and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall contact the administration at their member school notifying them that the student has a consistent gender identity different than listed on the student's school registration records or birth certificate and that the student desires to participate in activities in a manner consistent with his/her gender identity.  
Gender identity of the student must not be for the purpose of "gaining an unfair competitive advantage."
- 2) Necessary Documentation: The member school should assist in collecting the following information.
  - a. Current transcript and gender identity used for school registration records.
  - b. A written statement from the student and the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) affirming the consistent gender identity and expression to which the student self-relates.



- c. Statements from individuals such as, but not limited to parent/legal guardians, friends, and/or teacher, which affirm that the actions, attitudes, dress and manner demonstrate the student's consistent gender identification and expression. Documentation shall also include accommodations that have been made by the school for the student.
  - d. Gender identity related advantages to the student if participation would be approved.
  - e. Written verification from an appropriate health care professional (i.e. doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist), acting within the scope of his/her licensure, that verifies the existence of the student's consistent and uniform gender identification and expression.
  - f. Any other evidence as may be determined appropriate by the school or the SDHSAA office relative to the eligibility determination which may reflect upon whether the gender identity is sincerely held as part of the person's core identity.
- 3) Notice to SDHSAA: If the application is allowable per SDCL 13-67-1, the member school is responsible to determine if the necessary documentation has been procured for the SDHSAA Transgender Application (TA). Once this determination is made by the member school, it shall submit the Transgender Application and all materials and documentation to the SDHSAA for review of the student who intends to participate on a team opposite their birth gender. If the required documentation is not submitted, the SDHSAA will neither accept nor consider the TA application.
  - 4) Referral to Independent Hearing Officer (IHO): Upon receipt of the Transgender Application (TA) in the SDHSAA office, the Executive Director will first determine if the application is allowable per SDCL 13-67-1. If it is, the executive director shall refer the application and all necessary documentation to an Independent Hearing Officer (IHO) selected by the Executive Director who will review the submitted information. The IHO shall be a licensed attorney and a member of the State Bar of South Dakota in good standing. If the application is not allowable per SDCL 13-67-1, the application shall be denied.
  - 5) Upon appointment, the IHO shall notify the district and student involved that each may, within ten (10) days, submit any additional information which they urge is relevant to the issues presented, with a copy to the other party. No additional information will be accepted after this date.
  - 6) In addition to a review of the submitted information, the IHO may review any other information which he or she in their sole discretion may deem necessary to render a decision.
  - 7) Written notification of the decision of the IHO will be rendered through the Office of the Executive Director within seven (7) days following the IHO's decision.
  - 8) Appeals: If the member school or student making application is aggrieved by the decision of the IHO and desires to appeal such decision, a written notice of appeal may be filed with the Executive Director of the SDHSAA within seven (7) days after receiving notification of the decision of the IHO. All appeals from the IHO will be to the Board of Directors of the SDHSAA. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. The Board of Directors will have the authority to investigate the factual situation as per each request and require that additional specified information be submitted. The Board of Directors will hear appeals during their next regularly scheduled meeting.  
Written notification of the decision of the Board of Directors will be rendered through the office of the Executive Director within seven (7) days following the Board of Directors hearing.
  - 9) No Annual Renewal Required: Once a student's gender eligibility has been determined by the SDHSAA and that student elects to participate, they will participate in that gender category in all sports, for the remainder of their scholastic/eight semester eligibility in grades 9-12. Annual renewal is not necessary.

Once an affirmative decision is made, the student's eligibility will begin and participation will be granted throughout the duration of the student's high school career, regardless of the member school attendance.

## **RACIAL HARASSMENT, VIOLENCE AND TAUNTING IN SDHSAA SPONSORED ATHLETIC AND FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES**

### **I. General Statement of Policy**

The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that all individuals should be treated with respect and dignity. Students should be able to participate in SDHSAA sponsored activities in an environment that is free from racial slurs, racial harassment and racial discrimination. Furthermore, the SDHSAA disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin. It shall be a violation of this policy for a participant in or spectator of SDHSAA activities to engage in racial harassment, racial violence or taunting.

## II. Definitions

- A. **Racial Harassment:** Racial harassment consists of conduct relating to an individual's race when the conduct:
  - 1. has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment; or
  - 2. has the purpose or effect of emotionally or unreasonably interfering with an individual's performance.
- B. **Racial Violence:** Racial Violence is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to race. Acts of racial violence shall be immediately referred to law enforcement.
- C. **Taunting:** Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others. This includes profanity, negative chants, trash talk, name-calling, or personal attacks. These actions are unacceptable and shall be immediately addressed by school/tournament administration and/or contest officials with consequences up to and including removal from the facility (spectators) or unsportsmanlike/flagrant misconduct (players/coaches).

## III. Violations regarding Racial Harassment

- A. **Spectator violation-** Any spectator violating the racial harassment portion of this policy shall be immediately removed from the facility by contest administration and/or contest officials. The spectator shall be subject to the conditions specified within the SDHSAA Student/Coach Spectator Ejection policy of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.
- B. **Student-Athlete/Coach-** Any student-athlete or coach violating the racial harassment portion of this policy shall be immediately ejected from the contest by the contest officials via the rules of that activity under flagrant misconduct. Student-athletes and coaches shall be subject to the conditions specified within the Student/Coach/Spectator Ejections policy of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.
- C. A report of any ejection made of a spectator, student-athlete, or coach as a result of racial harassment must be submitted to the SDHSAA office.
- D. Member schools with repeated violations of this policy will be requested to report to the SDHSAA Board of Directors with plans of how to eliminate incidences of these issues within their activity programs.
- E. Incidents that occur and are not handled according to policy should be referred to the SDHSAA for investigation.

## FAILURE TO FULFILL ATHLETIC CONTRACT

No contest shall be arranged with another school without a written contract certified by the athletic/activities director, high school principal or superintendent of the schools involved.

If a school fails to complete games or meets which they have contracted, unless mutual agreement is reached, the violating school would be subject to penalty as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board of Directors.

## DISRUPTION OF OUTDOOR GAMES/CONTESTS DUE TO WEATHER (LIGHTNING, ETC.)

Officials and school personnel should always rule on the side of safety and postpone or delay any outside activity when threatening weather exists. The SDHSAA expects home site management and officials to follow NFHS policy for suspension and resumption of play, which can be found in the rule book of each "outdoor" sport and is as follows:

Administration or officials should use a weather application (i.e. WeatherBug) to follow lightning strikes and radar to determine if a game or contest has to be suspended. These phone applications allow the contest administration and officials to accurately monitor lightning strikes and their proximity to the event. Once they are within ten miles the game or contest must be suspended until no lightning can be detected within the ten-mile radius and it has been after 30 minutes since the last strike within ten-mile radius.

- Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, you must wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is outside of the ten miles radius prior to resuming play.
- Any subsequent lightning strike in the app after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin. The application should take care of this on its own. It resets when another strike happens within the 10 mile radius.

- If a weather app is not available for usage, then administration or officials may use the following
  - When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
  - Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
  - Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

### **Regular Season**

In the event the regular season contest cannot be resumed after a delay, based upon mutual agreement of both schools (not the officials), the following options may be selected:

1. Resume play from the point of interruption at a later date.
2. Declare a winner and loser based on the score at the time of interruption.
3. The SDHSAA will set a time/date for resumption of play of a varsity football or soccer contest if suspended and the two competing schools cannot reach a mutual agreement to do so.

### **Regions**

In the event a region contest cannot be resumed after a delay, the contest/meet may not be postponed beyond the deadline unless the regional committee receives approval from the SDHSAA executive staff.

### **State**

In the event a state meet/tournament is interrupted due to adverse weather conditions, decisions as to how to proceed will be as follows:

- Golf - The meet director, meet manager and club pro.
- Tennis - The meet director and meet manager.
- Cross Country - The meet director, meet manager and referee.
- Track & Field - Decisions as to how to proceed in the field events and running events will be made by the meet director, meet manager, meet referee and head field judge. In the event adverse weather conditions prevent utilizing the following Monday as a make-up day, all remaining events will be canceled and team standings will be based on the events that were completed.

## **SALE OF CONCESSION TYPE ITEMS DURING SUB-STATE AND STATE EVENTS**

Concession type items such as newspapers, photographs, or audio or video recordings of the performance/competition may be sold at sub-state and state events. The above-mentioned items may be sold inside the venue provided the host school/district/region committee and event venue give their approval. This will apply to all athletic and fine arts state events. The percentage of gross sales that would accrue to the host school/district/region committee shall be negotiated between the host school/district/region committee and the vendor. This also includes such fund raisers such as raffles, bake sales, etc.

In regards to All-State Chorus and Orchestra, the South Dakota Music Educators Association (SDMEA) has consummated audio recordings for this event. In regards to All-State Band, the SD Bandmasters Association has consummated audio recordings. Therefore, host schools will not be involved in negotiating for a percentage of gross sales for either event.

## **SECURITY**

During the Board of Directors Meeting held on September 9, 1998, it was voted to approve a the following policy: "In matters involving security issues when conducting indoor state events, the SDHSAA will follow the policy of the venue that is being utilized for the state event." A copy of the security policy of each indoor venue is available at the competition venue.

## **VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL FORMATS/PLANS**

### **INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEP)**

The Board of Directors wishes to clarify and emphasize the point that member schools should refrain from recommending athletic participation on a student's IEP if in fact said student is not eligible for interscholastic athletics pursuant to all eligibility standards required by the Association. Recommending athletic participation on an IEP for an ineligible athlete causes heartache and misunderstandings by the student and/or the parents. Therefore, those educators responsible for preparing a student's IEP should first determine if the student is eligible or ineligible. Once that determination is made, the IEP can be finalized accordingly.

## **CLARIFICATION ON RELIGIOUS CREDITS**

The SDHSAA Constitution provides that credits earned towards the issuance of a high school diploma shall be used to determine academic eligibility. Students who move into South Dakota from another state may transfer religious credits and schools may count such credits in meeting the academic eligibility requirements provided said courses were approved for graduation by the authorized state agency in the state where the credits were earned. See Part IV, Section 2, page 15 of the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY**

Students who are enrolled entirely in special education courses, based upon an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) are eligible for athletics provided they pass a minimum of 2.0 units of credit in the special education curriculum. If a student is placed in the special education curriculum in certain subjects only, and at the same time is main-streamed in certain other subjects, said student must pass a minimum of 2.0 units of credit in which the student is registered.

Any student dual enrolled in a special education cooperative is eligible for athletics at his/her home district insofar as the Association's Transfer Rule is concerned.

It should be emphasized that special education students must meet all other eligibility requirements such as age, eight-semester rule, in-season participation rule, pass a physical examination, etc.

## **HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Per SDCL 13-36-4: The school board of a public or the governing body of a nonpublic school, approved and accredited by the secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, may delegate, on a year to year basis, the control, supervision, and regulation of any high school interscholastic activities to any association which is voluntary and nonprofit if membership in such association is open to all high schools approved and accredited by the secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, including any school that allows participation by students receiving alternative education as set forth in § 13-27-3, pursuant to the provisions of this title, and if the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the association are subject to ratification by the school boards of the member public school districts and the governing boards of the member nonpublic schools and include a provision for a proper review procedure and review board.

Any association which complies with this section may exercise the control, supervision, and regulation of interscholastic activities, including interscholastic athletic events of member schools. Such association may promulgate reasonable uniform rules, to make decisions and to provide and enforce reasonable penalties for the violation of such rules.

Furthermore, per SDCL 13-36-7: Any student enrolling in a South Dakota district pursuant to § 13-15-21 is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activity sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Each public school district shall allow participation in athletics, fine arts, or activities for a child being provided alternative instruction pursuant to § 13-27-3 within the district in which the child resides. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall submit proof of age when participating in athletics, fine arts, or activities. Any child being provided with alternative instruction and participating in South Dakota High School Activities Association activities shall be held to the same local training rules and South Dakota High School Activities Association transfer and non-academic eligibility rules as enrolled students.

Pursuant to § 13-27-3 and before the current season of the sport or activity the alternative instruction child is participating in, the parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall provide the appropriate school official with a copy of a transcript of the previous semester's completed coursework that is issued by the parent, guardian, or other person in control of the child. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall notify the appropriate school official if the child becomes ineligible under South Dakota High School Activities Association or local school rules in so far as those standards apply to § 13-27-3.

Nothing in this section confers any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity. However, any enrolled student who leaves an accredited program during the course of the school year and who will be provided alternative instruction is ineligible for participation in interscholastic activities for the balance of the current season of the sport or activity the student is participating in at the time of notification of alternative instruction.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION AND POST SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

Per SDCL 13-28-37: Any student in grades ten, eleven, or twelve may apply to an institution of higher education or a postsecondary vocational education institution as a special student in a course or courses offered at the institution of higher education or postsecondary vocational education institution. The student shall obtain the school district's

approval of the postsecondary course or courses prior to enrolling. If approved, the student shall receive full credit toward high school graduation as well as postsecondary credit for each postsecondary course. The resident school district may pay all or part of the tuition and fees for a course approved for credit toward high school graduation in accordance with this section. The student is responsible for any tuition and fees not paid by the resident school district and for any other costs involved with attending a postsecondary institution.

If a failing final course grade is received in a postsecondary course under this section, the student receiving the failure is no longer eligible to enroll for postsecondary courses under this section.

## **SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

### **DEFINITION OF SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP**

1. The local governing board of each member school must have taken official action at a regularly scheduled meeting indicating their intention to sponsor a particular sport. Pursuant to board action, it is understood that the local governing board must assume total control over activities they are sponsoring.
2. All athletic coaches in grades 9-12 in member schools are required to meet the educational standards as established by the Board of Directors in Section 13: Coaches Education of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.
3. The local governing board must assume direct control of all financial obligations related to the sponsorship of a sport. The source of revenue, be it taxes, gate receipts, donations, fundraisers, corporate sponsors, etc.; is irrelevant insofar as the SDHSAA is concerned. It is assumed that all revenue, regardless of its source, will be deposited in the general fund or impressed fund of each member school. The local governing board shall assume total control of those funds. Items such as equipment, coaches' salaries, official's pay, transportation, meals, lodging, etc.; must be under the control of the local governing board.
4. The eligibility rules of the SDHSAA will apply to all interscholastic sports sponsored by member schools.
5. The catastrophic/liability insurance coverage purchased by the SDHSAA on behalf of the member school does not cover activities sponsored by the local governing boards which are not yet recognized by the SDHSAA. However, the local governing board can opt to purchase additional coverage for school activities not recognized by the SDHSAA.

### **GUIDELINES WHICH APPLY TO SPORTS SPONSORED BY LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS BUT NOT YET RECOGNIZED BY THE SDHSAA**

**(Examples include softball, baseball, swimming, hockey, etc.)**

1. It is not permissible for schools to turn an interscholastic sport, which is school sponsored but not yet recognized by the SDHSAA, over to a group of parents or any other non-school entity who indicate their willingness to provide all the funding, coaching, transportation, supervision, etc. and in exchange the school allows the students to wear school uniforms and compete under the school name.
2. The school must assume total responsibility related to the hiring, supervising and evaluating of all coaches involved with the sport being sponsored.
3. For clarification purposes only, the SDHSAA does not have any authority as to a member's name, mascot, awards monogram and what appears on a student's official transcript. Therefore, the governing board of each member school must decide whether club teams may use such things as their high school name, school mascot, school monogram and giving credit for participation in a club sport on the official transcript.

### **SPORTS WHICH THE SDHSAA PRESENTLY RECOGNIZES**

The following sports are presently recognized by the SDHSAA Board of Directors:

Girls: Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Competitive Dance, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Wrestling, and Volleyball

Boys: Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Competitive Dance, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field, and Wrestling.

### **GUIDELINES WHICH APPLY TO SPORTS RECOGNIZED BY THE SDHSAA**

1. All rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws as well as the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook must be enforced. This would include, but not limited to, eligibility, in-season/out-of-season, game limitations, signing of game contracts, and hiring of certified coaches.
2. It is not permissible for schools to relinquish control of an activity, which is school sponsored and recognized by the SDHSAA. Member schools may not delegate their authority to a group of parents or non-school entities who indicate their willingness to provide funding, coaching, transportation, supervision, etc.; and in exchange the school allows the student to wear school uniforms and compete under the school name.

3. Member schools may schedule interscholastic athletic contests with member schools of this association or sister associations. Pending special sanction from the SDHSAA, member schools may schedule contests with non-accredited high schools. It is not permissible for member schools to schedule athletic contests with non-school teams such as Independent, Club, YMCA, AAU, Church, City Recreation, Booster Club, American Legion, VFW, and teams sponsored by parents, etc.

## **MARGIN OF VICTORY**

The margin of victory is of no importance as we administer athletics at the high school level. If sports at our level are deemed to have educational value as purported by the school community, then teams must eliminate such undesirable practices such as running up the score on their opponents. School administrators and coaches should make a concerted effort to make sure that all athletes get a chance to play in the game, especially at the sub-varsity level. Once the outcome of a game is no longer in doubt, it makes educational sense for coaches to remove the starters and give the substitutes an opportunity to get some meaningful playing time. By increasing participation opportunities for more students, the coach is automatically increasing the educational value of the program. Also, such a gesture on the part of the coach will accomplish much in promoting good sportsmanship at his/her school and community.

## **USE OF SDHSAA LOGO/EMBLEM**

The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) name, logo, emblem or any derivative thereof is the property of the SDHSAA and its Member Schools. The Association encourages schools to use the name and/or logo for use on banners, awards or display methods. Display methods to include, but not limited to, clothing, pen/pencil sets, stationery, desk name plates, lighted score panels, certificates, etc.

The SDHSAA office will provide written approval to both the school and the vendor when the following guidelines have been adhered to. The request must:

1. be in writing to the SDHSAA office
2. specify the intended use with the name/logo to be used for SDHSAA sponsored events only
3. indicate the location/site where banner will be displayed
4. show sketch of the design
5. indicate company/vendor school is working with, including name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address

**No other use of the SDHSAA logo, emblem or any derivative is allowed without the expressed written permission of the SDHSAA.**

# FLAG SALUTE

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

“The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation’s armed forces,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation’s flag.”

The new provision improves upon a little-known change in federal law that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. This new provision also applies to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation’s veteran’s service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization’s official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect January 28, 2008.

# RECOGNITION

## AMATEUR/AWARDS

A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of the Association. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived therefrom.

**An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:**

1. competing for money, savings bonds, or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted);
2. receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by his/her state association;
3. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted); a monetary limit on amateurism awards for merchandise of a non-cash retail value shall not exceed \$1,000.00;
4. signing a professional playing contract in that sport.

Accepting a nominal, standard fee or salary for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground or camp activities shall not jeopardize amateur status. “Organized youth sports program” includes both school and non-school programs. Compensation for giving private lessons is permissible.

A high school student who loses amateur status may apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement in the interscholastic program after a waiting period of one year.

Member schools and/or non-school entities shall not give awards for athletic participation of any kind that have a value of more than \$300.00. Any student who accepts an award from any source for athletic participation, in a sport under the auspices of the SDHSAA, for more than \$300.00 (except given or approved by the Association) shall be ineligible for any further participation in athletic contest under the jurisdiction of the SDHSAA. A student is restricted by the closing and opening dates of the school which he/she attends.

During the summer months, students may receive merchandise awards in the sport of golf provided they do not exceed the limit set by the United States Golf Association. Currently, the USGA has set this limit at \$750.00. It should be understood that students may not accept cash awards under any circumstances for participation in an athletic contest. Games of chance, contests sponsored by booster clubs, shopping malls, etc., are not considered an athletic event and thus cash awards are acceptable without jeopardizing the student’s future eligibility.

**NOTE- See Chapter II, Part I, Section 6 of the SDHSAA By-Laws for NIL information.**

## **SINGING OF THE LAKOTA FLAG SONG OR NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Upon request from a member school with Native American students, permission shall be granted for either the singing of the first verse of the Lakota Flag Song or the National Anthem sung in Lakota during the session they are participating in at the state event. Whenever the Lakota Flag Song is sung, it will be followed by the singing of the National Anthem in English or as played by the Band of the Day. The request for the Lakota Flag Song or the singing of the National Anthem in Lakota shall be made prior to the state event in order to give staff ample time to prepare for all opening sessions. The request must come from a school that has qualified for the state event. Region committees are encouraged to follow the same policy.

The translation of the Lakota Flag Song to English is as follows: "I intend to defend the flag of the United States so that it will stand forever. I have done this because under the United States of America the people may live forever."

## **NON-ASSOCIATION AWARDS, MEMORIALS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The following guidelines apply to non-association awards that are presented at SDHSAA State events:

1. The award/scholarship must be based on significant contribution to the activity.
2. The sponsoring group must have some affiliation with the activity. Example: South Dakota Tennis Association, Wrestling Coaches Association, South Dakota Coaches Association, Phi Beta Mu, etc.
3. Requests for granting awards/scholarships will not be accepted from individuals.
4. The SDHSAA Board of Directors must approve all requests.
5. Groups sponsoring an award will not be allowed to hang banners or signs in the state event venue.
6. All current awards previously approved will continue to be given at the various state events.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

### **GENERAL CRITERIA**

Member schools that wish to nominate an individual for the Distinguished Service Award **should request the nomination forms from the SDHSAA**. The SDHSAA Board of Directors, during their June meeting, will act upon all nominations for either approval or disapproval.

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of professional ethics, sportsmanship, moral character, and carry the endorsement of their local high school. Statewide involvement with interscholastic activities is desired.

Categories under the Distinguished Service Awards are: Administrators, Board of Education, Coaches & Directors, Contest Officials, and Contributors. The following is a brief summary of the criteria for each of the categories.

**Administrators:** (Principals, superintendents, athletic directors, activity directors, etc). School administrators would be considered on the merits of their high school administrative achievements and contributions to interscholastic activities in their schools and on a statewide basis.

**Board of Education:** Board of Education nominees would be considered on the merits of their contributions to interscholastic activities, especially on the state level.

**Coaches & Directors:** (Athletic and fine arts coaches, music directors, interscholastic activity advisors, etc). Coaches & directors would be considered on the merits of their high school achievements as a coach, director, or activity advisor.

**Contest Officials:** (Athletics, music, speech & drama, etc). The contest officials would be considered on the basis of their statewide service as a high school official, adjudicator, judge, etc.

**Contributors:** (Radio, television, news writers, physicians, local citizens, etc). A contributor would be an individual who has made a contribution on a statewide basis to interscholastic activities in some capacity other than those covered by any other category.

**ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR SIGNIFICANT AND/OR LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.** While many have served their local programs over a long and distinguished career, longevity, without meaningful state impact, does not constitute appropriate credentials for distinguished service award consideration. Their accomplishments must have been worthy of state recognition for them to be considered.



Non-approved nominees will be categorized into “inactive” and “holding” status. Inactive nominees will require additional information and supportive material before receiving future consideration for the Distinguished Service Award. Those candidates in the “hold” category may merit future consideration based on the evaluation of the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

## REQUESTING NOMINATION MATERIALS.

Contact the SDHSAA to request nomination materials. Be sure to specify the award category materials needed when requesting the nomination forms. **Distinguished Service Award nominations must be submitted by June 1.**

*Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will be honored at an appropriate SDHSAA state athletic or fine arts event held during the year.*

## TEAM LODGING

Each school shall pay the entire expense of all its contestants and coaches at the various state meets. **The SDHSAA Board approved to eliminate all dues and fees as SDHSAA revenue and eliminate team expense reimbursement as expenditure starting with the 2021-2022 school year. (June 2021)**

## BASKETBALL, SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

<b>Team Lodging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SDHSAA will reserve 12 rooms (where possible) for each class of team that have qualified for the tournament.</li><li>• The cost of these rooms shall be the sole responsibility of the member school who utilizes the rooms.</li></ul>
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## TEAM LODGING GUIDELINES

- Schools are instructed to call the motel after they qualify. The SDHSAA has reserved rooms in a motel for each school. The number of singles/doubles depends on state event. These are for the team, coaches and administration. If additional rooms are available, the motel may give a school more than their allotted rooms.
- Upon receipt of the team confirmation relative to room reservations, qualifying schools should send a form to the hotel/motel management verifying their departure date.
- All rooms will be paid for directly by the school. **In addition, the qualifying team will also be billed for any unused rooms at the SDHSAA reserved facility.**
- All team rooms must be non-smoking rooms.
- Team rooms should not have an outside entrance.
- Motels are requested to not place adult fans in the middle of the block of rooms used to house the teams.
- Motels are to place teams in one area or one wing of the motel/hotel inasmuch as possible and **to keep each team together as much as possible.** It is much easier for chaperones to keep track of their athletes if they are all in one place.
- Management of properties should provide adequate security to prevent people who are not registered guests from entering the area or wing where athletes are housed. The SDHSAA suggests that motels hire extra security (especially for Saturday night).
- Motel management, coaches and chaperones should make every effort to prevent parties by students.
- Coaches should provide a rooming list to hotel/motel management. Schools should provide motel management with the name of the coach or coaches who are in charge of supervision.
- Motel management should provide each coach with a handout concerning motel/hotel rules relative to decorating policies, pool hours, restaurant hours, proper etiquette in regard to free continental breakfasts that might be provided, etc.

## BANDS OF THE DAY

Any band that has been selected by the SDHSAA to play at a state athletic event will be reimbursed the greater of either \$150.00 or payment for round-trip mileage for one bus to the state event. The mileage will be reimbursed at the same rate as the team involved in the activity. Bands will only be assigned for State Basketball.

## HOTEL/MOTEL AND GENERAL PUBLIC GUIDELINES

- a. Credit card information or room deposits must be received at least one month prior to the event. Rooms will be considered released and available if this information is not received.

- b. Paid room reservations that need to be canceled must be done 72 hours in advance of the first night's stay or the credit card will be charged.
- c. The Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) must provide the name and phone number of a contact person in their office responsible for receiving phone calls and answering questions from the general public who are experiencing difficulty in securing lodging.

## **SDHSAA SPORTS OFFICIALS**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING SPORTS OFFICIALS**

#### **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**

While officials are contracted to perform services by schools, their function is by definition independent and the officials have complete control of the contests they officiate. As independent contractors, officials are responsible for their own scheduling, personal equipment, uniform, transportation, education and training expenses etc. The official is an independent contractor who offers services and is not an employee of the person or institution contracting for those services. In South Dakota, independent contractors must meet a minimum age requirement of 18 years.

#### **LICENSED OFFICIALS MANDATORY**

No official shall be eligible to officiate in any SDHSAA inter school varsity contests, unless (s)he has met the licensing standards as established by the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

In volleyball, basketball, football, wrestling, gymnastics, track and field, soccer, competitive cheer and competitive dance all varsity officials must be registered. There are no registered officials in golf, tennis or cross-country. For the state tennis tournaments, the SDHSAA contracts with the South Dakota Tennis Association for state tennis tournament officials. The referee and starter must be an SDHSAA registered official for track and field qualifying meets and region meets.

#### **CONTRACTING GAME OFFICIALS**

Article VIII, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution stipulates that all interscholastic athletic contests between member schools must be contracted.

Some schools are not following the proper contract procedure in hiring officials so that all parties will be informed. The following is a recommended procedure to follow:

1. The two schools first must agree on an official(s).
2. The host school prepares the contract.
3. The host school signs the contract and sends to the visiting school.
4. The visiting school signs the contract and sends to the official(s).
5. The official(s) signs the contract and sends it to the host school.
6. The host school retains its copy and sends copies to the visiting school and to the official(s). Now, each party has a copy of the contract.

**NOTE:** The Contract With A Licensed Official (General Form #3) and the Contract for Athletic Contest (General Form #4) can be found on the SDHSAA website, Forms tab, then Athletics.

#### **OFFICIALS BREAKING GAME CONTRACTS**

If an official backs out of a contract, without mutual agreement with the contracting schools, athletic directors may file a complaint with the SDHSAA based on a breach of the officials' code of ethics. This violation could mean loss of eligibility for sub-state and state contests in the sport the violation occurred. Each contract violation is evaluated on a case by case basis.

#### **REGION COMMITTEES BREAKING GAME CONTRACTS**

Any official whose contract is broken by the region committee will be reimbursed by the committee unless the official receives a replacement contract from another district or region.

**Board action of April 15-16, 2008.**

#### **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OF NEW OFFICIALS**

1. Contracted officials are encouraged, with permission from both schools, to bring new and/or less experienced officials to a contest to work the sub-varsity game. Each veteran official would work a half with the new official. Such a practice will enable new officials to gain valuable experience and confidence.
2. Member schools should pay the new/less experienced official a fair wage for his/her services.

## OFFICIALS CLASSIFICATIONS AND WORK LIMITATIONS

**New Official:** May work “regular season” contests only after completing and passing the open book test and viewing the online rules meeting and the online mechanics meeting.

**Registered:** May work "regular season" contests only. Not eligible for sub-state or state contests. If a first year official, you may work “regular season” contests only after completing and passing the online open book test and viewing a online rules meeting and a online mechanics meeting. An official may stay at the “registered” classification indefinitely.

**Certified:** Certified officials are eligible to work regular season games and all SDHSAA sub-state events. Officials who have been at the “Certified” classification for three years are eligible to work a state tournament event, (Certified two years in the sports of gymnastics and wrestling), provided all requirements are met.

**Supervised Test – Closed Book Test** (to become “Certified”)

To move from “registered” classification to “certified” classification, the supervised (closed book) test will be offered at designated sites. You will receive site information with your rule book packet. You must score at least a 75% to pass the test. There is not a time deadline as to when this transition must be made. An official may stay in the “registered” classification indefinitely.

**NOTE:** Penalties will be assessed for missing requirements (See Officials Handbook for penalties.)

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS OFFICIALS

### **BASKETBALL**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Certified</b>
Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting - Annual
Mechanics Meeting - Annual	Mechanics Meeting - Annual	Mechanics Meeting - Annual
Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual	2 Region Meetings – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual
Jamboree – 1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years	Jamboree – 1 in first 2 years, then one in next 3 years. After the first 5 years, registered officials need a jamboree, 1 every 5 years. (Must be completed by Dec. 1)	Jamboree – 1 every 3 years <b>Officials must attend initial jamboree prior to working any sub-state or state events</b>

### **COMPETITIVE CHEER**

### **COMPETITIVE DANCE**

<b>Registered</b>	<b>Registered</b>
Rules Meeting	Rules Meeting
Open Book Test	Open Book Test
Training Course & Practice Judge or Jamboree in years offered	Training Course & Practice Judge or Jamboree in years offered

### **FOOTBALL**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Certified</b>
Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting - Annual
Mechanics Meeting - Annual	Mechanics Meeting - Annual	Mechanics Meeting - Annual
Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual
Jamboree – 1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years		Jamboree – 1 every 3 years <b>Officials must attend initial jamboree prior to working any sub-state or state events</b>

### **GYMNASTICS**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Certified</b>
Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting – Annual	Rules Meeting – Annual
Officials Clinic - Biennial	Officials Clinic – Biennial	Officials Clinic - Biennial
Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual
Intersquad Meet - Annual	Intersquad Meet - Annual	Intersquad Meet - Annual
Practice judge to become	Practice judge to become	

“certified”	“certified”	
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### **SOCCER**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>
Rules Meeting/Clinic - Annual	Rules Meeting/Clinic – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual

### **SOFTBALL**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>
Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting - Annual
Open Book Exam – Annual	Open Book Exam – Annual
Jamboree /Clinic– 1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years.	Jamboree /Clinic– 1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years.

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>
Rules Meeting/Clinic - Annual	Rules Meeting/Clinic – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual
Jamboree/Clinic -1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years	Jamboree/Clinic -1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years

### **VOLLEYBALL**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Certified</b>
Rules Meeting - Annual	Rules Meeting – Annual	Rules Meeting – Annual
Mechanics Meeting - Annual	Mechanics Meeting – Annual	Mechanics Meeting - Annual
Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test - Annual
Jamboree – 1 in first 2 years then one in next 3 years	Jamboree – 1 in first 2 years, then one in next 3 years. After the first 5 years, registered officials need a jamboree, 1 every 5 years. (must be completed by Aug.18)	Jamboree – 1 every 3 years <b>Officials must attend initial jamboree prior to working any sub-state or state events</b>

### **WRESTLING**

<b>New Official</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Certified</b>
Rules Meeting/Clinic – Annual	Rules Meeting/Clinic – Annual	Rules Meeting/Clinic - Annual
Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual	Open Book Test – Annual
Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting – Annual	Region Meeting - Annual

### **RECIPROCITY**

The fee for officials who desire reciprocity in Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota is \$10.00. Officials should write directly to these state association offices enclosing proper amount of fee. There is open reciprocity with Wyoming; however, the Wyoming Activities Association requests that they have the names of South Dakota officials who will be officiating in Wyoming.

## **POLICIES REGARDING VIDEO RECORDING, TELEVISION, and UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES)**

### **SDHSAA PHILOSOPHY**

All SDHSAA sub-state and state level competitions are the property of the SDHSAA. All media (including television, video recording, internet, and broadband) coverage of SDHSAA sub-state and state events are governed by the “SDHSAA Media Policy.” The SDHSAA is the owner of trademarks, copyrights, and other proprietary rights connected to any SDHSAA event. Exclusive rights to broadcast all SDHSAA events on television and internet and broadband,

connected and wireless are assigned to a media contractor (identified as “Media Contractor” in these policy statements)  
The SDHSAA media policies **DO NOT** apply to regular season contests.

## **VIDEO RECORDING POLICY**

### **At State and Sub-State Events:**

1. In all SDHSAA activities, the video recording of any State or Sub-State level contest for resale purposes by individuals or commercial business organizations is prohibited without expressed advanced approval from the SDHSAA and its contracted television broadcaster. The contracted television broadcaster that has purchased exclusive rights for the live telecast of SDHSAA events does possess resale rights.
2. Provided that the video recording is not intended for broadcast, participating schools may video record the game or event that involves their team or athletes at a State or Sub-State event. Schools wishing to video record any Sub-State or State contest for broadcast on a local access cable station (after a 24 hour delay) must secure permission from the Sub-State contest committee or the SDHSAA.
3. Any member school that wishes to video record a game or event that does not involve its own team or athletes, at a Sub-State event, must receive permission from the committee in charge as well as the teams involved.
4. Upon advising the SDHSAA and the team(s) and/or individuals involved in a specific State event, schools may video record other teams and/or individuals for scouting purposes at said state event.
5. Parents or guardians may, for their personal use, video record the game or event that involves their son or daughter at a Sub-State or State event provided that the video recording is not intended for broadcast.

### **At Regular Season Games, Meets or Tournaments:**

1. The host school always has the right to video record any regular season competition that is held in its facility without seeking permission from anyone.
2. The visiting school(s) that wishes to video record should seek permission from the host school. In the interest of promoting good will and friendly relationships between the schools, it is recommended that permission be granted by the host school whenever the request is made.
3. Any member school that wishes to video record a regular season game or event that does not involve its own team or athletes must receive permission from the host school as well as the team(s) that are involved in the competition.
4. Parents or guardians who wish to video record a game or event, during the regular season, that involves their son or daughter should request permission from the host school. It is recommended the host school allow parents to video record their children during the regular season events.

**NOTE:** In all cases, lights that are distractive are prohibited. Likewise camera placement that creates a safety concern is also prohibited.

## **TELEVISION COPYRIGHT POLICY**

1. The contracted television broadcaster that produces the telecast of SDHSAA state events shall own the copyright for all broadcast (live or delayed) films, video recordings and other recordings of the event that is being televised pursuant to the contractual agreement with the SDHSAA.
2. The broadcaster, as granted by SDHSAA, retains the exclusive control of any delayed television broadcast.
3. Upon request, the broadcaster shall provide to the Association, a video copy of all games telecast, at no cost to the Association.
4. Each video copy shall include the Association name and emblem and acknowledge that said game(s) are being conducted under the auspices of the Association.

## **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES)**

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person at any SDHSAA post-season tournament venues.

For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, or gym floor and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the SDHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas.

Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV.

An exception to this policy, in writing, may be made in specific cases for SDHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAV's for broadcast purposes under the control of the SDHSAA.

## PLAYER / UNIFORM MODIFICATION

### POLICY ON COMPETITORS WEARING A COMMEMORATIVE, MEMORIAL RECOGNITION PATCH/INSIGNIA ON UNIFORMS

Member schools may automatically wear a commemorative/memorial patch/insignia on their uniforms/football helmet. The Board of Directors has specified that a memorial band, not to exceed 2 1/4-inches in width, should be affixed to the shoulder strap of the team jersey or in the side insert. It is recommended that the memorial band be black in color except in those cases when the uniform/football helmet is black. Schools may also decorate the memorial band/football helmet with the initials, name or nickname of the person who is being honored. It may not be a number.

**The following guidelines shall be adhered to as per NFHS rules related to commemorative/memorial recognition patches/insignias:**

**FOOTBALL & SOCCER:** may not be a number, can not exceed 4 square inches and may not interfere with the visibility of the jersey number.

**VOLLEYBALL:** not to exceed 4 square inches and may not interfere with the visibility of the player's number. May be worn on each item of the uniform apparel.

**BASKETBALL:** The patch shall not exceed 4 square inches, shall not be a number, and must be located above the neckline or in the side insert.

**WRESTLING:** not to exceed 4 square inches. Preferably worn on shoulder strap not to exceed 2 1/4 inches in width.

**GYMNASTICS, COMPETITIVE CHEER AND COMPETITIVE DANCE:** not to exceed 4 square inches.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** not to exceed 4 square inches. Preferably worn on shoulder strap not to exceed 2 1/4 inches in width.

**FLAGS**—The American flag may be worn on the team shirt provided it does not exceed 2x 3 inches and does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number.

### RECOMMENDED POLICY AS IT RELATES TO BODY PAINT AND TATTOOS

It is recommended that all school administrators and/or coaches take the responsibility to control unnecessary body paint and tattoos on athletes and cheerleaders.

1. Visible temporary body paint or decorations/tattoos should not be allowed, even if only a small emblem is painted on the face, arm or leg.
2. Permanent non-objectionable tattoos are permitted.
3. Permanent objectionable tattoos of a vulgar or obscene nature must be covered. Officials will not allow individuals to participate until these objectionable tattoos have been covered.

**Rationale:** Body paint or decorations make a mockery of high school sports. It is not appropriate for individuals in educational sport to paint uncovered skin areas or to adorn themselves with unnecessary tattoos, which will call undue attention to the individual, not because of achievement or skill, but rather their personal adornment other than team identifiable uniforms or equipment. Body paint being worn by competitors serves no useful purpose other than to make personal statements that may or may not be offensive or may be considered inappropriate because of their real or perceived message or symbolic suggestions.

It is not in the best interest of high school sport to have officials placed in a position where from game-to-game they must rule on what is objectionable. School administrators and/or coaches have an obligation to have any objectionable marking removed and to have those of a permanent type covered.

## GAME BALLS

### NFHS AUTHENTICATING MARK

Balls used in varsity football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer competition will be required to feature the Authenticating Mark of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The authenticating mark need not be on balls used for practice or subvarsity competition. This mark will help ensure that high school athletic competition will be fair, more consistent and less hazardous for everyone involved. It also represents an opportunity for student-athletes, coaches and officials to benefit from additional educational services and expanded research programs as a result of revenue generated by the authenticating program.

Procedurally, officials are requested to check each varsity game ball for the authenticating mark. If a school does not supply a game ball with the mark the contest is played and the officials notify the SDHSAA.



## OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BALLS

The SDHSAA Board of Directors has named official tournament balls in the sports of basketball, volleyball and tennis. The agreements are for a five year period beginning in the fall of 2019 and continuing until the spring of 2024. The official tournament ball models are as follows:

**Basketball** - Girls: Baden Perfection ElitePRO BX6E-PRO; Boys: Baden Perfection ElitePRO BX7E-PRO

**Tennis** - Wilson US Open Tournament Select Extra Duty

**Volleyball** - Baden Perfection VX5EC-220

**Soccer** - Baden Perfection Thermo ST7

\*Bids will be requested three years into the five year time span (fall of 2027) in order to give all schools a two-year advance notice in the event the brand of ball changes as a results of a new bid letting.

## RECOMMENDED TRAINING RULES AND PENALTIES

### PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

1. Philosophy relating to the use of mood-altering chemicals, i.e., alcohol and tobacco, drugs and marijuana shall be determined by the governing board of each member. Pursuant to SDCL 13-32-9. A member school would enforce its current activities policy until the student has been: “adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15.”

The South Dakota High School Activities Association recognizes the use of mood-altering chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and the total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of mood-altering chemicals for some adolescents affects extracurricular participation and development of related skills. Others are affected by the misuse and abuse by family, team members or other significant persons in their lives.

The close contact in SDHSAA activities of advisors and coaches provides them with a unique opportunity to observe, confront and assist young people. The SDHSAA, therefore, supports education and awareness training in adolescent chemical use problems including the symptomatology of chemical dependency and special issues affecting Association activities for administrators, athletic directors, coaches, advisors, participants and their families.

2. Statement of Purpose.
  - a. To encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, member schools and their personnel.
  - b. To emphasize the schools’ concerns for the health of students in areas of safety while participating in activities and the long-term physical and emotional effects of chemical use on their health.
  - c. To confirm and support existing state laws which restrict the use of such mood-altering chemicals.
  - d. To establish standards of conduct for those students who are leaders and standard-bearers among their peers.
  - e. To assist students who desire to resist peer pressure which directs them toward the use of mood-altering chemicals.
  - f. To assist students who should be referred for assistance or evaluation regarding their use of mood-altering chemicals.
  - g. To promote equity and a sense of order and discipline among students. It is recommended that any training rule and penalty code be applied to both athletics and fine arts.
3. Categories of Activities. For the purpose of administering this policy, the SDHSAA activities are divided into two categories as follows:
  - a. Category I includes all activities that have a regular season including speech debate and sports. The recommended penalty for violation of these training rules by students participating in Category I activities will be as hereafter stipulated in the section entitled “Recommended Penalties:”

- b. Category II includes all activities that do not have a regular season including All-State Band, All-State Chorus and Orchestra and One Act Plays. The recommended penalty for Category II violations shall be determined by the governing board of each member school. (i.e. restitution)

## **TRAINING RULE**

During the school year and the season of practice, play or rehearsal, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not: 1) use a beverage containing alcohol, 2) use tobacco, 3) or use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away marijuana, or any controlled substance. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by her/his doctor.

## **RECOMMENDED PENALTIES**

1. First Violation - Category I
  - a. Penalty: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive interscholastic events or two weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
  - b. Recommendations:
    - 1) It is recommended that the school develop a local education program through which the student would receive information about the effects of misuse or abuse of mood-altering chemicals.
    - 2) It is recommended that, when appropriate, the school refer a student to a community agency or a professional individual outside the school for assessment of potential chemical abuse or misuse.
2. Second Violation - Category I
  - a. Penalty: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six consecutive inter-scholastic events in which the student is a participant. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
  - b. Recommendations:
    - 1) It is recommended that before being re-admitted to activities following suspension for the second violation, the student shall show evidence in writing that she/he has sought or has received counseling from a community agency or professional individual such as a school counselor, drug counselor, medical doctor, psychiatrist, or psychologist.
    - 2) It is recommended that, when appropriate, the school refer a student to a community agency or a professional individual outside the school for assessment of potential chemical abuse or misuse.
3. Third Violation - Category I
  - a. Penalty:
    - 1) After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve consecutive interscholastic events in which the student is a participant.
    - 2) If, after the third or subsequent violations, the student on her/his own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in SDHSAA activities after a minimum period of six weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.
  - b. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the student be referred for assessment of potential chemical abuse, misuse or dependency by a community agency or a professional individual outside the school.
4. Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation on a varsity or sub-varsity activity.

## **A FINAL OBSERVATION**

No one, including the South Dakota High School Activities Association, expect rules alone to deter students from using chemicals. The clear philosophy and statement of purpose explains the rule and gives direction, encouraging school staff to take an active role in responding to existing chemical use problems, preventing future problems from occurring and promoting the chemical health of student s involved in SDHSAA activities.

According to law enforcement officials, if the purpose of having rules is to deter student use of chemicals, three principal factors must be balanced to achieve the greatest effectiveness:

1. CERTAINTY: That enforcement of the consequences will follow a violation;
2. SEVERITY: That consequences are a fair penalty for the act; otherwise the offense will be overlooked or avoided; and
3. CELERITY: Promptness of the process.



## **SDCL 13-32-9 SUSPENSION FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS.**

13-32-9. Suspension from extracurricular activities for controlled substances violation--Unified Judicial System to give certain notices. Any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one-year suspension may be reduced to thirty calendar days if the person participates in an assessment with a certified or licensed addiction counselor. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Upon a second adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of a sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances, or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substance as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one year suspension may be reduced to sixty calendar days if the person completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. Upon a third or subsequent adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile court proceeding, the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity. The Unified Judicial System shall give notice to the chief administrators of secondary schools accredited by the Department of Education for any such determination in a court proceeding for any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age without regard to current status in school or involvement in extracurricular activities. The notice shall include name, date of birth, city of residence, and offense. The chief administrator shall give notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association if any such person is participating in extracurricular activities.

Upon placement of the person in an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, the state's attorney who placed the person in that program shall give notice of that placement to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity.

As used in this section, the term, extracurricular activity, means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Students are ineligible to participate in activity events, competitions, and performances, but a local school district may allow a student to participate in practices.

**13-32-9.1.** Consequences imposed by local school districts. No local school board may impose a lesser consequence than those established in § 13-32-9, but a local school district may adopt a policy, by local school board action, with more strict consequences to meet the needs of the district.

**Source:** SL 2014, ch 88, § 2.

**13-32-9.2.** Reduced suspensions--Commencement of suspension. If a suspension is reduced pursuant to § 13-32-9, a suspension for a first offense shall make the student ineligible for a minimum of two South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period. If a suspension is reduced pursuant to § 13-32-9, a suspension for a second offense shall make the student ineligible for a minimum of six South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period. To count toward the minimum number of events the student must participate in the entire activity season and may not drop out or quit the activity to avoid suspension and the failure of a student to complete the entire activity season shall result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one activity season shall carry over to the next activity season in which the student participates.

A suspension begins on the day following the notification to a school administrator by the Unified Judicial System that a student has been adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of a sentence or a suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances, or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or

otherwise taking into the body any substance prohibited by § 22-42-15 and the school administrator gives notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the students.

**Source:** SL 2014, ch 88, § 3.

**REVISED 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**AMENDED 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**AMENDED 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

## **SDHSAA TOURNAMENT TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT RULES**

The following rules apply to all district, region and state events.

All member schools, conferences, etc. are encouraged to adopt these rules for all regular season contests.

**A. No Flash Photography.**

**B. Conduct of spectators, coaches and players.**

1. There must be sufficient planning, by the tournament manager and by all participating schools which have qualified for the tournament, relative to appropriate crowd control during the duration of the event.
2. All participating schools will be expected to emphasize the necessity for proper crowd behavior. Administrators from member schools are expected to position themselves near their student cheering section whenever their team is playing.
3. Coaches will be expected at all times to display the type of conduct which contributes good sportsmanship and which does not incite the spectators in attendance.
4. Coaches will be expected to impress upon their athletes the importance of displaying good sportsmanship at all times, including players on the court, substitutes sitting on the bench, or following the conclusion of a game.
5. Administrators will be expected to impress upon their coaches the importance of displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
6. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing area until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. Fans will be allowed on the playing area following the presentation of all awards.

**C. Equipment and facilities.**

1. Removal of the nets following the championship game will be under the direction and supervision of the tournament manager.
2. The breaking of a backboard will become the financial liability of the school whose fan(s) caused the damage.
3. Vandalism to locker room facilities, motel rooms, etc. shall be the responsibility of the member school whose player/team was responsible for the damage.

**D. No banners - no signs - no noisemakers**

1. Temporary banners and signs of all kinds including (fatheads) are prohibited except those displayed by the SDHSAA, the Association's corporate partners, the tournament band, the arena, the tournament manager, and licensed radio and television stations. Cheer cards displayed by cheerleaders are permissible.
2. All types of noisemakers are prohibited. This includes plastic hand shakers, thunder sticks, as well as all sorts of projectiles.
3. Paper confetti and silly string are prohibited.
4. Balloons are prohibited.
5. Megaphones are prohibited except when used by a cheerleader.
6. Musical instruments are prohibited except when the band is performing.
7. Stereo tape decks and related radio equipment are prohibited during official tournament play. (Host management may provide music that may be played during warm-ups, quarter and half-time breaks, or breaks in the action such as dead balls, etc.)

**E. Hoops, mini-tramps and tunnels.**

1. The use of "break-through" hoops, mini-tramps, rebounding devices & related pieces of equipment is prohibited.
2. Human tunnels created by student and/or adult fans are prohibited.

**F. Pennants, Number 1 Fingers, Homer Hankies, Rooter Poms, etc. will be permitted.**

**G. Laser Pointers are prohibited.** If used, the laser pointers will be permanently confiscated.

- H **Re-Entry.** As per local venue policy, individuals wishing to leave the venue during a session will receive a hand stamp/accommodation pass for re-admittance to the venue for that session only.
- I. **Smoking is not allowed inside the venue.** As per local venue policy, adult smokers will be given a hand stamp/accommodation pass for re-admittance to the venue for that session only.
- J. **The management will designate each participating team's section of the bleachers.**
- K. **Students are asked not to stand on the seats.** Students may stand in the foot wells in the student section.
- L. **Jumping up and down in unison is prohibited.**
- M. **Adult cheerleaders are not permitted in the student cheering sections.** However, adults will be permitted to sit in the student section if space allows.
- N. **Cheerleaders, spirit or yell leaders** will be allowed, provided they are so designated by their school and appear in a school approved uniform.
- O. **All fans must wear shirts.** Body paint is not allowed for either students or adults. Face paint is allowed.
- P. **Face masks are prohibited. (NOTE- Masks to prevent infectious disease are allowed).**
- Q. **Gambling and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**

## SDHSAA ARENA RULES

The following rules and regulation are applicable to all venues hosting SDHSAA State Events:

1. All fans must wear shirts.
2. Face masks are prohibited. **(NOTE- Masks to prevent infectious disease are allowed).**
3. Fans are not prohibited from wearing face paint.
4. Human tunnels and/or break through hoops are prohibited.
5. Signs, banners, and noisemakers are prohibited.
6. Smoking inside the venue is not allowed. Adults wishing to smoke will be issued an accommodation pass or stamp to exit through a specific door and re-enter through said door.
7. Spectators must remain off the playing floor at all times.
8. No one is allowed to sit, stand or hang on the basket or the basket supports.
9. Students with bleacher tickets must use the facilities on the main floor.
10. The throwing of objects of any kind onto the playing floor is prohibited.
11. Gambling or use of intoxicating beverages is not permitted in the arena. Anyone found indulging in either would be required to leave the building.
12. Laser pointers are prohibited and will be confiscated by meet management.
13. Jumping up and down on the bleachers, in unison, is prohibited.
14. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. Fans will be allowed on to the playing floor following the presentation of all awards.

**NOTE:** This policy is applicable to football, volleyball, and basketball.

## DAMAGE TO BLEACHERS AT A STATE EVENT

Damage to bleachers can be caused when the entire student body jumps up and down in unison on the bleachers. The SDHSAA cannot condone or overlook behavior that causes physical damage to a rented venue.

Therefore, the SDHSAA suggests the following:

- Member schools should prohibit this type of behavior from occurring at all regular season contests.
- District and region committees should prohibit this type of behavior from occurring at all district and region tournaments.
- All member schools that qualify a team to a state tournament should make an announcement at a pep assembly informing the student body that this type of behavior is prohibited by the SDHSAA.
- All member schools should solicit the support and leadership of the cheerleaders to stop this behavior.
- Administrators from each of the participating schools should position themselves in close proximity to the student cheering section so they can immediately assist management to stop the jumping if and when it occurs.

# SDHSAA POLICY REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL PRESS PASSES FOR STATE ATHLETIC EVENTS

The SDHSAA Board of Directors adopted the following policy during their regular meeting of June, 1991(revised in June, 1994 and 2006). The policy is designed to clarify the procedure to be followed for a student journalist to be admitted to cover a state athletic event in which his/her school is participating.

1. **School Newspaper & Yearbook Rosters.** It is the responsibility of each school to submit a roster of their student journalists that are working with their school newspaper and school yearbook.
  - **The roster must be submitted online**
  - **The roster must be submitted each semester (even if the students listed do not change).**
  - **No High School Press Passes will be issued to a school if the school has not submitted the “Journalism Roster Form” for that semester or for a student not listed on the “Roster Form.”**
  - **Roster Submission Deadlines:**
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Activities – October 1**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Activities – February 10**
2. **Who Can Receive High School Press Passes:** Bona-fide high school student journalists and photographers can receive press passes into the SDHSAA State Athletic Event only by their school requesting the passes in advance of the event. Note- **this policy does not apply to:** Students that video tape the school’s game for team evaluation or public access broadcast.

**Advisors:** High school newspaper and yearbook advisors who supervise their student journalists or take pictures of the athletic competition must submit a **“Request for Adult Floor Pass”** (See the *“SDHSAA Press/Floor Pass Policy Adult School Representatives at State Athletic Event”* information which follows).
3. **Press Pass Limits:** A school may request no more than two student passes for their school newspaper and two passes for their yearbook. **NOTE:** Only one pass per school will be granted for the State Wrestling Event.
4. **Press Pass Request Form:** All school requests for student press passes should be made on the “Request for Student Press Passes” **online form in BOUND.** **NOTE:** Press passes will only be issued to a student whose name appears on the online journalism roster.
5. **Press Pass Request Deadline:** Requests for passes should be received submitted online no later than 1:00 p.m. (CT) / noon (MT) on the Monday immediately prior to any of the following state events. If, due to extenuating circumstances, an earlier deadline is necessary, the athletic directors in the schools involved in the State Event will be notified about the earlier deadline.
  - A. Soccer
  - B. Cross Country
  - C. Competitive Cheer & Dance
  - D. Football Championships
  - E. Volleyball
  - F. Gymnastics
  - G. Wrestling
  - H. Girls’ Basketball Tournaments
  - I. Boys’ Basketball Tournaments
  - J. Track & Field
  - K. Softball
7. **Verification:** Upon successful submission of your online request, you will receive an email response to verify that your request was received by the SDHSAA office.
8. **Requests Received After Deadline:** Requests received after the “Deadline” will be denied and student(s) must then purchase a ticket to gain admission to the state event.
9. **Picking Up Press Passes:** The press passes that are requested can be picked up by the student(s) at the “media pass door” at the state event site.
10. **State Event Press Pass Location:** The location for picking up the press passes will be posted on the SDHSAA Website (click on “Media,” then on the State Athletic Event for which the pass is requested). If the “media entrance” is not listed, please call the SDHSAA at 605-224-9261.

The above press pass policy places the responsibility on the school to make advance arrangements for student coverage of an athletic event. If arrangements are not made in advance, the student(s) will be denied press pass admission to the contest and must pay for admission.

## **SDHSAA PRESS/FLOOR PASS POLICY FOR ADULT SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES AT STATE ATHLETIC EVENTS**

- A. High school newspaper or yearbook advisors who supervise their student journalists or take pictures of the athletic competition for their school need to secure a “floor pass.”
- B. Some schools have adults that routinely take photographs for their school. In such cases adults representing a school at a state athletic contest (including professional photographers) need to secure a “floor pass.”
- C. **ADULT PRESS/FLOOR PASS POLICY**
  - 1. **Floor Pass Request Form.** All requests for adult floor passes should be made on the “Request for Adult Floor Pass” **online form in the School Zone**. The request should name the adult needing the floor pass and their affiliation with the school. All names should be approved by the school’s principal, athletic director or superintendent prior to submission.
  - 2. **Floor Pass Request Deadline.** Requests for floor passes should be submitted online no later than 1:00 p.m. (CT) / noon (MT) on the Monday immediately prior to the state athletic event. Note, if due to extenuating circumstances an earlier deadline is necessary, athletic directors in the schools involved in the State Event will be notified about the earlier deadline. **Floor pass requests received after the deadline will be denied.**
  - 3. **Securing the Floor Pass.**
    - a. The press passes that are requested can be picked up by the student(s) at the “media pass door” at the state event site.

The individual listed on the request form will pick up their “Floor Pass” at the media entrance to the state event. The location for picking up the floor pass will be listed on the SDHSAA Website (click on “Media” then on the State Athletic Event for which the floor pass is requested.) If the “media entrance” is not listed, please call the SDHSAA at 605-224-9261.

**2023-2024 ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION SURVEY SUMMARY**  
**TOTAL SDHSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS: 181**  
**TOTAL SCHOOLS RESPONDING TO SURVEY: 171**  
**TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENTS**

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
<b>UNGRADED</b>	30	42
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	5718	5575
<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	5546	5253
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	5253	4929
<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	4737	4597
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21284</b>	<b>20396</b>

<b>BOYS PARTICIPANTS</b>						
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BASKETBALL	167	1106	894	756	619	3375
X-COUNTRY	150	327	280	251	199	1057
FOOTBALL:						
11-MAN	74	1114	919	791	686	3510
9-MAN	88	472	464	458	430	1824
GOLF	141	361	311	326	243	1241
SOCCER	36	194	217	197	178	786
SOFTBALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
TENNIS	25	122	112	116	79	429
TRACK	162	1201	1096	989	747	4033
WRESTLING	117	384	381	322	265	1352
TOTAL ATHLETICS		<b>5281</b>	<b>4674</b>	<b>4206</b>	<b>3446</b>	<b>17607</b>
SPIRIT SQUADS:						
COMPETITIVE						
SPIRIT SQUADS*	9	5	6	3	6	20
CHEERLEADING**	15	18	21	36	25	100
DRILL TEAM**	3	16	12	15	13	56
POM PON SQUADS**	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SPIRIT SQUADS		<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>176</b>
SPEECH:						
ORAL INTERP.	92	71	90	129	100	390
DEBATE – POLICY	0	0	0	0	0	0
LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	11	5	14	8	11	38
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS+	22	113	104	46	40	303
PUBLIC FORUM	17	87	46	35	29	197
DRAMA++:						
DRAMA-FALL	41	83	82	111	105	381
DRAMA-WINTER	69	102	123	162	124	511
DRAMA-SPRING	72	179	178	204	177	738
PUBLICATIONS:						
NEWSPAPER	36	12	46	58	66	182
YEARBOOK	94	48	94	93	161	396
MUSIC:						
BAND	138	900	658	594	481	2633
ORCHESTRA	16	90	93	61	63	307
VOCAL	131	745	692	494	392	2323
SHOW CHOIR	18	71	68	100	74	313
STUDENT COUNCIL	138	173	186	222	263	844
VISUAL ARTS	38	181	247	153	116	697
TOTAL FINE ARTS		<b>2860</b>	<b>2721</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>2202</b>	<b>10253</b>

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>GIRLS PARTICIPANTS</u>				<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup></u>	
BASKETBALL	161	824	681	534	444	2483
X-COUNTRY	143	149	100	76	57	382
FOOTBALL						
11-MAN	7	2	2	1	6	11
9-MAN	11	12	11	18	12	53
GOLF	127	210	195	166	145	716
GYMNASTICS	31	56	58	59	50	223
SOCCER	35	178	207	185	148	718
TENNIS	25	95	95	115	82	387
TRACK	160	1006	884	729	580	3199
VOLLEYBALL	162	1294	980	788	675	3737
WRESTLING	74	114	88	65	56	323
TOTAL ATHLETICS		<b>3940</b>	<b>3301</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>2255</b>	<b>12232</b>
SPIRIT SQUADS:						
COMPETITIVE						
SPIRIT SQUADS*	40	134	135	148	172	589
CHEERLEADING**	141	288	342	355	354	1339
DRILL TEAM**	9	41	34	39	40	154
POM PON SQUADS**	1	6	4	6	1	17
TOTAL SPIRIT SQUADS		<b>469</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>2099</b>
SPEECH:						
ORAL INTERP.	107	194	210	199	185	788
DEBATE						
LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	12	9	10	11	19	49
INDIV. EVENTS+	24	149	100	76	57	382
PUBLIC FORUM	17	115	63	49	22	249
DRAMA++:						
DRAMA-FALL	42	193	201	187	215	796
DRAMA-WINTER	73	211	236	283	227	957
DRAMA-SPRING	75	326	334	334	333	1327
PUBLICATIONS:						
NEWSPAPER	42	62	112	136	109	419
YEARBOOK	132	196	332	297	390	1215
MUSIC:						
BAND	139	963	810	676	573	3022
ORCHESTRA	17	141	118	114	93	466
VOCAL	136	1305	1083	829	713	3930
SHOW CHOIR	19	140	168	163	159	630
VISUAL ARTS	39	269	297	222	227	1015
STUDENT COUNCIL	142	305	390	458	501	1654
TOTAL FINE ARTS		<b>4578</b>	<b>4464</b>	<b>4034</b>	<b>3823</b>	<b>16899</b>

\*Competitive Spirit Squads compete in a state championship, regardless whether sponsored by a state association.

\*\*Cheerleading participants do not compete in a state championship

+ Individual Events consist of extemp. speaking and original oratory and is not to be confused with oral interp. which occurs at a different time during the school year.

++Drama includes 3-act plays, 1-act plays and musicals.

## SDHSAA REGION AWARDS – 2024-25

**Individual member schools desiring to order additional plaques may do so at their own expense. Cooperative programs will receive one plaque.**

**If additional plaques are desired, plaques may be ordered at the expense of the cooperative. The order form may be found in Bound website under forms/extra medals.**

ACTIVITY	REGION	PLAQUES	IND. MEDALS	TEAM MEDALS
BASKETBALL	All Classes	1 Each State Qualifier		20 to ea. state qualifier
CROSS COUNTRY	“B” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	Top 20	6 ea. to 2 teams
	“A” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	Top 20	7 ea. to 2 teams
	“AA”	NO REGION		
GOLF	“B” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	15 each site	5 ea. to 2 teams
	“A” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	25 each site	6 ea. to 2 teams
	“AA”	NO REGION		
GYMNASTICS	“A” Region (x2)	2 – Champion	(2)15 each individual event	(2)12 to team champion
	“AA”	NO REGION	(2)5 All around plus all standard qualifiers	
VOLLEYBALL	All Classes	1 Each State Qualifier		20 to ea. state qualifier
WRESTLING	“B” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	4 each weight class	
	“A” Region	1 – Champion 1 – Runner-up	4 each weight class	
TRACK	“B” Region	NO REGION		
	“A” Region	NO REGION		
	“AA”	NO REGION		
SOFTBALL	All Classes	1- Each State Qualifier		20 to ea. state qualifier



## SDHSAA STATE EVENT AWARDS – 2024-25

Individual member schools desiring to order additional plaques/trophies may do so at their own expense. Cooperative programs will receive one plaque/trophy. If additional plaques/trophies are desired, they may be ordered at the expense of the cooperative. The order form may be found in the Order Forms Section of the Athletic Handbook.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>		<u>TROPHIES</u>	<u>PLAQUES</u>	<u>MEDALS</u>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>				
	"B"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	"A"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	"AA"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
<b>CHEER</b>				
	"A" ST/T			1 <sup>st</sup> to Team (14 & 28)
	"A"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	28 ea. to 4 Teams
	"AA"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	28 ea. to 4 Teams
	COED	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		28 ea. to 2 Teams
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>				
	"B"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Individual-6 ea. to 6 Teams
	"A"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Individual-7 ea. to 6 Teams
	"AA"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Individual-8 ea. to 6 Teams
<b>DANCE</b>				
	"A"			3 sets-1 <sup>st</sup> to Team (28)
	"AA"			3 sets-1 <sup>st</sup> to Team (28)
	"A"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1- 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28 ea. to 3 Teams
	"AA"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	28 ea. to 4 Teams
<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
	9 B	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		41 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	9 A	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		41 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	9 AA	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		41 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	11 B	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		51 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	11 A	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		51 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	11 AA	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		51 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
	11AAA	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		51 ea. to 2 Teams - Finals
<b>GOLF</b>				
	"B"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Top Individuals 5 ea. to 6 Teams
	"A"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Top Individuals 6 ea. to 6 Teams
	"AA"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Top Individuals 7 ea. to 6 Teams
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>				
	"A"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 ea. to 6 Teams 10 All-Around Individuals 10 Ind. ea. Event
	"AA"	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 ea. to 6 Teams 10 Ind. ea. Event 10 All-Around Individuals
<b>SOCCER</b>				
	"A"	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		25 ea. to each team
	"AA"	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>		25 ea. to each team
<b>SOFTBALL</b>				
	"B"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	"A"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	"AA"	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams

<u>ACTIVITY</u>		<u>TROPHIES</u>	<u>PLAQUES</u>	<u>MEDALS</u>
TENNIS	“A”	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Team</b> - 9 ea. to 4 teams <b>Individual</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> -to 5 <sup>th</sup> – Singles (Flt 1-6) 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> - Doubles (Flt 1-3)
TENNIS	“AA”	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	Team - 9 ea. to 4 teams 1 <sup>st</sup> -to 5 <sup>th</sup> – Singles (Flt 1-6) 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> - Doubles (Flt 1-3)
VOLLEYBALL				
	“B”	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	“A”	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
	“AA”	4- 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	4- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	20 ea. to 8 Teams
WRESTLING- INDIVIDUAL				
	“B”	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 Ind. ea. Class 18 ea. to 6 Teams
	“A”	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 Ind. ea. Class 18 ea. to 6 Teams
	“Girls” (One Class)	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 Ind. ea. Class 14 ea. to 6 teams
WRESTLING- DUAL				
	“B”	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup>	18 ea. to 6 teams
	“A”	2- 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup>	18 ea. to 6 teams
TRACK	“B”	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 – Relays	8 Ind. ea. Event 4 ea. to 5 Relay Teams 15 ea. to 6 Teams
	“A”	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 – Relays	8 Ind. ea. Event 4 ea. to 5 Relay Teams 25 ea. to 6 Teams
	“AA”	2 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 – Relays <b>Gold Medal Award</b>	8 Ind. Each Event 4 ea. to 5 Relay Teams 35 ea. to 6 Teams 70 gold medals

# AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED AT STATE EVENTS

## NON SPONSORED BY THE SDHSAA

ACTIVITY & AWARD	RECIPIENT	SPONSORING GROUP/INDIVIDUAL
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### Gymnastics

NFOA	Active HS Official	National Federation (Selected by: Gymnastics Judges Association)
Leadership Award	Active Coach	Gymnastics Judges Association
Torino Award (memory of Pete Torino)	Contributor	Gymnastics Judges Association
Hall of Fame	Contributor	Gymnastics Coaches Association
Sara Nitz Award (memory of Sara Nitz)	HS Sr. Gymnast	SD USA Gymnastics (application required)

### Volleyball

NFOA	Active HS Official	National Federation (Selected by: Volleyball Officials Association)
10-20 Year Awards	Active HS Officials	Volleyball Officials Association

### Tennis

Spirit of Max Award (memory of Max Beener)	HS Sr. Player	SD Tennis Assoc. (application required)
Sportsmanship Award	High School Team	USTA

### Basketball

NFOA	Active HS Official	National Federation Selected by: Sports Official Advisory Council
Spirit of Su Award (memory of SuAnne Big Crow)	HS Sr. Player	SuAnne Big Crow Foundation & Fraternal Order of Police Selected by the Basketball Coaches Assoc. All-Tournament Committee (application required)
Spirit of Six (memory of 6 Rapid City cheerleaders)	Cheer Squad	Peace Officers (boys) & Auxiliary (girls)
Hall of Shrine Awards	Contributor/Coach/Official	Basketball Coaches Association
Tate Senftner Award	Class "B" Boys Basketball Player	Senftner Family

### NEW AWARD?

### Wrestling

NFOA	Active HS Official	National Federation (Selected By: Sports Official Council Award Committee)
Hall of Fame (both Class "A" & "B")	Contributor	Wrestling Coaches Association
Lynn Wagner Award	Class "B" Wrestler	Wagner Family
Outstanding Wrestler	Class "B" & "A" Wrestler	Wrestling Coaches Association
Dale Westburg Award	Class "B" & "A" Wrestler	Westburg Family

ACTIVITY & AWARD	RECIPIENT	SPONSORING GROUP/INDIVIDUAL
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### Football

NFOA	Active HS Official	National Federation (Selected by: Sports Official Council Award Committee)
Doug Koester Award	Active HS Official	South Dakota Football Officials Association
Region Football Coaches	Football Coaches Awards	South Dakota Football Coaches Association

### All Athletic State Events

25 Year Coaches Awards	Coach	South Dakota High School Coaches Association
15-25-40-50 Yr Officials Awards	Official	SD Sports Officials Advisory Council
All-Tournament Teams	Event Participants	SDHSCA Specific Sport Coaches Associations
Steve Withorne Award	Official	Sports Officials Advisory Council

### Music

NFHS Music Assn. "Outstanding Music Educator"	Music Educator	Selected by Music Advisory Committee
SDMEA Distinguished Service Awards	Contributor	SD Music Educators Association—presented during All-State Chorus & Orchestra
SDMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator	Music Educator	SD Music Educators Association—presented during All-State Chorus & Orchestra
SDBA Hall of Fame	Contributor	SD Bandmasters Association—presented during All-State Band
Phi Beta Mu Awards	Contributor	Phi Beta Mu—presented during All-State Band
Outstanding Young Band Director	Band Director	SD Bandmasters Association—presented during All-State Band

### Speech

NFHS Speech/Debate/Theatre Assn. "Outstanding Speech Educator"	Speech Educator	Selected by Speech Advisory Committee
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