

ACTIVITY UPDATE IESA



Important Dates

July 28	Practice/Tryouts can begin
August 6	Games may begin
August 6	Season Schedule DUE
Sept. 2	Online Roster & Record DUE
Sept. 3	Online Ranking DUE
Sept. 8	Rosters Close
Sept. 8	Regional Quarterfinals
Sept. 10/11	Regional Semifinals
Sept. 13	Regional Championship
Sept. 16	Sectionals
Sept. 19-20	State Finals

2025 SOFTBALL

Regular Season Time Limit

2 Hour Time Limit

No inning can start 2 hours after the first pitch. The clock starts when the 1st pitch is thrown. Home plate umpire will keep the time.



Run Rules still apply.
10-run after 5 innings.
12-run after 4 innings.
15-run after 3 innings.

NFHS Rule Changes

1-8-6 - Exception & Penalty: A high school coach is now able to use electronic devices in the dugout for one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense. The penalty from Rule 3-6-11 was added to Rule 1-8-6 as well, with violators subjected to ejection unless the offense is ruled to be of a minor nature.



3-6-11: This rule change specifies that coaches are prohibited from using the device to communicate with any other team member while on defense or any team member while on offense and the coach cannot use the device outside of the dugout/bench area.

9-3-2b: When a baserunner who is declared out for being hit by a fair batted ball, the batter-runner is credited with a fielder's choice in the scorebook.

NFHS Rule Change for Uniforms in 2027

3-2-3 - *Beginning January 1, 2027*

Uniforms may only bear a single manufacturer's logo, school name, school logo, mascot and/or the participant's name. Advertisements, messages, team slogans, etc. will no longer be permitted.

2025 Softball Editorial Changes

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Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can a softball player on my junior high team also play on a travel team at the same time?

A: This is a local school decision. Coaches, students, and families need to check with the school administration regarding the school's policy on participation on a school team and a non-school team at the same time.

Q: Can a softball player wear jewelry?

A: Yes - umpires still have the authority to rule on anything they deem as dangerous.

Regional Officials

Regional officials are each paid \$65 per game, the cost of which is split by the schools participating in the given contest (s).



Sportsmanship/Ejections

A **player** ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course. A player ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$100 penalty fee.

A **coach** ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the school must pay a \$100 penalty fee. A coach ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$250 penalty fee. All player/coach ejection consequences must be met, documented and confirmed by the IESA before eligibility is reinstated for a player or a coach.

Fans ejected from a contest must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and provide proof of completion to the member school the fan represents before returning to any school contest.

Residency



IESA By-law 2.053

ISBE Tuition Waiver for children of staff members to attend the school tuition-free, the student shall have eligibility at his/her school of attendance within the district where the parent/guardian is a **full-time staff member**.

Full-time staff member is defined as "a staff member employed and compensated by a school district who works thirty-five (35) or more hours per week for the district during the school year."

Post Season Calendar Information

Regional Quarterfinal Games

Monday, September 8th

(Rain Date Tuesday, September 9th)

Regional Semifinal Games

Wednesday/Thursday, September 10th/11th

(Rain Date Friday, September 12th)

Regional Championship Games

Saturday, September 13th

(Rain Date Monday, September 15th)

Sectional Games

Tuesday, September 16th

(Rain Date Wednesday, September 17th)

IESA State Finals

Friday/Saturday, September 19th/20th

Request for Accommodation Policy

Students who need accommodations are encouraged to work with their member schools to complete and submit the **Request for Accommodation Form**. This form is available to member schools in their member center and the process is in the policies section of the IESA handbook.



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