

NCISAA MISSION STATEMENT

The NCISAA exists to encourage interscholastic competition among North Carolina independent schools that are committed to integrity, sportsmanship, and fair play.

NCISAA CORE VALUES

- We believe that the head of school is always ultimately responsible for the students and coaches representing a school. Therefore, the head must be willing to hold all school representatives to the highest standards of behavior.
- We believe that interaction through statewide athletic activities is a character and community building experience.
- We believe that, because time and money are scarce resources, interruption of academic schedules, travel time and expense should be minimized.
- We believe that athletes should respect officials and accept their decisions, and we believe that coaches should show restraint and respect when dealing with officials.
- We believe that financial aid in any form in return for athletic participation is wrong.
- We believe that the main goal of conference and classification assignments is to provide equitable competition based on variations in school enrollments.
- We believe that schools must provide safe and adequate facilities for participants, spectators, and officials; the best possible officials for the events; and adequate control of spectators, players, and pre and post-game activities.
- We believe that coaches should instill in their players a love of the game.
- We believe that our governing body of school heads will fairly represent each conference in the state.
- We believe that schools should educate their supporters to cheer for their own teams and never to denigrate the performance of opponents or officials. We believe that schools must not tolerate a spectator - adult or student - whose behavior is disrespectful toward players, officials, coaches or other spectators.

As a non-profit organization, the NCISAA operates with the belief that the basic integrity of each member school is the most vital part of the organization.

SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

The NCISAA recognizes that independent school interscholastic athletic events must be conducted in such a manner that good sportsmanship prevails at all times. It is necessary that administrators and coaches be individually and collectively responsible for taking every possible step to promote good sportsmanship at every interscholastic event. These steps must include the provision of safe and adequate facilities for participants, spectators, and officials; the best possible officials for the events; and adequate control of spectators, players, and pre-game and post-game activities. Every effort must be made to promote a climate of wholesome competition. While the NCISAA governs varsity play, middle school and JV teams are expected to honor NCISAA rules of sportsmanship.

In the spirit of best practices in sportsmanship, the NCISAA endorses the following initiatives.

Failure to comply with any NCISAA rules or regulations may result in players, coaches, or schools

- a) forfeiting an event,**
- b) losing state tournament privilege,**
- c) being fined by the NCISAA Executive Director as defined by the NCISAA bylaws, and**
- d) being suspended or expelled from the NCISAA.**