

Values and Mission

SECTION 2

NEW BRUNSWICK INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



PHILOSOPHY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Values are the fundamental principles and beliefs that form the foundation of our organization.

The New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association believes that the sport experience makes a significant contribution to the physical, intellectual, personal and social development of the student.

We believe that our conduct as an organization is guided by:

- ethical behaviour
- trust and respect
- equity and accessibility
- cooperative decision-making
- partnership

We believe we foster a high quality of athletic experience for all participants through:

- fun, fair play and sportsmanship
- quality coaching
- safe & healthy environment

Our mission is an agreed upon statement of the reason for our organization's existence:

The NBIAA, as a partner in public education, fosters, develops, and governs student athletic activities within New Brunswick high schools.

Responsibility of School Administrators

The school principal or his/her designated representative shall be the responsible administrative officer of a school. Due to the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, principals must advise parents that when participating on school sports teams, student names and depending on the sport, grade level, weight and height information may be distributed for use for games sheets, schedules, tournament programs and posting of results in the media. For a sample of an Interschool Athletic Participation Form, principals can refer to Appendix A of the New Brunswick Safety Guidelines for Secondary Interschool Athletics, 2014.

Final authority and ultimate responsibility in all matters pertaining to interscholastic activities of each school shall be vested in the school principal. The school principal's responsibility shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

Host School – The basic responsibility of the host school is to take every possible measure at any athletic activity to assure courteous, friendly, safe and fair treatment to visiting players, school representatives, fans and game officials. Schools are responsible to volunteer to host NBIAA events when their conference rotation permits.

Administrative Control – The administration and supervision of all facets of all activities in the high school program shall be entirely controlled by the properly constituted administrator.

Conduct of Participants – The responsibility for the conduct of the coaches, players and spectators at any athletic contest shall lie with the administrators of the schools whose teams are participating in the contest.

Hazing – A form of team initiation is a behaviour that will not be accepted amongst NBIAA school teams. Any penalty for inappropriate behaviour that is outlined in the Department of EECD Policy 703 will be administered by the school or schools involved. Upon further review of the incidents, the NBIAA reserves the right to impose further sanctions.

Conduct of Administrators – News Media – A school administrator shall never use the news media or social media to criticize another school administrator, school team, coach, player, game official or the NBIAA. All members have a right to discuss issues with the NBIAA Executive Committee, but these issues should be communicated by all members with due diligence in a professional manner.

Student Eligibility - The school administration must assume responsibility for verification of all student eligibility rules.

Online Access - The username and password for the online registration has been given to the school Principal. The password for the online system is considered to be the signature of approval from the school Principal.

Non-School Teams - The use of the school name, uniforms and equipment by the non-school team gives the perception that the team is under the authority of the principal. To prevent a legal challenge concerning liability, it is strongly recommended by the NBIAA that the non-school team should not be allowed the use of the name, uniforms or equipment of the school unless a formal agreement has been signed by the non-school organization. This agreement should clearly define who has jurisdiction over the non-school team. It is also recommended that facility rental agreements be put in place with the non-school teams.