



Sports Betting (December 2021)

Whereas the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association promotes the highest standards of morality, integrity, and ethics;

Whereas the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association encourages its members to demonstrate leadership in promoting the development of behavior in young people that demonstrates high morality, integrity, and ethics;

Whereas the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association believes that legalized betting on high school athletic events may produce unacceptable behavior among high school athletes in regard to morality, integrity, and ethics;

Whereas betting on athletic events is a form of gambling which may become an addictive habit;

Whereas national statistics indicate an increasing number of high school age students are gambling; and

Whereas the number of states that have legalized sports betting, including betting on collegiate sports, has increased in recent years;

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association vehemently opposes any attempt to legalize betting on high school sporting contests;

Be it further resolved the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association encourages local, state, and federal government officials to oppose any legislation which would allow betting on high school sporting contests;

Be it further resolved the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association encourages local, state, and federal government officials to support efforts related to legislation that prohibit high school students from engaging in gambling activities; and

Be it further resolved that all NIAAA members actively participate in local, state, and national activities which educate and provide resources to high school students regarding the risks of engaging in gambling activities.