



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 10, 2020

The following members were present for the meeting: Patrick Arlis, Bourbonnais UGC; Brandon Porter, Brimfield; Austin McDowell, South Wilmington; Jim Kohlbacher, Manhattan; Jeffery Hull, Payson Seymour; and Todd Venters, Marshall; and Administrator Tim Damery, Principal Metamora GS. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on November 10, 2020, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 29, 2021 meeting:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Current	A regulation interscholastic game consists of seven innings.
Proposed	The following exception to the NFHS rules shall be in place: For regular season play only, that no inning shall start 2 hours and 15 minutes after the first pitch of the game. Any inning in progress shall be completed. If teams are tied after the time limit has been reached, it shall be considered a tie game. The current 10 run, 12, run, and 15 run rules remain in place. (4-2-1)
Rationale	This recommendation is slightly different than the recommendation proposed by the Officials Advisory Committee which limits the game to a maximum of 1 hour and 45 minutes. The committee was made aware of the Officials recommendation and simply felt that their recommendation make the game too short. There was a general agreement that the games are running longer and that capping regular season games at 2 hours and 15 minutes addresses the officials concern and still should give time to complete most games. This time limit is for regular season only.
T&C	Section VII; B
Handbook	4.014
Admin. Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #2

Current	A regulation interscholastic game consists of seven innings unless extra innings are needed because of a tie score.
Proposed	All regular season games that require extra innings to determine the winner shall start with a runner on second base and no outs. The runner placed on 2 nd base shall be the player in the batting order position previous to the leadoff batter of the extra inning. Each team has the opportunity to bat each inning. The game is over when one team has the lead at the end of an inning.
Rationale	Likely will shorten the extra inning games. Likely will not allow multiple extra innings. Helps with pitching limitations.
T&C	Section VII; B
Handbook	4.014
Admin. Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #3

Current Neither team’s players shall warm up in the other team’s on-deck circle. If a player wishes to warm-up, he shall do so only in his team’s on-deck circle. NFHS rule 1-2-3.

Proposed The on-deck batter may use either on-deck circle. The on-deck batter may only move to the on-deck circle during a dead ball. The on-deck batter must remain in the on-deck circle unless the batter switches hitting positions at which time the umpire would have the discretion to allow the on-deck batter to change circles.

Rationale Allows for greater safety. Given that some on-deck circles on some jr. high fields are too close for comfort, the on-deck batter would have the option to take a position at the back of the batter to avoid being on the batter’s open side.

T&C Section VII; B

Handbook 4.014

Admin. Vote 2-0 in favor

Board Action **APPROVED**

The committee again discussed portable pitching mounds and there was almost unanimous consensus to not allow portable pitching mounds during the state series. The general feeling is that many of the portable pitching mounds are not safe, become very slippery if they get wet, make pick-off attempts difficult depending on the type of portable mounds, and simply are not fair to those pitchers who have not previously thrown off a portable mound.

State Pairings for 2021 will remain as they were scheduled to be for 2020

	<u>GAME 1</u>	<u>GAME 2</u>	<u>GAME 3</u>	<u>GAME 4</u>
CLASS 1A --	E vs. G	D vs. F	B vs. A	C vs. H
CLASS 2A--	E vs. G	C vs. D	A vs. F	B vs. H
CLASS 3A--	A vs. C	F vs. H	B vs. G	E vs. D

Patrick Arlis and Mike Wise were recognized for their service to the committee. The next meeting of the committee was set for November 1, 2021.