



**2019 VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY MEETING  
Minutes and Recommendations  
April 17, 2019**

**The following were present for the meeting:**

Leslie Alappattu (IESA Volleyball Administrator), Jenn Crum (Coach, Ottawa Shepherd), Doug Daniels (IHSA Official), Kimberly Denney (Coach, Raymond Lincolnwood), Ross Forlines (Principal, Findlay Okaw Valley), Jill Kistner (Coach, Newton Jasper County), Audra Speakman (Coach, Toledo Cumberland), and Troy Webb (Coach, Chillicothe)

Johnny Nguyen (Coach, Morton Blessed Sacrament) participated via Skype.

**The IESA Volleyball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 15, 2018 meeting:**

**IESA VOLLEYBALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CHANGES**

**RECOMMENDATION 1**

Current	No team shall participate in more than four matches in one day in all tournament play.
Proposed	No team shall participate in more than four (4) matches in one day in all regular season tournament play.
Rationale	This change clarifies that the team limitation of 4 matches per day is specific to regular season tournaments as the IESA regional and state finals tournaments limits schools to no more than 2 matches per day per IESA by-law 4.064.
GVB T&C	V.C.3
IESA By-Law	4.063

**NOT APPROVED – The Board of Directors approved the following administrative recommendation:**  
*Remove the per-day match limitation for regular season tournaments in IESA by-laws 4.063 and 4.065*

**RECOMMENDATION 2**

Current	For ALL tournaments (regular season and state series), students may play in no more than four (4) matches per day.
Proposed	For regular season tournaments, students may play in no more than four (4) matches per day and are permitted to play in up to 12 sets per day.
Rationale	Provides clarification that this is an exception to the individual limitation of 6 sets per day – the committee feels strongly that with the numbers of athletes in volleyball, being able to use all players throughout a tournament is necessary. To not allow students to participate in up to 12 sets of the tournament would eliminate the opportunity to conduct single-day tournaments, would force host schools to drop teams from established tournaments, create scheduling issues for the schools who were dropped from a tournament and the host schools in changing the tournament format, prevent schools from competing against teams that otherwise would not be possible because of weeknight travel, and increase travel for schools if they had to break up a tournament over multiple days.
GVB T&C	V.B.2
IESA By-Law	4.065

**NOT APPROVED – The Board of Directors approved the following administrative recommendation:**  
*On any given day for regular season contests and tournaments, students are permitted to play in up to nine*

*(9) sets per day. While students and teams are not restricted to the number of matches played in a day, students must adhere to this individual limitation on any given day.*

*Q: My team is scheduled to play in a 4-match tournament. Can my setter play in all 4 matches?*

*A: A player is permitted to play in all matches of this tournament, but the player is limited to playing in a total of nine (9) sets in a given day. If each match went to three sets and the setter played in all 12 sets, the player is in violation of the 9-set individual limitations and the penalties as outlined in the IESA handbook for an individual limitation violation.*

### **RECOMMENDATION 3**

Current	Regional matches held on weeknights may not begin before 4:30 pm.
Proposed	Regional matches held on weeknights must begin after 5:00 pm. Regional matches held on Saturdays must begin after 9:00 am.
Rationale	There are instances in which a 4:30 pm start time interferes with teams being able to begin ball handling 45 minutes prior to the start time of the game as permitted in the GVB T&C as some hosts are still going through dismissal procedures when visiting schools arrive. This also allows spectators/parents a chance to make a game that begins later and provides students with an opportunity to “decompress” after school and prior to the start of a regional match. For Saturdays, the proposed start time gives a definitive appropriate start time that takes into consideration schools traveling a farther distance to reach a regional site.
GVB T&C	VIII.B.2
IESA By-Law	none
<b>NOT APPROVED</b>	

### **RECOMMENDATION 4**

Current	In five-team volleyball tournaments when the tournament is played in one night... However, it is recommended that five-team volleyball tournaments be played in two nights.
Propose	Remove these two sentences.
Rationale	Per IESA by-law 4.064, teams are not permitted to play in more than two matches per day in the state series. A 5-team regional in volleyball must be played in at least two days.
GVB T&C	n/a
IESA By-Law	3.121
<b>APPROVED</b>	

### **RECOMMENDATION 5**

Current	All sections of NFHS Rule 4-2-4 must be followed regarding the numbers on the uniform. A number of 0, 00, or any number 0-99 is a legal number. For clarification purposes, the number on the uniform cannot be 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, or 09. [4-2-4]
Proposed	A number of 0-99 is a legal number. For clarification purposes, the number on the uniform cannot be 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, or 09. [4-2-4]
Rationale	The 2019-20 NFHS Volleyball rules book states that 00 is no longer a legal number.
GVB T&C	VII.A.6, uniform checklist (online)
IESA By-Law	4.066
<b>APPROVED</b>	

### **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1. The roster must be provided by the head coach to the R2 at the pre-match conference – the lineup can still be submitted 2 minutes before the end of the warm-ups.

2. All regular season contests, including tournament matches, need to be listed in the season schedule. It is important that come the roster/record deadline, schools are updating the results of all contests through the deadline so more accurate seeding can take place.
3. If line judges are used at regionals and sectionals at the host school's discretion, they are permitted payment of up to \$20 per match per line judge and this would be an allowable expenditure on the financial report form – GVB T&C XI.B.5.b
4. The NFHS Volleyball rules book as made a change to the solid-colored uniform requirements. The solid-colored uniform that had previously been required will be in compliance with the new uniform rules. The full explanation of the rules change can be found here - [https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-GVB\\_ContrastingUniform.pdf](https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-GVB_ContrastingUniform.pdf)

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION WITH NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The NFHS Volleyball rules book has made a change to the solid-colored uniform requirement. It is now required that if the libero is used, the libero and/or the other teammates be in a uniform top that meets the contrasting colors requirement (see Points of Emphasis #4). Additionally, the IHSA has defined non-contrasting color groups and it is at an official's discretion if the colors are contrasting. Schools that need to meet the contrasting uniform requirement must select colors that clearly contrast and are in separate color groups:  
Group 1 - Black, dark gray, dark green, navy blue, royal blue, dark purple, dark brown, maroon  
Group 2 - White, yellow, gold, tan, light gray, light blue, light green  
Group 3 - Pink, red, cardinal red, orange
2. Increase the net height – while there are pros/cons to the current exception to NFHS rules, the 7'0" height is appropriate for this age level to teach correct fundamentals when considering that schools may have students in grades 5-8 on the team and provides a broader range of abilities to learn skills. If a coach desires to raise the net height during practice, he/she is permitted to do so.
3. Require regional semifinals and championship to be played on different dates or have a required amount of time between the two rounds – playing both the semis and the championship on the same night occurred in two 7<sup>th</sup> grade regionals and four 8<sup>th</sup> grade regionals, the athletes are used to tournament play where back-to-back games are played and requiring a wait time prior to the championship can further delay travel home. Additionally, host schools may face challenges with securing tournament staff and space if a separate night of play for the championship is required.
4. Narrow the dates for the regional tournament to take place Thursday-Saturday of Week 35 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Week 36 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) – limits flexibility with fewer date options, weather delays may push back regional games that would then interfere with the sectional, removes the option to hold multiple quarterfinal games on a Saturday, pushing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade regional tournament back would conflict with the dates of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade state finals.
5. Court size survey – while the majority of schools are playing on a 60x30 court, there are still several schools that play their regular season home games on a smaller court size as permitted by the IESA exceptions to NFHS rules, no change made to the exception.

## **STATE FINALS PAIRINGS 2019-20**

	<b>7-1A</b>	<b>7-2A</b>	<b>7-3A</b>	<b>7-4A</b>
<b>Match 1</b>	2 vs 5	4 vs 5	2 vs 8	5 vs 4
<b>Match 2</b>	4 vs 6	1 vs 2	4 vs 1	6 vs 2
<b>Match 3</b>	7 vs 8	7 vs 8	7 vs 5	8 vs 3
<b>Match 4</b>	1 vs 3	3 vs 6	3 vs 6	7 vs 1

	<b>8-1A</b>	<b>8-2A</b>	<b>8-3A</b>	<b>8-4A</b>
<b>Match 1</b>	4 vs 6	6 vs 8	4 vs 8	4 vs 3
<b>Match 2</b>	8 vs 5	5 vs 4	5 vs 3	7 vs 8
<b>Match 3</b>	2 vs 7	7 vs 3	7 vs 1	1 vs 2
<b>Match 4</b>	1 vs 3	1 vs 2	2 vs 6	5 vs 6

### **RECOGNITION**

Audra Speakman (Coach, Toledo Cumberland) was thanked for her service to the committee for the last three years.

### **NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

Wednesday - April 1, 2020

### **VOLLEYBALL ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Emphasize to officials in fall availability email - schools shared that they are seeing a tighter game being called from the regular season into the state series; consistency throughout the course of the entire season and from year-to-year would benefit students in their learning of the sport as far as what is legal/not legal and have an opportunity to correct it prior to entering the state series and seeing a different/tighter game being called.
2. Included in the host manual that it is recommended that Saturday regional matches begin at 9:00 am or later.