National Federation of State High School Associations

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What is the NFHS?

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is the national leadership organization for high school athletic and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource for interscholastic athletics and activities.

The national office staff of approximately 40 employees serves its 50 member state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia. The national office is located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

About 40 percent of the operating revenue for the NFHS comes from sales of publications and other products. Another 32 percent is derived from contributions, royalties and sponsorships, as well as membership dues from professional organizations for coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators. An additional 16 percent comes from NFHS educational programs.
Mission Statement
The National Federation of State High School Associations serves its members, related professional organizations and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities, which support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunity.

We Believe
Participation in education-based interscholastic athletics and performing arts programs:
- Enriches each student’s educational experience.
- Promotes student academic achievement.
- Develops good citizenship and healthy lifestyles.
- Fosters involvement of a diverse population.
- Promotes positive school/community relations.
- Is a privilege.

The NFHS:
- Promotes and protects the defining values of education-based interscholastic activity programs in collaboration with its member state associations.
- Serves as the recognized national authority on education-based interscholastic activity programs.
- Serves as the pre-eminent authority on competition rules for education-based interscholastic activity programs.
- Promotes fair play and seeks to minimize risk for student participants through the adoption of national competition rules and delivery of programs and services.
- Delivers quality educational programs to serve the changing needs of state associations, school administrators, coaches, officials, students and parents.
- Provides professional development for NFHS member state association staff believing that cooperation among state associations advances their individual and collective well-being.
Objectives

- To serve, protect and enhance the interscholastic programs provided by the members for their schools and students.
- To promote the educational values of interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- To regulate those activities which, in the determination of the members, can best be administered on a national level.
- To sponsor meetings, publications and activities for the benefit of members, related professional groups and their constituents.
- To promote efficiency in the administration of interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- To formulate, copyright and publish competition rules for interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- To preserve interscholastic athletic records, and the tradition and heritage of interscholastic sports; to provide programs, services, materials and assistance to members and individual professionals involved in the conduct and administration of interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- To serve as a national information resource for interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- To identify needs and problems related to interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities and work toward their solution.
Membership

Active Members
Alabama High School Athletic Association
Alaska School Activities Association
Arizona Interscholastic Association
Arkansas Activities Association
California Interscholastic Federation
Colorado High School Activities Association
Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association
Florida High School Athletic Association
Georgia High School Association
Hawaii High School Athletic Association
Idaho High School Activities Association
Illinois High School Association
Indiana High School Athletic Association
Iowa High School Athletic Association
Kansas State High School Activities Association
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Louisiana High School Athletic Association
Maine Principals’ Association
Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association
Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
Michigan High School Athletic Association
Minnesota State High School League
Mississippi High School Activities Association
Missouri State High School Activities Association
Montana High School Association
Nebraska School Activities Association
Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association
New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association
New Mexico Activities Association
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
North Carolina High School Athletic Association
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Ohio High School Athletic Association
Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association
Oregon School Activities Association
Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
Rhode Island Interscholastic League
South Carolina High School League
South Dakota High School Activities Association
Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association
Texas University Interscholastic League
Utah High School Activities Association
Vermont Principals’ Association
Virginia High School League
Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Wyoming High School Activities Association

Information on the location of member associations can be accessed on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.
Affiliate Members
Affiliate members can participate in meetings and activities and receive mailings from the NFHS, but do not have voting privileges or eligibility for elected or appointed offices or assignments. Affiliate membership as of September 2011 is as follows:

- Alberta (Canada) Schools’ Athletic Association
- British Columbia (Canada) School Sports
- Department of Defense Education Activity
- Florida School Music Association
- Georgia Independent School Association
- Illinois Elementary School Association
- Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam
- Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union
- Iowa High School Music Association
- Manitoba (Canada) High Schools Athletic Association Inc.
- Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association
- New Brunswick (Canada) Interscholastic Athletic Association
- Nova Scotia (Canada) School Athletic Federation
- Ontario (Canada) Federation of School Athletic Associations
- Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association
- Quebec (Canada) Student Sport Federation
- St. Croix Interscholastic Athletic Association
- St. Thomas-St. Johns Interscholastic Association
- Saskatchewan (Canada) High Schools Athletic Association
- School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada)
- Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools
- Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association
- Wisconsin High School Forensic Association
- Wisconsin School Music Association
Organization

National Council
The legislative body of the NFHS is the National Council, which consists of one representative from each member state association. The Council meets twice each year, and each member state association has one vote. The Council has the authority to enact amendments to the NFHS Constitution and Bylaws and to elect representatives to the NFHS Board of Directors.

Board of Directors
The administration of the NFHS is vested in the Board of Directors, which is elected by the National Council from the membership of the governing boards or chief executive officers of the member state associations.

The 12-member Board of Directors meets four times a year and is composed of one representative from each of the eight geographical sections, with the remaining four members elected at-large on a prescribed basis.

The Board of Directors is authorized to provide office facilities and an executive director, who then is responsible for hiring necessary employees for the proper conduct of the business of the NFHS; approve an annual budget; establish standing committees, including rules committees and special committees; establish procedures for the formulation, publication and/or distribution of playing rules; establish policies for sanctioning of interstate and international competition; and determine the existence of violations of the NFHS Constitution or Bylaws.
Committees

NFHS committees are organized so that all geographic sections of the United States are represented and all states within each section have an opportunity to participate. The NFHS has 17 sports and activity committees, and 12 general committees organized for specific duties.


The 12 general NFHS committees are the Annual Meeting Advisory Committee, Appeal Board, Athletic Directors Advisory Committee, Citizenship and Equity Committee, Coaches Education Committee, Coaches Publications Committee, Hall of Fame Screening Committee, National High School Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee, National Records Committee, Officials Association Advisory Committee, Officials Publications Committee and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
At a cost of only one to three percent (or less in many cases) of a typical school’s overall budget, high school activity programs are one of the best bargains around. It is in these vital programs – sports, music, speech, theatre, debate – where young people learn lifelong lessons as important as those taught in the classroom.
From interscholastic sports to music, theatre and debate, activities enrich a student’s high school experience, and the programs must be kept alive. High school athletic and performing arts activities promote citizenship and sportsmanship. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach teamwork and self-discipline, and facilitate the physical and emotional development of our nation’s youth.

Activities support the academic mission of schools. They are not a diversion, but rather an extension of a good educational program. Students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than the general student body.

Activity programs are inherently educational. Activity programs provide valuable lessons for practical lifelong situations in the work environment – teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and hard work. Participation in activity programs often is a predictor of later success – in college, a career and becoming a contributing member of society.

Participation in athletic and performing arts activities continues to rise, which reflects the interest and support of the wide range of programs provided for girls and boys by the nation’s high schools.

The most recent high school athletics participation survey conducted by the NFHS (2010-11) indicated 7,667,955 student participants in high school athletics in the 19,153 U.S. high schools that are members of NFHS-member state associations. When combined with those students involved in other programs such as speech, music, theatre, debate and band, there are more than 11 million student participants in high school activities each year. In addition, more people attend interscholastic activities – about 500 million every year – than any other level of competition in sports in America.
Programs and Services

**Playing Rules**

NFHS playing rules, available in 17 sports for boys and girls, govern virtually all high school competition in the United States. NFHS rules cover the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, boys gymnastics, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, soccer, softball, spirit, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

The rules-writing program, which stresses “grassroots” input, was initiated in order for high schools, coaches, athletic administrators and interscholastic officials to have direct influence in developing rules.

NFHS playing rules are written specifically for varsity competition among student-athletes of high school age and are intended to maintain the sound traditions of the sport, encourage sportsmanship and minimize the inherent risk of injury for participants.
Publications/Other Products
Several million copies of publications and materials are produced annually by the NFHS. In addition to 15 rules books covering 17 sports, the NFHS publishes case books, officials manuals and handbooks, as well as Rules By Topic and Simplified and Illustrated books in some sports. In all, the NFHS publishes more than 30 rules-related publications on an annual or every-other-year basis.

PowerPoint presentations on CDs are produced in 12 sports annually to cover various aspects of the rules. The PowerPoint covers the current year’s rules revisions, editorial changes, rules reminders and points of emphasis. Supplemental books and teaching aids available include scorebooks, scoresheets, team roster and lineup sheets, competitors numbers, and many other special materials, charts and diagrams.

The NFHS’ signature publication is High School Today, a magazine published eight times a year that keeps principals, superintendents, school board members, athletic directors and NFHS member state associations apprised of news regarding high school athletic and performing arts activities through features, professional development articles and articles on current issues.

General publications produced by the NFHS include the NFHS Handbook, the NFHS Court and Field Diagram Guide, the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook and the NFHS Statisticians’ Manual.
Online Publications
In an effort to provide information to a wider audience, the NFHS has moved several publications online. The National High School Sports Record Book is now available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org. With this change, the book will be updated throughout the year on a regular basis. The National High School Sports Record Book is a compilation of all-time records of high school girls and boys in 16 different sports. National interscholastic records are maintained by the NFHS through a detailed system of verifying, recording and preserving the accomplishments of high school student-athletes. This program brings proper recognition to boys and girls who have achieved unprecedented performances in interscholastic athletic competition.

NFHS Coaching Today is the new online publication for high school coaches and is available on the NFHS Web site as well as the NFHS Coach Education Web site at www.nfhslearn.com. Articles for high school officials previously published in the NFHS Officials’ Quarterly are now available on the NFHS Officials Education Web site at www.nfhs.arbitersports.com.

The NFHS provides a number of speech and debate publications, including The Forensic Quarterly, and more than 30 other publications that are now available online to members of the NFHS Speech, Debate and Theatre Association.

Web Site
General information on the NFHS can be found online at www.nfhs.org. Speech, debate, theatre and music news; latest press releases; figures from the annual athletics participation survey, and case studies pointing out the benefits of high school activity programs are included. Information also is included on membership in the NFHS professional organizations, as well as a list of NFHS publications and products. The Web site also contains information on NFHS meetings and conferences, sanctioning, sports medicine, NFHS Authenticating Mark and sport-specific information in the 17 sports for which the NFHS writes rules.
**DVDs/Videos**

Approximately 11 different DVDs covering eight sports are available to enhance the understanding of playing rules. These official rules DVDs help players, coaches, officials and spectators gain a more thorough knowledge of the rules, as well as a better appreciation of playing skills and game administration. The NFHS also offers a DVD on the current high school debate topic, as well as a music adjudication DVD. To assist high school athletic directors, DVDs in the area of risk management are available. Other DVDs/videos depicting the values of high school activities programs are also available. In addition, the NFHS offers its “Sportsmanship – It’s Up to You™” toolkit, which includes a resource DVD and a presentation DVD, as well as its “Make the Right Choice” steroid package, which contains a DVD, two brochures and two posters.

**National Resource Center**

In addition to information regarding alcohol and other drugs, the NFHS provides resources on performance-enhancing drugs, gender and ethnicity concerns, sportsmanship, eating disorders, Title IX materials, the values of activity programs, and many other issues that affect high schools across the country.

Through the leadership of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, materials on all aspects of sports medicine are provided on the NFHS Web site and in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook. During the 2010-11 school year, the NFHS led the way among national athletic organizations in the promotion of concussion management in high school sports.
National High School Hall of Fame

The National High School Sports Hall of Fame was started by the NFHS in 1982 to properly recognize high school athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and others for their outstanding contributions to and/or accomplishments in high school athletics. In 2003, individuals in the fine arts area became eligible for induction, and the name was changed to National High School Hall of Fame. A total of 386 individuals have been enshrined through the first 29 induction classes. A special display listing all members of the Hall of Fame, as well as plaques of the current class, are located at the entrance of the NFHS national office. Plaques of all previous classes are housed at the respective state high school associations across the country. An annual induction ceremony is held in conjunction with the NFHS Summer Meeting.
National Awards Program

In addition to the National High School Hall of Fame, the NFHS annually presents awards to many outstanding and worthy individuals.

The Award of Merit is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the NFHS and activity programs at the national level, or whose actions and involvement have resulted in a notable impact on high school activities nationally. This award is not automatically presented every year.

The National High School Spirit of Sport Award is annually given to eight section recipients and one national recipient. The award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

The American Tradition Award may be presented to a corporation, foundation, organization or individual which has made a major financial or in-kind service contribution to the NFHS or high school activities on a national level. This award is not automatically given every year.

NFHS Citations may be awarded to individuals whose contributions have impacted high school activity programs through their association with one of the following groups of professionals: state association administrators; athletic directors; coaches; officials; music adjudicators and directors; and speech, debate and theatre directors.

Outstanding Service Awards may be presented to individuals to recognize a record of long-standing service and dedication to the NFHS within a specific sport, or for a significant contribution to high school activity programs.
Authenticating Mark

Beginning with the 2000-01 school year, the NFHS implemented the Authenticating Mark Program. Manufacturers are required to display the NFHS Authenticating Mark on the following balls/pucks used in interscholastic competition: baseballs, softballs, footballs, basketballs, ice hockey pucks, volleyball, soccer balls, water polo balls and field hockey balls. As of the 2010-11 school year, about 60 manufacturers were a part of the Authenticating Mark Program.

This program helps promote a level playing field by assuring consistency in the equipment being used in NFHS-sanctioned interscholastic competition. It also generates revenue to support additional services to benefit student-athletes, athletic administrators, coaches and officials. Finally, the mark allows the development of more sophisticated standards in balls and pucks.

Sanctioning

Interscholastic activities exist because they provide educational opportunities for youth. When this objective is not accomplished, there is no educational reason for conducting an activities program. Sanctioning by the NFHS guarantees that approved events adhere to sound and detailed criteria that meet the specific requirements of the state association from which a school(s) has been invited to participate. The NFHS sanctioning program has the primary purpose of protecting the welfare of high school students. Also, it seeks to protect the existing programs sponsored by member schools.
National Meetings
Annual summer and winter meetings of the NFHS membership are held for state association executive officers and staff, state board members and others. These meetings are held throughout the country each year. The NFHS also sponsors an annual Legal Meeting and a Professional Development Summit on emerging issues, which was started in 1998 and is held in conjunction with the spring meeting of the NFHS Board of Directors.

The annual National Athletic Directors Conference – the largest gathering of its type in the United States – is co-sponsored in December by the NFHS and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, with the site shifting on an annual basis. This conference also features an exhibit show with more than 250 exhibitors and serves as the site for the NIAAA annual meeting.

National High School Debate Topic
Since 1979, the NFHS has coordinated the selection of the policy debate topic. The topic selected through the extensive selection process will be debated annually by the approximately 200,000 students involved in high school debate programs. Issues that are timely, of significant interest and balanced are among the factors considered in selecting a topic. Some of the topics that have been debated by high school students are immigration, national health insurance, agricultural policy, pollution, juvenile crime, right of privacy, education, weapons of mass destruction, civil liberties, United Nations, national service, Africa, alternative energy, poverty and military presence.
Coach Education Program

The NFHS Coach Education Program was started in 2007, and more than 160,000 coaches have taken the core course – Fundamentals of Coaching. After starting with the core course and NFHS First Aid for Coaches, nine sport-specific online courses have been developed, along with six elective courses and three free courses (as of the start of the 2011-12 school year), and more courses are in the planning stages. The NFHS Coach Education Program is the only training program specifically for interscholastic coaches.

The courses have been designed to help the interscholastic teacher/coach learn and be able to teach the skills of his or her sport, and create the conditions necessary for students to become better athletes by mastering new skills, enjoying competition with others, and experiencing enhanced self-esteem. As professionals at the interscholastic level, we put the student first and the athlete second, so the athletic experience becomes a vehicle to promote learning.

In 2009, the NFHS Coach Certification Program was developed to help coaches minimize the inherent risks faced by participating students, to improve the sport experience of participating students and develop a sense of personal and professional accomplishment. An individual can become an Accredited Interscholastic Coach by completing the Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid for Coaches courses, along with one of the sport-specific courses or Teaching Sports Skills.

The NFHS Coach Education Program can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com.
Officials Education

Exclusive online educational content has been created for members of the NFHS Officials Association. The NFHS Central Hub – located online at www.nfhs.arbitersports.com – has educational content exclusively for high school officials. The features include searchable NFHS rules/case database, PDFs or 3-D manuals of other NFHS publications, video and animation of NFHS rules and mechanics, an officials forum, feature articles on officiating, and general NFHS rules and mechanics educational content. In addition, the first online course for officials was launched during the 2011-12 school year.
Corporate Partner Marketing

The NFHS corporate partnership program is a custom-designed marketing initiative to help companies and brands maximize their impact on the high school marketplace. Working with the NFHS, partners become part of the “official voice” of education-based high school athletics and activities.

Corporate partners may leverage all of the NFHS assets and resources in a finely tuned, integrated marketing program with multiple touch points that reach all the right target audiences – linking brands with the NFHS logo and letter mark in a category-exclusive campaign that can include:

- Advertising schedules
- Student education initiatives
- Exhibits at targeted trade shows and other event marketing
- Awards programs
- Cause-related marketing initiatives
- Tournament or other national event or high-visibility opportunity
- Access to and through NFHS professional organizations and the 51 state associations, as well as their member administrators, athletic directors, coaches and officials, and ultimately, student-athletes and performing arts activity participants.
NFHS Foundation

The NFHS Foundation serves the interests of young people who participate in interscholastic sports and performing arts activities by awarding grants for research and program development in the areas of character education and sports risk minimization.

Established in 1996, the NFHS Foundation has awarded more than $215,000 in grants to state high school activity associations for programs promoting citizenship and leadership and to injury surveillance programs designed to provide education regarding reducing risk to students who participate in high school sports. To learn more about the NFHS Foundation, go to www.nfhsfoundation.org.

Strategic Plan

The 2011-2016 NFHS Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Directors and endorsed by the membership in 2011. Titled the “NFHS Mission Action Plan (MAP),” this sixth Strategic Plan is much different than the previous ones. First, as opposed to the three-year Strategic Plans developed previously, this is a five-year plan. Second, it is more general in structure than the previous Strategic Plans, which had numerous specific goals and tactics. This will allow flexibility for the staff and Board of Directors to develop specific tasks in each of the general areas.

In addition, instead of the three areas associated with the previous Strategic Plans – national presence, fiscal/funding and operations – the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan focuses on the programs and services of the NFHS.

The three goals established for the 2011-2016 NFHS Mission Action Plan are:

1. Professional development for NFHS member association staff.
2. Continuing education for NFHS member association constituents, including administrators, coaches, officials, students, parents and spectators.
3. Marketing initiatives to strengthen the NFHS financial position and promote the message of school-based athletic and performing arts activity programs.
Professional Organizations

The NFHS Officials Association is open to high school contest officials and has about 110,000 members. Members receive general liability and excess accident medical insurance coverage; exclusive online educational content, including searchable NFHS rules/case database, feature articles, video and animation of NFHS rules and mechanics and other NFHS publications; eligibility for state, sectional and national awards; and the opportunity for service on NFHS rules committees.

The NFHS Coaches Association, with a membership of about 30,000 high school coaches nationwide, offers $1 million excess liability insurance; NFHS Coaching Today, an online professional publication developed by and for coaches; eligibility for state, sectional and national awards program; opportunity for service on NFHS rules committees; and exclusive online services, including rules and case books and other educational materials. In addition, Accredited Interscholastic Coaches who complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, First Aid for Coaches and a Fundamentals of Coaching (sport-specific) course or Teaching Sports Skills will receive an additional $1 million in excess liability insurance at no cost.

The NFHS Music Association works to identify and meet the common needs of music educators who participate in, or sponsor, high school music activities, which are an educational extension of the school music curriculum. Members have access to the online NFHS Music Association Journal, as well as liability insurance coverage while acting in the capacity of a school music director or music contest/festival adjudicator or manager.

The NFHS Speech, Debate & Theatre Association provides in-service training, shares information on coaching skills, assists state coordinators with development of programs and provides high school directors with opportunities for professional development. Members have online access to the NFHS speech, debate and theatre publications and receive liability insurance coverage while acting in the capacity of a school speech, debate or theatre director.
History

The National Federation of State High School Associations had its beginning on May 14, 1920, during a meeting in Chicago with representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The primary purpose of that first meeting was to discuss problems that had resulted from high school contests organized by colleges and universities or by other clubs or promoters. Little attention was being paid to eligibility rules of the high school associations or to other school group regulations, and chaotic conditions had developed.
Because of this concern, the “Midwest Federation of State High School Athletic Associations” was formed. In 1921, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin became charter members of the NFHS. In 1923, the organization’s name was changed to the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. By 1930, 28 state associations had joined the organization, and, by 1940, seven others had come aboard. When the Texas University Interscholastic League joined the NFHS in 1969, all 50 state associations plus the District of Columbia were members.

By 1940, a national office with a full-time executive staff became necessary. The office was established in Chicago, Illinois, and H.V. Porter was appointed executive secretary and treasurer. Following Mr. Porter’s retirement in 1958, Clifford B. Fagan was selected executive secretary.

In 1970, “athletic” was removed from the name of the organization because of services in fine arts activities. The organization henceforth was known as the National Federation of State High School Associations. In 1997, NFHS was adopted as the new acronym.

In 1972, the office was moved from Chicago to Elgin, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. Brice B. Durbin was named executive secretary designate in February 1976 and officially succeeded Mr. Fagan as executive director in September 1977. After Mr. Durbin’s retirement in January 1993, Robert F. Kanaby became the fourth full-time executive director and served until May 2010. In May 2010, Robert B. Gardner was appointed executive director and continues in that capacity. NFHS headquarters were moved from Elgin, Illinois, to Kansas City, Missouri, on May 1, 1979, and on February 1, 2000, the organization relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana.
Important Dates in NFHS History

1920
First organizational meeting in Chicago

1923
Name of organization changed to National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations

1930
First football rules developed

1936
First basketball rules published

1940
H.V. Porter becomes first full-time executive director with office in Chicago

1958
Clifford Fagan becomes second executive director

1970
Name of organization changed to National Federation of State High School Associations

1971
National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics started

1972
National office moved from Chicago to Elgin, Illinois
1977
Brice Durbin becomes third executive director
National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association started

1978
National services started for speech, debate, music and theatre

1979
National office moved from Elgin, Illinois to Kansas City, Missouri

1980

1981
National organizations for high school coaches and officials started

1982
National High School Hall of Fame started

1983
Robert Kanaby named fourth executive director

1984
Started TARGET, a national drug and alcohol education/prevention program

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1986
First T-Mobile Invitational basketball tournament held

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1996
NFHS Foundation started

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National office moved to Indianapolis, Indiana

2001
NFHS hosts National Student Leadership Conference

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2010
Bob Gardner named fifth executive director

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