



**VOLLEYBALL**  
**2008 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**March 31, 2008**

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its April 4, 2008 meeting:

- Recommendation:** Tabled from 2007 June Meeting - Develop on-line seeding program. Host schools will make the decision to hold the meeting in person or on-line must be made by the Monday of Week 23.

**Passed**

Step One: All schools entering the volleyball state series must enter their team record, written online summary, their schedule and results, by Monday of Week 33 in the IESA standardized calendar.

Step Two: Will be ranking participating schools in each regional. This will begin Tuesday at midnight and close Wednesday at midnight of Week 33. Participating schools will go online and rank the teams in their regional. Following this step the host schools will then post ranking results such as they do now on Thursday of Week 33.

**Rationale:** The option to conduct your regional seeding meeting on-line would eliminate travel on a school night for coaches. In addition to Regional Entry Form information, all schools must enter their team record, written online summary, their schedule and results online by Monday of week 33. This would allow regional hosts to seed on-line in case their seeding meeting was cancelled last minute due to weather. Schools will be able to view summary of teams, season record, and season schedule and results prior to voting. Following the host posting the seed results in the online hosting administration each school will be able to see how the other schools in the regional voted.

- Recommendation:** For regular season tournaments the best 2 out of 3 to 25 format can be altered. Ex. Third game to 15.

**Passed**

**Rationale:** In regular season tournament play this change makes the time schedule more predictable for participating schools. Many schools are currently playing regular season tournaments this way currently without permission of the IESA office.

- Recommendation:** To admit free to all state series level play the 15 members of the alternate (7 or 8<sup>th</sup> grade) squad. (ex. 7<sup>th</sup> graders at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade state tournament).

**Died**

**Rationale:** Coaches look at their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams as a program and not separate teams. Many of them require students to attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade state series to support their team and now this student must pay upwards of \$20 for the entire state series if their team advances. Many of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams are travelling on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team buses (and vice versa) to state series games and enter with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team already.

- 2008-09 Pairings:

	7 <sup>th</sup> Class 1A	8 <sup>th</sup> Class 1A	7 <sup>th</sup> Class 2A	8 <sup>th</sup> Class 2A
Game 1	2 v. 8	1 v. 6	3 v. 2	2 v. 1
Game 2	5 v. 7	4 v. 3	4 v. 7	3 v. 4
Game 3	1 v. 6	5 v. 2	1 v. 8	6 v. 8
Game 4	3 v. 4	7 v. 8	5 v. 6	7 v. 5

	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Class 3A</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Class 3A</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Class 4A</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Class 4A</b>
Game 1	8 v. 5	1 v. 4	3 v. 8	2 v. 7
Game 2	2 v. 1	5 v. 2	4 v. 2	5 v. 6
Game 3	6 v. 4	3 v. 8	6 v. 1	4 v. 8
Game 4	7 v. 3	7 v. 6	5 v. 7	1 v. 3

5. Other items discussed by the Committee:

- All officials hired for regular season play in 2008-09 must be licensed by the IHSA as passed by the IESA Board of Directors in the January 2008 board meeting.
- Mandating line judges for regional and sectional play. There was much discussion and a recommendation was made to require them for sectional play, but the committee voted 4-3 not to make this recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- Libero was discussed but unanimously voted to not add the libero to IESA level play. Several reasons were given by the committee: a. leads to specialization at the middle school level where the majority of the state is still learning the game. b. cuts down the number of students participating. c. each school would have to add the Libero tracker to the officials scorer bench and many schools have hard time finding scorer bench personnel already.
- Net height: once again the committee briefly discussed changing the net height to 7'4" (same as IHSA), but unanimously voted not to change.
- Hosting requirements for regional and sectional hosts was discussed.
- Changing sectional play dates was discussed because of Casimir Pulaski Day.
- There was discussion on playing the entire state tournament in one day (Saturday) because of the long travel it is for some teams.
- 5-team regional bracket playing order was discussed, but no changes were made.

6. Special thanks and recognition to the following members for their service to the Committee and the IESA membership: Jill Carter, Camilla Eberlin, Mark Richert, and Joel Huizenga.

7. 2009 Meeting set for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the IESA Office at 10 a.m.