



2008-09 Girls Softball Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2008-09 IHSA Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Girls Softball Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Girls Softball Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

A. The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the preceding school year. (Example: The total student enrollment figure included in the Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the preceding school year. During the 2008-09 school term, the following sports and activities shall operate under this system: boys baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, girls softball and girls volleyball.

B. For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1) For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.

2) For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

3) For three-year high schools, one-third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.

4) For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

C. A multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaries schools.

D. Schools participating in sports and activities operating under the two-class system shall be classified as follows:

1) Schools with enrollments of 345.00 and below will be Class 1A (33.33% of the membership)

2) Schools with enrollments of 345.01-754.00 and below will be Class 2A (22.22% of the membership)

3) Schools with enrollments of 754.01-1652.00 and below will be Class 3A (22.22% of the membership)

4) Schools with enrollments of 1652.01-above and below will be Class 4A (22.22% of the membership)

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Class 1A/2A – In the Sectional Complex, Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 18, 2009. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket.

***Regional Quarterfinals:** Monday, May 18, 2009

*These games will be played at the site of the highest seed.

Regional Semi-finals: Tuesday, May 19, and Wednesday, May 20, 2009

*Regional Semi-final and Final will be played at the Regional host site.

***Regional Finals:** Saturday, May 23, 2009

The Sectional semifinal games are determined by the Sectional complex bracket and may be played on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Saturday, May 30. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, June 1. **(The Memorial Day holiday is scheduled as a day of state tournament competition.)**

Sites for Regional, Sectional, and Super-Sectional games shall be announced on the IHSA web site at a later date.

The Class 1A/2A Girls Softball State Final tournament will be held on Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the EastSide Centre, East Peoria, Illinois. Debi Neff will serve as tournament manager.

B. Class 3A/4A – In the Sectional Complex, Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 25, 2009. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket.

Regional Quarterfinals: Monday, May 25, 2009

*These games will be played at the site of the highest seed.

Regional Semi-finals: Tuesday, May 26, and Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Regional Semi-final and Final will be played at the Regional host site.

***Regional Finals:** Saturday, May 30, 2009

***Note: When the Memorial Day holiday interrupts the Regional tournament, play shall be required on the holiday.**

The Sectional semifinal games are determined by the Sectional complex bracket and may be played on Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 4. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Saturday,

June 6. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, June 8.

Sites for Regional, Sectional, and Super-Sectional games shall be announced on the IHSA web site at a later date.

The Class 3A/4A Girls Softball State Final tournament will be held on Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13 at the EastSide Centre, East Peoria, Illinois. Debi Neff will serve as tournament manager.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2008-2009 Entry Booklet.

A. On-line Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2009. All member schools should have received, in the mail in April of 2008, a 2008-2009 Entry Booklet that outlines the on-line entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments.

The IHSA Board of Directors eliminated the entry fees for all sports and activities starting with the 2005-2006 school year.

B. Late Entries:

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

C. Breach of Contract By-Law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date but before the first competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty and, if applicable, the cost of game officials and the host school guarantee provided for in the Terms & Conditions.

If a school does not officially withdraw prior to the first competition and/or does not

show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty, the cost of game officials and the host school guarantee according to the Terms & Conditions for the respective sport.

D. Eligibility

All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054. To enter any of the tournaments, a girl must be eligible under all the eligibility rules and conditions of competition of the Illinois High School Association.

E. Affirmative Action

Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. All Quarterfinal Regional games (1A/2A and 3A/4A) are financially independent from the IHSA. All local expenses, including the cost of the officials, will be paid by the host school. If admission is charged, the host school will receive 100 percent of the gate receipts. The IHSA will reimburse the school for the cost of the game officials. **In the Semifinal and Final Regional games**, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to game officials from money generated by gate receipts. The host school shall receive a guarantee of \$550.00 and shall be reimbursed the cost of officials. The host school shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host school shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

B. In the Sectional tournament, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to game officials from money generated by gate receipts. Each host school shall receive a host guarantee of \$560.00 and shall be reimbursed the cost of officials. The host school shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host school shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

C. In the Super-Sectional tournament, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to game officials from money generated by gate receipts. Each host school shall receive a guarantee of \$200.00 and shall be reimbursed the cost of officials. The host school shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host school shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

D. Seed Meeting Allowance 1A-4A: The regional and/or sub-regional seed meeting host school shall receive \$40.00 for hosting a seed meeting. The sectional complex seed meeting host schools shall receive \$70.00 for hosting a seed meeting.

E. Admission Prices (1A/2A and 3A/4A):

- 1) Regional -- \$4.00 per session (if admission is charged)
- 2) Sectional -- \$5.00 per session
- 3) Super-sectional -- \$5.00 per session
- 4) State Final -- \$6.00 per session
- 5) **Baby in Arms** Free Admission to all tournament levels of competition

Note: Season Ticket Prices for Regional/Sectional Tournaments: Local managers of Regional and/or Sectional tournaments in which two (2) or more sessions are conducted may sell season tickets along with session tickets. In the event a manager exercises this option, the season ticket price will be the session ticket price times the number of sessions.

F. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

- 1) Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy section of the current IHSA Handbook with Illustrations.
- 2) Radio Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Broadcast Policy section of the current IHSA Handbook with Illustrations.
- 3) Policy regarding the softball state series media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in these Terms and Conditions.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEED MEETINGS

A. Class 1A and Class 2A: In Class 1A and 2A, all state tournament series will begin in Regionals. Regionals will be used for all 1A and 2A assignments. Geography will again be the factor used in the assignments. Regionals will use #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3, seeding concept.

B. Class 3A and 4A Chicago Suburban Area: In Class 3A and 4A, all state series tournaments in the Chicago suburban area will begin with a sectional complex. The sectional complex will utilize true seeds unless conflicts arise from the seeds of the pre-determined hosts.

C. Class 3A and 4A Outside the Chicago Suburban Area: In Class 3A and 4A, all state series tournaments outside of the Chicago Suburban area will begin with traditional geographic regionals. Generally, the Chicago suburban area will be defined as the following counties: Cook, northern Will, DuPage, Kane and Lake. By policy, in sectionals that have a large geographic representation, a designated pairing may be used to reduce travel in that sectional.

D. Tournament Series: The successive tournament series shall be designated respectively as regional, sectional, super-sectional and state final. The IHSA Office will select all regional sub-sectional, sectional and super-sectional host sites. All schools including the Chicago Public Schools entered in the state series will be assigned to a regional, sub-sectional or sectional complex based on geography.

E. Seeding & Pairings: The seeding shall be completed on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 for Class 1A & 2A and on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 for Class 3A & 4A. The seeding will be done online in the School Center by all coaches. All coaches will be required to fill out the online information which contains information about their team. Information on all schools in your tournament will be available for each coach to review prior to making their seeds online. Pairings will be released on the IHSA website. Pairings for the first round of the games of the State Tournament(s) will be made by chance drawings.

It is the responsibility of each competing school entered in the State Series to complete the IHSA Season Summary Sheet prior to the seeding of the schools. The school must complete their school form online in their School Center no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day that the online seeding is conducted. Non-compliance may result in IHSA review and possible sanctions imposed upon the school.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Time Schedule:

1) Local managers will not be permitted to change the order in which games are played unless given permission by the IHSA Office. Regional or Sectional managers, upon consultation with the IHSA Office, may alter the playing schedule to accommodate the regularly scheduled graduation ceremonies of a competing school.

2) **Starting times for regional quarterfinal games will be 4:30 p.m., unless the contest host has requested, and been approved for, a different start time from the IHSA Office.** Starting times for all games will be announced by the local manager, but in the Regional, Sectional and Super-sectional tournaments, games should not be played during school hours. The following starting times are recommended to the host schools: 4:30 p.m. for afternoon games, 7:00 p.m. for night games, and 11:00 a.m. for Saturday games.

3) If a Regional or Sectional host has the facilities, they may request to host the Regional or Sectional semi-finals in a single session. The request must be made in advance of the start of the state series to the IHSA. If approved, the double-header must be played on the first scheduled day of semi-final play in the respective tournament.

4) All state final contests will be played on Field #2 at EastSide Centre, unless conditions dictate moving a contest(s) to a different field, using the following time schedule:

Friday, Session 1: Game 1 9:30 a.m.

Game 2 12:00 p.m. (approx.)

Session 2: Game 3 4:30 p.m.

Game 4 7:00 p.m. (approx.)

Saturday, Session 1: Game 1 9:30 a.m.

(3rd place game)

Game 2 12:00 p.m. (approx.;

Championship game)

Session 2 Game 3 4:30 p.m.

(3rd place game)

Game 4 7:00 p.m. (approx.;

Championship game)

Note: At the discretion of the Tournament Manager and IHSA Softball Administrator, games on either day may be played simultaneously in an effort to ensure that the tournament is completed. The teams from the top bracket will play on Field #2 and the teams from the bottom bracket will play on Field #3. Please remind your fans to check the IHSA web site for up-to-date game information, if inclement weather exists.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. Class 1A-4A: The winners of the thirty-two (32) regional tournaments shall advance to eight (8) sectional tournaments consisting of four teams each. The winners of the eight (8) sectional tournaments shall advance to four (4) super-sectional matches consisting of two teams each. The winners of the four (4) super-sectional tournaments shall advance to the state final tournament.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Determining Home Team: The home team in tournament games shall be determined according to the following procedure:

1) In all Regional games, the highest seeded team is the home team. The Regional host school local management shall determine the team benches (dugout).

In the Sectional semifinal round and championship game, the highest seeded team is the home team. The Sectional host school local management shall determine the team benches (dugout).

In the Super-sectional game, the team from the bottom bracket shall call the coin flip. The Super-sectional host management shall determine the team benches (dugout).

In the State Final tournament, at a meeting of the coaches of the teams participating in the State Final tournament, home team privileges shall be determined by a coin flip. Home team privileges for all State Final tournament games shall be determined at this meeting. The visiting team shall occupy the first base team bench (dugout) and the home team shall occupy the third base team bench

(dugout). In the event the coach of the participating team(s) is not in attendance at this meeting, the State Final manager shall conduct the appropriate coin flip(s) to determine home team for all State Final tournament games.

B. Rules-of-Play:

1) The current edition of Official Softball Rules of the National Federation for 12-inch Fast Pitch are adopted as the official rules of play for the state series tournaments unless otherwise specifically indicated in these Terms and Conditions or in printed instructions.

2) The host school for all tournament games shall provide the official scorekeeper.

3) The decisions of the game umpires are final. The IHSA Board of Directors will not review decisions of umpires whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of rules.

C. Playing Regulations:

1) All Tournaments will be conducted on a single elimination basis.

2) Tournament games will be seven innings except games in which one team has a lead of ten or more runs at the end of the fifth inning (at the end of 4 -1/2 innings if the team in the lead is at bat in the last half of the inning) or at the end of any inning thereafter shall be terminated by the umpire.

D. Postponement of Games:

1) If a game in any tournament must be postponed because of rain or wet grounds, or if a game is called by the umpires because of rain, darkness, or other reasons that are in accordance with the National Federation Softball Rules, it is ruled a "suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time" unless provisions of Rule 4-2-3 have been met making it a regulation game. Any game that is not an official game will be considered a suspended game.

2) Postponed or called game(s) in opening round game(s) must be rescheduled for the next day, excluding Sundays.

3) If a coin toss has been made and the game does not begin and is rescheduled, the original coin toss shall stay in effect.

4) In all cases where postponements are necessary, tournament games must take precedence over all games.

5) It is recommended that no start or continuation of a suspended game will begin later than 10:00 p.m.

6) The local manager will be in charge of all site assignments for the tournament, including postponed or called games.

7) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed during bad weather situations.

E. Suspended game:

1) If a game is called with the score tied after enough innings have been played to make it a regulation game as provided in Rule 4-2-3, it shall be considered a "suspended game

and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time." Play shall be resumed the following day at the exact point where the game was terminated.

2) Suspended game(s) in opening round game(s) must be rescheduled for the next day, excluding Sundays.

3) If a coin toss has been made and the game does not begin and is rescheduled, the original coin toss shall stay in effect.

4) Suspended tournament games will take precedence over all other games.

5) It is recommended that no start or continuation of a suspended game shall begin later than 10:00 p.m.

6) The local manager will be in charge of all site assignments for the tournament, including suspended games.

F. Bad Weather Guidelines for Regional Play

Should bad weather force a postponement or suspension of a game(s) the following guidelines shall control:

1) Games shall be played in bracket order.

2) Double-headers may be played if both coaches agree.

3) If both coaches do not agree then the game must be scheduled the following day, excluding Sundays.

4) All regional games must be completed before the Sectional games can begin.

5) It is recommended that no start or continuation of a suspended game will begin later than 10:00 p.m.

6) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed during the bad weather.

7) In the event that the games cannot be completed then the highest seeded team remaining shall advance to the Sectional. The local manager should contact the IHSA prior to this determination.

G. Bad Weather Guidelines for Sectional Play

1) Games shall be played in bracket order.

2) Double headers may be played if both coaches agree.

3) It is recommended that no start or continuation of a suspended game will begin no later than 10:00 p.m.

4) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed.

5) In the event that the Sectional game(s) cannot be completed, the highest seeded team remaining shall advance to the Super-sectional.

H. Bad Weather Guidelines for Sites at the Regional and Sectionals.

1) If play cannot continue at the predetermined site any playable site can be used to complete play.

I. Bad Weather Guidelines for Super-sectional Play

1) Super-sectional games can be played up to the start of the first game at the state tournament.

2) It is recommended that no start or continuation of a suspended game will begin no later than 10:00 p.m.

3) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed.

4) In the event that the Super-sectional game cannot be completed, one coin toss will determine which team advances to the state tournament.

J. Guidelines for Play at the State Tournament in Case of Bad Weather

1) The first priority is to crown a champion.

2) If the consolation game cannot be played, a tie will be awarded to both teams.

3) If the tournament can only be played on one day due to bad weather, then five inning games will be played and warm up time will be determined by the state final manager and the IHSA.

4) In the event of delays, the Championship game and the Consolation games may be reversed.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. State Final Passes:

For the State Final Tournament games, each Super-Sectional winner will receive:

1) twenty-seven (27) passes for its players and other team personnel.

2) one (1) state final event pass to properly licensed medical personnel for each team participating in the state final. The pass would be available for either a licensed athletic trainer or team physician. This individual must be listed on the school's Team Data Form.

B. Signs and Banners:

The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided:

1) they are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;

2) they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community;

3) they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner, which interferes with play;

4) they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and

5) they are not safety hazards.

C. Damage to Property and Equipment:

If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

D. Media Requirements:

1) Provide Space:

Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are from newspapers, internet sites, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations, according to the IHSA Policies regarding News Media credentials and working assignments for IHSA state series.

2) Radio and TV Originators:

It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate radio broadcasts, which will be processed according to the IHSA Broadcast Policy. It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to direct requests to televise play-by-play of a game to the IHSA Office, which will be processed according to the IHSA Television Policy.

a) Television rights fees for all levels of competition shall be paid to the IHSA Office and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b) Radio broadcast rights fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except State Final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c) Television stations or cable systems and/or radio stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective levels in this state series, shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate.

3) Required Reports:

Reporting information to the news media and/or the IHSA Office, as stipulated in instructions to local managers, shall be the responsibility of each local manager and is required.

E. Videotaping:

Videotaping will be allowed provided the local manager has a comparable area for both competing schools to videotape. When one school requests the video space, then the local manager shall provide similar space to both competing schools. Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape matches in the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

F. Tobacco Products:

No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products on the field at a tournament series facility.

G. Use of Inhalers

A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.

H. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

I. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contest

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

J. State Final Team Reimbursements

1) Each school participating in the tournament series will be responsible to pay any and all expenses related to the team at the regional and sectional levels.

2) In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be reimbursed in accordance with the following:

Round Trip Mileage to State Final Site	Flat Rate Reimbursement	Mileage
0-150 miles	\$ 500.00	\$2.00/mile
151-300 miles	\$1,000.00	\$2.00/mile
301-over miles	\$1,500.00	\$2.00/mile

3) Neither the State Association nor the tournament management will assume responsibility for unusual or extraordinary expenses. Individual schools entering the tournament series must be ready themselves to assume responsibility for unusual expenses due to accident, inclement weather, fire, theft or any other extraordinary cause.

J. Failure To Appear:

All teams entered in the tournament are expected to participate. The original entry is a final entry. Failure to appear for scheduled games unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the local manager in advance of the game will be regarded as a breach of contract and schools that are guilty of such violation will be subject to penalty under the provisions of By-law 6.041.

K. Players In Team Uniforms:

In each of the tournaments, no school shall have in uniform more than twenty-two (22) players. Only those eligible player(s) or coaches may serve as coaches at first and third base.

L. Softballs:

The Wilson A9016B-SST Cork Optic Yellow .47 COR, 375 Compression ball is required to be used in all girls state softball tournament series games. There can be no substitution of a ball manufactured by another company.

1) **Regional Sites:** Each school hosting regional games will be supplied with at least a dozen balls. Four new balls should be used in each game. Disposition of the balls at the end of the tournament is at the discretion of the host. If additional balls are needed, it is the responsibility of the host school to provide them.

2) **Sectional Sites:** Each school hosting the semifinals and championship game will be supplied with a dozen balls. Four new balls should be used in each game. Disposition of the balls at the end of the tournament is at the discretion of the host. If additional balls are needed, it is the responsibility of the host school to provide them.

3) **Super-Sectional Sites:** Each super-sectional site will be supplied with a half-dozen (6) balls. Disposition of the balls at the end of the tournament is at the discretion of the host.

M. Players Bench:

A maximum of 27 individuals officially connected with the school shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench.

N. Conduct of Coaches and Players:

1) No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to smoke or chew tobacco on the bench or playing field either during practice or while a game is in progress.

2) No coach or other school official shall, during the progress of a game, be allowed on the field of play except by permission of the game umpires.

3) Except for those coaches or eligible players who may be serving as coaches at first or third base and players legally in the "on deck circle", all other coaches, managers, substitutes and players awaiting their turn at bat shall remain on the player's bench. Umpires will be instructed to enforce this rule.

4) The captain and the head coach shall be the official spokespersons and the sole representatives of their team in all communications with the umpires.

5) Abusive remarks to game umpires by coaches or players shall be regarded as unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-Law 2.040.

X. AWARDS

A. Regional: A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Regional

B. Sectional: A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Sectional

C. Super-Sectional: A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Super-Sectional.

D. State Final:

1) A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first, second, third and fourth places in the State Final Tournament.

2) A total of twenty-seven (27) medallions will be presented to the schools of the first four placing teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, the superintendent, principal, athletic director, and licensed medical personnel as listed on the school's *Team Data Form* will be presented with a medallion. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only twenty-seven (27) team/school representatives, the superintendent, principal, the athletic director, and licensed medical personnel as listed on the school's *Team Data Form* may participate in the awards presentation.

These awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charge upon the individual tournament.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Appointments and Fees:

Umpires for all tournaments must be licensed by the IHSA. Preference shall be given first to those umpires who have certified ratings, then to those who have recognized ratings.

1) Regional Tournaments:

Umpires (two per game) for all Regional games shall be appointed by the IHSA Office. If a regional game is postponed due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to use the same umpiring crew. If an umpire(s) is unavailable on the rescheduled date, the local manager will appoint a replacement in conjunction with the IHSA Office. Coaches of participating schools and certified officials will have an opportunity to assist the IHSA Office in ranking officials who are being considered for this assignment. Each official will receive a fee of \$50.00 per game.

2) Sectional Tournaments:

Umpires (three per game) for the Sectional games will be assigned by the IHSA Office. If a Sectional game is postponed due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to use the same umpiring crew. If an umpire(s) is unavailable on the rescheduled date, the IHSA Office will appoint the replacement umpire(s) in conjunction with the local manager. Coaches of participating schools and registered officials will have an opportunity to assist the IHSA Office in ranking officials who are being considered for this assignment. Each official will receive a fee of \$62.00 per game.

3) Super-Sectional Tournaments:

Umpires (three per game) for the Super-sectional games will be assigned by the IHSA Office. If a Super-sectional game is postponed due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to use the same umpiring crew. If an umpire(s) is unavailable on the rescheduled date, the IHSA Office will appoint the replacement umpire(s) in conjunction with the local manager. Coaches of participating schools and registered officials will have an opportunity to assist the IHSA Office in ranking officials who are being considered for this assignment. Each official will receive a fee of : \$84.00.

4) State Final Tournaments:

Umpires for the Class A and Class AA State Final Tournaments will be assigned by the IHSA Office. Coaches of participating schools and registered officials will have an opportunity to assist the IHSA Office in ranking officials who are being considered for this assignment. Each official will receive a fee of \$442.00 flat fee and Head Official \$125 per day plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy

In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they actually drive in excess of 100 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 100 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 100 miles round trip.

C. Smoke and Tobacco Policy

Umpires working tournament games shall not smoke or chew tobacco on the playing field or designated smoke free areas during practice or while a game is in progress.

Revision History

Pg. 2, Item V-C, Added the following sentence to the end of paragraph C. By policy, in sectionals that have a large geographic representation, a designated pairing may be used to reduce travel in that sectional.

April 21: Pg. 2, Item V., **E. Seeding & Pairings**, revised sentence to read: The school must complete their school form online in their Schools Center no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day that the online seeding is conducted.

Pg. 4, Item IX., **I. Prayer at State Series Contests**; revised to read: Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.