



Officials

Whereas the officials that manage interscholastic contests across the country have seen their numbers decline in recent years as a result of specific circumstances related to player, coach, and spectator behavior;

Whereas the subsequent decline in officials has resulted in the cancellation of games, reduction of contests, and expanded scheduling on non-traditional play days and times to name a few;

Whereas the recruitment of younger officials has stagnated for the same reasons that define the decline in officials;

Whereas it is the ultimate responsibility of the individual state, section, conference, or league to ensure that the recruitment and retention of officials become the top priority for those entities; and

Whereas communication with officials associations with regard to the recruitment and retention of officials by state, section, conference, or league should be an ongoing process and lead to an understanding of the systemic problems creating this gap; therefore

Be It Resolved that each state, section, conference, and league is tasked with educating athletes, coaches, and parents on the proper behavior expected of them, not just by a code of conduct, but through meetings that set those expected behaviors; and

Be It Resolved that the NIAAA promotes programs specifically designed to educate and assist in the recruitment and retention of officials. These programs can be secured through the NFHS workshop series on Sportsmanship...etc.