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An Interview with David (Dave) Fry

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## Abstract

### Dave Fry, *Sports Stories-IHSA, HIS-A-L-2017-004*

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dave Fry was born in July, 1940 in Billings, Montana, and attended a small high school in Conrad, Montana where he participated in three sports. He graduated from high school in 1958, then headed east to Chicago and the Moody Bible Institute, where he majored in Christian Education, graduating in 1961. He returned to the west, earning a BS degree from Colorado St. College (now Northern Colorado) in 1963, majoring in English. Dave started his teaching career at North Chicago High School that same year. He taught English and speech and coached track, speech and debate. In 1966, he moved to Niles West in Skokie where he had similar assignments. In 1967, he earned an MA degree. Fry left Niles West in 1967 for a job at the Illinois High School Association. Some of his early assignments with the IHSA included gymnastics, swimming, tennis, music, and speech/debate. While at the IHSA, Dave served as an Assistant Director (1967-78), Associate Director (1978-91), and Executive Director (1991-2002).

This interview covers Dave's thirty-five year involvement with the IHSA. Major items covered include why the IHSA moved from Chicago to Bloomington, the decision to expand class championships, the controversial move of the boys basketball tournament to Peoria, the challenges of rulings on eligibility, transfers, and residency for student athletes, football playoff expansion and conference alignment, adding or deleting IHSA sponsored activities/sports, challenges from the General Assembly, clubs-travel teams, litigation, and federal/state laws. Fry discussed issues related to the dramatic expansion of girls' sports following Title IX, including which sports should be offered, coed sports and cooperative sports. He also covered Illinois' role with the National Federation (NFS) and the governance of IHSA organization. Dave passed away on October 23, 2017. Dave passed away on October 23, 2017.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Illinois High School Association; moving the boys state basketball championship to Peoria; impact of Title IX on girls sports; creation of March Madness Experience; IHSA HQs move from Chicago to Bloomington; student athlete transfers, residency, and eligibility; expanding sports class championships; IHSA relationship with Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

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