

2023-24 IESA CALENDAR ACTION TEAM MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

February 26, 2024, via Zoom

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Executive Director), Chris Frasco (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Jackie Litwiller (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Charlie Shempf (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Monique Abbate (Cicero Unity), Tony DiNello (Mazon-Verona-Kinsman), DA Nichols (Winfield Wheaton), Tim Wyman (Peoria Hts. St. Thomas), Jamie Van Dongen (Manteno), Dan Sheehan (Monticello), Doug Fisher (Mahomet-Seymour), Nick Lindsay (Arcola), Jeff Marsaglia (Auburn), and Michael Cory (Edwardsville Liberty). Not in attendance were Patrick Kiley (DeKalb Huntley), Michael Olson (McNabb Putnam Co.), Seth Mingus (South Pekin), Josh Hunt (St. Jacob Triad), and Brad Hulet (Canton).

The focus of the Action Team will be examining the IESA activity calendar and making recommendations for current and future activity participation. The IESA Calendar Action Team in its meeting on February 26, 2024, made the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1- Season Adjustments

Current	See calendar comparison
Proposed	Proposed changes would start with the 2025-26 school year.
Rationale	Member schools have indicated that the current calendar set-up may contribute to low participation numbers, specialization, burnout, and potential overuse injuries. The committee considered many different options to address these concerns. While the Committee was not able to eliminate any overlap, the proposed adjustments do reduce the amount of overlap for the majority of participating schools.

While the number of weeks between the same/similar gendered activities is different, the total number of weeks of participation between the genders is comparable. It should also be noted that the girls have an additional participation opportunity in the fall as compared to the boys and the inclusion of girls wrestling as a part of the IESA state series activities is on the very near horizon.

**IESA By-Law
Admin Vote
Board Action** **PASSED**

Discussion Topics

1. The Action Team reviewed the feedback from the Board of Directors. Those insights were used to make additional adjustments to the initial proposed changes.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date
TBD



IESA PROPOSED CALENDAR CHANGES

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Summary

- 1. Condensed the Regional and Sectional due to no pitching limitations.**
- 2. Moved the Sectional from Saturday to Tuesday.**
- 3. Moves the State Tournament up 1 Week.**

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 4	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 4
GAMES CAN BEGIN	Wednesday, of Week 5	GAMES CAN BEGIN	Wednesday, of Week 5
REGIONALS	Wed/Thurs/Sat or Tues of Week 10	REGIONALS	Tues/Thurs/Sat of Week 10
SECTIONAL	Saturday, of Week 11	SECTIONAL	Tuesday, of Week 11
STATE	Friday/Saturday of Week 12	STATE	Friday/Saturday of Week 11

BASEBALL

Summary

1. Condenses the post season.
2. Moves up State by one week.

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 5	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 5
GAMES CAN BEGIN	Wednesday, of Week 6	GAMES CAN BEGIN	Wednesday, of Week 6
REGIONALS	Wed/Sat/Mon of Weeks 11-12	REGIONALS	Mon/Wed/Sat, of Week 11
SECTIONAL	Saturday, of Week 12	SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 12
STATE	Friday/Saturday of Week 13	STATE	Friday/Saturday of Week 12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Summary

1. Moves the start date back 2 weeks.
2. Games can begin 2 weeks later
3. Moves the 7th and 8th grade regionals back to their original weeks.
4. Condenses the season by 2 weeks.

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 9	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 11
GAMES CAN BEGIN	Saturday, of Week 10	GAMES CAN BEGIN	Saturday, of Week 12
7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon, Tues, Weds of Weeks 19-20	7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, of Weeks 20-21
8th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon, Tues, Weds of Weeks 20-21	8th GRADE REGIONALS	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, of Week 22
7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Wednesday, of Week 22	7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Wednesday, of Week 22
8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Wednesday, of Week 23	8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Wednesday, of Week 23
7th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Weeks 22-23	7th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Weeks 22-23
8th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Weeks 23-24	8th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Weeks 23-24

Boys Basketball

Summary

1. Moves the state series up one week for both 7th and 8th grade.
2. Shortens the season by 1 week.

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 16	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 16
GAMES CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 17	GAMES CAN BEGIN	Saturday, of Week 17
7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon- Thurs, of Weeks 29-30	7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon- Thurs, of Weeks 28-29
8th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Tues, Wed, Thurs of Weeks 30-31	8th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Tues, Wed, Thurs of Weeks 29-30
7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 31	7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 30
8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 32	8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 31
7th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Week 31-32	7th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Week 30-31
8th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Weeks 32-33	8th GRADE STATE	Saturday/Thursday, of Week 31-32

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Summary

1. Pushes the start date back 1 week.

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 22	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 23
GAMES CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 27	GAMES CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 27
7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, of Weeks 34-35	7th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, of Weeks 34-35
8th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Tues, Weds, Thurs of Weeks 35-36	8th GRADE REGIONALS	Sat, Tues, Weds, Thurs of Weeks 35-36
7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 36	7th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 36
8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 37	8th GRADE SECTIONAL	Monday, of Week 37
7th GRADE STATE	Friday/Saturday, of Week 36	7th GRADE STATE	Friday/Saturday, of Week 36
8th GRADE STATE	Friday/Saturday, of Weeks 37	8th GRADE STATE	Friday/Saturday, of Week 37

TRACK

Summary

1. Pushes the start date back 2 weeks.
2. Pushes when meets can begin back 1 week.
3. Everything else stays the same.

Current Calendar Dates		Proposed Calendar Changes	
PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 35	PRACTICE/TRYOUTS CAN BEGIN	Monday, Of Week 37
MEETS CAN BEGIN	Monday, of Week 37	MEETS CAN BEGIN	Saturday, of Week 38