

## **GHSA-GISA INTERSCHOLASTIC CROSSOVER PLAY REGULATIONS**

The following are some guidelines with respect to the GHSA Rule passed at the April, 2014, Executive Committee Meeting, concerning crossover play between the two leagues. The following interpretations of this rule are subject to change if abuse of the system occurs, or if GHSA or GISA schools are having serious scheduling difficulties caused or increased by these interpretations.

GHSA Rule: 2.62

Member Schools may play GISA Interscholastic schools only in sports currently not operating under a power ranking system.

1. A GHSA school may schedule no more than 20% of its regular season competitions against GISA schools.
2. GISA eligibility rules will be respected except 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may not compete in a varsity contest against a GHSA team.
3. All GHSA requirements for catastrophic insurance, physical examinations and other appropriate risk management mitigations must be followed.

Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball---No participation at Varsity level or JV level (9<sup>th</sup> Grade and up). These are Power Ranking Sports.

Cross Country, Volleyball, Competitive Cheerleading, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, Golf, Tennis & Soccer---20% Rule is in effect for GHSA schools in all contests between one GHSA and one GISA school. 20% rule also counts against both GHSA schools in a three way competition between two GHSA schools and one GISA School. 20% Rule only counts against the host school in an event where more than three schools are involved if the Host school is GHSA. If the Host school is GISA, 20% Rule counts against all GHSA schools participating for GISA Host school only. Example: Track & Field Meet with 8 schools competing.

Volleyball Dual Meets between GHSA and GISA schools shall be best 3 out of 5 games. All other GHSA-GISA crossover matches shall be 2 out of 3 games. For regular season matches, each team will be billed by the officials association for one half of the officiating fees for games in which they played. Host school will pay the officials travel fee. For invitational tournaments and multiple school play dates, the host school will be billed for the officiating fees (including travel).

GISA currently does not have teams participating in Gymnastics, Lacrosse , & Riflery. At the time such teams do exist, they must follow the regulations above in that sport.

Wrestling---Same rules as above, with GISA agreeing to the weight assessment component of the NFHS "Weight Management Program".

Coaches Passes from both associations will only be honored at games in sports in which crossover play is allowed. i.e. GISA passes will not be honored at GHSA sports of Football, Softball, Basketball, and Baseball; and GHSA passes will not be honored at GISA sports of Football, Softball, Basketball, and Baseball; in either regular season or playoffs.

Since GHSA does not sanction Debate or Shooting Sports, activities that are sanctioned by GISA, these sports do not fall under this agreement. GHSA schools interested in participating in these activities should contact GISA for participation guidelines, including 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation.

GISA reserves the right to pass further regulations limiting their schools amount of participation with GHSA schools.