

**By-law 2.140 currently reads:**

- 2.140** No team or other entity representing a member school may participate in an interscholastic contest or activity during the time the member school is not in session due to a strike by teachers or other school personnel. A member school shall not be considered to be in legal session on any school day if it does not have fifty-one (51%) of the students in the district in attendance and cannot offer the minimum program required by state law and ISBE Circular Series A160 on a daily basis.
- 2.140.1** This limitation shall not pertain to time designated by the member school's governing board as school holidays or vacation, including the days designated by the Illinois School Code as emergency days, provided school is in full operation on the school day preceding the school holiday, vacation or emergency day.
- 2.140.2** Practice sessions of normal length and frequency may be held during the period when school is not fully operating, provided the following conditions are met:
- (1) They must be approved by the school's governing board and administration;
  - (2) They must be conducted by personnel who meet the provisions of By-law 2.070;
  - (3) They must be conducted in a manner which assures the health and safety of the participants; and
  - (4) Students from a school on strike may not participate with a team from a school which is not on strike.
- 2.140.3** A school which has a football game scheduled with a school which is on strike on the Monday preceding the scheduled game shall have the option to cancel the game with the striking school and schedule a game with another school provided it has a pending alternative contract. If this option is exercised, the striking school shall forfeit the scheduled contest and receive a forfeit loss. The non-striking school shall receive a forfeit win and may play the alternate contest, which shall not count as a win or loss for the non-striking school.

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#### **Rationale**

It should be the decision of the local school board whether or not they will participate during strike.

#### **Pros**

None.

#### **Cons**

There could be safety concerns with not having coaches with actual sports experience working with the student-athletes.

Defeats the purpose of both sides getting together to resolve the conflict.

It is the responsibility of the teachers, administration and board to resolve strike situations.

Could create an uneven playing field.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 2**

**Amend By-law 2.150 – Physical Examination**

Submitted by Don Vogel, Principal, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)

**By-law 2.150 currently reads:**

- 2.150** A school shall have on file for each student who participates (including practice) in interscholastic athletics a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes not more than 365 days preceding any date of participation in any such practice, contest or activity.

**Revise By-law 2.150 to read:**

- 2.150** A school shall have on file for each student who participates (including practice) in interscholastic athletics a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes ~~not more than 365 days preceding any date of participation in any such practice, contest or activity.~~

***The State required grade 9 year physical may be used for the entire grade 9 school year provided it was not issued more than 545 days preceding any date of participation in any such practice, contest or activity.***

***For each subsequent year, grade 10, 11 and 12, of competition, a physical issued not more than 365 days preceding any date of participation in any such practice, contest or activity must be on file.***

**Rationale**

Current State Statute allows that a freshman (grade 9) physical must have occurred within 365 days of the first day of school freshman year. Many schools require enrollment forms including the physical to be turned into the school before July 1 which makes it difficult for parents to have a physical which will cover the entire school year, particularly the Spring sports season. This change would allow a freshman physical to be good for 18 months.

**Pros**

None

**Cons**

Physicians on the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee are not in favor of this proposal.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 3**

**Delete By-law 3.043.4 -- Transfer**

Submitted by Joyce Kenner, Principal, Chicago (Whitney Young)

**By-law 3.043.4 currently reads:**

**3.043.4** The student transfers attendance from one private school to a different private school which is located within a 30 mile radius of his or her residence; the student resides full time with his or her parents, custodial parent, surviving parent, or guardian; the student is changing high school attendance for the first time; and the principals of both private high schools involved accept the transfer, concurring that there is no evidence of a) any violation of, or noncompliance with, any by-law, or b) any recruiting in connection with the transfer; or

**Rationale**

The current rule is being abused as we are seeing many transfers for athletic reasons. Students enrolling in private schools frequently taking advantage of this rule by transferring due to a lack of playing time or other athletically motivated reasons. Students transferring from one public school to another, without a move from their public school district or attendance area, are not given the opportunity to transfer without a period of ineligibility. This would also include transfers from a non-boundaried school to a private school.

**Pros**

None.

**Cons**

It takes away the opportunity for a student in a private or non-boundaried school to transfer to another private or non-boundaried school for academic or financial reasons.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 4**

**Delete By-law 3.111 – Coaching School Participation**

Submitted by Briant Kelly, Official Representative, Libertyville

**By-law 3.111 currently reads:**

**3.111** During the school year, students shall not participate in any coaching school, camp or clinic for any interscholastic sport or which provides instruction in any skill of an interscholastic sport. A coaching school, camp or clinic is defined as any program, sponsored by an organization or individual, which provides instruction in sports theory and/or skills; which does not culminate in competition, and which is attended by more than two (2) persons from the school which the student attends. Programs that involve only demonstration of skills and sports theory without providing instruction and requiring active participation by attendees are not considered coaching schools. Violation shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days.

**Rationale**

There are many training opportunities for athletes during the off-season outside of school. This by-law arbitrarily limits these training sessions to (2) athletes and does not give the flexibility for (3) or more athletes. This by-law is difficult to enforce, as school administrators and coaches cannot monitor the programs that athletes participate in during the off-seasons. This by-law would be similar to other states such as Wisconsin and Iowa.

**Pros**

There are so many opportunities outside of the school and we shouldn't care how many students from a school attend a coaching school, camp or clinic during the school term.

Gives student-athletes and parents more options.

It is difficult for schools to monitor and enforce this rule.

Would allow larger groups to receive instruction during the year.

**Cons**

It could cause more students to specialize.

It takes away from the school being able to monitor participation by student-athletes.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 5**

**Revise By-law 3.153 -- Special Provisions for Summer Participation**

Submitted by Jonathan Green, Principal, Pinckneyville

**By-law 3.153 currently reads:**

**3.153** Persons who coach a sport at a member school may have a maximum of 25 days of contact in that sport with students from that school during the period between the last day of classes or Monday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (whichever date is earlier) in the spring each year and Sunday of Week 5 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. Students may have a maximum of 25 days of contact per sport with persons who coach that sport at the school they attend during the same time period. A day of contact is defined as any date on which any coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques of any sport takes place. These limitations apply to all sports except Baseball and Softball. An exception may be made by the Executive Director under the guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for competitions sponsored and conducted directly by the National Governing Body for the sport.

**Revise By-law 3.153 to read:**

**3.153** Persons who coach a sport at a member school may have a maximum of 25 days of contact in that sport with students from that school during the period between the last day of classes or Monday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (whichever date is earlier) in the spring each year and ~~Sunday~~ **Tuesday** of Week ~~5~~ **6** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. ***Coaches may not have any contact with students from Sunday of Week 2 through Saturday of Week 3. Contact days may resume on Sunday of Week 4 and must end by Tuesday of Week 6.*** Students may have a maximum of 25 days of contact per sport with persons who coach that sport at the school they attend during the same time period. A day of contact is defined as any date on which any coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques of any sport takes place. These limitations apply to all sports except Baseball and Softball. An exception may be made by the Executive Director under the guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for competitions sponsored and conducted directly by the National Governing Body for the sport.

**Rationale**

This would give student-athletes, coaches, parents, etc. a larger window for vacation and time off. The weeks in June and July are sufficient to get all contact dates completed.

**Pros**

With the current by-law there is no participation during the time prior to the start of the fall season. That can make it more difficult for kids starting two a day practices right after the dead time.

Would create a dead time during the summer.

Could ease the acclimatization for the student-athletes.

This would create a break for multiple sport athletes.

**Cons**

With the proposal, coaches would actually be able to begin practice earlier.

Some schools still have summer school going on during the proposed dead time.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 6**

**Amend By-law 3.157 – Special Provisions for Summer Participation**

Submitted by John Woods, Official Representative, Champaign (Central)

**By-law 3.157 currently reads:**

- 3.157** Schools may not organize or participate against other schools in a football scrimmage or game with the exception of 7-7 (touch only) passing leagues.

**Revise By-law 3.157 to read:**

- 3.157** ~~Schools may not organize or participate against other schools in a football scrimmage or game with the exception of 7-7 (touch only) passing leagues.~~ ***Schools may not use more than helmets, shoulder pads and thigh/pro pads in the summer 25 contact days. There shall be no live tackling or blocking below the waist techniques taught during the contact days.***

**Rationale**

Provides better clarification of what schools can do during the summer 25 contact days. It emphasizes safety for all individuals involved. This by-law change will limit the equipment that can be used and prohibit any live tackling or blocking below the waist during the 25 contact days. This by-law would prohibit teams from having full contact scrimmages.

**Pros**

This proposal has the support of the Football Advisory Committee.

Schools could have scrimmages as long as there is no full contact.

**Cons**

Approved equipment is unclear.

Limits what a team can do internally.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 7 -- AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

**Amend By-law 3.170 -- Classification**

Submitted by Dan Kostencki, Principal, Edwardsville (Metro-East Lutheran); Mike Laneve, Principal, Chicago (C. Hope Academy); and Anne Matz, Principal, Chicago (St. Scholastica)

**By-law 3.170 currently reads:**

The IHSA Board of Directors has the complete authority to establish and implement policies to determine the number of classes of competition in IHSA sports and activities and to classify schools participating in such sports/activities except as follows:

An enrollment multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools.

The definition of a non-boundaried school is: Any private school, charter school, lab school, magnet school, residential school, and any public school in a multi-high school district that does not accept students from a fixed portion of the district.

Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

**Revise By-law 3.170 to read:**

The IHSA Board of Directors has the complete authority to establish and implement policies to determine the number of classes of competition in IHSA sports and activities and to classify schools participating in such sports/activities except as follows:

An enrollment multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools ***unless application of this multiplier is waived under a policy of waiver which would be established by the Board of Directors.***

The definition of a non-boundaried school is: Any private school, charter school, lab school, magnet school, residential school, and any public school in a multi-high school district that does not accept students from a fixed portion of the district.

Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

***There will be a sub-committee comprised of IHSA staff and Legislative Commission members to develop the waiver policy for submission to the Board.***

**Rationale**

On June 15, 2005, the principals of non-boundaried schools received a memo explaining an appeals process for those schools impacted by the multiplier. Ten schools were granted waivers as a result of the waiver policy developed by the IHSA staff and approved by the Board of Directors. This system should be brought back because it considered the unique missions and situations of some non-boundaried schools. Under the current system, some of the schools are not competitive at a higher classification and have provided little competition for their opponents.

***A sample of the waiver application from 2005 is included below.***

*Non-boundaried schools with an enrollment of 450 to 735 may appeal the application of the multiplier to their school. The appeal must be filed with the Executive Director who is charged with ruling on all such appeals. As provided in Section 1.460 of the IHSA Constitution, appeals of the Executive Director's ruling may be made to the IHSA Board of Directors. Schools who wish to appeal the application of the multiplier for their school, in all sports except football, for the 2005-06 school term, must provide the following information by **August 1, 2005**:*

1. *List all schools in each of the conferences of which you are a member.*
2. *Provide a list of **all** regional, sectional, super sectional and state final championships (excluding football) your school has won during the last five years.*
3. *Provide a list of **all** athletic schedules and results (excluding football) for your school's teams for the last five years.*



4. *List the percentage of students enrolled in your school during the 2004-05 school term who reside in the public school attendance area in which your school is located. If your school is located in a multiple high school district, identify the specific high school attendance area in which your school is located.*
5. *List the number of public school districts from which your school had students enrolled during the 2004-05 school term.*
6. *List the unduplicated number of students in your school who participated in any interscholastic activity.*
7. *Provide copies of all promotional materials used by your school along with printouts of any web pages promoting your school and its sport or activity programs.*
8. *Provide any additional information you wish to be considered.*

### **Pros**

The multiplier is overly punitive to a few schools.

Would provide a safer environment for the student-athletes participating.

### **Cons**

Would like to see a better definition regarding the schools that would be eligible to apply for a waiver.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 8**

**Amend By-laws 5.021 and 5.241 – Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Contest Limitations**

Submitted by Ron Conner, Principal, Clinton

**By-law 5.021 currently reads:**

**5.021 Season Limitations**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Spring Baseball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 35 or later than Saturday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Spring Baseball no earlier than Monday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**By-law 5.241 currently reads:**

**5.241 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Spring Softball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 35 or later than Saturday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Spring Softball no earlier than Monday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.021 to read:**

**5.021 Season Limitations**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Spring Baseball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week ~~35~~ **37** or later than Saturday of Week ~~49~~ **50** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Spring Baseball no earlier than Monday of Week ~~37~~ **39** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.241 to read:**

**5.241 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Spring Softball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week ~~35~~ **37** or later than Saturday of Week ~~49~~ **50** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Spring Softball no earlier than Monday of Week ~~37~~ **39** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale of Submitter**

This amendment is proposed in the best interests of high school students. It is designed to make their softball/baseball experience more enjoyable with less risk of injury. It is not bound by summer preference/commitments of coaches or student travel team preference/commitments. It is solely designed for the high school softball/baseball payer. Moving the start of the season back will significantly diminish the negative effects of inclement weather on spring baseball and softball. It will still allow for a full slate of both conference and non-conference games. Schools would have a nine (9) week season to complete their schedule.

**Pros**

None

**Cons**

Could create indoor gym time conflicts with the other spring sports teams.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 9****Revise By-laws 5.051 (b) (Boys Cross Country), 5.251 (b) (Girls Swimming), 5.261 (b) (Girls Fall Tennis), 5.291 (b) (Girls Volleyball) and 5.301 (b) (Girls Cross Country)**

Submitted by Briant Kelly, Official Representative, Libertyville

**By-law 5.051 (b) currently reads:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Cross Country no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**By-law 5.251 (b) currently reads:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Swimming no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**By-law 5.261 (b) currently reads:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Fall Tennis no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**By-law 5.291 (b) currently reads:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Volleyball no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**By-law 5.301 (b) currently reads:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Cross Country no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.051 (b) to read:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Cross Country no earlier than ~~Monday of Week 9~~ **Monday of Week 8** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.251 (b) to read:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Swimming no earlier than ~~Monday of Week 9~~ **Monday of Week 8** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.261 (b) to read:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Fall Tennis no earlier than ~~Monday of Week 8~~ **Monday of Week 8** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.291 (b) to read:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Volleyball no earlier than ~~Monday of Week 9~~ **Monday of Week 8** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.301 (b) to read:**

- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Cross Country no earlier than ~~Monday of Week 9~~ **Monday of Week 8** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale**

This change in the start of the first contest for these sports will align with Boys Soccer. Boys and Girls Golf start on Monday of Week 7 and Football starts on Friday of Week 8. With the start date of Wednesday of Week 6, there would still be over a week of practices before the first interscholastic contest. With the current starting dates, there are over two weeks of practice before the first interscholastic contest.

**Pros**

Allows the first contest to be held after one week of practices.

**Cons**

None

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 10**  
**Amend By-laws 5.122 and 5.252 – Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming Contest Limitations**  
Submitted by Ron Conner, Principal, Clinton

**By-law 5.122 currently reads:**

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**5.122 Contest Limitation**

Team: No Boys Swimming team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than fourteen (14) meets exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Boys Swimming in more than seventeen (17) meets exclusive of the IHSA series.

**By-law 5.252 currently reads:**

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

**5.252 Contest Limitation**

Team: No Girls Swimming team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than fourteen (14) meets exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Girls Swimming in more than seventeen (17) meets exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise By-law 5.122 to read:**

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**5.122 Contest Limitation**

Team: No Boys Swimming team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than fourteen (14) ~~meets~~ **dates** exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Boys Swimming in more than seventeen (17) ~~meets~~ **dates** exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise By-law 5.252 to read:**

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

**5.252 Contest Limitation**

Team: No Girls Swimming team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than fourteen (14) ~~meets~~ **dates** exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Girls Swimming in more than seventeen (17) ~~meets~~ **dates** exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Rationale**

This change would make these two swimming and diving by-laws easier to interpret, be more flexible, and be consistent with the similar individual sports like track and field, gymnastics, tennis, golf and cross country.

**Pros**

Allows more flexibility for scheduling swimming and diving meets.

**Cons**

None

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 11**

**Amend By-law 5.172 – Girls Badminton Contest Limitation**

Submitted by Tim Feigh, Official Representative, Darien (Hinsdale South)

**By-law 5.721 currently reads:**

**5.172 Contest Limitation**

- a. No Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than sixteen (16) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No member of a Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than sixteen (16) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise By-law 5.721 to read:**

**5.172 Contest Limitation**

- a. No Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than **eighteen (18)** ~~sixteen (16)~~ dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No member of a Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than **eighteen (18)** ~~sixteen (16)~~ dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Rationale**

1. Boys and Girls Tennis just recently added two contests to their season and currently the badminton season is the shortest. Adding two contests to the season would spark new tournaments and new competition between schools that currently cannot play because of contest limitations.
2. There is already an inequity in the length of the badminton season and other similar sports (boys and girls tennis) and this proposal would level the competition dates by two, thus mirroring the recent addition to tennis.
3. Allows a school to schedule more matches with teams in their sectional complex. Currently, there are 22-23 teams in every sectional complex.
4. There would be no added travel concerns in adopting this proposal.
5. Allows for new tournaments to be created, thus improving the level of competition in IHSA Girls Badminton.

**Pros**

Provides more equity with other sports.

**Cons**

None

**By-law 5.751 currently reads:**

**5.751 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Cheerleading squad to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.751 to read:**

**5.751 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall ~~allow~~ **organize** its Competitive Cheerleading squad, **practice or participate** ~~to participate~~ in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale**

Creates a specific timeline for cheerleading try-outs.

**Pros**

Provides a specific practice season.

**Cons**

Could be difficult to determine whether or not the sideline cheerleaders are practicing for the competitive cheer season.

**2008-09 – Proposal No. 13**

**Revise By-law 5.752 -- Competitive Cheerleading**

Submitted by Bruce Scheidegger, Official Representative, Orland Park (Sandburg)

**By-law 5.752 currently reads:**

**5.752 Contest Limitation**

No Competitive Cheerleading team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than five (5) meets exclusive of the IHSA state series.

**Revise By-law 5.752 to read:**

**5.752 Contest Limitation**

No Competitive Cheerleading team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than ~~five (5)~~ **seven (7)** meets exclusive of the IHSA state series.

**Rationale**

This would allow Competitive Cheerleading teams to compete throughout the entire competitive season. Currently teams are only able to compete 5 times during a 22 week season. This will allow teams to take full advantage of the ever-increasing number of competitions available throughout the Competitive Cheerleading season. (e.g. county championships, athletic conference championships, and regional/area tournaments) The proposed by-law change does not require a school to field a Competitive Cheerleading team, or that a school's current Competitive Cheerleading team must compete in the maximum number of competitions. The intent of this by-law change is to allow those Competitive Cheerleading teams that desire to compete more, the opportunity to do so. This change does not change the current length of the Competitive Cheerleading season.

**Pros**

This has the support of the Competitive Cheerleading Advisory Committee.

Could allow more opportunities for competition.

**Cons**

We are seeing more and more of the competitions being held on Sundays. That would mean that the student-athletes are involved for seven days a week.

With Sunday competitions, schools are seeing cheerleaders who don't want to cheer on the Saturday night prior to a Sunday competition.

**2008-09 -- Proposal No. 14**

**Add By-law 5.850 – Boys Ice Hockey**

Submitted by Don Sebestyen, Principal, New Lenox, (Providence Catholic High School)

**Add By-law 5.850 to read:**

**5.850 Boys Ice Hockey**

**5.851 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Ice Hockey teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 13 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Ice Hockey no earlier than Monday of Week 15 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**5.852 Team Limitations**

- a. No Boys Ice Hockey team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than 50 dates, exclusive of the IHSA State series.
- b. No Boys Ice Hockey Team representing a member school shall participate in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic ice hockey tournament.

**5.853 Individual Player Limitations**

Students who participate on a school Boys Ice Hockey may participate in no more than 65 games in any one season, exclusive the IHSA State series.

**Rationale**

Boys Ice Hockey has experienced a growth in interest and participation over the last few years as has many other new or emerging IHSA sports. There is a need to bring consistency to the organization of Boys Ice Hockey under the IHSA as has been done with some of the most recent sports added to the IHSA. The addition of Boys Ice Hockey by the IHSA and especially the addition of a state series will create a stronger sense of athletic participation in each school's Ice Hockey Program.

**Pros**

Boys hockey will receive more publicity and attention in Illinois.

The state tournament will add prestige to the sport and be more attractive for young men.

Schools will be able to building hockey programs based on local talent.

Club and all-star hockey will have to accommodate themselves to the high school hockey season and state tournament series.

Local school administrators, athletic directors and coaches will be able to have some control over the sport.

**Cons**

This sport spans three sports season.

Sixty-five games seems like a large number of contests.



Could create pressure on the schools to add the sport of ice hockey.

Discourages students from participating in multiple sports because of the length of the season.