



**Idaho High School Activities
Association**

2026-2027

Basketball Officials 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
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(160)	(19)	(25)	(19)	(28)	(34)	(35)

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Athletic Officials Code of Ethics

Believing that mine is an important part in the nationwide school athletic program, I pledge to act in accordance with these principles:

- I will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- I will study the rules of the game, observe the work of other officials and will, at all times, attempt to improve myself and the game.
- I will conduct myself in such a manner that attention is drawn no to me, but
- to the young people playing the game.
- I will maintain my appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the game.
- I will cooperate with the news media in the interpretation and clarification of rules and/or other areas related to good sportsmanship but I will not make statements concerning “calls” after a game.
- I will uphold and abide by all rules of the IHSAA and the NFHS.
- I will give my complete cooperation to the school I serve and to the IHSAA
- which I represent.
- I will cooperate and be professional in my association with coaches and other officials and will do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
- I will keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual.

Basketball Rules Changes - 2026-27

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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

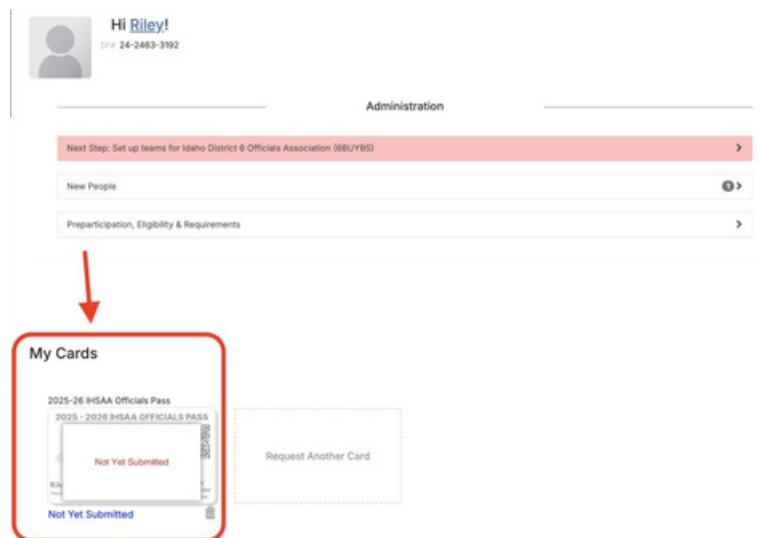
2026-27 Basketball Points of Emphasis

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



Applying for a IHSAA Officials Pass in Dragonfly

1. Before the pass will show up as an option for you to apply for, you must first register with IHSAA as an official in one sport + pay the \$35 fee for the pass.
2. Once the above is completed, you will be able to apply for the pass. To begin this process, on your “Today” page, you will see the following under “My Cards”, select the “2025-26 IHSAA Officials Pass”:



3. Complete the questions in part 1 (much of which will be auto-filled using your information already in Dragonfly).
4. Upload a headshot or use your Dragonfly photo ensuring it meets all the requirements listed.
5. You will then be able to submit your request for the card. Cards will be reviewed at least once a week. Once your card is approved, you will receive a email.
6. To retrieve your card in the app, select “Cards” in the bottom right corner of the “Officials” app. This will what you use to gain access for yourself and one guest to contests. There will be no paper/ laminated cards printed.

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.



Completing an Ejection Report in Dragonfly

1. In the “Assignments” screen, select the game where your ejection report took place.
2. At the bottom of the page, select the “Add Document”, “IHSAA Ejection Report”

A screenshot of the Dragonfly software interface. The top section has two rows: "Officials" with "No Officials found" and "Workers" with "No Workers found". Below this is a "Key People" section featuring a profile icon and the name "Clint Sanders" with his title "Athletic Director | ID Test School 1" and email "clint+idtest@dragonflyathletics.com". The bottom section is titled "Game Documents" and contains an "Add Document" button. A dropdown menu is open from this button, showing three options: "IHSAA Ejection Report", "Incident Report", and "Yellow Card Report". To the right of the dropdown, the text "> game documents to show." is visible.

3. Complete all fields (all required). **Be aware that once you have submitted, it cannot be edited. It will also be viewable to all ADs and Commissioners at that time.**

Please ensure when completing the report please do the following:

- **Use language from the rule book in your sport that constitutes an ejection.**
- Be clear and concise and only report information relevant to the ejection.
- Do not include editorial comments or opinions, just facts.
- If the ejection is for language, please use the language that the player/coach used without paraphrasing or characters to replace letters.