



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: Performance Enhancing Drugs

WHEREAS the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) believes interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the total education program;

WHEREAS the NIAAA believes in safeguarding the health and welfare of high school student-athletes;

WHEREAS the NIAAA believes the use of performance enhancing drugs is unethical;

WHEREAS there exists extensive evidence that continued use of performance enhancing drugs is a contributing factor in developing cancer, heart disease, liver disease, sterility, violent and aggressive behavior, and other adverse physical reactions; and

WHEREAS the Food and Drug Administration, National Collegiate Athletic Association, the United States Olympic Committee, and many other agencies have designated performance enhancing drug use as a dangerous health hazard; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NIAAA joins with other groups in opposition to any use of performance enhancing drugs by high school student-athletes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NIAAA joins with the National Federation of State High School Associations and other organizations in a concentrated effort to properly educate high school student-athletes as to the dangers and harmful effects of performance enhancing drug use.