



# 2019-20 Girls Soccer Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2019-20 IHSA Girls Soccer Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

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

## II. DATES AND SITES

### A. Class 1A

Thirty-Two Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Regional Tournament. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be played at the higher seeded team unless the two competing schools mutually agree to change sites. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be scheduled on Friday or Saturday, May 8 or 9, Regional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 12 or 13, and the Regional Finals will be held on Friday or Saturday, May 15 or 16. All Regional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

B. Eight Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Sectional Tournament. Sectional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 19 or 20, and the Sectional Finals will be played on Friday or Saturday, May 22 or 23. All Sectional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

C. Four Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Super-Sectional game. The Super-Sectional game will be played on Tuesday, May 26. All Super-Sectional start times shall be determined by the host school.

D. The Class 1A Semifinal and Final games of the State Final will be played on May 29-30 at North Central College in Naperville.

### E. Class 2A & 3A

Thirty-two Class 2A and thirty-two Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Regional Tournament. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be played at the higher seeded team unless the two competing schools mutually agree to change sites. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be scheduled on Friday or Saturday, May 15 or 16, Regional

Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 19 or 20, and the Regional Finals will be held on Friday or Saturday, May 22 or 23. All Regional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

F. Eight Class 2A and eight Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Sectional Tournament. Sectional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 26 or 27, and the Sectional Finals will be played on Friday or Saturday, May 29 or 30. All Sectional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

G. Four Class 2A and four Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Super-Sectional games. Super-Sectional games will be played on Tuesday, June 2. All Super-Sectional start times shall be determined by the host school.

H. The Class 2A and Class 3A Semifinal and Final games of the State Final will be played on June 5-6 at North Central College in Naperville.

## 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 2017-18 Policies and Procedures.

### A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is **February 1, 2020**. The 2019-20 Entry Policy 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 or Athletic Director must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seed meeting.

If a school withdraws after the Seeding 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 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:

1) **Class 1A, 2A & 3A 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 percent of the gate receipts. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

2) **Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Semifinal and Final Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a flat fee of \$450.00 for hosting the semifinal and final games of Regionals. The host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

3) **Class 1A, 2A & 3A Sectional Semifinal and Final Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a flat fee of \$475.00 for hosting the Sectional games. The host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit remainder to the

IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**4) Class 1A, 2A & 3A Super-Sectional Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a guarantee of \$250.00. Host shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

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

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. Admission Prices:

The Board of Directors has established the following ticket prices for all Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final tournament games:

Regional Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals - \$5.00 per day  
 Sectional Semifinals and Finals - \$6.00 per day  
 Super-Sectionals - \$7.00 per day  
 State Finals - \$8.00 per session  
 Baby in Arms - No charge

#### D. State Final Team Tournament Expenses:

1) In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$2.00 per mile per team for one round trip to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each team that participates in the State Final Tournament shall receive a flat expense allowance under the following formula, based on the school's distance from the State Final site:

| Round Trip Mileage to State Final Site | Flat Rate Reimbursement |
|--|-------------------------|
| 0-150 miles                            | \$500.00                |
| 151-300 miles                          | \$1,000.00              |
| 301-over miles                         | \$1,500.00              |

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

#### E. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

1) Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org).

2) Radio Fees, which shall be charged, are:

- a) Regional Contest = No Charge
- b) Sectional Contest = No Charge
- c) Super-Sectional = No Charge
- d) State Final = \$100.00

3) Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory and IHSA Official Handbook at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org).

### V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING

**A. Class 1A Assignments for Schools:** All Class 1A state series shall begin with Sub-Sectionals. A Sub-Sectional is a grouping of two geographic regionals.

**Note 1:** In grouping and seeding a Sub-Sectional, only the top four seeds shall be separated. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to the same Regional unless there is a hosting conflict, in which case 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.

**Class 2A and 3A Assignments for Schools:** 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. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to the same Regional unless there is a hosting conflict, in which case 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.

**B. 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 entered in the state series will be assigned to a Sub-Sectional or Sectional Complex based on geography.

**C. Season Summary Form:** Schools entered in the Class 1A, 2A and 3A state series will be required to submit a *Season Summary Form* online in the IHSA Schools Center. 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, April 22 Failure for Class 1A, and **10:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 29 for Class 2A and 3A.

**D. Class 1A Seeding:** 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 located in the IHSA Schools Center and will be activated at **11:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 22. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 23. Seeding will only occur at the Regional tournament level. The Sectional, Super-Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

**E. Class 2A and 3A Seeding:** 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 located in the IHSA Schools Center and will be activated at **11:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 29. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 30. Seeding will only occur at the Regional tournament level. The Sectional, Super-Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

**F. Sectional Pairings for a Sub-Sectional:** In pairing the Sectional semi-final round containing Sub-Sectionals, the Regional winner from Sub-Sectional A containing the #1 seed shall be paired with the Regional winner of Sub-Sectional B containing the #2 seed, and vice versa, except for the southernmost Sectional in Class 3A, where the two Regionals in each Sub-Sectional shall be paired with each other.

**G. Sectional Pairings for Sectional Complexes:** The tournament bracket for those Sectionals involving teams from Sectional Complexes will be based on the luck of the draw

**H. Announcement of Pairings:** The Class 1A pairings will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA website no later than **Friday, April 24, 2020.** The Class 2A and 3A pairings will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA website no later than **Friday, May 1, 2020.**

## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

### A. Names:

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

### B. Time Schedules:

#### 1) Single-Game Session Time

**Schedule** (For example, if the game begins at 6:00 pm):

5:30-Warm-up clock will start for 20-minute warm-up.

5:50-When the warm-up clock strikes 0:00 teams return to benches.

5:51-In order: begin Equipment Check, Sportsmanship Meeting, Coaches and Captains Meeting, Coin Toss, Team Introductions and National Anthem.

6:00-Game begins.

#### 2) Two-Game Session Time

**Schedule** (For example, if the first game begins at 4:00 pm):

3:30-Warm-up clock will start for 20-minute warm-up.

3:50-When the warm-up clock strikes 0:00 teams return to benches.

3:51- In order: begin Equipment Check, Sportsmanship Meeting, Coaches and Captains Meeting, Coin Toss, Team Introductions and National Anthem.

4:00-Game begins.

5:30-Warm-up clock begins for second game, and host will follow same schedule, omitting National Anthem.

#### 3) State Final Tournaments:

### Class 1A

**Friday, May 29, 2020**

#### Session 1 (Semifinals)

Game 1 5:00 p.m.

Game 2 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 30, 2020**

#### Session 2 (Finals)

Game 3 3:00 p.m. – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (Third Place)

Game 4 5:00 p.m. – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Championship)

### Class 2A and 3A

**Friday, June 5, 2020**

#### Session 1 (Class 2A Semifinals)

Game 1 Class 2A 11:00 a.m.

Game 2 Class 2A 1:00 p.m.

#### Session 2 (Class 3A Semifinals)

Game 3 Class 3A 5:00 p.m.

Game 4 Class 3A 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 6, 2020**

#### Session 3 (Class 2A Finals)

Game 5 Class 2A 11:00 a.m. – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (Third Place)

Game 6 Class 2A 1:00 p.m. – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Championship)

#### Session 4 (Class 3A Finals)

Game 7 Class 3A 5:00 p.m. – Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4 (Third Place)

Game 8 Class 3A 7:00 p.m. – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (Championship)

### C. Starting Times:

Non-Lighted field – weekday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and no later than 4:30 p.m. Host manager determines if two games will be played on the same day or if one game each will be played on two days.

Lighted field – weekday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and the second contest no later than 7:00 p.m.

Saturday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and the second contest no later than 7:00 p.m.

Super-Sectional games: Begin no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and no later than 7:00 p.m.

**Note 1:** If two (2) games are to be played back-to-back (doubleheader) on the same field, the second game must be scheduled to begin by 7:00 p.m.

## VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

### A. Class 1A, 2A & 3A:

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 games 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. Rules of Play:

The National Federation Soccer Rules are adopted as the official rules of play for the 2017-18 series of tournaments with the following provisions:

1) Each game in the tournament series will be played in two forty-minute halves.

2) During the State Series Tournament, if there is a seven (7) goal differential at the start of the second half or anytime after the start of the second half, the clock shall be reduced by half of the remaining time.

3) During Regional Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals, and dur-

ing Sectional Semifinals and Finals, if the first half has ended, and if play cannot be continued due to conditions such as darkness, weather, etc., the game shall be terminated unless tied. If the game is tied and cannot be continued, the game shall be considered suspended and must be continued from the point of interruption at the next available playing time (except Sunday). Once the game has begun, the game officials are solely responsible for the decision.

4) If a Super-Sectional game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to play, the game will be rescheduled for the next day from point of suspension or if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches that the game may be considered final. If the game cannot be played or completed by the Thursday night prior to the State Semifinals, the team with the lead will be declared the winner. If the teams are tied and the game cannot be completed, then a coin toss shall determine which team will qualify for the State Finals.

5) During weekday state series contests (M-Th), if a game is delayed (inclement weather, power outage, etc.) the game must resume by 10 p.m. Games shall not start after 9 p.m. Local ordinances take precedence and will override the above.

6) No coach or other school official shall, during the progress of a game, be allowed on the field of play except by permission of the game officials.

7) The captain and the head coach shall be the official spokesmen and the sole representatives of their team in all communications with the officials.

### B. Resolution of Tie Games:

**Note 1: If the Class 1A, 2A & 3A State Final third place game is tied at the end of regulation, the tie is broken by proceeding straight to penalty kicks following the procedure below.**

The overtime used in the Illinois High School Association tournament series shall be as follows:

Play the regulation game and, if a tie exists;

5-minute break between regulation and 1st overtime

10 minutes-1st overtime period

2 minutes-between overtime period 1 and overtime period 2

10 minutes-2nd overtime period; and if a tie exists:

a) A coin toss occurs before the overtime and the first 5 kicks. The visiting captain shall call the toss.

b) Each coach shall select five (5) players from the team roster to take tie-breaker kicks. The team winning the coin toss shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The goalkeeper for each team shall be any eligible team member determined by the coach. The teams will then each take five (5) tie-break-

er kicks, alternating kickers. The team scoring on the greater number of these five (5) kicks shall be the winner.

c) If the score is still tied, a series of sudden victory tie-breaker kicks shall be taken. Each team shall designate five (5) different players to kick. Players shall kick alternately. If the first kicker from Team A scores and the first kicker from Team B does not score, the game is ended and Team A is the winner. If both first kickers score, the second kickers from each team take tie-breaker kicks and, if one scores but the other does not, the game is ended and the team of the scoring kicker is the winner. This process shall be repeated through as many as five (5) kickers for each team until there is a winner.

d) If the score is still tied, each team shall designate five (5) different players who did not kick under "c" above to take sudden victory tie-breaker kicks. Then the process of "c" is repeated. If the score is still tied, after these five (5) kickers from each team have taken their kicks, the process of "c" shall be repeated, with any eligible player from the roster permitted to kick. **Note:** In any sequence of either the regular or sudden victory tiebreaker kicks no player may kick more than once in each ten (10) kick series. However, a player may kick in each ten-kick series so, for example, a player may kick three times in a tie-breaker series which is not resolved until the twenty-fourth (24th) tie-breaker kick.

e) Kicking Procedure for tie-breaker kicks in the tie-breaking system: Kicks taken for tie-breaking purposes will be taken according to the following procedure:

(1) The kicker and goalkeeper will take their positions in preparation for the kick without delay.

(2) When ready, the referee will sound a whistle.

(3) The goalkeeper must start with both feet on the line and can only move laterally when the whistle sounds.

(4) Once the kicker starts his approach toward the ball, he may not interrupt his movement. The kicker will be permitted only one touch on the ball in taking the kick.

### C. Tournament Officials

1) Officials for the Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Quarterfinal games must be obtained by the host school. All other tournament officials will be assigned through the IHSA Office.

**Note:** Official Information will be posted on the Schools Center no later than the Monday of the 1st round games.

2) 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.

### D. Team Roster:

The coach of each competing school must indicate the names of the (maximum) 25 players who will constitute the tournament squad prior to each game the team plays in the tournament series.

### E. Substitution:

Schools may substitute persons on their team rosters for any reason and at any time between games throughout the state series provided all substitutes meet IHSA eligibility requirements.

### F. Players in Team Uniform:

In each of the tournaments, a team shall have in uniform a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. The twenty-five (25) players shall be the ones designated in D above. A total of thirty (30) persons from a school may be on the field and/or team bench.

### G. Players Uniforms:

1) All players shall wear regulation soccer uniforms. School approved uniforms must be worn during warm-ups and competition. Tournament management reserves the right to determine appropriateness of all warm-ups and uniforms.

2) The team listed on the top line of a single game-playing bracket, shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks and will be considered the visiting team.

### H. Balls:

Balls for all levels of the State Tournament Series are being provided by Wilson Sporting Goods Company and only Wilson balls may be used. The IHSA will provide three (3) Wilson game balls for each Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional site designated by the IHSA office and seven (7) Wilson game balls for the State Final Tournament.

### I. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

1) Managers and officials have instructions to disqualify any player or coach guilty of profane or indecent language or gestures as well as gross unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-laws 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012.

2) 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, coach, players or any member of the faculty or Board of Education, or any other official representative of any participating school.

3) Yellow cards received during regular season or tournament competition are tracked by the member schools. Once a coach or player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game. Once

the coach or player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two games; three more, they are suspended three games. These are minimum penalties. All yellow cards must be reported by the official to the IHSA and the member school as currently practiced with all ejection reports.

At the start of the IHSA tournament series, a coach and/or player will start with a clean slate if they have accumulated four or fewer yellow cards during the regular season. During the tournament series, once a coach or player accumulates five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game; three more yellows, suspended for two games. If a coach or player enters the tournament series having accumulated five or more yellow cards during the season, their yellow card count continues.

4) All straight red cards received by a player and/or coach are to be tracked by the school and the IHSA. Recipients of the straight red card will have the following consequences:

1st straight red = 1 game suspension (current practice);

2nd straight red card = 2 game suspension for recipient;

3rd straight red card = 3 game suspension for recipient etc.

The straight red card(s) count accumulated during the regular will continue through the state series.

### J. Practice:

In Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final tournaments the host school shall not make its field available to visiting teams for practice sessions.

## IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

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

**B. Presale Tickets:** The IHSA will offer digital tickets (tickets redeemed on a smartphone) at this State Final event via GoFan. Digital tickets can be purchased and downloaded to a smartphone on the GoFan app or at [gofan.co/IHSA](http://gofan.co/IHSA) (.co is not a typo).

IHSA State Series hosts are allowed, but not mandated, to sell digital tickets on GoFan in the rounds preceding the State Finals. Search the GoFan app or website for availability.

### C. All-Star Teams:

No officers of the tournament, game officials or anyone serving under the supervision of the IHSA may cooperate in any way in the selection of an all-star tournament team.

### D. State Final Passes:

For the State Final Tournament games, each Class 1A, Class 2A and 3A Super-Sectional winner will receive:



1) Up to thirty (30) passes for its players and other team personnel

2) Three (3) administrative passes will be provided for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director. These passes allow bearer access to the stadium.

#### **E. Bands:**

Bands from participating schools may be permitted to play during games in the tournament series provided they maintain an atmosphere of sportsmanlike conduct. Halftime and pre-game performances by bands on the playing field shall be permitted provided:

1) The host school determines that field conditions will not negatively be affected by marching of the band.

2) The halftime interval is extended by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches (Rule 7-2-1) to permit a maximum of six (6) minute performances by each school's band. Band members actually playing during a tournament series game shall be admitted to that game at no charge.

#### **F. Artificial Noisemakers:**

All artificial and mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from the State Final venues. Cheerleaders may use megaphones.

#### **G. 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.

#### **H. Cheerleaders and Mascots:**

The number of cheerleaders permitted to cheer for the state finals shall be the same number that has cheered since the first game of the state series.

#### **I. 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.

#### **J. 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 payment (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 required rights fees prior to the start of 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 originations for television and radio shall be only those so 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.

#### **K. Videotaping by Competing 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.

#### **L. 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.

#### **M. 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.

#### **N. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series:**

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.

#### **O. 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. 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:** A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first, second, third and fourth places in the State Final Tournament. A total of up to thirty (30) individual medallions will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer will be presented with a medallion.