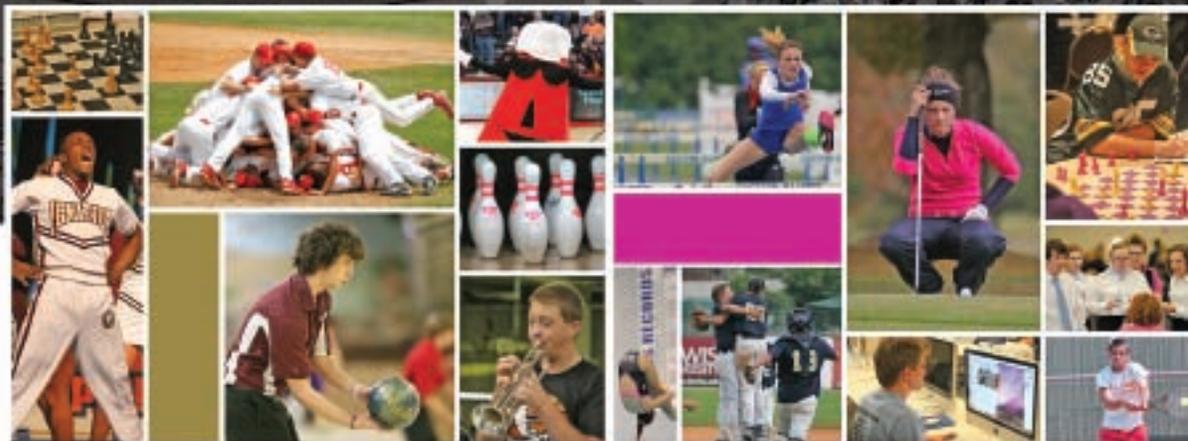


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Division 4
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Division 5
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Term Expires 2012



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Appointed By Board

Members of the Illinois High School Association,

I was honored to be re-elected to my seat on the IHSA Board of Directors as the representative from Board Legislative District 7 last October and humbled to again be voted the President of the Board by my peers that I serve alongside.

The story that encompassed education in the state of Illinois a year ago was certainly the economic troubles that plagued our country and the effects that were felt by our schools as the fall-out of those struggles filtered down to our districts.

From school closings and consolidations to significant cuts in coaching staffs and lower level programs to school's posting the money they were owed by the state on their school message boards, it was a trying 12 months for the educational leaders in Illinois that will undoubtedly be felt for years to come.

The aforementioned issues were at the forefront of one of the Board's toughest decisions in 2009-10, which was the conclusion to move the girl's golf state tournament to a more centralized part of the state (Decatur/Forsyth) after it resided in the Carbondale area since 2003.

As a Board member whose school is located just miles from those golf courses and who witnessed the outstanding work countless individuals put into hosting, it was a tremendously hard decision, but one that needed to be made to help reduce travel costs for our schools and one that will likely influence future host venue decisions.

While some of the aforementioned items may have cast a dark cloud, students from around the state continued to be beacons of light in their performances in IHSA activities and sports.

Just a few samples of some of the top moments I was able to personally witness included Montini's touchdown and two-point conversion to win the Class 4A football title in the game's closing seconds, Lake Park's Tori Clark winning the NFHS National Spirit of Sport Award, a Mad March of basketball that saw Robinson's boys prevail in Class 2A and Bolingbrook's girls repeat in Class 4A, state anglers hauling in over 600 pounds of bass at the state meet, Teutopolis' upset of undefeated Harrisburg in the Class 2A baseball state championship, the IHSA moving closer to a State Series in lacrosse, Lisle winning its first-ever Scholastic Bowl title, Metamora claiming the Class 3A softball state title in front of raucous home crowd and Elk Grove Village continuing its dominance in the Coed Division at the Cheerleading state finals.

In a moment even closer to my heart, I watched Anna-Jonesboro High School's very own Elizabeth Bell win the individual state title in the 50-Yard Freestyle to become the southernmost girls swimming champion in state history before being named to the IHSA All-State Academic Team later in the spring.

It is these type of moments that continue to drive us during these hard times and remind us why we embarked upon careers in education.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you on the IHSA Board of Directors and on behalf of my fellow Board members, we thank you for everything that you did for your schools, students and the IHSA during the 2009-10 school year.



JIM WOODWARD
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IHSA Bids Farewell To Sue Hinrichsen & Dave Gannaway

The IHSA bid farewell to a pair of long-time administrators at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year, as Assistant Executive Directors Sue Hinrichsen and Dave Gannaway both announced in the fall that they would retire at the conclusion of the school year.

A brief look at the careers of two treasured colleagues:



Sue Hinrichsen became the 21st administrator in the IHSA's history when she joined the staff in 1992 after 15 years as a teacher and coach in Iowa and Illinois. She served as the administrator for boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls golf, boys and girls bowling and girls badminton during the 2009-10 school year. She was also in charge of equity issues at

the IHSA, handled state final merchandise and was the staff's Title IX liaison.

Hinrichsen served on numerous national NFHS committees over the course of her career and was also actively involved in the Illinois Junior Golf Association and The Kids Golf Foundation. She closed her career by receiving the prestigious NFHS Citation award.

Hinrichsen was raised in Geneseo and went on to earn a golf scholarship to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where she also competed on the Saluki basketball and softball teams. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1976 and went on to earn a Master's degree in Sport Management from Western Illinois University in 1992.

Hinrichsen's teaching and coaching career included stops at Rochester High School, Peoria Heights High School, Davenport Central High School (IA) and Davenport North High School (IA). During that stretch, she coached volleyball, basketball, softball, golf and track & field at the high school level.

Dave Gannaway became the 22nd administrator in the IHSA's history when he joined the staff in 1999 after 23 years as a teacher, coach and administrator in Illinois. He served as the administrator for football, wrestling, wheelchair basketball, baseball and bass fishing during the 2009-10 school year. He also served as the Director of Officials, overseeing all aspects related to the 12,500-plus high school officials working in the state.

Gannaway was one of the driving forces behind the IHSA's bass fishing state tournament, which was the first high school state association bass fishing state championship to ever be contested in the country and likely the world.

A 1971 graduate of Normal University High School, Gannaway earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Illinois State University (ISU) in 1975 and later returned to ISU to complete a Master's Degree in Education in 1989.

Gannaway spent the first five years of his career in education as a teacher and coach at Metamora High School, prior to returning to his high school alma mater in 1981. He spent three years at Normal University teaching and coaching before ascending to the role of Activities Director in 1985, a position he held until 1994. Gannaway's final stop before joining the IHSA came as the Activities Director at Morton High School.



Hinrichsen on her time at the IHSA...

"There are so many things I will miss from my time at the IHSA, but watching ordinary kids and coaches do extraordinary things on and off the court will always be near the top of that list. I am certain this is a better organization today than when I started 18 years ago because of the hard work of so many people who care about the mission of the IHSA."

Gannaway on his time at the IHSA...

"I really have enjoyed my time working here. There is probably no better way to say how lucky I feel than to say that I don't feel like I have worked a day in my life. There are too many great people and too many great memories, that it wouldn't do any of them justice to try to rank them or say thank you to all the people who were a part of it."

Tori Clark Named National Spirit of Sport Award Winner



Tori Clark

Tori Clark, a 2010 graduate of Lake Park High School in Roselle, was selected as the national recipient of the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) National High School Spirit of Sport Award for the 2009-10 school year. The "National High School Spirit of Sport Award" was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

Clark, who was a member of the Lancer volleyball and basketball teams, was a captain of the school basketball team and was also involved in a number of community events, including a wheelchair basketball tournament. However, those extracurriculars and accolades were just a precursor to the selfless act that earned her this prestigious honor.

In October 2009, Tori read a newspaper article about a single mother of two who was suffering from a rare form of pre-leukemia and had two daughters who played volleyball at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, which was one of Lake Park's conference foes. Despite having no connection to the mother, the daughters or anyone else in the family, Tori chose to rally both communities to host an event she tabbed "Teams Helping Teams."

Tori and the Lake Park community created a sea of orange (the ribbon color for leukemia awareness) for their volleyball match against Neuqua Valley and sold more than 600 donated t-shirts to raise over \$4,000, which was presented to the family to help pay for uninsured medical costs.

Tori was honored in July at a luncheon during the 2010 NFHS Summer Meeting in San Diego, California. She is currently a freshman at Roosevelt University in Chicago, where she participates on the women's basketball team.

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Swimming & Diving, Softball Undergo Major Rules Changes

NFHS Rule Committees respectively voted to make major rules changes in the sports of swimming & diving and softball that took effect during the 2009-10 school year.

The NFHS redefined the rules for legal body swimming suits prior to the start of the season after controversy surrounded several suits at the national level during the 2008-09 season. The suits in question helped set or break over 100 world records at the Olympics and World Championships. With FINA, USA Swimming, the NFHS and other national swimming organizations in agreement that the new suits exponentially, if not artificially, improved times, the rules were altered to make the new suits illegal in high school competition. Despite the ban on the suits, Rosary High School's Olivia Scott still managed to set a new state record in the 100-Yard Butterfly (:53.09) in the finals at the 2009 state meet.

The NFHS Softball Rules Committee approved a change to move the softball pitching distance back three feet, from 40 feet to 43 feet. The change was not mandatory until the 2010-11 season, but the IHSA elected to adopt the change immediately, thus, pitchers in the state threw from 43 feet throughout the 2010 season. The rule change was intended to increase the involvement and importance of defense, as the move back would lead to more balls in play and reduce the number of strikeouts. The move had been discussed at the national level for more than a decade and an increase in dominant pitching coupled with the majority of high school summer leagues already pitching from 43 feet were significant factors in passing the new rule.



NFHS COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Craig Anderson, IHSA, Football Rules Committee

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Blaise Blasko, Official, Boys Gymnastics Rules Writing

Doug Foerch, Official, Boys Gymnastics Rules Writing

Ron McGraw, IHSA, Swimming and Diving Rules Committee

Susie Knoblauch, Chair of Spirit Rules Committee

Jan Heiteen, Downers Grove South, Drama/Debate Rules Committee

Kurt Gibson, IHSA, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Paul Moretta, Hinsdale Central, Lacrosse Rules Committee

Laurie Wager, Mascoutah, Spirit Rules Committee

Scott Johnson, Records

Marty Hickman, CSJET



www.IHSA.tv Launch Provides Live & On-Demand State Final Coverage

The IHSA launched its streaming broadband portal www.IHSA.tv in November 2009 by broadcasting 16 matches over two days from the Girls Volleyball State Finals. IHSA.tv would go on to carry nine total state final events during the 2009-10 school year, as 300,000-plus viewers visited the site over two million times to view IHSA.tv's free content both live and on-demand.

IHSA.tv's inaugural season of coverage included covering every lap at the boys and girls swimming state finals, all of the running events from the boys and girls track & field state meets and unprecedented six-mat coverage of every match from the individual and team wrestling state final tournaments.

IHSA.tv will expand to cover every sport and select activities in 2010-11 and will also begin to feature classic IHSA content in addition to the archives of any event that has previously been broadcast on the website.

IHSA.tv also offers fans the opportunity to purchase DVDs of any events that appear on IHSA.tv via its partner website, www.PrepFilms.com.

Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program Undergoes Changes



The IHSA privately conducted a performance-enhancing drug testing program during the 2008-09 school year. The program continued in 2009-10, but with some significant changes after House Bill 272 was signed into law by Governor Quinn in August.

House Bill 272 placed benchmarks on the IHSA testing program, including that 1,000 student-athletes be tested per school year and that 25 percent of the member schools be represented among those 1,000 tests. Other significant changes included the implementation of a mandatory education program for all coaches, which has been developed and can be completed online by member school coaches in the IHSA's School Center. Finally, Bill 272 called for year-round testing to occur at schools in addition to the testing that was already occurring at state series and state final events.

As a state mandate, House Bill 272 also accrued extra funding, via a fine from every drug conviction in the state of Illinois, that will be provided to the IHSA to help fund the performance-enhancing drug testing program.

IHSA Extends Several State Final Hosting Contracts

The IHSA Board of Directors approved contract extensions for several state final host venues throughout the course of the 2009-10 school year. In addition, the Girls Golf State Finals found a new home at Decatur's Red Tail Run Golf Course (Class A) and Forsyth's Hickory Point Golf Course (Class AA).

The following sites were extended during the 2009-10 school year. All of the contracts were extended through the 2014-15 school year:

Activity/Sport	Site (City)
Girls Basketball	Illinois State University's Redbird Arena (Normal)
Cheerleading	U.S. Cellular Coliseum (Bloomington)
Chess	Peoria Civic Center (Peoria)
Football	University of Illinois' Memorial Stadium (Champaign)
Boys Golf-1A	Prairie Vista Golf Course (Bloomington)
Boys Golf-2A	Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club (Normal)
Boys Golf-3A	The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course (Bloomington)
Softball	Eastside Centre (East Peoria)
Speech-Individual Events	Peoria Civic Center (Peoria)
Girls Volleyball	Illinois State University's Redbird Arena (Normal)
Individual Wrestling	University of Illinois' Assembly Hall (Champaign)

2009-10 Do What's Right! Sportspersons of the Year

Division 1	Elizabeth Faber	Chicago (St. Ignatius)
Division 2	Jeffrey Brown	Evanston (Twp.)
Division 3	Colin Webb	Wilmington
Division 4	Katie Janssen	Minonk (Fieldcrest)
Division 5	Erin McGinnis	Normal (Community West)
Division 6	Thomas Trau	East Peoria
At-Large	Bret Thixton	Riverton

2009-10 Do What's Right! Student Advisory Committee

District 1	Cecile Franke	Chicago (Northside College Prep)
District 3	Mackenzie Cody	Chicago (Marist)
District 4	Emily Fung	Skokie (Niles West)
District 5	Morgan Murphy	Sandwich
District 6	Leigh Boone	Zion (Z.-Benton)
District 7	Alex Vogler	Downers Grove (North)
District 8	Rebekah Michaelson	Lemont (H.S.)
District 9	Jaelen Hull	Kankakee (McNamara)
District 10	Zeke Hartman	Lanark (Eastland)
District 11	Abigail Taets	Orion
District 12	Brian Ehresman	El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)
District 13	Sean Kelley	Champaign (St. Thomas More)
District 14	Neil Yockey	Shelbyville
District 15	Cameron Baker	Normal (Community)
District 15	Carly Sarff	Mt. Zion
District 16	Courtney Musson	Astoria
District 17	Adelmo Marchiori, IV	Carlinville
District 18	Lucas Joseph	East Peoria
District 20	Kristina Hodges	Flora
District 21	Andrew Novara	Murphysboro

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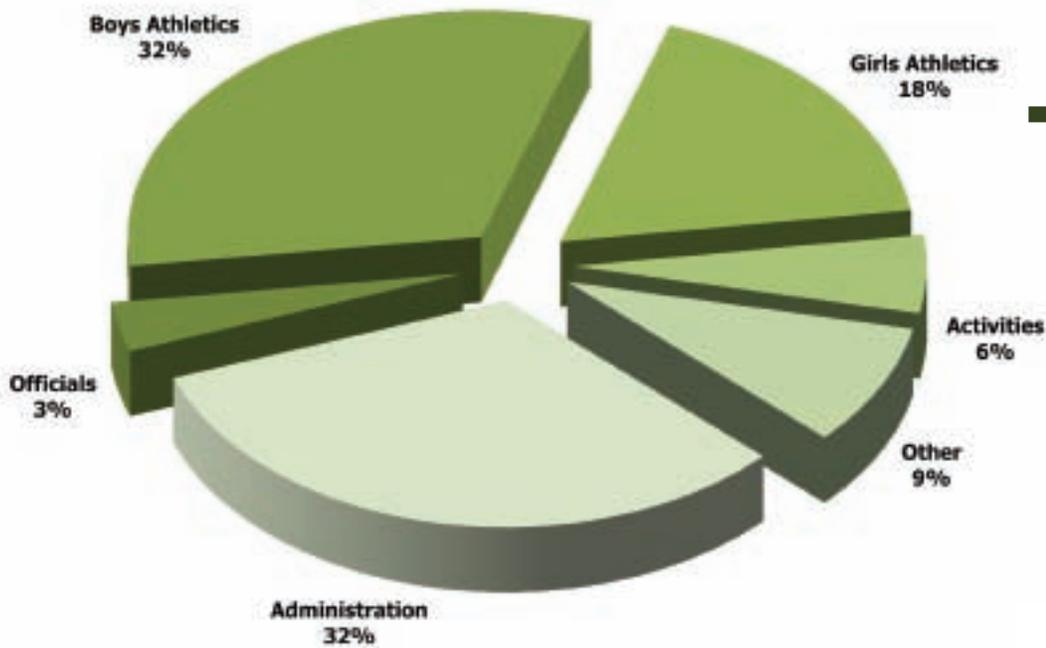


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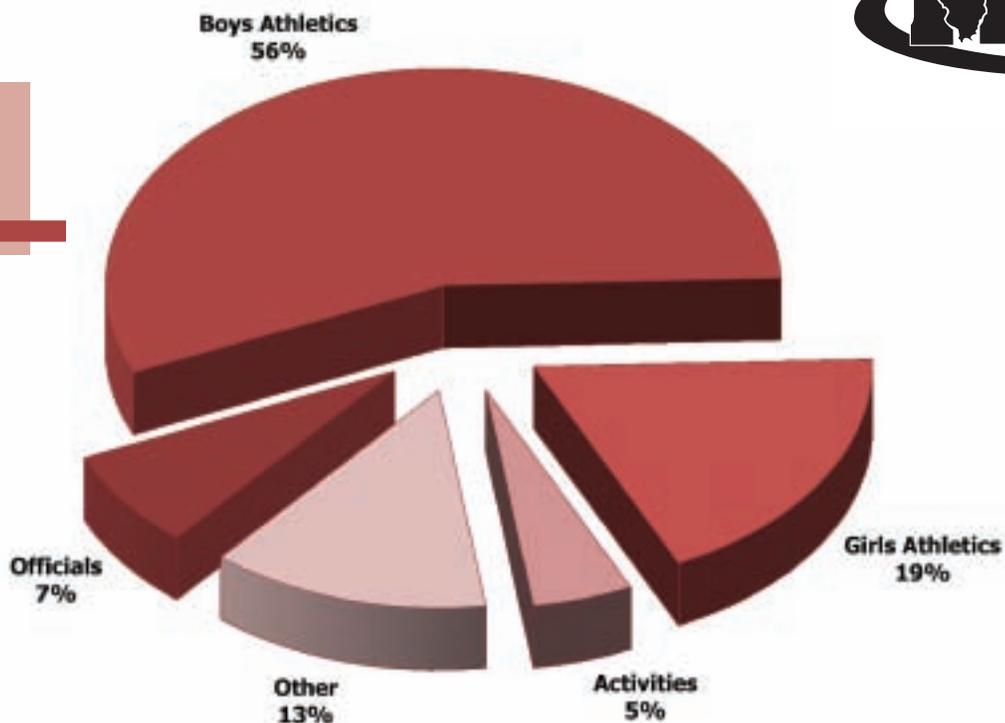
Financial Information

The 2009-10 school year saw a slight bump in attendance and revenue for the IHSA and its member schools. The IHSA prides itself on offering quality community events at reasonable prices and hopes that even more families will continue to support their local schools during a time when there will be more of a premium placed on the way we spend disposable income on entertainment. The graph at the top of Page 6 details the distribution of income from State Series events during the 2009-10 school year. The IHSA was able to return over 2.7 million dollars to its membership schools from its tournament income last year.

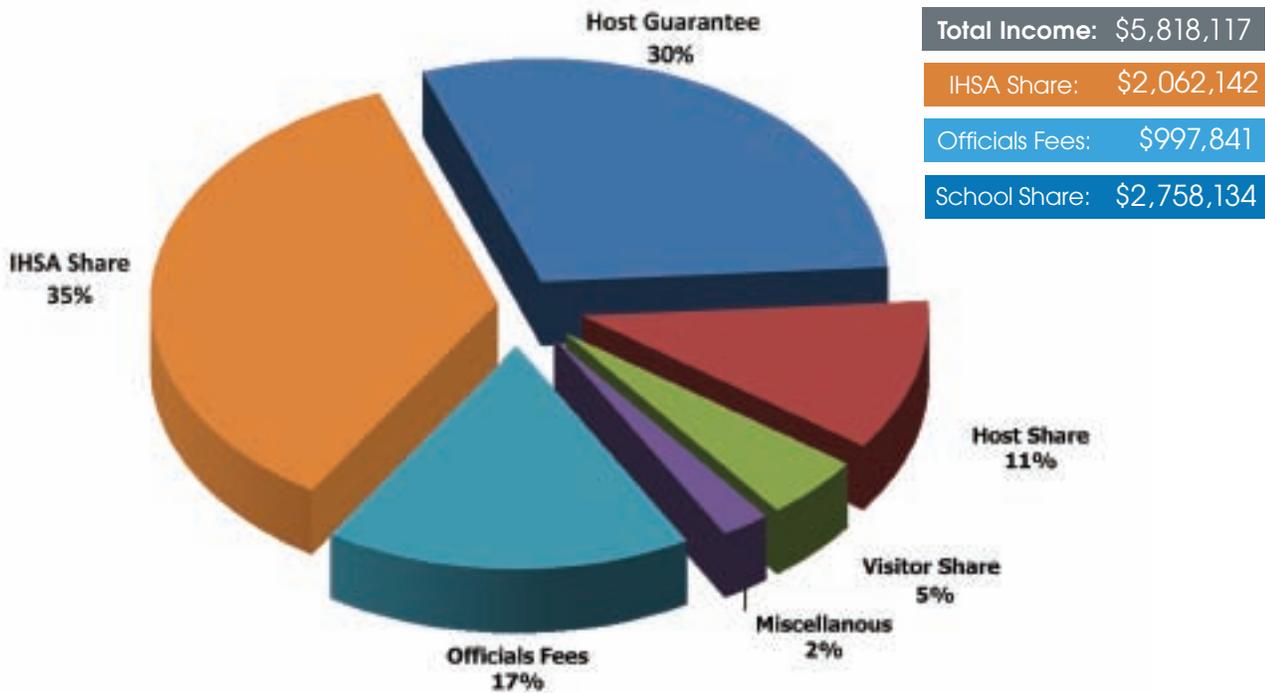
2009-10 Expenses
Total Expenses:
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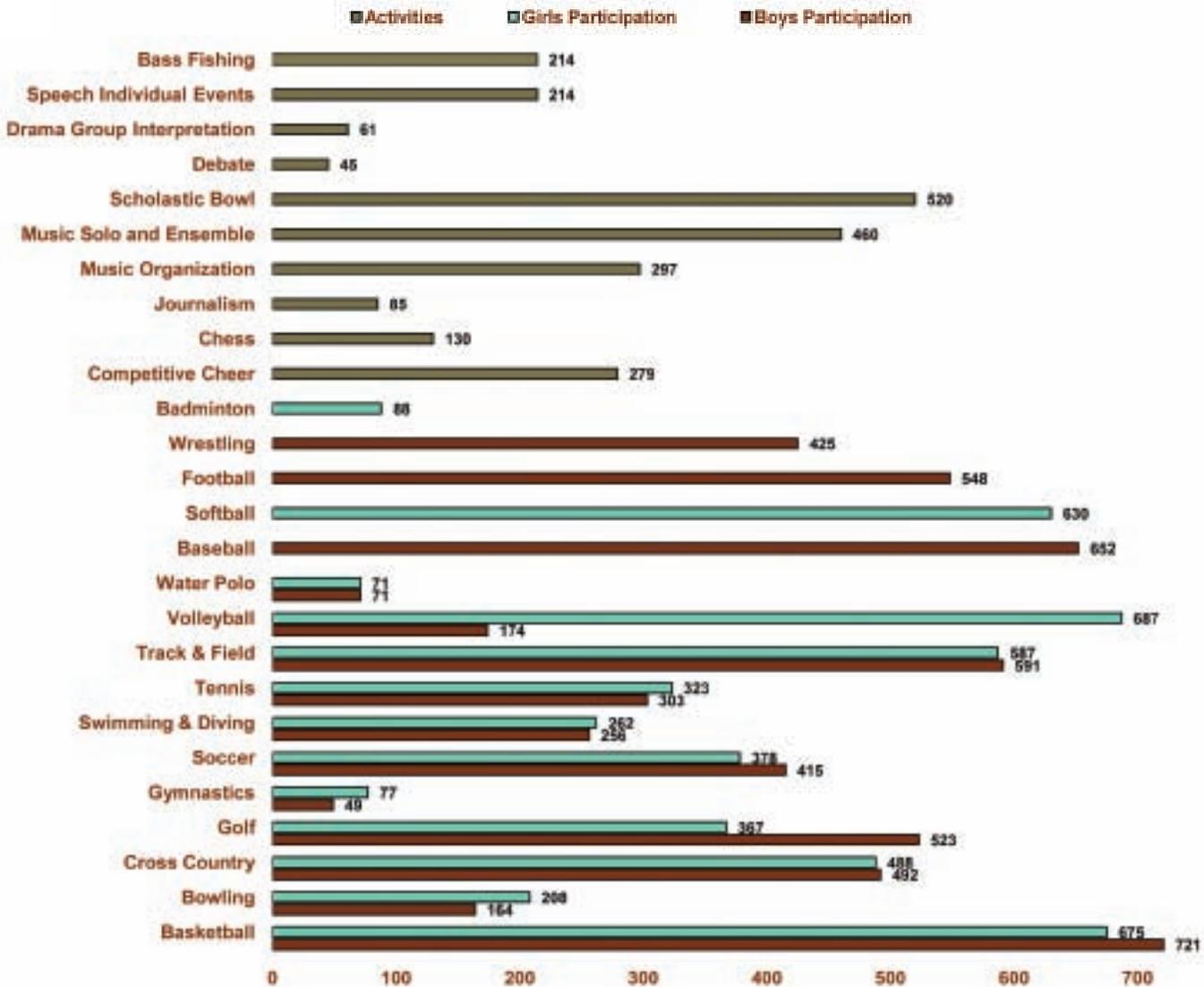
2009-10 Income
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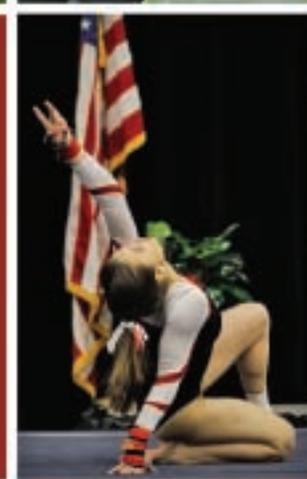
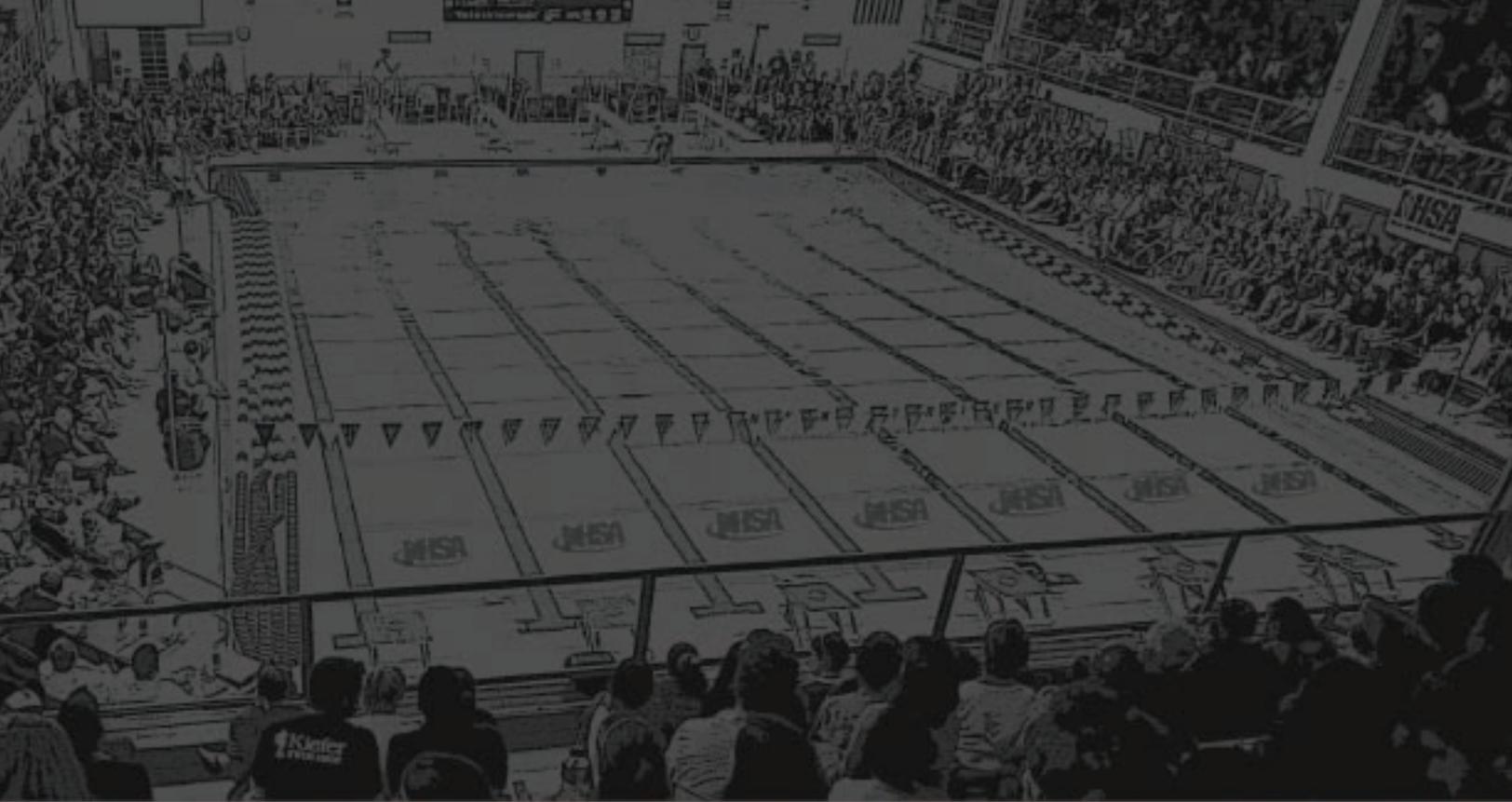


Income from IHSA State Series 2009-10



Schools Entering IHSA State Series 2009-10





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