

## DIAA SANCTIONING PROCEDURES

- A. Member schools may participate in tournaments/meets involving four (4) or more schools only if the event has been sanctioned by DIAA and, if applicable, by the NFHS. Tournaments/meets shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following criteria:
1. The event shall not be for determining a regional or national champion.
  2. The event shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
  3. Non-symbolic competition awards shall have an aggregate retail value of no more than \$150.00 per recipient and shall require the prior approval of the Executive Director.
  4. Non-school event organizers shall submit a full financial report to the DIAA office within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the event.
  5. The event organizer shall submit a list of out-of-state schools which have been invited to participate and such schools shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director.
  6. Out-of-state schools which are not members of their state athletic association shall verify in writing that their participating athletes are in compliance with their state athletic association's eligibility rules and regulations.
  7. The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.
  8. The event organizer shall comply with all applicable NFHS sanctioning requirements.
- B. Participation in a non-sanctioned event shall result in the offending school being assessed a \$100.00 fine. A second offense shall result in a \$250.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the sport season. A third offense shall result in a \$500.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the school year. **In accordance with Reg. 1006.7.1.1.1 Additional Penalties, the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors may impose additional penalties including suspension from the state championship in that sport.**
- C. Any tournament/meet which must be sanctioned by the NFHS must also be sponsored or co-sponsored by a member school of the host state athletic association. In order to be considered a co-sponsor of a tournament/meet, a member school must be legitimately involved in the planning, promotion, and conduct of the event. A school would be accorded co-sponsor status provided the following conditions were satisfied:
1. The superintendent must approve, in writing, the school's request for co-sponsor status and such documentation must accompany the completed sanction form submitted to the DIAA office.
  2. The principal, an assistant principal, the athletic director, or the head varsity coach in that sport must attend the tournament planning meetings and must have both voice and vote in any decisions related to the tournament.
  3. The school must be assigned responsibilities commensurate with their co-sponsor status, e.g. site management, in which case the school would be responsible for hiring and supervising site personnel, arranging for security, providing for crowd control, etc. as if the tournament/meet was being conducted on school premises.
  4. The principal, an assistant principal, or the athletic director must agree to investigate any complaints from the participating schools and/or state athletic associations.
  5. If applicable, the school must be listed as an additional insured on the event liability insurance policy.