

FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions (FY20)

Why do some teams get more games?

All BSSD teams get the same number of paid weekends of activity. Each activity is listed in the Site Binder with the number respectively. Many teams schedule other games/matches but pay for them with site funds. Much of this money is fundraising but some is also from Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funds. There is a large disparity in JOM funds and how they are administered.

Why do some teams get events/tournaments?

Conference and District Tournaments are rotated amongst sites when possible. Some are single site due to size and logistics. All "invitational" events are site planned and executed. The BSSD Student Activity (SA) Office assists when requested and in planning the calendar to avoid conflicts. Almost always the costs incurred are site responsibility. It is also site responsibility to request attendance at any invitational.

Why do certain teams get into tournaments?

Teams that get into "extra" tournaments/events take the initiative to prepare financially, to search out events and to notify host sites early to ensure they get a slot in the event. Hosts may select teams based on competitiveness but most often early requests are the key to getting them on the schedule.

Why do only some sites get to host?

District events are set up on a rotational basis, when possible. Some events limit themselves to certain sites due to logistical details like runway capability, sufficient utilities, travel costs, facility size or other infrastructure details. Conference events also rotate but have the same limitations.

How many get to travel?

The BSSD Student Activities budget pays for a certain number per event. For most team events the number is 8 participants and 1 coach (1 plane load). For others there are announced numbers. For most events additional participants are welcome to attend but the travel cost is borne by the site. Since there will almost always be a separate plane used an additional adult will be required as well.

How does the district serve fans at events?

For "BSSD" events there is an attempt to make them "admission-free" when possible. For "ASAA-Region 1" events there is a required admission that is collected. Entertainment and promotional items are usually a part of events if schedules allow for them. Visiting fans have access to the "Hospitality Room".

What is the transfer rule and how is it enforced?

The ASAA transfer rule places a calendar year suspension from all ASAA – sanctioned activities for students that transfer from one school to another. They have a waiver process for those that move due to hardship. Moves that are part of a family move waive this suspension and students are immediately eligible.

Can students participate in simultaneous activities?

We encourage students to participate in as many activities as they are able to handle along with their academic and home responsibilities. At times there will be simultaneous activities. If coaches/advisors can work out an acceptable schedule of practice and participation we support this. Often there will be time/calendar conflicts that will require the student to make choices so considering this ahead of time is important to minimize any misunderstanding or assumptions by student, families or coaches.

How much does travel cost and how is use of the District plane managed?

The BSSD plane is scheduled by the BSSD Travel Manager. Its useable time is scheduled to maximize its use for all departments and school needs. However, it has time limitations and very often there have to be supplemental arrangements with regional commercial carriers. When planning for any travel it is wise to plan for the most expensive option available and hope for some financial relief when the resulting travel plans are made. There is never a guarantee that the BSSD plane will be used for any or all of a planned trip. The BSSD Travel Manager has a list of hourly rates and seat fare charts to help come up with estimated costs.

What requirements are there for coaching in the BSSD?

All coaches (of approved extra-curricular activities as outlined in Site SA Binder) must sign stipend contracts (with and Added Duty or an MOA depending on their hire status). Placement on the stipend scale is based on experience. All athletic coaches (head or assistant) are required to be NFHS certified by ASAA. This involves a four part online course (Coaching Fundamentals, First Aid, Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Arrest) and **must be successfully completed prior to the first practice. The \$105 cost for these courses will be reimbursed upon successful completion and submission of all certificates and invoice.**

What are consequences for breaking district or team rules on trips?

The BSSD has high expectations for students and chaperones who represent at District or State events. Those who break rules will be sent home at the earliest convenience and the cost of the return travel will be billed to the school. The school may then opt to bill the person or set up some form of work to pay off the bill. Additionally there will be a minimum of a 45 day suspension wherein no student activities will be allowed. This may be extended based on the situation.