



**Idaho High School Activities
Association**

2026-2027

Basketball Coaches Packet



2026-27 Basketball

Classification based on grades 9-12

6A	1,400 and over	3A	349-175
5A	1,399-700	2A	174-90
4A	699-350	1A	89 and under

2026-2027 Basketball Season

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
First Day of Practice	Nov. 2	Nov. 13
First Game	Nov. 13	Nov. 28
Dist. Tourn. Completion	Feb. 9	Feb. 23
State Play-ins	Feb. 13	Feb. 27
State Tournaments	Feb. 18-20	Mar. 4-6

*All teams will be required to enter rosters, schedules and scores on MaxPreps.

Game Limitations for Each Team

Teams are strongly encouraged to limit their schedule to 18 games but may play up to 20 games. If a team participates in a three- or four-game tournament, it is allowed a maximum of 21 games. If a team misses a scheduled tournament game or is unable to attend due to circumstances beyond its control, the lost game may be rescheduled.

Game Limitations for Individuals

During the regular season, athletes in 6A, 5A, and 4A classifications are allowed to play up to 80 quarters of basketball, with the exception of 84 quarters if a 21-game schedule is played due to a tournament. 3A, 2A and 1A athletes may play in 100 quarters of basketball.

6A, 5A, and 4A athletes may play no more than four quarters per day when participating in a single game. 3A, 2A, and 1A athletes are allowed up to five quarters per day in a one-game schedule. All athletes may play up to 8 quarters in a single day if participating in two games against different schools.

6A, 5A, and 4A basketball programs may petition for a waiver of the 4/80 quarter limitation. This waiver would allow sub-varsity players to participate in up to 5 quarters per night and 100 quarters per season. The petition must be signed by the school principal and athletic director and include verification of the following:

1. There are 14 or fewer participants in the program and the program desires to field two teams; or there are 21 or fewer participants in the program and the program desires to field three teams; and
2. The lack of participants will cause the loss of a sub-varsity program; and
3. The lack of participants will cause the school to cancel scheduled games at the sub-varsity level; and
4. A minimum of seven 'varsity only' players must be designated. The designated 'varsity only' players will be limited to four quarters per day and 80 quarters per season; and
5. The school's coaching staff has not, and will not, cut players or discourage anyone from participating in basketball, regardless of their ability
6. If 1-5 occur anytime during the regular season due to illness or injury, a school may request a waiver during the regular season.

Individuals may compete in a junior varsity and varsity contest on the same day. Fouling out of a contest has no bearing on eligibility to participate in the second contest.

Individuals may play in a post season tournament (Freshman, J.V., etc.) and then be eligible to participate in the varsity district tournament.

Players who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSA sponsored basketball competition.

Number of Participants/ Coaches/Support Personnel

Varsity teams may have up to fifteen players in uniform at the start of all play-in and state tournament contests. Violating this rule will result in the school being fined the maximum amount for dressing more than the allowed number of players, and the game will be forfeited if excess players participate. All classifications are allowed four coaches and three support personnel admission without an IHSA card or tournament pass. Any additional coaches or support personnel must have an IHSA card or purchase a tournament pass.

Rules

All contests will be played under National Federation rules. Rule books and case books will be provided to school representatives at the district rules clinic.

Rule 5-10

Once a student participates at the varsity level in a district tournament contest, he/she may not compete in the sub varsity level district tournament.

Mercy Rule

If a 30-point differential is reached at any point during the fourth quarter, the mercy rule will go into effect. Once in effect, the game clock will run continuously and will only stop during team timeouts. Officials will notify the timekeeper that the rule is in effect. Once activated the rule cannot be revoked. The mercy rule may be used at the discretion of each district tournament.

The mercy rule does not apply to IHSA playoff or championship games.

Official Ball

The official basketball for all play-in and state tournament games will be the BX7E-PRO Perfection® ElitePRO™ for boys and the BX6E-PRO Perfection® ElitePRO™ for girls.

2026-27 Basketball Representation

State tournament representation in basketball is determined for a two-year period based on 40% of schools in each classification. See Rule 2-5.

State Play-ins

Matchups will be determined by MaxPreps rankings. The highest seeded team according to MaxPreps will host.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

6A Girls Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

*District 5-6B (Guarantee host)

3 At-Large

5A Girls Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

4 At-Large

4A Girls Play-in Pool

2 teams – 0 games

2 At-Large automatic berths

Or

2 At-Large automatic berths

4 teams – 1 game

*District 1A

1 At-Large play-in game berth

3A Girls Play-in Pool

6 teams – 3 games

*District 3B

5 At-Large

2A Girls Play-in Pool

6 teams – 3 games

*District 2B

*District 3B & 3C

*District 4B

2 At-Large

1A Girls Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

4 At-Large

BOYS BASKETBALL

6A Boys Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

*District 5-6B (Guarantee host)

3 At-Large

5A Boys Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

4 At-Large

4A Boys Play-in Pool

2 teams – 0 games

2 At-Large automatic berths

Or

2 At-Large automatic berths

2 teams – 1 game

*District 1A

1 play-in game berth

3A Boys Play-in Pool

6 teams – 3 games

*District 3B

5 At-Large

2A Boys Play-in Pool

6 teams – 3 games

*District 2B

*District 3B & 3C

*District 4B

2 At-Large

1A Boys Play-in Pool

4 teams – 2 games

4 At-Large

Practice at State Tournament Site

No team will be allowed to practice at a state tournament site.

2026-27 Bracketing

Qualifying teams will be seeded into the state bracket according to the final rankings through and including all regular season and district tournament games. The high seed is considered the home team for all games in the tournament.

#2 Seed

#7 Seed

#3 Seed

#6 Seed

#4 Seed

#5 Seed

#1 Seed

#8 Seed

State Tournaments

Girls: February 18-20

6A	The Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
5A*	Mountain View High School, Meridian
4A*	Skyview High School, Nampa
3A*	Bishop Kelly High School, Boise
2A*	Columbia High School, Nampa
1A*	Nampa High School, Meridian

*All Championship games will be played at The Ford Idaho

Center

Boys: Mar. 4-6

6A	The Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
5A*	Rocky Mountain High School, Meridian
4A*	Eagle High School, Eagle
3A*	Meridian High School, Meridian
2A*	Vallivue High School, Caldwell
1A*	Caldwell High School, Caldwell

*All Championship games will be played at The Ford Idaho

Center

2026-28 BOYS BASKETBALL CLASSIFICATION & ALIGNMENT

District	6A 1400 & Above	5A 1399-700	4A 699-350	3A 349-175	2A 174-90	1A 89 & below
I (17)	Coeur d'Alene Lake City Post Falls	Lakeland Sandpoint	Bonnars Ferry Timberlake	Kellogg Priest River St. Maries	Genesis Prep Lakeside Wallace	Clark Fork Coeur du Christ Kootenai Mullan
II (19)		Lewiston Moscow		Grangeville Orofino	Clearwater Valley Kamiah Lapwai Logos Poflatch Prairie Troy	Culdesac Deary Genesee Highland-C Kendrick Nezperce St. John Bosco Timberline-W
III (54)	Boise Borah Capital Centennial Eagle Kuna Meridian Middleton Mountain View Owyhee Ridgevue Rocky Mountain Timberline-B	Bishop Kelly Caldwell Columbia Mountain Home Nampa Skyview Vallivue	Cole Valley Emmett Fruitland Homedale McCall-Donnelly* Weiser	Ambrose Compass Charter Marsing Melba Nampa Christian New Plymouth North Star Charter Pama Payette Vision Charter	Centennial Baptist Garden Valley Gem State Idaho City Liberty Charter Notus Rimrock Riverstone Int'l TV Classical Academy Tri-Valley (Cambridge/Midvale) Victory Charter Wilder	Cascade Council Greenleaf Friends Horseshoe Bend Meadows Valley* Salmon River
IV (29)		Burley Canyon Ridge Jerome Minico Twin Falls	Filer Gooding Kimberly Wood River	Buhl Declo Wendell	Glenns Ferry Hageman Murtaugh Oakley Raft River Shoshone Sun Valley Com. Valley	Bliss Camas County Carey Castleford Dietrich Hansen ISDB Lighthouse Christian Richfield
V (17)	Highland - P	Century Pocatello	American Falls Bear Lake Preston Snake River	Aberdeen Malad Marsh Valley Soda Springs West Side	Grace	Grace Lutheran North Gem Rockland Sho-Ban
VI (26)	Madison Rigby Thunder Ridge	Blackfoot Bonneville Hillcrest Idaho Falls Shelley Skyline	South Fremont Sugar-Salem Teton	Firth North Fremont Ririe Salmon West Jefferson	Alturas Prep Butte County Challis Taylor's Crossing	American Heritage Clark County Leadore Mackay Watersprings
(162)	(20)	(24)	(19)	(28)	(35)	(36)

*Currently in a Co-op

2026-28 GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASSIFICATION & ALIGNMENT

District	6A 1400 & Above	5A 1399-700	4A 699-350	3A 349-175	2A 174-90	1A 89 & below
I (17)	Coeur d'Alene Lake City Post Falls	Lakeland Sandpoint	Bonniers Ferry Timberlake	Kellogg Priest River St. Maries	Genesis Prep Lakeside Wallace	Clark Fork Coeur du Christ Kootenai Mullan
II (19)		Lewiston Moscow		Grangeville Orofino	Clearwater Valley Kamiah Lapwai Logos Poflatch Prairie Troy	Culdesac Deary Genesee Highland-C Kendrick Nezperce St. John Bosco Timberline-W
III (53)	Boise Borah Capital Eagle Kuna Meridian Middleton Mountain View Owyhee Ridgevue Rocky Mountain Timberline-B	Bishop Kelly Caldwell Centennial Columbia Mountain Home Nampa Skyview Vallivue	Cole Valley Emmett Fruitland Homedale McCall-Donnelly* Weiser	Ambrose Compass Charter Marsing Melba Nampa Christian New Plymouth North Star Charter Parma Payette Vision Charter	Centennial Baptist Garden Valley Gem State Idaho City Liberty Charter Notus Rimrock Riverstone Int'l TV Classical Academy Tri-Valley (Cambridge/Midvale) Victory Charter Wilder	Cascade Council Greenleaf Friends Horseshoe Bend Salmon River
IV (28)		Burley Canyon Ridge Jerome Minico Twin Falls	Filer Gooding Kimberly Wood River	Buhl Declo Wendell	Glenns Ferry Hagerman Murtaugh Oakley Raft River Shoshone Valley	Bliss Camas County Carey Castleford Dietrich Hansen ISDB Lighthouse Christian Richfield
V (17)	Highland-P	Century Pocatello	American Falls Bear Lake Preston Snake River	Aberdeen Malad Marsh Valley Soda Springs West Side	Grace	Grace Lutheran North Gem Rockland Sho-Ban
VI (26)	Madison Rigby Thunder Ridge	Blackfoot Bonneville Hillcrest Idaho Falls Shelley Skyline	South Fremont Sugar-Salem Teton	Firth North Fremont Ririe Salmon West Jefferson	Alturas Prep Butte County Challis Taylor's Crossing	American Heritage Clark County Leadore Mackay Watersprings
(160)	(19)	(25)	(19)	(28)	(34)	(35)

*Currently in a Co-Op

IHSAA Coaches Code of Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. Interscholastic programs should be designed to promote citizenship and enhance the academic mission of the school.

The Coach Will

- Be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. The coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. The coach/school will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- Master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Demonstrate respect and support for officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which would incite players or spectators against the officials. The coach will not make statements concerning officials' decisions after a game.
- Work with school faculty to promote overall educational growth of the student. The coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration.
- Honor the commitment to student based programs that supplement the educational growth of each student-athlete.
- Be professional in association with other coaches. The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
- Exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship of all extracurricular activities.
- Cooperate with different media sources in an appropriate manner that promotes all aspects of the sport, school and community. Public criticism of officials, opponents or players is unethical.
- Uphold all policies and procedures of the school, district, IHSAA and the National Federation.

Basketball Rules Changes - 2026-27

Tue May 26 2026

Rule 5-9-5 (NEW): In the last 59.9 seconds of each quarter or extra period, if play is resumed by a throw-in or an unsuccessful free throw, a minimum of three-tenths (.3) of a second must expire on the game clock when the ball is legally touched by a player inbounds.

Rationale: When play is resumed with a throw-in or unsuccessful free throw, a player may not gain control and attempt a try without at least .3 seconds expiring from the game clock. This change aligns with existing provisions related to tap attempts found in Rule 5-2-5.

NOTE: This rule does not apply when the game clock is not capable of displaying tenths of a second.

Rule 5-10-2 NOTE (NEW): If the referee determines the game clock malfunctioned, was improperly started or stopped, or failed to run, an official's visible or silent count, or other official information, may be used to correct the timing error.

Rationale: Officials currently utilize visible counts for backcourt violations, closely guarded situations, and three-second violations. This change permits officials to also maintain silent counts that may be used as definite knowledge in correcting timing mistakes under Rule 5-10-1.

6-4-4g: Deleted language regarding an alternating possession throw-in following a warning for faking being fouled after a released try attempt.

Rationale: The provision is no longer necessary due to the 2025-26 interpretation change modifying procedures for addressing faking being fouled situations.

8-6-4a thru d: When both teams are assessed technical fouls during the same dead-ball period and before the ball becomes live:

- a. All technical fouls are considered to have occurred at approximately the same time for offsetting penalty purposes;
- b. All fouls are recorded and penalties identified;
- c. If an unequal number of technical fouls are committed, play resumes as though the final single technical foul was the only foul committed; and
- d. If penalties cancel for equal technical fouls, play resumes at the point of interruption.

Rationale: This proposal clarifies that all technical fouls occurring during the same dead-ball period are treated as occurring at approximately the same time.

9-2 PENALTY (Section 2): The ball becomes dead when the violation or technical foul occurs. The location of the violation is the original throw-in spot.

Rationale: Prior to designated throw-in spots, all throw-in violations were administered from the original throw-in location. Language referencing the original throw-in spot was inadvertently removed following implementation of designated throw-in spots. This change restores that language and clarifies administration procedures.

1-19, 2-2-1 EXCEPTION, 4-1-1 EXCEPTION NEW, 4-6-2, 4.11.2 SITUATION, 4-22-1 NOTE NEW, 4-22-2, 4-22-3, 4-40-3, 4-44-5b, 4-44-5c, 4.44.5 SITUATION B, 4-44-5c NEW, 4.44.5 SITUATION C, 6-3-2, 6-3-4, 6-4-6, 6.4.6 SITUATION A, 7-5-6c NEW, 9-2-10 PENALTIES 1, TECHNICAL FOUL PENALTY
SUMMARY

2026-27 Basketball Points of Emphasis

1. UNIFORMS – EDUCATION-BASED ACTIVITIES
2. TIMING CORRECTIONS AND OFFICIALS’ COUNTS
3. BENCH DECORUM, SPORTSMANSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
4. PHYSICAL PLAY AND ILLEGAL CONTACT
5. TRAVELING, CONTINUOUS MOTION AND LEGAL PLAYER MOVEMENT
6. PLAYER EQUIPMENT – TOOTH AND MOUTH PROTECTORS
7. AUTHENTICATING MARK



Safety courses are required for all coaches on even numbered years. Courses must be taken after May 1, 2026. Submit certificate of completion to your administration.

Required Safety Courses:

- *Coaching Mental Wellness**
- *Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
- *Concussion Course**

Follow these instructions to access the free courses:

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - www.idhsaa.org
- ✓ Click school/Coaches
- ✓ Fill in required information to sign-in or create account
- ✓ Follow instructions to start course
- ✓ At the conclusion of the course, **PRINT / SAVE CERTIFICATE.**

NFHS Learn Help Desk
(317) 565-2023



For more information on IHSAA and NFHS coaches education

- Idaho Coaches Education – www.idhsaa.org
- NFHS Learning Center – www.nfhslearn.com
- Follow Idaho Coaches on Twitter @IHSAAcoach

IHSAA Coach Education

The Idaho High School Activities Association is committed to the promotion of coaches' education programs as well as providing resources toward continuing education for all of Idaho's coaches.

✓ Requirements for Idaho Coaches

ALL COACHES

- CPR/1st Aid Certification
- St. Luke's Concussion Course (fall of even numbered years)
- NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course (fall of even numbered years)
- Coaching Mental Wellness (fall of even numbered years)

NON-CERTIFIED TEACHER

- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching
- NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior

CHEER/DANCE/MUSIC/DRAMA/ADMINISTRATION

- NFHS Understanding Copyright & Compliance

POLE VAULT COACHES

- NFHS Coaching Pole Vault

✓ NFHS/IHSAA Educational Recommendations for Interscholastic Coaches

- Complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course (prior to coaching)
- Complete necessary courses to become an NFHS LEVEL 1 Coach within the first year of coaching
- Maintain current certification in CPR, AED and 1st Aid Safety
- Complete online courses or professional development specific to the sport in which they are an interscholastic coach
- Know the playing rules of their sport(s) and understand state association rules and policies governing their sport
- Encourage the participation of team building activities and community service projects with your team
- Pursue NFHS Certified LEVEL 3 credential within two years
- Read, understand and agree to the national and state Coaches Code of Ethics

NFHS Learning Center Coaches Education Courses

SPORT/ACTIVITY SPECIFIC COURSES

Coaching Baseball
Introduction to Pitch Smart – **FREE**
Coaching Basketball
Coaching Cheer & Dance
Spirit Safety Certification
Coaching Football
Blocking, Shoulder Tackling & Equipment Fitting
USA Football Tackling & Contact
Coaching Golf
Coaching Cross Country
Coaching Soccer
Coaching Softball
Coaching Swimming
Coaching Tennis
Coaching Track & Field
Coaching Pole Vault – **FREE**
Coaching Volleyball
Coaching Wrestling
Coaching Adapted Sports – **FREE**
Coaching Unified Sports – **FREE**
Adjudicating Speech & Debate – **FREE**
Introduction to Music – **FREE**
Introduction to Music Adjudication – **FREE**
Introduction to Esports – **FREE**
Speech & Debate Event Management – **FREE**
Theater Safety – **FREE**
Band Safety – **FREE**

ISSUES IN ACTIVITIES/SCHOOL COURSES

Fundamentals of Coaching
Engaging Effectively with Parents – **FREE**
Appearance & Performance Enhancing Drugs – **FREE**
Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors – **FREE**
NCAA Eligibility – **FREE**
Mental Training for Performance
Middle School Sports
Positive Parenting Within the School – **FREE**
Social Media – **FREE**
Implicit Bias – **FREE**
Sportsmanship – **FREE**
Sports Nutrition – **FREE**
Strength & Conditioning
Teaching and Modeling Behavior
Teaching Sports Skills
Captains Course – **FREE**
Supervising After School Activities – **FREE**
Interscholastic Music Event Management – **FREE**
Title IX – **FREE**
Understanding Copyright & Compliance – **FREE**
Understanding Vaping & E-Cigarettes – **FREE**
Protecting Students from Abuse – **FREE**
P.A. Announcing – **FREE**

STUDENT COURSES - FREE

Concussion for Students
Hazing Prevention for Students
Learning Pro:
Homework Helper
Reading & Learning Strategies
Research Skills
Test Taking Tips
Captains Course
Social Media for Students
The Student Experience
Student Mental Health – **FREE**
SAFETY COURSES
Sudden Cardiac Arrest – **FREE**
Heat Illness Prevention – **FREE**
First Aid, Health and Safety
Concussion in Sports – **FREE**
Protecting Students from Abuse – **FREE**
ACL Prevention – **FREE**
The Collapsed Athlete – **FREE**
Band Safety – **FREE**
Afterschool Safety
COVID-19 for Coaches – **FREE**



IHSAA and MaxPreps Partnership FAQ

IHSAA and MaxPreps Partnership Background

The IHSAA has partnered with MaxPreps to efficiently collect schedules, scores, rosters and team photos, to highlight member school information. MaxPreps' industry leading platform provides schools with various desktop, tablet and mobile options to keep their team information accurate. Once team information is submitted to MaxPreps it will be automatically made available to the IHSAA.

--- Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What do coaches need to do?** In order to accurately manage important IHSAA initiatives, coaches are required to enter their team rosters and team photos on MaxPreps. Coaches are also required to enter their scores into MaxPreps immediately after each game throughout the season to help compile accurate regular-season standings and statewide leaderboards and post-season seeding.
- 2. How do coaches sign up to get free access to their administrative account on MaxPreps for the first time?** Coaches or Athletic Directors can follow [this link](#) to become a MaxPreps member and follow the prompts to request their unique access code. Your one-time access code will identify you as the coach or AD with permission to your team/school account. You can enter this access code in the "Set up Admin Accounts" link of your member account profile page.
- 3. Can coaches allow a team statistician or assistant coach to help manage their team information?** Yes! Once the coach has access to their team admin page, they can give other individuals access to their page to help keep their team information accurate.
- 4. What if I already have a MaxPreps account?** Coaches and ADs with an existing account will simply need to continue submitting information.
- 5. What do Athletic Directors need to do?** Athletic Directors simply need to clearly communicate with coaches to keep their scores and other team information updated on MaxPreps. ADs should direct any new coaches or coaches currently not using MaxPreps to contact MaxPreps at 800-329-7324 x1 or support@maxpreps.com, to sign up immediately.
- 6. Can Athletic Directors control their MaxPreps team pages, if desired?** Yes. Athletic Directors can control every single team page from their free "School Administration" page on MaxPreps. While MaxPreps recommends coaches are responsible for their own team information, MaxPreps provides 100% free reporting, communication and school management tools for athletic directors, if desired. In order to gain access to your school administration page, please contact MaxPreps at support@maxpreps.com, to sign up today.



7. **Which sports are included in the partnership?** At this time, football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, baseball and softball are included for score and statistics entry. All sports are required to enter team rosters and team photos.
8. **What about other sports?** Coaches from any other sports may still choose to use MaxPreps' free platform.
9. **Is MaxPreps compatible with other stat programs?** In addition to MaxPreps' own mobile, tablet and desktop tools, MaxPreps is compatible with more than 80 different stat companies across multiple sports.
10. **Does MaxPreps have an app to manage team information?** Yes! An app called Teams by MaxPreps is coming soon and will be available to download for both iPhone and Android devices. ADs and Coaches will be able to communicate directly with athletes and parents, sync their game schedule to their phone's calendar, enter complete schedules, rosters, scores, stats and more. Visit maxpreps.com/teams for more information.
11. **How can fans participate with their teams?** This season the IHSAA is encouraging all teams to assign Official Team Reporter responsibilities to a trusted program volunteer. The **MaxPreps fan app** allows the program volunteer to provide live scoring updates on their mobile device during the game, to keep your high school community engaged and informed. All scores and updates will be available statewide on the IHSAA Scoreboard. The app is available for [iOS devices](#) and [Android devices](#).
12. **What do I label my game type as?** All games should be labeled as conference, non-conference, conference tournament or tournament. **Do not label games as "playoff". In Idaho, the state tournament games are considered "playoffs".**
13. **What is the consequence for school's that do NOT enter game results/scores?** All regular season and district tournament game scores must be entered by each member school on MaxPreps by midnight, Pacific Time, on the Saturday preceding the state tournament. Schools that fail to meet this deadline will be fined \$1,500 per sport. Any scores submitted or modified after the deadline will not be included in the final rankings.
14. **Who can I contact with additional questions?** Coaches and ADs may contact MaxPreps Idaho representative Alisa Dancer at alisa.dancer@playonsports.com, or may direct questions to MaxPreps coach support at support@maxpreps.com, or 800-329-7324 x1. MaxPreps also has a support website at support.maxpreps.com that can help answer specific questions such as how to enter a schedule or a roster, or how to upload a team photo, etc.



MaxPreps Rankings

IHSAA State tournament brackets for girls' soccer, boys' soccer, volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, baseball and softball will be seeded using MaxPreps Final Idaho Rankings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do playing out of state school effect the rankings?

- There is no difference in playing a team from your state or an out of state opponent. We do not use the state played for in the calculation. You will want to make sure that the opponent school has an up to date schedule on MaxPreps but that goes with any team you play. If an opponent's schedule is not up to date, reach out to Alisa Dancer, alisa.dancer@playonsports.com or 530-957-1575 to get the schedule fixed.

Does playing a lower or higher division team have any impact on the rankings?

- MaxPreps rankings does not take into account the division or league a team is playing in. Playing a 5A school is the same as playing a 2A. Playing a school **ranked** lower than you and losing could hurt your ranking.

What is the rating?

- Calculated using your win/loss and quality of win. Quality of win is based on where your opponent is ranked and if you won or lost.

What is the strength of schedule?

- Is the average rating of all your opponents.

Is there a Margin of Victory?

- Yes, each sport has a small margin of victory. Should you run up the score? No, it is capped and does not have a high impact on your rating.
- Margin of Victory maximums for each sport:
 - Baseball – 10 runs
 - Basketball – 20 points
 - Football – 21 points
 - Soccer – 5 goals
 - Softball – 10 runs

Do forfeits count?

- **“No-Fault” Forfeits** (both school administrations agree that the game can’t be played) do NOT count in the rankings. **Do not select the forfeit button**. Game can be deleted from schedule.
- **“At-Fault” Forfeits** (one school violates a rule and/or contract to participate) count in the rankings and should be entered with a game score that is the maximum margin of victory per sport. If you do win as an “At-Fault” forfeit mark the score as – Football 21-0, Volleyball 3-0, Soccer 5-0, Basketball 20-0, Softball and Baseball 10-0. If the District Board of Control determines a breach of contract has occurred, schools will enter a “forfeit” into MaxPreps or Track Wrestling, whichever is applicable.

What is the consequence for school’s that do NOT enter game results/scores?

- All regular season and district tournament game scores must be entered by each member school on MaxPreps by midnight, Pacific Time, on the Saturday preceding the state tournament. Schools that fail to meet this deadline will be fined \$1,500 per sport. Any scores submitted or modified after the deadline will not be included in the final rankings.

MaxPreps rankings are run twice a week. Each time it is run, it starts from the beginning of the season. If a team you played is ranked high at the beginning of the season and they lose their best player and start losing games, their rating could drop along with yours if you played them.

The more games you play helps but you can still be ranked high even if you are playing less games than your opponents. Especially if you are winning the games you do play.

Coaches and ADs may contact MaxPreps Idaho representative Alisa Dancer at alisa.dancer@playonsports.com or 530-957-1575

4-3 EJECTIONS

4-3-1 In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any coach or player ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Any staff or parent/fan/spectator associated with a member school ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next two regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition.

Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.

- a. At the time of ejection, the person/s must leave the field of play and assume a position that will not enable him or her to see or be seen.
- b. During the suspension of the next regularly scheduled contest, the player is permitted to watch the contest, but may not participate. The coach is not allowed at the contest. The parent/staff/fan/spectator is not allowed at the next two contests.
- c. Players will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- d. Coaches will also be required to take the NFHS online Teaching and Modeling Behavior course and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- e. Parents will also be required to earn the NFHS National Parent Credential which includes the free, online Positive Parenting Within School Programs course and The Parent Seat. Credential Certificate must be submitted to school administration prior to reinstatement. The credential must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- f. Other Persons (staff/fan/spectators that are not parents) will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.

4-3-2 A second violation will result in being suspended for the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests. The third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of that season. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next IHSAA sponsored sport.

4-3-3 The procedure for suspension and notification is:

- a. The officiating crew must approve any additional suspension by a majority vote at the conclusion of the contest.
- b. The official/ commissioner shall report an ejection to the school's principal and athletic director when a player/coach/staff/parent/fan/spectator is ejected from a competition.
- c. The report must be submitted within a 24-hour period of the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
- d. The game official that disqualifies an individual for an unsportsmanlike act must notify the District Commissioner with a written report by the conclusion of the next day.
- e. The District Commissioner, upon receipt of the report, shall notify the District Secretary, President of the District Board of Control, the school, and the IHSAA with a written report of the incident by the conclusion of the next school day.

4-3-4 The responsibility to enforce the penalty for being suspended lies with the school principal. Any dialogue concerning the suspension should come from the school principal and be directed to the President of the District Board of Control of the region in which the contest took place. The President of the District Board of Control (of the region in which the contest took place) may appoint a hearing committee to hear any appeals within 48 hours of the receipt of a complete report of the incident. It is the responsibility of the secretary of the District Board of Control in which the hearing took place, to notify the district Board of Control secretary in which the student athlete or coach resides. Appeals may not deal with decisions made by contest officials.

4-3-5 When an individual is suspended for the next contest, the interpretation of "contest" is as follows:

Football: next game	Volleyball: next match
Basketball: next game	Cross Country: next meet
Wrestling: next contest	Softball: next game
Baseball: next game	Track: next meet
Tennis: next match	Golf: next match
Soccer: next match	Swimming: next meet

4-3-6 Any ejection that is the result of physical contact or excessive verbal abuse by a player/coach on a game official will be referred to the local District Board of Control for review to determine if any additional reprimand or suspension is warranted.

4-3-7 If a coach is ejected from an IHSAA contest, the designated school administrator must appoint an appropriately qualified adult to supervise the remainder of the contest or forfeit the contest.