



## **Scheduling - Opponents**

### **Purpose:**

TAPPS recognizes the importance of scheduling contests with those schools securing membership in leagues / organizations with missions, visions and governance similar to our own. As such, TAPPS supports our member schools when scheduling those institutions.

### **In State Scheduling:**

- TAPPS highly recommends its member schools schedule contests with schools who are members of organizations of similar governance and oversight. This includes homeschool groups who are members of recognized organizations which crown a champion each season and not just participate in an end of season national tournament.
- In keeping with TAPPS rules and governance,
  - TAPPS member schools shall not schedule high school interscholastic contests with teams composed of a majority of junior high school students.
  - TAPPS member schools should not schedule interscholastic contests against teams which allow students who have graduated from high school, turn 19 prior to September 1 of the current school year or are in their 5th year of high school attendance. These include home school and school based teams.
  - TAPPS member schools should not schedule interscholastic contests against teams which are comprised of students who attend multiple high schools or home school groups
    - It is the responsibility of the TAPPS member school to determine compliance by the opponent as some leagues allow combined program participation

- At no time shall TAPPS member schools schedule interscholastic contests against
  - club,
  - select or similar teams
  - Post high school teams including homeschool groups, prep schools or institutions of higher education (junior college, etc).
  - This includes scrimmages, single games and tournaments.

### **Out of State Scheduling:**

- TAPPS shall support the NFHS sanctioning model for teams based outside of Texas
- The TAPPS sanctioning process
  - Includes team and individual sports
  - Includes single games and tournaments
  - Shall be based on school application for
    - Review and
    - Approval
    - Prior to the scheduled contests dates
- The TAPPS sanctioning process shall be in place for teams
  - All states including those contiguous to Texas
  - All International Opponents
- School / Team eligibility
  - All teams must be school based and sponsored
  - All teams must meet minimum eligibility standards
  - All teams must be recognized in good standing by their league's governing body
- Sanctions
  - Failure to receive approval prior to the contests shall result in sanctions
  - If a school would have met the criteria and guidelines
    - Public Reprimand
    - Probations
  - If the school would not have met the criteria and guidelines for approval
    - Public Reprimand
    - Probation
    - Loss of future contest playing dates