

2024-25 Girls and Boys Basketball Series

Terms and Conditions

Member School Responsibilities

- It is the responsibility of each member school to control its interscholastic athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association.
- It is the responsibility of each member school to protect the health of and provide a safe environment for each participating students.
- In order to promote the character development of participants and to enhance the integrity of educating students, coaches and all others associated with their programs and events, member schools should adhere to fundamental values such as respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility.

****Note: Illustrations for many of the sections listed in the Terms and Conditions may be found in the IESA Handbook. Each school is sent a copy of the Handbook each year. In addition, the IESA Handbook may be accessed online from the IESA website (www.iesa.org).**

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

The classification of each school participating in the 2024-25 IESA Basketball State Tournament Series will be determined by enrollment. Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year as reported to the IESA by the member school through the IESA Member Center shall determine the classification of each school after a tabulation of entries in each sport. Basketball will be split into four equal classes each containing 25% of the participating schools. Each of the state tournaments is organized separately by geographical areas, so there could be different schools in your regional tournaments in each grade (i.e., 7-1A and 8-1A).

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Seventh Grade Girls (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Regional tournaments may be held on the Saturday of Week 19 and end by the Wednesday of Week 20 in the standardized IESA calendar.

- i. It is recommended that regional competition be scheduled in the evening hours to increase receipts and minimize the assessment to participating schools.

Sectional tournaments will be held on Wednesday of Week 22 in the standardized IESA calendar at 6:30 p.m.

The state tournament will be held on Saturday of Week 22 and Thursday of Week 23 in the standardized IESA calendar.

7 th Grade Girls State Tournament Sites	
7-1A	Assumption Central A&M
7-2A	Riverton HS
7-3A	Auburn HS
7-4A	Morton JHS

B. Eighth Grade Girls (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Regional tournaments may be held on Saturday of Week 20 and end by Wednesday of Week 21 in the standardized IESA calendar.

- i. It is recommended that regional competition be scheduled in the evening hours to increase receipts and minimize the assessment to participating schools.

Sectional tournaments will be held on Wednesday of Week 23 in the standardized IESA calendar at 6:30 p.m.

The state tournament will be held on Saturday of Week 23 Thursday of Week 24 in the standardized IESA calendar.

8 th Grade Girls State Tournament Sites	
8-1A	Clinton JHS
8-2A	Havana High School
8-3A	Germantown Hills
8-4A	Normal Parkside JHS

C. Seventh Grade Boys (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Regional tournaments may be held on the Saturday of Week 29 and end by the Thursday of Week 30 in the standardized IESA calendar.

- i. It is recommended that regional competition be scheduled in the evening hours to increase receipts and minimize the assessment to participating schools.

Sectional tournaments will be held on Monday of Week 31 in the standardized IESA calendar at 6:30 p.m.

The state tournament will be held on Saturday of Week 31 and Thursday of Week 32 in the standardized IESA calendar.

7 th Grade Boys State Tournament Sites	
7-1A	East Peoria Central
7-2A	Macon Meridian @ High School
7-3A	El Paso-Gridley
7-4A	Normal Kingsley

D. Eighth Grade Boys (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Regional tournaments may be held on the Saturday of Week 30, Monday and Tuesday of Week 31, and end by the Thursday of Week 31 in the standardized IESA calendar.

- i. It is recommended that regional competition be scheduled in the evening hours to increase receipts and minimize the assessment to participating schools.

Sectional tournaments will be held on Monday of Week 32 in the standardized IESA calendar at 6:30 p.m.

The state tournament will be held on Saturday of Week 32 and Thursday of Week 33 in the standardized IESA calendar.

8 th Grade Boys State Tournament Sites	
8-1A	Warrensburg-Latham
8-2A	Kankakee Bishop McNamara
8-3A	Tolono Unity HS
8-4A	Taylorville High School

State Series Assignments may be accessed on the IESA website. Schools that are willing to host a regional and/or a sectional that is not set should contact Chris Frasco, Administrator for Basketball, immediately. Girls Regional hosts must be set by November 3. Sectional hosts will be accepted until November 15. Boys regional hosts must be set by January 5. Sectional hosts will be accepted until January 17. If no school offers to host a sectional by the deadline, then the host of the sectional will be determined via a coin flip between the regional champions conducted in the IESA Office.

GIRLS BASKETBALL (7 th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)		
Activity	2024-25	NEW 2025-26
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	June 3, 2024	June 9, 2025
Final Entry Deadline	Aug. 1, 2024	Aug. 1, 2025
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	Sept. 2, 2024	Sept. 15, 2025
Cooperative Agreement Due	Sept. 1, 2024	Sept. 14, 2025
Refund Deadline	Sept. 10, 2024	Sept. 26, 2025
Games may begin (Sat.)	Sept. 14, 2024	Sept. 27, 2025
Initial Season Schedule Due	Sept. 14, 2024	Sept. 27, 2025
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Tues.)	Nov. 5, 2024	Nov. 11, 2025
Online Ranking (Thurs.)	Nov. 7, 2024	Nov. 13, 2025
Rosters Closed (Fri.) @ 4:00 p.m.	Nov. 15, 2024	Nov. 21, 2025
Regionals (Sat.-Wed.)	Nov. 16, 18-20, 2024	Nov. 22, 24-26, 2025
Sectionals (Wed.)	Dec. 4, 2024	Dec. 3, 2025
State (Sat. & Thurs.)	Dec. 7, 12, 2024	Dec. 6, 11, 2025
Season must end (Sat.)	Dec. 23, 2024	Dec. 22, 2025

GIRLS BASKETBALL (8th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)		
Activity	2024-25-2025	NEW 2025-26
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	June 3, 2024-25	June 9, 2025
Final Entry Deadline	Aug. 1, 2024-25	Aug. 1, 2025
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	Sept. 2, 2024-25	Sept. 15, 2025
Cooperative Agreement Due	Sept. 1, 2024-25	Sept. 14, 2025
Refund Deadline	Sept. 10, 2024-25	Sept. 26, 2025
Games may begin (Sat.)	Sept. 14, 2024-25	Sept. 27, 2025
Initial Season Schedule Due	Sept. 14, 2024-25	Sept. 27, 2025
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Tues.)	Nov. 12, 2024-25	Nov. 18, 2025
Online Ranking (Thurs.)	Nov. 14, 2024-25	Nov. 20, 2025
Rosters Closed (Fri.) @ 4:00 p.m.	Nov. 22, 2024-25	Dec. 1, 2025
Regionals (Mon, Tue., Thurs., Fri.)	Nov. 23, 25-27	Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5
Sectionals (Wed.)	Dec. 11, 2024-25	Dec. 10, 2025
State (Sat. & Thurs.)	Dec. 14, 19, 2024-25	Dec. 13, 18, 2025
Season must end (Sat.)	Dec. 23, 2025	Dec. 22, 2025

BOYS BASKETBALL (7th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)			
Activity	Week	2024-25	2025-26
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	49	June 3, 2024	June 9, 2024
Final Entry Deadline		Sept. 1, 2024	Sept. 1, 2024
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	16	Oct. 21, 2024	Oct. 20, 2024
Cooperative Agreement Due		Oct. 20, 2024	Oct. 20, 2024
Refund Deadline		Oct. 25, 2024	Oct. 25, 2024
Games may begin (Sat.)	17	Nov. 2, 2024	Nov. 1, 2024
Initial Season Schedule Due	17	Nov. 2, 2024	Nov. 1, 2024
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Tues.)	28	Jan. 14, 2025	Jan. 6, 2025
Online Ranking	28	Jan. 16, 2025	Jan. 8, 2025
Rosters Closed (Fri.) @ 4:00 p.m.	29	Jan. 24, 2025	Jan. 16, 2025
Regionals (Sat.-Thurs.)	29-30	Jan. 25, 27-30, 2025	Jan. 17, 19-22, 2025
Sectionals (Mon.)	31	Feb. 3, 2025	Jan. 26, 2025
State (Sat. & Thurs.)	31-32	Feb. 8, 13, 2025	Jan 31, Feb. 5, 2025
Season must end (Sat.)	36	Mar. 15, 2025	Mar. 7, 2025

BOYS BASKETBALL (8th Grade CLASS 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)			
Activity	Week	2024-25-2025	2025-26
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	49	June 3, 2024	June 9, 2024
Final Entry Deadline		Sept. 1, 2024	Sept. 1, 2024
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	16	Oct. 21, 2024	Oct. 20, 2024
Cooperative Agreement Due		Oct. 20, 2024	Oct. 20, 2024
Refund Deadline		Oct. 25, 2024	Oct. 25, 2024
Games may begin (Sat.)	17	Nov. 2, 2024	Nov. 1, 2024
Initial Season Schedule Due	17	Nov. 2, 2024	Nov. 1, 2024
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Tues.)	29	Jan. 21, 2025	Jan. 13, 2025
Online Ranking	29	Jan. 23, 2025	Jan. 15, 2025
Rosters Closed (Fri.) @ 4:00 p.m.	30	Jan. 31, 2025	Jan. 23, 2025
Regionals (Sat., Mon., Tues., Thurs.)	30-31	Feb. 1, 4-6, 2025	Jan. 24, 27-29, 2025
Sectionals (Mon.)	32	Feb. 10, 2025	Feb. 2, 2025
State (Sat. & Thurs.)	32-33	Feb. 15, 20	Feb 7, 12, 2025
Season must end (Sat.)	36	Mar. 15, 2025	Mar. 7, 2025

III. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

A. Regional Entry Form

In basketball, principals of competing schools must complete a copy of the Regional Entry Form using the online form that is available on the IESA website (www.iesa.org). Once the form has been completed, by clicking on the words "Update Entries", the information is automatically available to the regional host and to the IESA Office. The basketball regional entries are due by the posted Online Roster and Record Deadline.

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless the Regional Entry Form has been completed. The Regional Entry Form shall be used to list up to 15 certified contestants for state tournament series play. Only those individuals listed on the Regional Entry Form are allowed to sit on the team bench during state series play.

The following penalty is in effect for schools that fail to submit their online roster, record, and seeding information by the posted deadlines in boys and girls basketball:

- a. First offense: School will be placed on probation.
- b. Second consecutive offense: School will be able to participate in the state series of the current year but will not be able to participate in the state series the following year unless the school pays a \$250 fee for reinstatement to the state series.

Schools may make changes to the Regional Entry Form anytime up until the Rosters Closed deadline. Prior to that deadline, schools may make changes by going online, updating the form, and clicking on "Update Entries." No changes will be permitted after the Rosters Closed deadline. Please check the dates for the Rosters Closed deadline listed on the calendar.

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to ensure that each participant listed on the Regional Entry Form is eligible. Regional hosts for all athletic activities are also required to check each contestant on the Regional Entry Form.

B. Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$65 per team. The entry deadline for girls' and boys' basketball was [June 3, 2024-25](#).

The final entry deadline for girls' basketball was Aug. 1. The final entry deadline for boys' basketball is Sept. 1.

The penalty fee assessed to a school that does not participate in an athletic activity for which it is registered without notifying the IESA Office or withdraws from the state series after the seeding meeting/online ranking deadline for a given activity shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the officials for the contest which they forfeited, that school's share for one contest for any deficit, and any other penalties (including monetary) as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director. The \$50.00 penalty fee shall be paid directly to the host school.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

To enter any of the tournaments a girl/boy must be eligible under all of the eligibility rules and conditions of the IESA.

A. Participation

No student is eligible to participate at the same academic grade level for two different school years in the same sport. This is true whether the student attended a member or a non-member school. Participation in one interscholastic contest in a sport constitutes one season of eligibility in that sport.

No student shall be a member of an interscholastic team using ninth grade or high school students.

Athletic activities designated as seventh grade shall consist of contestants in grades five through seven. In all other athletic activities, fifth through eighth graders are eligible to participate.

B. Residence and Transfer

A student shall be eligible if he/she attends the member school in the district in which he/she resides.

If the parents of a student move from one school district to another during the school year, the student may retain eligibility for the remainder of the school year provided the student continues to attend the school in the district from which the parents moved.

In cases where ISBE has granted a legislative waiver for children of certified staff members to attend the school tuition-free, the student shall have eligibility at the school where the certified staff member is employed.

A transfer student is one who transfers from one school to another school after the first day of classes at his/her school.

A student who transfers from one school to another school shall be eligible to participate under the following guidelines:

- a. The student would be eligible to participate in a sport at their new school during the current school year if during the IESA designated season for a sport, the student had NOT participated in a tryout, organized practice, or contest in that sport at their previous school. See By-Law 2.072 regarding student status as a member of a team.
- b. A student who transfers from one school to another and is eligible in accordance with section (a) above shall become eligible to participate in contests for the new school on his/her eleventh day of attendance at the new school in any sport or activity and provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

C. Scholastic Standing

All contestants shall be in grades five through eight and shall not have passed eighth-grade standing.

A student shall be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all school subjects and the school shall certify compliance with this By-Law. Use of a player, contestant, or participant shall be deemed such certification.

For all IESA activities, athletic as well as non-athletic, passing work shall be checked weekly. Eligibility will be applied to the Monday through Saturday following the week that was checked. Students must be passing each subject each week to be eligible. Grades shall be cumulative for the school's grading period.

The eligibility check shall be the same day each week unless school is not in session; then it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week.

For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.

D. Age

For seventh grade basketball, a student shall be eligible through age fourteen (14). If a student in seventh grade basketball becomes fifteen (15) before the final event in the seventh-grade state tournament series in basketball, he/she is not eligible to participate in seventh grade basketball.

For eighth grade basketball, a student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student becomes sixteen (16) before the final event in the eighth-grade state tournament series in basketball, he/she is not eligible to participate in eighth grade basketball.

Each student must provide the principal of his/her school with certification of his/her birth before practice or participation in any athletic activity. This must be a birth certificate or hospital record or a thermostatic copy of such. A baptismal certificate is not acceptable.

A student shall be permitted to try-out only for those activities for which he/she is eligible by age.

E. Physical Examination

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, practice, or game unless he/she has filed with his/her principal a certificate of physical fitness that has been issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes not more than 395 days preceding such tryout, practice, or contest in any athletic activity.

Any student who is not allowed to participate in interscholastic activities as the result of a physician's directive may not return to play until they have received written clearance from a physician.

F. Amateurism

As the result of participating in the IESA Basketball state series (regional, sectional, state) a student in a member school may accept any award (except cash) which does not exceed \$100.00 in fair market value.

A student in a member school may accept a school letter for an interscholastic sport, regardless of cost.

Violation of the provisions of By-Law 3.070 shall cause ineligibility in the sport in which the violation occurred. An official ruling must be secured from the Executive Director before any student who violates these rules may be reinstated to eligibility.

G. Participating Under an Assumed Name

In the event students participate in interscholastic competition under any other name than their own, the principal shall immediately suspend violators from further interscholastic participation. The future interscholastic participation of violators and/or persons contributing to a violation shall then be considered by the Board of Directors.

H. Coaching School Participation

A student who is a member of the school team in a sport may participate, depending on local school district policy, in any coaching school/camp during that interscholastic sport season.

A coaching school/camp is defined as any program sponsored by an organization or individual which provides instruction in sports theory and skills to groups of persons.

Students may participate in and/or receive private lessons, school physical conditioning programs, and be used for demonstration purposes in coaches' clinics.

I. All-Star Participation

No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team.

J. Open Gym and Summer Participation

Schools may open their gymnasiums or facilities for recreational activities to students or other persons who reside in or outside their district under the following conditions:

1. A variety of recreational activities are available during the course of the year.
2. There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques in any sport at any time.
3. Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.
4. Comparable opportunities are afforded to all participants.

Open Gym Illustrations

Q. What procedures should schools use to ensure all students are adequately notified of opportunities to participate in open gyms?

A. Schools must publicize open gyms in a manner that ensures all students have a reasonable opportunity to be informed regarding dates and times of open gyms. Schools may utilize public address announcements, flyers, written announcements or newsletters to notify students regarding open gyms.

Q. May a school conduct a sport specific open gym?

A. Yes, provided a variety of recreational activities are available during the course of the year.

Q. May a coed school conduct a gender specific open gym?

A. No.

Q. Is it permissible for a coach to play with or against students from his/her own school during out-of-season open gym programs?

A. Yes.

K. Provisions for Out-of-Season Contact

After the official ending date of a sport season (according to the date listed in Division 4 of the IESA Handbook) students from the same member school may play together in a sport provided the school has no affiliation with the activity. In addition, a coach may coach the students from the school provided he/she is not coaching the students as an official representative of the school and is not receiving any school compensation for coaching.

V. SEASON AND TEAM LIMITATIONS

No member school participating in the girls basketball state tournament series shall organize, hold tryouts, or practice prior to Monday of Week 9 (**Sept. 2, 2024**).

No member school participating in the boys basketball state tournament series hold tryouts or practice prior to Monday of Week 16 (**October 21, 2024**)

A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in girls' basketball no earlier than Saturday of Week 10 (**September 14, 2024**). Its last interscholastic contest in girls' basketball shall be no later than (**December 23, 2024**).

A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in boys' basketball no earlier than Saturday of Week 17 (**November 2, 2024**). Its last interscholastic contest in boys' basketball shall be no later than Saturday of Week 36 (**March 15, 2025**) in the IESA standardized calendar.

Only schools that have an established school team that has participated in at least three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the Online Roster and Record deadline during the current season may participate in team competition in Association-sponsored tournaments.

No basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season and exclusive of the IESA series, participate in more **than 24 games**.

Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in interscholastic activities with high school or non-school groups.

Member schools are not allowed to practice against other schools, including high schools, or allow students from their own school to practice with a different school.

All interscholastic competition shall be considered a game.

No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team.

VI. INDIVIDUAL PLAYER LIMITATIONS

For regular season contests and all tournaments (regular season and state series), students shall be limited to a maximum of eight (8) quarters per day. Participation in a quarter shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of time) in the quarter. (i.e. 6 quarters at the 7th grade level and 2 quarters at the 8th grade level; or 3 quarters at the 7th grade level and 5 quarters at the 8th grade level; 4 quarters at the 7th grade level and 4 quarters at the 8th grade level, etc.)

Students may participate in either or both grade levels of the IESA state tournaments for which they are qualified. Eighth graders are never permitted to play on seventh grade teams. Seventh graders are never allowed to participate on sixth grade teams.

Students in 5th or 6th grade who participate on the school's 7th or 8th grade teams must abide by all IESA rules and regulations only during the IESA season for the given activity.

In addition to automatic forfeiture of the contest, should a student exceed the individual limitations listed, the coach of the team shall be ineligible to coach for the next two interscholastic contests at the level where the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

Only students who are currently eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest shall appear at a contest in the uniform of their school.

VII. COACH QUALIFICATIONS

To serve as a Head or Assistant Coach, athletic coaches in member schools in the sports in which the school participates in the IESA state series must:

- (a) be regularly licensed by the ISBE as a teacher, administrator or school service personnel (i.e. counselor, social worker, speech therapist, etc.); or
- (b) be a retired teacher/coach from an IESA or IHSA member school; or
- (c) be a college student coaching as part of an official student teaching assignment; or
- (d) be certified through an IESA approved coaches education program, AND
- (e) be officially employed by the local school board of the member school.

The following courses have been approved by the IESA Board of Directors: IESA/Human Kinetics Coaching Essentials course; IHSA/Human Kinetics Coach Principles or Coaching Orientation course, or NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course

A person with a substitute only license must complete one of the approved coaching education courses in order to serve as a coach.

High school students may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach and must be concussion certified.

Any coach who does not meet the IESA coaching qualifications as detailed above will be suspended for a minimum of two games and will not be permitted to coach again until he/she completes an IESA approved coaching education course. This includes practices as well as contests.

Additional sanctions may be applied by the Board of Directors to schools with multiple violations for non-compliance with the coaching education By-Law.

GENERAL

Q. What does the phrase 'regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois' mean?

A. You are a person who has fulfilled the requirements of state law to teach by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Q. If I am not a licensed teacher or administrator and, therefore, need to complete one of the approved coaching education courses, how often do I have to take the approved coaches education course?

A. Once.

Q. All of my coaches including my cheer coach are certified teachers. Can we require that they complete the coaching education course?

A. Yes. This would be a local policy requiring such completion.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Q. May a student teacher assist with the coaching of an athletic team?

A. Yes, provided it is part of the student teaching experience.

Q. May student teachers continue coaching their student teaching assignments after the regular student teaching period ends?

A. Yes, provided their college or university authorizes the continuation.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Q. May a person volunteer to coach without pay at a member school?

A. Yes. However, whether a person is paid to coach or is a non-paid volunteer, the person must meet the qualification requirements of By-Law 2.110 and its sub-sections.

MINIMUM AGE OF NON-FACULTY COACHES

Q. Is there an age minimum for non-faculty and/or non-certified personnel who coach?

A. The Board of Directors interprets the provisions of this By-Law to require non-faculty and/or non-certified coaches to be a high school graduate or equivalent.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS COACHES

Q. I have a high school student assisting our wrestling squad. My head coach was ejected from the contest. May the high school student take over as the head coach for the remainder of the match?

A. No. You would have to forfeit the remaining matches of the meet unless there is an individual in attendance who meets the coaching education requirement in attendance who can assume the duties of the head coach.

Q. May the high school student we have assisting my volleyball coach be the only coach in the gym when my head coach had to miss practice?

A. No. The high school student who is assisting can never assume coaching duties unless he/she is under the direct supervision of a coach qualified under the provisions of 2.110.

Q. May we use high school students to demonstrate skills during practice or as team managers?

A. Yes.

RETIRED TEACHERS

Q. Does the provision for coaching by retired teachers refer only to persons immediately retired from teaching, or to retired teachers regardless of the date of their retirement?

A. The by-law simply states "...a retired teacher from an IESA or IHSA member school." This statement is interpreted literally, it permits a school to utilize any retired teacher from a member school as a coach.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING LICENSE

Q. May a person with a substitute only license coach?

A. No. However, if they complete an IESA approved coaching education course, they are eligible to coach.

COACHING CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED

Q. Are there any IESA activities where the coach of a given activity would not be required to meet the coaching education requirements?

A. Yes. Coaches/instructors for music, speech, scholastic bowl and chess are not required to meet the coaching education requirements.

VIII. SEEDING

A. In basketball, regional seeding will be conducted using an online procedure. In general, seeding shall be done as if an actual meeting were taking place using traditional seeding criteria except that the procedure is done online rather than an actual meeting.

B. Online Ranking and Seeding

All schools entering the basketball state series must enter the following information online by the appropriate deadlines in the IESA standardized calendar [7G- Nov. 5., 8G- Nov. 12, 7B- Jan. 14, 8B- Jan. 21]:

- Season Schedule with results

- Regional Entry Form
- Special Comment Section regarding your team's season

The following penalty is in effect for schools that fail to submit their online roster and record and/or seeding information by the posted deadlines in boys and girls basketball:

- a. **First offense:** School will be placed on probation and will not be able to seed their regional but their regional will seed them.
- b. **Second consecutive offense:** School will be able to participate in the state series of the current year but will not be able to participate in the state series the following year unless the school pays a \$250 fee for reinstatement to the state series.

A team withdrawing from competition following the online ranking deadline shall be declared as a forfeit. The remaining teams will not be re-seeded.

The following steps should be followed to seed the regional tournaments.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

A school that fails to enter their season schedule, results, and Regional Entry Form by the online roster and record deadline has no say regarding any seed. Other schools in their regional will be still be able to seed them.

Schools will rank all participating schools in their regional except their own, based on the information each team submitted online. Each school will have one day to complete this step of the online seeding process. The ranking step occurs: **7G- Nov. 7, 8G- Nov. 14, 7B- Jan. 16, 8B- Jan. 23**

Factors to consider when seeding

- a. Season Record
- b. Quality of team's competition
- c. Smaller schools (1A or 2A) schools competing against larger schools (Class 3A or 4A)
- d. Head to Head competition
- e. Record against common opponents
- f. Roster of the post season team i.e. a 7th grader who has played on the 8th grade team all year but will play on the 7th grade team in the state series or a 7th grader who has played only 7th grade all year but will also play on the 8th grade team in the regional may be the basis for giving a higher seed.
- g. Each school shall rate all teams assigned to the regional except their own.

The IESA will confirm all seeds and break any ties. **Note: The IESA will break all ties by a coin flip.** The seeding results submitted by each team participating in the regional will be posted in the Basketball Entry Center after the completed brackets have been posted.

Note: No school may enter the state series unless they have participated at least three interscholastic contests during the current season prior to online seeding.

B. Regional Tournament Pairings

Regional tournament brackets should be set-up as follows. All games are to be played in the proper order and shall not be changed unless permission is granted by the IESA.

1. In four-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #4 in game 1 and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2. Winners of games 1 & 2 then meet for the regional championship (3 games).
2. In five-team basketball tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 in game 2 and seeds #2 and #3 play game 3. Winners of games 2 & 3 then play for the regional championship (4 games).
3. When a five team basketball regional is played in two days, the playing schedule shall be as follows: seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2 and then the winner of game 1 plays seed #1 in game 3 all on day one. Winners of games #2 and #3 then will play for the championship on day two of the tournament.
4. In six-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 2 and seed #2 vs. bye in bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays the winner of game 1 in game 3 and seed #2 plays the winner of game 2 in game 4. The winners of games 3 & 4 play for the regional championship (5 games).
5. In seven-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 2 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 3 of bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 and winner of game

2 plays winner of game 3. To complete this tournament in three days and avoid the playing of more than one game per day by any team, it would be necessary to play games 1, 2, and 3 on the first day (6games).

6. In eight-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #8 in game 1 and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 2 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 3 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 4 in bottom bracket.

7. **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- A. Teams will be permitted to play in no more than two games in one day during the state series.
- B. For a team competing in two regional games in one day, the time between the start of the first regional game for that team and the start of the second regional game on that day for that team must be a minimum of three (3) hours.

C. Regional/Sectional Host Requirements

All regional and sectional hosts are obtained on a volunteer basis. Any school interested in hosting should contact the IESA Office. It is recommended that in addition to the tournament manager, an administrator or other school representative from the host school be in attendance at all times for state tournament series contests.

The IESA and its Board of Directors require an administrator or school representative (other than the participating coaches) be in attendance at all home contests. It is recommended that in addition to the tournament manager, an administrator or other school representative from the host school be in attendance at all times for state tournament series contests.

Schools serving as a host must have signage in accordance with the Concealed Carry, Act 430 ILCS 66. This includes an IESA event that is held on your school property and IESA events help off-premise (i.e. a park).

To host a basketball regional:

1. Your floor must be in compliance with all NFHS court specifications and requirements [Rule 1-1 thru 1-18].
2. Floor materials may be wood, composite, or tile.
3. Regional games may not be played on carpeted floors.
4. Backboards must be glass and rectangular.
5. Courts must have a 3-point line.
6. Courts may not use restraining lines. [See NFHS rule 1-3-2 for definition of restraining lines.]
7. Hosting preference will be given to volunteering facilities at the time of initial assignment to wood or composite courts with a minimum court size of 80' x46'.

To host a basketball sectional:

1. Your floor must be in compliance with all NFHS court specifications and requirements [Rule 1-1 thru 1-18].
2. Floor materials may be wood, composite, or tile.
3. Sectional games may not be played on carpeted floors.
4. Backboards must be glass and rectangular.
5. Courts must have a 3-point line.
6. Courts may not use restraining lines. [See NFHS rule 1-3-2 for definition of restraining lines.]
7. Hosting preference will be given to volunteering facilities at the time of initial assignment to wood or composite courts with a minimum court size of 80' x46'.

IX. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

All tournament play shall be single elimination with the winning team advancing from regional to sectional and from sectional to state level competition.

The winners of the 16 Regional tournaments shall be assigned to 8 Sectional tournaments consisting of two teams each.

The winners of the 8 Sectional games shall be entered in the State Final Tournament.

If an opponent incurs a violation in the state series that requires a contest or contests to be forfeited, the following policy will be followed:

- If the violation affects only one round of competition, the opponent within that round will be advanced on to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
- If the violation affects more than one round of competition, no opponent from the preceding rounds of competition shall be advanced to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
- The advancement of opponents shall be determined by the IESA Office.

X. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

WARM-UP PERIOD: Basketball warm-up periods shall be limited to 15 minutes in all tournament play.

DESIGNATED HOME TEAM: In regional and state play, top team in the bracket will be considered the home team. In sectional play, the team from the odd-numbered regional shall be designated as the home team.

Regional and sectional competition sites will be assigned by the IESA Office. If a regional or sectional site is not assigned by the IESA Office, then schools assigned to that regional/sectional may contact the IESA Office to indicate their willingness to host a state series contest. Bids for regional, sectional, and state tournament sites shall be forwarded to the IESA Office.

When inclement weather alters the designated playing site of a regional tournament game, the higher seeded team will host the game(s) unless schools mutually agree to a different site.

NEW: If weather forces the sectional to be rescheduled, the host must reschedule the sectional for Thursday or the IESA will release the sectional to the participating schools so the sectional can be completed on Thursday. If both schools express an interest in hosting, a coin flip is done in the IESA office to determine the host.

Q: What if weather postpones the sectional on Thursday as well?

A: If weather postpones the sectional to Friday, the original host will host the sectional if they are able to.

Actual state series competition dates shall be in accordance with the IESA calendar. No eighth grade regional tournaments will be permitted to be scheduled on seventh grade sectional dates. It is recommended that regional competition be scheduled in the evening hours to increase receipts and minimize the assessment to participating schools.

****For a team competing in two regional games in one day, the time between the start of the first regional game for that team and the start of the second regional game for that team must be a minimum of three (3) hours.

XI. TOURNAMENT RULES

All interscholastic athletic games, meets, and contests participated in by IESA member schools shall be governed only by the rules written or officially adopted for those respective sports by the National Federation of State High School Associations and modified by the IESA. Schools hosting IESA state series contests that do not uphold the By-Laws or Terms and Conditions of a given activity governing the conduct of those contests may be subject to sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

Sectional hosts shall not schedule regular season contests of any activity in their facility on sectional dates.

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL: Balls used for the regional, sectional, and state tournaments must be the Rawlings Model. The model for the girls' ball is CNTR285-IESA. The model for the boys' ball is CNTR295-IESA.

No athletic uniforms may show any commercial or non-school advertising other than the manufacturers and must be in compliance with NFHS uniform rules. Warm-ups worn by the competitors may show commercial or non-school advertising.

The host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the visiting teams for practice sessions.

CELL PHONES: No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during a contest by bench personnel. This includes both regular season contests and the IESA state series contests.

FORFEITURE: A team failing to field the required number of starting players within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. A game that is played even though the school failed to field the required number of starters within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled game time cannot be protested for that reason.

XII. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

All fans that attend IESA state series contests must wear shirts at all times.

PRE-GAME RUNOUT: When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own end of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, run under the basket where their opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents. Where possible, teams should only enter, jog, or warm-up on their own half of the court. Gatherings intended to motivate a team after the warm-up period, during or following introductions and post-game celebrations should be performed in the area directly in front of the team bench.

Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.

BANNERS: The displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, can be unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.

NOISE-MAKING DEVICES: Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring mechanical noise-making devices, megaphones, radios, or tape players into the playing area of the state tournament contest.

VIDEO-TAPING: Video-taping will be allowed in all IESA state series contests. Review of such video during a contest is determined by NFHS rule for each activity.

No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where there are students participating.

Host schools should make every effort to accommodate the media.

No flash photography shall be used during play.

CHEERLEADERS: Limits on free admission to the state tournament series shall be twelve (12) cheerleaders.

1. **Cheerleaders must be in uniform to be admitted free.**
2. **There shall be a maximum of 12 cheerleaders performing sideline cheers on the floor at one time, provided the facility can safely accommodate this number.**
3. **Officials must be given room to move along the sidelines and baselines.**
4. **Athletic shoes must be worn; gymnastics slippers or shoes rated for gymnastic floors are not permitted.**
5. **Flyers may NOT have signs with sharp corners or be made of solid material.**
6. **A twist to a cradle (including log rolls) must not involve more than one rotation - this is permitted only on appropriate mats, grass, and rubberized/soft-yielding surfaces.**
7. **Stunting while the basketball is in play is NOT permitted; this includes free-throws.**
8. **The free throw line extended must remain clear of cheerleaders at all times.**
9. **Head-over-heels stunts are not permitted except as outlined in Section 3-3 Inversions.**

BAND: If a host school has a band capable of contributing to the entertainment, there is no objection to have it play before games and during intermission of state tournament series games. Members of the band may be given free admission. Under no circumstances may the band instruments be used for cheering purposes. The use of band instruments for cheering purposes will be considered evidence of discourteous conduct and upon receipt of substantiating evidence of such conduct, the Executive Director will instruct the local manager to exclude the band from the gymnasium. No band other than the one from the local school shall be admitted as an organization except by special permission of the Executive Director who will act only upon petition of the local manager.

It is recommended a safe area be in place for all state tournament series contests as determined by the local and game management. The safe area would extend from the baseline toward the facilities back wall, stage, or bleachers. The safe area would be devoid of any persons (such as cheerleaders or media personnel) or any other obstructions.

No interscholastic tournaments may have a sponsor who is a manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or of any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROVISIONS: State series contests in girls softball, boys baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, and girls volleyball shall not be forfeited due to weather. If the administrator of any participating school determines the team cannot reach the tournament site due to weather, or if the tournament manager makes the decision that all contests scheduled on a given day shall not be held because of weather, the host school shall reschedule the game(s) and adjust the remainder of the playing schedule as necessary. Other contests scheduled on that date may still be held.

Any coach or school official who withdraws a team from the field of play under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest, except when the principal of the forfeiting school believes circumstances which affected the health, safety, or welfare of the students required such action, the principal may file a protest.

XIII. EXCEPTIONS TO THE NFHS PLAYING RULES

The smaller basketball has been adopted for IESA girls state tournament play. [1-12]

Undergarments shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they shall be the same length [3-5-6]. Note: This exception removes the logo restriction. At the IESA level, undergarments that have one or more logos and/or the logo size exceeds what is allowed by NFHS rule, shall be legal.

Host schools in tournament play shall provide a black and white striped garment to be worn by the official scorer for all games as required by NFHS 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 28 ft. coaching box for basketball. [1-13-2]

The Association has adopted a "mercy" rule for all regular season contests, tournaments and the IESA state series (regional, sectional, and state). [5-5-3 note]

The following guidelines for the administration of the mercy rule shall be used:

- i. A running clock shall be utilized during the fourth quarter in contests with a 30 point differential in score.
- ii. Once the clock begins running continuously because of the point differential, it is to remain running for the rest of the contest, even if the point differential drops under the 30 point barrier during the fourth quarter.
- iii. If a contest should begin its fourth quarter with a 30 point differential in score or greater, the entire fourth quarter will be played with a running clock. The running clock shall not be used prior to the fourth quarter of any contest.
- iv. If, while using the running clock because of the point differential and the trailing team somehow tied the contest at the end of regulation, any and all subsequent overtime periods would be played using the continuous clock.
- v. The running clock would only be stopped once it starts for the following:
 1. A team timeout,
 2. To replace a disqualified player,
 3. To administer a technical foul,
 4. To attend to an injured player,
 5. Any other situation of concern to an official.
 6. For free throws when there is less than one-minute left in the game.

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]

The official scorer and timer for all regular season and state series games must be at least 16 years of age.

XIV. SPORTSMANSHIP

It is the clear obligation of students, school staff, boards of education, and all other official representatives of member schools in all interscholastic relationships to practice and promote the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition, and it is the obligation of the member school to maintain proper crowd control at all interscholastic activities. The Association shall have no responsibility for crowd control nor for the actions of school representatives. The Board of Directors shall have full authority to penalize any member school, any of whose representatives or spectators may be adjudged upon competent evidence to have violated these obligations.

The IESA and its Board of Directors require an administrator or school representative (other than the participating coaches) be in attendance at all home contests. It is recommended that in addition to the tournament manager, an administrator or other school representative from the host school be in attendance at all times for state tournament series contests.

The IESA and its Board of Directors recommends that a school have a policy in place when it is necessary to deal with a fan ejection(s).

For all contests, game officials will be required to fill out and submit a special report form for an ejection within 48 hours of the incident. In addition, the host school administrator on duty should also complete a special report form within 48 hours and return it to the IESA office following any ejection.

Students participating in interscholastic contests in violation of the By-Laws, or other persons found to be in gross violation of the ethics of competition or the principles of good sportsmanship, may be barred by the Executive Director from interscholastic activities.

If players or representatives of any school entered in an IESA state series tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, such as damaging baskets or backboards during warm-up drills, breaking or damaging lockers, etc., destruction to other teams equipment, buses, etc., such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.

EJECTION OF A PLAYER: Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition the player must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$100.00 fine.
- Player may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

Examples:

1. A basketball player is ejected twice during the course of the season. That player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.
2. A player is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.

EJECTION OF A COACH: Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and pay a \$100.00 fine prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the coach regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$250.00 fine
- Coach may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

Examples:

1. A basketball coach is ejected twice during the course of the season. That coach is not allowed to attend the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.
2. A coach is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that coach is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.

EJECTION OF A FAN: Schools will be held responsible for any fan that is ejected. A fan that is ejected from a contest must watch the National Federation of High School Associations Sportsmanship course prior to returning to watch contests and provide proof to their school's administration that they course was completed

Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct who fails to sit out the remaining interscholastic contest(s) as required in By-Laws 5.121 and 5.122 shall cause the team(s) to forfeit that contest and possibly receive other penalties as determined by the Board of Directors.

MULTIPLE EJECTIONS IN A SCHOOL YEAR: Any school that receives two ejections in a school year (which includes players, coaches and fans) will require that school administration be required to communicate in writing with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. The panel may recommend additional sanctions to the Board of Directors if they deem necessary.

Illustrations for Sportsmanship

Q. May a coach who is ineligible for a contest due to a suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct travel with the team to the contest or attend the contest?

A. No.

Q. If a player or coach is ejected from a 7th grade game, when is he/she eligible to participate?

A. A player or coach ejected from a 7th grade contest may not play or coach in the 8th grade contest scheduled on the same evening. *Furthermore, whenever the next 7th grade contest is scheduled, the player or coach is required to miss that contest and all contests between until the NFHS Sportsmanship course is completed and the IESA receives the \$100 fine.*

Q. My coach was ejected from a 7th grade game on Tuesday. Our next 7th grade game is not scheduled until two weeks from that day. Our county 8th grade tournament is scheduled to start this coming Saturday. Is my coach allowed to coach in the 8th grade county tournament?

A. *No. Coaches are required to miss all contests for the remainder of the day once they have been ejected, the next two contests at the level at which the ejection occurred and all contests in between. Since your coach was ejected in the 7th grade contest, he/she could not coach the 8th grade county tournament and would have to miss the next two 7th grade contests, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the IESA must receive the \$100 fine before they can coach again.*

Q. What is the definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct?

A. Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as the following: fighting, verbal abuse/dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, profanity/obscene gestures, flagrant/violent fouls, taunting/trash talking/baiting, cheating, throwing/abusing equipment, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of the team bench.

Q. If a player is disqualified for committing five personal fouls in a basketball game, must he/she sit-out the next contest?

A. No. By-Law 5.121 only applies when players are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Q. If a girl is ejected from the first game of a softball doubleheader, is she eligible to play the second game of the doubleheader?

A. No. She would have to miss the second game that day and the team's next scheduled game. She also must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the IESA must receive the \$100 fine before she can play.

Q. What is the umpire's/referee's role in enforcing By-Law 5.120?

A. Game officials are not responsible for enforcing the By-Law. Officials must report the ejection to the IESA Office and the member school within 48 hours of the incident.

Q. May players who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct travel with the team to the next contest or attend the contest?

A. Yes, but the ineligible player may not dress for the contest.

Q. What happens to a player who is ejected during the regional basketball final and the team loses the regional contest?

A. The ejected player must sit out the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim, in which he or she participates. Example: A 7th grade boy is ejected in the 7th grade regional basketball championship game. The team loses the championship game. This student also plays on the 8th grade team. This boy would not be eligible to play in any remaining 8th grade basketball contests as the 7th grade season is over and the By-Law states he must sit out the next (2) interscholastic contest at that level and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim. He would have to miss the first (2) track meet of his 7th grade year assuming he participates in track, If he does not participate in track, then he would have to miss the first (2) contests of his 8th grade year in any interscholastic contest. The player would also need to complete the NFHS sportsmanship course and the IESA must receive the \$100 fine before they can participate.

Q. Can the decision of the game official to assess an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty be appealed?

A. No. That is a decision of the contest official and By-Laws 2.129 and 5.078 prohibit the decisions of game officials to be appealed.

Q. A coach receives two technical fouls in a game and therefore is required by rule to be ejected from the game. Is the coach or player required to sit out the next two contests?

A. Yes. Receiving two direct technical fouls is considered being ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Q. When a student is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct and has to sit out the next (2) games and also becomes academically ineligible for the next game, will the student serve both periods of ineligibility at the same time?

A. No. The student will be academically ineligible for the next week and then the student will serve the penalty for the ejection once the student has regained academic eligibility.

XV. GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL INITIATIVE/AWARENESS CONTESTS

- A. Uniform color must be legal under NFHS rules. Example: Breast cancer awareness pink uniforms would not be legal as a home uniform as basketball requires a white home uniform.
- B. A permanently attached commemorative patch may be worn but must adhere to NFHS rules.
- C. Initiative/awareness color specific headbands/wristbands are allowed (i.e. pink headbands). Note that all team members must be uniform in color with regard to headbands/wristbands.
- D. Other items that may be color specific for initiative/awareness: socks, shoelaces, shooting shirts, shoes.

XVI. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional & Sectional Tournaments

Each member school hosting a regional or sectional basketball tournament shall remit to the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. Each school hosting a regional and/or a sectional will receive a Rawlings basketball at no charge. The host school shall retain any profit from the tournament.

If there is a deficit in regional or sectional athletic tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-game basis. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the financial report is approved by the Executive Director.

B. State Tournament Series

All concession revenue may be kept by the host school.

Outside vendors besides concessions must be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA Office and not the host school.

NEW: The IESA has moved to one ticket price for all ages in the State Series

Admission prices:

State Tournament Series admission prices are as follows:

Regional --	\$5.00	Grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age) High school and adults
Sectional –	\$5.00	Grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age) High school and adults
State -- Digital-GoFan	\$8.00	Grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age) High school and adults
Cash	\$10.00	Grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (at least 62 years of age) High school and adults

XVII. AWARDS

Plaques shall be awarded to the regional and sectional winner, and trophies to the champion, runner-up, third, and fourth place winners at the state final competition.

Twenty-three individual awards will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in the state final competition.

XVIII. OFFICIALS

NOTE: A school's first violation for hiring a non-licensed official in basketball will result in a warning. With a second violation, the Executive Director shall have the full authority to determine and impose a monetary penalty equivalent to the cost of one regional official for that activity.

Two officials shall be hired for all regular season games, both of whom shall be licensed by the IHSA.

Two officials shall be hired for each regional game and **Three officials shall be hired for the regional championship game.**

Three officials shall be hired for each sectional game

Three officials shall be hired for each state level game

For the IESA state basketball series, officials registered by the Illinois High School Association in basketball shall be used.

All contest officials shall be familiar with IESA contest regulations for basketball.

Schools hosting a regional contest in basketball shall contract IHSA licensed officials. *For Regional tournament play, officials may be hired to work no more than three games in one day. If an assignment has been made by a host school for a state series contest and there is an affiliation between an official and a participating team, the official will be removed from the contest.*

Officials for the sectional basketball tournaments shall be contracted by the IESA Office.

The IESA Office will be responsible to contract the officials for the State Finals. If an assignment has been made by the IESA in the state series and there is an affiliation between an official and a participating team, the official will be reassigned or paid.

Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.

Payment:

1. Payments:

Regional	\$55.00 per game
Sectional	\$65.00 per game
State	\$80.00 per game

The following fee schedule should be followed for postponed or suspended contests:

- If an official is notified of the postponement/suspension of the contest before arriving at the site, no game fee is given.
- If an official arrives at the site and the contest is suspended/cancelled before it begins, the official will receive a show-up fee which is one-half of the game fee.
- If the contest is started, then is suspended and rescheduled. The officials will receive a full fee for the started game and then a full fee for the completion of the game on the rescheduled date.

Mileage shall not be paid to any official working the IESA state series.

XIV. VASITY/NON-VARSITY DEFINITIONS AND POLICY

Both Varsity and Non-Varsity

- **Designation of contest:** The level of competition for a contest is regularly specified on the contract which schools enter into for a given contest. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the principals/official representatives of all competing schools prior to the contest, the level of competition specified on the contract designates the level of the competition.
- **Season limitations:** Season limitations apply to varsity and non-varsity teams. The school season ends for varsity athletes and non-varsity athletes on the date of the school's last contest at their level in the particular sport.
- **Team limitations:** Team limitations apply to varsity and non-varsity teams.
- **Individual player limitations:** Individual player limitations apply to both varsity and non-varsity teams (per day limitations).
- **Eligibility requirements:** Eligibility standards and requirements apply to both varsity and non-varsity athletes.

Varsity Only

- **Officials:** A varsity contest may be played only if licensed officials can be obtained.
- **Schedule:** Only varsity contests count toward a teams required minimum and maximum number of contests.
- **Varsity team is identified by the school at the start of the season.** That team fulfills a schedule of contests arranged for the varsity team. This team is considered to be the team that comprises the most skilled competitors in the sport and is the team which is the school's representative at its highest level of competition, including the state series.

Non-Varsity Only

- **Officials:** A below varsity level contest may be officiated by members of the coaching staff, faculty and /or administrative staff from any of the competing schools if the contracted official does not show or the school could not obtain a licensed official for the contest.
- **Format:** By agreement of the participating schools, the format of the contest may be altered.