



2009-2010 Girls Volleyball Terms and Conditions

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

A. Enrollment

The combined seventh and eighth grade enrollment for whom the school district receives state aid, as of the sixth attendance day of the current school year, shall determine the classification of each school after an equal split of the number of entries.

B. Classification

Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year, as reported to the 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.

Illustrations for Section Classification

- Q. Can a Class 1A school be moved and participate in Class 2A 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 the class they were assigned, dependent upon that school's enrollment. However, a school may be Class 1A in one activity and Class 2A 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 State Board of Education that lists the number of students reported on the Fall Housing Report that each school submitted to the ISBE.

II. STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES DATES AND SITES

A. 2009-2010 Season Calendar

Girls Volleyball (7th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)			
Activity	Week	2009-2010	2010-2011
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	14	Oct. 5, 2009	Oct. 4, 2010
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	22	Nov. 30, 2009	Nov. 29, 2010
Cooperative Agreement Due		Oct. 1, 2009	Oct. 1, 2010
Matches may begin (Mon.)	27	Jan. 4, 2010	Jan. 3, 2011
Final Entry Deadline (Wed.)	29	Jan. 20, 2010	Jan. 19, 2011
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Thur.)	32	Feb. 11, 2010	Feb. 10, 2011
Online Ranking	33	Feb. 15-17, 2010	Feb. 14-16, 2011
Regionals (Sat., Mon.-Thurs.)	34-35	Feb. 27, Mar. 1-4, 2010	Feb. 26, 28, Mar. 1-3, 2011
Sectionals (Mon.)	36	Mar. 8, 2010	Mar. 7, 2011
State (Sat., Tues.)	36-37	Mar. 13, 16, 2010	Mar. 12, 15, 2011
Season Must End	39	Mar. 31, 2010	Mar. 30, 2011

Girls Volleyball (8th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Activity	Week	2009-2010	2010-2011
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	14	Oct. 5, 2009	Oct. 4, 2010
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	22	Nov. 30, 2009	Nov. 29, 2010
Cooperative Agreement Due		Oct. 1, 2009	Oct. 1, 2010
Matches may begin (Mon.)	27	Jan. 4, 2010	Jan. 3, 2011
Final Entry Deadline (Wed.)	29	Jan. 20, 2010	Jan. 19, 2011
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Thur.)	32	Feb. 11, 2010	Feb. 10, 2011
Online Ranking	33	Feb. 15-17, 2010	Feb. 14-16, 2011
Regionals (Sat., Tues.-Thurs.)	35-36	Mar. 6, 9-11, 2010	Mar. 5, 8-10, 2011
Sectionals (Mon.)	37	Mar. 15, 2010	Mar. 14, 2011
State (Sat., Tues.)	37-38	Mar. 20, 23, 2010	Mar. 19, 22, 2011
Season Must End	39	Mar. 31, 2010	Mar. 30, 2011

B. Regional Tournaments

Regional playing dates now include the Saturday of Week 34 for 7th grade regional play and Saturday of Week 35 for 8th grade regional play.

Regional Tournaments will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office. The IESA recommends that a 5-team regional be played in two or more nights, but the host school still has the option to play this regional in one night.

1. Seventh Grade

Regional Tournaments will be held beginning on Saturday of Week 34 in the standardized calendar and should be concluded by Thursday of Week 35. The exact playing schedule is determined by the regional host school. [Feb. 27, March 1-4, 2010]

2. Eighth Grade

Regional Tournaments will be held beginning on Saturday of Week 35 in the standardized calendar and should be concluded by Thursday of Week 36. The exact playing schedule is determined by the regional host school. [March 6, 9-11, 2010]

Schools that are willing to host a regional or a sectional that is not set, should contact Julie Cochran, Administrator for Volleyball. Regional hosts will be accepted until February 10th and sectional hosts will be accepted until February 22nd. If no school offers to host a sectional by the deadline, then the regional winners for those unset sectionals will be determined by a coin flip in the IESA office. Regional and sectional assignments will be posted to the IESA website.

See section VII. Tournament Structure, for the online seed meeting procedures.

C. Sectional Tournaments

Sectional Tournaments will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office.

1. Seventh Grade

Sectional matches will be held on Monday of Week 36 in the standardized calendar. Starting time as directed by the IESA Board of Directors, is 6:00 p.m.

2. Eighth Grade

Sectional matches will be held on Monday of Week 37 in the standardized calendar. Starting time as directed by the IESA Board of Directors, is 6:00 p.m.

D. State Tournament Dates

The State Final Tournament will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office.

1. Seventh Grade

1A - Auburn @ Divernon

2A - Sangamon Valley HS

3A - Assumption Central A&M Middle School

4A - Bloomington JHS

The State Final Tournament for each class will be held on Saturday of Week 36, and Tuesday of Week 37.

2. Eighth Grade

1A- Hartsburg-Emden School

2A - Mt. Pulaski High School

3A – Riverton High School

4A – TBD

The State Final Tournament for each class will be held on Saturday of Week 37, Tuesday of Week 38.

III. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

A. Certification List

Principals of schools entered in the IESA Girls Volleyball State tournament series shall complete a *Certification List* prior to the school's participation. The *Certification List* shall be kept on file at the school and 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 required to provide the IESA with a copy of the *Certification List* on demand.

The *Certification List* is to be used for certification of grade, birth date, and current physical examinations of the competing contestants.

B. Regional Entry Form

All regional entry forms will be completed and submitted online in the IESA Member Center located on the IESA website at www.iesa.org.

The *Regional Entry Form* found on the IESA website shall be used to list up to 15 certified contestants for state tournament series play.

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless the *Regional Entry Form* has been completed and submitted online at the IESA website before the beginning date of a regional activity.

Principals of competing schools shall complete the on-line Regional Entry Form prior to the beginning date for the regional activity in which they will participate.

Each school entering the volleyball state series must submit its Regional Entry Form via the Internet through the IESA Member School Center to the IESA Office. Regional Entry Form information is to be completed by the Thursday of week 32 in the IESA standardized calendar [2/11/10]. Changes, additions, and/or substitutions may be made to the Regional Entry Form information until that team begins regional play.

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to ensure that each participant listed on its *Regional Entry Form* is eligible. When you complete the process online you will be asked to submit your name and email address; by doing this you are certifying that each student on your list has a birth certificate on file and they meet the eligibility guidelines as put forth by the IESA.

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

C. Entry fees

Schools must pay an entry fee of \$45 by the initial entry deadline of **October 5th, 2009**. Those entries arriving after **October 15th, 2009 until January 20, 2010** will be considered late and be required to pay a late entry fee of \$90.

The IESA Office will **accept entries until January 20, 2010**, the final entry deadline.

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.

Note ➡ 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.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES *NEW for 09-10 school year*

Athletic coaches in all member schools shall be designated by their Board of Education or governing board as personnel responsible for the supervision of the school's contestants. Athletic coaches in member school shall be regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois or must complete an approved coaching education course.

If the following criteria are met for athletic coaches who are certified to teach, these individuals are exempt from taking a required coaches education course:

- a) Teaching or supervising classroom activity at least two periods daily in a member school; or
- b) Employed full-time in an elementary, junior high, or high school; or
- c) An assistant teacher, resource aide, lay supervisor or other paraprofessional who is employed at least half-time per day in a member school; or
- d) Teaching full time, within the provisions of the Illinois School Code, in a member school or in a vocational or special education cooperative in which the member school participates; or
- e) A retired teacher from a member school provided the person remains certified to teach.

The Board of Directors shall approve proposed coaches education courses through which individuals may meet the requirements of section 2.110.

Students in teacher-training institutions may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school as a part of their practice teaching course provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach under the provision of Section 2.110.

High school students may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach under the provision of Section 2.110.

Any coach who does not meet the IESA coaching qualifications as detailed above will be suspended for a minimum of two games and will not be permitted to coach again until he/she completes an IESA approved coaching education course. Additionally, any contest in which the coach participated while in violation shall be forfeited.

Additional sanctions may be applied by the Board of Directors to schools with multiple violations for non-compliance with the coaching education By-Law.

Illustrations for Coaching Education

GENERAL

Q. What does the phrase 'regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois' mean?

A. You are a person who has fulfilled the requirements of state law to teach by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Q. How often does a coach have to take the approved coaches education course?

A. Once.

Q. All of my coaches including my cheer coach are certified teachers. Can we require that they complete the coaching education course?

A. Yes. This would be a local policy requiring such completion.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Q. May a student teacher assist with the coaching of an athletic team?

A. Yes, provided it is part of the student teaching experience.

Q. May student teachers continue coaching their student teaching assignments after the regular student teaching period ends?

A. Yes, provided their college or university authorizes the continuation.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Q. May a person volunteer to coach without pay at a member school?

- A. Yes. However, whether a person is paid to coach or is a non-paid volunteer, the person must meet the qualification requirements of By-Law 2.110 and its sub-sections.

RETIRED TEACHERS

- Q. Does the provision for coaching by retired teachers refer only to persons immediately retired from teaching, or to retired teachers regardless of the date of their retirement?
- A. The by-law simply states "...a retired teacher from a member school." This statement is interpreted literally. It permits a school to utilize any retired teacher from a member school as a coach, without needing approval of the person as a non-faculty coach, provided the person remains certified to teach in the schools of Illinois.

MINIMUM AGE OF NON-FACULTY COACHES

- Q. Is there an age minimum for non-faculty and/or non-certified personnel who coach?
- A. The Board of Directors interprets the provisions of this By-Law to require non-faculty and/or non-certified coaches to be a high school graduate or equivalent.

CHEER COACHES

- Q. Do cheer coaches have to take a coach's certification test?
- A. No, cheer coaches are considered non-athletic coaches and simply must be approved by their Board of Education or governing board as personnel responsible for the supervision of the school's contestants. The same holds true for music instructors, speech coaches, and scholastic bowl coaches.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS COACHES

- Q. I have a high school student assisting our wrestling squad. My head coach was ejected from the contest. May the high school student take over as the head coach for the remainder of the match?
- A. No, you would have to forfeit the remaining matches of the meet.
- Q. May the high school student we have assisting my volleyball coach be the only coach in the gym when my head coach had to miss practice?
- A. No. The high school student who is assisting can never assume coaching duties unless he/she is under the direct supervision of a coach qualified under the provisions of 2.110.
- Q. May we use high school students to demonstrate skills during practice or as team managers?
- A. Yes.

V. 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:

A. 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.

Note ➡ *During the IESA season for a sport, as defined for each sport in Division 4 of the By-laws, students shall not practice or participate in any non-school competition in the same sport as an individual or a team member. Examples of non-school competition include (but not limited to) the following: organized leagues, park and recreation leagues, club teams, and youth sport leagues. Violation shall cause ineligibility for the remainder of that sport season.*

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.

Illustrations for Participation

- 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 while he is member of a Little League baseball team?
- A. Yes. However, that is all he is allowed to do. He may tryout for the school team in this sport while still a member of the non-school team but he may not practice with the school team. He must wait until he is no longer a member of the non-school team to practice and play for the school team.
- Q. May a student participate on more than one school athletic team at a time?
- A. Yes. The IESA places no limitations on this. Some member schools have local restrictions.
- Q. May a student participate in a tryout for a non-school team participation 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.
- Q. According to the IESA calendar, wrestling practice may begin October 29. Our school does not start the school season until January 15. May students from our school wrestle in IWF or IKWF tournaments from October 29 until January 15?
- A. No. Students are not allowed to participate on any non-school team during the IESA season for that sport.

B. Age

For seventh grade volleyball sponsored by a member school, a student shall be eligible through age fourteen (14). If a student in seventh grade volleyball becomes fifteen (15) before the final event in the seventh grade state volleyball tournament series, she is unable to participate in that activity.

For eighth grade volleyball sponsored by a member school, a student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student in eighth grade volleyball becomes sixteen (16) before the final event in the state tournament series, she is not eligible to participate in eighth grade volleyball.

Each student must provide the principal of his school with certification of her 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.**

Illustrations for Age

- 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 A 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. According to the IESA standardized calendar, the Class A state track finals end May 10. Am I correct that if a Class AA 8th grader who turns 16 on May 11 is ineligible to participate in track for the entire season while a Class A 8th grader who turns 16 on May 11 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. 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.
- 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.

C. Physical Examination

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, practice, or game unless she has filed with her principal a certificate of physical fitness. This certificate should be issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner 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.

Illustrations for Physical Examination

- 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.

D. 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.

Illustrations for Amateurism

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".

E. 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.

Illustrations for Participating Under an Assumed Name

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.

F. 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.

No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team.

Illustrations for All-Star Participation

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.

G. Open Gym Limitations

Schools may open their facilities to students from their school during the school year under the following conditions:

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

H. 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 is 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.

Illustrations for Coaching Summer Participation

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

I. 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/camp 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 students in member schools may participate in these aforementioned within the limitation of these By-Laws.

Illustrations for Coaching School Participation

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 a team or an individual participate in a camp after they have lost in the state series?

A. Yes. Once a team loses in the state series, their season is complete and they may participate in camp or club ball.

J. Scholastic Standing

All contestants shall be in grades five through eight and shall not have passed eighth-grade standing.

A student shall be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all school subjects and the school shall certify compliance with this By-Law. Use of a player, contestant, or participant shall be deemed such certification.

For all IESA activities, athletic as well as non-athletic, passing work shall be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. Students must be passing each subject each week to be eligible. For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.

The eligibility check shall be the same day each week unless school is not in session; then it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week.

Grades shall be accumulative for the school's grading period.

Illustrations for Scholastic Standing

Q. Our teacher's grades are due to the office by 3:00pm each Thursday to determine grade eligibility for the following week. One of my teachers reported a failing grade for a student when he turned in grades. On the following Monday, the teacher reported that the student who was failing turned in an extra credit report over the weekend and was now considered passing. Is the student eligible?

A. No. The student is ineligible since he/she was failing on the day that grades were due to the office. The fact that the extra credit project now makes the student grade eligible will help when the grade check is done the next Thursday, but the student was failing when the grade check was completed and as a result, the student is ineligible for the following week. The grade check must be done on the same day each week and cannot count grades earned or received after the check has been completed.

VI. SEASONAL LIMITATIONS

A. Tryouts and Practice

No member school participating in the girl's volleyball state tournament series shall organize, hold tryouts, or practice prior to Monday of Week 22 in the IESA standardized calendar.

B. First and Last Contest

A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in volleyball no earlier than Monday of Week 27 and its last interscholastic contest in volleyball no later than Wednesday of Week 39 in the IESA standardized

calendar.

NOTE ➡ Only schools which have an established school team which has scheduled at least three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the regional seeding meeting in that sport during the current season, may participate in team competition in Association-sponsored meets or tournaments.

C. Team Limitations

No girls volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season and exclusive of the IESA state tournament series, participate in more than 22 matches.

All interscholastic competition shall be considered a match.

No team shall participate in more than four matches in one day in all tournament play.

Illustrations for Season Limitations

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Q. May a school team play in 3 tournaments during the regular season?

A. Yes, provided that the total matches for the regular season do not exceed 22. Additionally, teams must remember that they are only permitted to play in 4 matches in one day of tournament play.

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 in volleyball play as a school team in a summer tournament?

A. Yes, providing the tournament in its region 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.

D. Individual Limitations

An individual student shall be limited to three sets in one day in all regular season play and four matches per day in all tournament play. Violations will result in forfeiture of games from the point in which the student became ineligible.

Students who participate on a school squad in girls' volleyball shall be limited to a maximum of 72 sets in any one season, exclusive of the IESA state tournament series. Participation in a set shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of time) in any one set.

Students may participate in either or both grade levels of the IESA state tournaments for which they are qualified. Eighth graders are never permitted to play on seventh grade teams.

Students in 5th or 6th grade who play on the school's 7th and/or 8th grade teams must abide by all IESA rules and regulations.

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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.

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional and Sectional Tournaments

Each member school hosting a regional or sectional volleyball tournament shall reimburse the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions. Expenditures shall be detailed on the financial report forms. Each school hosting a regional and/or sectional will receive a Rawlings volleyball at no charge for each tournament hosted (Model IESA VB1001).

If there is a deficit in regional or sectional athletic tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-match basis. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the IESA Executive Director approves the financial report.

B. State Final Tournament

1. Officials: The IESA Office will hire, assign and pay all state final officials.
2. Tournament receipts and vouchers: All receipts and vouchers for workers and expenses shall be forwarded to the IESA office within one week. Once the IESA Executive Director approves all expenses, the host school is responsible for payment of all vouchers.
3. Profit and Deficit: One-third of the profit shall be returned to the host school and two-thirds of the profit retained by the IESA. Any deficit expenditures will be paid by the IESA.
4. Merchandise Sales: The host school will receive an amount approved by the IESA Board of Directors as their share of merchandise sales no matter the amount of money generated.
5. Concessions: All concession revenue may be kept by the host school.
6. Outside Vendors: *Any outside vendors besides concessions at state tournament events shall be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA Office instead of the host school.* All concessions revenues may be kept by the host school.
7. Non-expenditure items: 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.
8. Tournament admission prices
State Tournament Series admission prices are as follows:

Regional --	\$2.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (62+)
	\$4.00 for high school and adults
Sectional --	Same as Regional
State --	Saturday All Day Pass: This pass is good for all matches on the Saturday.
	\$3.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (62+)
	\$7.00 for high school and adults
	Championship Night
	\$2.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (62+)
	\$5.00 for high school and adults

VIII. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

A. Assignment and Advancement of Teams

Class A teams will be assigned to one of thirty-two (32) regional tournaments. Likewise, Class AA teams will be assigned to one of thirty-two (32) 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 volleyball state series must enter the following information online by Thursday of week 32 in the IESA standardized calendar [February 11, 2010]:**

- 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 screen shots are included in the volleyball initial mailing.*
2. All schools must enter their team record, season schedule with results, regional entry form, and special comment section by Thursday, **February 11, 2010** 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 three days to complete this step of the online seeding process. This second step will open Monday, **February 15, 2010** and close at midnight Wednesday, **February 17, 2010**.

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/4A) [written summary]
 - d. Head to Head competition [schedules and results]
 - e. Record against common opponents [schedules and results]
 - f. Roster of post-season team (Example: 7th grader who has played on the 8th grade team all year, but will play on 7th grade team in state series or a 7th grader who has played only 7th grade all year, but will play on 8th grade team in the regional) [written summary/regional entry form]
4. The computer will tabulate the votes and the host managers are required to view all ranking results and confirm seed results online Friday, **February 19, 2010**. *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.*

A scheduled game involving a team withdrawing from competition following the regional seeding/organizational meeting shall be considered a forfeit. That team is subject to penalty. The remaining teams shall not be re-seeded.

All matches are to be played in the proper order and shall not be changed unless permission is granted by the IESA. Matches should not be played during school hours.

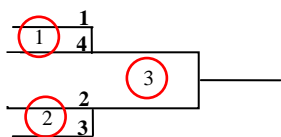
C. Regional Tournament pairings

As determined by the IESA Board of Directors, all regional and sectional hosts will now post brackets online. This will be done through the IESA Member Center. Directions will be forwarded to each host school in their host packet.

Host schools will be required to get online to confirm tournament seeds as well as enter dates, times and locations. This will automatically create a bracket that can be viewed from the Regional Assignments on the IESA website.

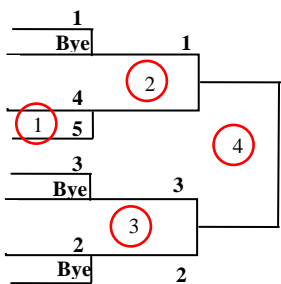
Host schools will also need to get online and advance the winners as the regional and sectional tournaments are played. This will involve entering the score of the game and submitting the information. Regional Tournament

brackets will be set-up as follows. Any deviation from the following must be approved by the IESA.



4-TEAM

In four-team tournaments: seed #1 vs. seed #4 in match 1 and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in match 2.



5-TEAM

a. Match 1: (top bracket) seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 seed (bottom bracket) #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye

b. Match 2: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1

c. Match 3: Seed #2 vs. Seed #3

d. Match 4: Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

In five-team volleyball tournament when the tournament is played in one night or quarterfinals and semifinals are on the same day the following order may be used:

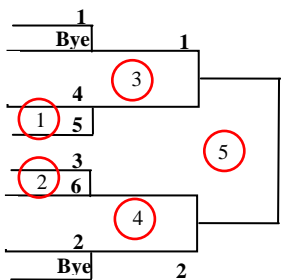
a. Match 1,

b. Match 2: Seed #2 vs. Seed #3

c. Match 3: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1

d. Match 4: Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

The IESA recommends that a 5-team regional be played in two nights.



6-TEAM

a. Match 1: (top bracket) seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5

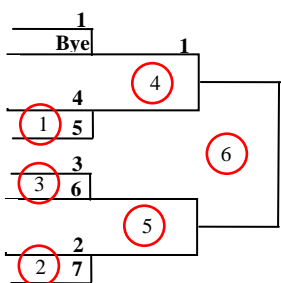
b. Match 2: (bottom bracket) seed #2 bye and seed #3 vs. seed #6

c. Match 3: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1

d. Match 4: Seed #2 vs. Winner Match 2

e. Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4

Any regional over 5-teams must be played in two nights.



7-TEAM

a. Match 1: (top bracket) Seed #1 vs. Bye, and Seed #4 vs. Seed #5

b. Match 2: (bottom bracket) Seed #2 vs. Seed #7

c. Match 3: (bottom bracket) Seed #3 vs. Seed #6

d. Match 4: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1

e. Match 5: Winner of Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

f. Match 6: Winner of Match 4 vs. Winner Match 5

Any regional over 5-teams must be played in two nights.

D. Sectional Tournament

In Sectional play, the odd numbered regional team shall be considered the home team.

IX. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. All Classes

All tournament play shall be single elimination with the exception of the losers of the state semifinal matches. Losers of state semifinal matches will play a consolation match.

Where possible, at least four schools shall be assigned to each regional tournament.

The winners of the 16 regional tournaments will advance to 8 sectional tournaments consisting of two teams each.

The winners of the 8 sectional tournaments will advance to the State Final Tournament.

X. TOURNAMENT RULES

All interscholastic athletic games, meets, and contests participated in by IESA member schools shall be governed only by the rules written or officially adopted for those respective sports by the National Federation of State High School Associations and modified by the IESA. Schools hosting IESA state series contest that do not uphold the by-laws or Terms and Conditions of a given activity governing the conduct of those contests may be subject to sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

A. Rules of Play

In regional and state final play, the team listed first in the tournament bracket shall be considered the home team. In the sectional tournament, the odd-numbered regional team shall be considered the home team.

NEW ➡ Volleyball warm-up periods shall be 4-4-4-2 in all regular season and state tournament series play. For regular season tournaments the warm-up period may be shortened.

Only team personnel may be allowed on the court during warm-ups and introductions during the state tournament series matches. Non-team personnel may be present around the perimeter of the court.

Illustrations for Tournament Rules

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Q. Can my 7th grade team sit on the bench during the 8th grade tournament?

A. No. Only those players listed on the regional entry form can be on the playing area and the team bench.

Q. Can my fans and 8th grade team be on the floor for warm-ups shagging balls during the 7th grade state tournament series?

A. No. Only players, coaches and managers listed on the regional entry form are permitted on the playing area during warm-ups and introductions.

B. IESA Exceptions to National Federation Rules

Rally Scoring and the Let serve will be used at the IESA level of play in regular season or state tournament series play. IESA member schools will play 2 out of 3 to 25. [1-2 note]

Regular season host schools of tournaments may alter the 2 out of 3 to 25 format (Example: Third Game to 15). Note: this is only for regular season tournaments and not for single matches.

During regular season play, court size shall be a minimum of 25 feet by 50 feet. [2-1-1]

The top height of the net shall be seven feet to the floor. [3-1-4]

The Libero position shall not be used. [6-3-2]

C. Uniform Numbers

The number on the volleyball uniform shall be at least four inches on the front of the top and at least six inches high on the back of the top. *It must be a plain Arabic numeral of a solid contrasting color with the color of the surrounding uniform. It may have a single, contrasting border of shadow not to exceed 1/2 inch in width. '00-09' are illegal numbers.* The number on the front of the uniform should be placed no more than five inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than five inches below the *bottom edge of the neckline ribbing, placket or seams on the uniform top.* [NFHS 4-2-4]

NOTE ➡

Uniforms must be worn as designed by the manufacturer. [NFHS 4-2-1d]

D. IESA State Tournament Team Limitations

Each tournament team shall consist of a **maximum of 15 uniformed girls** whose names appear on the current *Certification List*. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of the first match 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.

XI. 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 team which fails to play a scheduled state tournament series match and forfeits such match is subject to action of the Board of Directors, including penalty, assessments, suspension, or expulsion.

A team failing to field the required number of starting players within *thirty (30)* minutes of the scheduled match time shall forfeit the match unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the participating schools.

- Q. One of the teams that is scheduled to play in my sectional is late. There has been no contact from that school. What do I do?
 - A. If there has been no contact from the school then the game will be forfeited if the school does not arrive on site 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time.
- Q. My sectional was scheduled for 6pm. One of the schools scheduled to play in the contest has called and indicated they had bus problems and will be arriving after 6:30pm. Should this game be forfeited?
 - A. No. Since contact has been made with the school and bus problems would be considered as extenuating circumstances, every effort should be made to play the game.
- Q. Whose responsibility is it to declare a forfeit if a team is late?
 - A. The host manager has the responsibility to declare a forfeit. This is generally the administrator of the host school.

No state tournament 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 match 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 match 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. Volleyballs

NEW → Rawlings IESA VB1001 volleyballs must be used at the regional, sectional and state final level of play. The IESA Office will provide each regional and sectional host with a Rawlings IESA VB1001 volleyball to be used in the contest. Each state host will receive three volleyballs to be used in competition.

D. Players And Team Personnel

No team will be allowed in uniform more than 15 players whose name appears on the Regional Entry Form. Only team personnel may be allowed on the court during warm-ups and introductions during the state tournament series matches. Non-team personnel may be present around the perimeter of the court. **After the conclusion of shared warm-up time, practice jerseys or warm-ups without numbers should be removed.**

Note ➡

E. Awards

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

F. Facilities

Ball handling will be permitted ½ hour prior to scheduled match time on the competition floor in Regional and Sectional play. At State Final sites, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the scheduled warm-up and coin toss. The host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the competition teams for practice sessions prior to the warm-up.

All teams are prohibited from being on the floor for practice or ball handling throughout the IESA state regional and sectional play in the tournament host school facilities one hour prior to the start of the match until ½ hour prior to the scheduled match time.

Q. Can the host school practice in a second gym 1 hour prior to the start of their match?

A. No. All facilities within the host school are closed to all competing teams for ball handling and warm-up one hour prior to the start of the match until ½ hour prior to the scheduled match time.

G. State Tournament Information

State tournament hosts are required to send state final information packets to the IESA office to pass on to sectional winners.

H. Media

Space shall be made available for news media personnel covering the state tournament 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 is strongly recommended.

I. 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.

J. Video-Taping

Videotaping is allowed in all IESA Volleyball State Tournament Series contests. Any taping for the purpose of reviewing during the contest, however, shall be prohibited.

K. Other

All fans that attend IESA state series contests must wear shirts at all times.

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

Note ➡ No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during a match by bench personnel.

No raffles, 50-50 or other drawings, or other contests for money-raising purposes are to be conducted during IESA tournament play.

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

Limits on free passes to the state tournament series shall be two (2) managers, two (2) statisticians, one (1) scorekeeper, and twelve (12) cheerleaders in uniform.

All cheers, performances, routines, or other activities conducted by a school's spirit squad(s) (i.e., cheerleaders, pom-poms, flags, and drill team) shall be conducted in accordance with the Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

If a host school has a band capable of contributing to the entertainment, playing before matches and during intermission of state tournament series matches is encouraged. 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. No band other than the one from the local school shall be admitted as an organization except by special permission of the Executive Director who will act only upon petition of the local manager.

XII. SPORTSMANSHIP 2.090

Conduct of Coaches and Players

Any player or 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 player or 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. For Example: a player is ejected one time during the softball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the volleyball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. That player is not allowed to participate in the next two volleyball matches following the second ejection.

By-law 5.120

- Reminder** ➡
- Q. What happens to a player who is ejected during the regional and the team loses the regional contest?
 - A. The ejected player would have to serve out the penalty at the level at which the penalty occurred. Additionally, they would not be eligible for any contests at a different level until the penalty is served.

Students participating in the state tournament 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.

If a coach is ejected from the contest and he or she is the only person responsible for the supervision of spectators, the contest would have to be forfeited as no one would be available to coach and/or supervise.

By-law 2.020

NOTE ➡ The IESA and its Board of Directors strongly suggest an administrator or school representative (other than the coach) be in attendance at all home contests.

It is also recommended that a school have a policy in place when dealing with fan ejections. For all contests, the game official will be required to fill out and submit a special report form for an ejection within 48 hours of the incident. In addition, the host school administrator on duty should also complete a special report form and return it to the IESA office following an ejection.

Sportsmanship Rating Forms for competing teams are to be completed online in the IESA Member Center. Officials will receive rating forms for competing teams on site at the state tournament.

XIII. OFFICIALS

A. General

Note ➡ It is required that member schools use **two Illinois High School Association (IHSA) licensed officials** registered in volleyball for **all regular season contests**. Coaches from participating teams should never be the contest officials.

For the IESA state tournament series, officials registered by the IHSA in that athletic activity must be used.

All contest officials shall be familiar with IESA contest regulations/exceptions and the National Federation Rules for volleyball.

Two officials shall be hired for all levels of volleyball contests. In addition, line judges will be hired by the IESA Office for the State Final Tournament.

Line judges are an option for the host school at any regular season, regional or sectional match. Line judges must adhere to the following regarding proper dress: Black slacks, all white shirt, and black or white athletic shoes. Line judges must not wear black and white striped official's shirts. If a host school chooses to use line judges at the regional and/or sectional level, this is not a reimbursable expense on the financial form.

If the host school contracts line judges:

- NEW** ➡
1. They must be at least 17 years of age; and
 2. Two line judges (no more, no less) must be provided.

Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.

B. Regional Tournaments

Regional host schools shall contract the two officials from a list of IHSA-registered officials. No official should be hired that has an affiliation with your school. **Preferably, no officials should be hired from cities playing in the regional tournaments.**

C. Sectional Tournaments

The IESA Office shall contract officials for all sectional tournaments.

D. State Final Tournament

The IESA Office will be responsible for contracting all officials for the state final tournament. When there are conflicts with the official's hometown playing, officials will be reassigned or paid.

The IESA Office shall contract line judges for the state volleyball finals. They shall be IHSA-registered volleyball officials.

E. Payment

- Note** ➡
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| Regional -- | \$40.00 per match with no mileage payment (hired by host school) |
| Sectional -- | \$50.00 per match with no mileage payment (assigned by the IESA Office). |
| State -- | \$65.00 per match with no mileage payment (assigned by the IESA Office). |

Illustrations for Officials

- Q. Can a school demand that an official be changed for a state series game in which they participate?
A. No.