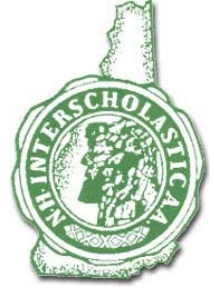


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## Bowling to Make Debut for 2009-10 Season

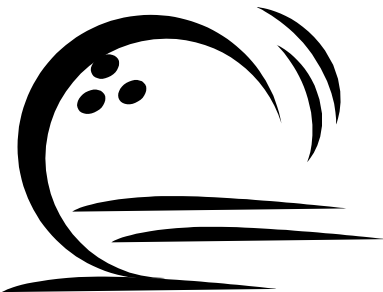
The Executive Council has approved the addition of bowling as an officially sanctioned sport for the 2009-2010 season. Bowling will take place during the winter season, and will provide a unique competitive opportunity, as it will be a co-ed sport.

Mr. Corbin, Executive Director, states, "The NHIAA is very excited about the prospect of adding bowling as a recognized sport. Based on research we anticipate that this will attract a number of student athletes that may not have participated in more traditional interscholastic athletic programs. Providing an opportunity to expand the number of students involved in school based athletics is a strategic goal of the NHIAA. We are thankful to the State Ten Pin Bowling Association and in particular Lisa Hardy of Strikers East in Raymond for their interest and initiative with respect to this program."

During the 2009-2010 season, there will be sanctioned matches between schools; however, there will be no official standings kept. There will be an individual state championship next year, and the official team standings / team state championship will be in place for the 2010-2011 season.

The NHIAA Committee Chair and liaison for this new initiative is Scott Fitzgerald, Athletic Director at Stevens High School. "I'm very excited about the addition of bowling as an interscholastic option for students in the state of New Hampshire," says Fitzgerald. "It is the fastest growing high school sport in the country, and it is a life long activ-

ity that many people enjoy. There are young people all over the state already competing in the sport of bowling, and now they will get a chance to be recognized along with their peers who participate in other winter activities. I'm so happy for people like Lisa Hardy and the New Hampshire bowling community in general, who put so much into highlighting the many positive attributes of this sport. I can't wait to get started!"



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## Executive Director's Report

As I sit writing this, it is raining and is expected to continue to do so for the next couple of days. That can only mean one thing – it is tournament time. As we approach the always hectic, albeit exciting and rewarding end of the school year, pressure builds on everyone to get through the year and start the summer break. The NHIAA staff looks forward to the completion of the season as well, although the summer is a busy time in terms of preparing for the new year. We also want to do everything possible to ensure that our spring student athletes are provided with quality end of season tournament experiences.



To make this possible, we need schools to provide the office with timely and accurate information. Deadlines are always important and a necessary evil compounded by short turn around deadlines and changing schedules; however, at tournament time they are that much more crucial. Please help your student athletes and this office by carefully attending to the accurate and timely submission of information.

Finally, having just celebrated Memorial Day I believe it only proper that we all step back and contemplate the importance of what we do, but do so in the context of what so many sacrificed to allow us to have these opportunities. Yes, you may not agree with that call or that decision made by this office, and yes these are important to everyone involved, however, for those who served in the Armed Forces and especially for those who served and didn't return, our trials and tribulations are really rather insignificant.

So let us all stay grounded and keep our daily roles, as important as they are, in perspective. Good luck to all of the teams who make the tournaments and thanks to all who participated this year.

Play ball!

## Assistant Director's Notes



The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) will be hosting their annual National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN, July 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

Over 300 student athletes and adult leaders from across the

United States will be in attendance. The conference will focus on respect, positive values, sportsmanship, teamwork, healthy lifestyles, community service and self-evaluation.

The NHIAA is proud to be sending six student delegates and two adult delegates to this conference; Nicholas Hession of Souhegan, Billy Hirschman of Woodsville, Patrick Church of White Mountains, Allison Tenney of Sunapee, Megan Walcek of Dover, and Megan Horne of Kingswood will represent the student athletes of New Hampshire and Ms. Lisa Kent and Mr. Chris Lavoie of Souhegan will serve as adult delegates.



Lifetouch is the official photographer of the NHIAA. Action photos will be available for sale from certain events.



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## Eligibility FAQ

**Question:** Our team will probably make a spring tournament. In viewing the schedule, we have a conflict with our prom, senior trip, awards assembly, graduation practice, senior skip day, etc. Can we change the date of our tournament game if the other school agrees?

**Answer:** The only date changes that can be made are when a graduation conflicts with a tournament event and the time cannot be adjusted in a manner which would allow it to be played on the scheduled day. All other conflicts cannot be used as a basis to request a date change even if both schools agree. Having to agree to such a change in the past created great pressure on the team being asked to change, and often created serious ill will. Schools may, upon mutual agreement, change the time of a preliminary or quarterfinal event, but again, not the date. All requests for time changes at semifinal or final events must be cleared through the NHIAA.

### Rationale for this Policy: Please Choose One:

1. The NHIAA is unsympathetic to the school activities being scheduled.
2. When scheduling a year ahead, the NHIAA tries to create as many conflicts as possible. (We like being attacked by angry parents, coaches, etc.)
3. The NHIAA does not believe senior activities to be particularly relevant.
4. There are too many end of year activities to possibly schedule around and we are locked into our neutral site venues thus making changes all but impossible.

For the Answer, see page 5

## Preston Clark Scholarship Awarded

The Preston Clark Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee has announced the recipients of the annual Preston Clark Memorial Scholarships. The Scholarships are in memory of Dr. Clark who advanced safety, medical ethics, care and treatment of athletic injuries, and Coaches First Responder Education for the NHIAA and the student athletes of New Hampshire.

The 2009 recipients are Ms. Kayla Matuszewski, a senior at Hinsdale High School and Mr. W. Spencer Klubben, a senior at Gilford High School.

Both recipients are outstanding representatives of all that Dr. Clark stood for: love for and appreciation of athletics; professional care/treatment of student athletes and their injuries; collaboration and cooperation between athletic associations and the medical profession and excellence in athletic, professional, and personal performance.



Stay tuned for more updated features to be released soon.

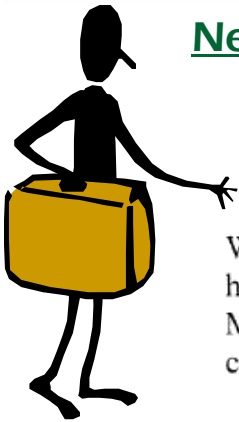


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The NHIAA Offices are located in Concord NH easily accessible for the 33 Committees that meet 3-5 times a year.





## New Travel Requirements

### **Did you do your homework for your trip?**

#### *New Travel Document Requirements To Be Implemented June 1*

We are always asking our students whether they have done their homework yet. But, have we done ours? If your school is planning an upcoming trip this summer to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda, you will need to have approved travel documents to come back home.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will be implemented at land and sea ports of entry on June 1. Under WHTI, citizens of the U.S. and Canada, including children, must present a valid passport or other secure document to enter the U.S.

U.S. and Canadian citizen children under age 16 arriving by land or sea from Canada or Mexico may present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate or a Canadian Citizenship Card.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) also understands the unique circumstances surrounding children traveling with school groups, sports teams and other organizations, and will continue to ensure that such travel is facilitated.

U.S. and Canadian citizen children under age 19 arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory and traveling with a school group, religious group, social or cultural organization, or sports team, may also present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate or a Canadian Citizenship Card. The group should be prepared to present a letter on organizational letterhead with the following information:

- The name of the group and supervising adult.
- A list of the children on the trip, and the primary address, phone number, date of birth, place of birth, and name of at least one parent or legal guardian for each child.
- A written and signed statement of the supervising adult certifying that he or she has obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child.

CBP is committed to working with travelers to ensure that they have access to and obtain appropriate travel documents. U.S. and Canadian citizens are encouraged to continue with any travel plans and to obtain a facilitative and secure WHTI travel document as soon as possible.

WHTI documents for land and sea travel from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda include:

- U.S. or Canadian passports;
- U.S. Passport Card;
- State or Provincial Enhanced Driver's Licenses/Enhanced Identification Card (when and where available)

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- Trusted Traveler Card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST)

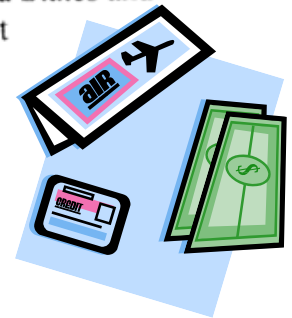
In order to further expedite border crossings, CBP strongly encourages travelers, including children, to obtain a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-enabled travel document. RFID documents include U.S. Passport Cards, Enhanced Driver's License/Enhanced Identification Cards and Trusted Traveler Program cards (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST/EXPRES).

Lawful permanent residents of the United States should continue to present their Permanent Resident Card (I-551). A passport is not required.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is the joint Department of Homeland Security-Department of State program that implements a key 9/11 Commission recommendation and Congressional mandate to establish document requirements for travelers entering the United States who were previously exempt, including citizens of the United States and Canada. For more information on document options and how to apply, visit [www.GetYouHome.gov](http://www.GetYouHome.gov).

Rationale Question Answer: #4

There are too many end of year activities to possibly schedule around and we are locked into our neutral site venues thus making changes all but impossible.



## Survey Indicates Nearly 400,000 High School Cheerleaders

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Almost 400,000 individuals are participating in high school cheerleading, according to a new survey conducted this spring by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

This first-of-its-kind, comprehensive survey of the NFHS member state high school associations measured participation in cheerleading at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels. With 18,922 high schools in the 51 member associations, the new figure of 394,694 translates to an average of 21 cheerleaders per school.

The only national participation figure for high school cheerleading in the past has been one for those boys and girls involved in competitive spirit squads. The 2007-08 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS indicated a total of 113,980 boys and girls involved in competitive cheer.

The new survey not only includes those individuals in competitive cheer, but also everyone involved in sideline cheerleading at the high school level throughout the United States.

"This figure of almost 400,000 provides a more accurate portrayal of student participation in cheerleading," said Robert F. Kanaby, executive director of the NFHS. "This adjustment is particularly noteworthy in relation to reports on cheerleading injuries. The NFHS will begin tracking the incidence of such injuries through our partnership with Dr. Dawn Comstock at Ohio State University."

## Important Reminders and Due Dates

### Remaining Due Dates:

Verification of Final Season Record for Boys & Girls Lacrosse	Due June 1
Verification of Final Season Record for Baseball	Due June 1
Verification of Final Season Record for Softball	Due June 1

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