

100. General Regulations & Policies

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In accordance with Article 9 of the Bylaws, the following general regulations, policies and procedures governing the FHSAA Girls Basketball Program have been approved by the Board of Directors. They apply to all regular season contests as well as the FHSAA State Series unless otherwise modified or superseded by the terms and conditions approved for the state series. Substantive changes for the 2006-07 school year are shaded.

[The FHSAA utilizes a standardized calendar in which the weeks of the year are numbered. This ensures consistent dates from year to year. Week 1 begins with the first Sunday in July. Thanksgiving always falls in Week 21.]

[The forms referenced in this manual are provided on FHSAA.org as downloadable PDF and/or Word documents.]

101. Important Dates

Thursday, October 12-Thursday, November 2 (Weeks 15-18) – Online rules presentation available in E-Classroom on FHSAA.org.

Monday, October 23 (Week 17) – First practice date.

Tuesday-Saturday, November 7-11 (Week 19) – Preseason classic tournaments and jamborees.

Monday, November 13 (Week 20) – First regular season competition date.

Saturday, January 20 (Week 29) – Last date for district game; last date on which a student may transfer and represent a school in the 2007 FHSAA State Girls Basketball Series.

Monday, January 22 (Week 30) – 2007 FHSAA State Girls Basketball Series Official Entry List(s) must be submitted to district tournament manager; district tournament seeding information must be reported to district coordinator.

Saturday, January 27 (Week 30) – Last regular season competition date.

Monday-Saturday, January 29-February 3 (Week 31) – District tournaments.

Thursday, February 8 (Week 32) – Regional tournament quarterfinal games.

Friday, February 9 (Week 32) – Regional tournament quarterfinal game winners must submit FHSAA Girls Basketball Finals team data form and photo to FHSAA Office.

Tuesday, February 13 (Week 33) – Regional tournament semifinal games.

Saturday, February 17 (Week 33) – Regional tournament final games.

Monday, February 19 (Week 34) – FHSAA Girls Basketball Finals participants must submit up-to-date team statistics form to FHSAA Office.

Wednesday-Saturday, February 21-24 (Week 34) – FHSAA Girls Basketball Finals state championship tournament.

Tuesday, March 6 (Week 36) – FHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee meeting.

102. Eligibility of Student-Athletes

102.01 Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaw 11, as well as guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures governing student eligibility that have been adopted by the Board of Directors, may represent member schools in interscholastic competition. In accordance with Bylaw 11.13.1, member schools are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before they participate and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all interscholastic competition. See Appendix A for FHSAA student-eligibility guidelines.

102.02 If an ineligible student-athlete is accidentally or intentionally permitted to participate in an interscholastic contest, forfeit of the contest and honors shall be automatic and mandatory.

103. Season and Contest Limitations

103.01 Practice. First practice date is Monday of Week 17 (Oct. 23, 2006). Last practice date is Saturday of Week 34 (Feb. 24, 2007).

No practice session of any kind may be held on a Sunday.

103.02 Contests. First regular season contest date is Monday of Week 20 (Nov. 13, 2006). Last regular season contest date is Saturday of Week 30 (Jan. 27, 2007).

(1) Maximum number of regular season contests – 25, inclusive of all games played in regular season tournaments.

(2) The following combination of games in a school week are permissible:

- Three (3) games;
- One (1) game and one (1) tournament, not to exceed four (4) games total; or
- One (1) tournament, not to exceed four (4) games total.

No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

(3) No contest of any kind may be held on a Sunday except under emergency conditions in tournaments or meets that are approved by the Commissioner or the Board of Directors.

103.03 Opponents. Member schools shall compete only against schools that are full or affiliate members of the FHSAA, or out-of-state schools that are members of associations that regulate interscholastic athletic competition within their respective states. Out-of-state schools, however, must have eligibility guidelines comparable to those of the FHSAA, and must have an established season of competition in the sport that is concurrent with that of the FHSAA. Competition with out-of-state schools, in some cases, may require the approval of the NFHS. See Appendix B for NFHS regulations on interstate and international competitions.

103.04 Contracts. The “Contract for Interscholastic Athletic Contest” (Form AT1) is required for all regular season contests.

Practice games, exhibition games, non-contract games and scrimmage games with other schools, groups, alumni or league teams are strictly prohibited. All such games or sessions shall be on an intra-squad basis. Non-squad members shall not participate in any team practice, game or contest.

103.05 Student-Athletes.

(1) Maximum number of regular season contests – 25, inclusive of all games played on the varsity and sub-varsity levels, or in regular season tournaments.

A student who participates as a member of a varsity team shall not participate as a member of a sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.

(2) The following combination of games in a school week are permissible:

- Three (3) regular games per week; or
- One (1) regular game and one (1) tournament, not to exceed four (4) total games.

No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week

for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s). The Commissioner may, upon request of a member school, approve a fourth regular game to be played during a school week for the purpose of rescheduling a game previously postponed due to emergency reasons.

104. Invitational Tournaments

104.01 All invitational tournaments (conference, county, league, etc.) hosted by senior high schools must have the approval of the FHSAA Office. The “Application for Approval of Multi-School Athletic Event” (Form AT2) must be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the tournament to avoid a late fee of \$50. Approval forms received less than 10 days in advance of the first day of the tournament will incur a late fee of \$100, and forms received after the date of the event will incur a \$200 late fee. Contests or invitational tournaments hosted by middle schools, regardless of the number of participating teams, do not require the approval of the FHSAA Office.

104.02 There is no limit on the number of regular season tournaments in which a team may participate. Each and every game played by a team in a tournament, however, shall count toward the team’s maximum limit of 25 games.

104.03 Regular season tournaments:

- (1) May have a maximum field of 16 teams;
- (2) May have single elimination, double elimination, round robin or pool play formats; and
- (3) Must begin and end within the same one week (Monday-Saturday) unless held during a holiday period.

104.04 No member school may participate in a tournament game that begins earlier than 3 p.m. on a school day. This provision may be waived by the Commissioner to accommodate tournaments held as part of the state series.

104.05 No junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team may participate in a tournament involving a varsity team. Junior varsity, junior high and other sub-varsity tournaments, if held, must be held as separate events.

104.06 Application fees shall be assessed the school/organization making application to hold an invitational tournament based on the number of participating teams according to the following schedule:

- 4 or less teams – \$100.00
- 5 to 8 teams – \$250.00
- 9 or more teams – \$500.00

The FHSAA shall not receive any percentage of the receipts, and the host school/organization shall not be required to file a financial report form with the FHSAA Office.

104.07 Certain invitational tournaments involving out-of-state schools may require the approval of the NFHS. See Appendix B for NFHS regulations on interstate and international competitions.

105. Preseason Classics, Jamborees

105.01 Preseason classic tournaments and jamborees must have the approval of the FHSAA Office. The “Application for Approval of Multi-School Athletic Event” (Form AT2) must be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the

event to avoid a late fee of \$50. Approval forms received less than 10 days in advance of the first day of the tournament will incur a late fee of \$100, and forms received after the date of the event will incur a \$200 late fee. Jamborees hosted by middle schools do not require the approval of the FHSAA Office.

105.02 A varsity team may participate in either a preseason classic or jamboree, but not both. Sub-varsity preseason classics or jamborees are prohibited.

105.03 All NFHS Basketball Rules shall apply to preseason classic tournaments and jamborees.

105.04 A fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed the school/organization making application for each preseason classic tournament or jamboree. The FHSAA shall not receive any percentage of the receipts, and the host school/organization shall not be required to file a financial report form with the FHSAA Office.

105.05 Preseason Classics.

(1) Must be held on Tuesday through Saturday of Week 19 (Nov. 7-11, 2006).

(2) Must be hosted by a member school.

(3) Shall not be counted toward a participating varsity team's win-loss record, team statistics or player statistics; no official FHSAA or NFHS records may include results of preseason classic tournaments.

(4) Limited to a field of four varsity teams; each team may play a maximum of two games.

105.06 Preseason Jamborees.

(1) Must be held prior to the first regular season game of each participating varsity team.

(2) Must include four or more varsity teams; each varsity team may play a maximum of two quarters.

The opponent may or may not be different in each quarter.

106. Rules of Competition

106.01 Playing Rules. NFHS Basketball Rules, as modified by the FHSAA, are the official playing rules for all basketball games.

(1) The following modifications to those rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors.

- **1-12-3.** Adopted specific ball for FHSAA Finals.

- **1-13. Coaching Box:** Allows the head coach a 14-foot restricted box to instruct players and substitutes while off the bench during a live ball situation. Coaching boxes marked on end lines are prohibited.

- **2-3; 5-12 Note.** TV or radio timeouts may be authorized.

- **3-5-1 Note.** The use of artificial limb provision.

- **3-5-2 Ex. 1.** The authorized use of a head covering provided it meets authorized criteria.

- **5-4-3.** Interrupted games.

- **5-5 Note.** Mercy Rule: At any point during the second half when a differential of 35 points is reached, the game clock shall begin to run continuously during jump ball possessions, held ball situations, fouls, violations, out-of-bounds plays and free throw shooting situations (non-technical foul free throws) for the duration of the game. The game clock shall be stopped only for timeouts, injuries, administration of technical fouls, or if the officials need to address a situation that requires excessive time to re-

solve.

• **10-3-12 Pen. Note.** The second technical charged to a player is not automatically considered flagrant when both violations carry the penalty of a technical foul (i.e., dunking before the game and delay of game by touching or dislodging the ball on the throw-in [9-2 Pen. 3]). The player would be disqualified for the remainder of the contest.

106.02 Athletic Uniforms. Commercial advertising, with the exception of the manufacturer's logo as permitted by NFHS rules, is prohibited on all athletic uniforms.

106.03 Cutting of Nets. The cutting or removal of nets from goals to serve as souvenirs by any team or individual is prohibited.

106.04 Public-Address Protocol. The public-address announcer shall be considered a bench official for all basketball games (also see s.208.09; visit FHSAA.org for more information). He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a "cheerleader" for any team. Announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- Those of a "practical" nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on);
- Starting lineups or entire lineups of both participating teams (what is announced for the home team must be announced for the visiting team); and
- Messages provided by home school management.

During the contest, the announcer:

- Should recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., "At the line to shoot one-and-one is Mark Jones," etc.);
- Should recognize player(s) making a play (e.g., "Basket by Jones," etc.);
- Should report a foul as signaled by the referee (e.g., "Foul is on Jones, his second, team fifth," etc.);
- Should report substitutions and timeouts (e.g., "Coming into the game for the Tigers is Jones," "Timeout Tigers," etc.);
- Must not call the "play-by-play" or provide "color commentary" as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
- Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
- Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

106.05 Suspended Contest. A suspended contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption. Otherwise, NFHS Rules regarding the resumption of suspended contests will apply.

106.06 Protests. Protests of interscholastic contests shall not be allowed. The decision of the officials shall be final. The outcome (i.e. winners and losers) of all interscholastic contests are final, and cannot be reversed, except where the rules of the sport permit or in the case where a winner must forfeit its victory or points.

107. Sportsmanship and Unsportsmanlike Conduct

107.01 Sportsmanship. Student-athletes, coaches, administrators, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school, as well as contest officials, shall adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and the ethics of competition before, during and after all contests in which they participate and/or attend.

Each participating school shall be held strictly accountable for unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of its competitors, coaches and spectators.

If contestants or people from any school are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or host organization, such school will be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

107.02 Disqualification (ejection) for general unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul.

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in girls football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with fourth such ejection in a sport, program in that sport is placed on administrative probation and school is assessed a \$100 fine per occurrence in that sport.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in girls football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

107.03 Disqualification (ejection) for gross unsportsmanlike conduct (Bylaw 11.11.2), or for second or subsequent act of general unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul.

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with second such ejection in any sport, school is assessed a \$250 fine per occurrence.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

107.04 Restrictions on Disqualified Coach.

(1) Must immediately leave the competition area to a place where he/she is not visible to student-athletes, officials, spectators or other coaches and where he/she cannot see the competition itself.

(2) Must not have any further contact with or give instruction to student-athletes or other members of his/her staff for the remainder of the contest; including halftime intermission; breaks between quarters, periods or innings; and post-contest activities.

(3) Shall not attend any subsequent contest from which he/she has been suspended in any capacity; shall not be present at the site; and shall not accompany his/her team to the site of the contest.

107.05 Enforcement. It is the responsibility of local school authorities to ensure this policy is enforced. When an ineligible student-athlete is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. When a coach is allowed to coach in a contest from which he/she has been suspended, the school shall face additional penalties.

When a coach is disqualified (ejected) from a contest and no other authorized school personnel are present to take charge of the student-athletes, the contest shall be forfeited. Contest officials, or host schools for contests in sports in which there are no registered officials, must report acts of unsportsmanlike conduct to the FHSAA Office using Form AT6 or iFHSAA.

107.06 Additional Penalties. In addition to the standard monetary penalty of \$100 for the disqualification (ejection) of a coach, a school may be assessed additional minimum fines for unsportsmanlike conduct by the coach or other school personnel as follows:

- Use of profanity or gutter language – \$150.00
- Continuing to give instruction to student-athletes or other members of the coaching staff after having been disqualified from a contest – \$150.00
- Pursuit of officials following a contest – \$150.00
- Refusal to leave the court, playing field or team area following disqualification – \$100.00
- Physical contact with an official – \$250.00
- Removal of a team or individual from an athletic contest prior to its normal conclusion – \$250.00

107.07 Public Criticism of Officials. No coach or other school employee may publicly criticize or berate an official prior to, during or following a contest. Professional ethics require that coaches and other school employees use proper channels to report their complaints about officials rather than airing them publicly. A minimum fine of \$50 shall be assessed a school whose coach or other employees are in violation of this provision.

107.08 Crowd Control.

(1) The home school administration is responsible for the control of spectators during a contest. The presence of uniformed officers is recommended.

(2) The visiting school administration is encouraged to assist with the control of its own spectators. Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assistant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes upon presentation of a photo I.D. must be provided complimentary admission to the event, provided the visiting school submits their names to the home school administration by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(3) The officials assigned to officiate a contest are responsible for the conduct of the contest itself. In the event, however, a spectator or group of spectators interferes with the conduct of a contest or causes an official to become distracted through continual, unrelenting verbal abuse, the official should immediately stop the action and report the spectator or group of spectators to the home school administration or the nearest uniformed security officer and ask that they be restrained or removed from the facility. If the home school administration or uniformed security officer is unwilling or unable to comply and the official does not believe the contest can be safely continued, the official must declare the contest ended at that point. Under no circumstance should an official ever confront, challenge, rebuke or threaten a spectator, or make

gestures of any kind toward a spectator before, during or after a contest.

(4) The officials assigned to officiate a contest and the home school administration are required to file with the FHSAA Office by fax within 24 hours a written report on any contest that is disrupted or terminated due to interference by a spectator(s).

107.09 Banned Substances.

(1) The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products by student-athletes, coaches and officials is prohibited during any interscholastic athletic contest and in the vicinity of the playing field or court. A student-athlete in violation of this policy is guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, will be disqualified from the contest and shall be suspended from subsequent contests in accordance with the provisions of s. 107.03(1). The official must report any violation of this policy by either a student-athlete or coach to the FHSAA Office. Violation of this policy by a student-athlete or coach shall subject the school to a monetary penalty. Violation of this policy by an official shall subject the official to a monetary penalty or suspension or both. For violations of this policy, a minimum fine of \$100.00 shall be assessed.

(2) The use of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs by a student-athlete is not permissible and is considered to be an act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. A student-athlete discovered to be using such substances shall be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic contest until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of those substances.

108. Cheerleader Guidelines

108.01 Cheerleaders are prohibited from building pyramids higher than two tiers during any routine in practice or during a performance in conjunction with an interscholastic contest. Host school management is responsible for the enforcement of this regulation during regular season contests. Local tournament managers are responsible for the enforcement of this regulation during state series contests.

108.02 Cheerleaders must remain in their seats along the sidelines or endlines at all times when the ball is live or a game is in progress. Officials are responsible for the enforcement of this regulation. First offense – warning; second and subsequent offense – technical foul in basketball, awarding of point against violating school in volleyball and wrestling.

109. Photographing, Filming, Videotaping Contests

109.01 A visiting school may photograph, film or videotape its team's or contestants' performance in a contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the host school principal. Videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator. No representative of a school that is not participating in a contest may film, videotape or photograph all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the principal of each school that is participating in the contest. See s.208.11 for provisions relative to photographing, filming and videotaping state series contests.

109.02 Any school violating this policy is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA.

110. Officials

110.01 Registered Officials. All member schools must use FHSAA registered contest officials in girls basketball games in which they participate. The crew for regular season games must consist of two officials (referee and umpire). However, the use of three officials (referee and two umpires) by the host school is optional; except that each school shall be required to use three officials in a minimum of three (3) home games. The decisions of the contest officials shall be final. No protests shall be allowed. It is recommended that officials should not officiate more than two (2) games within the same day.

Guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures governing the FHSAA contest of officials program are published in the 2006-07 FHSAA Officials Guidebook, a copy of which has been provided to each member school. That publication also is available for download as a PDF document on FHSAA.org.

110.02 Fees. The maximum fees a member school may pay officials for a regular season contest are:

- Jamboree – Negotiable; local officials associations are encouraged to volunteer their services for jamborees
- Varsity game (two officials) – \$45.00 per official
- Varsity game (three officials) – \$40.00 per official
- Sub-varsity game – \$35.00 per official

Sixty (60) cents per mile one way, one vehicle, is the maximum mileage rate that may be charged by a local officials association.

110.03 Schools' Responsibilities to Officials. The Board of Directors has charged member schools with the following responsibilities relative to FHSAA officials when serving as host for an athletic contest to which officials are assigned.

(1) An authorized representative of the host school **must** greet the officials upon their arrival.

(2) The host school **shall** provide a private, secure place for the officials to park.

(3) The host school should provide a secure dressing facility which affords privacy.

(4) The host school should provide the officials access to private shower facilities with hot water whenever possible.

(5) The host school should provide the officials with refreshments (**i.e., water and/or sports drinks**) during the halftime intermission, following the conclusion of the contest and other appropriate times.

(6) The host school must provide pregame, halftime and postgame security for the officials. A school official or principal's designee must escort the officials to and from the playing field or court to prevent harassment.

(7) The host school principal or game administrator must indicate to the referee or umpire-in-chief his/her seat location should a situation develop where assistance is needed during the contest.

(8) **School personnel, including coaches,** must not enter the officials dressing facility while the officials are in attendance except when requested by the officials.

111. Coaches

111.01 The head coach is required to complete the FHSAA Online Rules Presentation. The rules presentation will be available October 12-November 2 in the E-Classroom on FHSAA.org. The financial penalty for failure to complete this requirement is \$50.



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