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NDHSSAA NOW is where you will find news and current information about NDHSSAA and our member schools. This is the site where you will find current teams, districts and region placement, team schedules, pictures, and rosters. Basketball standings, human-interest stories, twitter feed and much more! This is also the site where you will access video from the NFHS Network and video streams from member schools. Check it out NOW!!!
www.ndhsaanow.com

NDHSSAA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The NDHSSAA is on Twitter (@NDHSSAA), Instagram (profile name: ndhsaa) and Facebook. Be sure to follow NDHSSAA on these platforms for updates on statewide activities.
Congratulations to 2020 Fall NDHSAA State Champions

Class B Boys Cross Country - Bowman County

Class B Girls Cross Country - Rugby

Class A Boys Cross Country - Bismarck Century

Class A Girls Cross Country - Williston

9-man Football - Linton/HMB

Division A Football - Langdon Area/E/M

Division AA Football - Bismarck St. Mary's

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Congratulations to 2020 Fall NDHSAA State Champions

Class A Girls Golf - Fargo Shanley

Girls Swimming and Diving - Bismarck Century

Class A Volleyball - Bismarck Century

Student Congress - West Fargo Sheyenne

Boys Soccer - Bismarck Century

Boys Tennis - Grand Forks Central

Class B Volleyball - Linton/HMB

Class B Plays - Shiloh Christian

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**NDHSAA Postseason Video Broadcasting**

All postseason (playoff, regional and state) video rights have been sold to Forum Communications, BEK Sports Network and the NFHS Network. Some postseason contests and tournaments are available for stream/broadcast as declined events with applicable rate card fee.

Any declined event stream/broadcast must have prior approval from NDHSAA or will be subject to twice the applicable fee. Please contact Tom Mix or Brian Bubach for further information at 701-845-3953 or tom.mix@ndhsaa.org / brian.bubach@ndhsaa.org

**Class B Boys Basketball Hotel Information**

Information on reserving hotel rooms for the Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament, March 18-20 in Minot can be found at https://visitminot.org/

**Online Rules Clinics for Activity Advisors, Coaches & Officials**

Officials and head coaches/activity advisors must complete rules clinics in sports or activities where clinics are offered. These clinics will be available online only and must be completed within the three week clinic window. The clinic will be available through a link within NDHSAA. You must have an NDHSAA account in order to complete the rules clinic. Please note all clinics are available online only for the 2020/21 school year.

Following are the test windows:

**SPRING SPORTS**
February 8-March 1, 2021
Track and Field
March 8-29, 2021
Baseball, Boys Golf, Class B Girls Golf, Softball and Girls Tennis

**NDHSAA Information - Find Officials’ Information**

Each month we post an NDHSAA Information article in our BULLETIN. This month the topic is finding officials’ information. In order to find contact information for officials in NDHSAA you must have administrative privileges. To view officials and their contact information:

- Log in to NDHSAA
- Click on the Officials tab on the left side of the page
- Click the Filter button on the right side of the page and choose a sport from the drop down menu
- You will see a list of all officials registered to officiate the sport you have selected for the current school year
- You may sort by clicking on the arrows on any column
- To show more than 10 officials on a page click a higher number than 10 from the Show Entries drop down menu
- You may view this information online or export to Excel by clicking on the Export icon on the top right side of the page.
- You may check for “LOCAL” (JV and below only) officials in the same manner.

**Follow @NDHSAA on Twitter**
NFHS Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts

Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts awards are National Federation programs to recognize students for exemplary actions. The Heart of the Arts award is similar to the Spirit of Sport and recognizes people involved in the performing arts. If you have something or someone worthy of recognition, please request a nomination form from NDHSAA.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the NDHSAA office before January 15, 2021. The NDHSAA nominee will be chosen and forwarded to Section 5 for selection of the Section 5 nominee to forward to the National Federation.

To receive a Spirit of Sport nomination form, email: brenda.schell@ndhsaa.org. To receive a Heart of the Arts nomination form, email: brian.bubach@ndhsaa.org.

ACT/SAT National Test Dates

Administrators, activities directors and coaches should remind their students of the following 2020-21 dates so they may avoid conflicts. Please have them contact their school counselor for deadline registration dates and further details.

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NFHS Network Consumer Help

For all questions regarding difficulty viewing, inability to find a specific event link, technical issues within a broadcast, trouble subscribing, billing questions, etc., callers may contact memberadmin@nfhsnetwork.com or 877-978-2311.

There are customer representatives standing by at all times to respond to issues and get fans set-up to view their events as quickly as possible. The NFHS Network is happy to issue refunds for accidental double subscribing as well as issues such as experiencing technical difficulties while viewing a game. www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ndhsaa

NDHSAA Coaches Education - Permit Submission Form

Beginning in the fall of 2013 all coaches who work with student athletes in grades 9-12 must be certified. To become certified a coach must complete the requirements for an NDHSAA Coaching Permit. Member schools submit their coaching rosters through the NDHSAA Coaching Permit Submission Form. The NDHSAA Coaching Permit Submission Form allows tracking of all coaches through member schools. This is the only form that will be accepted and it must be emailed electronically as an excel file. If you find a need to track more coach information than listed on this form, please feel free to add columns AFTER (to the right of) column 10. Only columns 1-10 need to be submitted to NDHSAA.

All coaches must be submitted each year. Only coaches not certified in a prior year will be mailed coaching permits. Coaching permits will be issued by the North Dakota High School Coaches Association. The due date for the Coaches Education Permit Submission form is April 1st each year.

This form has been emailed to main school contacts and is available on the NDHSAA website under Forms. Please contact NDHSAA for any questions concerning this form.
**NDHSAA Website - Entering Team Scholars**

NDHSAA recognizes teams that have met a cumulative 3.20 Grade Point Average as Team Scholars. Team Scholars may be submitted by school administrators through the NDHSAA website. Team Scholars submitted by the 15th of each month are published monthly in the NDHSAA BULLETIN the following month.

To submit team scholars to NDHSAA:

- Log in to NDHSAA
- Click the Admin Bell for your school on the top left side of the page
- Click the Team Tab on the grey menu bar
- Complete form - including checking the eligibility box
- Click the blue Submit
- Your Team Scholar submission will be emailed to Brian Bubach

**Award of Excellence Nominations**

NDHSAA is requesting nominations for the Award of Excellence program any time during the upcoming activities seasons. This program honors those teams, individuals, coaches, administrators, or fans that show exemplary sportsmanship in competition.

Any administrator, game official, or coach may email a nomination to brian.bubach@ndhsaa.org with the pertinent information including the date of the contest or activity, those specially being nominated, circumstances that motivated nomination, and the name(s) of those proposing the nominations.

**Junior High Regulations on NDHSAA Website**

All sport regulations, including Jr. High regulations, are available on the Administrators & Coaches section of the NDHSAA website.

Click on the Administrators & Coaches link on the menu bar above the pictures on every NDHSAA webpage: http://www.ndhsaa.com/administrators-coaches

Scroll down the page and you will find: A link to all regulations for activities (Fine Arts) and sports including a specific link to Jr. High Regulations. Regulations are also available on each sport page. Jr. High regulations by sport are included in the sport regulations.

**NFHS Learning Center - The Parent Seat**

“The Parent Seat” has been designed for coaches and athletic directors to use during their pre-season parent meetings. It explains the role of a parent during game day and provides suggestions on how they can cope with the roller coaster of emotions that they will feel. Feel free to download the video and use it in your presentation! It may take a minute or two to download.

[LINK: NFHS LEARNING CENTER THE PARENT SEAT]

**Visit NDHSAA NOW for scores, stories and more!**

[www.ndhsaanow.com](http://www.ndhsaanow.com)
NDHSAA Local (Sub-Varsity) Official Certification Available

NDHSAA will offer a process to certify Local Sub-Varsity officials. Officials who complete all items needed to certify will be able to officiate at the sub-varsity level and below in the sport(s) in which they certify.

NDHSAA Local (Sub-Varsity) Official Certification
Officials must complete all items below to become eligible to officiate at the Local (Sub-Varsity) level in the sport(s) in which they register as Local officials.

Requirements for Local Official include:

1. Complete NFHS Learn Concussion Management Course (State Law)
   • Create NFHS Learn account at www.nfhslearn.com if you do not have one and purchase (course is free, however you still need to purchase) and complete the Concussion Management course, Instructions available on the NDHSAA website at the Concussion Management Information link on the main NDHSAA webpage.

2. Create NDHSAA Account www.ndhsaa.com
   • If user has NDHSAA account, complete requirements using same account and email address as used in current NDHSAA account.

3. Register Online Within NDHSAA Account
   • Officials Registration tab
   • My Profile -> Sport -> Choose Local -> Complete registration form

4. Pay Registration Fee
   • Online or through mail. MUST be paid within 30 days or registration is cancelled.
     - $20 registration fee plus $12 for first sport. ($32)
     - Additional sports: $12 each

5. Complete 2020-21 Local Officiating Rules Clinic
   • Available on “Clinic” tab when logged in to NDHSAA account.

Note:
Item 1:
ND State Law requires officials complete concussion management training every two years.
Items 2-4:
Must complete BEFORE LOCAL officials will be approved eligible to officiate contests.
Item 5:
Failure to complete the clinic will result in a drop of a level of certification the following year.
1) Certified Local will drop to Probationary at all levels. (Registered and Local)
2) Probationary Local will drop to Ineligible at all levels. (Registered and Local)

Please contact the NDHSAA office with any questions concerning the certification of local sub-varsity officials through this program.

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NDHSAA HELP (FAQ)

The NDHSAA website has a help link available: https://ndhsaa.com/faq/help

If you can’t find an answer to your question on the FAQs, please contact the NDHSAA.
Email: Brenda.Schell@ndhsaa.org
Phone: (701) 845-3953
The North Dakota High School Activities Association’s Board of Directors met Thursday, December 5.

**Highlights of the meeting included:**

- The Board approved the Combined Tournament Committee’s State Tournament sites for the 2027-28 School Year on the NDHSAA 7-Year Site Calendar.
- The Football Committee reported to the Board on its finalized guidelines for the 2021 NDHSAA Football season and the Board approved the guidelines.

**MINUTES: DECEMBER 3, 2020 NDHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**2020-21 NDHSAA Board Meetings**

Following is a list of NDHSAA regularly scheduled Board meeting dates. Agendas, Board minutes, special meeting information and other Board documents may be found on the NDHSAA website by clicking the Board Agendas and Minutes link under the Boards & Committees across the top of every page on the NDHSAA website.

http://www.ndhsaa.com/board/meetings

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**Changing Email Addresses in NDHSAA Account**

Users are reminded if their email addresses have changed, they must edit their NDHSAA account with the new email address. Editing accounts will allow user history and all existing roles to remain connected to NDHSAA accounts. Users should not create new accounts, they should edit their existing accounts. To edit your NDHSAA email address/login:

1) Log in to your NDHSAA account
2) Click on “My Profile” on the bottom left portion of the page
3) Click the Edit Button on the Profile page
4) Click the “Account” tab on the grey menu bar that goes across the page
5) Enter your new email address
6) Confirm your new email address
7) Click the blue SAVE button

This is also where you change your password, if you so desire. Editing your email address on your NDHSAA account assures you receive the proper information from the NDHSAA office.

**2021 NDHSAA State Debate Tournament**

The NDHSAA State Debate Tournament will be held on February 6, 2021 at Fargo Davies High School located at 7150 25th St. S. Fargo. Gayle Hyde will serve as tournament manager.

Competitors will qualify for this year’s tournament approved plan point system.

Tournament scheduling will be posted and sent to participating schools as soon as it is finalized.
National Girls and Women in Sports Day - February 3, 2021

National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a nationwide celebration which recognizes the accomplishments of individuals in the promotion and advancement of girls and women's sports. The day also brings attention to the achievements of female athletes and to issues facing girls and women in sports.

Editorial note: We will be publishing a series of articles on getting to know this year’s distinguished student finalists.

Distinguished student, Kasey JoAnn Stegman hails from Drayton High School. Her friends call her Steggy. She is the daughter of Wayne and Kerri Stegman and has one sibling (Taylor). This 17 year old has been an outstanding contributor to the NDHSAA distinguished student program.

At Drayton High School, Kasey participates in several activities: She excels in basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, one act play, FCCLA, yearbook, student council, band, prom committee, Acalympics, NHS, and FCA. A myriad of activities to keep her busy most definitely. Kasey states that while at school her favorite subject is Science. Kasey also has an admiration for Sis Bates as “she is an amazing player and you can see her passion for softball on the field.”

In what little spare time she does have, Kasey enjoys riding horses, lifeguarding, and playing cards with friends. Community service is also very important as you will see Kasey volunteering for SADD, blood drives, Sunday school and vacation bible school.

Kasey plans on attending college after high school. As a young leader of today, Kasey feels that confidence is the most important characteristic of a good leader.

Kasey said that the biggest life lesson she has learned from being involved with education-based activities are “developing the ability to work with others, understand the concept of discipline, gaining self confidence, learning when to take risks and increase my ability to handle the pressure of competitive situations.”

The perfect vacation for Kasey would be a road trip to Alaska. She also stated that if elected President, her first plan would be to “meet the other world leaders.”

Independence Day is Kasey’s favorite holiday because “I love watching the fireworks.” Individuals living or dead that Kasey would like to share a meal with include: Frank Abagnale Jr., Tuf Cooper, Stetson Wright, and Sis Bates.

Kasey’s biggest pet peeve is cracking knuckles and her favorite tradition is going to the Hamilton Fair every summer. We asked Kasey who she would want to play her in a movie about her life and she chose Sandra Bullock. Finally, the one thing Kasey could not go a single day without, is her ice cream. Congratulations to Kasey JoAnn Stegman, a NDHSAA/Farmers Union Insurance Distinguished Student!

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**Coaches and Officials Mandatory Online Testing**

Officials and head coaches of spring sports (baseball and softball) must take an open book test in the sport(s) in which he/she is a head coach/official. The test will be available online only and must be completed and submitted within the applicable window. The test will be available by following the Online Testing link on the main page of the NDHSAA website. [www.ndhsaa.com](http://www.ndhsaa.com)

The NDHSAA office will assess a penalty of $25 for non-completion of any mandatory online exam by a head coach. Officials non-completion of a mandatory online exam will result in a lower classification the following year. If an official is certified, they will drop to probationary for one year in that sport. If an official is probationary they will drop to ineligible for one year in that sport.

**Baseball and Softball Spring sports testing window:**

April 6-15, 2021
**DISTRICT 1 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Hankinson, Lisbon, Sargent County, Tri State (Fairmount/Campbell-Tintah/Rosholt), Wyndmere/Lidgerwood | Chairperson: Kent Dennis, Hankinson

**DISTRICT 2 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Central Cass, Enderlin, Kindred, Maple Valley, Northern Cass, Oak Grove, Richland | Chairperson: Calvin Kraft, Enderlin

**DISTRICT 3 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Finley-Sharon/Hope-Page, Hatton/Northwood, Hillsboro/Central Valley, Larimore, May-Port-CG, Thompson | Chairperson: Patti Aanenson, Larimore

**DISTRICT 4 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Cavalier, Drayton/Valley-Edinburg, Grafton/St. Thomas, Midway/Minto, North Border, Park River/Fordville-Lankin | Chairperson: Sandy Laxdahl, Cavalier

**DISTRICT 5:** Teams: Barnes County North, Carrington, Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier, Ellendale, LaMoure/Litchville-Marion, Griggs/Midkota, Oakes | Chairperson: Lucas Isaacson, LaMoure. Tournament: February 26-27, March 1, 2021 at Jamestown Civic Center. Tournament Manager: Adam Schlepp, Kulm High School.

**DISTRICT 6:** Teams: Kidder County, Linton/Hazleton-Moffit-Braddock, Medina/Pingree-Buchanan, Napoleon/Gackle-Streeter, South Border (Ashley/Wishek), Strasburg/Zeeland | Chairperson: Ryan Larson, Kidder County. Tournament: February 26-27, March 1, 2021 at Wishek High School. Tournament Manager: Shawn Kuntz

**DISTRICT 7:** Teams: Benson County (Leeds/Maddock), Dakota Prairie, Four Winds/Minnewaukan, Harvey/Wells County, Lakota, New Rockford-Sheyenne, Warwick | Chairperson: Chad Berger, Dakota Prairie. Tournament: February 26-27, March 1, 2021 at Devils Lake High School. Tournament Manager: Jason Wiberg, Devils Lake High School.


**DISTRICT 13 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Beach, Bowman County, Heart River (South Heart/Belfield), Hettinger/Scranton, Mott-Regent, New England | Chairperson: Daryl Jung, New England.

**DISTRICT 14 (SUPER REGIONAL):** Teams: Beulah, Dickinson Trinity, Glen Ullin/Hebron, Hazen, Killdeer, Richardton-Taylor | Chairperson: Jason Simpfenderfer, Beulah


DISTRICT 1 (SUPER REGIONAL): Teams: Hankinson, Lisbon, Sargent County, Tri State (Fairmount/Campbell-Tintah/Rosholt), Wyndmere/Lidgerwood | Chairperson: Kent Dennis, Hankinson

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Principals and coaches are reminded Team Scholar Award applications may be submitted as soon as your school has reached the first grading period. It is requested the school principal identify all fall teams that have met the cumulative 3.20 Grade Point Average and submit those all at one time.

If you have questions, please contact brian.bubach@ndhsaa.org or (701) 845-3953.

**Boys Cross Country**
Carrington, 3.61; Minot, 3.83; Thompson, 3.61; Valley City, 3.62

**Boys Soccer**
Grand Forks Central, 3.44; Mandan, 3.37; Minot, 3.60

**Boys Tennis**
Minot, 3.62; Valley City, 3.51

**Football**
Bismarck St. Mary’s, 3.67; Bottineau, 3.20; Carrington, 3.44; Minot, 3.27; Mott-Regent/New England, 3.47; Nelson County, 3.54; New Salem, 3.52; Thompson, 3.64; Valley City, 3.39

**Volleyball**
Barnes County North, 3.51; Bismarck St. Mary’s, 3.92; Bottineau, 3.84; Carrington, 3.92; Dickinson Trinity, 3.88; Garrison, 3.44; Glen Ullin/Hebron, 3.77; Hankinson, 3.63; Hazen, 3.82; Heart River, 3.71; Mandan, 3.79; May-Port CG, 3.79; Minot, 3.76; Nelson County, 3.87; New Salem-Almont, 3.62; Ray, 3.67; Thompson, 3.81; Valley City, 3.89

**Girls Cross Country**
Barnes County North, 3.37; Carrington, 3.84; Garrison, 3.50; Mandan, 3.34; Minot, 3.71; Thompson, 3.42; Valley City, 3.88

**Girls Golf (Class A)**
Bismarck St. Mary’s, 3.62; Mandan, 3.59; Minot, 3.76; Valley City, 3.58

**Girls Swimming & Diving**
Mandan, 3.35; Minot, 3.84

**Plays**
Carrington, 3.33; Dakota Prairie, 3.59; Hettinger, 3.68; Thompson, 3.26

**Student Congress**
Valley City, 3.51

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**Happy New Year!**
- From the NDHSAA Staff
BECOME AN OFFICIAL

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME AN OFFICIAL?

Becoming a licenced high school official is an easy call to make! Officiating allows you to continue being a role model by demonstrating qualities such as impartiality, fairness and courage.

High School officials help protect the integrity of the games we love by teaching and enforcing the rules of play. New officials have an opportunity to make a difference in their communities right now!

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL

- Help teach and support the youth in your community.
- Continue to develop leadership skills.
- Give back to the sports that have given you so much.
- Stay in good physical condition.
- Earn extra income.
- Help make sure your community and home state always have enough qualified officials.
- Stay connected with high school sports.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

PATTY BASS, NDHSAA
Email: patty.bass@ndhsaa.org
Phone: (701) 845-3953

To register, please visit www.ndhsaa.com
- Click on the "Officials & Judges" tab on the menu bar at the top of the page.
- Under "Officials Registration" select "New" and once on that page follow the step-by-step instructions.

DIRECT LINK:
www.ndhsaa.com/officials/registration/new

#BecomeAnOfficial | www.ndhsaa.com | www.ndhsaanow.com
NDHSAA Help
NDHSAA Admins – Reporting Scores

- Log in to your NDHSAA account.
- Click the Admin Portal for your school (Bell on top left).
- Click the Results tab on the school admin menu bar that goes across the page.
  - There will be a red box with a number inside if you are missing any scores.
  - If all scores are entered, the box beside your results tab will be green with a “0” inside.
- Click Enter beside the contest that is missing a score
- Enter your score – Final score is all that is needed.
- Click the Blue SAVE button at the bottom of the page.

Notes:
- When results are entered by one school, they will appear as results for both/all schools.
- On an iPhone, iPad or Android device Google Chrome is recommended as your browser.
- The NDHSAA admin website is mobile friendly, however, viewing your phone landscape (sideways) rather than portrait (up and down) makes the site easier to maneuver.
- When you log in to the NDHSAA Admin website, bookmark your admin portal page for easy recall.
NDHSAA HELP - NDHSAA Coaches Reporting Scores

Log in to your NDHSAA account.
- Under “Your Teams” – Click the team for which you would like to enter scores.

- Click the Varsity tab.
- Click the Schedule tab beside contest.
- Click the Scores tab.

Enter your score – Final score is all that is needed.

Notes:
- When results are entered by one school, they will appear as results for both/all schools.
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NDHSAA/Farmers Union Insurance Distinguished Student Applications are available on the NDHSAA website under “Administrators and Coaches”, then “Forms”.

Objectives & Goals: To recognize deserving young people who are the “backbone” of interscholastic activities, not necessarily the leader, but the individual whose participation in high school activities strengthens the program for participants, the school and the community.

Criteria: Applicant must be a junior the year the application is submitted. Student must be a participant as a player, manager, statistician or other role in at least one NDHSAA sponsored activity in the current year. Note: Participation does not necessarily mean excellence, honors or even active play. Student must be a good citizen and role model to his/her peers as well as a contributor to the community. The committee will evaluate applicants’ essays on their demonstration of sportsmanship and citizenship and how the applicant feels these values derived from activities will provide them lifelong benefits.

Selection Process: One applicant per school is allowed. A pre-screening committee will narrow the applicants to six finalists. The final selection will be based upon an interview conducted by a Selection Committee. Immediately following the interviews, the results will be announced at an NDHSAA sponsored luncheon for finalists and their families. The student must be available for interviews the ENTIRE morning of April 28.

Deadlines: Completed application forms must be postmarked no later than April 1. Applications postmarked after April 1 will not be considered. Emailed PDF’s of the application are preferred. Finalists will be notified by mid-April. Interviews and the luncheon announcing the results will be held April 28.

Awards: All applicants of the NDHSAA Distinguished Student Program will receive a certificate suitable for framing. A press release naming all applicants will be sent statewide. Finalists will be featured in the September issue of the NDHSAA Bulletin. They will also be invited to participate in other functions connected with NDHSAA events. Farmers Union Insurance has graciously funded scholarships for the finalists. The NDHSAA Distinguished Student recipient will receive a $2,000 scholarship to the college of his/her choice. The runner-up will receive a $1,000 scholarship. The other four finalists will receive a $500 scholarship to the college of his/her choice. The Distinguished Student will be invited to be the Grand Marshall of the NDHSAA Parade of Champions and, along with the other finalists, participate in other activities such as serving as the NDHSAA spokesperson for High School Activities Month, promoting the values of activity programs and participating in awarding of trophies at NDHSAA state contests.

January Calendar

1/1/21 New Years Day
1/2/21 A Speech 1st Competition Date
1/2/21 B Speech 1st Competition Date
1/3/21 National Federation Winter Meeting, Bonita Springs, Florida, January 3-6, 2021
1/4/21 NDHSAA Website Requirements for Winter Sports Deadline
1/18/21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/20/21 NDIAAA Board Meeting, Valley City
1/20/21 NDHSAA Athletic Review Committee Meeting, Valley City
1/21/21 NDHSAA Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City

NDHSAA Calendar Corrections

April 12-13: State A Plays will be held at Lake Region State College-Devils Lake. (originally listed as NDSU)