



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

September 11, 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.

STATE SERIES FORMAT

- Play shortened regular season schedules throughout the Winter and Spring
- Conduct Regional tournaments in each sport where the state series is a three-tier state series
- Conduct Sectional tournaments in each sport where the state series is a two-tier state series
- It is possible that there will be no State Finals if guidelines do not allow.
- Activities that can happen virtually can remain in their traditional seasons.
- Activities that can't happen virtually could potentially need to adjust their seasons.

GENERAL FORMAT

- **Basketball and Volleyball:** Teams will be limited to a maximum of 15 games for the season.
- 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.

Fall (August – October in traditional season)

Boys & Girls Golf- Sectional tournament: Sept. 9

Baseball- Practice may begin: August 3; Games may begin: August 15; Regional tournament: Sept. 21- 26.
Season Ending date: Oct. 9

Softball- Practice may begin: August 3; Games may begin: August 15; Regional tournament: Sept. 21- 26. Season Ending date: Oct. 9

Boys & Girls Cross Country- Practice may begin: August 3; Meets may begin: August 15; Sectional meet: Oct. 10-17. Season Ending Date: October 17

Winter (Jan. – March)

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

****Girls Volleyball-** Practice may begin: January 11; Games may begin: January 23; 7th Regional Tournament: March 6, 8-10; 8th Regional Tournament: March 12, 13, 15, 16

Wrestling- Practice may begin: January 11; Matches may begin: January 23; Regional Tournament: March 6

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

Spring (Feb. – May)

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

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

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—In-person State Tournament tentatively scheduled for Feb. 26-27, 2021

Scholastic Bowl-- State Tournament Series tentatively remains as scheduled

Music-TBD

**Note schedule/date changes