



Softball Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2014
Minutes and Recommendations

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches: Bill Craven, Griggsville Perry; Chuck Trainor, Dwight; Adam Streenz, Peoria Christian; Bob Barnes, Canton Ingersoll; John Stromberger, Eureka; Nicole Duncheon, East Peoria Central. Administrator: Jim Moxley, Fisher. Umpire: Fred McNeely, State UIC.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place. The IESA Softball Advisory Committee, in its meeting of October 16, makes the following recommendation(s) to the IESA Board of Directors for its January 23, 2015 meeting.

Recommendation #1: To add to the Softball Terms and Conditions:

Change the game times of the Class A State Tournament from 10:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 to 10:00, 12 noon, 2:00 and 4:00 and to change the game times of the Class AA State Tournament from 10:00, 12 noon, 2:00 and 4:00 to 10:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30. **APPROVED**

Rationale: The IESA would be staying consistent with boys baseball, which too begins the day with the lowest class set to play first.

Committee Discussion:

1. The 2014 Girls Softball State Tournament received positive feedback, with a special thanks to the Town of Normal and Normal Chiddix for their efforts.
2. The committee discussed reducing the amount of days between the regional championship and sectional championship, with no recommendation made. The current timeline set in place allows flexibility when dealing with issues such as inclement weather.
3. The process of selecting state series hosts was discussed in generalities, with a continued emphasis placed on geography, facility and willingness to host. The IESA encourages all schools to inquire about hosting a regional and or sectional assignment.
4. The committee encourages teams to continually submit updated records to the IESA throughout the state series so that they remain accurate leading up to sectional and state finals play.
5. The 2015 NFHS Rule Changes were discussed with no exceptions recommended.

2015 State Pairings

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

Points of Emphasis

1. Sportsmanship
2. Pregame Warmup Protocol
3. Player Safety

Date for next meeting: October, 15, 2015, (Thursday of Week 15)

Bill Craven and Chuck Trainor were recognized for their service to the Softball Advisory Committee and to the membership.