



URBAN SPORT FORUM

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OVERVIEW

- Why are we here?
- Where are we going?
- What are current issues facing Urban Athletic Administrators? (Perception vs. Reality)
- Sharing of Best Practices | Open Discussion
- Making the Case for Athletics in Urban Schools
- Questions? | Conclusion



WHY ARE WE HERE?

- How did this issue come about?
- What we need to be successful
- How do we move forward?



ISSUES IN URBAN SPORT

- Structure and Organization in Schools
 - AD|Administrators vs AD|Coaches vs Part-Timers
 - City School Districts
- Facilities
 - Lack of Facilities (Partnerships with City Rec)
 - Facilities in Dire Condition (Budget Cuts)
- Budget Restraints
 - Funding is getting cut everywhere
 - Pay-to-play fees being instituted



ISSUES IN URBAN SPORT

- Coaches Issues | Measuring Success
 - Is it all about wins vs losses?
 - How to retain QUALITY coaches?
 - Character Development vs Player Development
- Student-Athlete Issues | Increasing Interest
 - Lack of interest amongst students and parents
 - Understanding the role of the STUDENT-Athlete
- Athletics AND Wellness
 - How to bridge gap between the two
 - Work in collaboration with Health | PE



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Develop a system of support
 - NIAAA LTC Class coming soon..
 - Virtual Working Group (Listserv, Conf Calls, Etc.)
- Advocacy for Focus on Urban Athletics
 - Within the NIAAA | NFHS
 - Within State AD | Athletic Associations
- Partnerships and Collaboration
 - Partner with Local Universities
 - Partner with Youth Organizations
(Pipeline Issue)



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Character Development
 - What is a STUDENT-Athlete?
 - Understanding the challenges
- Coaching Education
 - What does a GREAT coach look like?
 - SPORTSMANSHIP – Building Character



BEST PRACTICES

- What are some BEST PRACTICES you have used?
 - Game Operations
 - Coaching Education
 - STUDENT-Athlete Development
 - Structure | Organization
 - Budget Woes
 - Facilities and Partnerships with City Rec



THE NEED FOR ATHLETICS

- Why is this issue so important?
 - What do we need to accomplish this?
 - How do we accomplish this?
 - What now?

**“MAKING THE CASE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS IN URBAN SCHOOLS.”**



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

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