



2008-2009 IHSAA Boys Volleyball Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSAA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2008-2009 IHSAA Boys Volleyball Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSAA Boys State Volleyball Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Regional preliminary matches shall begin on Monday, May 25, 2009. Regional semifinals shall be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The regional finals shall be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

B. The sectional semifinal matches shall be held on Friday, May 29, 2009. The Sectional Final match shall be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

C. The State Final Tournament shall be held on Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, 2009, at Hoffman Estates High School, 1100 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates. Mr. Steve Lacni, Athletic Director, will serve as the State Final Manager.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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

A. On-Line Entries: All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSAA Schools Center on the IHSAA Website at (www.ihsaa.org). The deadline for entry is February 1, 2009. The 2008-2009 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the on-line entry procedures for all IHSAA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSAA website.

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 IHSAA administrative officer in charge of the

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 IHSAA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting due 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 IHSAA By-law 3.054.

E. Affirmative Action: Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSAA Affirmative Action Policy.

F. On-Line List of Participants: On-line List of Participants does not apply to team sports.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional Host: Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to game officials and line judges. Each host shall receive a guarantee of \$230.00 per night of competition and shall be reimbursed the cost of officials and line judges. The host shall retain 20% of net income and submit the remainder to the IHSAA. In the event of a negative balance, the host school will be reimbursed the entire deficit.

B. Sectional Host: The host shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to game officials and line judges. Each host shall receive a guarantee of \$540.00 and shall be reimbursed for the cost of officials and line judges. The host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder to the IHSAA. In the event of a negative balance, the host school shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee.

C. Admission Prices: The IHSAA Board of Directors has set the following ticket prices. "In Advance" or "At the Door."

Regionals - \$4.00 per session

Sectionals - \$5.00 per session

State Final - \$8.00 per session

Baby in Arms - No Charge at any level

Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold.

D. Rights Fees for TV and Radio: See the IHSAA web site (www.ihsaa.org) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSAA for television and cable broadcasts and radio originations.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

A. Sectional Complex Assignments for Schools: All sectionals that have teams outside the Chicago suburban area will be assigned directly to one (1) of four (4) regional tournaments. All sectionals that have assigned teams from exclusively the Chicago suburban area will be assigned to a sectional complex. Generally, the Chicago suburban area will be defined as the following counties – Cook, Northern Will, DuPage, Kane, and Lake.

B. Regional Assignment for Schools: The one sectional which has teams assigned from outside the suburban area will have all the teams assigned directly to one of the four regionals.

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

D. Seed Meetings: All seeding meetings shall be conducted on-line through the IHSAA School Center. Schools competing in the state series whose teams are assigned to a sectional complex shall seed the teams in their sectional. All schools assigned to a regional shall seed all schools assigned to their regional. Information regarding the on-line seeding process will be made available to participating schools in the *IHSAA Boys Volleyball Manual for Schools*.

E. Season Summary Sheet: Schools entered into the state series will be required to submit a *Season Summary Sheet* on-line in the IHSAA School Center. Failure to do so by the

required date and time will result in a school forfeiting its opportunity to participate in the seeding process. The *Season Summary Sheet* can be found in the IHSA School Center.

F. Pairings: Schools assigned to the regional tournaments will utilize true seeds within their regional for determining the regional bracket. The sectional pairings for this group shall have the two regional winners from the south playing each other and the two regional winners from the suburban area playing each other. Teams assigned to a sectional complex will utilize true seeds for determining the regional and sectional brackets unless conflicts arise from the seeds of the pre-determined host.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Playing Order: No local manager is authorized to change the order matches are to be played as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office. Matches must be played as listed from top to bottom on the official schedule unless otherwise specifically approved by the IHSA office. Any request for changes must be based on mutual agreement of the participating schools and officials. All such requests must be made through the Sectional Manager to the IHSA.

B. Match Times: In a 3-match regional the playing times shall be 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The playing order shall have the highest seeded team playing at 6:30 p.m. and the lowest seeded team playing at 7:30 p.m. In a 2-match contest the highest seeded team shall play at 6:30 p.m. and the lowest seeded team shall play at 7:30 p.m. In a 1-match contest, play shall begin at 7:00 p.m. The sectional championship match time, determined by the sectional manager, can begin not earlier than 1:00 p.m. or later than 7:00 p.m.

C. State Final Time Schedule

Friday, June 5

Session 1 (Quarterfinals)

Match 1 1:00 p.m.

Match 2 2:00 p.m.

Session 2 (Quarterfinals)

Match 3 5:00 p.m.

Match 4 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6

Session 3 (Semifinals)

Match 5 10:00 a.m.

Match 6 11:00 a.m.

Session 4 (Consolation and Championship Matches)

Match 7 4:00 p.m.

Match 8 5:15 p.m.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

The winners of 32 regional tournaments shall advance to 8 sectional tournaments consisting of 4 teams each. The winners of the 8 sectionals shall advance to the state final tournament.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Tournament Officials: Officials for all tournaments will be assigned through the IHSA Office. In all tournaments, the decision of the officials shall be final. The Board of Directors will not review decisions of officials, whether alleged error are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

Detailed information regarding assignment of officials will be posted on the IHSA Schools Center to all schools that are hosting a tournament by Monday, May 18, 2009.

B. Rules of Play: The Official Volleyball Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations shall be used in the state series matches. By state association adoption, matches will consist of the best 2 out of 3 games (no cap). Each game including the deciding game will be played to 25 points (no cap).

C. Players in Team Uniform: In each of the tournament matches, a participating school shall not have more than fifteen (15) eligible participants in uniform for a match or for warm-ups.

D. Warm-up Time: If a team arrives early, ball handling is permitted on the court prior to the timed warm ups. If both teams are present, each team shall be restricted to their side of the playing court. The warm-up time for each match will be 4-4-4 with the visiting team warming up on the entire court for 4 minutes, the second 4 minutes the home team warms up on the entire court; the next 4 minutes the visiting team again takes the court, and the final 4 minutes the home team takes the court. When teams are off the court ball handling is allowed if space allows. If space is limited teams shall be restricted to ball handling behind the end line.

The team listed on the top of the bracket shall be the home team. Teams listed on the bottom of the bracket shall be the visiting team.

E. State and Provisions:

1. The Wilson volleyball H7700XWHI i-cor High Performance shall be used in the state tournament series. Note: Effective for the 2009-2010 school year the white Perfection EliteVX5E Baden Volleyball will be used in the state series.

2. Teams shall occupy the bench adjacent to their playing court.

3. At least one-half hour before the match a roster of the 15 eligible boys must be submitted to the official scorer. After having designated these 15 players, a school will be limited in that tournament match to the use of the 15 boys thus named. Rosters may change at each level of state series and each day.

4. In the Sectional and State Final Tournament matches, the host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the visiting teams for practice sessions prior to day of competition.

5. During timed warm-ups, players must be in game uniforms or warm-ups tops that display the player's number.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. State Final Passes: For the State Final Tournament matches, each sectional winner will receive 22 passes for its 15 players and other team personnel for the State Final tournament. One additional pass for a competing team specifically for the school's Athletic Trainer may be issued if requested by the school Principal in writing to the IHSA.

B. Bands: A host school may provide a school pep band. Members of the band will be admitted free of charge. Instruments should not be used for cheering purposes. No other band other than the one from the host school shall be admitted as an organization except by special permission of the Executive Director who will act only on a local manager's request.

C. Artificial Noisemakers: All artificial noisemaking devices shall be excluded from the gymnasium. The local manager has the authority to exclude other noise making devices that distract from the competition including megaphones.

D. Signs and Banners: The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided they are in good taste, reflect good sportsmanship in their message, they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community, they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play, they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators, and they are safe.

E. Cheerleaders and Mascots: Participating schools may use their school's cheerleaders. A maximum of twelve cheerleaders in school uniforms may be on the floor.

F. Damage to Property or 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.

G. Media Requirements:

1. Provide Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are for newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

2. Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payments (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play originations, according to IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school 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 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 level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

3. All media requirements for the State Final tournament shall be handled through the IHSA Office.

4. Local tournament managers shall be responsible for reporting tournament information and results to the IHSA Office and the news media as stipulated in printed instructions received from the IHSA Office.

H. Videotaping by Schools or Spectators: 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.

I. Flash Photography: The use of flash cameras is prohibited by fans during the match. News media is allowed the use of strobe lighting or electronic flashes provided the local manager agrees that the flashes are not causing interference with the conduct of the contest. The local manager can require at any time, the photographer to cease use of the flash. The manager's decision is final.

J. Tobacco Products: No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

K. 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.

L. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are 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.

M. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contest: Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

N. State Final Team Reimbursements: In the State Final tournament, the participating teams shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$2.00 per mile per team for one round-trip to and from the center where the State Final tournament is played. In addition, each team that participates in the State Final tournament shall receive a flat team expense allowance. Teams traveling 0-150 miles round trip to the state final site shall receive a \$500.00 reimbursement. Teams traveling 151-300 miles round trip to the state final site shall receive a \$1,000.00 reimbursement. Teams traveling over 300 miles round trip to the state final site shall receive a \$1,500.00 reimbursement.

Neither the State Association nor the local tournament manager will assume responsibility for any other team expenses of any kind except those expenses specified above. Individual schools entering the tournament series must be ready to assume responsibility for unusual expenses due to accident, inclement weather, fire, theft or any other extraordinary cause.

O. Regional and Sectional Pass Gate: Five (5) schools administrators, head and assistant coaches will be admitted free to the regional and sectional tournament. In addition, they will also be allowed one guest each. Additionally, the manager, scorekeeper, video/camera operator, bus driver, athletic trainer and all rostered players will be admitted free to the contest on the days their team is playing. They will not be allowed a guest. Rostered players will only be admitted into the regional and sectional tournament if accompanied by the coach. All other representatives from a school must pay to attend a state series tournament. Participating schools must complete the IHSA Pass Gate Form and return it to the Tournament Manager prior to the start of the regional and/or sectional event.

X. AWARDS

A. Regional and Sectional: The IHSA will furnish a team plaque for the winners of the regional and sectional tournaments.

B. State Final:

1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth place teams at the state finals.

2. Individual: A total of 24 medallions will be presented to the schools of the first four placing teams at the state Final Tournament. This includes the superintendent, principal, athletic director and athletic trainer (if working at the state final) will be presented with a medallion.

C. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only 21 players, coaches, managers, trainer plus if present a Superintendent, Principal and/or the Athletic director may participate in the awards presentation. These awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charged upon the individual tournament.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Appointment and Fees

1. Regional fee: In the preliminary, quarterfinal and semi-final and final regional tournaments, each Referee and Umpire shall receive a fee of \$50.00 per match. Line Judges shall receive a fee of \$10.00 per match worked.

2. Sectional Fee: In the sectional tournaments, each referee and Umpire appointed by the IHSA shall receive a fee of \$62.00 per match worked. Line Judges shall receive a fee of \$10.00 per match worked.

3. State Final Fee: In the state final tournament each appointed Referee and Umpire should receive a flat fee of \$442.00. Each Line Judge shall receive a flat fee of \$84.50. In addition, each Official and Line Judge who actually incurs an overnight lodging expense, shall receive a \$60.00 lodging allowance for each of

