

# 2024-25 Girls Basketball Series

## Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2024-25 IHSA Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Girls Basketball Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

### I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSA Girls Basketball State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classification System).

### II. DATES AND SITES

- All Regional Quarterfinal games will be played on Saturday, **February 15** with the higher-seeded team serving as the game host.
- Games at the 32 Regional sites in each class shall be held **February 17-21**.
- Games at the 8 Sectional sites in each class shall be held **February 25 and 27**.
- The four Super-Sectional games in each class shall be played on **March 3**.
- The Semifinals and Finals of the State Final Tournament shall be played on **March 6-8** at CEFCU Arena, on the campus of Illinois State University, Normal.

### III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2024-25 Entry Policies and Procedures can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

#### 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 is November 1.

#### 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 or Athletic Director must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's intent to withdraw from the respective sport **prior to the Season Summary deadline**.

If a school withdraws **after the Season Summary deadline but before the first competition, the school will be charged a \$500 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 **\$500 penalty**, the cost of game officials, transportation costs, 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.

#### E. Affirmative Action

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

### IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

#### A. At Member School Sites:

The host school must charge admission and will be eligible to receive funding as listed below:

1) Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Regional Quarterfinal games: The Quarterfinal games of the Regional tournament are financially independent. The host school shall pay all local expenses. If admission is charged, the host school will receive 100% of the gate receipts. Officials will be secured by the host school and be paid directly by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

2) Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Regional Semifinal and Final games: The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host school shall receive a flat guarantee of \$1200. The host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In case of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit.

3) Sectional and Super-Sectional games: The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host school shall receive a guarantee of \$800.00 for each night of competition and 20% of the net income.

#### B. Sites Other Than Member Schools:

1. When Sectional and Super-Sectional tournaments are held at sites other than IHSA member schools, the IHSA administrator in charge will determine the financial arrangements with the host using current financial arrangements as guidelines.

#### C. Digital Tickets:

Per IHSA Board Policy 22, GoFan Digital Tickets will be the exclusive ticket option available for this sport at the Sectional and Super-Sectional levels of the State Series. Any exceptions must be approved by the IHSA Office.



### D. Admission Prices:

The IHSA Board of Directors have set the following State Series ticket prices. (A baby in arms is free at all rounds of the State Series.)

**Regional Quarterfinal** -- \$6.00 per game

**Regional Semis/Final** – GoFan Digital Ticket: \$6.00 per day

Cash Ticket: \$7.00 per day

**Sectionals** – GoFan Digital ticket: \$7.00 per day

Cash Ticket: \$8.00 per day

**Super-Sectionals** – GoFan Digital ticket: \$9.00 per game

Cash Ticket: \$10.00 per game

**State Final** – [GoRedbirds.com/tickets](https://GoRedbirds.com/tickets) \$11.00 per session

Cash Ticket: \$12.00 per session

### E. State Final Admission Prices:

Digital Tickets for the Girls Basketball State Final Tournament at CEFCU Arena are \$11.00 (\$12.00 Cash) and will be general admission. Location of seats set aside for fans of the teams competing in the State Final tournament will be determined by the IHSA Administrator.

### F. Media Coverage & Rights Fees for Broadcasting:

#### Coverage

1) State Series hosts should work to accommodate media members with space to cover State Series events whenever possible.

2) For State Series events, the IHSA Press Box Policy should be used as a guide for determining media press box access should space become an issue.

#### Broadcasting

1) Radio or audio-only internet broadcasts are not subject to a broadcast rights fee at the Regional, Sectional, or Super-Sectional levels. A \$100 fee exists at the State Final round, pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

2) If a State Series contest/event is broadcast on the NFHS Network, then there are no rights fee due and no other video streaming/TV broadcasts will be allowed, pending special permission from the IHSA.

3) If a State Series contest/event is not broadcast on the NFHS Network, then the broadcast rights may be purchased to broadcast via video streaming/TV pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

\* Broadcast application forms can be accessed by an internet search of "IHSA Broadcast Applications" or directly: [IHSA.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications](https://IHSA.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications)

## V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING

### A. 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 registered in the state series will be assigned to a Sub-Sectional or Sectional complex based upon geography.

### B.

**Season Summary Form:** Schools entered into the Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A state series will be required to submit a Season Summary Form online in the IHSA Schools Center. All contest results shall be entered onto the MaxPreps website. The deadline to enter your scores and complete the Season Summary is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 5** for all classes.

### C.

**Seeding Form:** All seeding will be conducted online through the IHSA Schools Center. Each school shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. A school shall not vote for their own team. The link to seed the teams is in the IHSA Schools Center and will be activated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 5**. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 noon on Thursday, **February 6** for all classes. Seeding will take place only at the Regional level. The Sectional, Super-Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

### D.

**Class 1A and Class 2A:** In Class 1A and 2A, the state tournament series will begin in Regionals where initial seeding is done by Sub-Sectional. A Sub-Sectional is a grouping of two geographical Regionals.

Note 1: In grouping and seeding a Sub-Sectional, only the top four seeds shall be separated into the two Regional sites. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to one Regional and #2 and #3 will be assigned to the other. If there is a hosting conflict, seeds #1 and #3 shall be assigned to the same Regional. The remaining schools shall be assigned to the Regionals based on geographic proximity and paired according to their seeds.

### E.

**Class 3A and 4A:** In Class 3A and 4A, all state series shall begin with Sectional Complexes. In Sectional groupings where excessive travel is a factor, geographic Sub-Sectionals may be used at the discretion of the IHSA Administrator.

Note 1: In grouping and seeding a Sectional Complex, true seeds shall be used to populate the brackets except in cases where a conflict arises with pre-determined Regional hosts. (For example, if the #1 and #8 seeds are both Regional hosts, they cannot be assigned to the same Regional and an adjustment must be made.)

Note 2: In grouping and seeding a Sub-Sectional, only the top four seeds shall be separated into the two Regional sites. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to one Regional and #2 and #3 will be assigned to the other. If there is a hosting conflict, seeds #1 and #3 shall be assigned to the same Regional. The remaining schools shall be assigned to the Regionals based on geographic proximity and paired according to their seeds.

### F. Sectional Pairings for Geographic

#### Regionals:

Sub-Sectionals: The Semifinals will pair the Regional winner from Sub-Sectional A containing the #1 seed with the Regional winner of Sub-Sectional B containing the #2 seed for one game, and vice versa for the other game. (In the southernmost Sectional in Class 4A, the two Regional winners from each Sub-Sectional shall be paired together.)

Sectional Complexes: The Semifinals will pair the winners of the Regional sites with the #1 and #4 seeds in one game, and the winners of the Regional sites with the #2 and #3 seeds in the other game.

In all classes of bracketed team sports, the Executive Director is authorized to modify the state series brackets to accommodate unique travel situations.

### G.

**Announcement of Pairings:** The pairings for all classes will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA website no later than Friday, **February 7, 2025**.



## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

### A. Names:

The successive series shall be designated respectively as Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final.

### B. Time Schedules:

#### 1) Quarterfinal games may be scheduled between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

23 minutes prior to tipoff -- Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up on scoreboard clock

5 minutes prior to tipoff. -- When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

3 minutes prior to tipoff. -- At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

0 minutes prior to tipoff -- Tournament Game Tip-off

#### 2) Single-Game Session Time Schedule (For Regional and Sectional single-game sessions, the host school designates a starting time for the game between 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

23 minutes prior to tipoff -- Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up on scoreboard clock

5 minutes prior to tipoff -- When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

3 minutes prior to tipoff -- At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

0 minutes prior to tipoff -- Tournament Game Tip-off

#### 3) Two-Game Session Time Schedule

5:37 p.m.-- Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up for first game on scoreboard clock

5:55 p.m.--When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

5:57-6:00 p.m.--At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

6:00 p.m. -- 1st Game Tip-off

7:00 p.m. (Approx.) -- 1st Game concludes

7:00-7:05 p.m. (Approx.) ---5-minute break between games

7:05-7:20 p.m. (Approx.) -- Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up for second game on scoreboard clock

7:20 p.m. (Approx.) -- When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

7:23-7:26 p.m. (Approx.) -- Introduction of players and coaches

7:27 p.m. (Approx.) -- Tournament Game Tip-off

#### 4) Super-Sectionals

6:37 p.m. -- Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up on scoreboard clock

6:55 p.m. -- When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

0:00 -- National Anthem

6:57 p.m. -- At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

7:00 p.m. -- Super-Sectional Game Tip-off

Note: If a double-header is held at a Super-Sectional site, the first game will tip off at 6:00 pm and the second game will tip off at approximately 7:30 pm.

#### 5) State Final Tournaments

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

#### Session 1 Class 1A Semifinals

Game 1 9:30 a.m.

Game 2 11:15 a.m. (approx.)

#### Session 2 Class 2A Semifinals

Game 3 2:00 p.m.

Game 4 3:45 p.m. (approx.)

#### Session 3 Class 3A Semifinals

Game 5 6:30 p.m.

Game 6 8:15 p.m. (approx.)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

#### Session 4 1A Third Place Game

Game 7 9:30 a.m. Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2

#### Class 4A Semifinals

Game 8 11:30 a.m.

Game 9 1:15 p.m. (approx.)

#### Session 5 2A-3A Third Place Games

Game 10 6:00 p.m. (2A) Loser Game 3 vs Loser Game 4

Game 11 7:45 p.m. (approx.) (3A) Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

#### Session 6 4A Third Place Games

Game 12 9:30 a.m. Loser Game 8 vs. Loser Game 9

#### Session 7 Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A Championships

Game 13 1:00 p.m. (1A Championship) Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Game 14 3:00 p.m. (approx.) (2A Championship) Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

#### Session 8

Game 15 6:00 p.m. (3A Championship) Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9

Game 16 8:00 p.m. (approx.) (4A Championship) Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10

### C. Sessions:

#### 1) Regional Tournaments:

All Regional schedules include a minimum of one day off between the Semifinal games and the Final game.

For **Regional Quarterfinal games**, the host school shall determine the game start time between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 15. The host manager shall communicate the start time to the opponent, and enter the game time into their IHSA Schools Center by 4:00 p.m. by Feb. 10. The **Regional Semifinals** will be played on Feb. 17 or Feb. 18. The **Regional Championship** games will be played on Feb. 20 or 21. Each Regional tournament session shall include the National Anthem.

#### 2) Sectional Tournaments:

Both **Sectional Semifinal** games will be played on Feb. 25. The **Sectional Championship** game will be played on Feb. 27. Each Sectional tournament session shall include the National Anthem.

#### 3) Super-Sectionals:

All **Super-Sectional** games will be played on **March 3**.

Each Super-Sectional tournament shall include the National Anthem.



### D. Playing Schedules:

The local tournament manager is not authorized to change the order of games as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office. Games must be played as listed from top to bottom on the official schedule unless otherwise indicated, or the Executive Director approves a change.

Sectional games, the two teams will be listed according to the Sectional centers from which each has advanced.

### 3) Responsibility of Official Scorer and Head

Coaches: Prior to the start of each game in the tournament series, the Official Scorer must secure the signature of the Head Coach from each team into the official scorebook, thus confirming that the official scorebook is correct regarding the players' numbers.

## VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

### A. Class 1A-4A: The winners of the thirty-two (32)

Regional tournaments shall advance to eight (8) Sectional tournaments consisting of four teams each. The winners of the eight (8) Sectional tournaments shall advance to four (4) Super-Sectional matches consisting of two teams each. The winners of the four (4) Super-Sectional tournaments shall advance to the State Final tournament.

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

### A. Tournament Officials:

1) Officials for the Quarterfinal games will be assigned by the host school through the IHSA Schools Center. Officials will be paid through the IHSA Office using ArbiterPay.

2) Officials at the Regional (Semifinals and Finals), Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final tournament levels will be assigned through the IHSA Office.

3) In all tournaments, the decisions of the officials shall be final. The Board of Directors will not review decisions of officials, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

**Note:** Detailed information regarding assignment of officials will be posted on the IHSA School Center to all schools that are hosting a tournament one week in advance of the tournament.

### B. Squad Designation:

It is recommended that team rosters be forwarded to the host school. Teams are limited to 22 individuals for their team bench. This will include rostered players, coaches, high school student managers, and statisticians.

### C. Players in Team Uniform:

There is no limit to the number of dressed players a school may have for any state series game. Schools are limited to 22 individuals in their team personnel. The 22 may include rostered players, coaches, high-school managers, and statisticians. Non-high school students cannot be included in the team's allotment of 22 individuals.

### D. Uniforms and Rosters:

1) To avoid potential confusion, each participating team should bring two sets of different colored shirts. One set should be white and the other a dark color. Players must conform to the numbering requirements given in Rule 3-4 of the National Federation Basketball Rules.

2) The teams listed on the top line of the single-game bracket shall wear white uniforms and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear dark uniforms and will be considered the visiting team. In the Super-

### E. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Managers and officials have instructions to disqualify any player or coach guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

IHSA By-Law 2.040 gives the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school or individual(s) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, players, or any member of the faculty or Board of Education, or any other official representative of any participating school. The Board of Directors will exercise this authority.

### F. Balls:

Balls for the State Tournament Series are being provided by Wilson Sporting Goods Company, and only Wilson balls may be used. The IHSA will provide one **Wilson EVO NXT** game ball for each Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional site designated by the IHSA office.

### G. Rules of Play:

The Official Basketball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are adopted as official for the tournament series.

1) In all tournament games, the local tournament manager shall determine the team benches prior to the team warm-up period. Pre-game practice and the first-half basket for each team shall be the one further from its assigned bench.

2) At the State Final Tournament, team benches will be assigned prior to the warm-up period for each game.

3) If, for any reason, gymnasiums or other conditions deem to make any rule modifications desirable, the local manager must communicate with the IHSA Office before announcing such modification. Interpretations and modifications of existing rules as outlined in the various state-sponsored meetings shall be rigidly followed.

4) In all tournament games, the referee shall sign the official scorebook at the conclusion of the game at either the scorer's bench or in the officials' locker room. If in the officials' locker room, the signing must be done in the presence of the host manager or his/her designee, and the official scorer.

5) In order to maintain the integrity of the playing surface and protect competitors, local managers of all tournament contests must create a safe zone along each baseline that will be devoid of any persons (such as cheerleaders or media personnel) or other obstructions. This safe area will extend a minimum of three feet from the baseline towards the facility's back wall, stage, or bleachers.

### H. State Final Game Time Outs:

For all televised games during the State Finals, three (3) 60-second time-outs and two (2) 30-second time-outs may be charged to each team during a regulation game. Each team is entitled to one additional 60-second time-out during each extra period. Unused time-outs may accumulate and may be used at any time.





## IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

### A. AED:

Host schools must have an AED available and on site at all IHSA post season contests.

### B. Presale Tickets:

1) Host schools must provide presale tickets to schools competing in Regional finals, if requested to do so by a competing team.

2) Competing teams are responsible for all the presale tickets they are given. All unsold tickets must be returned to the host at least three (3) hours prior to game time.

3) Presale Tickets: The IHSA will offer digital tickets (tickets redeemed on a smartphone) at Sectional and Super-Sectional events via GoFan. Digital tickets can be purchased and downloaded to an iPhone using the GoFan app, or on Android devices at [gofan.co/IHSA](http://gofan.co/IHSA) (.co is not a typo). Regional contests may use GoFan Ticketing or paper tickets. Search the GoFan app or website for availability.

4) State Final digital tickets for CEFCU Arena may be purchased in advance through [GoRedbirds.com/tickets](http://GoRedbirds.com/tickets).

### C. All-Star Teams:

Officers of the tournament, game officials, or anyone serving under the supervision of the Illinois High School Association may not cooperate in any way in the selection of an all-star tournament team.

### D. Consolation Games:

In the Regional and Sectional tournaments, consolation games will not be permitted to determine third-place winners.

### E. State Final Passes:

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

1) a maximum of twenty-two (22) passes for its players and other team personnel

2) three (3) passes for administration: Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director

3) twelve (12) passes for cheerleaders and one (1) pass for a mascot in costume upon request by member school in advance of the State Finals.

4) one (1) pass for the cheerleader coach

5) one (1) State Final event pass to properly licensed medical personnel for each team participating in the State Final. The pass will be available for either a licensed athletic trainer or team physician. This individual must be listed on the school's State Final Program Information.

### F. Bands:

Schools hosting an IHSA State Series Basketball Tournament may invite their high school pep band to perform during the tournament. However, it should be noted that the host school band is performing as the official band of the tournament and must remain neutral at all times. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause the band to be excluded from the remainder of the tournament.

Members of the pep band may be given free admission to the tournament. Only pep bands or performing groups from the host school shall be allowed to perform at the tournament.

### G. Artificial Noisemakers:

All artificial noise-making devices shall be excluded from the gymnasium. The use of band instruments shall be limited as explained in "F" above. Refer to National Federation Rules Book Rule 1, Section 18.

Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring megaphones into the gymnasium for cheering purposes. Cheerleaders may use megaphones.

### H. Signs and Banners:

The display of signs, banners, placards, or related 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 and 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

5) they are not safety hazards

### I. Cheerleader/Mascot:

A maximum of twelve (12) cheerleaders and one (1) mascot in costume may be on the floor at any state series contest.

### J. 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.

### K. Practice Session:

1) In the Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the visiting team for practice sessions. When a part of the state series is played at a facility other than a member school's facility, none of the teams entered, including a hosting member school shall be permitted to practice at the facility.

2) In the Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final Tournaments, 18 uninterrupted clock minutes shall be provided for pre-game warm-up. Players may not be on the floor for warm-up prior to the designated time. Floor officials must be on the floor when the pre-game warm-up period begins.

### L. 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 games in the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

### M. 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 or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

#### **N. 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.

#### **O. 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.

#### **P. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contests:**

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

#### **Q. State Final Team Reimbursements:**

1) In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$5.00 per mile per team for the first 50 miles, and \$3.00 per mile per team for each mile over 51 miles to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each school will receive a reimbursement to assist in covering the costs incurred by schools at the State Final. The IHSA will reserve a block of rooms for teams competing at the State Finals for their use if they so choose. Any expenses or costs associated or charged to the rooms will be at each school's expense.

##### **Round Trip**

Mileage to	Flat Rate
State Final Site	Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$ 2,500.00
151-300 miles	\$ 3,600.00
301-over miles	\$ 4,400.00

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

3) The tournament management does not guarantee any portion of team expenses except as specified above. The payment of the above schedule of expenses is contingent upon adequate receipts in any individual tournament. Participating schools should bring adequate funds to the tournament to meet all team

expenses. Expense allowances cannot be paid to the schools until after they have been approved by the Executive Director.

### **X. AWARDS**

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

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

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

#### **D. State Final:**

1) A trophy will be awarded to teams in each class finishing First, Second, Third and Fourth places in the State Final Tournament following their respective games.

2) A maximum of twenty-two (22) medallions will be presented to the schools of the first four placing teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, the superintendent, principal, the athletic director and a certified athletic trainer or team physician will be presented with a medallion, provided one is listed on the schools State Final Program Information. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only the twenty-two (22) team/school representatives, the superintendent, principal, the athletic director, and the athletic trainer may participate in the awards presentation.

### **XI. OFFICIALS**

#### **A. Appointment and Fees:**

1) Regional Quarterfinal games: the host manager of the higher seeded team will secure three (3) officials. Each official will be paid a fee of **\$90.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

2) Regional Semifinal and Final games: Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Regional game. In tournament sessions where two games are scheduled, the IHSA Office may assign an official more than one game per session. Each official will be paid a fee of **\$90.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

3) Sectional tournaments: Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Sectional game. In tournament sessions where two games are scheduled, the IHSA Office may assign an official more than one game per session. Each official will be paid a fee of **\$112.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

4) Super-Sectional games: Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Super-Sectional game. In tournament sessions where two games are scheduled, the IHSA Office may assign an official more than one game per session. Each official will be paid a fee of **\$152.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

5) State Final Tournament: Eighteen (18) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Officials will be paid **\$200.00** per game plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. Two Head officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The Head Officials will be paid **\$175.00** per day plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:**

In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when

they drive more than 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of **\$.45** per mile for mileage in excess of 70 miles per round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.