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FHSAA STATEMENT REGARDING PRAYER OVER PA SYSTEM

The FHSAA has always accommodated pre- and post-game on-field prayer opportunities for its member schools. In regard to the recent issue involving two private Christian high school football teams at the Florida High School Football State Championships, here are the facts:

- **The FHSAA received a request for a prayer to be lead over the PA system at The Citrus Bowl.**
- **The request for prayer to be lead publicly over the PA system was denied, in accordance with a prior U.S. Supreme Court decision (Texas, 2000) and Florida Statutes.**
- **The FHSAA presented alternative options for team prayers, including on-field prayer, in lieu of the publicly lead prayer, as requested, over the PA system.**
- **Representatives of each participating school accepted the FHSAA's alternative options to the initial request.**
- **Both teams participated in a personally lead on-field organized prayer prior to and following the 2A State Championship game at The Citrus Bowl.**

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) acted in accordance with a prior U.S. Supreme Court decision and Florida Statutes. The FHSAA, as host and coordinator of the event, is statutorily a "State Actor", and according to state and federal law, cannot legally permit or grant permission for the requested activity over the PA system.

About the FHSAA

The Florida High School Athletic Association supervises and regulates interscholastic athletic programs for high school students at member public, private and charter schools. The organization also recognizes and honors academic achievement among student-athletes at almost 800 middle, junior and senior high schools statewide. Headquartered in Gainesville, it is the official governing body for interscholastic athletics in Florida.

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Players from Cambridge Christian School and University Christian School pray midfield at The Citrus Bowl before their state championship game. (Photo courtesy Tim Euler)



Players from University Christian School pray midfield at The Citrus Bowl following their state championship game. (Photo courtesy Seeking Smiles Photography)