

DIVISION 3

3.000-----ATHLETIC BY-LAWS

3.010-----CERTIFICATION LIST AND REGIONAL/SECTIONAL ENTRY FORMS

- 3.011** The Certification List form, available on the IESA Website, shall be used for certification of grade, birth date, and current physical examinations of competing contestants. It is permissible to use a similar printout from a computerized form.
- 3.012** Principals of schools entered in the IESA state series in a given activity shall complete a Certification List prior to a school's participation in a given activity. The Certification List shall be kept on file but does **not** have to be exchanged with opponents. See By-Law 3.057 regarding protests of an ineligible contestant.
- 3.013** Principals of participating schools in an athletic state tournament series are **not** required to send a completed Certification List form to the IESA Office. Schools may be asked and be required to provide the IESA a copy of the Certification List upon demand.
- 3.014** The Regional/Sectional Entry Form which is available only from the IESA website for each activity in which a school participates shall be used to list up to the maximum number of certified contestants for state tournament series play. Only those individuals listed on the Regional Entry Form are allowed to sit on the team bench during state series play.
- 3.015** In baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, and scholastic bowl competition, principals of competing schools shall complete a copy of the Regional Entry Form using the online form that is available on the IESA website. Once the form has been completed, by clicking on the words "Update Entries" the information is automatically available to the regional host and to the IESA Office (preferably five days prior). Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless this requirement is completed. The same exact procedure is used for completing the Sectional Entry Form for cross-country.
- 3.016** In wrestling, the on-line Regional Entry Form, must be completed by logging in to the IESA Member Center, and may list up to two certified contestants in each weight class for state tournament series play. The Regional Entry Forms will be available on-line for regional hosts to view. No changes may be made to the regional entries after the seeding meeting except for those that are detailed in By-Law 4.054. It is recommended that schools complete the Regional Entry Form by the Tuesday preceding the regional. Teams without contestants listed on a Regional Entry Form at the seeding meeting shall be disqualified from regional competition (By-Law 4.057). Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless they have official entries at the seeding meeting (By-Law 4.057).
- 3.017** In track and field, each school entering the state series (whether entering a team or individuals) must submit its Sectional Participant Information via the Internet through the IESA Member School Center to the IESA Office. Sectional Participant Information must be completed within the time frame as detailed in the Track and Field Terms & Conditions. No changes may be made to the Sectional Participant Information after the seeding meeting. Contestants shall be allowed to participate only in those events in which they are entered. On the day of the sectional meet, there are no substitutions---only scratches.
- 3.018** It is the ultimate responsibility of each competing team entered in the state series to ensure that each participant listed on their Regional/Sectional Entry Form is eligible. Regional/Sectional hosts for all activities are also required to check each contestant on the Regional/Sectional Entry Form. Schools may make changes to the Regional/Sectional Entry Form anytime up until their first contest in the state series by going online, updating the form, and clicking on "Update Entries". No changes will be permitted on the Regional/Sectional Entry Form after the beginning of the first level contest in baseball, softball, cross-country, basketball, volleyball, or scholastic bowl. No changes will be permitted after the seeding meetings in track and field. See section 4.054 for permitted changes in wrestling.
- 3.019** Advancing teams will not need to hand-carry or forward the Regional/Sectional Entry Form to sectional or state tournament hosts. Sectional hosts may check with the IESA Office if there is a question on the certification of a participant. Entrants for all state tournament contests shall be checked at the IESA Office.

Illustrations for Section 3.010

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Q. What is a "date" in terms of this By-Law?

A. "Date" means "time". A Certification List may be exchanged any time between the opening of the sport season and the actual starting "time" of a contest.

Q. May coaches waive this requirement if they don't have time to prepare the correct list?

A. Never. This would be direct violation of this By-Law and the school and contestants would be subject to penalty.

Q. If I have supplied my regional host with a copy of my baseball Regional Entry Form, must I have a copy for the sectional and state hosts also?

A. No.

3.020-----CLASSIFICATION BY ENROLLMENT

3.021

Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year as reported to the Illinois State Board of Education on the Fall Housing Report shall determine the classification of each school for boys baseball, girls softball, boys and girls cross-country, girls and boys basketball, girls volleyball, scholastic bowl, and track and field after a tabulation of entries in each sport. In softball, cross-country, scholastic bowl, and track and field, an equal split of the number of entries will determine placement in Class A and Class AA. The highest 50% of the participating schools will be Class AA and the smallest 50% of the participating schools will be Class A. In baseball, the teams will be divided equally into three classes each containing 1/3 of the participating schools. Girls and boys basketball and girls volleyball teams will be split into four equal classes each containing 25% of the participating schools.

For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for a K-7 only building, a 6th grade only building, a K-6 only building, or a K-5 only building will be as follows: For a K-7 building (or any building housing up to grade 7 only), the enrollment of the 7th grade only class shall be doubled; for a 6th grade only building, the enrollment of the 6th grade shall be doubled; for a K-6 building, the enrollment of students in grades 5 & 6 shall be used, for a K-5 building, the enrollment of the 5th grade shall be doubled.

When two or more schools consolidate or annex, the total student enrollment figures included in the Fall Housing Reports on September 30 of the preceding school year for all the schools involved in the consolidation shall be combined and the consolidated school shall be classified on the basis of this combined total student enrollment figure.

When a school joins the Association, and that school enrolled students during the previous school term, the total student enrollment figure used for classification purposes for that school shall be the total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the preceding school year.

When a school joins the Association, and that school did not enroll students during the previous school term, the total student enrollment figure used for classification purposes shall be the total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the current school year. An unofficial figure obtained from the school district may be used by the IESA for planning purposes.

When a school (or several schools) loses students due to the opening of a new school or schools in the same school district, or due to the deannexation of a major portion of the school district, the total student enrollment figures used for classification purposes shall be the total student enrollment figures reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the current school year. An unofficial figure obtained from the school district may be used by the IESA for planning purposes.

When a school (or several schools) gains students due to the closing of a school or schools in the same school district, or due to the deactivation of a neighboring school district, the total student enrollment figures used for classification purposes shall be the total student enrollment figures reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the current school year. An unofficial figure obtained from the school district may be used by the IESA for planning purposes.

- 3.022** **Petition for Variance:** Not later than April 1 of a given year, the principal of an IESA member school may submit a letter of application to the Executive Director for approval of a variance in a school's total student enrollment figure used for classification purposes if:
- a. there is an anticipated, verifiable twenty percent (20%) or more decrease (or increase) in total student enrollment for the ensuing school year for reasons deemed acceptable by the Board of Directors of the IESA.
 - b. If such variance is approved by the Executive Director, the varied total student enrollment figure approved for a school shall be the enrollment figure used for classification purposes for that school during the ensuing school year.

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Q. Can a Class A school be moved and participate in Class AA in an activity by its own choice?

A. The Board of Directors has ruled this is not permissible and that each school must participate only in Class A or Class AA in each activity, dependent upon that school's enrollment. However, a school may be Class A in one activity and Class AA in another activity based on the enrollment cutoff for those activities.

Q. Can a school's enrollment possibly place them in Class 1A in seventh grade girls volleyball and then in Class 2A in eighth grade girls volleyball?

A. No. A school will always be in the same class at both the seventh and eighth grade levels in a given activity.

Q. How does IESA receive my school's enrollment?

A. In the spring of each year, IESA receives a report from the Illinois State Board of Education that lists the number of students reported on the Fall Housing Report that each school submitted to the ISBE.

3.030-----SEASON LIMITATION IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

- 3.031** During the school year, no member school shall organize its teams, hold tryouts, practice, scrimmage, or participate in any interscholastic sport outside of the season limitations as prescribed in Division 4.000 of these By-Laws for any activity in which it participates in the IESA state tournament series.

Illustrations for Section 3.030

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Q. Must a member school which does not enter the IESA tournament series in basketball follow the basketball regulations contained in the By-Laws?

A. No. Member schools must abide by all regulations in activities at the grade levels in which they enter IESA tournament play.

Q. Is a scrimmage considered to be a practice or an interscholastic contest?

A. If a scrimmage or workout involves students from one member school only, it is considered to be practice. If students of more than one school are involved, it is an interscholastic contest and subject to all regulations pertaining thereto.

Q. Could a team representing a member school who participates in the IESA state series participate as a school team in summer tournaments?

A. Yes, provided the summer tournament is scheduled after the close of the school year for that particular team.

Q. Can basketball teams representing their schools participate in "shootouts"?

A. Yes, if such "shootouts" are held during the school year and during the school's basketball season, each game played during the "shootout" must count as a regular season interscholastic contest. If the "shootout" is held during the school year either before or after the school's basketball season, the school team could not participate.

3.040-----PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- 3.041** No student is eligible to participate at the same academic grade level for two different school years in the same sport. This is true whether the student attended a member or a non-member school. Participation in one interscholastic contest in a sport constitutes one season of eligibility in that sport.
- 3.042** During the IESA season for a sport, as defined for each sport in Division 4 of these By-Laws, students shall not practice or participate either as an individual or a team member in any non-school competition in the same sport. Examples of non-school competition include (but are not limited to) the following: organized leagues, park and recreation leagues, club teams, and youth sport leagues. Exception for Softball and Baseball--Students may participate on both the school softball team and still be a member of a summer program until Monday of week #6 in the IESA standardized calendar. As of that date, students may only play on the school softball team and must cease all participation on a summer team in softball if they are a member of the school team in this sport. Students may participate on both the school baseball team and still be a member of a summer program until Monday of week #7 in the IESA standardized calendar. As of that date, students may only play on the school baseball team and must cease all participation on a summer team in baseball if they are a member of the school team in this sport. **Violation shall cause ineligibility for the remainder of that sport season.** To report a violation of this By-Law, member schools must submit the appropriate form to the IESA Office.
- NOTE: PLEASE SEE RATIONALE FOR THIS BY-LAW AT THE END OF THE HANDBOOK.**
- 3.043** Students may participate in non-school athletic competition, either as individuals or team members, at any time they are not members of a school team in that same sport.
- 3.044** No student shall be a member of a team using ninth grade or high school students. Athletic activities designated as seventh grade shall consist of contestants in grades five through seven. In all other athletic activities, fifth through eighth graders are eligible to participate. All contestants must meet required age eligibility standards as detailed in By-Law 3.050.
- 3.045** See Division 4.000 for limitations in individual sports.

Illustrations for Section 3.040

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Q. Is a contestant who is listed on a valid Certification List considered to be a member of his or her school team even though the season has not begun?

A. No. The Certification List only lists those students who are eligible to participate in a contest. Until a student practices with the school team or actually competes in an interscholastic contest, then the student is not a member of the school team for the purpose of determining eligibility according to By-Law 2.072.

Q. May a student who has transferred into my school participate as a seventh grader this year? Last year the student was in grade seven in another city. The student did not fail, but the parents requested the student be placed in grade 7 due to immaturity when the student transferred.

A. If the student participated in an interscholastic activity in the previous school year, the student is ineligible for that activity this school year.

Q. A girl played in one softball game as a sixth grader last year. Is she eligible to participate in softball this year as a sixth-grade repeater?

A. No. She has used her sixth grade year of eligibility the previous year for that sport. However, if she had not participated in basketball, volleyball, track, or cross-country, she would be eligible for those activities this year.

Q. May a seventh grade boy who played on the seventh grade basketball team last year and was retained play up on the eighth grade team this year?

A. No, that is in the same sport and he has used his seventh grade basketball eligibility the previous year.

Q. How is "participation in the same sport" defined?

A. In a team sport, this term means practice for or competition in an event played under published rules for the sport. In a sport where competition may be in different events or on an individual basis, this term means competition is permitted in any event not included in the junior high school competitive rules of the sport.

Q. Could a girl who is on the girls basketball team participate in a free-throw contest sponsored by an outside organization if it were being held during the girls basketball season?

A. Yes. Although free-throw shooting is a basketball skill, the interpretation of this regulation permits this.

Q. Could a boy on his school's cross-country team participate in a five-kilometer run during the school's cross-country season?
A. Yes. Although running is a cross-country skill, the interpretation of this regulation permits this as the five-kilometer distance is not an IESA running event.

Q. Could a boy tryout for the school baseball team and practice with the school team while he is member of the summer Little League baseball team?

A. Yes. The interpretation of this rule allows students to both try out and practice with the school team and finish the season with the summer squad. However, as of Monday in week #7 of the IESA standardized calendar, he must cease all participation with the Little League team if he wants to continue to participate with the school team.

Q. May a girl tryout, practice, and/or play with the school team and finish her summer season in softball?

A. Yes, she may play on both the summer squad and the school squad until Monday of week #6 in the standardized calendar.

Q. May a student participate on more than one school athletic team at a time?

A. Yes. The IESA places no limitations on this. Member schools may have local restrictions against this.

Q. May a student participate in a tryout for a non-school team while a member of a school team in the same sport?

A. Yes, provided the tryout is exclusively an experience in which the student is tested and screened for ability and placement on a roster and does not include any instruction, coaching, practice, workout, etc.

Q. May a student participate in practice with a non-school team while a member of the school team in the same sport?

A. No. However, there are exceptions to this rule in softball and baseball only because of the starting dates of those seasons. Girls may be on both the school softball team and a non-school team until Monday of week #6 in the standardized calendar. Boys may be on both the school baseball team and a non-school team until Monday of week #7 in the standardized calendar.

Q. According to the IESA calendar, wrestling practice may begin November 26. Our school does not start the school season until January 15. May students from our school wrestle in IWF or IKWF tournaments from November 26 until January 15?

A. No. Students are not allowed to participate on any non-school team during the IESA season for that sport.

Q. A member of my boys basketball team played on a non-school team during our school's Christmas break despite repeated warnings I gave to the team to not play on non-school teams. What is the penalty?

A. Students who violate 3.042, the participant limitation rule, are ineligible for the remainder of the sport season. In this case, the player is ineligible for the remainder of the boys basketball season and all interscholastic games in which the boy plays after playing with the non-school team must be forfeited.

Q. A member of our school's basketball team wants to participate with an indoor soccer team during the basketball season. Is this allowed?

A. Yes. Students may play on non-school teams as long as they are not members of a school team in that same sport. In this case, the student is playing a non-school sport (soccer) while a member of the school basketball team. This is allowed.

3.050-----AGE QUALIFICATIONS

3.051 For all seventh grade athletic activities sponsored by a member school, a student shall be eligible through age fourteen (14). If a student in a seventh grade athletic activity becomes fifteen (15) from the beginning date of practice in an activity as determined by the IESA standardized calendar through the final event in the seventh grade state tournament series in girls basketball, boys basketball, or girls volleyball, he/she is not eligible to participate in that activity. For boys and girls track, the final date of eligibility shall be governed by the member school's size classification.

3.052 For all athletic activities sponsored by a member school, other than activities designated as seventh grade activities as noted above, a student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student in an athletic activity becomes sixteen (16) from the beginning date of practice in an activity as determined by the IESA standardized calendar through the final event in the state tournament series in that activity, he/she is not eligible to participate in that activity. For boys and girls track, the final date of eligibility shall be governed by the member school's size classification.

3.053 A student shall be permitted to try-out only for those activities for which he/she is eligible by age.

3.054 Each student must provide the school principal with birth certification before practice or participation in any athletic activity. This must be a birth certificate or hospital record or a thermostatic copy of such. A baptismal certificate is not acceptable.

3.055 The school administrator shall be responsible for having birth certification on file for each athletic contestant prior to any practice or participation in any athletic activity.

3.056 The Executive Director shall rule on certification of any student who can not meet the birth certification requirement on file.

3.057 The following procedures are established for an initial determination between member schools if there is a question regarding a contestant's eligibility due to age:

The administrator of the protesting school shall check with the administrator against whom a protest is made regarding age. A copy of the birth certification can be forwarded to establish the eligibility of the contestant.

If the protest can not be worked out between the administrators of the two member schools, the Executive Director should be notified by the protesting school to determine eligibility.

If a contestant's ineligibility is verified by the Executive Director, the contestant's school is subject to the provisions of Section 5.070. In regular season contests, the ineligible contestant may be suspended from further competition in interscholastic contests for the remainder of the current season in that activity and the offending school from the state series in that activity.

If an age ineligible player has been used in a previous tournament contest and this is brought to the attention of the tournament host by an administrator of a participating school prior to the beginning of the next contest in which the ineligible player would participate, the Executive Director should be informed at once by the tournament host. If a contestant's ineligibility is verified by the Executive Director, the contestant's school is subject to the provisions of Section 5.070, and advancement by the losing team from that contest shall be in accordance with the "State Tournament Team Limitations" listed in Division 4 of these By-Laws. No previous tournament contest in which an ineligible contestant may have played will be replayed.

Illustrations for Section 3.050

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Q. What determines a sports season?

A. A sports season is defined as the beginning date of practice, according to the IESA standardized calendar, through the final state championship date for that activity. The final date for track is determined by a school's track classification--A or AA.

Q. I have an 8th grade boy who will turn 16 the day after the Class 1A boys baseball state finals. Is he eligible to play on my baseball team?

A. Yes. He is eligible the entire season including the state tournament series.

Q. I have an 8th grade girl who turns 16 the day of the girls softball sectional championship. May she play during the regular season, through the regional, and then not play at all in the sectional or state finals?

A. No. She is not eligible to compete in any softball games--regular season or IESA state series contests.

Q. May a 7th grade boy who turns 15 during the boys basketball season play on the 8th grade team instead of the 7th grade team?

A. Yes. Due to his age, the 8th grade team is the only team for which he can try out or compete.

Q. One of my 8th grade boys turns 16 the day of the basketball state championship. Even though my team will be defeated in the regional, thus making him 15 throughout the season, is he eligible to be on the 8th grade team?

A. No. He is not eligible to try out for the team or compete in any basketball games.

Q. What are the age cutoff dates for the 2011-2012 school year activities?

A. A student must be born on or after:

- September 11, 1995 for Boys and Girls Golf
- September 25, 1995 for Girls Softball
- October 2, 1995 for Boys Baseball
- October 16, 1995 for Boys and Girls Cross-Country
- December 9, 1996 for 7th Grade Girls Basketball
- December 16, 1995 for 8th Grade Girls Basketball
- February 10, 1997 for 7th Grade Boys Basketball
- February 17, 1996 for 8th Grade Boys Basketball
- March 11, 1996 for Boys Wrestling
- March 14, 1997 for 7th Grade Girls Volleyball
- March 21, 1996 for 8th Grade Girls Volleyball
- March 25, 1996 for Girls and Boys Bowling
- May 13, 1997 for Class A 7th Grade Boys and Girls Track and Field
- May 13, 1996 for Class A 8th Grade Boys and Girls Track and Field
- May 20, 1997 for Class AA 7th Grade Boys and Girls Track and Field
- May 20, 1996 for Class AA 8th Grade Boys and Girls Track and Field

- Q.** May a girl who will turn 15 during the 7th grade girls basketball season tryout for the 7th grade team?
A. No. She may only try out for the 8th grade team since this is the only team for which she is eligible by age.
- Q.** According to the IESA standardized calendar in a given year, the Class A state track finals end May 14. Am I correct that if a Class AA 8th grader who turns 16 on May 19 is ineligible to participate in track for the entire season while a Class A 8th grader who turns 16 on May 19 would be eligible for the entire season?
A. Yes. The eligibility of a Class A track participant will always end one week earlier than for a AA track participant due to the different state final dates.
- Q.** Why is a baptismal certificate not acceptable as proof of birth?
A. The Board of Directors has ruled that only a birth certificate or hospital record shall be accepted. As the baptismal certificate is provided by a church, it is not deemed to be legal enough for our purposes to establish a contestant's date of birth.
- Q.** May a student try out or practice with a team before the student provides a birth certificate?
A. No. It must be on file with the school. It is the administrator's responsibility to let coaches know whose certification is on file.
- Q.** What happens when I have protested a student's age and the administrator of the opposing school refuses or can not produce birth certification?
A. The Executive Director should be notified immediately.
- Q.** What happens if an ineligible player has been found to have been used in a tournament game after the completion of the state tournament?
A. The school is still subject to penalty and could be determined to forfeit all games and awards.

3.060-----PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

- 3.061** No student shall be permitted to compete in a try-out, practice, or game unless such student has filed with the school principal a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes not more than one year preceding such tryout, practice, or contest in any athletic activity.
- 3.062** No student shall be allowed to participate following disabling illness or injury without a physician's release.

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- Q.** Is a physical examination administered by a chiropractor acceptable for athletic purposes?
A. The athletic physical examination must be administered by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes. The physician must be one who is licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Some chiropractors have this kind of licensing from the *State of Illinois* and some do not. The chiropractor's physical examination is acceptable only when the physician is licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.
- Q.** Why can a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner administer a physical?
A. On July 19, 2002, former Governor George Ryan signed into law Public Act 92-0703, granting signature authority to physician's assistants and nurse practitioners for school physicals ("Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, advanced practice nurses who have a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which authorizes them to perform health examinations, or physician assistants who have been delegated the performance of health examinations by their supervising physician shall be responsible for the performance of the health examinations.")
- Q.** Must the form provided by the IESA be used for physical examinations?
A. No. This form is provided only as a service and is optional for use by member schools. Some form which may be maintained for the school's records must be used.
- Q.** Why must a student have a physical examination to try out for an athletic activity when the student may shortly be cut from the team?
A. The Board of Directors feels this gives each member school liability protection. The possibility of an unknown illness or an injury is as likely in a tryout situation as in a game situation.
- Q.** What is meant by "one year" in terms of this rule?
A. "One year" means one calendar year from a given date of one year to the same given date of the succeeding year.

3.070-----AMATEURISM

- 3.071** As the result of participating in the IESA state series (regional, sectional, state) a student in a member school may accept any award (except cash) which does not exceed \$100.00 in fair market value, in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling.
- 3.072** A student in a member school may accept a school letter for an interscholastic sport, regardless of cost.
- 3.073** Violation of the provisions of By-Law 3.070 shall cause ineligibility in the sport in which the violation occurred. An official ruling must be secured from the Executive Director before any student who violates these rules may be reinstated to eligibility.

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Q. If a student participates in a road race sponsored by (1) a local business; (2) a private running club, may the student receive awards that are greater than \$100 for winning or placing in the race?

A. In both of these instances a student may accept any prize or award. IESA amateur rules apply only to awards received as the result of participating in IESA state series events. Since these awards were given as the result of participating in non-school events, students are free to keep any awards given.

Q. May a student accept a meal at a restaurant and a plaque in recognition of advancing to the IESA finals in a given sport?

A. The food prize and the plaque are acceptable as long as the fair market value of the items combined is no more than \$100.

Q. May a student accept a trophy valued at \$125 for winning a non-school competition?

A. Yes.

Q. May a student accept a trophy valued at \$50 for making the most consecutive free throws during a sectional basketball game?

A. Yes.

Q. May a student accept a \$25.00 cash prize because she made the winning shot in the regional championship game?

A. No.

Q. If a school team wins the state championship, may team members receive items such as gift certificates for dinners, jackets, sweaters, watches, etc., in recognition of the team's accomplishment?

A. Gifts such as these are permitted as long as the total of the gifts received does not exceed \$100.00 in "fair market value".

Q. Is it acceptable if, by virtue of a student's performance in the IESA state series, the student is awarded:

(a) \$100 in the form of a scholarship

(b) \$100 donated to the scholarship fund of the student's choice

(c) \$100 donated in the student's name to charity

(d) \$100 donated in the student's name to the athletic program at the school.

A. IESA By-laws prohibit a student from receiving any amount of cash for participating in the IESA state series. This is true even if the reward is delayed for presentation following the student's graduation from school. Consequently, example (a) is not permitted, but examples (b), (c), and (d) are acceptable, since the student personally does not and will not receive any cash or merchandise.

Q. If a student plays on a community sports team, and that team wins \$500 cash in a tournament, is the student in violation of the amateur by-laws?

A. No. The rules apply only to receiving awards for performance in IESA state series contests. Cash won in a non-school activity or prizes won in a non-school activity that exceed \$100 in fair market value are allowed because it is non-school activity.

Q. May a student participate in a "jog-a-thon", "swim-a-thon", or other "...thon" activity and receive cash or merchandise prizes for fund-raising efforts?

A. Yes.

Q. Does acceptance of reimbursement of expenses for non-school competition constitute an amateur rule violation?

A. No. IESA amateur rules apply only to awards received as the result of participating in IESA state series events.

Q. May a student coach, teach, or officiate an athletic contest for pay?

A. Yes. The rule refers exclusively to actual playing. An individual may be paid for services performed.

- Q.** If a student violates the amateur rules, how and when is the penalty affected?
A. Violation is penalized with a period of ineligibility. A report of the violation must be made to the IESA Office for determination of the term and effective date of ineligibility. In addition, the reward must be returned or surrendered, at the direction of the Executive Director.
- Q.** May a member school athlete accept a cash or merchandise prize won through a drawing or raffle at a high school athletic contest?
A. Yes.
- Q.** Does the amateur rule apply to events such as three-player basketball, i.e. *Gus Macker* tournament, ten-player softball, 5k or 10k road races, etc.?
A. No. The amateur rules apply only to "IESA state series activities".

3.080-----PARTICIPATING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME

- 3.081** In the event students participate in interscholastic competition under any other name than their own, the principal shall immediately suspend violators from further interscholastic participation. The future interscholastic participation of violators and/or persons contributing to a violation shall then be considered by the Board of Directors.

Illustrations for Section 3.080

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- Q.** To what does the term "interscholastic competition" refer in this rule?
A. "Interscholastic competition" is a competitive situation in which the student represents his or her school and is sponsored or otherwise directly connected with his or her school.
- Q.** Could a coach be held responsible for submitting students in competition using names other than their own?
A. Yes. The school, the coach, and the students would all be subject to penalty for violation of this By-Law.

3.090-----COACHING SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- 3.091** During the IESA season for that sport, no student who is a member of the school team in that sport shall participate in any coaching school/camp for that interscholastic sport. Violation shall cause ineligibility to be determined by the Executive Director.
- 3.092** A coaching school/camp is defined as any program sponsored by an organization or individual which provides instruction in sports theory and skills to groups of persons.
- 3.093** Individual private lessons, school physical conditioning programs, and use of students for demonstration purposes in coaches' clinics are not considered as coaching schools and may be participated in by students in member schools within the limitation of these By-Laws.

Illustrations for Section 3.090

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- Q.** Could students be used to demonstrate skills and drills during an IESA athletic clinic?
A. Yes. The athletic clinics sponsored by the IESA are for coaches, not for student instruction.
- Q.** Can individuals participate in a camp after they have lost in the state series?
A. Yes. Once a team loses in the state series, provided that the school team has no more contests scheduled, the season is considered complete and the individuals from the team may participate in camp or club activity.

3.100-----ALL-STAR PARTICIPATION

- 3.101** Students shall not participate in any all-star competition in a sport during that sports season, either of a team or individual character.
- 3.102** No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team.

Illustration for Section 3.100

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Q. Could an athletic conference make up an All-Star team from the other member schools in the conference to play the conference winner?

A. No, this would be in direct violation of this By-Law.

3.110-----MIXED TEAM SPONSORSHIP

IESA is not an enforcement agency when it comes to determining a school's compliance with Title IX and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) monitors the Federal law and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules (23 Illinois Administrative Code 200) that require school districts to offer athletic programs that accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes to a comparable degree. IESA member schools seeking a waiver for female athletes to participate on boys' teams must demonstrate and provide assurance to ISBE of compliance with 23 Illinois Administrative Code 200.80.

3.111 Notwithstanding the requirement of Section 2.012, and prior to any tryout, practice or game participation, the principal of a member school desiring to participate in an activity designated as a boys athletic activity, with a team comprised of both boys and girls shall:

- (1) Complete and submit the Gender Equity in Athletics Waiver Application that is available through the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) Web Application Security System (IWAS). This online application replaces the paper form ISBE 33-95.

Please note the following:

****Paper applications to the Illinois State Board of Education will no longer be accepted.**

****The application process for any sport in which a school wants permission to participate with a girl on a boys team must be completed by September 30. Schools should make special note of this, especially those schools that may request permission for boys wrestling when that season does not begin until mid-December.**

****The ISBE IWAS application will require review by the District Superintendent, the Regional Office of Education Administrator, and finally the ISBE Administrator who will issue final approval.**

****The application does not have to list the names of the girls who wish to compete on the boy's team.**

****The application may list multiple sports if you need to get permission for more than one sport.**

****Questions concerning the completion of the form can be sent to:**

Ms. Cheryl Bradley
Illinois State Board of Education
Quality Review and School Accreditation Division
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777
Phone: 217-782-2948. FAX: 217-557-8392 E-Mail: cbradley@isbe.net

- (1) After submitting the ISBE IWAS application, you must send the IESA Office some type of communication (email, FAX, or written letter) that you have started the online application. Conditional approval for the girl(s) to play on the boy's team shall be automatic upon receipt of this communication. Conditional approval allows a school to permit a girl to tryout, practice, or participate in interscholastic boys athletic activities without penalty, pending the final compliance ruling from the ISBE.

- (2) The Illinois State Board of Education will notify both the member school and the IESA Office when compliance with the Illinois Sex Equity Rules is determined. A school in compliance will then receive a final letter from the IESA to compete with a girl on a boys' team.
- (3) Applicant schools that have been determined to be in compliance with the Illinois Rules and received waivers will be considered to be in compliance for the entire school year. Female athletes will therefore be eligible to participate on sports teams not identified on the original waiver application and where permitted by IESA by-laws. In such instances member schools must communicate additional participation requests to the IESA via e-mail, FAX, or written letter.

Note: If you have questions about whether or not your school's interscholastic athletic program is in compliance with the Illinois Sex Equity Rules and/or Title IX, contact Vicki Phillips, (217) 782-2948.

- 3.112** A student having participated as a member during a school year on a team in a sport or comparable sport shall not be eligible to participate on another team in that sport or comparable sport during one school year, except that a student in grades 5-7 may participate on an eighth grade team in the same sport in the same year.
- 3.113** When a contract has been signed to participate in a single-sex sport and a school offers a mixed team, the other school must be notified prior to the beginning of the school season for that sport and may refuse to play without a breach of contract or further penalty.
- 3.114** When a contract has been signed to participate in a single-sex sport and a school instead offers a mixed team, the present contract is void. Another contract stipulating a mixed team must be written and offered for signature to the opposing school prior to the beginning of the school season for that sport.
- 3.115** Boys are not eligible to participate at any time on any school athletic team designated as a team for girls only. Such athletic teams shall include: girls softball, girls cross-country, girls basketball, girls volleyball, and girls track and field.

3.120-----SEEDING FOR REGIONAL/SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 3.121** Regional tournaments for baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball shall be seeded as follows with four to ten teams assigned:

In four-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #4 in game 1 and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2.

In five-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 in game 2 and seeds #2 and #3 play game 3. Winners of matches #2 and #3 then will play for the championship.

When a five team basketball regional is played in two days, the playing schedule shall be as follows: seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2 and then the winner of game 1 plays seed #1 in game 3 all on day one. Winners of games #2 and #3 then will play for the championship on day two of the tournament.

In five-team volleyball tournaments when the tournament is played in one night, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in match 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of match 1 in match 2 and seeds #2 and #3 play in match 3. Winners of matches #2 and #3 then will play for the championship. However, it is recommended that five team volleyball tournaments be played in two nights.

In six-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 2 and seed #2 vs. bye in bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays the winner of game 1 and seed #2 plays the winner of game 2.. Winners of games #3 and #4 then will play for the championship.

In seven-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 2 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 3 of bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 and winner of game 2 plays winner of game 3. To complete this tournament in three days and avoid the playing of more than one game per day by any team, it would be necessary to play games 1, 2, and 3 on the first day.

In eight-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #8 in game 1 and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 2 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 3 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 4 in bottom bracket.

In nine-team tournaments, seed #8 vs. seed #9 in game 1 in the top bracket; seed #1 vs. winner of game 1 in game 2 and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 3 of top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 4 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 5 in bottom bracket. Games 1 and 2 can not be played on the same day except in girl's volleyball; therefore, this tournament will take four days to complete.

- 3.122** In the sports of baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball, regional seeding shall be conducted using an online procedure. In general, seeding shall be done as if an actual meeting were taking place using traditional seeding criteria except that the procedure is done online rather than an actual meeting. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions and the IESA standardized calendar for the respective activity for the timeline for online seeding. All schools entering the baseball, softball, basketball, and/or the volleyball state series will enter the following information online to assist with the seeding process.
- Team Record
 - Season Schedule with Results
 - Regional Entry Form
 - Special Comment Section on your Team's Season

ONLINE SEEDING PROCEDURES/INFORMATION

Note: No school may enter the state series unless they have scheduled at least three interscholastic contests in that sport prior to the seeding meeting.

A school that fails to enter their season schedule, results, and Regional Entry Form by the online roster and record deadline has no say regarding any seed.

The following penalties are in effect for schools that fail to submit their online record/seeding information by the posted deadlines in the activities of girls softball, boys baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys wrestling, boys and girls track and field:

- a. *First offense: School will be placed on probation.*
- b. *Second consecutive offense: School will be able to participate in the state series of the current year but will not be able to participate in the state series the following year unless the school pays a \$250 fee for reinstatement to the state series.*

Factors to consider in seeding

- a. Season Record
- b. Quality of team's competition
- c. Smaller schools (1A or 2A) schools competing against larger schools (Class 3A or 4A)
- d. Head to Head competition
- e. Record against common opponents
- f. Roster of the post season team i.e. a 7th grader who has played on the 8th grade team all year but will play on the 7th grade team in the state series or a 7th grader who has played only 7th grade all year but will also play on the 8th grade team in the regional may be the basis for giving a higher seed.
- g. Each school shall rate all teams assigned to the regional except their own.

The IESA will confirm all seeds and break any ties.

Each host school should remind the school representatives that the IESA has the right to review the seeding. If it becomes apparent that some representatives have purposely rated teams in a position that can not be justified, appropriate actions may be taken by the IESA Office to correct the problem. We do not anticipate having to do so because we believe that our member school representatives will exercise the integrity and sportsmanship they expect in return.

- 3.123** See Section 4.057 for wrestling seeding procedures.
- 3.124** See Section 4.073 for sectional track seeding procedures--**NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT THE TRACK SECTIONAL SEEDING MEETING IS MANDATORY.**
- 3.125** A team withdrawing from competition following the online ranking deadline shall be declared as a forfeit. The remaining teams shall not be re-seeded.
- 3.126** In baseball and softball, the higher seeded team shall always be the home team regardless of playing site.

3.130-----GENERAL RULES FOR IESA ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

- 3.131** In regional, sectional, and state final tournament play, the host school shall not make its gymnasium or playing fields available to the visiting teams for practice sessions.
- 3.132** During IESA state series tournaments (regional, sectional, state finals) games, the displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, are unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.
- 3.133** All mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from playing areas for all IESA state series tournament play. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring megaphones, radios, or tape players into the playing area of any IESA state series tournament contest.

- 3.134** If players or representatives of any school entered in an IESA state series tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, such as damaging baskets or backboards during warm-up drills, breaking or damaging lockers, etc., destruction to other teams equipment, buses, etc., such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.
- 3.135** No interscholastic tournaments may have a sponsor who is a manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or of any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.
- 3.136** Video-taping will be allowed in all IESA state series contests. Any taping for the purpose of reviewing during the contest shall be prohibited.
- 3.137** If a host school has a band capable of contributing to the entertainment, there is no objection to have it play before games and during intermission of IESA state tournament series games. Members of the band may be given free admission. Under no circumstances may the band instruments be used for cheering purposes. The use of band instruments for cheering purposes will be considered evidence of discourteous conduct and upon receipt of substantiating evidence of such conduct, the Executive Director will instruct the local manager to exclude the band from the gymnasium. At some selected state tournament sites, pep bands as well as the National Anthem singer selected by the IESA Office will perform.
- 3.138** All cheers, performances, routines, or other activities conducted by a school's spirit squad (i.e. cheerleaders, pom pons, flags, drill team) when performed at an IESA sanctioned event shall be conducted in accordance with the Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. All basket tosses and double full twisting dismounts, regardless of the surface are prohibited.
- 3.139** No athletic uniforms or warm-ups may show any commercial or non-school advertising other than the manufacturers.
- 3.140** Limits on free passes to the IESA state tournament series shall be two managers, two statisticians, one scorekeeper, and 12 cheerleaders for all athletic activities (except volleyball and wrestling). Cheerleaders must be in uniform to be admitted free. Cheerleaders are not allowed for the IESA state series in volleyball and wrestling. Managers, statisticians, and scorekeepers are not admitted free to the state wrestling finals. During a basketball game, there shall be a maximum of 12 cheerleaders performing sideline cheers on the floor at one time, provided the facility can safely accommodate this number. A game official may always ask for the sidelines (endlines) to be kept clear and reduce this number for the safety of the players.
- 3.141** Boys' and girls' state athletic tournament hosts will be required to send packets of information material to all sectional hosts to pass on to their sectional winners.
- 3.142** No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where there are students participating.
- 3.143** When excessive supervision costs by a host school causes a deficit in an IESA state series contest, it shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Executive Director. A letter shall be sent to the host school's principal by the Board of Directors informing the host school if any action was taken by the Board.
- 3.144** All fans that attend IESA state series contests must wear shirts at all times.
- 3.145** Only students who are currently eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest shall appear at the contest in the uniform of their school.
- 3.146** No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during any contest. This includes both regular season contests and IESA state series contests.
- 3.147** Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.

Illustrations for Section 3.130

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Q. My regional tournament is being hosted at a public park. Can I organize a team practice at this facility?

A. No, the By-Law prohibits visiting teams from practicing at a school's playing fields. Individuals could utilize the park for practice or a team could schedule a game at the facility but a school may not organize a team practice at the facility once the site has been chosen to serve as a state series facility.

Q. My cheer squad consists of 16 cheerleaders. When may they perform?

A. During play, only 12 can be cheering at one time provided the space can safely accommodate 12 cheerleaders. During full timeouts, between quarters, and at halftime, all 16 may perform provided the squad can complete their performance without stopping play. However, during the state series, only 12 may be admitted for free.

Q. Even though my cheerleading squad consists of only 6 girls can the game official require us to move?

A. Yes. The game officials have full authority to move cheerleaders and/or require that they not cheer in a certain area if he/she believes that the safety of the participants is at risk.

Q. I am hosting the regional basketball contest at my school. May I conduct a 50/50 drawing?

A. Yes. Effective with the 2009-10 school year, the Board of Directors has removed the By-Law prohibiting 50/50 and raffle drawings at state series contests.

Q. My cheerleading squad wants to participate in a local competition that is not sanctioned by IESA. Can my squad perform basket tosses?

A. Your squad is under no obligation to follow IESA rules since you would be participating in a non-sanctioned IESA competition. As always, your squad should only perform those stunts which they can safely perform.

Q. At halftime of our basketball game, my cheer squad is going to perform. The performance includes several basket tosses and double full twist dismounts. They will be performing on a soft-yielding surface. May they perform these stunts?

A. No. IESA rules prohibit basket tosses and double full twisting dismounts at any IESA sanctioned event. The regular season basketball contest is an IESA sanctioned event.

3.150-----Open Gym Limitations

Schools may open their gymnasiums or facilities for recreational activities to students or other persons who reside in or outside their district under the following conditions:

- *A variety of recreational activities are available during the course of the year.*
- *There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques in any sport at any time.*
- *Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.*
- *Comparable opportunities are afforded to all participants.*

3.160-----Provisions for Summer Participation

Students may participate either as an individual or as a member of a team in any type of athletic activity during the summer months. Students from the same school may participate on the same team. Summer months are defined as the time that the school closes in the spring until classes begin in the fall. A coach of a member school may coach students from the school during the summer.

Illustration for Section 3.160

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Q. Can a member school and/or coach sponsor a summer camp and coach students from his or her own school?

A. Yes.

Q. Could a team representing a member school who participates in the IESA state series participate as a school team in summer tournaments?

A. Yes, provided the summer tournament is scheduled after the close of the school year for that particular team.

3.170-----Provisions for Out-of-Season Contact

After the official ending date of a sport season (according to the date listed in Division 4 of the IESA Handbook) students from the same member school may play together in a sport provided the school has no affiliation with the activity. In addition, a coach may coach the students from the school provided he/she is not coaching the students as an official representative of the school and is not receiving any school compensation for coaching.

Illustration for Section 3.170

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Q: My girls basketball team finished their season in December. Can my coach of that team and the same girls who comprised the school team, play in a non-school AAU tournament that is being held in Chicago in January?

A: Yes, provided the school has absolutely no involvement with the non-school tournament. The school cannot pay the entry fee, provide transportation, uniforms, a coaching stipend, etc. The "team" has to attend totally separate from the school and only as its own entity without any school involvement or affiliation.