



**2016 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Fred McNeeley (Princeville Official), Jim Moxley (Fisher JHS Athletic Director),  
Brian Bandy (New Berlin JHS Coach), Bob Barnes (Canton Ingersoll Coach), Josh Carlile (Manteno MS  
Coach), Christina Clark (Paris Mayo Coach), Greg Streeval (Macon Meridian Coach), and John Stromberger  
(Eureka Coach), Leslie Alappattu (IESA Assistant Executive Director)

The IESA Softball Advisory Committee, in its meeting on October 13, 2016, makes the following  
recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 20, 2017, meeting:

**Recommendation**

Proposed	Require IESA softball coaches to rate officials for all contests through the state finals
Current	None
Rationale	Allows IESA administrator to see more current ratings of officials for the selection process of post-season assignments, allows the officials to have feedback for growth
GSB T&C	n/a
IESA By-Law	n/a

**NOT APPROVED**

**Discussion Topics**

1. Proposal to allow on-deck batter to use either the home or visiting team's on-deck circle (NFHS Rules 2-3-5 and 7-5-1) - concern about sportsmanship, feel there is plenty of room on one team's side, no recommendation
2. Clarification on exception to NFHS Rule 4-2-5 (international tiebreaker rule) - language will state in exceptions, IESA handbook and Terms & Conditions, "The last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base." The international tiebreaker rule is not used in the state series and the committee discussed that this is appropriate - don't want to shorten state series game just to keep the games on the time schedule, no recommendation
3. Divide into 3 classes for softball (2 - I.B.1) - committee was informed that once softball gets to 240 schools enrolled in the activity, the discussion may begin about expanding the number of classes, no recommendation
4. Adjust regional zoning to move around which teams are playing each other in the regional by running a sectional complex, do zoning in different parts of the state and/or shaping the zones differently - IESA regional/sectional assignments are based on a geographic philosophy so that all areas of the state are represented at the state series, concern with the amount of travel that some schools would have to do for regionals if not based on geography, not feasible to do sectional complexes in part of the state and not in other parts of the state, no recommendation
5. IESA assigns regional officials but schools still pay for cost of officials - would impact other IESA activities if this was passed, don't think this is necessary to do and that the current system as is is sufficient, no recommendation
6. Allow schools to charge a gate for regionals and sectionals if facilities allow it (V.A.1) - no recommendation

7. Increase allowable roster size from 18 uniformed players for the state series (VII.D.1) and allow discretion to be used for 1-2 additional players being added to roster - no recommendation
8. Provide 3 balls per regional and sectional game to the host school (VII.E.2) - no recommendation
9. Require the use of face masks - some schools already mandate it for the infield players (outfield is required to have mouth guard), schools are having parents sign off say they will not hold school liable, no recommendation
10. Eliminate the overlap between IESA activities (softball, golf and girls basketball) - communication and relationship between coaches needs to be strong, basketball does not have to start when it is allowed by IESA, current overlap allows schools an opportunity to work with other basketball players until softball players arrive for practice and this ultimately strengthens team, it's okay for kids to have to make a choice, no recommendation
11. IESA provides an IESA banner to the state champion or allows the school to purchase a state champion banner - IESA already provides trophy and medals to winners, no recommendation
12. Opportunity for competing teams to see how others in the regional ranked them - no recommendation

**Pairings for 2017-18 IESA Softball state finals**

	<b>Game 1</b>	<b>Game 2</b>	<b>Game 3</b>	<b>Game 4</b>
<b>Class A</b>	H v. C	D v. A	B v. F	E v. G
<b>Class AA</b>	C v. H	F v. B	G v. A	E v. D

**Recognition**

Thank you for your service, Fred McNeeley, Jim Moxley, Bob Barnes and John Stromberger!

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date**

Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 10:00 am