



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 6, 2025

The following members were present for the meeting: ; Coach/AD Joshua Stone, Raymond Lincolnwood; Athletic Director Wade Hunter, Roanoke-Benson; Coach Paul Johnes, Edwardsville Liberty; Coach Steve Hoosen, St. Joseph; Coach Eric Joop, Washington Central; Umpire George Hillard. Not present; Coach John Staab, Champaign Edison; Coach Kurt Quick, Kankakee Bishop Mac

Introductions were made, a review of the advisory committee's role took place, last year's advisory minutes were reviewed, and upcoming state final assignments were drawn.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on November 5, 2025, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 30, 2026 meeting:

Recommendation #1

- Current:** Regional Quarterfinals: Thursday (week 10)
Regional Semi-Finals: Saturday (week 10) (Hosted by Regional Host)
Regional Championship: Wednesday (week 11)
Sectional: Saturday (week 11)
State: Friday/Saturday (week 12)
- Proposed:** Regional Quarterfinals: Thursday of (week 11)
Regional Semi-Finals: Saturday (week 11)
Regional Championship: Wednesday of (week 12)
Sectional: Saturday of (week 12)
State: Friday/Saturday (week 13)
- Rationale:** The IESA received several complaints regarding the shortened season and the impact it had on pitching and the number of games schools played before regional ranking. This change will move the baseball state series back to its original dates.
- T&C: Section II; A, B, D
Handbook: 4.011
Admin. Vote:
Board Action: **APPROVED**

Recommendation #2

Current: Regional hosts hire the umpires for all regional games, including quarterfinal games

Proposed: Regional hosts hire the umpires for regional semifinal games and championship games. The higher seed will host the umpires.

Rationale: The IESA administrator received several complaints regarding our current policy. Going back to the higher seed of the quarterfinal games hiring the umpire makes it easier for administrators and is the preferred method. It will also keep baseball and softball consistent.

T&C: Section II; A, B, D

Handbook: 4.011

Admin. Vote:

Board Action: **APPROVED**

Recommendation #3

Current: During the regular season and postseason, any pitcher who throws 1-20 pitches in a day, is limited to 70 pitches max the next day.

Proposed: For the state series, if a pitcher throws 1-20 pitches in a day, they can throw 90 the next day.

Rationale: Many schools have pitchers throw bullpens the day before a game, the pitcher will start, typically between 20-30 pitches. Allowing a pitcher to throw 90 the next day helps teams with available pitchers.

T&C: XII.B

Handbook: 4.015

Admin. Vote:

Board Action **FAILED**

Recommendation #4

Current: For the state series, teams are allowed a max of 18 rostered players.

Proposed: Expand the postseason roster to 22 rostered players

Rationale: Including four additional players on the state tournament roster allows 6th and 7th graders to gain valuable leadership experience and exposure to high-level competition."

T&C: XII.C

Handbook:

Admin. Vote:

Board Action **FAILED**

Recommendation #5

Current: For the regional tournament, umpires are paid \$65.00 per game, and no mileage.

Proposed: Increase umpire regional pay to \$75.00.per game

Rationale: Many schools that host a regional game pay the umpire an extra \$15.00 to match what they pay them during the regular season. The average pay for a single game during the regular season from the Officials Fees Survey is \$73.00 for one game.

T&C: XVII.C

Handbook:

Admin. Vote:

Board Action **FAILED**

Other Topics Discussed

1. Adding another level (supersectional) to the state series
2. Expanding all levels of the pitch count guidelines
3. Intentional walks count towards a pitcher's pitch count
4. Teams that advance to state should be guaranteed a minimum of two games.

Points of Emphasis

1. All schools must use Athletes Go Live (Scoring and Pitch Counts)
2. Proper reporting of daily pitch counts using Athletes Go Live
3. Sportsmanship

Next Meeting: November 4, 2026-In-person

2025 State Final Pairings

1A	2A	3A
E vs D	D vs E	G vs C
C vs F	A vs C	E vs B
H vs G	B vs G	H vs A
A vs B	H vs F	D vs F