



Why should I become a member of the IADA/NIAAA?

The Illinois Athletic Directors Association values your input and your expertise and would like you to consider joining our organization as an advocate for school athletic programs throughout the state.

Please consider joining us on our mission to take a leadership role in athletic issues to enhance the educational process for student-athletes. The IADA serves its members by providing resources to develop and increase leadership skills, developing mentorship programs for new administrators and offering numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth.

By becoming a member of our organization, you will also be registering for the NIAAA organization. Illinois is joining the ranks like our surrounding states to be a dual membership state. This doubles your resources offered to you as an Athletic Administrator. Being a member of both organizations will provide members the opportunity to network, engage in educational leadership and professional development through NIAAA classes, and have many other opportunities to learn and grow alongside other Athletic Directors.

1. Educational Leadership Opportunities

- IADA is a professional organization created by ADs to meet ADs needs.
- Recognition through awards nominated by peers.
- Service through board positions.
- Mentorship to new ADs in the state.
 - New ADs receive a one year free membership in the IADA organization if they attend the new AD workshop offered by the IADA during the summer retreat.
- Access to numerous active and retired ADs with a wealth of knowledge to share.

2. Professional Development

- IADA is recognized as an ISBE approved provider of professional development.
 - Administrator Academies offered throughout the state.
 - CPDUs for attendance at annual meetings, webinars, and annual conference.
 - CPDUs for serving as a presenter.
- IADA District and Division Fall meetings to discuss the upcoming IHSA By-law proposals, amendments, and items of common concerns that may be arising across the state.
- Monthly Professional Development Series - 1st Thursday of each month at 1pm.
- Monthly IADA/IHSA Joint Information Webinars - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm.
- The IADA offers a Certification Cohort that provides monthly assistance to our membership that is desiring the next level of NIAAA certification.
 - Members will be assigned a mentor to assist them until they complete the certification.
 - The mentor and mentee will receive professional development hours.
 - Recognition for certification
 - Journal and Social Media recognition
 - Bi-Monthly meetings with the Professional Development Committee.

NIAAA Certification

- Access to the accredited program of the Leadership Training Courses.
- Classes taught at the annual state conference and summer retreat.
- Classes offered at remote locations throughout the year.
- Assistance with the certification program to become a
 - Registered Athletic Administrator
 - Registered Middle School Administrator
 - Certified Athletic Administrator
 - Certified Master Athletic Administrator

Annual State Conference

- The annual state conference is held in the Spring (the last weekend in April in 2023..)
- Leadership Training Courses offered.
- Attend or present mini-sessions on current topics.
- Awards recognitions.
- Networking with ADs throughout the state.

Annual Summer Retreat

- The annual retreat is in July in Bloomington.
- Leadership Training Courses offered.
- Networking with ADs throughout the state.
- Day one is a meeting with the IHSA and IADA for all new AD's.

3. Professional Journal

- Quarterly journal with focus on current topics.
- Opportunity to submit journal articles.

4. Connection with the IHSA

- Monthly virtual meetings with the IADA and IHSA.
- IHSA official in attendance at IADA Division meetings.
- IHSA representative in attendance at the IADA Board meetings.
- IHSA presentations at the Annual State Conference.
- Co-Hosting the New AD workshop in the summer.
- The more members in the IADA, the more influence we will have. There is power in numbers.

5. Personal Benefits of Joining the IADA

- Members can pursue leadership opportunities within the IADA at district, division, and/or state levels.
- Members will be eligible for award programs.
- Members will have access to the statewide list-serve.
- Receive research expressing the importance of education-based athletics.
- Direct communication with members through social media.
- Opportunities to nominate students for the John Van Fleet Scholarship annually.
- Opportunities for state/national recognition through the IADA/NIAAA Awards Program.
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- \$2,000 term life insurance policy for an active athletic administrator working in an Illinois School District. The benefit is paid to the surviving spouse or to the estate.
- \$1,000,000 Liability protection for an active athletic administrator working in an Illinois School District.

6. IADA Website Benefits - <https://www.illinoisad.org/>

- Dedicated information and program offerings.
- Registration for the Annual State Conference and Summer Retreat.
- Archived IADA Newsletters.
- Listings (Webinar and in-person) of Professional Development/Leadership Training.
- Membership downloads and information updates.

7. BECOME A MEMBER TODAY! - [Final Forms](#)

Becoming a member of one of the nation's leading state athletic directors state association has tremendous benefits professionally, personally, and financially. To become a member, follow the instructions below.

- **FIRST TIME USERS** - Start your registration [HERE](#).
- **EXISTING MEMBERS** - Click [HERE](#) and choose "Log-in" to log-in to your account.
- **RETIRED ATHLETIC DIRECTORS** - All Retired Athletic Directors, please update membership information [HERE](#).

Join the IADA, become an active member and begin to experience the many benefits of this professional organization.