



2021 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS October 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Nicole Schaeftbauer - IESA Executive Director, Scott Bahorik – IHSA Official,
Travis Lingafelter - Mt. Pulaski Coach, Jen Schafer- Glasford Illini Bluffs Coach, Aimee Davis – Tolono Unity Coach, Mark Peter
- Shorewood Troy Assistant Principal and Assistant Coach, Perry Peterson - Barrington Station Coach
Not In Attendance: Joel Zaiser – Oneida ROWVA Coach

**The IESA Softball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation to the
IESA Board of Directors for their January, 2022 meeting:**

RECOMMENDATION 1

Proposed	Change the five team personnel categories to just the heading of team personnel with five open spots for names.
Current	Team personnel is listed as 2 managers, 1 scorekeeper, 2 statisticians
Rationale	The committee believes that the recommendation is more inclusive. Many times, non-rostered players are listed in this area and the general language of “team personnel” would better reflect their season contributions. However, this would not make them eligible for post-season play.
T&C	NA
IESA By-Law	NA
Admin Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	Approved

The Board also approved a recommendation to allow for metal cleats in regular and post-season contests.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Metal cleats are not allowed for regular season or state series play.
2. On-deck circle- 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.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Discussion of the 2021 season. Glad to have a season and a chance to meet with players.
2. Discussed a proposal regarding moving the start date up one/two weeks. No recommendation from committee.
3. Discussed a proposal regarding a four-class system. No recommendation from committee. Since this was the first year of the three-class system, the committee would like to have more data before discussing an additional class.
4. Discussed two different proposals that would place a time limit on contests. No recommendation from committee.
5. Discussed a proposal to require the use of Game Changer. The committee will recommend that teams/schools use Game Changer for the 2022 season. A survey will be sent out to gather data on the number of schools/teams currently using Game Changer.
6. Discussed a proposal to reduce the number of innings from 7 to 5. No recommendation from committee.

2022 STATE FINALS PAIRINGS

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

COMMITTEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

2022 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2022 @ 10:00 am (In-person)

IESA ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create and distribute Game Changer survey.