



Adding/Deleting Programs--IHSA



"The IHSA serves member schools by providing leadership for equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience."

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Illinois High School Association (IHSA)

- Activities Association
- 39 Championships
(15 Boys Sports, 16 Girls Sports and 8 co-ed activities)





Board Policy

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IHSA Programs Added/Deleted/Considered

- Activities Recently Added:
 - Boys and Girls Lacrosse (2018)
 - Girls Wrestling (2022)
- Activities Deleted:
 - Archery (1982)
 - Field Hockey (1983)
- Activities for Consideration:
 - Esports
 - 8-man Football
 - Robotics



Emerging Sports/Activities

- Boys Archery
- Boys Badminton
- Boys Fencing
- Boys Ice Hockey
- Boys Rugby
- Boys Sailing
- Boys Softball
- Trap Shooting
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Competitive Flags
- Disc Golf
- Film Fest
- Girls Field Hockey
- Girls Rugby
- Girls Sailing
- Marching Band
- Musical Theatre
- Show Choir

IHSA Sports

Boys Sports

School Year	Baseball *1940	Basketball *1908	Bowling *2003	Cross Country *1946	Football *1974	Golf *1916	Gymnastics *1958	Lacrosse *2018	Soccer *1972	Swimming *1932	Tennis *1912	Track *1893	Volleyball *1992	Water Polo *2002	Wrestling *1937
1998-99	657	715		401	543	493	49		310	240	280	580	125		395
1999-2000	658	720		404	545	500	48		319	250	274	587	127		394
2000-01	665	722		404	545	512	55		360	252	281	584	128		393
2001-02	660	724		417	545	522	56		374	244	281	585	126	59	405
2002-03	651	720	111	450	550	535	50		373	238	291	569	154	59	396
2003-04	658	720	127	479	553	535	57		379	249	312	587	167	64	397
2004-05	662	715	135	473	549	531	55		385	241	307	582	169	62	396
2005-06	657	708	139	466	550	523	61		381	225	294	582	155	65	396
2006-07	665	712	144	448	554	525	59		393	220	304	594	163	66	397
2007-08	657	716	153	479	560	522	57		398	247	292	569	169	70	407
2008-09	662	708	161	489	550	522	53		405	259	291	588	173	69	407
2009-10	666	689	174	512	549	540	52		423	272	302	536	179	75	393
2010-11	665	731	184	502	547	526	55		432	281	290	612	186	78	429
2011-12	681	739	182	560	574	514	55		434	256	302	624	196	79	440
2012-13	654	737	169	499	558	517	49		437	247	298	604	177	75	432
2013-14	660	737	187	505	556	514	50		436	238	292	601	188	79	432
2014-15	645	732	190	508	579	514	50		444	232	293	603	187	78	434
2015-16	655	735	194	514	579	514	51		452	236	291	614	199	80	435
2016-17	659	739	197	516	541	509	52		454	245	290	618	199	80	430
2017-18	646	739	203	533	533	505	53	77	456	249	286	618	207	82	427
2018-19	642	734	210	524	527	497	52	90	457	256	283	623	216	82	423

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Girls Sports

School Year	Badminton *1977	Basketball *1977	Bowling *1973	Comp. Cheer *2005	Comp. Dance *2013	Cross Country *1979	Golf *1975	Gymnastics *1977	Lacrosse *2018	Softball *1976	Soccer *1988	Swimming *1975	Tennis *1972	Track *1973	Volleyball *1975	Water Polo *2002
1998-99	71	650	106			394	294	93		634	278	256	279	580	690	
1999-2000	71	660	112			395	315	101		642	299	255	283	595	696	
2000-01	76	666	117			399	330	103		647	309	260	285	589	692	
2001-02	75	664	119			416	337	107		634	323	266	289	585	698	46
2002-03	77	661	159			449	347	104		628	328	256	305	567	677	56
2003-04	78	671	194			477	363	95		640	341	272	328	577	695	59
2004-05	80	662	200			454	356	89		639	345	264	311	572	684	60
2005-06	82	659	188	226		460	370	87		620	349	270	302	582	649	58
2006-07	85	664	192	237		450	339	87		633	355	260	305	591	656	61
2007-08	86	666	197	282		481	383	85		628	365	272	302	570	665	65
2008-09	87	665	194	281		490	385	84		632	372	274	306	587	667	66
2009-10	90	684	216	295		512	401	88		641	385	287	316	534	704	71
2010-11	89	694	221	352		500	408	83		643	395	335	310	613	697	77
2011-12	90	695	226	338		557	419	83		640	398	370	322	622	697	74
2012-13	91	680	209	289	206	483	396	76		619	397	248	311	595	691	67
2013-14	91	679	214	288	219	499	398	75		620	404	251	310	599	700	69
2014-15	93	677	215	283	221	495	393	79		608	396	247	311	593	690	71
2015-16	94	686	226	285	234	500	392	76		618	404	250	312	600	697	76
2016-17	92	682	230	290	238	500	391	82		618	405	263	313	602	697	79
2017-18	96	671	230	279	230	513	396	81	61	605	413	269	308	597	695	78
2018-19	103	666	235	293	236	502	359	74	64	603	408	260	306	594	694	79

IHSA Activities

Activities

School Year	Bass Fishing *2009	Chess *1974	Debate *1941	Drama/ Group Interp. *1941	Ind. Events *1941	Journalism *2006	Music Org. *1941	Music Solo/Ens. *1941	Scholastic Bowl *1987
2010-11	222	128	47	65	209	80	269	448	524
2011-12	232	125	45	57	202	81	259	443	523
2012-13	223	135	40	62	207	80	278	435	509
2013-14	229	138	48	56	204	78	281	413	510
2014-15	228	146	53	64	199	85	261	206	518
2015-16	244	146	56	63	198	85	255	385	511
2016-17	260	149	48	59	197	89	230	380	510
2017-18	281	159	50	56	199	86	245	392	511
2018-19	299	150	51	56	191	83	247	396	512

**Income & Expenses - 3 year average
2018-2020**

		Income	Expense	Net	3 yr Avg.
Debate					(\$3,749.95)
	2018	\$8,175.00	\$14,239.65	(\$6,064.65)	
	2019	\$7,670.00	\$11,500.69	(\$3,830.69)	
No Tournament 2020		\$0.00	\$1,354.50	(\$1,354.50)	
Drama/Group Interp					(\$35,631.85)
	2018	\$8,250.00	\$60,600.30	(\$52,350.30)	
	2019	\$8,025.00	\$60,154.06	(\$52,129.06)	
No Tournament 2020		\$0.00	\$2,416.20	(\$2,416.20)	
Boys Gymnastics					(\$9,814.45)
	2017	\$14,212.00	\$28,053.98	(\$13,841.98)	
	2018	\$13,881.00	\$26,638.76	(\$12,757.76)	
No Tournament 2020		\$0.00	\$2,843.60	(\$2,843.60)	
Girls Gymnastics					(\$23,658.78)
	2018	\$28,922.00	\$55,993.47	(\$27,071.47)	
	2019	\$26,210.00	\$56,136.49	(\$29,926.49)	
	2020	\$37,305.00	\$51,283.37	(\$13,978.37)	
Journalism					(\$6,533.28)
	2017	\$15,295.00	\$24,098.62	(\$8,803.62)	
	2018	\$14,640.00	\$23,642.01	(\$9,002.01)	
No Tournament 2020		\$0.00	\$1,794.20	(\$1,794.20)	
Water Polo					\$9,219.10
	2017	\$69,257.00	\$56,587.83	\$12,669.17	
	2018	\$73,565.00	\$56,643.86	\$16,921.14	
No Tournament 2020		\$0.00	\$1,933.00	(\$1,933.00)	

Participation Numbers

Entry Totals

Sport/Activity	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Debate	50	51	52
Drama/Group Interp.	56	56	55
Journalism	86	83	99
Boys Gymnastics	53 TM/11 IN	52 TM/10 IN	50 TM/8 IN
Girls Gymnastics	81 TM/14 IN	74 TM/7 IN	78 TM/13 IN
Boys WaterPolo	87	82	86
Girls WaterPolo	79	79	81

Factors to consider when deleting an activity

- Participation Numbers (Increasing or Decreasing)
- Financial stress to the association and member schools
- Possibility for another association to run a post season event
- Policy driven decision making
- State association staffing and possible reassignment
- Clear change in student interest of an activity



Questions



Emerging Sports & Activities

Bernard Childress, TSSAA Executive Director



Starting a new sport takes time and a tremendous amount of research before it is sanctioned by the State Association.



Want to stay in tune with what sports/activities the member schools are offering their students which are not sanctioned by the Association.



Want to see how many schools are offering that sport and how many students are participating.

❖ Key to any Association – Provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition, and learning experiences to students which will enhance their educational goals.

Before sanctioning any emerging sport, the huge question the Association must answer is:

❖ If this becomes a sport/activity sanctioned by our organization, will every member school have the opportunity to offer it to their students?

❖ If not – Will those schools be able to form a cooperative agreement with a neighboring school if they have students wanting to participate?

❖ AGAIN – EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP

Prime Example of Emerging Sport & Timetable for Implementation:



- ❖ TSSAA began its first Girls' Wrestling State Championship in February 2015.
- ❖ Tournament featured 10 weight classes with an 8 person bracket in each weight class.
- ❖ Culmination of 6 years of discussion and planning as to how the organization could offer the sport and give every member school the opportunity to allow their girls to participate, if desired.
- ❖ TSSAA also had to plan how the organization could best incorporate a Girls' Wrestling Championship into the existing championship schedule.

Time Commitment:



- ❖ Organization began discussing the idea of adding this emerging sport in 2007.
- ❖ Formed a committee that 1st suggested TSSAA host a Dual Meet for girls' teams.
- ❖ While there were a number of girls interested in wrestling across the state, it was apparent that there were not many schools with enough participants to produce full teams.
- ❖ Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommended that a state wide individual tournament be hosted.

- ❖ In 2009, approximately 65 girls from ___ schools participated in the 1st individual invitational tournament held in conjunction with the TSSAA State Wrestling Championships.
- ❖ Although there were a number of byes in the brackets for the 10 weight classes, the tournament was very well received and sparked interest with several member schools.
- ❖ The Advisory Committee felt that the fastest way for the Association to sanction the sport and create an official championship was to create a format that would already be in place.

- ❖ Coaches helped organize two geographic regions and began holding qualifying tournaments for the Invitational Events (Top 4 individuals from each Region advanced).
- ❖ Under the regional format, the number of participants continued to grow and the organization sanctioned the sport in the spring of 2014.
- ❖ Since the qualifying format was already in place, there was very little additional planning needed by the TSSAA staff.

- ❖ In 2018-19, approximately 366 girls participated in Tennessee.
- ❖ In 2019-20, the participation number grew to approximately 520.

Ultimate Goal:



- ❖ Emergence of the Girls' Wrestling Championships has led to an increase in the number of girls participating, while decreasing the frequency of girls competing against boys.
- ❖ Providing a separate state championship for girls has encouraged more schools to offer the sport.

Continued Growth:



- ❖ We went through this same process when Bowling was added with one exception.
- ❖ The Bowling proprietors presented an outline to our Board which included every member school, where they would practice and play their home matches, and guaranteed it would always be free-of-charge.

- ❖ We have also been working through this process with the Lacrosse community and our member schools.
- ❖ TSSAA is scheduled to add Lacrosse as a sanctioned sport in 2021-22.

Questions?