



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

November 10, 2020

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, other schools in the same general geographical area, (approximately a 30-mile radius), or EMS region only.
- E-learning students would be eligible provided the local district allows their participation.
- Current IHSA Phase 4 Return to Play guideline in place for all sports.

Winter (Jan. – March)

Boys Basketball- Practice may begin: January 4; Games may begin: January 16; 7th Regional Tournament: Feb. 20, 22-26; 7th Grade Sectional: March 3; 8th Regional Tournament: Feb. 27, March 1-5; 8th Grade Sectional: March 10.

Girls Volleyball- Practice may begin: January 11; Games may begin: January 23; 7th Regional Tournament: March 6, 8-11; 7th Grade Sectional: March 17; 8th Regional Tournament: March 12, 13, 15, 16; 8th Grade Sectional: March 18.

Spring (Feb. – May)

Girls Basketball- Practice may begin: March 8; Games may begin: March 20; 7th Regional Tournament: April 24, 26-30; 7th Grade Sectional: April 30; 8th Regional Tournament: May 1, 3-7; 8th Grade Sectional: May 7.

Boys & Girls Bowling-- State Tournament Series tentatively remain as scheduled

****Wrestling-** Practice may begin: April 5; Matches may begin: April 12; Regional Tournament: May 29

Boys & Girls Track & Field- Practice may begin: March 1; Meets may begin: March 15; Sectional Meet 1A/2A: May 7-8; State Date: May 14-15; Sectional Meet 3A/4A: May 14-15; State Date: May 21-22

Activities

Speech—Each School Conducts its own contest any date from September-May

****Chess**—The State Tournament has been cancelled for the 2021 season.

Scholastic Bowl-- State Tournament Series tentatively remains as scheduled

Music-TBD

****Competitive Cheerleading---** The competition has been postponed and may be rescheduled at a later date.

****Note schedule/date changes**

Winter (Jan. – March)**Boys Basketball-**

Final Entry Deadline:	December 1
Withdrawal Deadline:	January 8
Practice Begins:	January 4
Games Begin:	January 16
7 th Regional Tournament:	Feb. 20, 22-26
Quarterfinals	Feb. 20, 22
Semifinals	Feb. 23, 24
Championship	Feb. 25, 26
7 th Sectional:	March 3

8 th Regional Tournament:	Feb. 27, March 1-5
Quarterfinals	Feb. 27, March 1
Semifinals	March 2, 4
Championship	March 5
8 th Sectional:	March 10
Season Must End	March 12

Girls Volleyball-

Final Entry Deadline:	December 1
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

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Spring (Feb. – May)

Girls Basketball-

Final Entry Deadline:	January 15
Withdrawal Deadline:	February 19
Practice Begins:	March 8
Games Begin:	March 20
7 th Regional Tournament:	April 24, 26-30
Quarterfinals	April 24
Semifinals	April 26, 27
Championship	April 28, 29
7 th Sectional:	April 30

8 th Regional Tournament:	May 1, 3-7
Quarterfinals	May 1
Semifinals	May 3, 4
Championship	May 5, 6
8 th Sectional:	May 7
Season Must End	May 9

****Wrestling**

Final Entry Deadline:	
Withdrawal Deadline:	April 5
Practice/Tryouts Begins:	April 5
Meets Begin:	April 12
Regional Tournament:	May 29
Season Must End:	May 30

Scholastic Bowl

Final Entry Deadline:	February 1
Withdrawal Deadline:	March 1
Matches Begin:	January 25
Regional Tournament:	April 28
Sectional Tournament:	May 3
Season Must End:	May 30

Boys & Girls Track & Field-

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

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