

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS Criteria for June Scholastic Basketball Evaluation Events

The criteria outlined in this document were developed by a subcommittee of NFHS member state association representatives and NFHS staff and reviewed by the NFHS Board of Directors and the National High School Basketball Coaches Association (NHSBCA) leadership. Key administrators from the NCAA reviewed the criteria to ensure consistency with NCAA eligibility rules and alignment with recommendations from the Commission on College Basketball. The five event models presented within the document are the outstanding work of the NHSBCA. The NFHS strongly recommends that state associations interested in hosting a June Evaluation event select a format(s) from the five models developed by the NHSBCA, as they represent the collective expertise of coaches from across the country. The models can be accessed directly at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b7ad0b f2583caddd0f42cdb5c361192434bb26.pdf

The support of the NCAA for the criteria underscores the importance of maintaining an education-based focus on event formats and host sites. The June Evaluation events offer the opportunity for the high school coach and program to play important roles in a student-athlete's transition from high school to college.

In order for an event to be approved by the NFHS, the host member state association must submit an event application to the NFHS office by April 1 each year. An estimated budget of revenues and expenses must accompany the application, with the NHSBCA evaluating certain criteria. A Post-Event Review Form (PERF), including any requisite financial accounting reports for each event, must be submitted no later than 60 days after the event. Each event must meet the following criteria in order to be approved:

- 1. The member state association office hosting the event must submit the event application.
- 2. For multi-state and regional events, the member state association office hosting the event must receive approval and verification from all invited and participating member state association offices prior to submitting the event application.
- 3. Team events shall include member state association schools only.
- 4. Event coaches shall be employed (paid or unpaid) by member state association schools, the state basketball coaches' association or state coaches' association and must complete all school and state association certification requirements, including background checks, prior to coaching in the event.

- 5. Event staff shall consist of member state association staff members, member school personnel and/or approved state coaches' association members.
- 6. Neither the event nor any participating team shall have on its staff any individual who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law to a felony or for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing.
- 7. Participants shall be from a member state association school.
- 8. Participants shall be scholastic student-athletes, as defined and determined by the member state association.
- 9. All participants (individuals, teams, etc.) shall be finalized by June 1. No changes can be made unless approved by the state association office(s) and the NFHS.
- 10. Gifts and awards, if offered, should be provided according to the limitations defined by the host state association or, for multi-state events, the most restrictive participating state association. Such participation gifts should be purchased by the event organizer.
- 11. A financial accounting report shall be submitted with the Post-Event Review Form (PERF).
- 12. Entry fees shall not exceed \$250 per team/school and \$50 for individual participants; fees charged over this amount must be approved by the member host state association and justified by documented expenses. All entry fees must be identical per event; free or reduced entry fees are prohibited, unless approved by the state association office(s) and the NFHS.
- 13. Event admission charges for non-participants shall not exceed \$10 per day; admission charges over this amount must be approved by the member host state association and justified by documented expenses.
- 14. College coaches' packets (rosters, participant information, etc.) may be provided and the cost to coaches shall not exceed \$150 for the event.
- 15. Multiple sites are permitted for execution of the events, as long as each site is located at an educational institution other than a NCAA Division I institution. Examples of permitted sites include elementary, middle or high schools, two-year institutions, or other four-year institutions.
- 16. Host sites should provide separate event access, seating areas and security, to ensure that interpersonal contact with college coaches does not occur.
- 17. Host sites shall provide adequate and qualified medical staff, facilities, and support, as determined by the host state association.
- 18. Applicant shall provide indemnification and a certificate of comprehensive general liability insurance naming the NFHS and the NHSBCA as additional insureds.
- 19. Use of sponsors is permitted for actual and necessary expenses to operate the event (e.g., facility rental fee, food and beverage for participants and event staff, printing of credentials, game officials, etc.); all other sponsorships are prohibited. Sponsors shall not influence the selection of participants (players, teams or coaches), nor shall they determine event format.
- 20. Video, streaming or other video/audio transmission of the event shall not occur without written consent of the member state association.

Recommendations:

- 1. Use NFHS playing rules.
- 2. Use USAB/NBA Youth guidelines for grades 9-12 including those limiting the number of games in a weekend <u>https://www.usab.com/youth/development/youth-guidelines-rules-and-standards.aspx.</u>
- 3. Event coordinator shall collect data including:
 - a. Name of each participant
 - b. Name of each high school coach
 - c. Name of each collegiate coach in attendance
 - d. Name of each event staff member
- 4. Host state association shall determine eligibility and feasibility of streaming the event through the NFHS Network.
- 5. Game officials should be members of an accredited officials' association, as recognized by the host state association or members of the NFHS Officials Association.
- 6. Include an educational component for participants and high school coaches as part of the event.
- 7. Net revenues should be designated to host future events or invested in direct studentrelated programs (e.g., student leadership conferences, sportsmanship summits, college information educational materials, etc.).

Notes:

- 1. No third-party sponsors or operators are permitted to organize and implement events.
- 2. The use of NCAA Division I or non-educational facilities is prohibited; however, a state may appeal to the NFHS for an exception to host an event at a non-educational facility (applicable for 2023 only).
- 3. NFHS Affiliate members do not have event approval privileges (as with sanctioning).
- 4. Under current NCAA rules, NCAA Division I coaches are permitted to attend a boys' and a girls' event.
- 5. Penalties for non-compliance with the above criteria are at the discretion of the applicable state association.
- 6. Upon event completion, data will be requested and compiled by the NFHS to determine the effectiveness of events for participants, coaches, member state associations and collegiate coaches.
- 7. All events approved by the NFHS will be posted on the NFHS website and other appropriate public domains.

Dates for 2023:

Girls' Dates

Thursday, June 15 at 12:00 p.m. – Saturday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Dates

Friday, June 16 at 12:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 23 at 12:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.