

Policy 22. Criteria for Selection of Sites for IHSA Meets and Tournaments

In accordance with Article 1.450 of IHSA Constitution, the following criteria will be used in determining schools that are eligible to host and in selecting schools to host IHSA state series tournaments and meets:

1. Principal/official representative of the school has formally requested consideration by submitting a complete and accurate reply form for hosting an IHSA state series tournament or meet to the IHSA office by the deadline date;
2. Adequacy of facilities and equipment needed to host the IHSA state series tournament or meet, including:
 - a. Competition facilities and equipment
 - b. Seating capacity/types of seating
 - c. Parking
 - d. Press facilities and equipment
 - e. Spectator accommodations
 - f. Team accommodations
3. Past performance in hosting particular IHSA state series tournaments or meets and in hosting IHSA events on an overall basis, from both a positive and negative perspective;
4. Availability of needed seating capacity based on attendance records from previous IHSA state series tournament(s) or meet(s) held in that same geographical area;
5. Anticipated expenses for hosting;
6. Willingness to cooperate with the IHSA Royalty Policy if selected to host;
7. Geographical location of prospective host schools to the schools entered in the IHSA state series and the geographical location of all the various level tournament and meet sites as determined by the state tournament or meet structure stipulated in the Terms and Conditions; and,
8. Whether or not it is a school's turn to host if a rotation plan for hosting has been established. (Note: If more than one school meets the criteria and wished to host a particular IHSA state series tournament or meet, a rotation plan for hosting will be established for those schools.
9. Digital Ticketing at State Series events:
 - a. GoFan is the exclusive digital ticketing partner of the IHSA and the only digital ticket that can be used in conjunction with an IHSA State Series event hosted at a member high school.
 - b. The IHSA Board may require that certain State Series rounds sell tickets exclusively via

GoFan digital tickets. An up-to-date list of sports by rounds is available at:
www.ihsa.org/Resources/Digital-Tickets-from-GoFan

c. In team sports, tickets may be allocated for each competing school if 1) a competing team requests this action 72 hours before the contest 2) the host chooses to do so 3) upon request by the IHSA office.

In this instance, the host shall equally allocate at least 80% of the available tickets (40% per competing team) and make 20% available to the general public. A host may allocate more than 80% to the competing schools, as long as the amount per competing team is split equally.

d. In the event of letter C above, the host shall set a reasonable timeline on the day of the game/event to release any unsold tickets from the team allotments for sale to the general public.

e. The IHSA may utilize other ticketing parameters at State Final events in conjunction with the ticketing policy for a specific sport or activity.