

IESA REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Speech & Music Contest Participation

☒ **Will your school be participating in any of the following IESA State Contests?**

- ☒ Speech (held in the fall)
- ☒ Music Solo & Ensemble (held in the Spring)
- ☒ Music Organization (held in the Spring)
- During the process to generate the initial invoice for IESA Membership and activities, you will be asked to indicate if your school will be participating in any of the above contests. If so, the applicable Assignment Fee will then be applied. (The Assignment fee allows the IESA Administrator to assign your school to an area for that contest. This helps with planning for both the host and our participating schools.)

Feeder Students

☒ **Does your school expect to utilize any students from an elementary school that feeds into yours?**

- Eligible students from 5th or 6th grade that attend an elementary school that feeds into your school may participate on a middle school/junior high school team, if the elementary school has first paid for IESA Membership for the school year.
- Feeder schools do not need to pay for additional activity fees, unless they are entering students separate from the middle school/junior high school team.

Co-op Team Participation

☒ **Does your school currently participate or plan to participate in any co-ops for IESA activities?**

- All schools in cooperative agreements must pay for both IESA Membership and all levels of the applicable activity fee(s) for each co-op in which they are a part, regardless of whether they are the host or sub school in the co-op. (A full list of all current co-ops can be found below the Activity Tracker on your school's IESA Member Center.)
 - The only exceptions to this are Golf, Speech, and Bowling. Since these are activities require schools to register based on number of participants, not as a single team registration, only the host school will pay the applicable fee(s) for those activities.

School Board Approval and Deadlines

☒ **Have you checked deadlines to review when the different IESA registration periods start and end?**

- The timeline included in this information provides information on deadlines and when registration for membership and different activities becomes available. The IESA website's [calendar](#), [fee schedule](#), and on your school's IESA Member Center Registration page also provide this information.

☒ **Will the invoice for IESA Membership/activities require board approval before being paid to the IESA?**

- If so, be sure to review your board meeting schedule and plan accordingly to allow time for the invoice to be added to the agenda and reviewed/approved by your board prior to the applicable initial entry deadline(s).

☒ **Will you be registering for your Fall activities separate from Winter/Spring activities? (ex: Create an invoice for membership, softball, baseball, and basketball now, and create another invoice for volleyball and track & field closer to the deadline for those activities.)**

- If so, please make sure to plan accordingly to meet those deadlines separately. We do encourage schools to register for all of those activities together when registration opens in the Spring to ensure nothing gets overlooked.

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REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Late March / Early April

Registration opens for:

- **Annual IESA Membership (This is required for all participating schools.)**
- **Speech & Music Assignment Fee**
 - If participating in IESA Speech or Music contests, you will indicate that when initially registering. A \$25 non-refundable fee will be added to the invoice, per activity, for the purpose of assigning your school to a contest area.
- **Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, Cross-Country, Girls & Boys Basketball, Boys Wrestling, Girls Volleyball, Track & Field, and Scholastic Bowl**
- **State Golf Competition**
 - Registration available for boys and girls (up to six (6) players per gender)

June / July

****June 9, 2025 - Initial Entry Deadline for:**

- Girls Softball
- Boys Baseball
- Cross-Country
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Golf

Registration fees for IESA Membership, Speech and Music Assignment (if applicable), and the above activities must be postmarked by the applicable initial deadline to avoid late penalties.

****July 1, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Girls Softball
- Boys Baseball

August

Early August - Registration opens for:

- **Speech Contest entries**
 - After the initial Assignment Fee has been paid, school will register for the specific events that will be performing at your assigned State Contest.
 - The host will select the contest date.
- **Contest dates are:**

▪ October 24, 2025	▪ November 8, 2025
▪ October 25, 2025	▪ November 9, 2025
▪ October 31, 2025	▪ November 15, 2025
▪ November 1, 2025	▪ November 16, 2025

****August 1, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Golf
- Cross-Country
- Girls Basketball

September

Early September - Registration opens for:

- State Cheer Competition
- State Chess Competition
- State Bowling Competition

****September 1, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Boys Basketball

****September 29, 2025 - Initial Entry Deadline for:**

- Speech Contest entries

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October

Mid-October - Registration opens for:

- **Music Contest entries for Solo & Ensemble and/or Organization Contests**
 - After the initial Assignment Fee has been paid, schools will register for the specific events that will be performing at your assigned State Contest(s).
 - The host sites select which of the available dates will be used for the contest they are hosting.
- **Solo & Ensemble Contest dates are:**
 - March 21, 2026
 - March 28, 2026
 - April 11, 2026
 - April 18, 2026
- **Organization Contest dates are:**
 - May 1, 2026
 - May 2, 2026

****October 6, 2025 - Initial Entry Deadline for:**

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Wrestling
- Scholastic Bowl
- Track & Field

****October 31, 2025 - Initial Entry Deadline for:**

- Cheerleading

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****October 9, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Speech Contest entries

November / December

****November 1, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Wrestling
- Scholastic Bowl
- Track & Field

****December 1, 2025 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Cheerleading

January / February

****January 28, 2026 - Initial Entry Deadline for:**

- Bowling
- Chess

****February 5, 2026 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Music Contest entries

****February 13, 2026 - Final deadline to postmark payment with applicable penalties for:**

- Bowling
- Chess