

If you could change or add one thing to the sport of girls' basketball, would what it be?						
Open-Ended Response						

Allow coaches more legal contact time with players outside of season. As it is now, coaches cheat/manipul.

Youth Basketball - lower the hoops, smaller ball, 3 v 3, less 5 v 5, more skill development. High School Level that's hard- your seeing same better programs that have high AAU involvement with much better teams tha

I would like to be able to play in tournaments kind of like Missouri does. Xmas break tournament would be
 Question 18 - We take a whole week off. If it was "mandated" from the IGHSAU it would be bad timing for u
 We need to take the emphasis on winning out of youth basketball. The emphasis on winning takes the fun c

State lead leadership programs to choose and implement into a season. Or a camp/program to allow team

I really like the unlimited quarters that was added this year. We could not play a JV game without that.

Less games

Immediate use of running clock when hitting 35-point deficit (not waiting until 2nd half)

Get rid of the shot clock when a game reaches running clock. This way teams could run the clock out instea

holiday tournaments, triple header nights with all programs (we share so many kids amongst levels that it's
 For the most part, I don't think it's a sport of basketball problem. That may be a reason for it. But it could b
 If the season isn't adjusted a state required moratorium during the holidays would be great!

Personally I would like to see the game officiated tighter. I think the level of physical play that is allowed ha

I think basketball needs to be put into districts vs. conference. I think it would allow for a more competitiv
 Our conference already does a 5 day no contact period. I would be in favor of the 3 days before Christmas a
 Parent education and counter the club mentality. Creates unrealistic expectations for high school coaches
 I do believe we should go with a smaller ball at the jr high level. I think there should be a push for making cc

Shorten the season. I would allow for games to be played over Christmas Break.

Allow some games over Christmas Break.

I don't believe there is one thing you can point at for the decline. I do think it's a combination of a few. I kn
 Maybe look at 8th graders playing at highschool level and 6th graders moving up to play jh. This would sign
 Let middle school players join the high school team. It would immediately make a better environment for c

More participation with less conflicts with Club or AAU Volleyball. Girls get tired.

Shorten season. Maybe add more games. Finish season prior to March.

N/A

Basketball is a long season and in the middle of two school breaks. I believe a shorter season would help with
Change open enrollment. Eliminate AAU.

I think you need to ask the players why they stop playing. We may have our opinions as coaches/administrators
Shorter season.

Adding dates over Christmas--TOURNAMENT

Keep same season, except first game after Thanksgiving. We ramp the girls up to get ready for a game and then

We have had split season for middle school for a few years now. I would like to see full season but maybe not

We feel that the season might be 2 weeks too long. Maybe taking a week off the front and back end of the season
Add 1 additional Scrimmage preseason.

Allow 8th Grade to play HS basketball and 6th grade to play MS basketball. With regard to the Family Week
Not have so many restrictions with coach player practice time. AAU coaches don't have these restrictions.

The club volleyball aspect is beyond our control. Changing the contact rules out of season is something that
Potential of 8th grade playing with HS and 6th grade join the JH. As for the dead week our conference requires

To be honest I don't know. I personally feel that kids are pulled so many different ways nowadays and those
In my opinion, we need to work with people to move the Club Volleyball season and potentially the D1 volleyball

More opportunities to schedule competitive games. Our conference is moving to 18 conference games next
Start the season after Thanksgiving so there is one less Holiday during the season when families are traveling

JH Girls BB played same time as JH Boys. This would free up Griswold to begin their Girls Wrestling Program
Probably have to look at 8th graders being able to play high school sports. It works in Minnesota, but it also

The amount of interest girls have in wanting to get better at basketball. Girls are timid because of physical contact
We need to keep building on the Caitlin Clark effect! Keep girls basketball as a priority, as a focus. Keep emphasizing
Advance the ball on a timeout at the end of the game - same as college

I think we are making the right changes with helping to limit the amount of fouls allowed by a team with 5

This where I think the state could implement a rule, stating no open gyms can start until a month before year
1. I think we need to allow 8th graders to compete at our lower levels (minimum) in high school. I feel like I

Add the enrollment multiplier for classes. Football has it, can it be added for other sports as well? Consider

I realize the boys are not experiencing the same problem, but both the association and union should be aligned. Keep the 21 games at each level rule. Shorten season. Increase game limit at JH level? Tell small schools to NA

I would like to see classifications to be based off of building free and reduced lunch percentages. I think full

Reduce the length of the season by a week or 2 and try to keep a similar # of games, or reduce the games by : I would like to see basketball return to the days when playing clean basketball was more of an emphasis. In I'm not exactly sure what I would change. Our girls have lost some of the passion of playing because we hav

Have a 5th quarter for JV games so I can keep my JV structure of playing the girls that earned playing time at Make 8th graders eligible

Last year when we went to state basketball, open gyms had started in late October and basketball ran throu

7th and 8th season getting pressed and blown out by teams. In my opinion, rules should be in place for no

Get rid of Saturday postseason games. Club volleyball is killing HS Girls Basketball. Of my 14 kids out, I hav Working with schools to increase knowledge base for coaches that includes a good structure for practice fo

Shorter season.
Shorten the season.

8th Graders being eligible to participate in upper levels.

Possibly adding XMAS tournaments like surrounding states. We have to bring some excitement back to girl Either shorten the season or allow us to play over the Christmas break. January is always a mess and too ma

Regardless of declining numbers, I still think Girls Basketball is synonymous with the State of Iowa due to a More availability to schedule lower level games on non school days. With many teams on our schedule not shortened season

It is a long season asking girls to commit to giving up 2 breaks and you have to have practices and scrimmag

I really believe the physicality of the game has overtaken the ability to have freedom of movement. It is not

I think waiving the game rule for JV works - consider this for JH as well.
Let 8th graders play varsity.

encourage girls to come out and play basketball
go back to 4 classes, I know we won't but it's all about money

Better Youth Programs

- Start after Thanksgiving, allowing competition to start in December. It would shorten the season a little bit
I do like number of dates instead of games. There are times where we would like to do some JV quarters for our

1. Fewer games for elementary students and less emphasis on games. More emphasis on fundamentals.
The ability to coach and do instruction during the fall. This would allow for more girls to give basketball a try
If any changes are made, the boys and the girls need to be the same, whether it's classification, number of games
I'm not sure.

Allowing 8th graders to play at the high school level
I would be in favor of a running clock in the first half.

I would shorten the season for the high school season along with the jr. high season. One of the major reasons
Better relationships and communication with referees. Also, referees should be held more accountable and
Adjust the classes to socioeconomic status more. Us (Knoxville) enrollment has a better number of approximately
My 7th/8th grade responses were based on the following: - West counted 2 of our 4 Middle schools and East
Allow 8th graders to play high school.

shorten the season and start after Thanksgiving, play less games 16-18. Not everyone needs to make the playoffs
The number of legal games in the season would equal 2 times the number of weeks of playing dates. More time
27 inch basketball until HS. Then go 28. Hoops lowered to 9ft until 7th grade.
I would like to see less physical play. This sport is hard enough and when individuals are allowed to play physically

Watching girls basketball the last 5-10 years. The level of play is concerning on lack of execution of fundamentals.
The game has gotten way too physical and we are trying to make the high school game like the college game:
Eliminate the shot clock
More opportunities for skills without play at the younger levels. Basketball is a money sport where those with
Scheduling of non-conference games.

Unknown, I love it. I just wish that other girls loved it as much as I do! :)
Not specific to basketball, but have stricter guidelines for contact of sports during the summer time.
I think the change to 21 games at each level was big. That allows much greater flexibility in scheduling.
There are several things. But over the years I've coached, after the season, the one thing our players always

I would allow 8th graders to play varsity basketball immediately. I wouldn't directly benefit from it. However
A mandatory break over Christmas that is actually a week long with no contact. It's such a long season anyway
Get back to contact on the ballhandler being a foul, period.
Play games over break, no other sport takes a break. This may allow shortening the season into earlier February

I would be in favor of playing 2 halves rather than 4 quarters and shortening the shot clock to 30 seconds
I don't have a good answer, but all of us would like to see an increase in numbers all around the state.

Sports Waiver (NO PE)

After 8th grade girls season they could join our JV squad to get extra playing in. We are a small school and I

I have always liked the idea of allowing us to play games during the holiday break. This year we played on Fr
The elements that prohibit the development of skills are outside the control of the state, other than the co:
Grades 7-12 like Minnesota available to play in high school. Small group workouts allowed to be coach lear
Allow 8th graders to play high school and start jh basketball in 6th grade, would improve Jv and varsity nur
Length of the high school season.

Ability to have games / tournaments over Christmas Break.

Allow 7th and 8th grade girls to play the lower high school levels (9th, JV). Not varsity.

allow 8th graders to play high school basketball to allow for some flexibility to even out rosters. This coul
**Add a 6th classification -- I think the state would benefit from adding another class size. Split 1A in half. N

I am unsure what I would change.

I don't have a great solution to make the sport better.

I would like to see zone defenses taken out of MS basketball. Most girls are not fundamentally ready to sho
I do not know what we would/could change. It makes no sense to change the size of the ball, distance from
I don't prefer the season to be shorter, but I do recognize how long the season is and how that has hurt som
More affordable youth camps rather than travel team tournaments. Also, allow more hands on coaching d

I think we are on the correct track by allowing 21 games at each level for JV, JV-1, JV-2 and Varsity. We just
I would consider adding a FRL modifier like Football uses. I think it is a very fair way of classifying teams into
Advance the ball on a time-out in the last 2 min. of a game.

I would shorten the season. I have coached high school basketball for 16 years, and I am a mom of 4. It real

Make boys and girls seasons the same and have a shared final 4 for the state tournament for both. elite 8 gar

The season is very long. Find a way to shorten the season and also limit conflicts with club volleyball
Restructuring the way that basketball classifications are decided (moving beyond BEDs numbers). Access (w
More practices/coaching contact before the first game. Fall sports get the entire summer and weeks of offic
That AAU programs start after March 1. That will never happen because people want there bank account to
nothing

Girls Basketball starting games after Thanksgiving. Family week through Christmas. Or starting games in Ja
nothing

1. Adding a minute or two to halftime due to having to use a separate meeting room. Most schools don't h
None

District assignments for girls basketball, like the IHSAA does for boys football.

Nothing I can think of.

I think shortening the season will help. Possibly starting after Thanksgiving with implementing the week br
I would love to see the 8th graders get to continue to play in sub varsity games (JV1/JV2) once their middle
Officiate a lot tighter game to not be so aggressive and physical.

N/A

#1 - ability to work with players at fall open gyms (as I have voiced, I think it is absurd coaches can sit in the

Shorten the length of the season.

1) Cap regular season games at 18 with an optional 19th 2) Dead week between Volleyball and Basketball 3

Start with the 1st practice the Monday after Thanksgiving and be able to play the first game 8 days later on

Only to change the time frame of when to have stats in from a game. It should be aligned with how long the

No AAU/Club Youth Sports

Open up Christmas break to play games. Limit the number to two...and limit the number of practices.

Slam Dunks

What if we adopted a qualification system for postseason play across all sports, similar to football? This app

Less games and shorter season

Get our girls out of white uniforms at home. The stress that the white uniforms bring to our players during

The ability to play in or host 1 tournament per year with Iowa schools.

As for the family week over Christmas, I typically already give 5-7 days off to our kids. I try to break the seas

Change classification/state tournament to talent based. Move up or down each year or 2 based on what tal

I think it is fine, we just have got to the point that if you do not play travel ball, it is hard to be competitive

I love what you did with the date vs quarters. That has helped us play a JV schedule and allow young girls to

N/A

I don't know if it's a change, but from the data we've collected, basketball is a highly skilled sport. Any one

Allow 8th graders to play up if needed to fill rosters at the HS, and allow 6th graders to play MS basketball.

Allow for a "formal" summer practice/league for JH and HS (like SB/BB's pitcher/catch/throwing). This wou
make it less physical and change/shorten club volleyball seasons to reduce conflict

A unified front of working on and establishing a better platform for all levels to understand rules of the gam

I think it would be fun to have the advancement of the ball to half court under a minute like college womer

Allow 8th graders to play high school basketball

I would have officials more consistently protect the ball handler. I wouldn't allow so much contact with th

I know it can't be done but club volleyball season/schedule does not help girls basketball.

I realize this is almost impossible, but if volleyball clubs didn't exist during the basketball season, the baske

The reason we do not have our own program for girls basketball is due to the increased number of girls wre

Shorten the season.

Getting rid of AAU, travel teams, etc.

Continue to find ways to make the game appealing to all athletes. Shot clock was a good start. I would also

Remove 3-4 games from the season

Unknown- seems like the million dollar question. Sorry, thanks for sending out.

I believe the game needs to be more accessible, sooner. We should normalize lower hoops, smaller balls, and Newell-Fonda has a family week over the Christmas Break for 7 days. I am not a big fan of the State Mandate

Allowing JV and younger levels to play 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 during games.

Basketball is the longest season. Provide more time between fall and winter sports, shortening basketball. I would change having quads for games because there are times where my girls don't get home until 11 or later. I don't think this would change the numbers of players, but the whole concept of not playing over the holiday mercy rule or should teams continue to press up 30 points? Can't rules be implemented for that? Teams get

I think it would be nice to allow 6th graders to have the option to play JH basketball IF numbers are low in school. Allow 8th graders to play up with high school.

more time to develop players during the off season.

Co-op sharing agreements and not having to take a school's entire enrollment

More opportunities/time to develop all players during the off-season.

I would shorten the season and number of games to the schedule. As a coach I would love to stick with 21 games. I asked some of the girls and they said shorter season and that was my opinion as well.

Give high school teams only a set number of days they can have contact with their teams in the summer. As 1. Add a minute or two to halftime. Every away game we have to travel to the separate meeting room because

Two Things: 1) the ability to play in Holiday Tournament 2) summer softball really presents a challenge for IF our numbers continue to be low statewide I would like to see the 8th Grade athletes play JV (Not varsity) More contact days in the fall.

I wouldn't change anything about the game of basketball BUT I want to WORK to help and assist others on that

If you have players open enroll to your school or you are from a private school they should all be in the same. Generally speaking, I think there are just so many other things available to girls outside of basketball that if

More girl participation and with the popularity increase of girls wrestling and club volleyball it doesn't look like. Lower the number of games allowed. I don't feel strongly about that though.

I would like to have some ability to work with the girls in the fall. Maybe limit it to shooting and ballhandling games over Christmas Break. We have a bunch of weeks with three games and Saturday games, etc. If we could allow us to play games during Christmas Break. There's a 2 week schedule gap.

I wouldn't change anything. I don't have the answer as to why the numbers have declined in our sport. I think Start games the first week of December. You would have 3 weeks to compete, maybe a little more for 6-7 grades. If you do not have enough girls for a team, mandatory 2 years of no Varsity games, JV only. This would make Age appropriate environments for development at the youth levels. We obviously rely on a variety of different. Allow 6th graders to play if needed.

I like some of the measures already taken. Including the new quarters rule at the HS level.

This is a difficult thing to pinpoint. There are many variables at play here, creating a decline in popularity of 1. Have the first day of girls basketball start after Thanksgiving. Condense postseason- have season end by early. Limits on Club Volleyball. More "off-season" contact time for Basketball Coaches to work on Individual skill

I love that the game limits were changed to be consistent with volleyball. Gives us a chance to get girls experience play tournaments /more games -it would actually help with making schedules. Would allow us to expand the season runs a little longer. Allowing for tournaments over Christmas break would help with scheduling a

I believe that the process of the Girls Basketball Season has worked well at DNH.

I think taking away the game restrictions was a step in the right direction to get a JV half / game in with tear

I think the demand of coaches continues to grow for both in season and out of season work, which limits th

Allow 8th graders to play high school. They can play middle school, but once they play up, they cannot go l

Start the season later.

The best athletes are multi-sport athletes, as coaches we need to work together to encourage our girls to pl

Encourage more skill development and fundamentals when girls are young instead of playing games which

Play one week longer with the same number of games. The games are too crowded together the way it is.

Allowing 8th graders to play HS and allowing 6th graders to play JH.

Make it so 8th grade girls can move up to high school very similar to softball season, shorten the season by :

Look at the possibility of allowing 8th grade girls to participate with the high school.

I feel like there is a lot of encouragement in younger ages to play club volleyball in general. In our school, ou

I am speaking from being at two different average small schools who are average to just below in basketball

Not a big fan of the fouls at the quarter instead of doing half, I think it has gotten rougher as officials don't n

I'm not sure how to get this done, but getting coaches to understand they don't need to win games by as m.

With the low numbers I would like to see the option of having 8th graders being able to play high school.

Play more games, play over the holidays, "family time"-families want to gather around their kids and sports

Start the same week as boys, no games before Thanksgiving

I think it was incredibly short-sighted (in terms of basketball) for the IGHSAU to sanction girls wrestling. Yo

Clean up the games, The travel game is becoming very apparent in the HS game. Way , way to rough. Needs i

Basketball season is a grind. It seems to be the longest season during the worst time of the year. It's a tough

More regular season tournament style play. I think having the shorter goals similar to volleyball tournamer

Allow 8th grade to play HS and 6th in JH.

I would start girls basketball the same time as boys, leaves a week after volleyball for a break. No games unti

Finding ways to generate more interest at the youth level and providing resources for families that might h.

Potentially another option for teams that are low on numbers. We talked about a JV season, but knew that

Shorten the season. It is difficult for a girl to attempt a sport that they have very little experience OR they kr

Allow 8th graders to participate in HS basketball to increase numbers.

I am not sure how to do it, but I think it has gotten too physical which discourages some people from going

I would like to allow 7th and 8th grade girls to participate. At the 1A, 2A and possibly 3A schools I believe t

I don't think there is one overwhelming cause to the decreasing participation numbers, but I think one thir

The club is the biggest issue in my opinion. Girls are pulled in many ways. Not set up for multi-sport partic

The IHGSAU is less involved.

Consider opening up Christmas Break for 1-2 varsity only pre determined competition dates as an option fc

More girls!

I can't think of anything that would help the decline in numbers. It is a problem with the athlete attitude r
Eliminate the volleyball conflicts
I have no ideas.
Officials must watch their games on hudl before they are allowed to be assigned more games.

I would not change the sport. Work needs to take place educating coaches in ways to build off season oppo
My opinion of the schedule for both boys and girls would be to decrease the games to 19 and thus you can :

I have no changes at this time

Family week left to district level for each school.
somehow get club volleyball to not play 10 months of the year

I think the state should start the discussion of having 8th graders play up, if they are skilled enough to do so
Conflict with wrestling, shorten the season

Shorten the length of the season.
I feel girls will take a hit with Girls Wrestling being offered at our school. This year we didn't, but junior high
Girls Wrestling put in the fall so that it would not conflict and would help with officiating.

Making sure we always play varsity girls games first and Jv girls 2nd. We play Quads most nights and girls th
Allow JH athletes to participate in 9th and JV games

Have restrictions for all AAU/Club organizations. HS coaches are restricted with contact with athletes and c
Fewer Games. If we continue to play 21 games, there must be games played on non-traditional nights. This

Teams not purposefully scheduling one of their few challenging games after regionals are released. The IGH!

Help parents understand that their kids wont get better if they don't put in work during the off season. We
Nothing. It is a great sport
Make the game less physical to help get more girls out.

I think that the season is too long. If you are a state championship team you start on November 11th and d
Shortening the season and number of games. The biggest complaint I hear is the length of season, struggle t

Need to figure out a way to make basketball at an early age available and costs reasonable. Many of our girl:

get lower levels more plugged into the high school.
CLASSIFICATIONS LIKE FOOTBALL CONCERNING FREE AND REDUCED

Allow 6th graders to play with 7th and 8th graders and allow 8th graders to be eligible to play with the HS t
Allow 8 graders to play up when season over

It would be hard to do but if there's any way schedules could be determined by level of skill. So many good I think the game is as good as it has been in a long time. I don't think anything needs to change at this time. Allow games during winter break if schools choose to.

Get more girls out

Promote girls to play multiple sports. Limit club soccer and VB during basketball season.

I would be interested in the "advancing the ball" timeout that the women's college game has. I think that w Because of your conference affiliation you travel way to far to play crossover games when there are closer o I love the game of basketball and I don't believe you need to change but to fix the true problems and those. Allow 8th graders to play with high school team

Allow 8th graders to play JV and Varsity basketball

Advance the ball with a timeout in the end of the game situations. I also don't agree with the no close guard Great question. IF there was a way to make junior high basketball more exciting, that would help. In most Lower rims for youth players. Not in favor of family week because we gave them five days off earlier than Ch More competitive balance. Too many of same teams make state so others do not even try. Move a team up Youth basketball to be completely tied with school or town teams, not commercialized AAU teams. Limitir Unsure..

Make it less physical. Feel like that scares away some kids and the amount of contact that officials are allow

Split season is the worst part. The number of kids who have chosen to do both is very minimal but it's nega

We have to help girls develop skills in basketball or we will continue to lose kids. We also have address the f

none

I don't feel that the sport needs to be changed at all. It's a sport that I have grown up loving and has been th Mental Toughness, that not everything in life will be handed to you and if it is not going the way you think i Middle School JV is 6th and/or 7th graders. 7th graders make up Middle School varsity. 8th graders play at Can't press if you are ahead by 15 points

Allow 8th graders to play HS. Let 6th graders play JH to offset the loss of 8th graders.

Nothing on the State's end. I love it!

Let 6th grade play middle school ball. It would help with numbers and get girls involved at a time when the More representation of diverse and female coach's, and refs.

Find a way to get more athletes to play instead of play club volleyball

Removal of split season. By Junior High, kids should know what direction they are going, and the split seas More games, holiday tournaments and conference cross over matchups that create unique game opportun I would implement using the 27.5 basketball for girls all the way until they reach high school (K-8), similar This might be very outside the box, but we have a girls union and a boys association, why not operate the gi Allow junior high players to play, like Minnesota does.

Middle school girls being able to play high school.

Would like for the girls to play more quarters without counting as a game.

Get some restraints on over controlling volleyball programs(clubs) The money some of these clubs charge is
Allowing more hands on practices in the off-season. More time for the coaches to teach individual skills to
I'm not sure to be honest but to not have enough girls to even make a team is heartbreaking!!!
I'm not sure how you do this but somehow make the postseason matchups and brackets more competitive
We've been fortunate enough to play almost 12 JV2 games this year. While they mostly all have been comp

I am a firm believer that we should be starting our school leagues sooner for conference, and our 7th and 8
Schools that are growing need to go up a class. Private schools should go up a class.
Change the Beds process it's archaic and can be improved drastically to allow for more competitive games
Less games

I would love to be able to have holiday/in-season tournaments
Allow 8th graders to participate at the high school level. We already allow it for softball. You wouldn't see

Play levels like 9th grade, 10th grade, Jv, Varsity, not Var, Jv, Jv1 - play girls your own age.
Revamp the class system base it on annual participation. If a team can only must 2 level team with sharing t

Allow middle schoolers to play, a state wide transfer rule of 90 days
No other sports going on at the same time....
Elimination of conferences and have a good portion of the season schedule be district assignments similar t

I would lower the running clock to 25 with no pressing full court. Looks like teams that night after night th

I want the 7th and 8th graders to practice/play with the high school. I could develop them much better an
Teaching enjoyment of sport at the youth levels Families putting basketball hoops in their driveways Emp

with a 4th grade daughter I'm learning the issue starts much younger than your jurisdiction at the IGHSAU.
We have a great sport and I am grateful for everything that the Union does for High School Basketball. With
They are burnt out. Volleyball is a long season and then they go straight to basketball with no break. Basket
Allow individual sessions in the offseason for skill development. No more than 4 girls at a time.
We have always had mid to upper teens in participation at the hs level, and a lot of teams on our schedule c

Way less jump ball calls. I think it let's girls get rewarded for not playing tough defense.
Club volleyball season.
I am not sure what the answer would be. Maybe a shorter season but I can't say in our small school situatio

I think we need an IGHSAU mandate of 2 sport participation at the school level, per individual athlete. The
Nothing
I feel that the numbers issue is a people issue. I see several programs that do not put much time and work in
Out of season coaches contact with players.
Not the union, the union does a great job on the girls side. Top notch.

European soccer philosophy. Teams need to play in tiers. create competitive games. state assigns districts

Advancement of ball.
There are two factors I see in girls basketball. Club volleyball has a major impact on basketball participatio

Additional games and cutting down on the nights that teams play - if you have JV teams and a kid plays on b

Go back to 6 on 6.

N/A. Made JV easier to play with the quarter limitations change.

No wrestling small schools can't do both. Biggest mistake the union made!!!!

I have a few thoughts that should be adjusted but I'll say the inconsistency of refs. The crew calls things diff
I feel like it is impacted significantly by the length of the season as well as interferes with club volleyball... I

Allow 8th graders to participate in High School. South Dakota nearby allows it. I don't feel the "Family We
Nothing, our state has done a great job in implementing appropriate rules and moving the girls game forwa
Eliminate competing sports during basketball season

Out of our control...don't let them start playing so young. Youth sports are out of control! Kids are burned
Let us play games over Christmas Break along with Thanksgiving. We could have small tournaments or shoc
More community involvement and getting girls excited about basketball!

Call more fouls which for most teams would discourage pressing until end of game situations. Girls don't q
Making it more accessible to younger generations by providing opportunities for those that are not privileg

No HS games before Thanksgiving. One dead week the week after state Volleyball. Move state tournament l
1st round of regionals for 3A and up be "pigtails" for the lowest seeded teams. This is what Class 5A can do v
Allow girls to huddle up before a free throw. They allow girls to huddle up after EVERY point in volleyball. 1
In referencing question 18, I answered no because of the time frame. We do have a family or dead week, bu
Holiday Tournaments - optional Contact period - optional
Allow for coach contact 2 weeks before the season (voluntary practices/open gyms) and let schools manage

More recognition of the sport!

Starting girls and boys at the same time and maybe even starting competition a week into December makes

Allow 8th graders to play High School Basketball and allow 6th graders to play Jr. High Basketball.

Ability for 8th graders to play up

Allow 7th-8th Grade to play. Surrounding states do it and junior high girls are more prepared to play at hig
?

I have no ideas for this

Officials quicker to eject fans and coaches who behave poorly. The negative environment and constant yell
Postseason assignments, not being put in brackets with teams you play all season long.

let 8th graders play up.

Let middle schoolers play high school ball. Shorten season 1 week and to 18 games

In-season tournaments

ate anyway, so why not just open it up.

el - Make JV more of a priority. Play a "JV" night where it's not a 4:00 start. It's a 6:00 followed by JV boys. Make
in the one with little to none- so the spread between good and struggling programs getting more so will cor

a fun idea.

s. We like to take off the day right after our last game and then return a week later. We also take New Years
out of it for girls and the fun and social aspect is one of the main reasons girls play sports. Children develop a

captains to grow their abilities as leaders. Maybe a day camp at a large facility led by the IGHSAU where te:

d of having to keep scoring. Also would love to see the free and reduce lunch % be taking in to account like f

i hard to play in different places on the same night)

e argued that it's physically harder than other sports (VB, SB). I am not saying that, but it could be argued.

is led to many girls quitting. That is part of the appeal of volleyball, it's a non-contact sport.

re schedule that would help girls want to play more.

nd the 2-3 days after Christmas; not all the way until Jan 2. Our JH girls currently practice the month of Dec
after lots of players start, pay to play, and gives distorted skill level.

aches have mandatory meetings so we are not putting kids in position to choose between going to this pra

ow this is unlikely, but I would think it would help if AAU had designated times when they could play there
ificantly benefit smaller schools. Look at splitting up 1a schools into 2 classes. Big difference when you look
everyone. Practice will be better. Junior High players would have a better experience than playing club ball.

h some of the issues of low numbers across the state.

ators but no one really knows the entire story of why girls drop the sport except for the girls themselves. I kn

en we go into Thanksgiving. We should practice a solid 2-3 weeks, and then play right after Thanksgiving. Th
it practice every day. Only a couple times a week and play a few more games. This would keep a ball in girls
chedules might help. Maybe starting games after Thanksgiving Break.

κ. We run a "dead week" in our conference that means no practice or organized events of any kind. But we t

at is under the IGHSAU's control (and the school's if allowed). Does that help numbers? I don't know. Is it w
ire a 7 day dead week so I would not be in favor of the state required as our conference dead week allows a li

ε different ways give them an "out" when it is time to go out for sports or activities that are not their primary
leyball recruiting window. Too many kids who are athletes do not play basketball because of club volleybal

t year, leaving just 3 opportunities to schedule competitive games for us. This the state of our program, this
f.

n in January.

o doesn't solve the issue at hand and I like high school kids playing high school sports. I don't have a great a

o)lay - Speed and Size of athletes is much harder to overcome for girls due to lack of skill development/fundar
owering girls!

per quarter going to the line. I saw much less fouling at the JH level than last year. I think keep this trend goi

ur first practice. We have track and soccer starting open gyms before Christmas or right after. I have kids no
because of our decline in numbers it has not allowed us to develop kids like we should and the gap between

er adding 8th grade to HS basketball like other states.

igned with scheduling in terms of season start and end. Requiring that hosts not start a regional basketball ;
:hat they need to merge with others.

owing the football formula for calculations is the way to go.

1 or 2 if it is necessary.

the recent years, the physicality has gotten out of hand, and the emphasis on playing clean basketball has b
e not been successful the past few years. I'm hoping we can grow the competitiveness and desire to want to

and then still getting at least a quarter for the girls who aren't getting as much time.

igh the beginning of March. We had 4 SOLID months of basketball and spilled in to 2 other months. Basket

t allowing the press once the score reaches a certain point differential (+15)

e 5 who often miss due to volleyball and softball. I had several kids not even go out because of "club" volleyb
format. I believe that good coaches are the main reason that some programs are more successful than others

Is basketball

ny games. I think spreading them out would be better.

n amazing history and marvelously ran State tournament. One thought I had was to see more in-season tou
: playing full JV games, it would be helpful to be able to schedule some stand alone JV games that don't conf

ges over both breaks otherwise you fall behind and can't compete.

: necessarily an officials complaint, the game has just gotten so physical and can be borderline reckless.

it and maybe keep girls out.

our freshman/sophomore but would have to play upperclassmen to have a team and it counted as a game.

potential trial run before the season starts and they might not feel as pressured to make a decision. It would
ames, length of season.

ons I feel that students aren't playing basketball is because of the length of season along with club volleyball
d communicate more with the coaches. They often pick and choose their tolerance levels with certain athle
ately 380 and we're very low socioeconomic. Yet in playoffs coming up we are going to go against either Pel
st should have counted 2 of the middle schools. - West gets nearly all of the girls from 1 MS and then about

yoffs. Not good for kids to be in season another 10 days to drive 2 hours and lose by 30. Shorten tourname
me for practices which would improve the quality of play.

ysical it makes it even harder. Basketball in my opinion is a finesse sport I know there is a physical aspect to

6 on 6 basketball would be my suggestion.

and I feel we are making it worse. I would like to see more contact days if we want to improve shooting.

ith money have opportunities and those without don't. It's dominated by club basketball so if you don't pl

respond to is, it was "fun". The question then begs what makes it fun??? I think digging into that would cre

er, surrounding states are already doing it. From watching middle school games this fall, the instruction th
ays and goes over both Thanksgiving and Christmas break, so the 3 weekdays we get off for the current dead

ary or allow family to watch the girls play who are back for holidays.

feel that a lot of my younger girls don't get this opportunity due to the fact we have low numbers and that i:

Friday, Dec. 20th and our next game out of break was Tuesday, Jan. 7th. Way too long between games.
Use of HUDL and the requirement to use it.
Start in the fall before basketball season.
Participation numbers and allow an earlier development of our 6th graders and up

Would help with playing time and allow for JV teams to play more consistently with a more stable roster size. All
More girls would go out in the smallest schools with the possibility of more team success at the state tournament

At the 3 and so teams pack in the lane and teach poor defensive skills. In MS, a good man d can rotate and save
the hoop, or height of the hoop. If anything the change that I would like to see be made is the either the length
of the participation numbers. Could we utilize winter break more for a game or two (depending when the
during the preseason.

Need to continue to find ways for kids to play and get the game time at the lower levels. It's really tough in
small sizes. In our school and many others, our total number is far greater than the population that "typically" p

ly does get to be such a long season, beginning at the start of November, and going all the way through some

times played more locally.

Whether due to proximity, socioeconomic factors, or both) to trainers/camps/AAU teams is a far bigger pred
ical practice before they play. We get 9-10 practices/contact dates. If we had fewer games, we could start a b
to grow. There is a lot of pressure to end HS sports which will be a big mistake. And that private schools are n

January, ending in March.

1. Have one that is close to the gym. This takes time away from halftime talks. 2. Not worrying about clothing

break during Christmas. OR bump up the post season (Not sure if that is possible with it being at Wells Fargo).
school season is over—assuming they have a split season that ends at Christmas time.

gym for open gyms but cannot coach / instruct / help players yet we can bring in any non certified, non edu

3) No games before Thanksgiving

Tuesday if coaches are given a number of legal coaching days in the fall.

protocols HUDL has in place that they promise to have the HUDL Assist games completed by their Analysts

coach would create some downtime between seasons, reducing overlap and easing the stress on athletes w

their menstrual cycle is hard to watch. Also, would love to see the last minute of 4th quarter if the team c:

on up to allow time away for family. I would also say that our numbers are at an all time high in the past 10

ent is available. D1, D2, D3 like some other states.

our the varsity level in the Wamac. That means athletes do not stay out, and we do not have enough choosi
play at their level. I wouldn't mind if JH girls (maybe just 8th grade) would be allowed to play HS. I still wor

of us can go run, or even hit a volleyball over a net (not with any skill), but in short...we can all do those thir

Id put more structure and emphasis in off season development.

ie across the state, AD, Coach, Refs, table refs, players, statisticians.

1 basketball. BTW: I really liked the decision this year to get rid of the quarter rule. When we did have fre:

e body.

tball participation issue would be solved.

stling at our school. It's a good problem to have, but if there was a way to adjust seasons, I think we could ge

like to look at going to two 18 minute halves (like Minnesota and Wisconsin). I think there are many positiv

and short-sided games at minimum through 3rd grade (and probably 4th too). We have worked extremely hard as the 1 size fits all doesn't fit the needs of each district (A mandated dead week from Christmas Eve through

until after Thanksgiving. Track doesn't need to be 12 weeks either. All other sports are 10-9 weeks long. Basketball on school nights. I think this is hard on the kids and it wears them down as the season goes on. 5 days is a missed opportunity. When my oldest played, we were not able to go anywhere over the holidays and a 98-4 isn't helping. Maybe look into districts with complete formulas like the boys did for football.

the 7th and 8th grade classes

games but there are too many programs that have girls that are wanting shorter seasons.

as little as 5-8 days would be fine. Teams can use those however they want, but that's all they get. 2. There we have a male coach. Sometimes the walk is a minute each way, so we have less time for halftime.

those girls to get in the gym and skill development. We lose some nice athletes because of that. so that would support the high school programs of filling a JV team and have JH be 6th & 7th Grade with a

way to grow the sport / improve numbers. This could range from off-season stuff, youth clinics / camps, and a league and have their own state tournament. It's hard for "normal" schools to compete when other schools they don't feel like they are successful at it, they look to do something else that they can be successful at. If

is promising

ing. Just think that getting girls in during the summers is hard with a lot of girls having to work plus the coronavirus could lighten the load for students while they are in school, and get them a couple of games over break it would

think it's important to develop a love for the game at a young age, and then that carries over to high school games. After January 1st have 5 weeks to compete, teams could schedule 12 or 13 games for a total of 19 games. Scheduling for other teams easier because you can then schedule a home/home, rather than a 1 off. encourage different groups to develop young girls basketball players. Each community has a different take on it, and some fa

for women's basketball (locally and statewide). Not sure one thing is the main "fault", but a combination of moving the start of February, allow for holiday tournaments and focus on skill development.

experience at the JV level, while still having them play some varsity.

our non conference schedule -as of now not many options?

and allow for our girls to play against other competition besides what is available in Southeast Iowa.

ns that may only have 9 - 12 girls. In north Iowa the quality of girls basketball has drastically dropped in the
ere involvement in off season youth programs. It's becoming harder and harder to find parents who are wil
ack down to middle school.

ay a sport each season and avoid the periods of overlap.
leads to less skills, more bad habits, more injuries and burn out before they get to high school.

2-3 weeks. This way it makes it super competitive but there is more of a break.

ur youth kids are playing volleyball on the weekends, which leaves little time to be playing basketball tourn
traditionally. In my 6 years of coaching basketball, I have noticed right around the end of January is where
nake the calls as much. I coached during 6 on 6 when it wasn't as physical, I realize the reason why it has cha

any points as possible. Many are good about this and get it. It's pretty obvious before games when one team
Getting information out to families about the downside of specializing in a sport and the benefits of being a
! They do it all the time in states around us. Neutral site locations in the post season regional championship

u had identified basketball as a "dying" sport in our state for years and then sanctioned another sport right c
cleaned up badly.

sport that is extremely skill heavy and physical. I'm not sure what the best answer is. My recommendation is
its would help with motivation during the season.

I after Thanksgiving and let teams play in one Christmas classic with a max of two games over Christmas bre

ave barriers to participation

it might be more than a year commitment, so it's not something we wanted to do. However, we have strugg
now that they are not very good at when the season starts in November and ends in February/March. We ha

g out. As it sits now I answered to keep the season the same length with same number of games. If a family w
hat it would help with JV and varsity schedules.

ng that could possibly help would be shortening the time length of the season.

ipation.

or schools.

rather than a problem at the state level. With the increased interest in club volleyball, the numbers in basket

opportunities which does require TIME and WORK.

shorten the length of the schedule. Start later and end earlier for both boys and girls. Postseason with the W

). If they need more time, play another season at the junior high.

h was offered and now we may lose a couple kids to that.

at play both ways need to not be worn down before they get to their varsity games. I am ok with playing 6 t

clubs capitalize on that.

becomes challenging when you factor in all of the other school events and activities that much be available

SAU does an outstanding job overall. This survey is a great start to gather information.

struggle with unrealistic expectations of our kids/coaches to be great every year, but doing work in the off s

on't finish up until March 8th. That is almost 4 months. I think a slimmed down season, possibly allowing s
o reschedule games (not so much this year), and number of games each week.

s go out in 7th grade, as you can see in our data, however their skill level is so low then get frustrated and los

eam. This would be exactly the same way softball is handled.

teams don't do more to play other good teams outside of their conference and we see so many lopsided scores. Just focus on getting the number of players to increase.

It would be an interesting addition at the high school level. Opponents that you do not play. Tournament selections you end up playing conference opponents that you are club/AAU volleyball and the physical play.

Changing rule with the shot clock in use now. At the high school level, junior high basketball is full of games and not a lot of practice. Gyms are tough to schedule and it's Christmas to New Years and wants flexibility. A class when make state 3 years in a row. It gives the ability to open enroll and transfer schools. It kills small schools and allows metro/surrounding schools.

Playing now days is too much.

It's negatively effecting those who like the sport. Other conference schools have a 7 week split season for wrestling. The fact that VB has contact with kids 12 months out of the year. Wrestling is also an issue because the extra effort.

I've been the same sport for 27 years that I have played/coached. It's the parents and kids that need to change. We should keep working at it, not quit/give up. At the high school level.

They are deciding if they are going to play basketball or not. Also I think letting 8th graders play in high school.

It makes the Junior high season roughly 6 weeks long. Our rec teams have a longer season, and shortened seasons. Volleyball plays a lot of games, I think we could increase our schedule 2-3 more games and allow for a schedule as the boys. Is the girls calendar significantly different than the boys association? Obviously, speech, track, etc have to match up.

s crazy. Monitor school "clubs" which just away around the contact rules. Earlier I stated over aggressive co the girls. We don't have basketball "trainers" in our rural area and girls don't want to travel to Des Moines fo

. Each class has a few elite teams and a bunch of lesser level teams. Almost something like professional socc etitive, frequently the JV2 games are mostly the JV1 role players (and some key players) playing each other fi

th grade shouldn't have split seasons. They don't get nearly enough time to develop and not enough games

which would help teams trying to build a program survive. The gap between top and bottom is at all time hi

a huge influx of 8th graders participating in varsity sports, it would positively impact the lower levels like fre

hen the should be in a different conference based on participation and not school population. No all stude

o football. With all of the school consolidations we are playing a considerable number of schools in our coi

at lose by huge margins are demoralized and their numbers aren't up. Coaches should quit pressing after a

d it would allow me to have full practices and 3 or 4 full levels - Middle School level, JJV, JV, Varsity. This wo hasizing values instead of winning at all youth levels Less push for girls to wrestle

It has to be addressed at the youth level.

that sad, we play during the winter. When there are cancellations there are times you play 4 games in a w ball is also played over Christmas time with practices and scrimmages. It is too much. It also doesn't help th

do not. So our JV struggles with games, so I would like a full JV schedule.

n if we have the same issues as the bigger school. I think we run into motivation issues and basketball seem:

issue is club sports across the board and lost interest/pride at the school level. In 2005, it meant something

to their program. Therefore their program does not compete well at any level. Their numbers decline basec

, get rid of conferences. Schools need to find competitive games for their teams.

n in Washington. The second that I have observed is in general across all schools, head basketball coaches ar

both teams and you only have two coaches you could potentially be gone 4 nights a week because in 1A JV p

arent, they change how it is called throughout the game, or I'm a coach that doesn't like to talk with official: almost think girls basketball and volleyball would be better if they flipped seasons. Girls basketball could pl

ek" is the answer. Play a holiday tournament and shorten the season so it doesn't go into March. ard with how basketball has evolved. We are ahead of many states in this regard (shot clock, 5 sec rule). Just

out by the time they get to HS.

out and make it more entertaining. Volleyball and softball play tournaments and it makes the season a litt

uit vb when they get beat 25-9 or softball when they get beat 17-1 because it doesn't physically hurt. Being ed enough to travel to play basketball and afford the travel team experience.

back a week. Still 21/22 games in a season.

with the 5 team regionals. Allows for a competitive 1st round matchup before the winner having to play the This would give the girls a moment to regroup/encourage.

t it is from the last day of school activities before the break for seven consecutive days.

e their coaches on sharing athletes.

a lot of sense as an AD and as a coach. You would have a little more prep for your first games and avoid the

gh school level than boys - especially skilled players. Would battle club volleyball at lower levels which is re:

ing drives some out of the sport.

Maybe that's a Monday night. Make it more of a priority and it might keep kids interested. Junior High - Allow
continue losing kids- i've done this for 26 yrs and had about 10 kids do AAU spread out over the 26 years - We c

day off. They catch back up quickly and get a sufficient break. 17. I think if JH had a more realistic season th
t such different rates and for the sake of winning championships at the youth level, they are weeded out bef

am captains go through stations on team building and leadership lessons. Hopefully one day these ladies wi

ootball.

Girls can practice the three big ones, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball 12 months out of the year. Kids feel p

ember and then play January and February. There was no place to add these things above. Thanks.

ctice vs that practice in the offseason. I am talking about Volleyball and basketball during the summer. We

seasons just like we do through the IGHSAU. That would help with the overlapping and burnout.
BEDS. Smaller 1A schools may struggle fielding a JV team while larger 1A schools typically wouldn't have th

ow my program, elementary to Jr high pretty well. I know the girls who drop the sport each year. They need

anksgiving would be a good break.

hands longer but 10-12 games isn't enough to keep interest over a full season. High school, we always take 5

ypically start it on Dec 23 and run till the 29th with teams able to start practices again on Dec 30. If you wa

worth a shot? I do know there are girls that play club basketball and get burned out with that which could (f
ttle flexibility based on schedules.

l.

l. We need to find a way to coexist with them and give them the opportunity to do both and support both.

is a problem. I would like to see in season tournaments like Missouri structures. Playing two games in a 4 t

nswer but would love to be apart of anything that maybe discusses or researches this.

mentals. Results in negative self perception - "I'm not good", "I don't like basketball"

ng and hopefully it will help the physcallity that many of our girls are nervous about playing basketball for

ot going our for basketball because they want to do track/soccer open gyms and now have a reason for not b
our committed players and those on the fringe is getting wider and wider. Kids see the gap growing and end

game until 7pm on a Saturday needs to go away. Frankly 7pm start times for regional games during the wee

een lost. They seem to allow more contact and shoving in the girls' games than in the boys' games lately. Th
o work hard and WIN in the next years to come!

oall can be a long season. I would like to see the season condensed. I have my own thoughts of what it coul

oall. It is way too easy for girls to qualify for state wrestling. Kids know this and openly make fun of how easy
. Implementing those practice fundamentals in a fun, fast paced environment will ensure that more athlete

rnaments rather than just one game showcases. I believe the option of hosting tournaments like several of t
lict with varsity contests or practice. Our JV players are also needed for a successful practice.

allow for teams to be more prepared and give kids an idea of what level they could compete at in the upcoming

. If the season was shorter, I feel that this would encourage more participation.

ates, including the boys (boys can get away with so much more). Girls get treated differently, and it shows a
lla, DCG, Norwalk, Carlisle etc. My girls across multiple sports the last several years have faced Carlisle and D
: half from the 2nd MS I counted; we get a few students from the other 2 MS's but not a lot. Change I would

nt play up, same with all sports. You will never improve any individual sport without looking at the whole c

it but I feel it's gotten out of hand.

ay you fall behind but if you do play so often there are major expectations and pressure. I wish kids could ha

ate ideas that could be helpful. Just a couple of things - Culture of your program, creating an environment

e girls are receiving, compounded by an incredibly short season, makes development at the school level rea
l week just don't seem like enough.

s where they learn a lot. Another one is one we did change this year about the usage of quarters a night whe

Also would help with cohesion of programs and meshing of girls from different grades.
ment level. I think that would bring more excitement for basketball back into the smallest schools that stru

ing but forces kids to learn to cover their girl and learn man d. With Dropping numbers, do we need to look
gth of the season or not playing Quads. I think the one thing would change would not be with basketball its
holiday falls) which could shorten the season? Can we do a system where teams have to qualify for the post

a small school and it might not be able to change, but giving schools and coaches that flexibility is nice.
participates in sports.

etimes to March. It is the longest sport season of the year, and there are weeks where you feel exhausted be

ictor of success than school size. While this fact is true for other sports, a game that ends 20-80 (or worse) is
it later, maybe even after Thanksgiving, with more practice time to get ready.
roved up a class to play because they do recruit and draaw from several counties . EX. listed as a 1A they are

under the uniforms. (as long as its the same color) 3. Maybe moving Basketball to the Fall and move Volley

Along with decreasing playing dates from 21 to 14-18 playing dates. So it can average out to ONLY 2 quad n

cated, person to work with our players) #2 - AAU would be a shorter season / not as time demanding (I reali

which is within 24-48hrs. Having to re-watch a game to plug in stats and get them in on-time is asking a bit i

who participate in multiple sports. A two-week break between sports seasons could be incredibly beneficial i
alls a timeout to advance ball to half court.

plus years. Our numbers are very healthy at this time. We should stay in the 25-30 range for another year a

ng basketball at a young age. We moved our youth season 5 years ago to be done before January to give pare
ider if we started basketball after Thanksgiving to allow for more time off. I know that cuts off a big chunk of

igs for fun without ever having experience. With basketball, you have to dribble....with a person guarding y

shman/so games - it helped get more playing time for girls. It also helped with teams with lower numbers fie

et our program back at Whiting.

es that could come from this, especially strategically coaches needing to play more players, which will keep

rd to create a youth program at Mount Vernon where none existed before. We have 85 kids playing 2nd-6th
| New Years Eve is not good if we play our last game on Dec 21st and we have our 1st game on Jan 3rd. We w

etball seems long due to Thanksgiving and Christmas break (no games and only practice for many schools).

ue to practices. Heck, if I am stuck at home, I might as well get to go watch her play. When I worked in Illin
all. Have the suburbs have their own class - premier league format.

e matching undershirt length rule. I agree with the undershirt color rule, it should match the color of the je

traditional season (No split seasons)

l bringing fun to the game, and etc.. We have to look in the mirror more then we point fingers. As an low:

ols are running their programs like colleges and recruiting kids to come to their school.

we are looking to increase numbers in HS grades, I would love to look at allowing JH players to play at the JV

rflict with softball.

uld be huge. I think kids get burned out trying to do school all day, practices / games at night, travel, etc. W

articipation. That includes avoiding burnout at an early age as well.

es. Do we have to include everyone in post season?

amilies decide to go the AAU route at an early age, and therefore we are at the mercy of AAU programs who m

many things.

past 5-7 years IMO. I think with that drop in quality also contributes to the drop in participation. I think a
ling to coach at the youth level, which leads to some grades not gaining any experience until they get to the

aments. Volleyball is not a physical sport, doesn't require as much running, etc, so I feel like kids shy away fr
kids really start to lose interest. I have great buy in (during the season) until then. I really think if we start reg
anged with more kids in the paint. We really need to clean up the game as far as letting the physical play tak

n is significantly better than another team, have the maximum amount of players in uniform, play half cour
a multi sport athlete. I like our season length but if the state decided to shorten the season I think we shou
game.

on top of it. It's seems like it's yet another oversight that looks past the small schools. We lost 5 girls to wrest

s to ask the girls what they think and see if anything comes from that.

ak. I would do only two games at the state tournament, a regional quarterfinal location and play the boys at

gled to compete most of the year, which is another reason that makes basketball a difficult sport.
ve seen steady increase in our numbers at the JH level since going to a split season. Not saying that HS shoulc

æk was added in the season, I would be in favor of fewer games so as not to have to come right back and star

Football have been steadily decreasing. I'm not sure there is anything that the state could do to improve this.

Football would need to be reorganized with wrestling though. If not that scenario, then no changes are needed. (

to 8 quarters a night but just need the varsity game to happen first.

e. If a school chooses to play less than 21 games, then their community questions their commitment to the

season is not a priority for some families.

some Holiday Tournaments during Christmas break to help cover some games could help. Unfortunately I t

is of interest. We have had a feeder program in the past, playing league games, which were free in the past, but

res. Not sure what could be done based on geography and skill level as each year could be so different and m

already played 2 times.

ends up being a short season where not a lot of teams improve much. Maybe a regional tournament in a big

Is to dominate.

and 7 week for basketball. We have an 11 week traditional season. Over the course of 2 junior high season, a
part being made to "make" it amazing is only giving basketball less focus on improving.

would help keep them playing.

ason only magnifies skill gaps that so many kids have from lack of playing while younger. It confuses kids and
holiday tournament.

ip, but I think the vb and bb season are significantly too long. VB starts practice the same day as FB. Footbal

ntact as part of the issue, then you add wrestling programs and the girls that are the tough rebounders go on to play basketball. Allow our coaches to work with our girls more often, without punishment. If we have girls that are better which has divisions and teams can move up or down based on how they play. Maybe the best teams go on to play for a second time; leaving numerous girls not getting into close or too physical of games for their abilities. It's hard to learn. That is a crucial period to develop love for the game and focus on fundamentals. Many families in our area are rich and there's a big reason. \$\$\$\$

freshmen or JV. We can only play 2 quarters of JV due to numbers. If we could bring up 8th graders, we could have more kids participate, rec league players, game squad players will never go out for competitive basketball.

conference that have a significantly larger HS enrollment than us.

to get a certain score and time but some just want to build up their score, not remembering that sportsmanship is important. I would allow me to also place kids where they belong skill-wise. On the girls side there are so many that are really good.

week. Small schools struggle with that because we have so many kids in speech, FFA, band, etc. It can be a struggle to have that anyone can play club volleyball regardless of skill level

to be one they feel is a lot of work I think.

to wear your home colors. Now athletes prioritize their clubs, and play their main sport for their school as opposed to their school. I'm not sure if it's on their lack of competitiveness. Keeping our program's numbers at a respectable number has taken a lot of time.

are more intense with their interactions with their players than I see in volleyball, cross country, track and field.

lays on M/Th and Varsity plays on T/F.

s (worry about my own job), but it getting to the point where if you do not get in their ear, certain coaches
ay in the fall and then a shorter volleyball season in the winter (14 dates) wouldn't be as impacted by weath

want participation numbers to increase!!

le more exciting. I grew up in Illinois and you were allowed a couple tournament a years. We would play a T
pressed the whole game and playing on a below average team stinks physically and mentally and girls don't

1st seed. Also giving byes to top seeds would be beneficial.

Thanksgiving break scramble every year. It would also give coaches a chance to enjoy Thanksgiving and not

ally hurting basketball. Club volleyball numbers are outrageous.

JH girls to play at the high school JV level prior to Christmas. This would allow more players to develop and can't beat the AAU school teams rarely but we have been able to compete and it's still hard to keep kids out. k

ey wouldn't come into HS thinking it was such a long season. For some they don't play from December (8th
ore they even have a chance to develop their potential. The NCAA has opened a can of worms with NIL and t

ll be leaders, coaches, and contributors to our state. We need to grow them to be a part of our future and b

ressure to focus on one for college outcome, also in order to compete many kids have to do the extra. Club

have mandatory rules meetings. We should make coaches and ADs get together work out summer schedule.

at issue

I to complete a similar survey to get a true picture from them.

days off around Christmas. Maybe encourage some shootouts on Friday/Saturday - playing a game each day

it till Jan 2 to start activities, then you eliminate some playing dates in early January when we are back in sc

as) lead to girls being done with basketball all together. If coaches are allowed to work with athletes out-of

eam bracket on a Saturday is not a tournament to me -- its a game short of a round robin day, plus playing tv

eing out. I've never started open gyms right away in the fall. I want kids to get acclimated to the school yea
l up quitting. More kids in the gym helps with that. Our younger kids spend a lot of time being a scout team

k needs to go away. Give schools the flexibility to start games at whatever time is agreeable to both schoo

e inconsistency in styles allowed makes it difficult to teach players what a foul is and how to correctly play i

d look like but to me it feels like a long season. Most of the other sport seasons are shorter. Kids that just wa

r it is to make it. (We had a cheerleader quit cheerleading, go our for wrestling, and qualify for state.) Not a g
s stay engaged in the sport of basketball.

he surrounding states near us do, would give the regular season some additional significance and excitemer

ring season.

ton with some referees. If coaches or players ask or try to communicate, they are immediately shut down. CG on many occasions. It absolutely demoralizes the kids. We don't belong playing in that type of league. D
d make: Create a set number of Spring workouts HS coaches could have with their HS players where they cou
alendar. Go to spring softball, you could shorten VB tournament to one week for the whole thing. They pl:

we more open gyms with guided structure in the 4-8 grades. We are fortunate that a number of kids play sof

that hard work is expected but the experience is still enjoyable. Things you do outside of basketball that bu
lly bad. It's hard to develop in a 6 week season. Finding good coaches for our middle school program is reall

en you have low numbers.

uggle for numbers. I know there is also a numbers discrepancy among the biggest 5A and smallest 5A schools.

at the idea of MS students being able to play Basketball so that teams can be filled? I would gladly be a part of it if necessary. My concern is the fact that we currently offer 4-5 sports in the winter between basketball, wrestling, and football which could knock out a round or 2 of the playoffs to make the season shorter?

cause of the long time span. I feel if there were a few less games and the season was shortened it would help

is far more humiliating than a match that ends 5-25 or a softball game that ends 15-0. A small 2nd thing that I think is a 2A team in tournament. etc. PC would be a 3A this year not a 2A.

ball to the winter.

ights per week. -I think we are asking a lot out of our athletes now compared to 15 years ago. 15 years ago

ze we have no control over it) #3 - longer quarters for varsity & especially lower levels (if you do have a lot o

much when there's technology right at your finger tips. Allows for simplicity across the board.

for their well-being.

nd then our numbers could actually see another spike to the positive.

ents a break between basektball and volleyball. That has helped.

the season. On the flip side, if we shorten the season on the back side you would have less overlap with AAU

rou.....then you have to either pass or put that round ball in a hoop. If you've never done that before, it real

!d a JV game so we could play. I never saw a coach take advantage of the rule.

more kids interested.

grade (in our 3rd year). We are trying to keep as many out for as long as possible - hoping that some will fall
ould need to have a few practices prior to that to get their legs back under them.)(I like the idea of a family w

gies, the holiday tournaments found all over the state were great events. Trying to add a no practice famil

ersey, or be black or white, and all players wearing them should have the same color. Length shouldn't matt

a girl, this MATTERS to me. We HAVE to work with what we CAN control!! I will gladly be apart of this "proj

/V level.

ould be nice to get a couple games out of the way when they don't have school Allow 8th graders to play H

ay or may not be financially motivated. Can the IGHSAU campaign around what USA basketball suggests is a

allowing 6th graders to play junior high MAY be a step in the right direction. This would allow certified coaches to coach at the middle school level.

om basketball because of this. This makes it so kids are not playing basketball during basketball season at the regionals in the 1st week of February, that would help some. That might mean cutting some games down. The time over a game. We are just too inconsistent with calls and that causes some girls to get tired with that style.

t defense, don't trap, etc. Again, many do this well, but too many don't get this. Club volleyball/AAU VB is an option to shorten the number of games so we can still have time to produce quality teams.

When the first year it was sanctioned, 4 of whom have since quit that, but have missed out on 2 years of basketball.

and girls tournaments the same week. If your girls and guys teams make it they aren't gone two weeks in a row.

and do that, but it is worth noting the participation numbers MAY be rising due to a shorter season.

not playing after a week off. I would even entertain not allowing practice over Thanksgiving. I am probably in

Our conference already has a family week of 5 days, it is good to have but it does pose scheduling issues at tir

sport, if others are playing their limit, and they are not. In my opinion the 8 quarters in a day thing has not

think that there are a lot of contributing factors to the decline in numbers such as Club Volleyball, specializa

it died out due to the "new" way in which youth basketball has turned (Meaning weekend, for profit, tourr

Many schools don't have a budget that can swing more travel.

high school gym? Not sure what the answer is. I have not seen our numbers change much in 10 years at DC

A split season kid will get 14 weeks of instruction/player-coach contact. In my traditional set-up, we get 11 v

and adds an extra "pull" to small schools such as ours.

It has to start when it does due to cold weather / dome availability. Is it possible to not start VB until Sept?

ut for wrestling and then those that don't like the pushing and shoving of rebounding are put in to position: t want to put in time with their coach out of Season, they should be allowed to do so, rather than spend mc

ight into a regional final to go to the state tournament and the rest of the teams get put into regional pods b n not sure what a solution is, but I fear having JV1 girls play twice as many games this year might have a nega

our communities don't have the resources to provide club stuff for basketball. I think we should have more

play a full JV game. Playing a full game vs 2 quarters is two totally different things.

the better course of play. How many times does a team come back from 25 to win? Start running the clock.

dy as 8th graders to play or contribute on varsity. It would also give far more practices to develop skills. Ou

reduling nightmare. I would also get rid of the preseason rankings. Start ranking teams after 6 or 7 games.

an afterthought (in some cases). In a free market and capitalist society, we cannot fight the club monster. H

of work. I can't imagine where we would be without the contact with our youth players.

oftball. I believe this is also a factor leading to girls feeling more pressure and that pressure pushes girls out c

get benefit of the doubt on calls.
er and school breaks.

hanksgiving tournament and one over Christmas break. Play 3-4 games in 3-4 days.

want to sign up for that. This is the most physical sport besides wrestling and doesn't have to be that way. 6

coach through the entire holiday season every year. I am not sure why that state tournament week matter:

not force as many varsity players to play JV.
kids and coaches don't last long if they lose a lot.

grade) to November (9th grade). It's shocking to them and their families. It's a HUGE change. **An idea I have
the transfer portal and it has a trickle down effect into the high school level. You now have high school students

would the idea of: Once an Iowa girl. Always an Iowa girl. Hopefully in return we inspire more of them to stay

, travel ball. Especially at bigger schools. Girls basketball is a fascinating subject for me right now. I am interested

. I also think we should look at going back to 10 day contact rule. Summers are no longer summers for kids.

at neutral locations. Something that may gather more interest than a standard game.

hool.

f-season, that will ensure they are working with a licensed coach, it will be cheaper for families, less travel, a

vo full games in a day is not in the best interest of our athletes. This is not volleyball – basketball is a tough, i

r and enjoy the start of the school year. With open gyms, I think we should be allowed to have legal contact against our varsity when it would be nice to rotate them through so they could focus more on skill developi

ils.

the game. Furthermore, it results in injuries for all involved.

nt to participate and not be married to the sport are not willing to give up the spring to play travel ball, the

good look when kids know how much of a joke it is to make state.

nt. Lastly, I believe the overall level of play throughout the state continues to climb while the number declir

It is very noticeable and very unfortunate with certain referees. Girls even see it and feel it. Hoping for more CG is an annual state contender at 4A with a BEDs numbers that's double ours with high level incomes. Nor would coach them (5 for example). I firmly believe in our setting if we committed to offering a more structured 4-5 games on a Saturday then we spread them out 5 days come tournament. Saying all of that I am not s

ball so we don't want to step on other people's toes though and have success at the expense of other progr

uilds bonding - this is harder to do now as so many play AAU, spend so much time with AAU teammates and y hard. It is forcing girls to quit and just focus on volleyball because it is unenjoyable, or just go play AAU ba

... however, those schools don't struggle as much to have enough girls for JV games or even JJV games. It would

part of any committee to help with this.

restling, dance, club volleyball, and for some cheer. This is pulling what little girls we have at our school who

to keep girls out and excited about the sport.

It is problematic but more difficult to address: girls transferring for athletic reasons is starting to become more

common, if you were athletic, you went out for the sport that was offered. Today we have club volleyball, club basketball,

f kids out at 7th/8th/9th/10th grades, sometimes they quit if they don't get much playing time), longer qua

| Volleyball.

ly isn't very possible. So...we see girls that want to try it in MS, but then realize it is NOT worth their time in

in love with the game and make it their primary sport, and that others will enjoy playing with their friends
ek The Summer mandate is a good idea, but I would prefer a flexible model (especially smaller schools who

y week in my opinion is not an option. One, I do think they need to be active practicing at minimum during

er though, I have girls with skin conditions where they are sensitive to the jersey material. They need long sl

ect" and am willing to be apart of the solution.

IS (not something I generally am in favor of, but desperate times and all we need to think outside the box...)

appropriate at each age level, and lead the charge on encouraging and maybe even providing these age appr

ishes to get an "extra year" with the 6th grade program to try and get it moving in the right direction. The pr

e younger ages, but rather volleyball. So when they get to the high school level, they are way behind because
downside to that, club volleyball will use that as an advantage to take over more dates, and some of these k

issue, I don't think we can do anything effective about that. Our programs work together in the school, ou

etball so won't be going out for that in the future now either. We lose a couple to club volleyball and a coup

v. Give girls bball more viewers as well playing in combo with the guys state games. Also, I would love to see

the minority.

nes. I don't believe a state family week is needed at all.

t been utilized as intended. We play schools who play 2-3 varsity starters the whole JV game, and then the v

tion and disparity between top teams and lower teams. I know girls basketball is getting the public notice b

aments)

OG. I think the approach of the head coach is critical. Relationships need to be formed with youth girls and

weeks per so 22 weeks overall. That means a 7/8th grade split season kid would need another split season to

Don't start basketball until Dec. and end at the same time. With VB not starting until Sept, how can we ma

s they really don't enjoy.

oney by going to a "shooting coach" or having to do to the city to play on a travel team.

ased on ability. I don't know how practical it is to do this but, this would make for more competitive game
ative affect on our program with burnout and fatigue.

e games. Illinois plays double our games, and they start in 5th and 6th grade. They allow to play in tourname

at that point and some of these extreme blowouts will be harder to take place.

r school just went to a split season and it is a sham. The girls still play on club or travel teams because its poi

It's hard to get in the rankings if you don't start in them.

owever, as a Union and governing body of Iowa HS Girls sports, the IGHSAU can support its other sports by i

of the sport. Jan Jensen commented that girls need to have fun playing the game and a large decrease in part

on 6 -which I'm not advocating for over 5 on 5 - was great for participation because it eliminated a lot of co

s so much at the end of the season either. Especially when it only matters to 8 programs per class.

d, which might not be realistic, is to have girl's wrestling in the fall. I can see many positives with this. Most
arent transferring/moving so they can play for bigger school/better program in hopes of getting a college and €

step into a role at a school or in their community.

rested to learn more and hear results of these surveys.

From a guy who has coached 30 years I remember life before unlimited contact. I would be happy to sit dov

nd more controlled. Will that help? Would open up a can of worms across all sports (and really would need

physical sport. Tournaments over the course of a week promote competitive games. Whether you are a high

t days/hours before the season starts. Softball gets pitchers and catchers and can use 8th graders, which could be a problem. 2. Limit Club Volleyball like basketball is limited outside of the season. Club volleyball is a majority c

summer to play more travel ball and go to skills sessions, and open gyms in the fall. I would like to see a sur

1e. This is not just a girls basketball problem, but a sports specific focus problem that exists throughout mar

e new faces in the future seasons. We understand the shortage, etc, and do our best to support them, but h
walk is the same way. We average approximately 115-125 kids a grade. They're pushing 300. Why are we in t
d and organized youth program, that would help girls learn BB skills at an earlier age creating a more success
ure it can be saved. The skill specific nature of basketball requires hours to be competitive, and not sure tha

ams

you don't get that team bonding time in the summer as much as in the past. When kids are young they wan

ll only. If we were able to get them with our high school staff earlier, we would be able to retain some girls.

uld level the playing field - make it more fun (which is the ultimate factor on whether or not to go out for a s

io would play basketball away. Boys don't have those options here in Colo, they have basketball and wrestli

ore and more common. It felt like this was more of a boys issue in the past, but in the past 3-4 years it seems

etball, club softball. It's ruining in season sports. Asking these kids to be 100% committed to the in-season s

rters at the varsity level would most likely force coaches to play more athletes (its easy to just play 6 girls wi

HS because of those that have been practicing much longer. It is hard for the newer girls to compete unless

and stay with it as a multi-sport athlete. It's a tremendous undertaking, and we won't know of it's effectiveness (we may not offer as many activities) where we are able to end activities on the days best suited for our District I

at that time. Two, you will not be able to police this. We all know that there will be programs who have "open

shoes but can't wear them because some wear shorts. They're the same color, so it shouldn't matter. The boys

The change to the quarter rule was a definite step in the right direction

appropriate opportunities for our youth? Many of the great athletes in my school don't play basketball because I

problem would be if that was done for girls basketball it would probably be needed across the board for other

because they are playing volleyball when they should have been playing basketball. They quit basketball then because girls still won't get a break. I am learning your average athlete in schools like us will pick volleyball over basketball.

Our volleyball coach supports the basketball program well. It's girls going out and playing on AAU programs that

are able to burnout/work/other priorities/etc. At a 1A school our size you're talking about 9ish girls that could be

district girls and boys basketball.

whole varsity game. I realize this is a school ethics thing, but given the chance for their best kids to play mor

ut this is not limited to girls basketball. I think that the economy plays a big part also. Students are not wil

maintained throughout. It's unfortunate but everything I do from scheduling camps, to summer expectati

get to 21 weeks of contact that we get in 2 seasons. There is no questions these kids are developmentally bel

manipulate the dead week and also extend SB season. Can you do dead week at same time, and then resume SB

es. It would also give teams a better chance to experience success in the postseason. I also realize this would

ents which are FUN for the kids to participate in.

intless - they get no practices. Just move them up like Minnesota.

mandating a minimum of 2 sport participation at your home school in order to be eligible for IGSAU athle

ticipation is attributed to girls not enjoying the game. I just do not see girls receiving loud, direct, intense fr

ntact.

: of our skilled volleyball players wouldn't wrestle anyway. Wrestling hasn't affected our numbers yet but it
earn money as an athlete. I also feel the private schools in Iowa have a very unfair advantage over public schc

vn with anyone and explain further.

d to be enacted by the IHSAA too), but maybe we are to that point where we have to try something.

end team or a rebuilding team, you will find a team in the bracket you can be competitive with in at least o

uld be an option for basketball as well. Volleyball has all summer to work with their kids right before their s
of school teams now and not actual AAU teams. So it is essentially our school team with the assistant coach i

vey sent to all HS girls on why they are or why they aren't participating.

ny of our girls sports. The days of multiple sport athletes continues to dwindle which drives down participa

ard to do sometimes. And definitely shouldn't have a ref that is from the home team town. We have had 2 r
he same class? It is absolutely absurd these smaller 4A schools are playing those closer to the 5A. Same thing
siful entry into school basketball at 7th grade.

it aligns with kids priorities right now

t to play, if they stick around, as they get to be junior and seniors they will keep playing if they are in a progr

We have to beg girls to give their freshman year a chance to prove that it can be a much better experience fo

port in the first place). ** Allow 8th graders to play varsity sports. In softball, they get to play varsity for 5

ng. There are some that choose to work or be in FFA instead, but for the majority of the boys they choose eit

like more and more schools are losing (or gaining) players from transfers. This is especially sketchy when the

port, plus an additional practice or two during the week and weekends. It's burning these kids out. Especiall

th 32 minute games...if you aren't in that top 6, some don't stay out) #4 - more competitive games, either g

they started early. So...that is where we are focusing our energy - in the youth programs....and so far, our n

less for another 5-10 years. I think the problem needs to be addressed at the local level - but who's going to needs.

portunities" for girls to practice, just not at a school facility. This would be especially easy for urban teams t

s can have varying lengths and it doesn't distract from the game, so I think we should change our rule.

they think they "suck". These are the same athletes winning state championships in track. I feel that their fee

· sports too.....

use they don't have the skills. I wish there was something to restrict this in junior high, but I have no idea w
tball, when you shouldn't have to pick one or the other. Another point I hear a lot, which is hard to avoid, t

at are looking to make money that causes issues for us. I don't think we can impact that and need to focus o

out for basketball, but aren't. Girls basketball also competes with cheer/dance, and girls that choose to be

e is too tempting for many coaches. We play 9 JV kids that do not suit varsity. They have been forced to pla

ling to go out for a sport, ride the bench and be role player any more. If they are not starting then they find

ons, to the way I speak to players and teams, I am always thinking about if my actions will effect numbers.

mind. That doesn't even include the kids who are financially able to play travel ball in the summer. One AD to

when football starts/dead week ends, having state softball in 2nd or 3rd week of August? You could even p

take a lot of work and you would still have people complaining about something.

tics.

eedback in the middle of volleyball games as I do during basketball games.

will soon as they have it in JH now. **I also think that good youth programs/coaches helps kids gain confidence, in that they can recruit players for their teams from other schools or locations and the public school h:

one game in an 8 team bracket. Missouri basketball doesn't seem to have this big of a problem with participa

season starts. Track has the biggest advantage. A cross country coach, who coaches track as well, can have a
instead of the varsity coach. 3. Allow for holiday tournaments.

tion numbers and unfortunately is a major source of the problem.

efs in 2 different games who have small children who attend the opposing team's school, and that shouldn't
g for smaller 3A etc, but I'm less familiar with the others. I'm all for competition, but Knoxville competing v:

am where they are valued. More playing time in middle school, 8:00 quarter vs 6:00 - would help get more
or them.

years (which is a big deal to a lot of the girls). They get to play before they get to high school, but also after tl

her basketball or wrestling. I know this change might not be an option but my biggest concern stems from t

coach gaining the players happens to be coaching an AAU team with players from neighboring communitie

ly in class 3A,2A and 1A. -If we can get away from club sports (for class size 3A and lower). - At Postville I ru

et rid of conferences or let teams have more flexibility to schedule games of similar competitive levels, no o

umbers have been increasing dramatically at those levels. We hope it pays off in a few years. Contrary to w

do the work? Coaching youth basketball is HARD. The game is HARD for young kids. It was originally made f

o accomplish with admin not knowing.

lings towards basketball were developed at a young age when they didn't have the strength to play the gam

hat that would be. Kids just don't have enough opportunities to play basketball, so then they lack game kno
hose long away trips during the week are tough on the kids when they are at school the next day.

in the things we can control.

managers for other winter sports. At a school our size those aren't numbers sustainable. We have really goo

y teams that have ample numbers to play a seperate JV, who play varsity kids down to get more time on the

that their time would be better suited getting a job and I don't blame them. I know in our community that

I would love to be on any committee created to help with this issue.

ould me they are fine, kids actually play travel ball in the winter during the other half of split season. I said, th

ush back start of SB a bit so it doesn't impede on track. I'm just worried that a significant action needs to be

ence in skills and that helps bball retention. It's hard for them to learn and be as skilled if they don't learn yo
as to play who they have. They should play in their own conferences or at the very least play up a class when

tion, and having coached in Missouri, I can say that these in season tournaments and the competitive game

girl or boy who is a sprinter come out and do sprint workouts and not run in meets. I think they are taking

to happen. Honestly, wish the referee would decline or say "Conflict of interest," if they are assigned. to their
; DCG, Norwalk, Pella, North Polk, Bondurant's of the world? Which one of these does not belong? The kids

the kids in, more feel like they have a chance to contribute moving forward. Basketball is a great game, the or

they graduate. I think adding a year of high school eligibility to girls basketball would improve the excitement

the pure amount of choices the girls have to participate in other sports. Who is to say that if we shift the sea

is.

into a different dynamic. I haven't had all 13 girls at practice thus far this season. The lack of commitment

ne likes to win or lose by 30+ (and kids quit if they lose by a lot / get embarrassed) #5 - the youth season wo

hat some people believe, we took data on girls that didn't go out or quit. Only roughly 1 out of 10 was due t

for college aged human beings - a far cry from 7-year olds trying to heave a basketball up to a 10-foot rim. He

he they were forced into playing, and never saw the ball go through the net.

nowledge, experiences, skills, etc.

d momentum in our youth program and have high participation coming up, but not every school is in that

court. It is a challenge for us to keep our kids excited to play, when they know they will be facing multiple v

kids might not have gas money if they don't work. They might not have a cell phone if they don't pay for it.

e ones who afford it might. I had a rival parent tell me at a game 4 years ago after their school went to split s

taken soon, or girls basketball will have more and more schools not field a team. Also, besides being succ

ung. IMO
tournaments come around. We play against 2A and

is every can access are a big part of keeping girls int

advantage the no contact rule there. I

child's school's team games. As coaches, we are con
do not want to even try when that is the case. Will my kid

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sons so girls could compete in basketball and w

; even though the expectations a

ouldn't be during the HS sea

:o club volleyball.

However, if we don't start early we will lose them to oth

situation.

arsity kids each night. I would like to s

I think more sports will see decline, boys

season, he called what would happen a

successful and always at state tournament