

State Board Frowns on H.S. Girl Tourney, But Doesn't Prohibit

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District Board Explains Split of Gate in Tournaments for Boys' Teams

Advisability of girls participating in basketball contests under the same system inaugurated in the state last year by the Ohio High School Athletic Association is frowned upon by the Northwest Ohio district and state boards in a statement issued concerning the boys tournament this year.

"The state board thinks it unwise for girls to participate in the strenuous work of a basketball tournament," the state declared. "However, they do not prohibit such participation, but the girls teams taking part do not count in the number of teams in the tournament and in no case can any of the 10 per cent gross be used to pay their expenses."

Nevertheless Defiance city and county girls' teams have been enjoying tournaments through the last few seasons, and probably will continue to do so since the state board does not absolutely prohibit the practice.

Ney high school girls won the county tournament at Defiance College last year when Mark Center, Jewell, Tiffin Twp. and

Ney competed for honors in connection with the county boys' tourney.

Officials found that in Defiance county there are so few teams that the competition was not extremely fatiguing and also that the girls' play increased interest to a great extent.

Division of funds for the boys' tournaments is another interesting phase of the state-wide system. The Northwest Ohio board explained the split as follows:

"In the county tournaments where the receipts go to the county organization, 10 per cent of the gross receipts are to be sent to the state association and the 90 per cent distributed as directed by the county control. In all series except the finals, the semi-finals and those noted in the above, the receipts are to be distributed as follows:

10 per cent of the gross receipts to the state association; 30 per cent of the gross receipts to the school holding the tournament; 60 per cent of the gross receipts to defray the following:

(a) \$20 to the local manager, (b) necessary room, meals and traveling expenses of eight people per team contesting."