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# HISTORY OF THE NIAA

The NIAA is a non-profit association of secondary schools. In 1922, the Nevada Interscholastic League was formed and in 1939 it became affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations. School administrators established the league to develop and enforce high school standards that would complement the academic work of students. Under these standards, Nevada's student-athletes engage in competition under uniform eligibility regulations.

In 1967, the NIL became the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. In 1974, the first full-time salaried Executive Director was hired and an office established in Carson City.

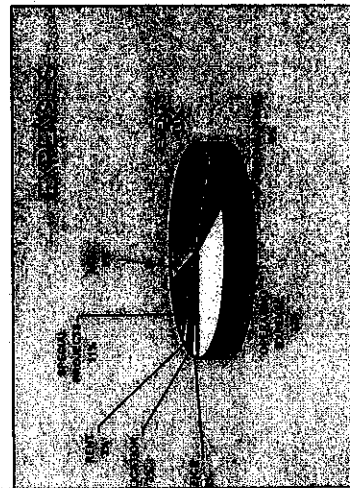
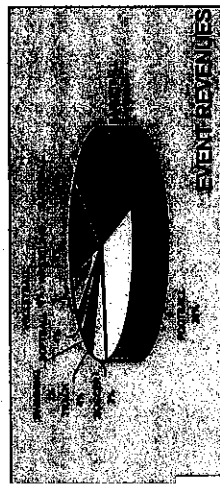
Today, the NIAA has 88 member schools which are divided into four classes. The smallest of these is the Class 1A. These schools have student bodies up to 169 students. The Class 2A consists of schools with a population of 170-460 students, and the Class 3A has populations of 461-1200 students. The Class 4A, the largest of the four, has populations of 1201 or more students.

The NIAA is responsible for promoting, sponsoring, directing and developing Nevada's high school athletics. In addition, the Nevada Association of Student Councils is affiliated with the NIAA. The activities office is responsible for sanctioning activities, sponsoring post-season tournaments, regulating officials and providing a host of services to its member schools.

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association is incorporated in compliance with NRS 81.170-81.280 and was reorganized in 1974 under the provisions of NRS 386.420-386.470.

# REVENUES & EXPENSES

As a non-profit organization, the NIAA generates its operating capital largely through member school dues, tournament revenues and various sponsorships. Priding itself on conducting first-class post-season tournaments, the NIAA sponsors more than 150 such events each year. The hosting schools and their tournament staffs put in countless hours to make each event special for the student-athletes who participate. While not all sports generate revenue, all have associated expenses.



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# The NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



PARTNERS IN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## MISSION STATEMENT

The NIAA exists to assist member schools in operating student programs that foster achievement, respect, equity, enthusiasm and excellence in a safe and organized environment.

## COMPOSITION OF THE NIAA

The NIAA Legislative Commission is made up of the seventeen Nevada State Superintendents. This Commission is the policy-making authority of the NIAA.

### BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control is made up of nine members from four areas of representation. Board members can be a principal, superintendent, school district administrator or county school board member.

The NIAA Board of Control meets four times a year to develop regulations and discuss and act upon issues facing member schools and their student-athletes. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Board of Control to approve regulation changes and amendments to the NIAA Handbook.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The NIAA is run on a daily basis by its Executive Director and staff. The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the NIAA.



The NIAA is a non-profit organization. For more information write or call:

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## SERVICES PROVIDED

- THE NIAA....
- \* promotes academics by offering an award to the academic champion in each sport and an all-state academic team.
  - \* began a Hall of Fame in 1992, to honor and recognize outstanding athletes and individuals who had a significant impact on the lives of Nevada's young people through their involvement as a coach, official or contributor.
  - \* sponsors the Nevada Association of Student Councils.
  - \* conducts coaches clinics and aids in training, testing, and certifying officials in various sports.
  - \* sponsors 59 state tournaments and meets for its member schools and directs 106 league/regional tournaments.
  - \* enforces the rules and regulations set forth in the NIAA Handbook.
  - \* promotes citizenship and a cooperative spirit among member schools, coaches and athletes.
  - \* publishes the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Bulletin, which is available to all member schools and news media throughout the state.
  - \* produces a state high school record book.
  - \* distributes informational material to member schools, administrators, coaches and officials associations.
  - \* evaluates contests affecting member schools and approves those which meet the standards of the Association.
  - \* works to prevent exploitation of student-athletes by special interest groups.

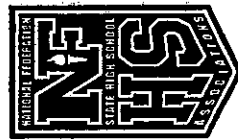
## SPONSORSHIP

In an attempt to provide additional revenues without raising dues to our member schools, the NIAA has developed a sponsorship program. The NIAA currently has the following sponsors:

- U.S. BANK (exclusive partner)
- Pepsi-Cola (beverage)
- 24-Hour Fitness (health)
- Wilson Sporting Goods (balls)
- Jostens (awards)
- Billy Tees (souvenirs)
- Wallace Athletic Photography

It is the goal of the NIAA to operate with a zero-based budget. When revenues exceed expenses, this money is placed in a special projects fund. This fund is designed to create positive projects for our students and member schools. Special Projects include the following programs:

- Nevada Coaches Educational Program
- Nevada Citizenship Through Sports Program
- Nevada Association of Student Councils Advisors Workshop
- Top-Ten Student Athlete Award and Banquet
- Nevada Athletic Administrators Leadership Training
- Medical Advisory Committee
- Officials Task Force
- Sports Advisory Committees
- NIAA Web Site



The NIAA belongs to the National Federation of State High School Associations. This organization participates actively in the formulation of policies and game rules which promote the interests of the state associations and member schools in establishing standards for interscholastic competition. The National Federation consists of Associations from all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands and eight of the Canadian provinces.

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