



Softball Regional & Sectional Announcements

Announce Before the Start of the Game

Welcome to tonight's IESA Softball game. Interscholastic athletics are an extension of the classroom. Lessons are best learned when proper respect is afforded to all. It is our expectation that all fans conduct themselves with a level of sportsmanship and respect that expresses positive support for your team. Fans should take personal responsibility to maintain "good sportsmanship." Refrain from booing, swearing or negative comments directed at either team or the officials. Be smart and sport a winning attitude! A reminder to all fans: all noise-making devices, balloons and light sticks must be excluded from all IESA State Tournament Series. Thank you for your cooperation!

The interscholastic athletics and activities experience is something we cannot take for granted. Since 1929, the IESA has provided a great vehicle for recognition of its students, schools and their communities through competition in IESA state series in sports and non-athletic activities. Participation in sports and activities is a lot more than just winning and losing - students who participate in programs offered by their schools are taught valuable life lessons that will make them a success in whatever endeavors they choose. We must teach our students, coaches, families and their supporters that it is very important to participate. Everyone must take advantage of the learning opportunities that are uniquely made available to them through IESA programs.

Rawlings Sporting Goods Company is dedicating significant support to IESA schools and the young athletes who represent them. IESA is thrilled to announce that the "official ball" used in the State Series is produced by Rawlings Sporting Goods Company of St. Louis. When Illinois kids participate in their games, they make their victories official with Rawlings.

Announce Before the Start of the 3rd Inning

At least one IESA member school in each of the 15 Board of Directors geographic divisions will be voted by its peers to receive the division sportsmanship award. IESA will present each winning school with a banner recognizing this accomplishment. To be eligible, the school must be involved in at least 5 IESA activities, and the school must have no reports of unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection of players, coaches or fans during the school year. Schools will vote online to determine this year's division sportsmanship award winners.

Announce During the Top of the 5th Inning

We've got the kids- more than 100,000- and we've got the games- in 10 different sport state series. All we need is you! The schools of the IESA are looking for someone like you to become licensed as an athletic official . . . a referee or a starter. We need sports-minded women and men to get into the action. It's easy to become licensed as an athletic official. Contact your local junior high or high school athletic director, call the IHSA Officials Department at (309) 663-6377, or visit the IESA web site at iesa.org for details.

Announce at the End of the Game

Fans, the winner of this game, advances to the next round. Check out the brackets at iesa.org to find out information on the next match for the winning team in the IESA Softball State Series.

Announce as Needed

Attending an interscholastic event is a privilege, and with this privilege comes the responsibility to behave in a way that ensures an enjoyable experience for all fans and participants. The IESA wants to remind everyone that having a positive attitude is essential for both those on the field and in the stands.