



## 2009 Boys Baseball State Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Article 1.400 of the IESA Constitution, the IESA Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2009 IESA Class 1A, Class 2A, and Class 3A Boys Baseball State Tournament Series.

### I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Seventh and eighth grade enrollment of the previous school year, according to figures supplied to the IESA by the Illinois State Board of Education, shall determine the classification of each school. The teams will be divided equally into three classes each containing 1/3 of the participating schools. The smallest 1/3 of the schools entered in baseball will be designated as Class 1A, the next smallest 1/3 will be designated as Class 2A, and the largest 1/3 of the schools will be designated as Class 3A.

### II. STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES DATES, SITES, & SCHEDULES

#### A. 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, 2009        |
| Games may begin (Saturday).....             | August 15, 2009        |
| 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       |

#### B. Regional Tournaments---September 15, 19, 21

Regional Tournaments will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office. **First round regional games for those regionals that have 5 or 6 teams assigned to it must be held on Tuesday, September 15.** Semi-final games shall be held Saturday, September 19, and the championship game on Monday, September 21. The exact playing time schedule should be determined at the regional seeding meeting. The higher-seeded team will host all first round games unless schools mutually agree to switch sites. The semi-finals and finals will be played at the regional host's facility.

It is the responsibility of regional hosts to update the regional brackets online following each day of regional play.

#### C. Sectional Tournaments--Saturday, September 26

Sectional Tournaments will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office on Saturday of Week 12 in the IESA standardized calendar. When a sectional site has not been determined, the two regional winners shall make contact, determine the sectional site, and notify the IESA Office as soon as possible. If both schools desire to host, a coin flip will be conducted by the IESA Office to determine who will host. **The starting time for all sectional games shall be 11:00 a.m.**

#### D. State Tournament—Friday/Saturday October 2-3

The State Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday of Week 13 in the IESA standardized calendar.

#### E. State Tournament Sites

The Class 1A tournament will be held at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. East Peoria Central will be the host school. The IESA Baseball Advisory Committee randomly drew state pairings at its most recent meeting. In case of bad weather on state dates, contact the IESA Office, watch the updates on the IESA website, or call the EastSide Centre at 309-698-5437. State tournament information will be given to all qualifying teams as soon as sectional contests are concluded.

**The State Final schedule for Class 1A will be as follows:**

**Friday, October 2, 2009 (Quarterfinals)**

Game 1--10:00 a.m. Sectional B Winner vs. Sectional C Winner  
Game 2--12:15 p.m. Sectional D Winner vs. Sectional H Winner  
Game 3-- 2:30 p.m. Sectional A Winner vs. Sectional G Winner  
Game 4-- 4:45 p.m. Sectional E Winner vs. Sectional F Winner

**Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Semifinals & Finals)**

Game 5--10:00 a.m. Winners of Games 1 and 2  
Game 6--12:15 p.m. Winners of Games 3 and 4  
Game 7-- 2:30 p.m. Losers of Games 5 and 6 (*Third Place*)  
Game 8-- 4:45 p.m. Winners of Games 5 and 6 (*Class 1A State Championship*)

\*\*\*\*No game will be allowed to start earlier than scheduled.\*\*\*\*

The Class 2A tournament will be held at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. East Peoria Central will be the host school. The IESA Baseball Advisory Committee randomly drew state pairings at its most recent meeting. In case of bad weather on state dates, contact the IESA Office, watch the updates on the IESA website, or call the EastSide Centre at 309-698-5437. State tournament information will be given to all qualifying teams as soon as sectional contests are concluded.

**The State Final schedule for Class 2A will be as follows:**

**Friday, October 2, 2009 (Quarterfinals)**

Game 1--10:00 a.m. Sectional D Winner vs. Sectional E Winner  
Game 2--12:15 p.m. Sectional B Winner vs. Sectional H Winner  
Game 3-- 2:30 p.m. Sectional A Winner vs. Sectional G Winner  
Game 4-- 4:45 p.m. Sectional C Winner vs. Sectional F Winner

**Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Semifinals & Finals)**

Game 5--10:00 a.m. Winners of Games 1 and 2  
Game 6--12:15 p.m. Winners of Games 3 and 4  
Game 7-- 2:30 p.m. Losers of Games 5 and 6 (*Third Place*)  
Game 8-- 4:45 p.m. Winners of Games 5 and 6 (*Class 2A State Championship*)

\*\*\*\*No game will be allowed to start earlier than scheduled.\*\*\*\*

The Class 3A tournament will be held at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. East Peoria Central will be the host school. The IESA Baseball Advisory Committee randomly drew state pairings at its most recent meeting. In case of bad weather on state dates, contact the IESA Office, watch the updates on the IESA website, or call the EastSide Centre at 309-698-5437. State tournament information will be given to all qualifying teams as soon as sectional contests are concluded.

**The State Final schedule for Class 3A will be as follows:**

**Friday, October 2, 2009 (Quarterfinals)**

Game 1--10:00 a.m. Sectional F Winner vs. Sectional A Winner  
Game 2--12:15 p.m. Sectional D Winner vs. Sectional H Winner  
Game 3-- 2:30 p.m. Sectional G Winner vs. Sectional C Winner  
Game 4-- 4:45 p.m. Sectional B Winner vs. Sectional E Winner

**Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Semifinals & Finals)**

Game 5--10:00 a.m. Winners of Games 1 and 2  
Game 6--12:15 p.m. Winners of Games 3 and 4  
Game 7-- 2:30 p.m. Losers of Games 5 and 6 (*Third Place*)  
Game 8-- 4:45 p.m. Winners of Games 5 and 6 (*Class 3A State Championship*)

\*\*\*\*No game will be allowed to start earlier than scheduled.\*\*\*\*

### III. ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Certification List

Principals of schools entered in the IESA baseball state tournament series shall complete a Certification List prior to the school's first game. The Certification List shall be kept on file but does not have to be exchanged with opponents. Schools are **not** required to send the Certification List to the IESA Office. Schools may be asked and be required to provide the IESA with a copy of the Certification List on demand. The Certification List is to be used for documentation of grade, birth date, and current physical examinations of the competing contestants. See By-Law 3.057 regarding protests of an ineligible contestant due to age.

#### B. Regional Entry Form

**A Regional Entry Form is not included in this mailing.** The Regional Entry Form shall be used to list up to 18 certified contestants for state tournament series play. Regional Entry Forms must be completed on-line through the IESA Member Center at [www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org).

Regional Entry information is to be completed by the Wednesday prior to online seeding [Wednesday, September 2]. Changes, additions, and/or substitutions may be made to the Regional Entry Form information until that team begins regional play.

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless the Regional Entry Form has been forwarded to the IESA Office and to the host school before the beginning date of a regional activity.

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to insure that each participant listed on its Regional Entry Form is eligible. Regional hosts for all athletic activities are also required to check each contestant on the Regional Entry Form.

No changes will be permitted on the Regional Entry Form after the beginning of the first game in regional play.

#### C. Entry fees

Schools must pay an entry fee of \$45 by the initial entry deadline of June 8. Those entries arriving after June 8 will be considered late and be required to pay an entry fee of \$90. The IESA Office will accept entries until August 14 which is the final entry deadline. **If you are receiving these Terms and Conditions via mail, you have paid your 2009 entry fee.**

Late entry fees will be waived for schools designated as new members or for current member schools entering an activity for the first time which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline. Entry fees will be refunded only upon request prior to the initial entry deadline.

Any school that withdraws from the IESA state series without notifying the IESA Office or withdraws from the state series after the seeding meeting shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the umpires for the contest which they forfeited, and that school's share for one contest of any deficit assessment.

#### D. Eligibility

To enter any of the state series tournaments a student must be eligible under all of the eligibility rules and conditions of competition of the IESA. These include but are not limited to:

##### 1. Participation

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.

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. One Exception--Students may participate on both the school baseball teams 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. **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.

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.

2. Age

A student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student in baseball becomes sixteen (16) before the final event in the state tournament series, he is not eligible to participate in the sport.

Each student must provide the principal of his school with certification of his birth 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. Physical examination

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, practice, or match unless he shall have filed with his principal a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician not more than one year preceding such tryout, practice, or contest in any athletic activity.

No student shall be allowed to participate following a disabling illness or injury without a physician's release.

4. Amateurism

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.

A student in a member school may accept a school letter for an interscholastic sport, regardless of cost.

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.

5. Participating under an assumed name

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 Board of Directors shall then consider the future interscholastic participation of violators and/or persons contributing to a violation.

6. Coaching school participation

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. A coaching school is defined as any program sponsored by an organization or individual, which provides instruction in sports theory and skills to groups of persons.

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 a member school.

7. All-star participation

Students shall not participate in any all-star competition in a sport during that sports season, either of a team or individual character.

## IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Regional and Sectional Tournaments

Each member school hosting a regional or sectional baseball tournament shall receive no prepaid compensation from the IESA Office. Each school hosting a regional game must hire and contract two officials for each game at the rate of \$50 per game, the costs of which are to be split by the participating schools. Each participating school should bring a check for the appropriate amount payable to the host school. Regional hosts are not required to submit a financial report of any kind. The IESA Office shall contract umpires for all sectional tournaments.

Admission may not be charged at the regional and sectional tournaments. Participating schools could be assessed on a per-game basis to cover operating deficits of a regional or sectional tournament.

### B. State Tournament

Each member school hosting a state level athletic activity shall send all receipts and the vouchers for workers and expenses to the IESA Office within one week after the completion of the tournament. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. One-third of the profit shall be returned to the host school and two-thirds of the profit retained by the IESA. Deficit expenditures shall be paid by the IESA. The state tournament host shall receive an amount approved by the Board of Directors as their share of t-shirt merchandise sales. The host school will keep all concession (food, candy, pop, etc.) revenue. Outside vendors, besides concessions, must be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA Office instead of the host school.

The following items will not be approved as expenditures: payment for substitute teachers, rental of playing facilities, and cost of utilities used during a tournament unless previously approved by the Executive Director.

State Tournament Series admission prices are as follows:

Regional -- None Allowed

Sectional -- None Allowed

State – Friday

\$2.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age)

\$5.00 for high school and adults

Saturday (Two games guaranteed for each team--all day admission—everyone will receive a wristband to wear during the day)

\$3.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age)

\$7.00 for high school and adults

## V. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

### A. Assignment and Advancement of Teams

Class 1A teams will be assigned to one of sixteen (16) regional tournaments. Likewise, Class 2A teams will be assigned to one of sixteen (16) regional tournaments and Class 3A teams will be assigned to one of sixteen (16) regional tournaments. All tournament play shall be single elimination.

### B. Online Seeding

Starting in 2009-10, Host schools will conduct the seeding online. **All schools entering the baseball state series must enter the following information online by Wednesday, September 2, 2009:**

- Team Record
- Season Schedule with results
- Regional Entry Form
- Special Comment Section on your team's season



#### ONLINE SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. **A school that has not completed any of the online seeding procedure steps has no say regarding seed.** It is that school's responsibility to enter the appropriate material online by the deadline. *Detailed instructions and sample screen shots are included in this baseball initial mailing.*

2. All schools must enter their team record, season schedule with results, regional entry form, and special comment section before Wednesday, September 2, 2009 by midnight.
3. In the second step, schools will rank all participating schools in their regional except their own, based on the information each team submitted online in the previous step. Each school will have a three day period to complete this step of the online seeding process. This second step will open at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, September 7, 2009 and close at midnight Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Factors to consider in seeding (Listed in Random Order) these factors are all available to each online coach.

- a. Season Record
  - b. Quality of team's competition [written summary]
  - c. Smaller schools competing against larger schools (1A/2A vs. 3A) [written summary]
  - d. Head to Head competition [schedules and results]
  - e. Record against common opponents [schedules and results]
4. The computer will tabulate the votes and the host managers are required to view all ranking results and confirm seed results online Thursday, September 10, 2009. **Note: If two or more teams are tied for any seed the computer will denote the teams that are tied and the host manager will break the tie by a coin flip.**

Information may be sent to the media or any others making such a request.

A regional game which is not played because one of the teams withdraws from competition following the regional online seeding, shall be considered a forfeit. The forfeiting team is subject to penalty. The remaining teams shall not be re-seeded.

All games are to be played in the proper order and shall not be changed unless permission is granted by the IESA. Games should not be played during school hours. The following tournament formats schedule must be followed, whichever is applicable.

In four-team regional tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #4 in game one in top bracket; and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game two in bottom bracket. The two winners of these games will then meet for the regional championship. Since there are only four teams in the regional, the semifinals would be played on Saturday and the championship game would be played on Monday.

In five-team regional tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game one in top bracket; In the second round, game two will pair seed #1 against the winner of game 1 and game three will pair seed #2 vs. seed #3. The two winners of games two and three will then meet for the regional championship. Since there are only five teams in the regional, game one must be played on Tuesday; the semifinals (games two and three) would be played on Saturday; and the championship game would be played on Monday.

In six-team regional tournaments, seed #1 receives a bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 draws a bye and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 2 in bottom bracket. In the second round, game three will pair seed #1 against the winner of game 1 and game four will pair seed #2 against the winner of game 2. The two winners of games three and four will then meet for the regional championship. With six teams in the regional, games one and two must be played on Tuesday; semifinals (games three and four) on Saturday; and the championship game on Monday.

## VI. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

### A. Class 1A

The winners of the sixteen (16) regional tournaments will advance to sectional tournament play. The winners of the eight sectional tournaments will advance to state tournament play.

### B. Class 2A

The winners of the sixteen (16) regional tournaments will advance to sectional tournament play. The winners of the eight sectional tournaments will advance to state tournament play.

### C. Class 3A

The winners of the sixteen (16) regional tournaments will advance to sectional tournament play. The winners of the eight sectional tournaments will advance to state tournament play.

The regional host shall enter the results of each game on the IESA website.

### D. The following policy has been adopted by the IESA Board of Directors if weather should cause an undue delay in completing a regional and/or sectional tournament:

- **STEP ONE:** If the weather conditions persist at the Regional or Sectional facility, the IESA may elect to designate an alternative field to complete play.
- **STEP TWO:** If it is not possible to move the playing field and the games have not been played prior to the start of state play, then the higher seed will advance.
- **STEP THREE:** If the teams remaining have the same seed, then a coin flip will be performed by the IESA office between the two teams on the Thursday prior to the start of the State Tournament play on Friday.

## VII. TOURNAMENT RULES & IESA EXCEPTIONS

### A. Rules of Play

In all regional games, the higher-seeded team is automatically the home team even if the game is held somewhere other than the higher-seeded team's traditional home field. In all sectional and state final games, the home team shall be determined by a coin flip.

The current National Federation Rule Book is adopted as the official rules of play for the state tournament series with exceptions listed below as well as Section 4.014 of the 2009-10 IESA Handbook.

### B. Exceptions to the National Federation Rules

Regulation baseball uniforms are not necessary. A minimum uniform shall be a baseball cap, shoes, long pants, and a T-shirt with numbers. Rubber-soled or rubber-cleated baseball shoes are required. **Metal cleats are prohibited.** [1-4-1]

Diamonds for all regular season and state series games shall be 80 feet square with the pitching distance at 54 feet. The distance from home plate to the middle of second base is 113 feet, 1 5/8 inches. All other sections of NFHS rule 2-1 should be followed. If a school desires to host the semi-final and championship games of the regional and/or a sectional contest their field must have the specifications listed above and a fence 225 feet or more from home plate. The recommended minimum distance from home plate to the backstop is 20 feet. Schools should not apply to host a regional or a sectional if their field does not meet these requirements. In cases where no field meets these specifications, then the schools assigned to the regional will meet to determine the regional host. First-round regional games which are played at the site of the higher seeded teams do not have to meet the home run distance. [1-2-1]

The use of Safe-Base, or a manufactured reproduction thereof, shall be mandatory in all regular season and tournament play. No game shall be played unless the Safe-Base is in use. The rules pertaining to Safe-Base shall be as follows: The batter-runner should use the orange portion only on the first attempt at first base. A runner is never out for touching the white base rather than the orange portion. Once the runner reaches first base, the runner shall then use only the white base. The defensive player may use only the white portion of the bag in making any play at first. One exception--On a missed third strike the first baseman may use the orange portion for the putout throw from the catcher. A batted ball must hit totally in the orange to be foul. [1-2-9 Note]

The ten-run rule is in effect and the game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 runs or more after 4 ½ innings, or after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, if either team is 10 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. A 15 run rule is also in effect and the game shall end when the visiting team is behind 15 runs or more after 2 ½ innings, or after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, if either team is 15 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. [2-17-1, 4-2-2]

It is strongly recommended that coaches be attired in school colors although adult coaches are not required to be in the uniform of the team. [3-2-1].

In any instance in which a team does not have an eligible substitute for a player who becomes ill, injured, or is ejected from the lineup by an umpire, the player last removed from the lineup by the team coach, who is otherwise eligible to play, shall be used as a substitute, taking the batting-lineup position of the replaced player. When a team's last available substitute enters the game as part of a multiple substitution, the team coach shall advise the umpire and official scorekeeper which player is to be considered the last player removed from the lineup. [3-1-3]

All non-wood bats 31 inches and longer in length must meet all NFHS guidelines, including the three ounce weight vs. length differential, 2 5/8" maximum barrel diameter, and BESR label. Non-wood bats that are 30 inches and under in length that meet all NFHS guidelines, including the three ounce weight vs. length differential, a 2 5/8 inches maximum barrel diameter and BESR label are legal bats. Non-wood bats 30 inches and under in length which have a greater than three ounce weight vs. length differential may be used provided the barrel diameter does not exceed 2 1/4 inches. These bats do not need the BESR label. Wood bats that are manufactured in accordance with National Federation rules may also be used. Note: Effective January 1, 2006 no BESR label, sticker or decal will be permitted on any non-wood bat. All non-wood bats that require the BESR performance standard shall be labeled with a completely visible silkscreen or permanent certification mark. [1-3-4]

**The following are examples of legal and illegal non-wood bats:**

| Length | Weight | Barrel Diameter | Status  |
|--------|--------|-----------------|---|
| 31     | 28     | 2 5/8"          | Legal assuming BESR labeled                         |
| 30     | 20     | 2 3/4"          | Illegal--Max. barrel diameter for 30" bat is 2 1/4" |
| 30     | 20     | 2 1/4"          | Legal   |
| 32     | 29     | 2 5/8"          | Legal assuming BESR labeled                         |
| 29     | 22     | 2 3/4"          | Illegal--Max. barrel diameter for 29" bat is 2 1/4" |
| 31     | 25     | 2 5/8"          | Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS       |
| 28     | 19     | 2 1/4"          | Legal   |
| 31     | 28     | 2 3/4"          | Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter is 2 5/8"          |
| 30     | 19     | 2 1/4"          | Legal   |
| 29     | 26     | 2 5/8"          | Legal assuming BESR labeled                         |
| 32     | 22     | 2 1/4"          | Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS       |
| 30     | 27     | 2 5/8"          | Legal assuming BESR labeled                         |

The Suggested Speed-Up Rules pertaining to courtesy runners have been adopted. [2-33-1]

Any state series game that is suspended for reasons of weather, darkness, or mechanical failure (i.e. lighting problems, power outage, water system problems), and does not meet game ending regulations as described in rule 4-2-3, will be treated as a suspended game and continued from the point of suspension when the game is able to resume. The line-up and batting order shall be the same as the line up and batting order at the point of suspension. Pitching limitations will still apply whenever the game is resumed. The coach of the team trailing at the time of the suspension may forfeit the contest at which time the game will be considered a complete game. [4-2-3, 4-2-4]

***Pitching Exceptions (Applies to all regular season and state series contests)***

As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch, the pitcher has pitched one inning. [6]

The starting pitcher withdrawn from the mound or the game can return once in the game to the pitching position. A relief pitcher does not have the opportunity to return to the mound once per game. A relief pitcher withdrawn from the mound may not return to the pitching position. [3-1-2 note]

### ***Illustrations for the above***

- Q.** My starting pitcher is removed from the mound during the third inning but remained in the game as the shortstop. Can he return to the mound in the 5th inning to finish the game as the pitcher?
- A.** Yes, assuming he has sufficient numbers of daily/weekly inning eligibility remaining. Starting pitchers can return to the mound once per game.
- Q.** I removed my starting pitcher from the game in the second inning and he returned to the mound in the 4th inning. Because he does not hit very well, I want to pinch hit for him in the 6th inning. What is his playing status if I pinch hit for him?
- A.** In this instance, the player has to be removed from the game. Although you legally entered him back in the pitching position (starting pitchers may re-enter as the pitcher once per game) once you pinch hit for him, regulation re-entry rules prohibit him from re-entering the contest.
- Q.** I removed my starting pitcher in the 4th inning. He did not stay in the game. Can he re-enter in the pitching position to get the final out of the game?
- A.** Yes, assuming he has sufficient number of daily/weekly inning eligibility remaining and he re-enters according to the re-entry rules.
- Q.** I brought in a relief pitcher to face one batter in the 5th inning. After he retired that batter he stayed in the game as the right fielder. Can he pitch to one batter in the bottom of the 7th inning?
- A.** No. Relief pitchers once removed from the mound cannot return to the game as the pitcher.

Sixteen innings will be the maximum total number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a calendar week (Sunday-Saturday).

A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of seven innings in any one day or nine innings on two consecutive days. If more than four innings are pitched on two consecutive days, then two days of rest must follow. [6-1-6]

### ***Illustrations for the above***

- Q.** Our game was suspended due to weather conditions in the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Can my pitcher complete the game the next day?
- A.** The pitcher can pitch a maximum of 9 innings on two consecutive days. If the pitcher has thrown five innings, then he could throw 4 innings the next day.
- Q.** My team has advanced to the semi-finals of the Class 3A state tournament. Can my pitcher throw 5 innings in the semi-final game and then come back and throw two innings in either the third place or championship game?
- A.** Yes, provided your pitcher has seven innings of eligibility that day.

### **Pitching Limitation Penalty**

In addition to automatic forfeiture of the contest, should a student exceed the individual limitations listed, the coach of the team shall be ineligible to coach for the next two interscholastic contests at the level where the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

### **C. Tournament Team Limitations**

Each tournament team shall consist of a maximum of 18 uniformed players whose names appear on the current Certification List. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of the first game of regional play.

All tournament play shall be single elimination with the winning team advancing from regional to sectional and from sectional to state level competition. If an opponent incurs a violation in the state series that requires a contest or contests to be forfeited, the following policy will be followed:

- If the violation affects only one round of competition, the opponent within that round will be advanced on to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.

- If the violation affects more than one round of competition, no opponent from the preceding rounds of competition shall be advanced to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
- The advancement of opponents shall be determined by the IESA Office.

When a sectional site is undetermined, the two regional winners shall make contact, determine the sectional site, and notify the IESA Office as soon as possible. If both schools desire to host, a coin flip will be conducted by the IESA Office to determine who will host. **Starting time for the sectional is set for 11:00 a.m.**

## VIII. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

### A. Authority

By authority of the IESA Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall interpret and enforce the Terms and Conditions.

### B. Failure To Appear And Forfeiture Of Contest

Any school that withdraws from the IESA state series without notifying the IESA Office or withdraws from the state series after the seeding meeting shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the umpires for the contest which they forfeited, and that school's share for one contest of any deficit assessment.

A team failing to field the required number of starting players within ten minutes of the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the participating schools. The IESA Office and tournament host school must be notified of such.

No state series contest shall be forfeited due to weather conditions. If the administrator of any participating school determines he or she cannot reach the tournament site due to weather conditions, the host school shall reschedule that particular game as soon as possible. The IESA Office and the opposing schools shall be notified of the rescheduling. Other contests scheduled on that particular date may still be held.

Any coach or school official who withdraws a team from the field of play under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest, except when the principal of the forfeiting school believes circumstances which affected the health, safety, or welfare of the students required such action, he or she may file a protest.

### C. Baseballs

Each Regional and Sectional host will receive Rawlings RIESA baseballs to be used in your respective tournament. There will be enough for three (3) baseballs per tournament contest scheduled. Schools hosting a first round regional game should receive their allotment. Participating schools do not need to supply a baseball for each regional game. Host schools must have some identical balls on hand in case the 3 balls are not enough to complete the game. One ball shall be given to the loser of each game and two balls shall be given to the winner of each game.

### D. Players And Team Personnel

No team will be allowed in uniform more than 18 players whose names must appear on the Regional Entry Form. Only students who are currently eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest shall appear at the contest in the uniform of their school.

### E. Awards

Plaques shall be awarded to the regional and sectional winner, and trophies to the champion, runner-up, third and fourth place winners at the state final competition. Twenty-six individual awards will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in the state final competition.

### F. Conduct Of Coaches And Players

Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim, in addition to other penalties the IESA or school may assess. Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct a second time in any activity during the school year, shall be ineligible for all remaining interscholastic contests the day of the ejection and the next two interscholastic contests at

the level at which the ejection occurred, in addition to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess. Examples: A basketball player is ejected twice during the course of the season. The player is not allowed to participate in the next two contests following the ejection; a player is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. That player is not allowed to participate in the next two basketball contests following the second ejection.

Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim, in addition to other penalties the IESA or school may assess. Any coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct a second time in any activity during the school year, shall be ineligible for all remaining interscholastic contests the day of the ejection and the next two interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred, in addition to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess. Examples: A basketball coach is ejected twice during the course of the season. The coach is not allowed to attend the next two contests following the ejection; a coach is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. That coach is not allowed to attend the next two basketball contests following the second ejection.

Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct who fails to sit out the remaining interscholastic contest(s) as required in By-Laws 5.121 and 5.122 shall cause the team(s) to forfeit that contest and possibly receive other penalties as determined by the Board of Directors.

If a school has any coach ejected from two contests for unsportsmanlike conduct in a school year, that school's administration shall be required to communicate in writing with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. The panel may recommend additional sanctions to the Board of Directors if they deem necessary.

Students participating in the state series in violation of IESA By-Laws, or other persons found to be in gross violation of the ethics of competition or the principles of good sportsmanship, may be barred by the Executive Director from the remainder of the state tournament series and future interscholastic activities.

If players or representatives of any school entered in a tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, the players or representative's school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.

#### **G. Facilities**

The host school shall not make its playing fields available to the visiting teams for practice sessions other than for the customary scheduled batting practice and infield just before game time.

#### **H. State Tournament Information**

State tournament hosts will be required to send packets of information to all sectional hosts to pass on to their sectional winners.

#### **I. Media**

Space shall be made available for news media personnel covering the state series and host schools should make every effort to accommodate the media. Reporting information to the news media shall be the responsibility of each tournament manager and strongly recommended.

#### **J. Signs, Banners, And Noisemakers**

The displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.

Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring mechanical noise-making devices, megaphone, radios, or tape players into the playing area of the state tournament contest.

#### **K. Video-Taping**

Video-taping will be allowed unless the videotape taken is to be reviewed during the contest.

**L. Other**

No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where there are students participating.

State host schools are required to hang official IESA and Rawlings® banners.

Limits on free passes to the state tournament final shall be two (2) managers, two (2) statisticians, one (1) scorekeeper.

## **IX. OFFICIALS**

All umpires shall be familiar with the IESA contest regulations and the National Federation Rule Exceptions for baseball. Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.

**A. State Final Umpires**

Three umpires will be hired by the IESA for each state final tournament game. All umpires shall be licensed by the Illinois High School Association. The IESA Office shall contract the umpires for the state finals.

**B. Regional And Sectional Umpires**

For Regional and Sectional Tournament play, two umpires licensed with the Illinois High School Association in baseball shall be used. Schools hosting a regional game(s), with the approval from the other competing schools, shall contract umpires for the contests. Any umpire who lives in the school district of one of the participating schools shall not be contracted to umpire unless the schools playing in the tournament agree upon the umpire. At the regional level, each school shall pay the cost of one umpire for each game in which they participate.

Umpires for the sectional contests shall be contracted by the IESA. Sectional host schools will receive checks from the IESA Office to pay the umpires.

**C. Payment**

Regional -- \$50.00 per game

Sectional -- \$55.00 per game (2 umpires assigned and paid by the IESA Office).

State -- \$65.00 per game (3 umpires assigned and paid by the IESA Office).

**D. Provide for Umpires**

It is highly recommended, especially in the early part of the season, that water is made available to the umpires between innings.