



IESA BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

March 12, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Hybrid

In attendance; Coach, Jeff Bayer, Eureka; , Ashley Beals, Lewistown; Coach, Ashley Kendrick, Royal Prairieview Odgen; Coach/AD, Pete Howard, Lockport Taft; Coach/AD, Kathryn Easton, Kankakee Grace Christian; Coach, Adam Olson, Barrington Station; Not present, Official, Rich Doman, Gibson City; Coach, Ryan Westart, Monmouth United; Coach, William Seghetti, Peoria St. Philomena

Recommendation #1

Current: There is no penalty for schools that do not rank in a given activity.

Proposed: Schools that do not rank will be assessed a \$50.00 dollar fine for all activities that require schools to seed their regional.

Rationale: This year, in both 7th/8th grade boys and girls basketball, on average, 20 teams did not rank. As the basketball administrator, when schools do not rank, I have to rank them. Friday after Ranking is always an extremely busy day for IESA administrators. It takes over an hour to rank each grade level and takes time away from other responsibilities.

T&C:

By-law: 3.122

Board Action: **APPROVED**

Recommendation #2

Current: In the 4th quarter of the regular season and state series contests, a running clock is used when teams are up 30 pts. The clock stops for a team timeout, to replace a disqualified player, to administer a technical foul, player injury, for free throws with under a minute to play, or any other situation of concern to an official.

Proposed: The clock will run in the 4th quarter when a team is up 25 points. In addition, both teams lose the ability to full-court press.

Rationale: The committee feels that in a 6-minute quarter game, a 25-point lead is virtually impossible to overcome. Also, coaches and the IESA staff have witnessed teams up or behind 20 points or more continue to press, which creates animosity and promotes poor sportsmanship.

T&C 4.046

Board Action **APPROVED**

Recommendation #3

Current: A school or conference logo/mascot may only be placed in the apex of the neckline of the jersey.

Proposed: Schools that have mascots improperly placed on the front of their jersey must correct/replace them by the 2030-2031 school year.

Rationale: The number of schools that have their mascot improperly placed is significant. Having these schools replace their uniforms in a short time frame will cause financial strain on the schools. Giving them a grace period allows them to budget for the uniform replacement.

NFHS 3-4-2.d

T&C 4.046

Board Action **APPROVED**

Other Items Discussed

- Regional and sectional assignments
- Seeding recommendations to seed the entire sectional as opposed to regionals.
- Seeding the state tournament teams based on record
- Season calendar-girls 7th and 8th grade regionals moving back a week- adding a week back to the girls season- cutting a week off of the boys season
- Alternative way(s) to group regional so the “best” teams in a class are not in the same regional.
- No game limit and not allowing players to participate in AAU during the season.
- Adding the shot clock
- Allow schools not to follow the NFHS uniform rules- also allow girls to leave jersey’s untucked
- For 8th grade girls and boys, increase quarter length to 7 minutes
- Change the format of the state tournaments.
- Not allow host schools to assess participating schools if their regional or sectional run at a deficit
- Public vs. Nonboundried schools
- Require schools not to use 7th graders on the 8th grade team.
- Reduce the game penalty for a coach ejection to 1 game.
- Require schools to enter their rosters earlier.

Points of Emphasis:

Sportsmanship (Coaching etiquette)

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2027, Virtual

7 th Class 1A	8 th Class 1A	7 th Class 2A	8 th Class 2A
2-3	1-5	6-2	3-5
7-8	4-6	7-1	8-1
4-6	8-3	5-8	2-6
1-5	7-2	3-4	7-4

7 th Class 3A	8 th Class 3A	7 th Class 4A	8 th Class 4A
4-5	4-5	6-2	2-8
8-3	3-2	7-1	6-1
6-2	7-1	8-4	7-4
7-1	6-8	3-5	3-5

Boys

7 th Class 1A	8 th Class 1A	7 th Class 2A	8 th Class 2A
3-4	7-6	1-6	2-8
2-5	3-1	8-5	1-7
6-8	2-5	2-7	3-6
1-7	8-4	4-6	5-4

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