

# MINUTES OF THE IHSA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2021

The IHSA Baseball Advisory Committee met virtually on September 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present: John Nee, Chicago (St. Rita); Glen Wilson, Huntley; Marcus Rodgers, South Holland (Thornwood); Tom Keegan, Spring Valley (Hall); Charlie Brown, Moweaqua (Central A&M); Casey Longnecker, Hardin (Calhoun); Tim Funkhouser, Edwardsville (H.S.), Ryan Verver, Official; and Sam Knox, IHSA.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. Item IX. Tournament Policies G. Artificial Noisemakers (new)**

**Recommendation:** Spectators are allowed to use artificial noisemakers if the host school administration approves. Artificial noisemakers may not be used to distract players or umpires.

**Rationale:** When spectators responsibly use artificial noisemakers to encourage players and celebrate positive plays, it adds excitement to the overall atmosphere of the game.

Approved by Consent

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION / STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION:**

**Recommendation:** All regular season and postseason games will use the following run rules.

- 15-run rule after 3 innings
- 12-run rule after 4 innings
- 10-run rule after 5 innings

**Rationale:** Using these run rules in all games will allow teams to conserve pitches that their pitchers throw.

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## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the 2021 state series format.
2. The committee discussed future state series plans.
3. The committee discussed the one NFHS rule change for the 2022 season.
4. The committee discussed by-law 3.100 Independent Team Participation.
5. The committee discussed concerns about the reduced number of officials in all sports but especially the lower number of baseball umpires around the state.
6. The committee recognized outgoing members Tom Keegan, Spring Valley (Hall); Charlie Brown, Moweaqua (Central A&M); and Tim Funkhouser, Edwardsville (H.S.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.