

IESA Boys Volleyball Advisory Committee

October 10th, 2024

Present at the meeting were: Jackie Litwiller, IESA Assistant Executive Director; Pattie Blumhorst, Official; Vince Perillo, Principal, Manhattan Junior High, Jennifer Harris, AD, Vernon Hills Hawthorn, Ashley Brink, AD, Blue Island Kerr, Monique Abbate, AD, Cicero Unity, Stacey Wernert, Shorewood Troy and Stacey Lambert, IHSA Assistant Executive Director, Boys' Volleyball Administrator.

Reviewed the previous documents from 2010 and 2011 – Boys' Volleyball Advisory.

Reviewed the IHSA Boys' Volleyball Calendar.

Reviewed the Current IESA Girls Volleyball Terms & Conditions.

Current schools who have indicated to the IESA either Registration or Interest in Boys' Volleyball as of 10/10/24. (76 Schools)

2024-2025 Emerging Activities - Boys Volleyball Interest	
Registration	Interest
Bolingbrook Brooks	Arlington Heights Thomas
Bolingbrook Humphrey	Blue Island Kerr
Bolingbrook Jane Addams	Blue Island Veterans Memorial
Chicago Heights MS	Bolingbrook Brooks
Cicero Unity	Bolingbrook Humphrey
Dixmoor Rosa Parks	Bolingbrook Jane Addams
Godfrey Evangelical	Bradford
Lake Zurich North	Buffalo Grove Aptakisic
Lake Zurich South	Champaign Jefferson
Lockport Taft	Chicago Heights MS
Markham Prairie-Hills	Chicago Horizon Southwest
Maywood Irving	Chicago Lycee Francais
Melrose Park Stevenson	Chicago Moving Everest
Riverdale Washington	Cicero Unity
Rockton Stephen Mack	Crest Hill Richland
Shorewood Troy	Crestwood Hale
Summit Heritage	Decatur American Dreamer
Vernon Hills Hawthorn North	Decatur Montessori Academy for Peace
Vernon Hills Hawthorn South	Dixmoor Rosa Parks
Winfield Wheaton Christian	Dolton Lincoln
	Edwardsville Liberty
	Edwardsville Lincoln
	Elwood GS
	Glenview Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Glenwood Brookwood
	Hopkins Park Lorenzo Smith
	La Harpe
	Lake Zurich North
	Lake Zurich South
	Lansing Heritage
	Lansing Memorial
	Lockport Fairmont
	Lockport Kelvin Grove
	Lockport Taft
	Lombard College Preparatory
	Markham Prairie-Hills
	Maywood Irving
	Melrose Park Stevenson
	Morris Nettle Creek
	Mundelein Carl Sandburg
	Normal Chiddix
	O'Fallon Carriel
	Orland Hills Bernardin
	Peoria St. Jude
	Phoenix Coolidge
	Prospect Heights St. Alphonsus
	Riverdale Washington
	Robbins Kellar
	Rockford West
	Shorewood Troy
	Springfield St. Agnes
	Steger Columbia
	Summit Heritage
	Vernon Hills Hawthorn North
	Vernon Hills Hawthorn South
	Winfield Wheaton Christian

The IESA Boys Volleyball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. To adopt two levels of boys' volleyball at the state series in a one class system.
2. To adopt the following state series time schedule for Boys' Volleyball: Giving the IESA Administrator in charge of the activity the ability to alter the state series format based on the number of schools that pay the entry fee to participate.

Boys Volleyball					
Activity	Week	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	14	Oct. 5, 2026	Oct. 4, 2027	Oct. 2, 2028	Oct. 1, 2029
Practice/Tryouts (Mon.)	31	Feb. 1, 2027	Jan. 31, 2028	Jan. 29, 2029	Jan. 28, 2030
Matches may begin (Mon.)	33	Feb. 15, 2027	Feb. 14, 2028	Feb. 12, 2029	Feb. 11, 2030
7 th Regional (Sat., Tues, Thurs)	40 & 41	April 10, 13, 15	April 8, 11, 13	April 7, 10, 12	April 6, 9, 11
8 th Regional Sites (Sat. Tue, Thurs.)	41 & 42	April 17, 20 and 22	April 15, 18, 20	April 14, 17, 19	April 13, 16, 18
7 th Sectional (Mon)	42	April 19	April 17	April 16	April 15
8 th Sectional Sites (Mon)	43	April 26	April 24	April 23	April 22
7 th State (Fri./Sat.)	42	April 23 & 24	April 21 & 22	April 20 & 21	April 19 & 20
8 th State (Fri./Sat.)	43	April 30 & May 1	April 28 & 29	April 27 & 28	April 26 & 27
Season Must End (Mon.)	45	May 10, 2027	May 8, 2028	May 7, 2029	May 6, 2030

3. To adopt the top height of the net shall be the IHSA GVB net height of 7' 4 1/8" inches. Exception to NFHS Rule 3-1-4.
Rationale: this is the net height that committee members with teams are currently playing. The NFHS Boys' height is 7'11 5/8"
4. Easter Holiday could impact dates especially at the 7th grade level.

Announcing the dates for the IESA State Tournament Series during the 2024-25 school year allows schools to plan accordingly.

The Committee will meet again on December 5th at 10am to review the survey data before it goes to the IESA Board of Directors in January.

Calendar conflicts – overlap of Boys Basketball (BVB tryouts during BBK sectionals), Chess, Wrestling, Girls Volleyball (potential coaching overlaps), Bowling, Music, Scholastic Bowl, Track (season but not post season).

Budgeted Items (Costs based 1 Class with 200 schools)

Initial Mailing (\$700) + Rule Books (\$1200) = \$1900

Ball Mailing - \$525 (low end)

16 Regional Plaques (\$1280) + Regional Officials (\$1760) & Championship Line Judges (\$640) = \$3680

8 Sectional Plaques (\$656) + Sectional Officials (\$1040) & Championship Line Judges (\$320) = \$2016

State Final Trophies (\$595) + Medals (\$265) + State Final Officials (\$1840) = \$2700

Grand Total = \$10,821

Other Considerations – High School Boys Volleyball Overlap, Officials Availability, Venue Availability

IHSA Boys Volleyball Calendar

Boys Volleyball	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Season Starts (Mon. Week 36)	Mar. 10	Mar. 9	Mar. 8	Mar. 6	Mar. 5
1st Contest May be Held on (Mon. Week 38)	Mar. 24	Mar. 23	Mar. 22	Mar. 20	Mar. 19
On-Line Season Summary Form Deadline (Wed. 10:00 a.m. Week 44)	May. 7	May. 6	May. 5	May. 3	May. 2
On-Line Team Seeding Deadline (Thurs. 12:00 Noon Week 44)	May. 8	May. 7	May. 6	May. 4	May. 3
Regional Prelims (Mon. Week 47)	May. 26	May. 25	May. 24	May. 22	May. 21
Regional Semifinals (Tues. Week 47)	May. 27	May. 26	May. 25	May. 23	May. 22
Regional Finals (Thurs. Week 47)	May. 29	May. 28	May. 27	May. 25	May. 24
Sectional Semifinals (Sat. Week 47)	May. 31	May. 30	May. 29	May. 27	May. 26
Sectional Finals (Tues. Week 48)	Jun. 3	Jun. 2	Jun. 1	May. 30	May. 29
State Final (Fri.-Sat. Week 48)	Jun. 6-7	Jun. 5-6	Jun. 4-5	Jun. 2-3	Jun. 1-2
Season Ends (Sat. Week 48)	Jun. 7	Jun. 6	Jun. 5	Jun. 3	Jun. 2

Met Virtually again on 12/5/24. A Recap -

Disappointing survey results. Will see about sending those again maybe via the board members to their respective divisions.

Discussed that the IESA administrative team was supportive of a one level tournament at this time due to costs and numbers. If the board would approve that would there have to be a certain number of schools? Or do we just rip the band aid off and go for it. Also discussed if the board approves, can we add Boys Volleyball to the entry center for next year with a yes / no - must answer before moving on question to the entry.

Discussed bringing to the board an IESA tournament not ending in a state series. Not sure if the board would support this but definitely something I can bring to them. Questions arose about what if there were 80 teams that signed up for the tournament, what would that look like?

Discussed Title IX issues that some schools are facing by not having the same opportunities for the boys as the girls. So does the IESA need to start it and see where it goes.

Discussed that after all the different emerging activities have met that I am really not sure where the board will head but that we seem to be ahead of a couple of the other activities. Also discussed, are we at a tipping point of adding too many activities for member schools.