



# 2024-2025 Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions

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## Member School Responsibilities

- It is the responsibility of each member school to control its interscholastic athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the association.
- It is the responsibility of each member school to protect the health of and provide a safe environment for each participating student.
- In order to promote the character development of participants and to enhance the integrity of educating students, coaches, and all others associated with their programs and events, member schools should adhere to fundamental values such as respect, fairness, honest and responsibility.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year as reported to the IESA by the member school through the IESA Member Center shall determine the classification. Regional, sectional, and state level competition shall be held in two classes (A/AA) based on enrollment, with an equal split of the number of entries. Member schools that desire to host a state series contest should complete the online host interest form. Competition sites shall be determined by the IESA Office.

## II. STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES DATES AND SITES

### A. 2024-25 Season Calendar

SCHOLASTIC BOWL (CLASS A & AA)		
Activity	Week	2024-25
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	14	Oct. 2
Final Entry Deadline (Mon.)	31	Nov. 1
State Workshop (Fri.)		<b>NO WORKSHOP</b>
Cooperative Agreement Due	27	Jan. 5
Matches may begin (Mon.)	30	Jan. 27
<b>Initial Season Schedule Deadline (Wed.)</b>	<b>34</b>	Feb. 26
<b>Regional Assignments Posted (Tues)</b>	<b>35</b>	March 4
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Mon.)	42	April 21
<b>Roster Closed Deadline (Tues.)</b>	<b>43</b>	April 29
Regional Tournaments (Wed.)	43	April 30
Sectional Tournaments (Mon.)	44	May 5
State Tournament (Fri. A/AA)	44	May 9

### B. Regional Tournaments (Class A/AA)

Regional tournaments will be held as designated by the Board of Directors, consisting of two or more schools in round-robin competition or pool play with round-robin competition within the pool, with the two

pool winners meeting for the regional team championship. Regional Tournaments will be held on [Wednesday of Week 43](#) and will start no later than 4:30pm.

**Host Result Reporting:** It shall be the responsibility of regional and sectional host schools to update regional and sectional tournament results online in the member center host administration area no later than 9:00 a.m. of the following school day.

**C. Sectional Tournaments (Class A/AA)**

A number of sectional tournaments will be held as designated by the Board of Directors. There shall be round-robin competition with the four regional winners competing. Sectional tournaments will be held on Monday of Week 44 and will be scheduled to start at either 4:00 or 4:30pm. Host schools will notify the IESA office of their start time.

**D. State Tournament (Class A/AA)**

Class A and Class AA state tournaments will be held as designated by the Board of Directors. Each tournament will consist of eight sectional winners. State competition shall consist of two pools with four teams each, in round-robin competition, with the two pool winners meeting for the state championship. The state tournament will be held on Friday of Week 44 and will start at 1:00pm.

**E. State Tournament Site**

The Class A State Finals and the Class AA State Finals will be at the Civic Center in Peoria. State tournament information with time sensitive information, will be sent via email to all regional winners prior to sectional play. The complete state packet will be sent, via email, to all sectional winners following sectional play.

**Host Interest:** Schools that are interested in hosting a regional or sectional may submit their interest online through the Member School Center Host Interest Form.

### III. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

**A. Regional Entry Form**

All regional entry forms will be completed and submitted online in the IESA Member Center located on the IESA website. In Mid-January, each school that has paid for the activity will receive a scholastic bowl entry center password. Instructions regarding online entry are included in the manual. **Note: The scholastic bowl password resets each school year.**

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any state tournament series contest unless the *Regional Entry Form* has been completed and submitted online on the IESA website. This must be completed by the online seeding deadline. The *Regional Entry Form* found on the IESA website shall be used to list up to 15 certified contestants for state tournament series play.

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams to ensure that each participant listed on its *Regional Entry Form* is eligible. When schools complete the process online, they will be asked to submit the coach name and email address; by doing this coaches are certifying that each student on their roster has a birth certificate on file and that the students meet the eligibility guidelines as put forth by the IESA. **Schools may make changes to the Regional Entry form until the "Roster Closed" deadline date as detailed in the Activity Calendar that is posted on the IESA website. After the Roster Closed Deadline, no changes will be permitted on the Regional Entry Form. The Roster Closed Deadline for Scholastic Bowl is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:00p.m.**

**B. Entry fees**

Schools must pay an entry fee of \$65 postmarked by the initial entry deadline of **October 2**. The IESA Office will **accept entries until the final entry deadline of November 1**. The IESA office **will not** accept entries postmarked after the final entry deadline.

**Withdrawal from the State Series:** Scholastic Bowl teams withdrawing from the state series must notify the IESA Office of their intent to withdraw by the conclusion of the online ranking process. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 penalty which must be paid to the IESA.

## IV. ELIGIBILITY

### A. 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. Attendance

Students must attend member schools and may only represent in competition the school they actually attend.

#### 2. Transfer

A student who transfers from one school to another school shall be eligible to participate under the following guidelines:

- a. The student would be eligible to participate in a sport at their new school during the current school year if during the IESA designated season for a sport, the student had NOT participated in a tryout, organized practice, or contest in that sport at their previous school. See By-Law 2.072 regarding student status as a member of a team.
- b. A student who transfers from one school to another and is eligible in accordance with section (a) above shall become eligible to participate in contests for the new school on his/her eleventh day of attendance at the new school in any sport or activity and provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

#### *Illustrations for Attendance*

- Q.** Must a contestant be in school on the day he or she desires to participate in an interscholastic activity?
- A.** The contestant is not required to do so by Association rules. Many schools maintain local policies of this sort which would determine if he or she would be permitted to play.
- Q.** What is the definition of "the school which they actually attend"?
- A.** The school which they actually attend" shall be viewed as the school at which a student is enrolled and permanent records are kept. The only exceptions to this definition would be students who are classified as special education, feeder school, involved in a cooperative team sponsorship, a music organization entry, or meet the criteria in By-Law 2.036 or 2.037
- Q.** Could a member school which is not in attendance due to a "strike" participate in an interscholastic contest?
- A.** A school shall not engage in an interscholastic activity unless 51% of the school's students are in attendance and the minimum program required by state law is being offered. This is in conformity with policy established by the *Illinois State Board of Education*.
- Q.** How often must the written request to use students from feeder schools be made?
- A.** Annually. Permission shall be granted only after feeder schools have paid membership dues to the Association.
- Q.** Could a member junior high school bring up their best sixth graders from its three feeder schools to play on a tournament team?
- A.** Yes, provided the principal complies with the provisions of By-Laws 2.035 and all requirements of By-law 3.012.
- Q.** Can a student who is home schooled for part of the day and also attends a public school for part of the day; participate for the public school?
- A.** Only if the district meets all of the provisions of By-Law 2.036.

#### 3. 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. Eligibility will be applied to the Monday through Saturday following the week that was checked. Students must be passing each subject each week to be eligible. Grades shall be cumulative for the school's grading period.**

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:** We are in the 5<sup>th</sup> week of our nine week grading period. During our weekly grade check we discovered that we have a student who is receiving 4 A's and one F in all subjects. Is that student eligible to participate?

**A:** No. Since grades are cumulative for a grading period and the student is not passing all subjects, the student is ineligible for the following week. When the grade check is taken the following week and if the student is now passing all five subjects, then the student will regain eligibility.

**Q:** When a student is ineligible for a given week because of grades, may that student participate in practices held during the week of ineligibility?

**A:** This is a local school decision.

**Q:** Our teacher's grades are due to the office by 3:00 p.m. 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 this student eligible?

**A:** No. The student is ineligible since he 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.

#### **4. Use of Participants**

Only students who are currently eligible under the rules and by-laws are eligible to participate.

#### **4. Schools With Which Contest May Be Held**

Member schools may permit eligible students to participate in interscholastic activities as school representatives pursuant with the following:

- Schools which are members of this Association;
- Illinois elementary attendance centers containing any of the grades five through eight which are not members of this Association;
- Any school (Illinois or non-Illinois) containing grades five through eight as long as that contest is held in an Illinois school;
- Non-Illinois elementary attendance centers in states adjacent to Illinois which contain any of the grades five through eight.

**High School/Non-School Groups:** Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in interscholastic activities with high school or non-school groups.

**Practice:** Member schools are not allowed to practice against other schools, including high schools, or allow students from their own school to practice with a different school.

## V. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

### A. Assignment and Advancement of Teams

Teams will be assigned to one of thirty-two (32) regional tournaments in a given class. The IESA administrator in charge of the activity will have the authority to reorganize regional assignments after the assignments are posted due to schools withdrawing from the activity.

### B. Season Limitations

Schools participating in a scholastic bowl competition using IESA rules may conduct their first contest no earlier than **Monday of week 30 (January 27, 2025)** in the standardized calendar.

**Results Used for Seeding:** Participating schools will be seeded using only the results of matches where IESA scholastic bowl rules were followed. Schools may participate in outside academic competitions at any time during the school year. Results of outside academic competitions shall not be included when listing the team's season record during the online regional seeding procedure. **There is not a maximum number of contests a team may compete in for a season.**

**Minimum Contest Requirement:** Only schools which have an established school team which has participated in **at least three (3) interscholastic contests using IESA scholastic bowl rules** during the current season prior to the regional tournament date (**April 30, 2025**) may participate in the state series.

**\*You are required to enter your Initial Season Schedule by week 34 in the IESA Standardized Calendar. This date is February 26, 2025.**

**NOTE: During the scholastic bowl season, when playing by IESA scholastic bowl rules, schools must abide by IESA By-Laws 2.081, 2.082 and 2.083.**

### D. Regional On-line Seed Procedures

Each participating school will receive a letter in January with online entry instructions. This letter will contain a Scholastic Bowl Entry Center password and instructions for entering a team's regional entry form, season schedule and results (**Note: The scholastic bowl password resets each school year**).

**Each school will be required to enter their team Roster and Record information by Monday of week 42 (April 21, 2025) in the IESA standardized Calendar. You may ONLY enter your "A" team schedule and results.**

\* NOTE: No School will be allowed to participate in regional play without submitting the scholastic bowl roster, schedule and results online during the seeding process.

Following the closing of this record submission step, the record information for all schools will be automatically tabulated. *The IESA will review all results, break ties and confirm seeds. Results will be posted online in each regional bracket on the assignment page.*

**After the online seeding process, changes to the list of your 15 competitors may be made until the Roster Closed Deadline on Tuesday, April 29, by 4:00pm.**

***The following penalties are in effect for schools that fail to submit the required information by the posted deadline:***

***a. First offense: School will be placed on probation.***

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

Following the Scholastic Bowl regional online seeding procedure (Monday of Week 42), any scholastic bowl team that withdraws from the state series will result in the regional bracket being updated to reflect any potential changes to the seeds of the remaining schools.

**Two-Team Regional:** Following a withdrawal within a three-team regional or pool, the two remaining teams will take part in a best of three competitions to determine the champion.

Regional Payment Scale	Sectional Payment Scale
Moderator- \$30	Moderator- \$40
Scorer- \$10	Scorer- \$10
Timer- \$10	Timer- \$10
Total-\$40.00	Total-\$50.00

### REGIONAL FORMATS:

Schools are listed alphabetically in each regional on the initial assignments. After the online seeding process, teams will be ranked and placed in the bracket based on their school's rank. Results of the seeding will be posted on the regional assignment bracket page following the close of the seeding process.

#### **3: Three-team regional for round-robin competition are as follows:**

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Seed 2 vs. Seed 3	Seed 1 vs. Seed 3	Seed 1 vs. Seed 2
Seed 1 -BYE	Seed 2- BYE	Seed 3- BYE

Teams that finish 2-0 automatically advance to the Sectional. If there is a tie for first following round-robin play, please refer to Rule 1, Section 6 in the Scholastic Bowl Rule Book.

Site Specifics - 1 Room, 1 Moderator, 3 Matches

#### **4: Four-team regional for round-robin competition are as follows**

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Seed 1 vs. Seed 4	Seed 1 vs. Seed 3	Seed 1 vs. Seed 2
Seed 2 vs. Seed 3	Seed 2 vs. Seed 4	Seed 3 vs. Seed 4

Teams that finish 3-0 automatically advance to the Sectional. If there is a tie for first following round-robin play, please refer to Rule 1, Section 6 in the Scholastic Bowl Rule Book.

Site Specifics - 2 Rooms, 2 Moderators, 6 Matches

#### **5: Five-team regional for round-robin competition are as follows:**

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Pool A	Seed 1 vs. Seed 5 Seed 4- BYE	Seed 4 vs. Seed 5 Seed 1- BYE	1 vs. 4 Seed 5- BYE	Pool A Winner Vs.
Pool B	2 vs. 3	2 vs. 3	2 vs. 3 (if necessary)	Pool B Winner

Site Specifics - 2 Rooms, 2 Moderators, 5-7 Matches

#### **6: Six-team regional for round-robin competition are as follows:**

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Pool A	Seed 1 vs. Seed 5 Seed 4- BYE	Seed 4 vs. Seed 5 Seed 1- BYE	1 vs. 4 Seed 5- BYE	Pool A Winner Vs.
Pool B	Seed 3 vs. Seed 6 Seed 2- BYE	Seed 2 vs. Seed 6 Seed 3-BYE	2 vs. 3 Seed 6- BYE	Pool B Winner

Site Specifics - 2 Rooms, 2 Moderators, 5-7 Matches

#### **7: Seven-team regional for round-robin competition are as follows:**

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Pool A	Seed 1 vs. Seed 5 Seed 4- BYE	Seed 4 vs. Seed 5 Seed 1- BYE	1 vs. 4 Seed 5- BYE	Pool A Winner Vs.
Pool B	Seed 2 vs. Seed 7 Seed 3 vs. Seed 6	Seed 2 vs. Seed 6 Seed 3 vs. Seed 7	Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 Seed 6 vs. Seed 7	Pool B Winner

Site Specifics - 3 Rooms, 3 Moderators, 9-10 Matches

### SECTIONAL FORMAT:

At the Sectional tournament, the Regional Winners will compete in round-robin competition. Each of the competing teams will play three matches.

Site Specifics-2 Rooms, 2 Moderators, 6 Matches

**Example of Sectional Tournament Format:**

<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>
Team A vs. Team B	Team A vs. Team D	Team A vs. Team C
Team C vs. Team D	Team B vs. Team C	Team B vs. Team D

**VI. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

**A. Regional and Sectional Brackets**

As determined by the IESA Board of Directors, all regional and sectional hosts will post bracket information online. Information should be posted through the IESA Member Center. Directions will be forwarded to each host school in their host packet.

**Online Tournament Information:** Host schools will be required to enter online the tournament location and times for each round following the posting of the regional online seeding process. The information entered by the host school will be included in the bracket available from the Regional Assignments page on the IESA website.

**Online Result Information:** Host schools must also enter state series contest results and advance the winners as the regional and sectional tournaments are played. This will require submitting the score of each match played.

**Tournament Advancement:** Winners of the thirty-two (32) regional sites in each class will advance to sectional tournament play. Winners of the eight (8) sectional sites in each class will advance to the state tournament.

**Violations During State Series:** 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.

**VII. TOURNAMENT RULES & IESA EXCEPTIONS**

**A. Tournament Team**

**Regional Entry Form:** A maximum of 15 competitors from grades five through eight may be included on the school's Regional Entry form for the state tournament series. Any of the competitors listed on the Regional Entry Form may be used in any match at any level of the state tournament series.

**Required Number of Starting Players:** Five team members are required to begin play for each match. Fewer than five team members may continue in the match if there are extenuating circumstances.

**Team and Name Placard:** Each team shall provide a name placard with each member's first name and a team name placard for each match in which it participates.

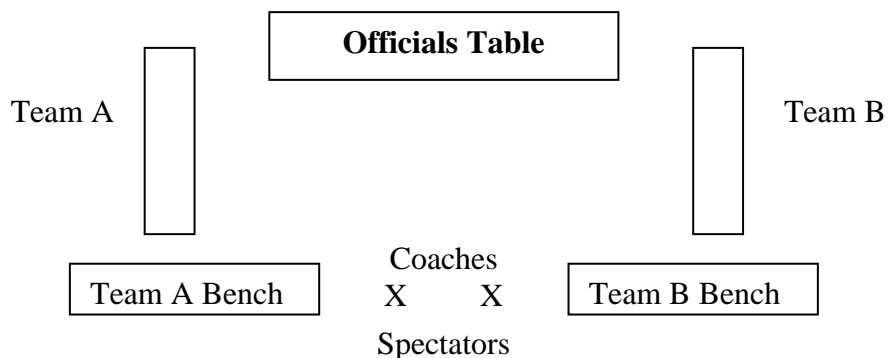
**Coach:** Each team shall be accompanied by at least one coach who has been designated by the administration of the participating school.

**Minimum Contest Requirement:** Only schools which have an established team which has participated in at least three (3) interscholastic contests using IESA scholastic bowl rules prior to the regional tournament date may participate in team competition in IESA sponsored meets or tournaments.

**B. Match set-up**

**Room Set-Up:**

- The Moderator's Table will be set behind and between the competitor's tables facing the fans.
- Coaches will be seated in the first row with remaining team members on either side. The coaches will be in the middle facing the moderators table. A table can be provided for the coaches if there is enough room.
- Fans will be seated behind the extra team members' row.
- Once a match has begun, the doors to the room should remain closed and individuals will not be permitted to exit the room until the half-time 2-minute break or conclusion of the round. Once the second half has begun, the doors should close again and no one is to be permitted entrance into the competition room until the conclusion of the match. (*See Diagram*)



**VIII. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

All tournament matches in state series competition shall be played.

**Five team, six team and pool A of seven team regionals:** If two teams are scheduled to play in round three with neither team able to advance to round 4, the match can be called off pending both coach's approval. Both coaches will then inform the host school that the match has been called off. In this instance, the host school should enter both scores as "0" online.

**Equipment Requirement:** A fully functioning ten-position electronic lockout response system will be used for all matches in the IESA state tournament series.

**Coach Requirement:** If a school does not have a duly appointed coach or faculty representative present at the tournament site during tournament play, that school's competitors shall not be permitted to participate.

**Tournament Questions:** A host school must contact the IESA Office prior to the beginning of any tournament regarding the replacement of any selected tournament questions or the changing of answers to any selected tournament questions. Coaches from host schools shall not be permitted to see any questions prior to tournament play in which their school is participating.

No reproduction of questions in written form, videotaping, or tape/digital recording will be permitted in regional, sectional, or state competition by competing schools or visitors. The tournament host will retain the questions provided at regional and sectional state series play. The IESA may record the state championship match.

It is the responsibility of the host school to provide the materials necessary to conduct the tournament.

All head coaches must indicate that their students are in compliance with the sportsmanship and eligibility standards when completing the online Regional Entry Form.



No interscholastic tournaments may have a sponsor who is a manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.

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

Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.

**Schools serving as a host must have signage in accordance with the Concealed Carry, Act 430 ILCS 66. This includes an IESA event that is held on your school property and IESA events held off-premise (i.e. a park).**

## IX. AWARDS

**Team Awards:** Regional and sectional winning teams shall be awarded a plaque. Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth place winning teams in state final competition.

**Individual Awards:** Twenty individual medals shall be awarded to members of the championship, runner-up, third, and fourth place teams at the state level.

## X. SPORTSMANSHIP

### Conduct of Coaches and Players

Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition the player must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$100.00 fine.
- Player may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

#### Examples:

1. A basketball player is ejected twice during the course of the season. That player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.
2. A player is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.

Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and pay a \$100.00 fine prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$250.00 fine. Coach may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

#### Examples:

1. A basketball coach is ejected twice during the course of the season. That coach is not allowed to attend the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.
2. A coach is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that coach is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.

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.

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 moderator 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 and incident.

## XI. MODERATORS

**Regular Season Moderators:** Coaches will be allowed to moderate their regular season matches. It is recommended that schools contact their opponent(s) ahead of their match, informing them they will moderate their own match. Coaches do have to option at halftime to switch rolls and moderate the second half of the match.

**Regional Moderators:** The necessary number of moderators for each regional tournament shall be determined and appointed by the host tournament manager.

**Sectional Moderators:** Moderators for sectional sites will be hired by the sectional host.

**State Final Moderators:** Moderators for the state final contest shall be contracted by the IESA. The host school shall be responsible for selecting the necessary adult timers and scorers and may request a trained person from the participating schools.

The officials for each match in the IESA state tournament series will include a moderator, a scorer, and a timer. **Moderators in the state series must be at least 18 years of age or older.** Each of these officials also serves as a judge; the scorer and timer are assistant judges. The moderator has the final authority.

*Note: The IESA removed the requirement that scorers and timers at the regional and sectional tournament should be 18 years or older so that host school(s) could use high school team members who have knowledge of the game and its rules.*

A student or adult will be appointed to serve as an assistant scorer for each match to tabulate and display the score on a dry erase board for all spectators to view in the state tournament series if necessary.

**Final Authority:** The decisions of match officials shall be final.

## XII. FORFEITURE OF CONTEST

In scholastic bowl competition, a team failing to field the required number of starting players (5) within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit its match.

Teams that cannot attend scholastic bowl regional, sectional, or state finals, due to weather may forfeit without penalty. However, only when a majority of the schools scheduled to compete in the contest are not able to participate due to weather will the contest be rescheduled. Should weather cause a delay or postponement in any state final activity, it is the responsibility of the IESA along with the respective host school to reschedule the contest.

## XIII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Regional and Sectional Tournaments

Regional Hosts shall receive \$40.00 per match scheduled from the IESA office and sectional hosts shall receive \$50.00 per match scheduled.

Regional Payment Scale	Sectional Payment Scale
Moderator- \$30	Moderator- \$40
Scorer- \$10	Scorer- \$10
Timer- \$10	Timer- \$10
Total-\$40.00	Total-\$50.00

If there is a deficit in regional or sectional 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.

Tournament admission prices

State Tournament Series admission prices are as follows:

- Regional -- No Admission Charge
- Sectional -- No Admission Charge
- State -- \$5.00 for all ages