



2023–2024 IESA Girls and Boys Basketball Officials Activity Update

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IESA Season Introduction

As an official with the IHSA in the sport of basketball, you may occasionally officiate games at the junior high level. When those contests involve members of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), rules of play are exactly the same as the National Federation rules, with some exceptions. The exceptions are listed in the information contained in this handout.

If you have questions pertaining to the IESA, or if you would like to add your name to our approved list so you can be eligible to receive state series assignments at the junior high school level, please contact us at 309-829-0114.

Good luck this season!

IESA Sportsmanship Initiative

The IESA is putting a major emphasis on sportsmanship this year. When you witness good sportsmanship from a player, coach, or fan, please complete a Good Sports Report by accessing this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wFeChFGvDn>

Please be specific when describing an act of good sportsmanship.



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Specific Points of Interest

- Required pre-game meetings.
- Complete all forms in a timely manner. Ejections reports should be completed in the Officials portion of the IESA website within 48 hours of the ejection.
- The mutual agreement of coaches may not set aside IESA or NFHS rules.
- It is important that player equipment be consistently enforced throughout the season.
- Players may roll their shorts for a better fit. Drawstrings must be tucked in.

IESA Exceptions to NFHS Rules

- The smaller basketball has been adopted for IESA girls state tournament play. [1-12-1 d&e]
- Host schools shall provide a black and white striped garment to be worn by the official scorer for all games as required by rule . [2-11-12]
- The three-point field goal is mandatory for all regular season contests and state series tournaments games. [5-2-1]
- All games shall consist of six-minute periods. Overtime periods shall be three minutes. Member schools may play away basketball games with seven-minute quarters with member schools of the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association. [5-5-2, 5-7-3]
- The Association has adopted the use of a 28ft coaching box.
- The Association has adopted a "mercy" rule for all regular season contests and the IESA State Series (regional, sectional, and state). [5-5-3]
- It is recommended a safe area be in place for all state tournament series contests as determined by the local and game management. [1-2-1]
- In the state series, the front row shall have no seating unless space is an issue.



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IESA POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- A team's scorekeeper is to remain neutral and is considered part of the table personnel. They should not make comments to officials regarding calls.
- Please ensure that players are adhering to the NFHS Equipment and apparel guidelines.
- It is recommended that all teams keep a book for home and away games.
- Head coaches should carry the NFHS Basketball Rulebook with them to all contests.

Additional IESA Basketball Information

- **Be consistent, calm, and professional throughout each contest. Your demeanor will, oftentimes, set the tone for the contest.**
- **Please do not address the crowd or individual fans. This often escalates the situation. If you are having an issue with a fan, please inform game administration.**



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NFHS RULES REVISIONS

3-4-5: Requires uniform bottoms on teammates to be like-colored while allowing different styles of uniform bottoms among teammates.

3-5-6: Allows schools to wear black under visiting team jerseys while continuing to require all team members to match.

4-8-1: Eliminates the one-and-one for common fouls beginning with the seventh team foul in the half and establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter and resets the fouls at the end of each quarter

7-5-2: Establishes the throw-in spots (the nearest 28 feet mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3 feet outside the lane line on the end line) when the ball is in team control in the offensive team's frontcourt, and the defensive team commits a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or the ball becomes dead.

7-6-6: Allows the official administering a throw-in to the wrong team to correct the mistake before the first dead ball after the ball becomes live unless there is a change of possession.

9-3-3: Establishes that a player may step out of bounds without penalty unless they are the first player to touch the ball after returning to the court or if they left the court to avoid a violation.

NFHS POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Uniforms, Equipment, and Apparel
2. Bench Decorum
3. Throw-Ins-Proper Locations





23-24 IMPORTANT DATES

Girls Basketball:

- Practiced May Begin: Aug. 28
- Games May Begin: Sept 9
- 7th Regional: Nov. 11, 13-15
- 7th Sectional: Nov. 29
- 7th State: Dec. 2, 7
- 8th Regional: Nov. 18, 20-22
- 8th Sectional: Dec. 6
- 8th State: Dec. 9, 14

Boys Basketball:

- Practice May Begin: Oct. 16
- Games May Begin: Oct. 28
- 7th Regional: Jan. 20, 22-25
- 7th Sectional: Jan. 29
- 7th State: Feb. 3, 8
- 8th Regional: Jan 27, 30, 31, Feb. 1
- 8th Sectional: Feb. 5
- 8th State: Feb. 10, 15