



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 26, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Chris Graham; Coaches Greg Pohlman, Carrollton; Matt Smith, Mt. Zion; Jeff Bambule, Romeoville Lukancic; Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City; Neal Roach, Downs Tri-Valley; and Keith Sprague, Springfield Christian; Administrator Tim Dotson, Peoria Limestone Walters; and Umpire Kevin Mallehan, Normal. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 26, 2007, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 18, 2008 meeting:

1. To move the final entry deadline from Friday of week #7 in the standardized calendar to Friday of week #6. **Rationale: We had one school enter the state series this year right at the final deadline. By that time, regional assignments had already been made and so an 8 team regional had to be created. By moving the final deadline earlier, it may help to alleviate assignment problems.**
2. To change By-Law 2.127 so that at least one IHSA licensed umpire is hired for each game. **Rationale: Currently neither umpire is required to be IHSA licensed. Requiring at least one licensed umpire helps to insure that the game will be played with at least one umpire knowledgeable of rules, changes, etc. The committee felt requiring two licensed umpires would be difficult in some areas of the state.**

There was a motion and a second to allow all pitchers to return to the mound one time if they were removed from the pitching position. Currently, only the starting pitcher can return. The motion was defeated.

Discussion was held on wood bats and some brief information was given on the study conducted by the IHSA on wood bats in the spring of 2007. Results of that study will be sent to the committee members. Members were informed about House Bill 4140 which is legislation proposed by Representative Molaro banning aluminum bats in recreation leagues where children 13 and under participate. Whether or not that bill if it would become law would apply to the IESA is not known at this time.

Information was presented on the fence that was used on the Class 3A diamond. A company called Flex Media Partnership provided the fence that was used on the Class 3A diamond. The website for the company is www.flexmediapartnership.com.

Information was also presented on a Kwik-Release Base and the 2008 NFHS rules were discussed.

The committee had favorable comments concerning the 3 class system and the playing of all classes at the EastSide Centre. Compliments were given to the EastSide staff and host school, East Peoria Central. The committee would like for a warning track to be added to the Class 1A and Class 2A diamonds for the safety of the participants.

The committee requests that pre game instructions for state series play be made available to host schools.

Pairings were drawn for the 2008 state finals as follows:

	<u>GAME 1</u>	<u>GAME 2</u>	<u>GAME 3</u>	<u>GAME 4</u>
CLASS 1A --	D vs. B	E vs. F A vs. C		G vs. H
CLASS 2A--	G vs. A	D vs. B	F vs. E	C vs. H
CLASS 3A--	H vs. F	E vs. A B vs. C		D vs. G

Matt Smith, Kevin Mallehan, and Greg Pohlman were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2008.