

# **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 Interstate 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.

## **SANCTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:**

1. Any meet or tournament involving only SDHSAA member schools.
2. Interstate dual competition.
3. Interstate competition involving schools from the following states: Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota or Minnesota.

## **SANCTION IS REQUIRED BY STATE ASSOCIATIONS ONLY 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.

## **SANCTIONING IS REQUIRED BY STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE NATIONAL FEDERATION 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.

When National Federation sanctioning is required:

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. Must be accompanied by the names and addresses of all invited/participating schools.
3. Must be accompanied by the host school's processing fee made payable to the NFHS.
4. The host school shall submit a financial report about the event to the NFHS within ninety calendar days of the completion of 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 sport/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 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, 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 in the On-Line School Zone of the SDHSAA website.

## **PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING FOR APPROVAL OF ANY INTERSTATE EVENT**

- Use Online NFHS Form -** For events that require an NFHS Sanction as described earlier in this document. Documentation can be found through NFHS website.
  
- Use Online SDHSAA Form -** For events that are being hosted by a SDHSAA Member School for competition against a non-SDHSAA Member institution or participation in or hosting a tournament that will include non-member institutions.