

Interscholastic Athletics vs. Professional Athletics

It is very important that everyone understands the purpose of high school sports and not confuse them with collegiate or professional sports. Interscholastic high school sports is a classroom that teaches young people many values and characteristics that cannot be found in any other educational setting. C. I. F. sports is about the "Pursuit of Victory with Honor" and the efforts that are necessary to compete. Unfortunately, the examples that we witness on the newscasts and on televised sports are a different model, a "Professional" model that does not reflect the goals of high school sports.

Interscholastic-Educational Model	Professional/Business Model
Teaching- Athletics is a tool that schools use to teach core values that will benefit students in their adult lives.	Entertainment- Winning is most important because it sells tickets and fills the stadiums. The financial aspects of business and profits are their motivation.
Teaching life lessons is most important, even at the expense of winning.	Winning is most important.
Behavior Expectations- Athletics promotes character development in our students. Coaches include behavior, character and attitude as part of the evaluation process.	Performance Expectations- Performance expectations, not behavioral expectations. Do your job during the contest. Win and be entertaining – this is why you see poor examples on television.
Teams, athletes and coaches are an important aspect of a comprehensive high school. A coach is a teacher; their classroom is on the fields and in the gyms.	Teams, athletes and coaches are commodities.