



# 2017-18 Boys Baseball Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2017-18 IHSA Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Boys Baseball Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Boys Baseball 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. Non-boundaried schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

**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-boundaried schools.

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

1. Schools with enrollments of 291 and below will be Class 1A.

2. Schools with enrollments of 291.01-584 will be Class 2A.

3. Schools with enrollments of 584.01-1440 will be Class 3A.

4. Schools with enrollments of 1440.01-above will be Class 4A.

## II. DATES AND SITES

**A. Class 1A & 2A** – In the Sectional Complex, Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 14, 2018. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket.

Regional Preliminaries: Monday, May 14, 2018 (If necessary, at the site of the higher seed.)  
When Regional preliminaries or quarterfinal games are designated to the site of the higher seed and the facility doesn't warrant hosting an IHSA Regional game, allow the host school to find an alternative location for the game either at their opponent's site or the Regional host as possibilities.

Regional Quarterfinals: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (If necessary, at the site of the higher seed.)

Regional Semifinals: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 & Thursday, May 17, 2018

Regional Finals: Saturday, May 19, 2018

**The Sectional Semifinal games shall be played on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 & 24. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Saturday, May 26th. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, May 28th.**

**Note:** When playing facilities allow teams to play semi-final games as double headers in the Regional and Sectional, this is recommended.

**Note:** When the Memorial Day holiday interrupts the Super-Sectional game, **play shall be required on the holiday.**

Sites for Regional, Sectional, and Super-Sectional games shall be announced at a later date. The Class 1A & 2A State Final Tournament will be held on Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2. The tournament will be held at Dozer Park, located at 730 S.W. Jefferson in downtown Peoria.

**B. Class 3A & 4A** – Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 21, 2018. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket.

Regional Preliminaries: Monday, May 21, 2018 (If necessary, at the site of the higher seed.)

Regional Quarterfinals: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (If necessary, at the site of the higher seed.)

Regional Semifinals: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 & Thursday, May 24, 2018

Regional Finals: Saturday, May 26, 2018

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

**The Sectional Semifinal games shall be played on Wednesday and Thursday, May 30 & May 31. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Saturday, June 2. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, June 4.**

**Note:** When playing facilities allow teams to play semi-final games as double headers in the Regional and Sectional, this is recommended.

Sites for Regional, Sectional, and Super-Sectional games shall be announced at a later date. The Class 3A & 4A State Final Tournament will be held on Friday June 8 and Saturday, June 9. The tournament will be held at Slammers Stadium, located at One Mayor Art Schultz Drive, in Joliet.

## III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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 2017-18 Entry Policies and Procedures.

### A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry in boys baseball is February 1, 2018. The 2017-18 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA Website.

**B. Late Entries:** Any attempt to enter a sport or activity online 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 and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/List of Participants 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 IHSA By-law 3.054. (By-law 4.071 for activities)

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

#### IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

##### A. Preliminary and Quarterfinal Regional Games:

1) The Preliminary and Quarterfinal game of the Regional Tournament are financially independent. The host school shall pay all local expenses and issue checks to game officials. If admission is charged, the host school will receive 100 percent of the gate receipts. IHSA will reimburse the school for the cost of the game officials.

##### B. Semifinal and Final Regional Games:

1) Host school shall pay all local expenses and issue checks to game officials. The host school shall receive a flat fee of \$575.00 for hosting the semifinal and final game of Regionals, the cost of the game officials and retain 20% of net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

##### C. Sectional Tournaments:

1) Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to the game officials. Host school shall receive a flat fee of \$575.00 for hosting the Sectional games, the cost of game officials and retain 20% of net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the host guarantee.

##### D. Super-Sectional Tournaments:

1) Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to the game officials. Host school shall receive a \$250.00 host guarantee, the cost of the game officials and retain 20% of the net income. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee.

##### E. Admission Prices (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A):

- 1) Regional, \$5.00 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:

See the IHSA web site ([www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio originations.

#### V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING 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 again being the factor used in the assignment. Regionals will seed with a 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 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, Sectional and Super-Sectional host sites. All schools including the Chicago Public Schools entered in the state series will be assigned to a Regional, or Sectional complex based on geography.

**E. Seeding and Pairings:** The seeding shall be done on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 for Class 1A & 2A and on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, for Class 3A & 4A. The seeding will be done online in the Schools Center by all coaches. All coaches will be required to fill out the online data form 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 games of the State Final Tournament(s) will be made by chance drawings at the Spring Sports Drawing.

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 schools. 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. 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, shall alter the playing schedule to accommodate the regularly scheduled graduation ceremonies of a competing school.

**Note:** If the host school is equipped to play night baseball and if facilities are adequate, a twilight double-header or single night games may be played provided anticipated gate receipts will cover the cost of lighting the field. Furthermore, that the participating schools involved agree to play under the lights. If during a day game it seems advisable to turn on the lights, it will be the responsibility of the host manager to make this decision.

2) Starting times for all games will be announced by the local manager, but in the Regional and 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 weekday games, 7:00 p.m. for night games, and 10:00 a.m. for Saturday games. Tournament managers should notify the IHSA Office and participating teams of scheduled game times.

3) State Final Schedule will be as follows:

##### ***Class 1A & 2A State Final Tournament Friday, June 1, 2018***

##### **Session 1 (Class 1A Semi-Finals)**

Game 1—10:00 a.m.  
Game 2—Noon (Approx.)

##### **Session 2 (Class 2A Semi-Finals)**

Game 3—3:00 p.m.  
Game 4—5:00 p.m. (Approx.)

##### **Saturday, June 2, 2018**

##### **Class 1A Finals Session**

Game 5—9:00 a.m.—Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (Third Place Game)  
Game 6—The Championship Game will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Third Place Game and awards. Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (1A Championship)

##### **Class 2A Final Session**

Game 7—3:00 p.m.—Loser Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4 (Third Place Game)  
Game 8—The Championship Game will begin immediately after the conclusion for the Third Place Game and awards.—Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (2A Championship)

On Saturday of the State Finals, in Game 7 (Third Place Game) no inning will begin after 5:30 p.m.

**Note 1):** Game 7 will be scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. If the game cannot be started by 4:00 p.m., it will not be played.

**Note 2):** A 20-minute break is scheduled between Game 6 and 7. This means that Game 7 may not start at 3:00 p.m., but as soon after as possible.

**Note 3):** If Game 6 ends after 3:40 p.m. and before 4:00 p.m., the 20-minute period referred to in 2) above will be reduced so that Game 7 will begin no later than 4:00 p.m.

**Note 4):** Each scheduled playing day must be completed as in the schedule listed above, or Game 7 will not be played.

**Note 5):** If the time limits listed above are reached and the Game 7 score is tied, or if Game 7 is not played, both teams will be awarded semi-finals trophies and medallions. If Game 7 is started and at the end of the 5th inning the time limit is reached, the team leading the game at that point will be awarded the 3rd place trophy and medallions, and the trailing team would receive fourth place trophy and medallions.

### **Class 3A & 4A State Final Tournament Friday, June 8, 2018**

#### **Session 1 (Class 3A Semi-Finals)**

Game 1—10:00 a.m.

Game 2—Noon (Approx.)

#### **Session 2 (Class 4A Semi-Finals)**

Game 3—3:00 p.m.

Game 4—5:00 p.m. (Approx.)

### **Saturday, June 9, 2018**

#### **Class 3A Finals Session**

Game 5—9:00 a.m.—Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (Third Place Game)

Game 6—The Championship Game will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Third Place Game and awards. Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (3A Championship)

#### **Class 4A Final Session**

Game 7—3:00 p.m.—Loser Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4 (Third Place Game)

Game 8—The Championship Game will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Third Place Game and awards. Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (4A Championship)

On Saturday of the State Finals, in Game 7 (Third Place Game), no inning will begin after 5:30 p.m.

**Note 1):** Game 7 will be scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. If the game cannot be started by 4:00 p.m., it will not be played.

**Note 2):** A 20-minute break is scheduled between Game 6 and 7. This means that Game 7 may not start at 3:00 p.m., but as soon after as possible.

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### **VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

**A.** The thirty-two (32) Regional champions shall advance to one of eight (8) Sectional Tournaments.

**B.** The winners of the eight (8) Sectional Tournaments shall be assigned to four (4) Super-Sectional games.

**C.** The winners of the four (4) Super-Sectional games shall be entered in 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) The higher seeded team in each Regional and Sectional round game shall be the home team and shall bat last. The Regional and/or Sectional Host management shall determine the team benches (dugout). If no Sectional complex has been used in that Sectional, home team will be determined by a flip of the coin with the bottom team in the bracket calling the flip.

2) 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).

3) 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:** The current National Federation Rules Book is adopted as the official rules of play for the series of tournaments.

1) National Federation speed-up rules shall be used in each state series game.

2) The game shall end when the visiting team is behind by 15 or more runs after 3 ½ innings, or if the home team is behind by 15 or more runs after 4 innings.

3) The game shall end when the visiting team is behind by 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings (or any inning after that), or if the home team is behind by 10 or more runs after 5 innings (or any inning after that).

4) The decisions of the game umpires are final in matters pertaining to the National Federation Baseball Rules. The IHSA Board of Directors will not review decisions of umpires, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

### **C. Playing Regulations:**

1) All tournaments will be conducted on a single elimination basis. Tournament games, including the final game in all the tournaments, will be scheduled for seven innings.

2) Pitchers must follow the IHSA Postseason Pitch Count Policy during the entire state series.

1-30 pitches = Eligible to pitch the next day

31-45 pitches = Eligible to pitch after one day of rest

46-60 pitches = Eligible to pitch after two days of rest

61-75 pitches = Eligible to pitch after three days of rest

76-115 pitches = Eligible to pitch after four days of rest.

### **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 Baseball 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 shall 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. Bad Weather Guidelines for Regional Play:**

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

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 game start or continuation of a suspended game begin later than 10:00 p.m.

6) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed during bad weather. If play cannot continue at the host site, any playable site can be used to complete play, with IHSA approval.

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

#### **F. 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 game start or continuation of a suspended game begin later than 10:00 p.m.

4) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed during bad weather. If play cannot continue at the host site, any playable site can be used to complete play, with IHSA approval.

5) In the event that the Sectional game(s) cannot be completed, the higher seeded team remaining shall advance to the Super-Sectional in Sectional complexes. In Sectionals that started with only Regionals, a flip of the coin between the remaining schools would be conducted.

#### **G. 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.

#### **H. 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 game start or continuation of a suspended game begin 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, a coin toss will determine which team advances to the state tournament.

#### **I. Guidelines for Play at the State Tournament in Case of Bad Weather:**

1) The first priority is to crown a champion.

2) If the Third Place 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 Third Place Games may be reversed.

### **IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

#### **A. Authority:**

By authority of the IHSA Constitution and By-laws, the Board of Directors shall interpret and enforce the Terms and Conditions.

#### **B. Players in Team Uniform:**

In each of the tournaments, no school shall have in uniform more than twenty-seven (27) players. Only those player(s) or coach(s) in uniform may serve as coaches at first and third base and participate in **pre-game activities** on the playing field or warm up pitchers.

#### **C. Players Bench:**

A maximum of thirty (30) individuals officially connected with the school shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench.

#### **D. Baseballs:**

The Wilson Pro A1010B ProSST is required to be used in all boys' state baseball tournament series games. There can be no substitution of a ball manufactured by another company.

1) Regional Sites: Each school hosting the Regional semi-final and final games will be supplied with at least 1 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: Each venue hosting a Super-Sectional game will be supplied with 1 dozen balls. Disposition of the balls at the end of the game is at the discretion of the host. If additional balls are needed, it is the responsibility of the host school to provide them.

#### **E. Conduct of Coaches and Players:**

1) A coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall not 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 the game, be allowed on the field of play except by permission of the game umpires.

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

4) The captain and the head coach shall be the official spokesmen and the sole representative 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 2.010.

#### **F. 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.

#### **G. 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.

#### **H. 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, 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 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, including ScoreZone information for the www.ihsa.org, as stipulated in instructions to local Managers, shall be the responsibility of each Local Manager and is required.

**I. Facilities:**

In the Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final Tournament, the hosting schools shall not make the facilities available to the incoming teams for practice, other than customary scheduled batting practice and infield just prior to game time.

**J. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:**

The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. 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, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date of dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

**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 Contests:**

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

**N. State Series Expenses:**

1) Each school participating in the tournament series will be responsible to pay any and all expenses related to the team at the Regional, Sectional level and Super-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.

**X. AWARDS**

1) Team awards will be provided by the IHSA for the winning team at each Regional Tournament.

2) Team awards will be provided by the IHSA for the winning team at each Sectional Tournament.

3) Team awards will be provided by the IHSA for the winning team at each Super-Sectional Tournament.

4) Team awards and thirty (30) individual medallions will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place teams at the State Final.

In addition, trophies will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth place teams at the State Final Tournament.

**XI. OFFICIALS**

**A. General**

Umpires for all tournaments must be licensed by the IHSA.

**B. Regional Assignments**

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 registered officials will have an opportunity to assist the IHSA Office in ranking officials who are being considered for this assignment. The hosting school may use a third umpire at their own

expense. The host school must notify the IHSA and a third licensed official will be appointed. Each official will be paid a fee of \$61.00 per game.

**C. Sectional Assignments**

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 be paid a fee of \$76.00 per game.

**D. Super-Sectional Assignments**

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 be paid a fee of \$103.50 per game.

**E. State Final Assignments**

Umpires for the 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 be paid a \$272.00 flat fee and Head Official \$125 per day plus up to two nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator and 30 cents per mile for each mile over 70 miles for one round trip.

**F. State Series Officials Fee for Suspended or Postponed Contest:**

1) An official is notified before arriving at the site—No compensation.

2) An official arrives at the site and the contest is suspended/cancelled before it begins—A show up fee is provided to the officials, which is one half of the game fee.

3) Contest is started, and then is suspended until the next day—Official gets full fee for the started game and then a full fee for the completion of the game the next day.

**G. Mileage 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 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.