In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2020-21 IHSA Girls Badminton Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Girls Badminton Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Sectional meets will be held TBD (determined by the IHSA Board of Directors), at sixteen (16) sites.
B. The State Final tournament will be TBD.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ON-LINE 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. On-Line 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 is TBD. 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 on-line 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 administrator 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. List of Participants Penalty: In order for a school to complete the entry process for girls’ state badminton series, they must enter their team or individual(s) and complete the List of Participants by the established deadline date. Schools who fail to complete both parts of the entry process will not be entered into the state series unless a late entry fee is paid.

D. 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 date 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 and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a $100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

E. Eligibility: All member schools in good standing may not enter more than two doubles teams and two singles players under the provisions of IHSA by-law 3.054. A player may not enter both the singles and doubles events.

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

G. On-Line List of Participants: Each school must complete the On-Line List of Participants by TBD. If a school does not submit the On-Line List of Participants by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from the school are subject to sanctions which could include, but not be limited to, coaches or players being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the state series.

The List of Participants will provide the overall records and complete match history of each singles player and each doubles team seeking consideration for sectional and state final seeding. Coaches whose player(s) are not requesting a consideration for a seeded position, for their team or individual entries, need to only complete the List of Participants indicating names of the players being entered into the tournament series.

The List of Participants is a school entry. Once the sectional seeds have been made in conjunction with the sectional draw, all positions are finalized and cannot be adjusted. There can be no substitutions or changes to the singles or doubles teams unless there is a case of injury, illness or eligibility as certified by the principal of the player’s school. Refer to “VIII. Tournament Rules” for substitutions and List of Participants entry information.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Host School and Tournament Expenses: Host school shall pay for all local expenses. In the Sectional tournament, the host school shall receive TBD. In addition, the school that hosts one of the four sectional complex seeding meetings will receive TBD. Sectional hosts shall retain 20% of net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the sectional host school shall be reimbursed the entire deficit. However, if admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

B. Contestant Expenses: Neither the State Association nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for any kind of contestant expenses.

C. Admission: Admission to the sectional tournament will be $6.00. Daily admission to the State Finals will be $10.00. Baby in arms is free for the sectional and state final tournament.

D. Rights Fees for TV and Radio: See the IHSA website (www.ihsa.org) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio origination.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

A. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS – Final Entry Process: The List of Participants must be completed online no later than TBD to complete the school’s entry. Coaches who do not complete the List of Participants shall not be entered into the state series. A late entry fee shall be charged to schools that have not completed the final entry process and wish to enter. Schools are subject to additional sanctions by the IHSA for a late entry which can include a coach being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the state series.

TBD, the IHSA will then make available to each sectional complex manager the final List of Participants through the IHSA School Center at 4:00 p.m. This shall be a school’s final entry for the singles players or doubles teams. All coaches will be able to access the LOPs after the entry deadline, but prior to the seeding meeting via the IHSA School Center.
B. Sectional Complex Seeding Meeting and Sectional Seeding Meeting: The successive series shall be designated respectively as sectional and state final. Four (4) sectionals will be assigned to a sectional complex. Both the sectional complex seeding meeting and the subsequent sectional seeding meetings shall take place TBD beginning at 5:30 p.m. at one of the sectional complex sites designated by the IHSA. Coaches should bring a hard copy of their List of Participants printed from the School Center, and their playing schedule to both of the meetings. The sectional complex seeding meeting will be held for the purpose of 1) determining the Top 16 team (2 individual singles entries and 2 double teams) seeds, 2) randomly draw for the remaining team seeds, 3) designating the sectional host sites and 4) assigning teams to one of the four sectionals in the complex.

Immediately following the sectional complex seeding meeting schools will break into a sectional meeting. Each of the four sectionals hosts selected from in the sectional complex meeting will conduct a sectional seeding meeting. This meeting is required for all coaches for the purpose of seeding individuals’ singles and doubles teams assigned to the sectional. Players seeking an individual singles or doubles seed must be listed on the LOP with a complete match history.

C. State Final Seeding Requirements: Any additional player seeding information a school wants to submit to the state tournament seeding committee for consideration must be submitted to Stacey Lambert in writing prior to Sunday, of the week of the meeting. Late information cannot be considered for seeding in the State Final draw. Refer to the School and Managers Manuals for seeding factors.

D. Sectional Assignments: Following the seeding of teams at the sectional complex meeting, schools will be assigned to a sectional based on each team’s seeds. Each team will be placed in a sectional based on the following structure.

Sectional A will be assigned these seeded teams: 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24;
Sectional B will be assigned these seeded teams: 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23;
Sectional C will be assigned these seeded teams: 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22;
Sectional D will be assigned these seeded teams: 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21

Individuals entered in the state series will be assigned to the sectional with the least number of teams. If all sectionals have the same number of teams, individuals will be assigned based on the sectional assignment structure.

E. Sectional Host Sites: The highest seeded teams in each sectional shall have the first opportunity to host a sectional then followed by the next highest seeded team in that sectional. Therefore, in Sectional A, the number 1 seed has the first choice to host followed by the number 8 seed, 9, 16, 17 and 24 seeds.

F. Willing to Host Form: Schools that are willing to host a badminton sectional must bring to the meeting a Willing to Host Form signed by the Athletic Director or Principal. The downloadable form is included in the IHSA Badminton School Manual.

G. Sectional Dates: The sectional tournament TBD. If played on Thursday or Friday, play cannot begin prior to 4:00 pm, if played on Saturday; play must begin no later than 10:00 am.

H. Making the Sectional Draw:
1) Two, four, or six players shall be seeded. The coaches present at the seeding meeting shall determine if two, four or six players are seeded.
2) A school’s entry in singles and doubles, regardless of their position rank, should be considered for a seed.
3) The draw for both singles and doubles shall be made so that competitors from the same school do not play each other until the final round.
4) At the Sectional tournaments, the draw for both singles and doubles shall be made so that competitors from the same school are placed in opposite halves of the bracket.
5) Additional sectional seeding procedures are included in the IHSA Badminton School and Managers Manual, and they shall be made in accordance to the rules outlined in it.
6) A sectional redraw shall be required by the sectional manager when there is a lineup change to a seeded player(s). A redraw will not be made for a lineup change that involves a non-seeded player(s).
7) The sectional draw is to have the top seeds receive the bye.

I. State Final Tournament and State Final Draw: TBD, members of the IHSA Girls Badminton Seeding Committee will seed singles and doubles players and oversee the state final draw. The Committee shall prepare a list of seeded singles players and doubles teams based on information submitted online from List of Participants Form. Up to 16 singles players and 16 doubles teams will be seeded. The remainder of the draw, made by the computer, will place:
1) Teammates have to be on opposite parallel (A-C, B-D) halves.
2) Sectional mates have to be on different quarters.
3) First place sectional champion doesn’t play any seeded player in the first round.
4) All other players will be filled in randomly.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Sectional Singles and Doubles Play: The state series singles tournament shall consist of a championship bracket and a consolation bracket. Singles and doubles matches shall be 2 out of 3 games with each game consisting of 21 points.

B. State Final Singles and Doubles Play: All singles and doubles entries shall participate in the First Round of competition. Winners of First Round matches will receive team points as outlined in these Terms and Conditions. The State final tournament shall consist of a Championship bracket and a Consolation bracket. The Singles and Doubles Championship bracket and Consolation bracket matches shall be 2 out of 3 games of 21 points with a cap of 30.

C. Hit-A-Round: Hit-A-Round will be open warm-ups. Schools are allowed a maximum of 45 minutes for warm-up time total. Additional time is allowed if court space is available and teams are not waiting. Teams will be given appropriate court space based on the number of qualifiers they have for the State Final. (1-2 players= half court, 3-4 players= full court, 5-6 players= court and a half)

D. Friday Warm-Up Schedule: Friday warm-up times will be scheduled by the IHSA prior to the State Final. This will be done through a randomized lottery draw. Coaches will be notified of their warm-up time through a link on the IHSA Badminton page. Teams will be given appropriate court space based on the number of qualifiers they have for the State Final. (1-2 players= half court, 3-4 players= full court, 5-6 players= court and a half).
Warm-up times will be in 15-minute time blocks starting at 8:00 am using the 13 main courts, the field house courts will be used as open warm-up on a first come basis. The IHSA will notify coaches if there will be an open warm-up time from 7:45- 8:00 am, this time could be assigned based on the number of participants. Warm-ups will end at 9:00 am.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. Singles: The first four places in singles from each Sectional shall advance to the State Final Tournament.

B. Doubles: The first four places in doubles from each Sectional shall advance to the State Final Tournament.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Sectional Tournament Scoring: All matches shall be played out completely. Players or coaches that elect not to play for reasons
other than circumstances beyond the control of
the players, coaches or school will be in violation
of by-law 2.040, 
Sportmanship of a
School Representative and of by-law 6.041,
Breach of Contract. Penalties will be in accord-
dance with the penalties associated by-
laws 6.011 and 6.012.

1) One point shall be awarded to the
winners in each round of the winner's bracket
except that 2 points shall be awarded to the win-
ers of the semi-final rounds. Winner of the
final match shall receive 1 point.

2) A half point shall be awarded to the
winners in each round of the consolation
bracket except that 1 point shall be awarded the
winners of the semi-final rounds. Winners of
the consolation final match shall receive a half
point.

3) A bye will be counted as a win
when the singles or doubles player wins the
next match following the bye.

4) A default/forfeit will be counted as
a win and the proper number of points will be
awarded. The competitor does not have to win
the next match to receive these points.

B. State Final Scoring:

1) Singles: One point shall be award-
ed to the winner in each round except that the
winners of the quarterfinal matches shall
receive two points. Winners of semifinal and
final matches shall receive one point. A
default/forfeit will be counted as a win and the
proper number of points will be awarded.

2) Doubles: One point shall be
awarded to the winner of the first round and one
additional point shall be awarded for each round
won thereafter, except that winners of the quar-
terfinal matches shall receive two points.
Winners of semi-final and final matches shall
receive one point. Winners of 3rd place match-
es in singles and doubles shall receive one-half
point. Consolation Bracket: One-half point shall
be awarded to the winner of each match. A
default/forfeit will be counted as a win and the
proper number of points will be awarded.

C. Sectional Substitutions: Once the List of
Participants have been submitted, substitu-
tions may only be made in the case of injury, ill-
ess or ineligibility as certified to by the princi-
al of the player’s school. Substituted player(s)
may only take the position of the injured, illness,
or ineligible player, moving a player from dou-
tles to singles or singles to doubles would not
be allowed, as no other position(s) may be
modified. The substitute’s name may appear on
the original List of Participants. No substitu-
tions at the sectional tournament shall be made
once play has begun.

D. State Final Substitutions:
Substitutions will not be allowed for singles
players who qualify for the state final. A substitu-
tion for a member of a doubles team qualify-
ing for the state finals may be made if the prin-
cipal of the player's school certifies to her injury,
M. Games Committee:

1) Sectionals: All coaches from the participating schools along with the tournament manager will make up the Sectional Games Committee. In the event of a conflict of interest, the coach from that school will not be involved.

The role of the Sectional Games Committee is to assess team penalty points, enforce the code of conduct and the playing rules adopted by the IHSA. Coaches who make up the Games Committee may invoke point penalties provided the coach personally observes the code of conduct violation and reports it in writing to the Tournament Manager. A member of the coaching staff, whose school was penalized, should receive a copy of that report.

2) State Final: Two coaches from each sectional complex will make up the Games Committee. The two coaches will be selected during the Sectional Complex meeting by a vote of coaches. The elected coaches may be coaches whose players are competing at the state finals. In addition, one member of the Badminton Advisory Committee and the State Final Manager designate will be a part of the Games Committee. In the event of a conflict of interest, that coach will abstain from the deliberations.

The role of the State Final Games Committee is to assess team penalty points, enforce the code of conduct and the playing rules adopted by the IHSA. Participating coaches along with the coaches who make up the Games Committee may invoke point penalties provided the coach personally observes the code of conduct violation and reports it in writing to the tournament manager. A member of the coaching staff, whose school was penalized, should receive a copy of that report along with the scorers table.

N. Appeals: A competitor or competitor's coach will not have the right to appeal to the Tournament Manager or the Games Committee for any point or game point until three (3) penalties have been levied. At the time of the 3rd penalty, a competitor will have the right to appeal to the Games Committee.

O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct and the use of profane language will not be tolerated and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-laws 2.030, 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012. The Girls Badminton Games Committee shall have discretionary authority to disqualify players who persist in violation of this rule. (See Badminton Code of Conduct.)

P. Out of Rotation: If a player(s) playing out of draw position is discovered before the first game is over, that game is halted and the error is corrected. If the first game is completed or the match is complete that player(s) shall forfeit the match and move to the back draw and the bracket is corrected.

Q. Flip Chart: The on deck participants of every match (or another team representative) must serve as a flip chart score keepers for the current match on that same court. Both teams will be required to sit in the flip chart area, one team (or team rep) will score and the other will time. On deck players need to report immediately to their court to prepare for their role.

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

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. State Final Passes: If a school has 1 qualifying individual they shall receive 2 coaches' passes; if a school has 1 qualifying doubles team, they shall receive 2 coaches' passes. Schools can receive up to 4 coaches passes. Coaches must also be listed on the LOP to receive a coach's pass. Schools who qualify an odd number of players shall receive 1 courtesy pass for a female teammate to act as a warm-up partner. Coaches listed on the LOP, with a coach pass, or players listed on the school's LOP, with participant passes are allowed to sit in the coaching chairs on the court.

B. Artificial Noisemakers: All artificial noisemaking devices shall be excluded from the gymnasium. The local manager has the authority to exclude other noise making devices that distract from the competition including megaphones.

C. Signs and Banners: The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided they are in good taste, reflect good sportsmanship in their message, they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community, they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play, they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators, and they are safe.

D. Damage to Property or Equipment: If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously damaging, 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.

E. 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, collect proper rights fees payments (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play originations, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

   a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school 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 and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay rights fees prior to the start of the competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the origination for television and radio shall be only those stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast Policies.

3. Administrative Detail: Reporting information to the news media and/or the IHSA Office, as stipulated in instructions to Local Managers, shall be the responsibility of each Local Manager and is required.

F. Flash Photography: The use of flash cameras is prohibited by fans during the match. News media is allowed the use of strobe lighting or electronic flashes provided the local manager agrees that the flashes are not causing interference with the conduct of any contest. The local manager can require at any time the photographer to cease the use of the flash. The manager’s decision is final.

G. Tobacco Products: No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

H. Use of Inhaleders: 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.

I. 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.

J. 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

A. Sectionals: The IHSA will furnish medallions to the first four places in both singles and doubles of the sectional tournament. A school plaque will be presented to each sectional winner.

B. State Final: The IHSA will furnish medallions to the first six place finishers in the both singles and doubles of the state final tournament. A trophy will be presented to the first, second and third place schools. In addition, all first, second, and third place teams will receive 8 medallions for their individuals. Duplicate awards will be presented in case of ties to individuals and teams. In addition, each first, second and third place teams will receive a Superintendent's medallion, a Principal's medallion, and an Athletic Director's medallion. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only the participating members of the team and school representatives may participate in the awards presentation. These awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charged upon the individual tournament.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. State Final Appointment and Fees:
1. Licensed Officials: Three licensed officials shall be hired for each day. The licensed officials are responsible for USAB rules. Licensed officials will officiate the semifinal and final matches and all of the medal matches at the State Finals. When they are not officiating a semifinal or final match, they shall act as rovers. Payment of $262.50 will be paid to officials.

2. Games Committee: At the State Final Tournament, Games Committee Members, selected by the IHSA, will be used for the matches both days. Interested individuals may volunteer to serve at their sectional seeding meeting. Games Committee members need to be willing and able to stay for the entire tournament, they need to remove themselves from cases involving their team, and they will make calls for violations of these Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct. The Games Committee members need to familiarize themselves with the Terms and Conditions, Manager’s Manual, Code of Conduct and the Badminton Case Book. If a Games Committee ruling situation arises, it should be handled immediately and penalties assessed at the time of the infraction.

3. State Final Line Judges: Ten line judges will be assigned for the semifinal and final matches and all of the medal matches at the state finals. Line judges may be students and players from the state finals.

B. Mileage Fee: At the state tournament, to assist the licensed official (only) for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate the licensed official when they actually drive in excess of 70 miles round trip per day. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of $.30 per mile in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip per contest.