



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 6, 2024

The following members were present for the meeting: Coach John Staab, Champaign Edison; Coach/AD Joshua Stone, Morrisonville; Coach Kurt Quick, Kankakee Bishop Mac; Athletic Director Wade Hunter, Roanoke-Benson; Coach Paul Johnes, Edwardsville Liberty; Coach Steve Hoosen, St. Joseph; Coach, Eric Joop, Washington Central; Umpire George Hillard.

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 6, 2024, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 31, 2025 meeting:

Recommendation #1

Current: Regional Quarterfinals: Monday (week 12)
 Regional Semi-Finals: Wednesday (week 12) (1 and 2 seeds host semi-finals)
 Regional Championship: Saturday (week 12)
 Sectional: Monday (week 13)
 State: Friday/Saturday (week 13)

Proposed: Ranking can begin on Thursday, September 4
 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)

*Regional host will hire all umpires for all rounds of the regionals, including play-in games.

Rationale: The IESA has received many concerns regarding the semifinals being hosted at two different sites and the difficulty of hiring umpires for those games. The IESA also tripled its shipping costs due to the semifinal games being held at two different schools. This change slightly lengthens the postseason but still has an impact on pitching and bringing the best overall teams to the state tournament.

T&C: Section II; A, B, D
Handbook: 4.011
Admin. Vote:
Board Action: **APPROVED**

Other Items Discussed

- Ejections
- Regular Season
- Pitch counts-Schools want to see how many pitches a pitcher has available for their opponent.
- Pitch count- Schools should contact me if they feel schools are not consistently entering their pitch counts.
- Assignments-sub sectional
- Bat Specs

2025 State Final Pairings

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