



The IESA provides the leadership and framework to ensure safe, equitable opportunities for students who are enriched through participation in education-based interscholastic activities.

IESA UPDATED PLAN FOR 2020-21

January 29, 2021

The purpose of this plan is to provide schools, administrators, coaches, parents, and officials with a general framework for their sports and activity program. It must be understood by all that this is a fluid plan and that at any time, the circumstances, guidelines, dates, opportunities, etc. listed below may change any part of this plan. Specifically, if the Governor places all schools on remote learning, all IESA sports will be suspended or cancelled.

GENERAL FORMAT

- **Basketball and Volleyball:** Teams will be limited to a maximum of 15 games for the season.
- Schools are to follow all guidelines listed in the [All Sports Policy](#).
- If an Illinois COVID Region or County is placed in Phase 3 or lower of the Governors Restore Illinois Plan, all sports for schools in that Region or County will be suspended or cancelled.
- Spectator and group gatherings subject to IDPH guidelines during this time.
- Regular season play should be limited to within conference or EMS region only.
- E-learning students would be eligible provided the local district allows their participation.

Winter (Jan. – March)

Boys Basketball-

Final Entry Deadline:	December 1
Withdrawal Deadline:	January 8
Practice Begins:	January 4
Games Begin:	January 16
Season Must End	March 12

Girls Volleyball-

Final Entry Deadline:	February 8
Withdrawal Deadline:	January 8
Practice Begins:	January 11
Games Begin:	January 23
7 th Regional Tournament:	March 6, 8-11
Quarterfinals	March 6
Semifinals	March 8, 9
Championship	March 11
7 th Sectional:	March 17

8 th Regional Tournament:	March 12, 13, 15, 16
Quarterfinals	March 12
Semifinals	March 13, 15
Championship	March 16
8 th Sectional:	March 18
Season Must End	March 19

Spring (Feb. – May)

Girls Basketball-

Final Entry Deadline:	January 15
Practice Begins:	March 8
Games Begin:	March 20
Season Must End	May 9

Wrestling

Final Entry Deadline:	
Withdrawal Deadline:	April 5
Practice/Tryouts Begins:	April 5
Meets Begin:	April 12
Season Must End:	May 30

Scholastic Bowl

Final Entry Deadline:	February 1
Matches Begin:	January 25
Season Must End:	May 30

Boys & Girls Track & Field-

Final Entry Deadline:	March 1
Withdrawal Deadline:	March 15
Practice Begins:	March 1
Meets Begin:	March 15
1A/2A Sectional Meet:	May 7, 8 TENTATIVE
1A/2A State Meet:	May 14-15 TENTATIVE
3A/4A Sectional Meet:	May 14, 15 TENTATIVE
3A/4A State Meet:	May 21-22 TENTATIVE
Season Must End:	June 12

Bowling-- The state series (sectional and state) has been cancelled. Schools are strongly encouraged to continue conducting regular season competition.

Scholastic Bowl-- The state series (regional, sectional, state) has been cancelled. Schools are strongly encouraged to continue conducting regular season competition. Many schools have been conducting virtual matches if traditional in-person matches are not allowed.

Competitive Cheerleading--- There will not be a statewide cheer competition as has been held in previous years due to IDPH guidelines. However, schools will be able to submit a video of their cheer performance to the IESA. The video will be judged and schools will receive a rating and have the opportunity to purchase a plaque based on the rating.

Music Solo & Ensemble---Solo and ensemble contests may be held locally as schools will host events for only their students.

Music Organizational---Schools will submit their recording online to the IESA Office. Judges will review the recordings and rate each performance.