

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

CROSS COUNTRY

ACTIVITY MANUAL



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NSAA Mission:

Creating moments and memories that last a lifetime.

This mission reflects the NSAA commitment to empowering students and all who serve them by providing structured opportunities to inspire lifelong memories for kids, coaches, and communities.

Who is the NSAA?

- The NSAA is a non-profit organization, comprised of 308 public and non-public member high schools in the State of Nebraska. Member schools voluntarily agree to conduct NSAA-sanctioned activities consistent with the rules established locally and the rules established collectively as members of the NSAA.
- The NSAA sanctions 24 sports and 5 performing arts activities and directs 28 State Championships for nearly 100,000 student-activity participants annually.
- The NSAA Constitution and Bylaws, Activity Manuals and policies form the governance structure of the organization. These regulations are approved and changed only by member schools and a member-elected Board of Directors through the legislative process initiated and driven by member schools.
Unless otherwise noted, NSAA rules and regulations apply to current 9th thru 12th grade students.
- NSAA rules set baselines for participation such as: academic requirements; attendance requirements; transfer eligibility; sportsmanship.
- The primary functions of the NSAA Staff are to: assist member schools with compliance questions related to eligibility, transfers and playing rules; enforce the rules established by the member schools; and administer NSAA State Championship events.
- The NSAA honors and recognizes students, coaches and volunteers for their excellence and achievements through multiple awards programs.
- The NSAA annually registers officials and judges. Member schools are responsible for hiring officials and judges during the regular season.
- When parents, families, students, or community members have questions or concerns related to NSAA-sanctioned activities, those must be directed first to the administration of the member school.
- Staffing, playing time, and team rules are decisions made by the member school, not the NSAA. The NSAA has no authority to interfere with these member school decisions.

2025-26 NSAA Changes

In Class A, district seeding will be based on the average of a team's four fastest times.

Districts for Classes A & C will be held on Wednesday of Week 15, and Districts for Classes B & D will be held on Thursday of Week 15.

This **CROSS COUNTRY MANUAL** has been prepared and designed to provide general information for use in the administration of NSAA Cross Country competition. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide for greater consistency between matches. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless the schools are notified of a change. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read the instructions in this manual thoroughly and save it for future reference.

Assistant Director, Jon Dolliver, is the NSAA staff member responsible for administering Cross Country and is the contact person for schools with questions regarding this activity. He can be reached at jdolliver@nsaahome.org.

Internet Information

The Nebraska School Activities Association's home page on the Internet is: <http://www.nsaahome.org>.

The NSAA website includes a sub-page for each of the NSAA's sponsored activities. Administrators, coaches and others involved in this activity should familiarize themselves with this website and the school login page, as the NSAA uses it extensively to distribute information.

Current year classifications, rule changes and interpretations, district assignments, district entry form, state meet schedule, state meet qualifiers and assignments, state meet results and lists of past champions are some of the available information on the NSAA website.

The NSAA office and its staff members can be reached via the following email addresses:
jdolliver@nsaahome.org - Jon Dolliver.

It is imperative that you to check the NSAA home pages where your activity is involved.

2025 Key Dates

Fall Co-op Applications & Fall Activities Registration Due – July 1			
Start of Practice	Monday	Week 6	August 11
Date of First Contest	Thursday	Week 8	August 28
Last Allowable Competition Times for Class A & B	Saturday	Week 13	October 4
Deadline for Submitting Competition Times for Class A & B	Monday	Week 14	October 6
District Entries Due	Monday	Week 14	October 6
Districts Assigned and Released for Class A & B	Tuesday	Week 14	October 7
NSAA Cross Country Districts for Class A & C	Wednesday	Week 15	October 15
NSAA Cross Country Districts for Class B & D	Thursday	Week 15	October 16
NSAA Cross Country Championships	Friday	Week 16	October 24

Future Dates

Year	First Practice	Date	First Contest	Date
2026	Monday, Week 6	August 10	Thursday, Week 8	August 27
2027	Monday, Week 6	August 9	Thursday, Week 8	August 26

1. The Cross Country season starts the first day of practice, August 11, 2025.
2. The season ends with the NSAA Cross Country Championships, October 24, 2025.

NSAA and NFHS Statement on Steroids

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), strongly oppose the abuse of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. Such use violates legal, ethical and competitive equity standards, and imposes unreasonable long-term health risks.

The NSAA and the NFHS support prohibitions by educational institutions, amateur and professional organizations and governmental regulators on the use of anabolic steroids and other controlled substances, except as specifically prescribed by physicians for therapeutic purposes.

Music Licenses

Generally, music used for contests (warm-up, half-time, “walk-up” music, etc.) needs to be licensed. Some music may be in public domain; however, most music is not and will require a license. This season, take the necessary time to verify your music is licensed through the proper entities. Visit www.nfhslearn.com to view the free video understanding copyright and compliance: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/understanding-copyright-and-compliance>

For a complete listing of the NSAA Bylaws and Approved Rulings refer to the NSAA Constitution and Bylaws: <https://nsaa-static.s3.amazonaws.com/textfile/yb/c&b.pdf>

APPROVED RULING 2.1.2 - Medical Personnel at Regular Season Games

It is important for every school to have an emergency action plan (EAP) for administrators, faculty, coaches and staff members to follow should emergencies occur. Due to lack of universal availability of medical coverage and other logistical reasons, NSAA does not require that schools have a physician, trainer or ambulance on-site at regular season activities.

APPROVED RULING 2.12 – Required NFHS Courses for Coaches & CPR/AED Certification

All coaches, activity sponsors, and volunteers are required to complete the NFHS [Concussion in Sports](#), [Heat Illness Prevention](#), and [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) Training courses at least once every three years.

*These courses should be taken prior to any preseason or regular season physical workouts that the respective coach would be present for or involved in administering. Any course taken after May 1 would be considered valid for the following school year. **All first-year coaches are required to complete all three courses prior to the start of the activity season which they are to coach.***

Note: A heat acclimatization period is required for football, golf, softball, tennis, and cross country. However, consideration should also be taken for any volleyball practices conducted in hot and humid weather in non-air cooled facilities.

2.12 COACHES AND SPONSORS

2.12.1 - School's Responsibility. The entire management of a school's activity program must be under the control of school authorities, and any team competing in interschool competition must be under the direction of a member of the school's faculty.

2.12.1.1 - When a team or individuals from a school compete in interschool competition, the team or individuals must be accompanied by the head coach, or assistant coach as defined by the rules, or a school administrator, or certificated faculty member.

2.12.2 - Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Sponsor. A head coach, assistant coach or activity sponsor may possess a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate or Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate and have a written contract of employment as a coach or sponsor with the school in which he/she is to perform these duties.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 2.12.2

A Nebraska Teaching Certificate shall be defined as any certificate or permit issued by the Nebraska Department of Education that allows an individual to teach. <https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/teaching-certificates>

2.12.2.1 - Individuals who possess a Provisional Trades Certificate and/or Special Services Certificate endorsed in coaching may be employed by a school district as a head or assistant coach in NSAA sponsored activities.

2.12.2.2 - School districts may choose to hire their own external coaches and employ those individuals who do not possess a Nebraska Teacher Certificate or Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate.

CPR/AED Certification

All head coaches/sponsors and assistant coaches/sponsors are required to be CPR/AED certified once every two years. Certification should be completed prior to any pre-season or regular season physical workouts that the respective coach/sponsor would be present for or involved in administering. All first-year head coaches/sponsors and assistant coaches/sponsors are required to complete certification prior to the start of the activity season which they are to coach. Coaches aides and volunteer coaches are not required to be CPR/AED certified.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. In order to determine if the NSAA can authorize such an accommodation, the school administration should contact the NSAA to request an accommodation hearing.

APPROVED RULING 3.1.1, C. - End of Season for Outside Participation

Students who are not listed on the NSAA District entry form may participate in outside group instruction or competition of the same sport before the varsity school team has been completely eliminated from postseason competition. Those students who have participated in outside group instruction or competition following their regular season schedule would not be eligible to be placed on the district or state entry form of the same sport and would not be allowed to practice with the varsity team.

3.2.1 – School-Year, Out-of-Season Programs

A member school shall not provide support, hold an organized practice or enter students in any non-high school competition in NSAA sponsored sports outside of the defined NSAA season.

NSAA Athletic Bylaws and Approved Rulings

2025 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Track and Field and Cross Country Rules and 2025-26 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) rules and regulations shall govern all Cross Country competitions.

3.1.1.2 - The division of sports seasons shall be as follows: No school shall register more than one varsity team per sport and no student shall participate simultaneously in more than one sport per season.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.1.1.2

- A) If a student is participating in one sport during a sports season and decides to quit that sport and participate in another sport during the same season, the student shall be required to sit-out from competition at all levels for seven days. During this seven day sit-out period, students are permitted to practice. No student who has practiced or competed in one sport will be allowed to switch to another sport if the district or state meet in the student's former sport is in progress or has been completed or a season has ended.
- B) If a student participates in two sports simultaneously during a sports season, that student shall become ineligible to participate in the district and/or state contest during that sports season.

Q: Can a student who initially went out for cross country or tennis change his mind and come out for football after the first day of permitted football practice?

A: Yes. The student shall be restricted from competing for seven school days and will also be required follow heat acclimatization requirements.

3.2.4 - Organized Practice. No organized practice in any sport shall be held during the “school-year, out-of-season” period. An organized practice shall be defined as follows:

C) Golf and Cross Country. An organized practice shall mean more than three students under direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one such group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice.

3.2.5 - Conditioning Program

A member school may organize and supervise a “school year, out-of-season” conditioning program to include weightlifting, running, and exercising for its members in accordance with the following provision:

- A) Such a conditioning program shall be general in nature and may include only exercises designed to promote physical fitness.
- B) Sport-specific drills are not allowed, and sport-specific equipment may not be used.
- C) The conditioning session shall be no longer than 60 minutes in length, and no student shall participate in more than one such session per day.
- D) Conditioning programs shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend conditioning sessions as a prerequisite for membership or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

APPROVED RULING 3.2.8

From August 1 through the official start of fall practices, the following shall apply:

- 1) The organized practice rule shall be in effect;*
- 2) Conditioning programs may be held;*
- 3) Attendance at commercial camps and clinics is permissible, but the organized practice rules shall be in effect for such camps and clinics; and*
- 4) No school-sponsored clinics or camps may be held*

3.2.8.1 - NSAA Catastrophic Insurance does not cover coaches/students/schools during the summertime period.

3.2.8.2 - Summertime School-Sponsored Camps/Clinics

A school may organize a camp or clinic in any sport from the Tuesday following Memorial Day through July 31. The camp shall be limited to no more than ten days starting with the first date of the camp/clinic.

3.2.8.3 - Summertime Conditioning Program

A member school may organize and supervise a summer conditioning program to include weightlifting, running, and exercising. Conditioning sessions shall be no longer than 75 minutes in length per day or no more than 5 hours per week, and no student shall participate in more than one such session per day.

APPROVED RULING 3.2.8.3

Conditioning sessions organized and run by members of the school's coaching staff are subject the 75-minute limitation. Students, for example, who work out on their own at the school facility in weightlifting, general calisthenics, running, or agility-type exercises shall not be considered to be involved in an organized conditioning program.

APPROVED RULING 3.3.7 - Eligibility for Sub-District/District/State Competition

- A) In all athletic activities, teams wishing to enter a sub-district, district, or state contest shall have participated in a minimum of five interschool varsity contests prior to the sub-district, district, or state contest.*
- B) In order to participate in a sub-district, district or state tournament, a student is required to have been a member of the school's team for at least twenty school days prior to the first day of the sub-district, district, or state tournament.*
- C) To be eligible to participate in a sub-district, district and/or state contest, a student shall have been a member of a school's team and shall have been "available to participate" in at least thirty percent (30%) of the school's scheduled interschool contests.*
 - 1) Exceptions to the requirements for a student who has not been available to participate in at least (30%) of the school's varsity interschool contests would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, transfer from another high school, or if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests.*
 - 2) When determining whether a student has been available for (30%) of the school's varsity interschool contests, one would divide the number of varsity interschool contests for which the student was available by the school's total number of varsity interschool contests; all decimals .1 or above would be rounded up to the next higher whole number.*
 - 3) The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport and is not suspended from participation in activities by virtue of NSAA rules.*
- D) For situations pertaining to eligibility to participate in district or state contests that are not specifically addressed by these guidelines, the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive membership and participation requirements on a case-by-case basis.*

- E) *If a school takes its team off the playing field prior to the completion of a contest or prior to the suspension or termination of a game by the game officials, and the contest is forfeited because of the refusal of the school's team to continue play, the school shall be subject to a penalty set by the Board of Directors. The penalty may be the exclusion from participation in sub-district, district, playoffs, or state contests.*

NON-HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

3.5.1 - Any student who participates in any athletic contest other than as a representative of his/her high school during the season of the sport involved becomes ineligible to represent his/her school in that sport for one or more contests or the remainder of the season.

3.5.2 - Individual Instruction. During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take individual instruction from a person other than the high school coach at times other than scheduled high school practice sessions, but such instructions shall not interfere with, nor be substituted for the high school coaching, practice sessions, or contest.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.5.2

During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take individual instruction from a person other than the high school coach. Group instruction, practices with outside teams, and tryouts for outside teams other than as part of a college or university recruiting visit, however, are not permitted.

3.7.1 – Amateur Rule

A student shall be an amateur in all sports sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association. A student may be declared ineligible if he/she:

1. Accepts merchandise, compensation of any nature, or illegal awards for competing in Association-sponsored activities.
2. Enters into any agreement or contract to compete in professional sports.
3. Permits, with or without actual endorsement, the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial or profit-making event, item, plan, or service (this does not prevent a student's picture or name from being included in programs); or,
4. Receives merchandise or compensation of any nature for coaching any NSAA approved sport during the season of the sport in his/her school.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.7.1, C – Name, Image & Likeness (NIL)

Under Bylaw 3.7.1.c, the term "with or without actual endorsement" requires that the student or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) have knowledge that the student's name, picture, and/or personal appearance are being used by another person or entity.

Note: For commonly asked NIL Questions, [view these NIL Q&A's](#).

NSAA Athletic Bylaws Governing Cross Country

3.11.3	CROSS COUNTRY
3.11.3.1	Cross Country shall be conducted during the fall sport season. The season shall begin with the first day of practice as permitted by NSAA rules and shall end with the state championship.
3.11.3.2	Participation in interschool cross country competition by any student shall be limited to two meets per calendar week (Monday through Saturday).
3.11.3.3	All districts in which three or more full teams are entered will qualify three teams to state competition. If less than three full teams are entered, the full teams entered will automatically qualify.
3.11.3.4	During the cross country season, a school may permit seventh and eighth grade students to participate in practice sessions and drills.

NSAA Policy on Comments and Negative Actions Against Officials and Judges

The National Federation of State High School Associations has devised Code of Ethics guidelines for high school coaches. The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. The coach or sponsor shall respect and support contest officials and judges. The coach or sponsor shall not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials, judges or players is unethical. The Nebraska School Activities Association has embraced that Coaches Code of Ethics and has established policies and standards that will cultivate the ideals of good sportsmanship, professionalism and conduct. It shall be the responsibility of each member school to ensure that all individuals directly associated with the interscholastic program conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and professional manner.

The high school coach or director is a representative of the school at interscholastic activity events. It is the responsibility of all coaches and directors to serve as role models for students and the public. It is the expectation that all coaches, directors, administrators and student participants shall refrain from negative criticism of NSAA member institutions, officials, adjudicators, judges, etc. in public statements before, during or after interscholastic events.

The appropriate public response to media questions at all venues regarding officiating/judging is "per NSAA policy, I am unable to comment." Any other response is a violation of this board policy and is subject to penalty.

It would be considered a violation of this NSAA policy to include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Making degrading and/or critical remarks about officials or adjudicators or the officiating or judging before, during or after an event either on or off-site, via social media, or through any public means.
2. Detaining the officials/adjudicators/judges during or following the event to request a ruling or explanation of actions or evaluation by the official(s)/adjudicator(s)/judges.
3. Entering the officials dressing area following the contest.

Negative actions by an individual directly associated with the program shall be reported to the NSAA office by the school and/or by the head contest official, adjudicator, judge, or manager. The school shall document the results of their investigation and actions taken, where necessary and appropriate. The NSAA Executive Director shall determine the appropriate penalties for violation of this board policy.

Additional NSAA Rules

Headwear: The wearing of decorative headwear/caps while competing is prohibited.

Cross Country--10-14 Day Heat-Acclimatization Period

1.	Days 1 through 5 of the heat-acclimatization period consist of the first 5 days of formal practice. During this time, athletes may not participate in more than 1 practice per day.
2.	If a practice is interrupted by inclement weather or heat restrictions, the practice should recommence once conditions are deemed safe. Total practice time should not exceed 3 hours in any 1 day.
3.	Beginning no earlier than day 6 and continuing through day 14, double-practice days must be followed by a single-practice day. When a double-practice day is followed by a rest day, another double-practice day is permitted after the rest day.
4.	On a double-practice day, neither practice should exceed 3 hours in duration, and student-athletes should not participate in more than 5 total hours of practice. Warm-up, stretching, cool-down, walk-through, conditioning, and weight-room activities are included as part of the practice time. The 2 practices should be separated by at least 3 continuous hours in a cool environment.
5.	Because the risk of exertional heat illnesses during the preseason heat-acclimatization period is high, we strongly recommend that an athletic trainer be on site before, during, and after all practices.

- NOTES: 1. Consideration should also be taken for any practices conducted in hot and humid weather in non-air cooled facilities.
2. Consult the WBGT Chart or the Heat Index Chart, www.nsaahome.org, Sports Medicine Page.

**References: National Federation of State High School Associations Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Heat acclimatization and heat illness prevention position statement. Published 2012. <http://www.nfhs.org>.
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NSAA SMAC Revised and Approved – April, 2014
NSAA SMAC Recommendations – April, 2013**

Classification

2025 NSAA Classifications for Cross Country are listed on the NSAA web site, <http://nsaahome.org> under Cross Country. Boys and Girls Cross Country shall be divided into four classes for competition as follows:

1. Based on combined boy and girl enrollment, grades 9-11.
2. The top 65 schools will be split into Class A and Class B.
3. Schools with a total enrollment of 850 and above will be in Class A and the remaining schools will be placed in Class B. **NOTE:** Classifications will be done on a yearly basis, except for Class A, which will be done on a two-year classification. 2025 is the 2nd year of the two-year Class A classification period. No schools will be added or removed from Class A during this two year period regardless of enrollment.
4. The next 60 largest schools registered for cross country shall be Class C.
5. The remaining schools registered for cross country shall be Class D.
6. Boys and girls teams from the same school will be placed in the same class. (Exception: cooperatives)
7. If schools are tied in enrollment for the last position or positions of a class, the following tie-breaker will be applied:
 - a. The first tie-breaker will be a three-year average of enrollment which includes the year on which the current year's classification is based and the two previous years. The higher three-year average will be in the larger class.
 - b. If the tie still exists, then the school with the higher immediate previous year's enrollment will be placed in the larger class.
 - c. If a tie still exists, it will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.
 - d. Opting Up – a school may opt up to any classification. The deadline for submitting a request to the NSAA is one week from when classifications are released. No team will move up to fill the void made by a school opting up.

District Assignments

2025 NSAA District Assignments for Cross Country are listed on the NSAA web site, <http://nsaahome.org> under Cross Country.

1. Schools registered for cross country by July 1 will be assigned to a district.
2. Classes A and B will have four districts, Class C will have five districts and Class D will have six districts.

Class A

Class A are those schools that are registered for cross country with a total enrollment of 850 or more. They will be assigned to four districts, using the average of each team's four fastest times. Total times will only be accepted from varsity races at meets with at least five teams. The course must be at least 5,000 meters. Coaches submitting team times from Nebraska high school hosted meets and non-Nebraska high schools for the seeding process may only submit times from courses that have been measured to be at least 5,000m utilizing the shortest possible route standard as defined by USATF certification standards. Courses need only be measured once per year prior to any meet being hosted at the site unless route changes have been made to a course, then an additional measurement shall be required along the new route used. The NSAA website will provide a link on the NSAA Cross Country website showing how to correctly measure a course using the "shortest possible route" standards of USATF.

Saturday of NSAA Week 13 is the last day of competition that times may be accepted. Class A coaches must submit their times by Monday before midnight CST of NSAA Week 14. Teams missing this deadline will be seeded by the NSAA at their discretion. Class A schools will need to submit a request to host to the NSAA. The NSAA will select two sites to host districts. Districts will be assigned the Tuesday of Week 14. Site 1 will host two districts and site 2 will host two districts.

IN EVEN YEARS—

1. The girls will be placed in four districts using the serpentine method based on the girls' total time rankings.
2. Boys' district assignments will be based on a modified serpentine of the boys' total time rankings using the girls' district assignments to make sure that boys and girls teams are at the same site but not necessarily the same district.
3. The NSAA will pair district sites within the serpentine process.
4. All district scenarios will be created (ex. 1&2 3&4, or 1&3 2&4, or 1&4 2&3) and the scenario that most equally distributes the top 12 seeds among the four districts will be used.
5. If multiple scenarios are equal in this distribution, then other factors like host sites and/or travel may be considered in the district selection process.

IN ODD YEARS—the process shall be repeated but boys and girls shall be flipped in the districting process.

NOTE: Omaha Marian and Creighton Prep will be placed in the same district in their respective gender.

Class B

Schools will be assigned to four geographical districts. Districts B4 and B3 will be serpentine on their two fastest times from the season. Districts B2 and B1 will be serpentine on their two fastest times from the season. Total times will only be accepted from varsity races at meets with at least five teams. All times must be submitted. The course must be at least 5,000 meters. Coaches submitting team times from Nebraska high school hosted meets and non-Nebraska high schools for the seeding process may only submit times from courses that have been measured to be at least 5,000m utilizing the shortest possible route standard as defined by USATF certification standards. Courses need only be measured once per year prior to any meet being hosted at the site unless route changes have been made to a course, then an additional measurement shall be required along the new route used. The NSAA website will provide a link on the NSAA Cross Country website showing how to correctly measure a course using the "shortest possible route" standards of USATF.

Saturday of NSAA Week 13 is the last day of competition that times may be accepted. Class B coaches must submit their times by Monday before midnight CST of NSAA Week 14. Teams missing this deadline will be seeded by the NSAA at their discretion. Class B schools will need to submit a request to host to the NSAA. The NSAA will select two sites to host districts. Districts will be assigned the Tuesday of Week 14. Site 1 will host two districts (B1 and B2) and site 2 will host two districts (B3 and B4).

Classes C and D

1. Schools are assigned to a district according to the school's geographical location. Available sites and facilities are also considered. Beginning with the school located the farthest west; schools to the east are added until the pre-determined number of schools, which are to compose a district, is reached. Schools located to the north and south may be selected if total travel distance to a tournament site can be decreased. This sequence continues until all schools are assigned to districts.
2. If a school(s) decides to participate in an activity after district assignments are completed, the school(s) will be assigned to a district with the fewest number of schools unless the travel distance is too great. If the travel distance is too great, the school(s) will be assigned to the nearest district and the other district assignments may be adjusted.

3. Class D districts will be established after September 10th when the Class D Cross Country Survey has been completed.

Team Entries

1. NSAA Entry forms are accessed and submitted online. The Athletic/Activities director will give the certified coach the login for this activity. Go to the NSAA web site (www.nsaahome.org) and click on "School Login". Enter your login and go to "View/Edit your Form" to complete your entry form (detailed instructions can be obtained from the website). You may make changes to this form up until the due date. After that, you will need to contact the NSAA and your District Director.
2. Entry deadline is October 6.
3. Class A – List no more than seven entries (no alternates). Classes B, C – List no more than six entries (no alternates). Class D – List no more than five entries (no alternates).

Media-Student Media, Media Credentials & Broadcasting

1. All media operations (admission, access and accommodations) for Regular Season contests are at the Host School's discretion.
2. The NSAA Media Manual outlines policies for Media Credentials, Student Media, Broadcasting Policies and other specifics surrounding NSAA post-season contests.
3. Post-season contests include: Districts, Sub-Districts, Playoffs and State Championships.
4. The Media Manual is posted on the NSAA website's Media Page <http://nsaahome.org/media-info/>.

2025 NSAA District Meets

1. Each Class A, Class B, and Class C school that indicated possible participation in Cross Country will be assigned to a district. Class D districts will be assigned in September.
2. A director and site will be assigned by the NSAA office for each district.
3. Cross Country district meets shall be held on Wednesday (Classes A and C) and Thursday (Classes B and D) of Week 15, (NSAA Calendar), October 15-16, 2025. It is recommended the meet start after school hours when possible.
4. Only varsity competition shall be held during the district meet.
5. District meets will use the order of running the girls race before the boys race due to the state meet schedule this year.
6. District meets shall not be scheduled on the state meet course, located at the Kearney Country Club.
7. Season competitions and practices, other than those scheduled prior to the setting of the district site shall not be permitted on the district meet course.
8. The district facility needs to be handicap accessible and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs.
9. If there is a course rental from an outside entity (golf course) or a timing system that is hired, you should notify participating schools of a possible surcharge prior to the meet.
10. District hosts shall receive a \$500 host allowance in June with their reimbursements.

Meet Director's Responsibilities

1. Advertising.
2. Awarding trophies and medals.
3. Checking entries and eligibility of contestants.
4. Providing meet summaries to each participating school.
5. Preparation and mailing of instruction sheets to each individual coach and official.
6. Preparation of checker sheets and numbers for each contestant.
7. Preparation of signs, flags, or course markers.
8. Procuring safety pins for numbers.
9. Reporting results to the media.
10. Securing and assigning dressing room and shower facilities.

Expected Behaviors at Awards Ceremonies

Education-based activities give students the ability to train, participate and compete in a structured setting. With that, students often learn lessons that are sometimes not taught in the traditional academic classroom. Some of those lessons include learning to win and lose with dignity and grace. As such, the following guidelines have been developed for awards ceremonies at the conclusion of sub-district, district and state contests.

Only one team can win a district or state championship, yet the NSAA provides trophies, plaques and medals to the losing teams in many of the postseason activities. It shall be the expectation that both teams shall accept their medals and trophies in a sporting and willing manner. Some losing teams have been reluctant to step forward and accept their awards, and coaches and administrators need to assure sporting behaviors for their student athletes. It is natural to be disappointed in losing the contest, but stepping forward at this time of disappointment is a life lesson that helps mold proper and sporting behaviors. It is the expectation!

The executive director or the NSAA Board of Directors shall determine the type and severity of sanctions to schools that do not comply with these expectations.

1. Team plaques will be awarded to the teams placing first, second and third in each district meet.
2. Individual medals will be presented to competitors placing first through fifteenth.
3. District plaques will be mailed to district hosts directly from Awards Unlimited.

District Entries

1. District Entries are due to the NSAA by October 6, 2025. Each District host will need to enter their entries into meet software which is different than the NSAA District Entry requirement.
2. Each Class A school may enter no more than seven individuals. The five with the lowest score will be used to determine the team championship.
3. Class B and C schools may enter no more than six individuals. The four with the lowest score will be used to determine the team championship.
4. Class D schools may enter no more than five individuals. The three with the lowest score will be used to determine the team championship.
5. Class A schools may enter fewer than five individuals, Classes B and C, may enter fewer than four individuals, and Class D may enter fewer than three individuals to compete for individual honors only.

Inclement Weather

1. Inclement weather conditions may force the postponement of a district meet. The meet director has the sole responsibility for the postponement and rescheduling of such meet(s).
2. In order to decide whether to postpone or to hold the meet(s) as scheduled, the director shall consider the following factors:
 - a. The weather and road conditions at the site of the meet.
 - b. Existing weather and road conditions at the location of the schools, which are to compete that day.
 - c. Road conditions between the meet site and the competing schools.
 - d. The weather conditions immediately prior to, during, and following the meet, as reported by the weather bureau.
3. If, after considering the various factors, the meet director determines that competition is to go on as scheduled:
 - a. All schools shall be notified early enough to allow each team sufficient time to travel to the meet site.
 - b. Once the decision has been made to hold the event as scheduled and any team has begun to travel, the meet(s) shall be held.
4. If the meet director feels a postponement is necessary:
 - a. He/she shall get permission from the NSAA Cross Country Director before postponing the day's activities.
 - b. Once the meet has been postponed, the meet director shall be responsible for setting the

new time, date, and site, if necessary, for the continuation of the meet. The previously agreed upon schedule may be changed in order to complete the meet(s) by the required dates.

- c. Neither district receipts nor funds from the NSAA are to be used to reimburse any school for additional expenses incurred because of a postponed contest.

Length of Course

The length of the course shall be 5,000 meters for both boys and girls.

Meet Director

The director of the meet is granted full authority for the conduct and management of the meet. He/she is also responsible for the administration of rules and regulations and for the accounting of all finances.

Coach and Team Instruction Sheets

This should be in the hands of the coach at least three days before the meet. It should include:

1. Any special ground rules necessary because of unusual terrain.
2. A diagram of the course or instructions explaining the course.
3. A diagram of the chute, with an explanation of the finish.
4. Equipment notices:
 - a. Contestant must have a regulation track uniform.
 - b. Spiked shoes are permitted; however, it is recommended that spikes not be more than one-half inch in length.
5. Instructions regarding location and use of dressing rooms, locker assignments, and showers.
6. Instructions to coaches and team managers concerning crowding around finish line and chute.
7. Position of numbers on runner--numbers should be on front.
8. Special instructions to be issued to visiting spectators.
9. Time and place of meet.
10. Warning that any team or runner not ready to run at the appointed time shall forfeit his/her right to run unless an explanation satisfactory to the local manager can be presented.

NOTE: Teams should be permitted to walk over the course before the time of the meet.

Preparation of Course

The length of the course shall be 5,000 meters for boys and for girls for both the district and state meets.

8.1.1 Flag Designations:

- a. A red flag indicates a turn to the left. Runners must stay on the right side of the flag.
- b. A yellow flag indicates a turn to the right. Runners must stay on the left side of the flag.
- c. A blue flag indicates a course straight ahead. Runners may run on either side of the flag.

8.1.2 In case of a discrepancy in the course markings, directional flag markings take precedence over any other course markings.

8.1.3 The race course should include the following features:

- a. Signs and flags at least 6 feet above the ground visible for 100 feet. Turns and guidelines should be marked on the ground with a material which is not injurious to the eyes or skin. The course should be at least 3 feet wide at its narrowest place. Small survey flags of the appropriate color may be used in lieu of painted lines or survey chalk.
- b. The use of a painted boundary line, both inside and outside and/or the use of natural or artificial boundary markers may be used as an alternative method to mark the course. Directional flags as described in 8-1-3a and/or directional sign posts shall be used.
- c. No ground obstructions which might cause tripping, turned ankles, etc. No overhead objects such as tree branches lower than 8 feet above the ground.
- d. A 2-inch wide starting line marked at the beginning of a lengthy straightaway, wide enough to accommodate all teams; i.e., a width of the number of teams multiplied by 6 feet.
- e. At the end of the course, a straightaway of at least 150 yards ending in a rope funnel with a mouth 15 feet wide. The finish line should be at the mouth of the funnel and 15 to 25 feet from the chute. This funnel should narrow to a rope chute about 30 inches wide and at least 100

feet long. The stakes supporting the ropes should be solid enough to permit taut ropes, and the stakes and ropes near the finish line should be well-padded. See diagrams of chutes in the NFHS Rule Book.

NOTE: For large meets, the use of multiple chutes is recommended.

MEET OFFICIALS

ART. 2 ... Referee – The referee shall make final decisions concerning questions which are not specifically placed under the jurisdiction of other officials, other irregularities and shall disqualify any runner for violation of the rules. (8-6)

ART. 3 ... Prior to the meet, the referee shall, either by a meeting or written communication, address the following with all head coaches and team captains:

- a. All team members are expected to exhibit good sporting conduct.
- b. The head coach shall verify verbally, or in writing, that all of the team's competitors are properly equipped (uniform and equipment) in compliance with these rules.
- c. Any special circumstances, procedures and information pertaining to the meet.

ART. 4 ... Starter – Once the teams have been called to the starting line by the starter for final instructions, no further run-outs shall be permitted.

- a. The command shall be "On your marks." When all competitors are steady, the starting device shall be fired. For an unfair start, the starter or assistant starter shall recall the runners by firing the starting device. If a runner falls during the first 100 meters due to contact with another runner, the race shall be recalled by firing the starting device.
- b. Audio/Visual start: When conditions dictate, the starter may use whistle/flag commands along with the starting device. Because this technique is used with a large number of competitors, it is recommended that the starter take a position well in front of the runners so the competitors can see and to be able to move to the side.
 - i. Give a brief and concise review of the starting commands and procedures to be used for the start with all competitors immediately before the start.
 - ii. The starter will hold the starting device and red flag parallel to the ground and give a long blast of the whistle. This is the signal for the runners to step up to, but not touch, the starting line and become motionless.
 - iii. The starter slowly raises both arms overhead.
 - iv. When all runners are set and motionless and the recall starters signal with a white flag, the starting device is fired and at the same time, the red flag is motioned downward, indicating the start of the race.

The runners are observed for 100 meters for any reason to recall the race that would constitute an unfair start.

NOTE: The use of audio-visual start/count-down time clock is permitted.

ART. 5 ... Clerk of the Course – The clerk shall place the teams in proper position on the starting line and give all needed instructions. Also, the clerk should check and enforce uniform, visible apparel and shoe regulations.

ART. 6 ... Chute Director – The chute director shall:

- a. Supervise the finish chute during the race finish;
- b. Assign stand-ins (fillers) to replace any runner who falls and cannot continue through the chute after crossing the finish line;
- c. Assign gate controllers when more than one chute is used;
- d. Assign marshals to keep the chute area free of any unauthorized individuals;
- e. Be certain that chute umpires, callers, checkers and timers are in place when the runners finish the race.

ART. 7 ... Finish Corral Director has the responsibility to supervise the finish corral during the race finish with the same basic responsibilities as the Chute Director.

ART. 8 ... Finish Judges – The finish judges stand outside the chute and on the finish line, and determine the order in which competitors enter the chute. The decision of the finish judges is final and without appeal except for possible action taken by the referee or jury of appeals.

ART. 9 ... Chute Umpires – The chute umpires supervise the competitors after the competitors enter the chute and see that each competitor is properly checked to prevent any irregularity in the order of finish. The chute umpires see that all competitors who cross the finish line are given the proper finish order as the competitors go through the chute.

ART. 10 ... Caller – The caller calls the number of each competitor in the order of the competitor's proper place in the chute.

ART. 11 ... Checkers – The checkers keep a record of the competitors and the order of finish as announced by the caller. In case of conflicts, if two are in agreement, the records from the checkers are accepted. If agreement cannot be reached by at least two of the checkers, the referee makes the final decision.

ART. 12 ... Course Umpires – The course umpires observe the activity of the competitors. If any competitor fails to run the proper course or otherwise violates the rules, the umpires report the infraction to the referee.

ART. 13 ... Timers – The timers record the times of the competitors who finish. A timer may be assigned at a designated spot along the course to call elapsed times during the race.

ART. 14 ... Marshals – The marshals shall keep the competitive area free from all persons except officials, contestants and other individuals authorized by the games committee.

Numbers

The NSAA will furnish numbers for all districts.

SCORING

Individual Placing

1. Competitors finishing the race shall be eligible to compete for individual awards and will be ranked as shown in the following table:

Place to Finish	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Etc.
Points	1	2	3	4	5	Etc.

2. If fewer than five competitors from a Class A school finish, or fewer than four competitors from a Class B, C, or fewer than three from a Class D school finish, the competitors from that school are disregarded in determining the team scores, and all remaining competitors shall be re-ranked in order of finish.

Team Scoring

1. Although sixth- and seventh-place finishers in Class A, or the fifth- and sixth-place finishers in Classes B and C, and fourth-place and fifth-place finishers in Class D do not score points toward the team total, these finishers, sometimes referred to as pushers, will maintain their rank. While each pusher's individual rank does not count toward the team total, it holds a place so that the rank of the subsequent finishers are pushed up. Thus, their rank is counted in determining the scores of the other teams. The team score in Class A shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team. The team score in Classes B and C shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first four finishers of each team. The team score in Classes D shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first three finishers of each team.
2. The team scoring the fewest number of points is the winner.

State Championship Qualifiers

1. The top three teams in team scoring in each district will qualify for the NSAA State Championships.
 - a. The first fifteen runners to finish, whether part of a team or running as an individual will qualify for the State Championship.
 - b. Complete team: Class A, at least 5 runners; Classes B and C, at least 4 runners, Class D, at least 3 runners.
 - c. Runners from teams finishing lower than third may only qualify for state as an individual, even though there may be a sufficient number of individual qualifiers from a school to otherwise be considered a team.
 - d. Substitutions on teams having qualified may be made between District and State but Class A schools may run no more than seven individuals, Classes B and C may run no more than six individuals, and Class D may run no more than five individuals in the State Championship.
2. All districts in which three or more full teams are entered will qualify three teams for state competition. If fewer than three full teams are entered, the full teams entered will automatically qualify.

Tie-breaking

1. Ties in Class A team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a sixth-place finisher, the team with a sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only five competitors of tying teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first four finishers.
2. Ties in Classes B and C team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the fifth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best fifth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a fifth-place finisher, the team with a fifth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only four competitors of the tied teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first three finishers.
3. Ties in Class D team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the fourth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best fourth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a fourth-place finisher, the team with a fourth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only three competitors of the tied teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first two finishers.

2025 NSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility

Only the teams and individuals qualifying through the district meets are eligible to compete in the NSAA State Championships.

Date, Time, and Site

The NSAA Cross Country Championships will be held at the Kearney Country Club on October 24, 2025.

Admission

1. Each boys' team with qualifiers will receive two coach passes and each girls' team with qualifiers will receive two coach passes.
2. \$8.00 Adults. \$6.00 Students.
3. Each school will receive participants' passes based on the number of qualifiers plus one.

Team Packets

Packets containing information, entries, contestant numbers, etc., may be picked up between 4:00-5:00pm on [Thursday, October 23, 2025](#), and after 10:00 A.M. on [Friday, October 24, 2025](#).

Practicing

Teams and/or individuals are not allowed to work out on the state meet course once they have qualified for the state meet.

Dressing Facilities

1. Participants may use the dressing and shower facilities at the Sports Center on the UNK Campus.
2. Towels will not be furnished.
3. Each coach is responsible for the valuables of his/her participating athletes.

Chip Timing

Precision Race Results will provide the computerized timing of all finishers in the NSAA State Cross Country Meet with chips attached to the competitor bib numbers.

Championship Director

1. Jon Dolliver of the NSAA staff will be the championship director.
2. The championship director is responsible for, and has full authority for, the conduct and management of the championship.

Championship Referee

The championship referee shall have final authority on all rulings, based on the rules presented in the National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book.

Starter

Once the teams have been called to the starting line by the starter for final instructions, no further run-outs shall be permitted.

Scorekeeping

1. Scoring shall be as shown in the following table:

Place at Finish	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	etc.
Points	1	2	3	4	5	etc.

2. Competitors finishing the race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with the above table.
3. The team score in Class A shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team.
4. The team score in Classes B and C shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first four finishers of each team.
5. The team score in Class D shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first three finishers of each team.
6. The team scoring the fewest number of points is the winner.
7. If fewer than five competitors from a Class A school finish, or fewer than four competitors from a Class B or C school finish, or fewer than three competitors from a Class D school finish, the places of all the competitors from that school are disregarded in determining the team scores, and the team scores are re-ranked.
 - a. Although the sixth- and seventh-place finishers in Class A, and the fifth- and sixth-place finishers in Classes B and C, and the fourth- and fifth-place finishers in Class D, do not score points toward the team total, their place is counted in determining the scores of other teams.

NOTE: Runners from schools that did not qualify as one of the teams coming out of districts may only compete at the State Championship as an individual, even though there may be a sufficient number of individual qualifiers from a school to otherwise be considered a team.

Start and Length of Course

1. Starting positions will be drawn by lot.
2. The length of the course is 5,000 meters for boys and girls.

Substitution

Substitution may be made on a team that has qualified for the state meet; however, substitution may not be made for a runner who qualified as an individual and his/her team did not qualify. The maximum numbers of runners per school is seven in Class A, six in Classes B and C, and five in Class D.

Tie-breaking

1. Ties in Class A team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a sixth-place finisher, the team with a sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only five competitors of tying teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first four finishers.
2. Ties in Classes B and C team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the fifth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best fifth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a fifth-place finisher, the team with a fifth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only four competitors of the tied teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first three finishers.
3. Ties in Class D team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the fourth-place finishers from the tied teams.
 - a. The team with the best fourth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - b. If one team does not have a fourth-place finisher, the team with a fourth-place finisher shall prevail.
 - c. If only three competitors of the tied teams finish, the team scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first two finishers.

Race Results

1. Unofficial results will be posted on the course and on the NSAA website at the conclusion of each race.
2. After the unofficial results have been posted for a designated time, the team and individual awards presentations will occur, by class, on the course.
3. In accordance with NFHS rules, clerical or team scoring errors may be corrected up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the meet.
4. Official results will be posted on the NSAA website at the conclusion of the meet.

AWARDS

Individual Honors

All runners in the NSAA Cross Country Championships are eligible for individual honors.

1. Team trophies will be presented to teams placing first and second in each class.
2. Medals will be presented to the competitors placing first through fifteenth in each class.
3. A "gold medal" will be presented to the individual having the best time in the meet regardless of class.
4. Team trophies will be presented to teams placing first and second in each class.
5. Medals will be presented to the competitors placing first through fifteenth in each class.
6. A "gold medal" will be presented to the individual having the best time in the meet regardless of class.
7. Championship team head coaches will receive awards.
8. Members of the championship team will receive team medals.
9. Members of the runner-up team will receive team medals.

Reimbursement for State Competition

1. **Mileage.** Mileage reimbursements will be based on the number of participants (qualifiers, number on roster) and one coach. (Note: Student managers will not be included.) A school's mileage reimbursement will be figured using the following formula: (#miles one way x #trips) x appropriate amount listed below.

Amount per mile	Number of participants/coaches
\$0.85	1-6
\$1.70	7-12
\$2.55	13-18
\$3.40	19-24
\$4.25	25-30
\$5.10	31+

2. **Lodging:** If lodging is used, \$40 per participant and one coach will be paid based on the following criteria: (Note: Times listed are scheduled competition start times)
- *Night before competing:
 - Before 10:00 a.m., 76+ miles away
 - Between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., 150+ miles away
 - At or after 3:00 p.m., 250+ miles away
 - *Night of (still competing in State Meet)
 - 76+ miles away
 - *Final Night (Day eliminated)
 - 7:00 p.m. or later, 200+ miles away
3. **Meals:** There is no meal allowance.

Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the Chart below, ONLY those items marked “Yes” will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all NSAA Sub-District, District, State Playoffs and State Championships.

Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from the team bench area are encouraged. The items indicated on this page are for use by fans/spectators.

Prohibited items: Confetti/shredded paper, powder (baby, talc, etc.), laser light/pointers, flashing objects, miniature sports balls, objects or candy thrown into the crowd, artificial noise makers, (included but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles, instruments not part of a band), whistles, air horns, sirens, cannons/muskets/guns/fireworks or live animals.

Key: BA-Baseball, BB-Basketball, CC-Cross Country, FB-Football, GO-Golf, SO-Soccer, SB-Softball, SW- Swimming & Diving, TE-Tennis, TR-Track & Field, VB-Volleyball, WR-Wrestling, NA-Not Apply

Regulations listed are subject to facility restrictions.

SPORT	BA	BB	CC	FB	GO	SO	SB	SW	TE	TR	VB	WR
Balloons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
One school banner per school	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hand held signs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Megaphones (school recognized cheerleaders only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Shirts on student spectators (required) AR 3.3.11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shirts on general spectators	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Team Introduction Run-throughs or Break Away Banners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pompoms, spirit towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prerecorded music that has been approved by the host administration may be played during pre-contest warm ups provided that a high school band is not available to play during that time.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
School bands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes
Carried school flags (Running/taunting prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

UNMANED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person at any NSAA post-season tournament venue. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard this device. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the NSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV. An exception to this policy, in writing, may be made in specific cases for NSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the NSAA. (added 6/2015)