



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: In School/Out of School Sports Conflicts

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

WHEREAS the NIAAA believes that interscholastic athletics should be conducted in accordance with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS the NIAAA believes interscholastic athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum, always conforming to the general education philosophies and objectives of the school;

WHEREAS the interscholastic athletic program should at no time be given more importance than the educational curriculum;

WHEREAS participation on a school athletic team is a privilege which includes responsibilities to the school and community; and

WHEREAS participation on an out of school athletic team while participating on a school athletic team creates conflicts for the following reasons:

1. Greater risk of health and safety issues.
2. Scheduling conflicts between the school team and the out of school team.
3. Athletes pressured to choose out of school team in place of school team.
4. Education-based philosophy in athletics not emphasized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the NIAAA encourages schools to exercise proper guidance in helping athletes to choose whether to participate on a school athletic team and/or an out of school athletic team, or both; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NIAAA recommends that all schools and/or school districts establish regulations and procedure to prevent such conflicts from occurring.