



2024-2025 IESA Girls and Boys Basketball Activity Update



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<https://www.iesa.org/activities/gbk/index.asp?Year=2024>

<https://www.iesa.org/activities/bbk/index.asp?Year=2025>

CHANGES AND REMINDERS

- **NEW:** There are several calendar changes for girls and boys basketball that take effect in the **2025-2026** school year. Please click on the links to view the changes.

<https://www.iesa.org/activities/calendar.asp?activitycode=GBK>

<https://www.iesa.org/activities/calendar.asp?activitycode=BBK>

- **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.
- **2.041** All contestants shall be in grade five through eight (5-8) and shall not have passed eighth grade standing. At not time may a student in the fourth grade or lower practice or participate with a member school.
- **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.
- **3.148 Post-season fan seating:** Spectators cannot sit in the front row during the state series. Elderly fans and those with special needs are exempt from this rule.
- For both boys and girls **2024-25** 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.
- The IESA continues to emphasize good sportsmanship among players, coaches and fans.
- It is recommended that schools rate officials in their regular and postseason contests.
- Please ensure that your team members are wearing the correct uniforms for home (white) and away (dark), as well as adhering to the apparel guidelines.
- Please ensure that you enter all of your contests and results in the basketball entry center.
- Coaches are encouraged to enter comments about their season for seeding purposes.

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



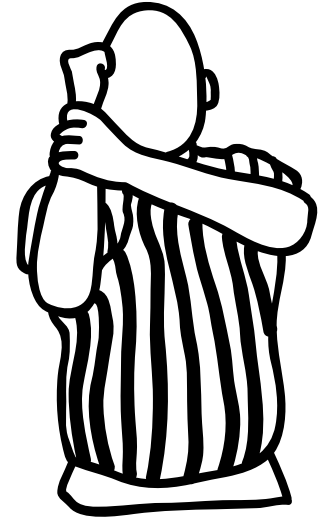
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NFHS RULES REVISIONS CONTINUED

- **1-19:** Limits the use of electronic devices used during a game for the purposes of recording and tracking stats, reviewing or diagramming plays, or other similar contest related functions.
- **2-11-11:** Requires the non-official scorer(s) to compare records with the official scorer when multiple scorers are present.
- **3-3-6:** Requires a player who has been injured to be removed from the game if the coach is beckoned by the official, whether the coach enters the playing area or not, or if bench personnel (i.e., a coach or athletic trainer) enters the court without being beckoned. The coach may still use a time-out to continue assessment of the injury and keep the injured player in the game.
- **3-3-7:** Allows 20 seconds for a player to address any minor blood on the body or uniform without leaving the game. If the blood cannot be appropriately covered/cleaned within 20 seconds, the head coach may take a time-out to address the issue or substitute for the player.
- **3-4-4a (NEW):** Allows the use of a school logo/mascot image to be centered directly above the uniform number in place of an identifying name.
- **4-6-1 EXCEPTION (NEW):** Creates an exception to basket interference by allowing a player(s) to touch only the net while the ball is on or within the basket provided that the contact did not affect the ball.
- **4-47-5 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-5b:** Changes the penalty for failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearer official when a whistle sounds from a player technical to a warning for delay for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense.
- **4-47-5 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-6f:** Changes the penalty for faking being fouled from a player technical to a warning for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense and adds a definition and examples.
- **7-1-1:** Establishes that a player is out of bounds if contact by a teammate or other bench personnel outside the boundary line provides an advantage, allowing the player to remain in bounds.
- **10-1-1 PENALTY, 10-1-2 PENALTY, 10-2-7 PENALTY (NEW), 10-5-1 PENALTY (NEW):** Establishes that all administrative, team, and bench technical fouls that occur during pregame offset-no free throws are awarded and the game will start with a jump ball and the head coach does not lose the privilege of the coaching box.
- **10-2-7 (NEW), 10-5-1:** Changes the penalty for dunking or attempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball from a bench technical to a team technical.

NFHS POINTS OF EMPHASIS

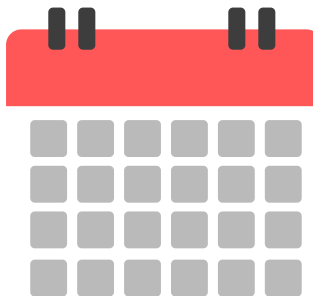
1. Warning for Delay
2. Faking Being Fouled
3. Proper Procedures for Handling Blood



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.



24-25 IMPORTANT DATES

Girls Basketball:

- Practiced May Begin: Sept. 2
- Games May Begin: Sept 14
- Initial Season Schedule Due: Sept. 14
- 7th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Nov. 5
- 7th Online Ranking: Nov. 7
- 7th Roster Closed Deadline: Nov. 15
- 7th Regional: Nov. 16, 18-20
- 7th Sectional: Dec. 4
- 7th State: Dec. 7, 12
- 8th Online Roster and Record Deadline: Nov. 12
- 8th Online Ranking: Nov. 14
- 8th Roster Closed Deadline: Nov. 22
- 8th Regional: Nov. 23, 25-27
- 8th Sectional: Dec. 11
- 8th State: Dec. 14, 19
- Season Must End: Dec. 23

Boys Basketball:

- Practice May Begin: Oct. 21
- Games May Begin: Nov. 2
- Initial Season Schedule Due: Nov. 2
- 7th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Jan. 14
- 7th Online Ranking: Jan. 16
- 7th Roster Closed Deadline: Jan. 24
- 7th Regional: Jan. 25, 27-30
- 7th Sectional: Feb. 3
- 7th State: Feb. 8, 13
- 8th Online Roster & Record Deadline: Jan. 21
- 8th Online Ranking: Jan 23
- 8th Roster Closed Deadline: Jan. 31
- 8th Regional: Feb. 1, 4-6
- 8th Sectional: Feb. 10
- 8th State: Feb. 15, 20
- Season Must End: Mar. 15

As you look forward to scheduling contests and officials for future years, please keep in mind that the calendar will “roll” in the 2024-2025 school year.

The IESA uses a standardized calendar to schedule dates and seasons. The standardized calendar starts with Week 1 being assigned to the first full week in July. In 2024, the first full week of July begins on Sunday, July 7th.

This shift in dates will alter the dates of seasons and tournaments more than the usual 1 or 2 days. Please make sure that you keep this in mind and check the season starting dates for all activities before beginning practice. In addition, please check the regional/sectional dates before setting your schedule for the 24-25 season.

A ten-year standardized season calendar is available on the IESA website.

<https://www.iesa.org/documents/general/IESA-10YearCalendar.pdf>