



2009 IESA BASEBALL

The beginning of the 2009 IESA Baseball season is fast approaching. Included in this packet of information is everything you should need as a coach/administrator to get the team started. Good Luck with your season and remember to **HAVE FUN!**

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Classification:** There will be three classes of boys baseball this year. Cut-offs for the classes will be as follows: Class 1A—17-91; Class 2A—92-195; Class 3A—196-and above. Each class has 1/3 of the competing schools. Eight teams in each class will advance to the state final which will be held at the EastSide Centre in East Peoria on October 2-3.
- Assignments:** Regional and Sectional assignments will be posted on the IESA website (www.iesa.org) by August 1. That information is **NOT** in this packet.
- Hosts:** When you view the regional and sectional assignments, you will notice there are several regional and sectional sites yet to be determined. If you are interested in hosting one of these games, please forward your interest to the office by fax on school letterhead and signed by an administrator. The fax number is (309) 829-0625. Regional hosts will be accepted until August 24th and sectional hosts will be accepted until September 4th. IESA will be in email contact with the regionals that do not have a host determined to assist with the securing of a regional host. If no school offers to host the sectional by the deadline, then the regional winners will need to determine who hosts the sectional via a coin flip in the IESA office.

- Deadlines:** Key dates to keep in mind

2009 Season Calendar

Entry Deadline (Monday)	June 8, 2009
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Monday)	August 3, 2009
Cooperative Teams Entry/Renewal Due.....	August 1, 2009
Final Entry Deadline.....	August 14, 2008
Games may begin (Saturday)	August 15, 2008
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Wed.).....	September 2, 2009
Online Ranking.....	September 7-9, 2009
Regionals (Tues., Sat., Mon.)	Sept. 15, 19, 21, 2009
Sectionals (Saturday) 11:00 a.m.....	September 26, 2009
State (Friday & Saturday).....	October 2-3, 2009
Season must end (Saturday).....	October 10, 2009

- Regional Entry Form Reminder:** Be sure to complete the online Regional Entry Form. This should be done by the September 2, 2009 deadline, five days prior to the online ranking. Changes can be made to the roster prior to your first regional game. Instructions as to how to complete the online form are included in this mailing. You must use the form on the website. Once you complete the form, the IESA Office and your regional host will have access to all of the information.
- Mandatory Requirements:** It is required that **Safe-Base** is used in all games. Umpires will not allow a game to be played unless the Safe-Base is in place and in use.
- Regional Host Requirements:** The regional host has the responsibility to update the playing brackets after the online seeding is completed. However, the host can only do this after each school has submitted the Regional Entry Form. The Regional Host will be able to list the date, site, and time of each game and must list the individual game results. Instructions will be sent to host schools.
- Online Seeding:** New for the 2009-10 Baseball Season, host schools will conduct their regional seed meetings completely online. This will eliminate another night travel for coaches. The process for inputting information will be mandatory for all schools participating in activity. Information on how to complete the online seeding process will be included in the initial baseball mailing.



