

2023 IESA VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

March 29, 2023

Virtual Meeting

The following members were present for the meeting: Kristen D'Alfonso (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Doug Daniels, IHSA official; Jill Kistner, Coach, Newton Jasper County; Johnny Nguyen, Coach, Morton Blessed Sacrament; Kristie Rettke, Coach, Manteno; Lynda Kasik, Coach, Peru Parkside; Ross Forlines, Administrator, Findlay Okaw Valley;

The IESA Volleyball Advisory Committee, in its meeting on March 29, 2023, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors in its April meeting:

Recommendation 1: Eliminate the Exception to NFHS Rule 3-1-4 (Net Height)

Current: The top net height of the net shall be seven feet to the floor.

Proposed: Reinstate the NFHS Rule 3-1-4: Net placement shall be such that the net crosses the court midway between and parallel to the end lines. **The height of the net shall be 7 feet, 4 1/8 inches for girls measured at the center of the net.** The net measured at the ends shall not exceed these heights by more than 3/4 inch.

Rationale: 1) IESA competes at the 7th and 8th grade level. Per NFHS, the appropriate net height for this age group is 7' 4 1/8". While some schools allow younger players to compete on these teams, the rules are outlined for the age group in which the teams compete in. By playing at the appropriate height, it allows all teams to compete on the same standard and prepare players to progress to the next level of play. This change does not impact programs as net systems are able to make this adjustment.

IESA By-Law 4.066 Exception to National Federation Rules
Admin Vote 4-0 opposed
Board Action **No action**

Recommendation 2: Create an exception for 5-inch jersey rule 4-2-4 (f)

Current: The uniform number shall be:
f. Placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket, or seams on the uniform top.

Proposed: The uniform number shall be:
f. Placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 6 inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than 6 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket, or seams on the uniform top.

Rationale: While it does help officials see a number on a jersey if it is up higher on the chest, this rule does not seem to affect the play of the game. Many schools have found that they are not in compliance with this rule and are not in a position to purchase new uniforms. In addition, not all officials are penalizing schools during the regular season. This inconsistency creates issues when teams are then penalized in the state series.

GVB T&C Section VII. Exceptions to National Federation Volleyball Rules
IESA By-Law
Admin Vote 4-0 in favor
Board Action Approved (at June meeting)

Recommendation 3: Allow ball-handling prior to the coin toss during the postseason.

Current: *4.064 In regional, sectional, and state final matches, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the coin toss and timed warm-up.*

Proposed: *In regional and sectional matches, ball handling will be permitted 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. For the regional tournament,*

Rationale: During regular season games, teams are able to ball handle for at least 5 minutes (if not longer) prior to the coin toss. This allows teams to get warmed up appropriately and not feel rushed. Then, in regional and sectional play, when teams travel and feel the greater pressure of postseason competition, they are only allowed to ball handle after the coin toss.

GVB T&C
IESA By-Law 4.064
Admin Vote 3-1 opposed
Board No action

D. Additional Discussion Topics

- 1) Consider changes to individual player limitations.
- 2) Return to switching sides between sets.
- 3) During pre-game warm-ups, allow only the team who currently has the floor to use balls.
- 4) Consider changes to the state schedule.
- 5) Consider changes to the amount of players allowed on the regional roster.
- 6) Requiring line judges at regional and sectional tournaments.
- 7) Establish a required warm-up period between 7th and 8th grade games
- 8) Return to Co-vid procedure of giving the visiting team first serve.
- 9) Consider moving up ranking date one week.

E. Points of Emphasis

- 1) Communicating with officials about warm-up period between 7th/8th grade games.
- 2) Encouraging the use of line judges at regional and sectional matches.
- 3) Defining an amount of time that state hosts must provide for photography for postseason championships (IESA)
- 4) State Tournament Officiating: Consistency (IESA)

F. State Final Pairings 2023-2024

	7-1A	7-2A	7-3A	7-4A
Match 1	1 vs. 7	2 vs. 5	3 vs. 2	8 vs. 3
Match 2	4 vs. 3	1 vs. 8	8 vs. 7	7 vs. 5
Match 3	8 vs. 2	6 vs. 7	5 vs. 6	2 vs. 6
Match 4	6 vs. 5	5 vs. 4	4 vs. 1	4 vs. 1

	8-1A	8-2A	8-3A	8-4A
Match 1	2 vs. 1	7 vs. 6	5 vs. 1	3 vs. 4
Match 2	6 vs. 7	3 vs. 2	2 vs. 8	7 vs. 2
Match 3	4 vs. 3	8 vs. 1	7 vs. 4	5 vs. 6
Match 4	8 vs. 5	4 vs. 5	3 vs. 6	1 vs. 8

G. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 2024