

SANCTIONING EVENTS

Only a member school of a National Federation member state association, or an association itself, is eligible to request sanctioning through the NFHS Sanctioning Program.

Schools participating in interstate competition, as well as the schools' employees and agents, shall be treated equally. Examples of such shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Reduction of waiver or entry fee for one school must result in reduction or waiver of entry fee for all schools;
- b. Appearance fee paid to one school must result in equal amount of appearance fee paid to all participating schools;
- c. Expense reimbursements, if any, must result in equivalent payments to all participating schools, subject to reasonable adjustments for differing distances traveled;
- d. Share of proceeds/live gate paid to one school must result in equal share of proceeds/live gate paid to all participating schools.

NFHS or SDHSAA SANCTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:

1. Any meet or tournament involving only SDHSAA member schools.
2. Interstate competition only between two teams.
3. Interstate competition involving schools from only the following states, with no more than four states being represented: Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota.

NFHS or STATE ASSOCIATION SANCTION IS REQUIRED FOR:

1. Any interstate event in which four or more schools participate and involve schools from Iowa or Nebraska. **Application must be received at least thirty calendar days prior to the event.**

NFHS AND STATE ASSOCIATION SANCTIONING IS REQUIRED FOR:

1. Any interstate competition involving more than eight schools, wherein at least one is from a state that does not border South Dakota.
2. Any interstate competition involving schools from five or more states wherein at least one school is from a state that does not border South Dakota.

If an event falls into this category,

1. The sanction must be completed by the host school or organization at least sixty calendar days prior to the event via online application at: <http://nfhs.org/sanctioning>.
2. The application must be accompanied by the names and addresses of all invited/participating schools.
3. Payment must be made to the NFHS at time of application.
4. The host school is responsible for following any/all guidelines of the NFHS as part of the granted sanction, as well as those imposed by other state associations whose schools are participating in the event.

SANCTIONING POLICY PERTAINING TO THE 300 MILE RULE

1. SDHSAA member schools are limited to one (1) interstate game, meet or tournament per activity, per year that exceeds 300 miles (One-way) from the South Dakota state border. If competition is in a non-neighboring state, current NFHS sanctioning policies apply. Schools may not apply for a waiver for an additional trip that exceeds the 300-mile limit.

SANCTIONING POLICY PERTAINING TO NON-MEMBER TEAMS

SDHSAA policy stipulates that the Executive Staff shall not sanction nor allow to be played any athletic contest with a non-member team such as a collegiate team, alumni team, independent team, team from a gymnastics club, or any other such team comprised of older and/or more mature adults. Scrimmages against collegiate teams, alumni teams, or independent teams are also prohibited.

The rationale for the fore-mentioned prohibition is to minimize the risk of injury to the high school age athlete.

The SDHSAA will continue to sanction contests with non-member or unaccredited high schools on a case-by-case basis based on request(s) from SDHSAA Member Institutions. Member schools desiring to schedule such game(s) should submit the appropriate sanction application form, which can be found on the SDHSAA website at the following link under forms in athletics. <https://www.sdhsaa.com/Forms/ATHFA-SanctionWith.pdf>