

2024-2025 IESA Girls and Boys Basketball Officials Activity Update

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IESA Season Introduction

As an official with the IESA 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.

Good luck this season!

IESA Sportsmanship Initiative

The IESA continues to put a major emphasis on sportsmanship this year. When you witness good sportsmanship from a player, coach, or fan, please complete a Good Sports Report by accessing this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wFeChFGvDn>

Please be specific when describing an act of good sportsmanship. Please do not report yourself for having good sportsmanship.

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Specific Points of Interest

- **Required pre-game meetings.**
- **Complete all forms in a timely manner. Ejections reports should be completed in the Officials portion of the IESA website within 48 hours of the ejection.**
- **The mutual agreement of coaches may not set aside IESA or NFHS rules.**
- **It is important that player equipment be consistently enforced throughout the season.**
- **Players may roll their shorts for a better fit. Drawstrings must be tucked in.**

IESA Exceptions to NFHS 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 28ft coaching box.**
- **The Association has adopted a "mercy" rule for all regular season contests and the IESA State Series (regional, sectional, and state). [5-5-3]**
- **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]**
- **In the state series, the front row shall have no seating unless space is an issue.**

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IESA POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Good sportsmanship and rating opponents and officials for regular season and post season.
- Please ensure you enter all of your regular season contests in the basketball entry center.
- Coaches are encouraged to enter comments on their season before the ranking process.
- A team's scorekeeper is to remain neutral and is considered part of the table personnel. They should not make comments to officials regarding calls.
- Please ensure that players are adhering to the NFHS Equipment and apparel guidelines.
- It is recommended that all teams keep a book for home and away games.
- Head coaches should carry the NFHS Basketball Rulebook with them to all contests.

Additional IESA Basketball Information

- **Be consistent, calm, and professional throughout each contest. Your demeanor will, oftentimes, set the tone for the contest.**
- **Please do not address the crowd or individual fans. This often escalates the situation. If you are having an issue with a fan, please inform game administration.**

IESA Officials Spotlight



- New for the 24-25 school year, the IESA will be recognizing at least one official across all activities on our social media platforms. Please click on the link below to access the questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/r/kiDqnkZwk5>

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NFHS RULES REVISIONS

- **1-19:** Limits the use of electronic devices used during a game for the purposes of recording and tracking stats, reviewing or diagramming plays, or other similar contest related functions.
- **2-11-11:** Requires the non-official scorer(s) to compare records with the official scorer when multiple scorers are present.
- **3-3-6:** Requires a player who has been injured to be removed from the game if the coach is beckoned by the official, whether the coach enters the playing area or not, or if bench personnel (i.e., a coach or athletic trainer) enters the court without being beckoned. The coach may still use a time-out to continue assessment of the injury and keep the injured player in the game.
- **3-3-7:** Allows 20 seconds for a player to address any minor blood on the body or uniform without leaving the game. If the blood cannot be appropriately covered/cleaned within 20 seconds, the head coach may take a time-out to address the issue or substitute for the player.
- **3-4-4a (NEW):** Allows the use of a school logo/mascot image to be centered directly above the uniform number in place of an identifying name.
- **4-6-1 EXCEPTION (NEW):** Creates an exception to basket interference by allowing a player(s) to touch only the net while the ball is on or within the basket provided that the contact did not affect the ball.
- **4-47-5 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-5b:** Changes the penalty for failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearer official when a whistle sounds from a player technical to a warning for delay for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense.
- **4-47-5 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-6f:** Changes the penalty for faking being fouled from a player technical to a warning for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense and adds a definition and examples.
- **7-1-1:** Establishes that a player is out of bounds if contact by a teammate or other bench personnel outside the boundary line provides an advantage, allowing the player to remain in bounds.
- **10-1-1 PENALTY, 10-1-2 PENALTY, 10-2-7 PENALTY (NEW), 10-5-1 PENALTY (NEW):** Establishes that all administrative, team, and bench technical fouls that occur during pregame offset-no free throws are awarded-and the game will start with a ump ball and the head coach does not lose the privilege of the coaching box.
- **10-2-7 (NEW), 10-5-1:** Changes the penalty for dunking or attempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball from a bench technical to a team technical.

NFHS POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Warning for Delay
2. Faking Being Fouled
3. Proper Procedures for Handling Blood





24-25 IMPORTANT DATES

Girls Basketball:

- **Practiced May Begin: Sept. 2**
- **Games May Begin: Sept 14**
- **7th Regional: Nov. 16, 18-20**
- **7th Sectional: Dec. 4**
- **7th State: Dec. 7, 12**
- **8th Regional: Nov. 22, 24-26**
- **8th Sectional: Dec. 11**
- **8th State: Dec. 14, 19**

Boys Basketball:

- **Practice May Begin: Oct. 21**
- **Games May Begin: Nov. 2**
- **7th Regional: Jan. 25, 27-30**
- **7th Sectional: Feb. 3**
- **7th State: Feb. 8, 13**
- **8th Regional: Feb. 1, 3, 4, 5**
- **8th Sectional: Feb. 10**
- **8th State: Feb. 15, 20**