



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: NCAA Deregulation of Amateurism

WHEREAS the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is the nation's preeminent association of secondary school athletic directors, consisting of 12,600+ members;

WHEREAS the NIAAA knows the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to be an organization of high moral purpose that has a significant influence on the education of American youth, both secondary and collegiate levels;

WHEREAS the NCAA has worked effectively with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the NIAAA, and other educational organizations on the promotion of education-based athletics in this nation;

WHEREAS the NCAA is considering a redefinition of the pre-enrollment amateurism rule that it uses in furtherance of its purposes;

WHEREAS three of the proposed reforms appear to be flawed; and

WHEREAS for better or worse, the reforms will have an impact on the young people at the secondary level; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the membership of the NIAAA host a conference with athletic administrators from across the nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NIAAA encourages the NCAA's Division I and II to reject those pre-enrollment amateurism reform proposals relating to:

- Accept "pay for play,"

- Accept prize money; and

- Become associated with or an LLC in which to create a brand or business through use of participating in education-based athletics in their high school

- Become the beneficiaries of individualized third-party tuition payments.