2023-2024 IESA Girls and Boys Basketball Activity Update

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CHANGES AND REMINDERS

- **NEW:** Beginning in the 23-24 season, the 7th and 8th grade girls regionals will move up one week. 7th grade girls moves from (Weeks 20-21) to (Weeks 19-20) and the 8th grade girls regional moves from (Week 22) to (Week 20-21).

- **2.062** Transfer Student: 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. A student who transfers from one school to another and is eligible 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.

- **3.148** Post-season fan seating: Spectators are not permitted to sit in the front row during the state series. Elderly fans and those with special needs are exempt from this rule.

- Please make sure that your uniforms are in compliance with all NFHS rules. This information may be found on the IESA website. Also review the specifications for player equipment (undershirts, headbands, compression sleeves, etc.). Information is available on the IESA website and in the NFHS Basketball Rulebook.

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CHANGES AND REMINDERS CONTINUED

- **Exception to Mercy Rule NFHS 5-5-3:** The running clock will be stopped during free throws when there is one minute left in play.
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- For both boys and girls 2023-24 basketball season, the maximum number of contests is 24 regular season contests.
- A school that fails to enter their roster and/or record will not be able to rank the other schools in their regional, but the other teams in the regional can still rank them.
- The seed information submitted by all teams participating in a given regional will be available for viewing within each school's Entry Center after the completed brackets have been posted.
- There is a deadline for roster changes. Roster changes may not be made after the Roster Closed Deadline listed for a given class.
- The scorer and timer for all regular season and state series games must be at least 16 years of age.
- **THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF COACHES MAY NOT SET ASIDE ANY IESA OR NFHS RULES.**
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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.
- Changes may be made to your Regional Entry Form up until the Roster Closed deadline. After the deadline, no changes or additions may be made to your Regional Entry Form. Please ensure that your roster is accurate and that a player is not left off the roster by mistake.
- Make sure that your teams have participated in a minimum of three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the Online Roster and Record deadline.
- 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. A rulebook was sent with your initial basketball mailing.

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IESA EXCEPTIONS TO NFHS RULES

- The smaller basketball has been adopted for IESA girls state tournament play.
- 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.NOTE: This exception removes logo restrictions with regard to the undershirt. At the IESA level, undergarments that have more than one logo and/or the logo size exceeds what is allowed by NFHS rule shall be legal.
- Host schools shall provide a black and white striped garment to be worn by the official scorer for all games as required by NFHS rule.
- The running clock will be stopped during free throws when there is one minute left in play.
- All games shall consist of 6-minute quarters. Overtime periods shall be 3 minutes. Member schools may play away basketball games with 7-minute quarters with member schools of the SIJHSAA.
- The Association has adopted a “mercy” rule for all regular season contests, tournaments, and the IESA state series (regional, sectional, state).
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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 with hard-to-find colors 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

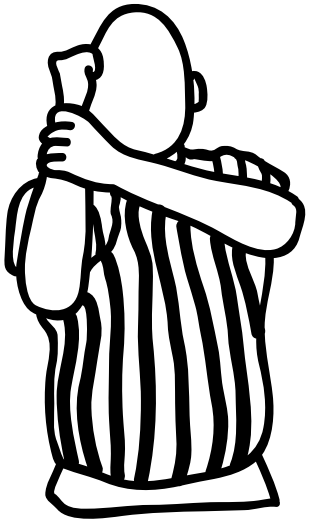
7-5-2: Establishes the throw-in spots (the nearest 28 feet mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3 feet outside the lane line on the end line) when the ball is in team control in the offensive team's frontcourt, and the defensive team commits a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or the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



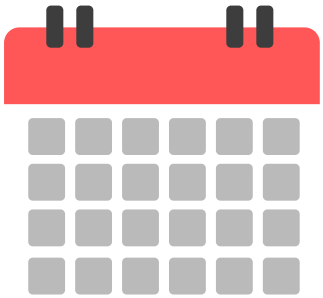
COMMUNICATION WITH OFFICIALS

Establishing a good working relationship with contest officials is an important component of a head coach's duties. Here are some suggestions for creating and maintaining a good working environment:

- Keep a respectful tone. The tone of all conversations between head coaches and officials should be professional and respectful. Both parties.

- Officials explain calls, not rules. Officials should not be asked to explain a rule but rather explain their interpretation of the call. Respectfully addressing the official at a suitable stoppage in play for an explanation is certainly appropriate.

- Be mindful of your body language. Maintaining professional body language is important in communicating the right message to everyone players, officials and fans. Being in control of verbal and non-verbal communication ensures that the contest remains a positive teaching and learning experience.



23-24 IMPORTANT DATES

Girls Basketball:

- Practiced May Begin: Aug. 28
- Games May Begin: Sept 9
- Initial Season Schedule Due: Sept. 9
- 7th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Oct. 31
- 7th Online Ranking: Nov. 2
- 7th Roster Closed Deadline: Nov. 10
- 7th Regional: Nov. 11, 13-15
- 7th Sectional: Nov. 29
- 7th State: Dec. 2, 7
- 8th Online Roster and Record Deadline: Nov. 7
- 8th Online Ranking: Nov. 9
- 8th Roster Closed Deadline: Nov. 17
- 8th Regional: Nov. 18, 20-22
- 8th Sectional: Dec. 6
- 8th State: Dec. 9, 14
- Season Must End: Dec. 18

Boys Basketball:

- Practice May Begin: Oct. 16
- Games May Begin: Oct. 28
- Initial Season Schedule Due: Oct. 28
- 7th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Jan. 9
- 7th Online Ranking: Jan. 11
- 7th Roster Closed Deadline: Jan. 19
- 7th Regional: Jan. 20, 22-25
- 7th Sectional: Jan. 29
- 7th State: Feb. 3, 8
- 8th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Jan. 16
- 8th Online Ranking: Jan 18
- 8th Roster Closed Deadline: Jan. 26
- 8th Regional: Jan 27, 30, 31, Feb. 1
- 8th Sectional: Feb. 5
- 8th State: Feb. 10, 15
- Season Must End: Mar. 9