



# NSAA News

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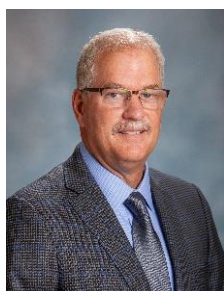
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## Executive Director's Notebook

**Jay Bellar, NSAA Executive Director**



Happy Summer! Before embarking on all the goodness summer holds, let's take a minute and reflect on the 2021-2022 school year. Most recently, Spring Championships were completed, and they did not disappoint. Great host schools and courses, unbelievably hard-working volunteers, knowledgeable officials, and good weather made for a positive Championship experience for our member school participants and fans. Thank you to all who give their time and talent to make these events a once in lifetime experience for our youth.

Spring Championships, following the trend set by the Fall and Winter Championship events, were well attended by family and fans. The NSAA truly appreciates the support and enthusiasm our sport and activity participants receive from their fans. Thank you for attending these events.

To best serve our member schools and their fans, we continue to brainstorm, listen to, and discuss input and make decisions to create positive Championship experiences for all. The new formats for track and basketball, we believe, will do just that. Our member schools and fanbases have outgrown using high school facilities to support the crowds comfortably and safely at State Basketball. The new four-day format, for both basketball and track, will help alleviate issues with parking and seating while also providing student-athletes the opportunity to compete in the special atmosphere these arenas warrant, allowing them the Championship experience and recognition they deserve.

Thank you for all you do for Nebraska students and their families. Administrators and coaches, please take time and extend your thanks to the parents and guardians of your students. Thank them for all they do to support their child(ren) and the activities they attend. Challenge them to be great role models by positively supporting coaches, officials and especially our student participants.

Enjoy your summer. Take time for yourself and your families. The NSAA looks forward to the upcoming school year and assisting you with anything we can. Please, reach out to us as needed.

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## Spring 2022 NCPA Academic All-State Awards



Each year the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) recognize students who have been nominated by their schools, based on their individual academic excellence, leadership and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity.

The NSAA and the NCPA are proud to recognize all of the 2,325 award winners of the 2022 Spring NCPA Academic All-State Award.

This brings the total number of NCPA Academic All-State Award winners to over 91,000 spanning the 16 years of this awards program.

The complete list of the 2022 spring recipients may be viewed [here](#)!

For more information on the requirements for the NCPA Academic All-State Program, click [here](#).

## 2022 NSAA NHSOA Officials Summit

The NSAA in conjunction with the NHSOA will be hosting an Officials Summit in Kearney on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. All NSAA registered officials are eligible to attend at no cost.

Interested in registering as an NSAA official? Head over to <https://nsaahome.org/officials-2/> for more information.

**The NSAA would like to thank our corporate partners for their continued support of the NSAA and NSAA activities!**





## The NFHS Voice: Behavior Campaign Planned in High School Sports as Many States Report Increase in Officials



***Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director***

As the 2021-22 school year draws to a close, there is some good news to report on the officiating front, and next steps to take before action begins again this fall.

In a survey by NFHS Director of Officiating Services Dana Pappas, 28 of 36 participating state associations reported an increase in the number of registered officials from 2020-21 to 2021-22. Overall, in these states, there was a six percent increase in the number of registered officials this past year, as compared to a nine percent decrease between 2018-19 and 2020-21.

While some of the participating states reported decreases in officials this past year, four states – Delaware, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota – currently have more registered officials than before the pandemic.

We salute the great work done in all these states to address the nationwide shortage of officials; however, as was discussed at the recently completed NFHS Officials Consortium, steps must be taken to improve respect for officials and behavior at high school events if new officials are going to be retained beyond three years.

Since the Officials Consortium ended about two months ago, the NFHS has started to implement next steps identified by the 60-plus leaders in attendance – with the end goal being to retain individuals currently officiating high school sports and recruit others to the profession.

Among those next steps will be a broad-scale nationwide campaign that addresses behavior and respect. While sportsmanship is always front and center in high school sports, this emphasis will go beyond the general tenets of sportsmanship.

Attendees at the Consortium identified the boorish behavior of fans – and others – as the most common and visible issue affecting the recruitment and retention of officials.

Further, the consensus was that this type of behavior has become normalized. Unfortunately, it is almost expected that fans – sometimes coaches and others – will disrespect the men and women who are serving as officials.

Along those same lines, there is a lack of respect for the role of an official – adding another deterrent to becoming an official.

Everyone must be involved in these changes – students, parents, coaches, administrators, media. Bad behavior has been handed down and become anticipated and expected, but we believe change can – and must – occur.

In addition to a toolkit being developed to send to all groups in the world of high school sports, another consortium is being planned for the fall – this time to include administrators, coaches, media and law enforcement/security.

We believe if boorish behavior at high school sporting events can be normalized, that, with work, respectful and positive behavior can be the new normal.

## NSAA Membership / Activities Registration Form

The NSAA Membership/Activities Registration form for the 2022-23 school year will go live on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The form can be found on the AD login page. Once logged in, scroll to the bottom to the “Other Forms” section and then go to “NSAA Activities Registration Form”. The NSAA Membership/Activities Registration deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Huber at [mhuber@nsaahome.org](mailto:mhuber@nsaahome.org).

## Spring Championship Reimbursement Reminder

Due to maintenance of the backend of our website, spring championship reimbursement deadlines have been extended. The updated dates are below. The reimbursement forms are on the AD Login Page and must be completed by 11:59 p.m. CT the night of the due date. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Huber, Business Manager, [mhuber@nsaahome.org](mailto:mhuber@nsaahome.org).

Soccer – June 10, 2022

Baseball – June 10, 2022

Track & Field – June 10, 2022

*There is no reimbursement for Journalism, Girls Tennis, or Boys Golf.*

## Important NSAA Links

[Calendar](#) – [Catastrophic Insurance](#) – [Coaching Steps to Certification](#) – [Constitution & Bylaws](#)

[Contests, Officials, & Equipment Requests](#) – [Media Information](#)

[NCPA Academic All-State Award Information](#) – [NSAA Cup Information](#) – [Publications & Order Forms](#)

## May NSAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The May NSAA Board of Directors meeting was held at the Embassy Suites in La Vista on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The meeting minutes can be found on the NSAA website [here](#).

## New AD / Administrative Outreach Seminar Coming in July

The NEW AD/Administrative Outreach Seminar will be held at two locations this coming July. If your school will have a NEW AD or new support staff, the NSAA highly recommends this seminar! Anyone is welcome that would like a refresher course or learn the new things that will be happening at the NSAA. i.e. administrative assistants, counselors and others involved with student eligibility. There is no cost for this seminar and lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Kearney**  
**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Lincoln – NSAA Office**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



To make your reservation, please contact NSAA Office Manager Cindy Callaway at [ccallaway@nsaahome.org](mailto:ccallaway@nsaahome.org).

## 2021-2022 Final NSAA Cup Standings

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce the final standings for the NSAA Cup, the NSAA All-Activities Award for Nebraska high schools. The annual awards program began in the fall of 2006 to recognize the state's most successful high school athletic and fine arts programs, presents awards to the 12 Nebraska high schools which earn the most points during the school year by participating in NSAA education-based activity programs. This all-activities (fine arts and sports), all-school recognition platform recognizes the "Best of the Best" each year in NSAA programs.

The NSAA Cup is presented to the winning schools in the four classes of the All-School Division, Girls Division and Boys Division during special ceremonies the following fall.

For more information about the NSAA Cup and to view the final standings, please [click here](#).

			
Lincoln East Class A All-School Division Class A Boys Division	Lincoln Southwest Class A Girls Division	Omaha Skutt Catholic Class B All-School Division Class B Boys Division	Elkhorn North Class B Girls Division
<h1>CONGRATULATIONS</h1> <h2>to the 2021-2022 NSAA Cup Winners!</h2>			
			
Columbus Scotus Class C Girls Division	Grand Island Central Catholic Class C All-School Division Class C Boys Division	Archbishop Bergan Class D Girls Division	North Platte St. Patrick's Class D All-School Division Class D Boys Division

## NSAA Summer Office Hours

The NSAA summer office hours are observed during June and July and are as follows:

**Monday – Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. – Noon CST

The NSAA office number is 402-489-0386 and the staff emails are available on the [NSAA website](#).

## NSAA Membership Spotlight

### District 1: Lincoln High

**Location:** Lincoln

**9-12 Enrollment:** 2,377

**School Mascot:** Links

**Twitter Handle:** [@LinksAthletics](https://twitter.com/LinksAthletics)

#### NSAA Participation

Girls Golf

Softball

Boys Tennis

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Unified Bowling

Play Production

Wrestling

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving

Boys & Girls Basketball

Speech

Music

Journalism

Boys & Girls Soccer

Baseball

Girls Tennis

Boys & Girls Track & Field

Unified Track & Field

Boys Golf



**NSAA State Championships:** 102

#### What's Happening at Lincoln High:

"Lincoln High School is the oldest high school in Lincoln opening in 1871 and has over 60,000 graduates in the past 150 years. Lincoln High has a diverse student body enrolled in gifted, advanced placement, ELL, special education and International Baccalaureate programs to provide a comprehensive experience for all students," said Athletic Director Pat Gatzemeyer. "Students have the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of educational experiences outside the classroom in the areas of music, drama, speech, debate, athletics and club membership. The four "Links" of Lincoln High represent Tradition, Diversity, Excellence and Unity. Lots of changes have taken place over the last 150 years, but Lincoln High has a great history and will continue its tradition of educating the students of Lincoln for many years into the future."





**District 2: Omaha Concordia****Location:** Omaha**9-12 Enrollment:** 303**School Mascot:** Mustangs**Twitter Handle:** [@ConcordiaOmaha](https://twitter.com/ConcordiaOmaha)**NSAA Participation**

Girls Golf

Softball

Boys Tennis

Boys &amp; Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Play Production

Wrestling

Boys &amp; Girls Swimming &amp; Diving

Boy &amp; Girls Basketball

Speech

Music

Boys &amp; Girls Soccer

Baseball

Boys &amp; Girls Track &amp; Field

Girls Tennis

Boys Golf

**NSAA State Championships: 2****What's Happening at Omaha Concordia:**

"Concordia has a student committee that works with our theology department to select a theme each school year. Our theme for the '21-'22 school year (based on Psalm 23) is "Faith Over Fear". While we live in a world with much to be afraid of, we walk by faith in God as our shepherd," said Activities Director Ben Erslund. "Our school community worshiped together with school-wide chapels, served together in our metro community, and celebrated together as a school family. Our activities (including NSAA activities) have been an important part of challenging our students to be involved in our community and grow as individuals."





### District 3: Rock County

**Location:** Bassett

**9-12 Enrollment:** 213

**School Mascot:** Knights

**Twitter Handle:** [@RockCoSchools](https://twitter.com/RockCoSchools)

#### NSAA Participation

Play Production

Speech

Music

#### Co-op with Keya Paha County to form North Central

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Wrestling

Boy & Girls Basketball

Boys & Girls Track & Field

Boys Golf



**NSAA State Championships:** 2 (1 for Rock County and 1 for North Central)

#### What's Happening at Rock County:

"Within the past couple of years Rock County High School has been working on social emotional learning. A committee of teachers developed an advisory program where students 7-12 were put into groups with teachers to do lessons on SEL and to develop strategies on how to deal with different types of situations," said Athletic Director Kayla Fischer.

"While working on our strategic plan, we felt that it would be beneficial to incorporate this program with our elementary school. We will be putting in screeners to identify students K-12 that would need extra interventions. Within this we are also going to work on developing a process to build up our culture not only with our students, but with our parents, fans, and businesses within our community."



**District 4: Nebraska Christian****Location:** Central City**K-12 Enrollment:** 241**School Mascot:** Eagles**Twitter Handle:** [@nebr\\_christian](https://twitter.com/nebr_christian)**NSAA Participation**

Boys &amp; Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Play Production

Wrestling

Boys &amp; Girls Basketball

Speech

Music

Boys &amp; Girls Track &amp; Field

**What's Happening at Nebraska Christian:**

"A new course offering this year was NC's Digital Media class. The class's purpose was to support activities with streaming and learn the ends of out of how to effectively use digital media as a medium for communication, marketing, streaming, and exploring other creative options," said Athletic Director Andy Perdew. "The latter become the driving force as the class began to create marketing videos for the school that led to raising over \$230,000 (Giving Tuesday and Go Big Give events) this year, students began to write, shoot, and edit commercials for local businesses, and an accolade at the end of the year was two juniors being inducted into the Quill and Scroll Honor Society (as part of the Class Intercom Charter)."





**District 5: Eustis-Farnam****Location:** Eustis**K-12 Enrollment:** 179**School Mascot:** Knights**Twitter Handle:** N/A**NSAA Participation**

Boys &amp; Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Play Production

Wrestling

Boys &amp; Girls Basketball

Speech

Music

Boys &amp; Girls Track &amp; Field

**NSAA State Championships:** 3**What's Happening at Eustis-Farnam:**

"In the past four years, we have added a new school/community digital marquee, an FFA/school kitchen walk-in cooler, new locker rooms for both the high school girls and boys, and a new school/community wellness center. These additions go along with the school/community indoor pool that's already been here for 50 years," said Superintendent Nick Hodge. "Also in the past four years, we have entered into an NSAA sports coop with our neighbors to the east – Elwood Public Schools. Together, as proud members of the Fort Kearny Conference, we are now the Hi-Line Bulls. The coop started five years ago for junior high football. It then expanded to all junior high sports the following year. Three years ago, all high school sports, except football, formerly became the Hi-Line Bulls. Football was added two years ago to match the two-year NSAA football cycle."





**District 6: Gering****Location:** Gering**9-12 Enrollment:** 555**School Mascot:** Bulldogs**Twitter Handle:** [@GeringBulldogs](https://twitter.com/GeringBulldogs)**NSAA Participation**

Girls Golf

Softball

Boys Tennis

Boys &amp; Girls Cross Country

Volleyball

Football

Wrestling

Boys &amp; Girls Swimming &amp; Diving

Boys &amp; Girls Basketball

Speech

Journalism

Boys &amp; Girls Soccer

Girls Tennis

Boys &amp; Girls Track &amp; Field

Boys Golf

**NSAA State Championships:** 23**What's Happening at Gering:**

"Gering continues to grow our Career Pathway programs. We just recently added an Aviation program to our Pathways. We are currently installing a flight simulator in our building that will be an integral part of that program," said Athletic Director Glen Koski. "We have also expanded our work-based learning program by entering into an agreement with the Gering Police Department and Fire Department to host a Public Safety Academy."



## Student Advisory Committee Spotlight

*Jessica Wertenberger, Falls City Sacred Heart High School*



My name is Jessica Wertenberger, and I am a junior at Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School. I am involved in many activities such as basketball, volleyball, track, one act crew, national honor society and many more. I remember my school councilor coming in the classroom asking if anyone was willing to apply for the NSAA Student Advisor Committee. I had no idea what kind of committee it was, but I sure am glad that I applied.

When we first met the very first thing, we did was come up with goals that we needed to accomplish in our school. My goals were to increase participation and involvement in themes at games. When I presented my goals to the group everyone helped me come up with ideas to meet my goals. I enjoy going to the meetings, getting to know new people and hearing about all their ideas of how to make my school a better place to be.

One of the most amazing experiences I had this year was when the Student Advisory Committee helped at the Nebraska Sportsmanship Summits. We got to participate in many activities that used our leadership skills and communication skills.

# RESPECT THE REF



**Cheer loud and proud  
for your team but  
please be respectful  
and let the officials do  
their job.**

Using #NSAARespectTheRef, tweet  
@nsaahome how your school is  
respecting the referees.

Interested in becoming an NSAA official? Head  
over to [nsaahome.org](http://nsaahome.org) for more information.

## NSAAdministrator Being Developed

In 2003, NSAA contracted to begin development of a database system that would facilitate the operations of the NSAA and its member schools. Over the course of the last 19 years, more features have been added, more data has been created, and more security threats have emerged.

Toward that end, NSAA has partnered with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Raikes Design Studio to begin development of a new software system for NSAA and its members. This is a planned three-year partnership to move our current system (aka Web 1.0) to what will be known as *NSAAdministrator*. Many changes will be developed in the new software – both under the hood and for the user.

New changes being made under the hood include:

- **Test driven development.** Tests are developed before a feature is added to ensure the feature works and provides the expected results. When changes and updates are made to the code, a test suite is automatically executed on the changes. No more unintended consequences sneaking into the server!
- **Updated database engine.** The database will do a lot of the heavy lifting for the user now. As database systems have developed over the past 20 years, we will be able to eliminate thousands of lines of code because the database engine will check for good data automatically.
- **Activities as apps.** Each sport and activity will have its own app now. This aids development because common features to all sports will be kept in a global area while functions specific to certain activities will be kept in its app.

Things our end users will notice (and hopefully love/appreciate) include:

- The **user interface has changed** so it will be mobile friendly. With more and more people using their phones and tablets to access the internet, ADs will be able to enter their schedules from their phones if they choose.
- **Users won't need separate passwords** for each sport any longer. When you login with your email and password, the system will grant the necessary permissions. If you are the vocal music instructor, you will only see the vocal music options. If you are the boys and girls cross country coach, the boys track coach, and the speech coach, you will see boys and girls cross country information, boys track information, and speech information on the same screen now.
- **Typing in the URL address will immediately take you to the activity you need.** You don't have to click 14 times to get to where you want to go. For example, you can type in: <https://nsaahome.org/basketball/boys/> and it will take you to the page you need to submit rosters, schedules, etc., for boys basketball.

A demonstration of some of the features so far will be given at the summer Administrative Assistants Conference.

If you would be interested in helping us test the system as it is developed, please contact NSAA Software Developer Rick Colgan at [rcolgan@nsaahome.org](mailto:rcolgan@nsaahome.org).



## NSATA Training Table



# Bloodborne Pathogens



Pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans



## PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM EXPOSURE

Better Safe Than Sorry:

- Wear proper PPE
  - gloves
  - gowns
  - lab coats
  - face shields
  - masks
  - eye protection
- No eating or drinking in work areas
- Wash with SOAP + WATER

All body fluids should be considered potentially infectious material

- Specimens of blood or other infectious material --> placed in appropriate containers
- Contaminated needles/sharps placed in appropriate containers
- Hep B Vaccination and Professional training



### OSHA Position Disinfectant Recommendations:



## OSHA DISINFECTANT STANDARDS

- EPA-registered tuberculocidal disinfectants
- Diluted bleach solutions
- EPA-registered disinfectants that are labeled as effective against both HIV and HBV
- Sterilants/High-Level Disinfectants cleared by the FDA



All [meet the requirement in the standard and are "appropriate" disinfectants to clean contaminated surfaces, provided that such surfaces have not become contaminated with agent(s) or volumes of or concentrations of agent(s) for which higher level disinfection is recommended.]

- Personal protection devices for worker performing task
- Blood must be cleared thoroughly before applying disinfectant
- Disposal of infectious waste in accordance with federal, state, or local regulations
- Surface is left wet with the disinfectant for 30 seconds for HIV-1 and 10 mins for HBV

## Have you followed the NSAA social media channels?

Be sure to follow all of the NSAA social media channels to stay updated on the latest NSAA happenings over the summer.



## Update Your School Membership Directory

The NSAA utilizes the School Directory information to communicate throughout the year to administrators and coaches. ***It is important that this information is accurate and updated at all times.*** Please login to your AD login page, go to the OTHER FORMS section and click on your school's directory page. A viewable and a printable link are also available for those who prefer to print a copy of the directory or save a file to their desktop for quick reference. Coaches' passcodes and rules meeting verification can also be found on this page. Please contact Cindy Callaway at [ccallaway@nsaahome.org](mailto:ccallaway@nsaahome.org) with questions.

### [ - ] OTHER FORMS:

[NCPA Academic All-State Nominations](#)  
[NSAA Activities Registration Form](#)  
[NSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement Forms](#)  
[NSAA Sportsmanship Manual](#)  
[Olympic Development Waiver Request Form \(Word .doc\)](#)  
[Reimbursement Forms for State Championships](#)  
[2022 NSAA School Directory \(PRINTABLE Version\)](#)  
[NORRIS School Directory Page](#)  
[VIEWABLE Online School Directory](#)  
[Schools' Emergency Contact Number Report](#)  
[State Participation Certificates](#)  
[Believers & Achievers Nomination Form](#)  
[Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Student Award](#)  
[Student Advisory Committee Application](#)



## Update Your School Eligibility List

The NSAA utilizes your school eligibility list not only for awards programs but for participation numbers as well. Please make sure that this information is correct and updated **at all times**. To do so, login to your AD login page and select Eligibility.

[ - ] ELIGIBILITY:

- Manage your Eligibility Lists:

[Eligibility List Advanced Search](#)

-OR-

[Eligibility List Workaround](#)

-OR-

Select an Activity or "All Activities" and click "Go"

All Activities

## Required Courses for ALL Coaches & Activities Sponsors

All coaches and activities sponsors are required to take the three NFHS courses at least once every three years. The bylaw now states:

*All coaches and volunteers and activity sponsors are required to complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports, Heat Illness Prevention and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training courses at least once every three years. First year coaches and sponsors are required to complete all three courses prior to the start of the activity season which they are to coach.*

## Medical Personnel at Regular Season Contests

Severe injuries, sudden illnesses and other critical incidents do not often occur during school activities, but it is important for every school to have an emergency action plan (EAP) for administrators, faculty, coaches, and staff members to follow should emergencies occur. Due to lack of universal availability of medical coverage and other logistical reasons, NSAA does not require that schools have a physician, trainer or ambulance on-site at regular season activities; however, each school should have a plan in place should there be an emergency involving students, coaches, officials or spectators requiring medical attention.

## A Reminder to Compete with Respect

Concerns have been expressed regarding the lack of respect being afforded to students, coaches, officials, spectators, and host staff. Schools should understand the seriousness of their responsibility to everyone and the privilege of representing their school and community. As educators, we must recommit ourselves to the preservation of respect. Unfair acts prohibited by the spirit and intent of the rules include the use of disconcerting acts or words.

Deliberately disrespecting the rules and fellow participants in the hope or expectation of gaining an advantage is deplorable and indefensible. It is imperative that administrators, coaches, officials, and students make an extra effort to model the type of behavior that illustrates the educational values of activity participation. Conduct that berates, intimidates, or threatens anyone, based on gender, ethnicity, or sexual preference is unacceptable.



## Statement of Principle on Conduct Synopsis

***Adopted by the NDE, NSAA, NCSA, NASB, NSEA, NRCSA, NCA and NSIAAA***

Recently, students in our schools have been experiencing negative, harassing, and bullying conduct during the school day, and at school activities by the spectators attending those events or, and at times by opponents in an activity, that is directed at the school's participants and spectators, often with a racial component. Such conduct is unacceptable and does not reflect the foregoing basic tenants of our society.

It is the responsibility of our organizations to promote and respect the liberty interests of all persons who may participate in or attend any educational endeavor sponsored by our organizations which includes ensuring that common courtesy is shown for all persons, insuring tranquility for all, and being responsible that no one person abuses their liberties to the detriment of other persons.

As the educational leaders of Nebraska's school system, we firmly support Nebraska schools and communities in proactively involving teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community members in developing and maintaining a positive school and community culture that supports learning opportunities for all persons, and ensures that respect and courtesy are shown to all persons.

Conduct by any person that does not show respect for and courtesy of other persons in Nebraska schools and any school activity is prohibited and shall not be tolerated – period.

## Requirements for Ejected Coaches & Players

Enforcement of the "sit-out rule" for ejections from high school contests for unsportsmanlike conduct is a responsibility of the member school. Failure to properly enforce this rule could result in other sanctions by the NSAA.

Administrators will be expected to promptly file a report with the NSAA whenever a participant or coach from their school has been ejected from any high school contest. Such filing must be done online under the AD login section of the NSAA website. Enforcement of the "sit-out rule" is expected to begin immediately, regardless whether it is regular-season or tournament play.

Any athlete ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and any other athletic contest at any level during the interim. Any athlete ejected for a second time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim. Any athlete ejected for a third time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess. During the time of their "sit-out" suspension, athletes who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not suit up or participate, but it is the school's discretion whether such athlete is able to travel with the team or sit on the team bench. (The athlete is permitted to practice per school's discretion.)

Coaches who are ejected for the first time will be required to sit-out the next contest at that level, plus all other contests at any level during the interim. Coaches may not be present at the contest site during the time of their "sit-out" suspension. The coach will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS online course "TEACHING AND MODELING BEHAVIOR" within 10 days of the ejection.

Coaches who are ejected a second time in a season will be required to sit-out the next two contests at that level, plus all other contests at any level during the interim. Coaches may not be present at the contest site during the time of their "sit-out" suspension. The coach will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS online course "FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING" within 10 days of the ejection.

## Coach & Sponsor Certification

NSAA Bylaw 2.12 stipulates, *“In order to serve as a head or assistant coach or sponsor of any activity sponsored by the NSAA, the individual must possess a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate or Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate and have a written contract of employment as a coach or sponsor with the schools in which he/she is to perform these duties.”* Yes, this does include coaches/directors/sponsors/advisers in the non-athletic activities as well: Play Production, Music, Speech and Journalism.

Individuals that do not possess either of the certificates listed above, may serve as a head or assistant as long as they successfully complete the requirements for a Special Services Coaching Permit (NSAA Bylaw 2.12.2). This information can be found on the NSAA webpage under the Coaches tab. It is important to remember that certification is not complete until the individual has applied and received their certificate from the Nebraska Department of Education Certification Office. Schools should request a copy of the certificate and have it on file at the school.

Non-certified personnel may be contracted by the school, but such personnel shall be Coaches Aides. (NSAA Bylaw 2.12.3). There are restrictions and limitations for Coaches Aides. Refer to the respective Bylaw for a complete listing in regard to Coaches Aides.

If you should have questions in regard to coaching requirements, contact NSAA Associate Director Jennifer Schwartz at [jschwartz@nsaahome.org](mailto:jschwartz@nsaahome.org).

## Are your officials on the NSAA Officials Roster?

### 3.12.2 Officials for Varsity Contests.

*Only those officials who are registered with the Association may be used by member high schools to officiate varsity competition in football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, soccer, softball and volleyball competition, and start track & field meets.*

Athletic Directors are expected to confirm that all officials hired to officiate varsity contests have been classified by the NSAA. The NSAA Officials Roster is available on your AD login page under **NSAA OFFICIALS & JUDGES**.

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# NSAA END-OF-YEAR CHECK LIST

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- ☐ 2. Fill out ONLINE **Application for Hosting** Subdistrict & District Events for 2022-23. Applications for Girls Golf; Cross Country; Unified Sports, Bowling; and Play Production are available now. **Deadlines vary depending on the activity.**  
**Contracts for schools that have been selected to host subdistrict & district events will be posted on the NSAA AD login page. AD's should regularly check the NSAA website for banner notification of the posting of those contracts.**
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*These may be found on the AD login page, under “Activity Select”, choose Volleyball, Softball, Girls Golf.*
- ☐ 4. Check 2022 **Football Game Dates** ONLINE.  
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- ☐ 5. Fill out ONLINE all entries for **2022-23 Directory**. **\*\*Reminder that there is a cell phone column. Please do not leave this blank. This is for NSAA USE ONLY!\*\***  
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**\*\*2022-23 NSAA Calendars will be available in early August.\*\***



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- ☐ 9. Complete International Transfer Form for each international CSIET student enrolled at your school.  
*This form may be found on the AD login page, under the “Eligibility” section.*
- ☐ 10. Check the May 1<sup>st</sup> Transfer list to verify/confirm eligibility of students who transferred to your school or transferred from your school to another school.  
*The list may be found on the AD login page, under the “Downloads” section.*