



## **2023 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **October 26, 2023 – Virtual**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Jackie Litwiller - IESA Executive Director, Roger Nichols – Umpire Bloomington, Travis Lingafelter, Buffalo Tri-City (Coop) - Coach, Perry Peterson - Barrington Station-Coach, Zach Campbell - Warrensburg Latham-Coach, Candy Wagner – Jersey Community Middle School-Coach

Not In Attendance: Dave Jones – Lemont Old Quarry-Administrator, Renae Leander – Cambridge JHS-Coach, Scott Dosch – Paris Crestwood-Coach

**The IESA Softball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 26, 2024, meeting:**

#### **RECOMMENDATION 1 -Season Overlaps**

Current	Season calendars are set 4 years out – there is a calendar committee working to look at all season lengths and placements.
Discussion	Proposed calendar from the calendar committee was shared. All were in favor of the adjustments to the season.
Rationale	Move the start of girls' basketball so as not to conflict with softball, shorten the post season for softball (not so many days in between the sectional and state tournament). The overlap between girls' softball and basketball has caused some issues for schools over the years.
Recommended	Accept proposal to the changes made by the calendar committee.
IESA By-Law	
Admin vote	4-0 in favor
Board Action	

#### **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1) Game Management by Officials and Coaches.

2) Implementation of the 2-hour Time Limit.

- When will the game officially begin?  
Baseball's wording - For regular season play only, no inning shall start 2 hours and after the first pitch of the game.
- Can there also be the implementation of an international tie breaker at the end of the two-hour mark in the instance of a tie.
- How will ties impact seeding?
- Who controls the clock, is there a timing device involved.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Discussed 2023 season.
2. Discussed upcoming rule changes for 2024, highlighting the new pitching rule.
3. Is there a certain number of schools that would need to be entered before we get to a 4<sup>th</sup> class in softball. – Checked in with the Cross-Country additional class, anywhere between 125 – 135 schools per class, the IESA would look at adding a 4<sup>th</sup> class. 2023 – was approximately 102 per class.
4. Season limitations – setting a maximum number of games in a season and/or games per week. The advisory was not in favor and felt this is a local decision between the coach and the administration of the school.

## 2024 STATE FINALS PAIRINGS

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

## COMMITTEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Travis Lingafelter and Perry Peterson both agreed to stay on as advisory members.

## 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 24, 2024 @ 10:00 am – in person.

## IESA ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES