

IESA Basketball Information

Illinois Elementary School Association

IESA Season Introduction

2014-15

As an official with the IHSA in the sport of basketball, you may occasionally officiate games at the junior high level. When those contests involve members of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), rules of play are exactly the same as the National Federation rules with some exceptions. The exceptions are listed in the information contained in this handout.

If you have questions pertaining to the IESA, or if you would like to add your name to our approved list so you can be eligible to receive state series assignments at the junior high

school level, please contact us at 309-829-0114 or iesa@iesa.org. You must be registered with the IHSA for at least 5 years before you will be considered for a state assignment.

Good luck this season!



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IESA Sportsmanship Initiative

- * Sportsmanship continues to be a point of emphasis for the IESA. The IESA continues to enforce the automatic next game suspension for an unsportsmanlike ejection.
- * Any official who ejects a coach or player from an IESA contest should report the incident to the IESA Office within 48 hours of the contest. Forms are available on the IESA website (www.iesa.org) by accessing the Official's Department.

- * Good Sport Report Forms are also available online. If you encounter an act of good sportsmanship at a contest, please submit a good sport report to the IESA Office. The IESA will post the report online and send a copy to the school.

Special points of interest:

- Required pre-game meetings.
- Complete all forms in a timely manner.
- **THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF COACHES MAY NOT SET ASIDE ANY IESA OR NFHS RULE.**
- It is important that player equipment be consistently enforced throughout the season.

IESA Exceptions to NFHS Basketball Rules

- The smaller basketball has been adopted for IESA girls state tournament play. [1-12-1 d&e]
- Host schools shall provide a black and white striped garment to be worn by the official scorer for all games as required by rule. [2-11-12]
- The three-point field goal is mandatory for all regular season contests and state series tournaments games. [5-2-1]
- All games shall consist of six-minute periods. Overtime periods shall be three minutes. Member schools may play away basketball games with seven-minute quarters with member schools of the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association. [5-5-2, 5-7-3]
- The Association has adopted the use of a 14 ft. coaching box for basketball. [1-13-2]
- The Association has adopted a “mercy” rule in regular season contests, tournaments, and the IESA state series (regional, sectional, and state). [5-5-3 note]
- It is recommended a safe area be in place for all state tournament series contests as determined by the local and game management. [1-2-1]
- A pre-game meeting with officials, head coaches, and captains is required to take place prior to all contests between member schools. [2-4-5]



IESA Basketball Points of Interest

- * PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE CONDUCTING A PRE-GAME MEETING PRIOR TO ALL REGULAR AND STATE SERIES CONTESTS. A pre-game meeting with officials, head coaches and captains is required to take place prior to all member school contests
- * Overtime periods are 3 minutes in length.
- * SPECIAL NOTE: Per NFHS rule 5-5-1, half-time periods for all basketball contests are **10 minutes in length**.
- * Girls basketball games may begin Sept. 13. This will be before you have attended your IHSA rules interpretation meeting. Most of the new rules are self-explanatory. Should you officiate games prior to actually attending the rules meeting, you should use the new rules listed in the 2014-15 NFHS Rule book. Do not wait until you have attended the rule interpretation meeting to begin using the new rules.
- * It is required that member schools use two IHSA registered basketball official for regular season contests.
- * IESA member schools are subject to the NFHS rules regarding basketball and the IESA by-laws. Schools have been reminded that officials will be enforcing these rules throughout the season.
- * Member schools are required to adhere to, monitor, and report violations for quarter violations. It is not your job to monitor the number of quarters for individual players.
- * Pre-game run-out protocol: When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own end of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, run under the basket where their opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents. Where possible, teams should only enter, jog, or warm-up on their own half of the court. Gatherings intended to motivate a team after the warm-up period, during or following introductions and post-game celebrations should be performed in the area directly in front of the team bench.
- * No cell phone or electronic devices are permitted to be used at the scorer’s table during any contest. This includes both regular season and state series contests.
- * Game times posted for all state series contests will be the earliest time that a game will start.



IESA Girls Basketball Season Dates

Practice may Begin	September 1, 2014
Games may Begin	September 13, 2014
7th Regionals	November 22, 24-26, 2014
8th Regionals	December 1, 2, 4, 5, 2014
7th Sectionals	December 3, 2014
8th Sectionals	December 10, 2014
7th State	December 6, 11, 2014
8th State	December 13, 18, 2014



IESA Boys Basketball Season Dates

Practice may Begin	October 20, 2014
Games may Begin	November 1, 2014
7th Regionals	January 24, 26-29, 2015
8th Regionals	January 31, February 2, 3, 5, 2015
7th Sectionals	February 4, 2015
8th Sectionals	February 11, 2015
7th State	February 7, 12, 2015
8th State	February 14, 19, 2015



Additional IESA Basketball Information

- ◆ The “mercy rule” continues to be in place for regular season contests and state series contests. The “mercy rule” should be automatically started entering the fourth quarter when a 30 point differential has been met. The mercy rule is applied to the fourth quarter only. The rule is automatic and is not dependent on mutual agreement of the participating coaches.
- ◆ Be consistent, calm and professional throughout each contest.
- ◆ Your demeanor will, often times, set the tone for the contest.
- ◆ The Board of Directors passed guidelines for special initiative/awareness contests (i.e. breast cancer, flood relief, etc.).
Guidelines:
 - ◆ Uniform color must be legal under NFHS rules. Example: Breast cancer awareness pink uniforms would not be legal in basketball that requires “white and dark” uniforms because pink is neither.
- ◆ A permanently attached commemorative patch may be worn but must adhere to NFHS rules.
- ◆ Initiative/awareness color specific headbands/wristbands are allowed (i.e. pink headbands). Note that all team members must be uniform in color with regard to headbands/wristbands.
- ◆ Other items that may be color specific for initiative/awareness: socks, shoelaces, shooting shirts, shoes.