



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 30, 2009

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, James Bunting; Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City; Fred Pufahl, Frankfort Summit Hill; Jon Hanner, Charleston; Keith Sprague, Springfield Christian; Bob Gold, Eureka Middle School, Principal; and Umpire Lyle Meador, Oreana. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 30, 2009, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 22, 2010 meeting:

1. To change the starting time of the state contests from 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, and 4:45 to 10:00, 12 noon, 2:00, and 4:00. **Rationale: With the exception of the first game each day, state baseball games rarely start at the announced times. However, by changing the time, if there should be a game that is completed quickly, the proposed times would allow the next game to start as scheduled and keep games moving.**
2. To add to By-Law 4.014 the following penalty for the wearing of metal cleats: "If a player is found wearing metal cleats, the player must be immediately removed from the game without the opportunity to return to the game." **Rationale: The baseball committee believes this is an appropriate penalty. However, they also recognize that their recommendation is different than what the softball committee has recommended for their penalty. Exec. Director's Note: The penalty for wearing metal cleats in either softball or baseball should be the same for both sports if for no other reason than to be consistent for the umpires who work both sports.**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. Among those were the current bat regulations and whether or not they should be changed. Discussion about mandating faceguards was held. After the discussion, there was no recommendation for changing either item although the committee did take notice that a school/individual may use faceguards in accordance with NFHS rules. There was a lot of discussion concerning regular season games that are called for weather, darkness, etc. Currently, only state series games are treated as suspended games if they do not meet game ending procedures as stated by NFHS rule. The committee did not make a recommendation to adopt a policy on regular season games that are not completed. Therefore, regular season games that do not meet game ending procedures as described in the NFHS rule book will be considered no game and should the teams decide to play again, the game will start completely over with nothing from the previous contest counting toward the new game. Fred Pufahl had a request from a school to discuss the possibility of adding a 3rd umpire to the sectional contests. Mr. Endsley explained that the basketball advisory committee made a similar recommendation for basketball sectionals which the Board of Directors did not adopt. There was no recommendation forthcoming on adding a 3rd umpire at the sectional level. Online seed meetings were discussed and the 2010 baseball rule changes were shared with the committee. It appears as though there will be a change to the certification marking which must appear on the bats beginning in 2012. Mr. Endsley will check with the NFHS office on concerns about the changes.

The committee compliments the EastSide staff and East Peoria Central for their work in hosting the state finals.

Pairings were drawn for the 2010 state finals as follows:

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

Keith Sprague, Neil Roach, and Aaron Hamilton were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2010.