



IESA SOFTBALL 2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 25, 2011

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Chris Walker, Dan Carter, Laura Watts, Chris Wason. Jen Schafer, Candy Wagner. Administrator Andy Johnson and Umpire Chris Smith.

Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its January 20, 2012 meeting: RECOMMENDATION: Exception to NFHS rule 3-1-3: The team's line-up card shall include first name and last name.

Rationale: this exception to NFHS rule now keeps us in line with IHSA requirement and assists umpires in officiating the game.

RECOMMENDATION: Regional and sectional host schools will now assign dugouts prior to play and communicate this with team(s) coming to their site.

Rationale: Regional and Sectional host schools should communicate dugout assignments, if there is a certified athletic trainer, if water will be provided, if concessions will be provided etc. in advance of games to all participating schools. Assigning dugouts will allow teams to come on site and place equipment in dugout and not have to wait for coin flip at sectional play and avoid confusion as to who is in what dugout at regional play.

The Softball Advisory Committee would like to thank Normal Chiddix and the Town of Normal for the exceptional administration of the state tournament.

Topics discussed:

1. 2011 IESA POE
 - Sportsmanship
 - Line-up Cards
 - Legal Apparel and Equipment
 - Bats
2. Official Scorebook at state tournament.
3. Intentional walks – can the coach signal instead of pitcher throwing.
4. 2012 NFHS rule changes were discussed.
5. Individual and Team Limitations in softball. IESA to look at number of triple headers being played and average number of games for those participating in state series and share with advisory committee.
6. Defensive Safety Masks were discussed. Survey results were shared with committee. NOCSAE seals on masks and NFHS requirements were also discussed. No recommendation was made at this time.
7. Composite Bats were discussed. No recommendation at this time.
8. Hosting expectations: what is expected from hosts and should there be a minimum facility requirement. Currently there are no facility requirements. Several members have dealt with pitching mounds at regional play. The IESA will add a line to host confirmation letters addressing pitching mounds. No other requirements were addressed at this time.
9. Sectional start times: discussion was had on moving the start times earlier or giving a host school a range of times. Schools in large geographical areas like a later time. Some smaller geographical areas liked earlier start time so in case weather came in you could still play later. The committee did not reach any consensus so no change was recommended at this time.

2012 State Pairings

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Class A	D vs. E	C vs. H	F vs. G	B vs. A
Class AA	B vs. H	G vs. E	A vs. D	C vs. F

Chris Walker and Dan Carter were recognized for his service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The date was set for the next meeting; Wednesday, October 24, 2012.