

# **Indiana Association of Christian Schools Athletic Program Operational Policies**

## **1. ATHLETIC OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

### **1.1. Purpose.**

- 1.1.1. This shall be a voluntary association to provide Christian growth, both physical and spiritual, of the students of Christian schools.
- 1.1.2. To establish, maintain and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to assure that all such activities shall be a part of and contribute toward the entire educational and spiritual program of the Christian schools.
- 1.1.3. To safeguard the physical, mental and moral welfare of students in athletic activities.
- 1.1.4. To provide for conducting of post season state Christian high school tournaments.

### **1.2. Government.**

- 1.2.1. The Athletic Committee consists of up to seven representatives from the state. All Athletic Committee members must be from IACS member schools (limited to one from an individual school).
- 1.2.2. The Athletic Committee is responsible to the President of the IACS and the IACS Board, and is governed by a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The duties of the officers are as follows:
  - 1.2.2.1. Chairman.
    - 1.2.2.1.1. The chairman is the athletic field director.
    - 1.2.2.1.2. Call and preside at regular and special meetings of the Athletic Committee.
    - 1.2.2.1.3. Appoint committees as needed within the Athletic Committee.
    - 1.2.2.1.4. Perform all the regular duties of the Athletic Committee as assigned to him by the Board.
    - 1.2.2.1.5. Carry on the correspondence and keeping of the minutes of the Athletic Committee as assigned.
    - 1.2.2.1.6. Oversee the handling of the funds.
  - 1.2.2.2. Vice-Chairman – Perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence or upon his resignation.

### **1.3. Committee Representative.**

- 1.3.1. Executive and administrative powers shall be vested in a five- to seven-man Athletic Committee. There shall be two representatives from Division I (large schools), two representatives from Division II (small schools), one at-large representative from the state, and one or two from Field Directors of the IACS.
- 1.3.2. The Athletic Committee members shall be approved by the IACS Board of Directors.

- 1.3.3. Vacancy may be created on the Athletic Committee by:
  - 1.3.3.1. Moving from the state.
  - 1.3.3.2. Resignation (from Athletic Committee or school position).
  - 1.3.3.3. Missing three consecutive meetings.

## **2.0 POLICIES AND BY-LAWS**

*The By-laws are the operational policies and regulations of IACS Athletics and may be changed by a majority of at least a quorum of the Board of Directors of the IACS.*

### 2.1. Participation in IACS Tournaments.

- 2.1.1. Member participation in boys' basketball and soccer and girls' basketball and volleyball will require a fee.
- 2.1.2. Participation in the tournaments will be open to all member schools. Registrants not showing for tournament competition will be fined \$25.00. Future participation in any sport is dependent upon payment of fee.

### 2.2. Division I and II (School Sizes).

- 2.2.1. Divisions (based on size) will not be made unless there is a minimum of four schools competing in each division.
- 2.2.2. Divisions will be made according to the size of school enrollment in grades 9-12. **Division I is for thirty (30) or more students; Division II is for twenty-nine (29) or fewer students.** Division II schools may choose to move up to Division I.

### 2.3. Awards.

- 2.3.1. Awards will be presented to first- and second-place teams in each division.
- 2.3.2. Individual small trophies/awards will be awarded to each member of the championship team and its head coach.
- 2.3.3. A team sportsmanship award will be given at each tournament.
- 2.3.4. Other awards may be given as voted on by the majority of the Athletic Committee.

### 2.4. Rules of Eligibility and Participation.

- 2.4.1. Student athletes may participate in varsity sports when they are enrolled in school; however, they will be eligible to participate in only eight semesters while in grades 9-12. (Approved 4-20-94) No student athlete may participate who has reached his twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) birthday before April 1 of the year of his/her graduation.

2.4.2. Home-schooled students may participate on IACS school athletic teams if they are enrolled in one class at the member school or they regularly attend the school's sponsoring church. (A school without a sponsoring church or with multiple sponsoring churches must choose a single church they want recognized.) The school's annual IACS membership dues must include the dues for the home-school student(s). After the deadline for submitting dues, no home-school student(s) may be added without permission from the IACS athletic committee or the IACS board. The maximum number of home schoolers on a soccer team is 5 and the maximum number on a basketball or volleyball team is 3.

2.4.3. The following rules and regulations apply to all member school teams, such as Varsity, JV, B-team, Freshman, Sophomore, and the like:

2.4.3.1. No player is allowed to participate in more than six (6) quarters in one day (excluding tournaments).

2.4.3.2. Any JV player (one who has played in the JV game) is eligible for only two (2) Varsity quarters.

2.4.4. Transfer Eligibility Rule (added 6-10-93)

2.4.4.1. Between member schools – When a student transfers between IACS member schools during the school year and his family does not change residence, he is ineligible for IACS competition for a period of six (6) weeks from the day he enrolls in school.

2.4.4.2. From non-member school – When a student transfers from a non-member school to an IACS member school during the school year and does not change residence, he is ineligible for IACS competition for a period of two (2) weeks from the day he enrolls in school.

2.5. Appearance and Conduct Code.

2.5.1. All appearance and conduct should be in accordance with Biblical standards and not associated with the world. All participants should strive for neatness and modesty that is honoring to the Lord.

2.5.2. Boys.

2.5.2.1. Hair must be out of the eyes and off the ears and collar.

2.5.2.2. No facial hair is permitted.

2.5.3. Girls.

2.5.3.1. Slacks, sweatpants, warm-ups and culottes are permitted.

2.5.3.2. Shorts, culottes or skirts shall not be more than three inches (3") from the floor when in an erect kneeling position.

2.5.3.2. Cheerleaders should wear appropriate undergarments to avoid immodest exposure.

2.5.3.3. Any exposure above 3" must be covered

2.5.4. Any unacceptable conduct, such as the use, possession, buying or selling of drugs; use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages; acts of immorality; and non-Christian behavior occurring during Association-sponsored tournaments may result in disqualification of the student for the remainder of the tournament series in that sport.

2.5.5. Pep Bands will not be permitted at the State Tournament.

2.6. Sporting Events and Weeks of Tournament Competition.

2.6.1. Fall.

2.6.1.1. Girls' Volleyball.

2.6.1.2. Boys' Soccer.

2.6.2. Winter.

2.6.2.1. Girls' Basketball.

2.6.2.2. Boys' Basketball.

2.6.3. Other sanctioned events – Sponsoring sporting events will be considered, providing there are at least four (4) schools competing in the event.

2.7. Event Locations.

2.7.1. Location (site) of events will be determined by the availability and location of facilities in relation to the number of schools competing.

2.8. Officials.

2.8.1. Soccer and Volleyball: At least one (1) IHSAA official is required. It is recommended to have two in volleyball and a two-or-three man system in soccer.

2.8.2. Basketball: It is required to have two (2) IHSAA registered officials.

2.8.3. Officials are not to be connected with the competing schools unless a prior mutual agreement has been made.

2.9. Rules.

2.9.1. All IACS athletic competitions will abide by the National Federation of State High School Associations' rulebook as adopted by the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association). Exceptions will be noted.

2.9.2. Rulebooks may be purchased at your local sporting goods store or by calling/writing:

National Federation of State High School Associations  
PO Box 690  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
(317) 972-6900

2.9.3. It is recommended that coaches and athletic directors attend their local officials' and coaches' rules interpretation meetings. This will help in being familiar with rules and changes.

Revisions from 2014 are indicated in red.