



2020-21 Boys Baseball Series

Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2020-21 IHSA Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Boys Baseball Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSA Baseball State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classifications System). Request to play up a class may be made through the IHSA by September 1.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A

Regional

Regional Quarterfinals: Thursday, June 2 or 3, 2021

Regional Semifinals: Friday, June 4, 2021 & Saturday, June 5, 2021

Regional Finals: Monday, June 7, 2021

- The higher seeded team will host the game and will be the home team.
- If a game is moved to a neutral site or to the opponent's field, the higher seeded team will still be the home team in the game.
- The host school hires and pays two or three umpires for each game.
- The host school keeps all gate revenue.
- No host school guarantees with multiple hosts.

Sectional

Sectional Semifinal: Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 & 10.

Sectional Final (Championship): Friday and Saturday, June 11 & 12.

- In a Sectional complex, the higher seeded team will host the game and will be the home team.
- In a Sub-Sectional format, the top team on the bracket will host the semifinal game. The bottom team on the bracket will host the championship game.
- If a game is moved to a neutral site or to the opponent's field, the higher seeded team will still be the home team in the game.
- The host school hires and pays two or three umpires for each game.
- The host school keeps all gate revenue.

- No host school guarantees with multiple hosts.

Super-Sectional: Monday, June 14.

Games will be at pre-determined Super Sectional sites.

The IHSA office hires and pays three umpires.

State Finals: June 17 – 19

- 1A – Thursday, June 17 at Illinois State University
- 2A – Friday, June 18 at Illinois State University
- 3A – Thursday, June 17 at Schaumburg (Wintrust Field)
- 4A – Saturday, June 19 at Joliet (DuPage Medical Group Field)
- The IHSA hires and pays the umpires.
- No State Final mileage reimbursement to participating schools.

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 2020-21 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. The deadline for entry in boys baseball is April 19, 2021. The 2020-21 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. GoFan is the official digital ticketing partner of the IHSA State Series and the only digital ticketing option that can be provided in IHSA State Series contests.

B. Regional Games:

- 1) The host school hires and pays two or three umpires for each game.
- 2) The host school keeps all gate revenue.
- 3) No host school guarantees with multiple hosts.

C. Sectional Tournaments:

- 1) Host school hires and pays two or three umpires for each game.
- 2) Host school keeps all gate revenue.
- 3) No host school guarantees with multiple hosts.

D. Super-Sectional Tournaments:

- 1) Host school shall pay for all local expenses. Host school shall receive a **\$187.50 host guarantee**, retain 20% of the net income. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee. The IHSA will pay the umpires.

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

- 1) Regional, \$5.00 per session (if admission is charged)
- 2) Sectional, \$6.00 per session
- 3) Super Sectional, \$7.00 per session

4) State Final, \$10.00 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) 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 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 May 18th, 2021. 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) 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.

Regional or Sectional managers, upon consultation with the IHSA Office and with approval of the schools involved in the game, may move the championship game from Saturday to Friday if the weather forecast for Saturday is not favorable to play.

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:

State Final Tournament

Class 1A	Thursday, June 17th at Illinois State University
Class 2A	Friday, June 18th at Illinois State University
Class 3A	Thursday, June 17th at Schaumburg (Wintrust Field)
Class 4A	Saturday, June 19th at Joliet (DuPage Medical Group Field)

Semi Final Game —10:00 a.m.

Semi Final Game—1:00 p.m.

3rd Place Game — 4:00 p.m.

Championship Game - 7:00 p.m.

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) In all Regional games, the higher seeded team will host the game and will be the home team.

2) In Sectional complexes where all teams are seeded together, the higher seeded team will host the semifinal game and the championship game and will be the home team. In Sectionals that use the sub-Sectional seeding format, the top team on the bracket will host the Sectional semifinal game and will be the home team. The bottom team on the bracket will host the Sectional championship game and will be the home team. In the southern-most 4A Sectional, the higher seeded team will host the Sectional semifinal game and will be the home team. The bottom team on the bracket will host the Sectional championship game and will be the home team.

3) 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).

4) 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) 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.

6) 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) 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.

4) 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 coin flip 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 pre-determined 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) The local manager shall keep the IHSA informed.

3) 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.

J. AED: Host schools must have an AED available and on site at all IHSA postseason contests.

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. 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 spokesman 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*.

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

Host school hires and pays umpires (two or three per game) for all Regional games. 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. 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 \$63.00 per game by the host school.

C. Sectional Assignments

Host school hires and pays umpires (two or three per game) for all Sectional games. 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 local manager will appoint the replacement. 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 \$78.50 per game by the host school.

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 \$106.50 per game by the IHSA Office.

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 \$280.00 flat fee and Head Official \$125 per day. State Final officials will be paid by the IHSA Office.

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.