



# 2020-21 IHSA Girls Volleyball State Series Terms and Conditions

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 Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Girls Volleyball Tournament Series.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

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

## II. DATES AND SITES

**A. Regionals:** Class 1A-4A regionals shall be played TBD

**B. Class 1A — 4A Sectionals:** TBD

**C. Class 1A — 4A Super-Sectionals:** TBD

**D. Class 1A — 4A State Final:** 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](http://www.ihsa.org)). The deadline for entry is September 11th. 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. 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 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 the 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.

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

**F. On-Line List of Participants:** The on-line List of Participants does not apply to team sports.

## IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Host School Financial Arrangements:

**1. Regional Host:** Each host school shall receive \$265.00 per night for hosting the regional and shall be reimbursed the cost of line judges no more than \$20.00 per line judge per match. R1 and R2 officials will be paid by the IHSA via ArbiterPay. The host shall retain 20% of net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall receive some reimbursement. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee.

**2. Sectional Host:** Each host school shall receive a flat guarantee of \$600.00 for hosting the sectional and shall be reimbursed the cost of line judges no more than \$40.00 per line judge per match. R1 and R2 officials will be paid by the IHSA via ArbiterPay. The host shall retain 20% of net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall receive some reimbursement. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee

**3. Super-Sectional Host:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to the line judges no more than \$50.00 per line judge per match. Each host shall receive a guarantee of \$350.00. R1 and R2 officials will be paid by the IHSA via ArbiterPay. The host shall retain 20% of net

income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall receive some reimbursement. If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee.

### B. Season Tickets for Regionals/Sectionals:

Local managers of regional and/or sectional tournaments in which two (2) or more sessions are conducted may sell season tickets as well as session tickets. If the local manager exercises this option, season ticket prices will be the same as the single-session price multiplied by the number of sessions. There is no discount price for season tickets.

### C. Admission Prices:

#### 1. Preliminary and Regional

Baby in Arms	no charge
Child	\$5.00
High School	\$5.00
Adult	\$5.00

#### 2. Sectional

Baby in Arms	no charge
Child	\$6.00
High School	\$6.00
Adult	\$6.00

#### 3. Super-Sectionals

Baby in Arms	no charge
Child	\$7.00
High School	\$7.00
Adult	\$7.00

#### 4. State Finals

Baby in Arms	no charge
Child	\$8.00
High School	\$8.00
Adult	\$8.00

**D. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:** See the IHSA web site ([www.ihsa.org](http://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 with initial seeding done by sub-sectionals. Each sub-sectional will contain 2 regional sites. Seeding for the tournament series will be done by sub-sectionals. Each sub-sectional will be seeded with the #1 and #4 assigned to one regional and #2 and #3 assigned to the other regional. The remaining teams will be assigned by geography.

**B. Class 3A and 4A:** All state tournament series will begin with a sectional complex except where excessive travel is a factor. This is determined by the IHSA administration. Where this occurs, the tournament series will begin with sub-sectionals. Each sub-sectional will contain 2 regional sites. Seeding for the tournament series will be done by sub-sectionals. Each sub-sectional will be seeded with the #1 and #4 assigned to one regional and #2 and #3 assigned to the other regional. The remaining teams will be assigned by geography.

**C. 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 including the Chicago Public Schools entered in the state series will be assigned to a sub-sectional or sectional complex based upon geography.

**D. Season Summary Sheet:** Schools entered into the state series will be required to submit a Season Summary Sheet on-line in the IHSA School Center. Failure to do so by the required date and time will result in a school forfeiting its opportunity to participate in the seeding process. The Season Summary Sheet can be found in the IHSA School Center. Season Summary Sheet is open to coaches TBD. All Season Summary Sheets will be available to coaches to view and seed teams in their regional/sectional complex TBD.

**E. Pairings:** Schools assigned to the regional tournaments will utilize true seeds within their regional for determining the regional bracket.

**F. Sectional Pairings for Traditional Format:** In the case of traditional regionals, the teams advancing from each regional shall be placed in the sectional tournament bracket based on the luck of the draw.

**G. Announcement of Pairings:** The Class 1A-4A pairings will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA web site TBD.

## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

**A. Tournament Conflicts/Playing Order/Time Changes:** No local manager is authorized to change the dates or times of the matches played as determined by the IHSA Office. Managers shall contact the IHSA Office to resolve time conflicts, playing order conflicts, or changing the time schedule.

### B. Time Schedules:

1. **Regional Time:** In a regional tournament that is held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the matches shall start no earlier than 5:30 pm. The Thursday Regional Championship will be played no sooner than 6:00 pm.

2. **Sectional Time:** In a sectional with 2 matches shall be played no earlier than 5:30 pm. A sectional with 1 match shall be played no earlier than 6:00 pm.

3. **Super-Sectional Time:** Super-sectionals matches shall be played no earlier than 6:00 p.m.

4. **State Final Time Schedule**  
Please note ALL State Final match times are estimates. Matches will begin immediately at the conclusion of the previous match.

#### Session 1 Semi-finals

Match 1	Class 1A	9:00–10:00 am
Match 2	Class 1A	10:30–11:30 am
Match 3	Class 2A	12:00–1:00 pm
Match 4	Class 2A	1:30–2:30 pm

#### Session 2 Semi-finals

Match 5	Class 3A	4:00–5:00 pm
Match 6	Class 3A	5:30–6:30 pm
Match 7	Class 4A	7:00–8:00 pm
Match 8	Class 4A	8:30–9:30 pm

#### Session 3 Consolation and Championships

Match 9	1A Consolation	9:00–10:00 am
Match 10	1A Championship Award Ceremony	10:30–11:30 am Immediately after Match 10
Match 11	2A Consolation	12:25–1:25 pm
Match 12	2A Championship Award Ceremony	1:55–2:55 pm Immediately after Match 12

#### Session 4 Consolation and Championships

Match 13	3A Consolation	4:00–5:00 pm
Match 14	3A Championship Award Ceremony	5:30–6:30 pm Immediately after Match 14
Match 15	4A Consolation	7:25–8:25 pm
Match 16	4A Championship Award Ceremony	8:55–9:55 pm Immediately after Match 16

## 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. Rules of Play:** The current NFHS Volleyball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all tournament matches except as stated in these Terms and Conditions or in printed instructions from the IHSA Office.

**B. Rally Scoring:** By state association adoption, a match will consist of the best 2 (two) out of 3 (three) games. Each game, including the deciding game, will be played to 25 points (no cap).

**C. Official Wilson Volleyballs:** The Red/White/Blue Wilson I-Cor WTH1895A1XB volleyball with the NFHS logo shall be used in the state tournament series. Wilson shall provide volleyballs for each level of the state series and only Wilson volleyballs may be used. The host school will choose the ball for regular season match (white is still an option).

**D. Team Roster and Personnel:** In each of the tournaments, a participating school shall not have more than fifteen (15) eligible players on the roster, in team uniform playing or warming up. The 15 players listed on the team's roster are eligible to compete in a match. The roster of players may change from match to match in the state series. No more than 22 coaches, players, support personnel may be in the team bench area.

**E. Administrative Passes:** Each school will receive 3 administrator passes in their Super-Sectional Boxes. These are intended to be used for the superintendent, principal, and athletic director to gain access to the facility and the floor for the awards ceremony. Any misuse of these passes will result in immediate forfeiture of the passes and possible disciplinary action for the member school.

**F. Warm-up Time:** If a team arrives early, ball handling is permitted on the court prior to the timed warm ups. If both teams are present, each team shall be restricted to their side of the playing court. The warm-up time for each match will be 2-6-6 with both teams sharing the first 2 minutes, the first 6 minutes will be the home team on the entire court, and the second 6 minutes will be the visiting team on the entire court. When teams are off the court, ball handling is allowed if space allows. If space is limited teams shall be restricted to ball handling behind the end line.

All warm-up apparel (jackets, pants, shorts, etc.) must be removed by both teams by the conclusion of the 2 minute warm-up period. Warm-up apparel is not required to be worn by a team. If a warm-up top is to be worn for the duration of the warm-up period it must have a number on it, the number must be the corresponding number to the uniform top. Any

warm-up top without a number must be removed at the conclusion of the Coaches/Captains Meeting.

The team listed on the top of the bracket shall be the home team. Teams listed on the bottom of the bracket shall be the visiting team.

**G. Warm-Up Entry:** When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own side of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, where their opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents. Where possible, teams should only enter, jog, or warm-up on their own half of the court.

**H. Assignment of Officials and Line Judges:** The R1 and R2 for all tournament series matches including the preliminary match will be assigned by the IHSA Office. Local tournament managers will provide two (2) line judges, a scorer, a libero tracker, and a timer for each regional.

It is recommended that the local manager hire a licensed official for the line judge position. Local officials' associations or assignors can be used to help find officials to fill these roles.

If a licensed official is not available, line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a school's varsity girls' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges **may** use flags.

**The IHSA will assign line judges for the sectional and super-sectional contests.**

**I. Gym Set up:** For regional, sectional, and super sectionals, only, the gym (and net system) needs to be available at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match. Teams can take the court no sooner than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

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

**IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. Pre-Sale Tickets:**

**1. Competing Schools:** Schools competing in a State Final Tournament session will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in advance for that Friday's session. Tickets will be picked up from the super-sectional manager which can be sold at the school.

**2. Refunds:** Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold in advance for the State Final even when tournament sessions are post-

poned. Tickets purchased in advance shall be good for the session when it is held.

**B. All-Star Teams:** No tournament management, game officials, nor anyone serving under the supervision of the Illinois High School Association, may cooperate in any way in the selection of an all-star tournament team for the regional, sectional or super-sectional tournaments.

**C. Regional/Sectional/Super-Sectional Pass Gate:** Participating schools must complete the IHSA Pass Gate Form for designated school personnel to be admitted free of charge. For a regional/sectional/and super-sectional, teams assigned to regional/sectional complexes shall not be given passes to any correlated sectional tournament or super-sectional.

**D. State Final Passes:** For the state final tournament matches, each super-sectional winner will receive 22 passes for its 15 players and other team personnel for the state final tournament. Passes shall be used by a school approved, certified assistant coaches or students from the member high school acting in a team manager role. In addition, a school will be provided 1 athletic training pass for a school that brings a certified athletic trainer. The team bench area shall be restricted to the players and team personnel who have been issued a pass.

**E. Bands:** The host school is allowed to have a band play before matches and during time outs and intermission. Members of the band may be given free admission. Band instruments shall not be used for cheering purposes. No band other than the one from the host school shall be admitted as an organization unless approved by the IHSA if requested by the local manager. At Redbird Arena and at the state finals, 60 band members in addition to 1 band director will be admitted into the tournament free of charge. Bands will be selected by the IHSA.

**F. Signs and Banners:** The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided they:

1. Are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use,
2. Reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community,
3. Are not displayed on the field of play in a manner, which interferes with play,
4. Do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators and;
5. Are not safety hazards.

**G. Cheerleaders and Mascots:** No pompon squads or drill team groups shall perform at any tournaments. Cheerleaders of participating schools are allowed.

**H. 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.

**I. Practice Sessions for State Series/State Final:** In the regional, sectional, and super-sectional, the host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the visiting teams for practice sessions. Teams participating in the State Final tournaments will be permitted to practice in Redbird Arena on the Thursday prior to the state tournament. Thursday practice schedule at Redbird Arena will mirror the state final playing schedule. In addition, a school may make arrangements to use facilities at an area high school or university during the days of the State Final tournament.

**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 payments (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play origination's, according to 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.

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. All media requirements for the State Final tournament shall be handled through the IHSA Office.

4. Local tournament managers shall be responsible for reporting tournament information and results to the IHSA Office and the news media as stipulated in printed instructions received from the IHSA Office.

**K. Videotaping by Schools and/or Spectators:** Videotaping will be allowed provided the local managers have 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 matches in the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

**L. Flash Photography:**

1. During the match, no flash cameras can be used by spectators.

2. Strobe lighting by the news media can be used if the Manager has conferred with both coaches who give permission.

3. News media photographers are allowed to use electronic flashes. Should the manager and game official agree that the flashes are causing interference with the conduct of the contest, and then they can require the photographer to cease use of the flash.

4. The Manager's decision is final.

**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 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. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contest:** Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is *prohibited*.

**P. 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 affil-

iated 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.

**Q. Team Reimbursements:** There will be no team reimbursements for teams competing in the regional, sectional or super-sectional tournaments. Each school participating in any regional, sectional or super-sectional tournament match will be responsible to pay all expenses related to the team.

In the State Final tournaments, the participating teams shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per mile per team for one round-trip to and from the center where the State Final tournaments will be played. In addition, each team that participates in the State Final tournaments shall receive a flat team expense allowance. A team traveling 0-150 round trip miles to the state final site shall receive a \$750.00 reimbursement. A team traveling 151-300 round trip miles to the state final site shall receive a \$1,850.00 reimbursement. A team traveling over 300 round trip miles to the state final site shall receive a \$2,700.00 reimbursement.

Neither the State Association nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for any other team expenses of any kind except those expenses specified above. Schools entering the tournament series must be ready to assume responsibility for unusual expenses due to accident, inclement weather, fire, theft or any other extraordinary cause.

**R. Housing:** Housing will be reserved by the IHSA for the teams participating in the State Final tournament. Schools participating in the State Final tournament will have an opportunity to state whether or not they will use the housing reserved for them by the IHSA Office. If schools elect to use the reserved housing, they must accept the housing assigned by the IHSA Office. If schools do not elect to use the reserved housing, they will be responsible for making their own housing arrangements for the State Final tournament.

**S. Artificial Noisemakers:** All artificial noise-making devices shall be excluded from the gymnasium. The use of band instruments shall be limited as explained in "E" above. See National Federation Rules Book 1, Section 8.

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

**X. AWARDS**

**A. Team:** The IHSA will furnish a plaque to the winning teams of the regional, sectional, and super-sectional tournaments. Trophies will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth place teams at the state final tournament.

**B. Individual:** Twenty-six (26) medallions will be presented to players, coaches and other team members of the first, second, third and fourth place teams at the state tournament. This count includes the Superintendent's medallion, the Principal's medallion, the Athletic Director's medallion, and the Athletic Trainer medallion.

**C. Additional Awards:** No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented at the tournaments unless approved by the Board of Directors.

**XI. OFFICIALS**

**A. Appointment and Fees:**

**1. Regional Fee:** In the preliminary, quarterfinal, semifinal and final regional tournaments, each Referee and Umpire shall receive a fee of \$63.00 per match. Officials will be paid by IHSA via ArbiterPay. Line judges shall receive a minimum of \$20.00 per match worked, to be paid by the host school.

**2. Sectional Fee:** In the sectional tournaments, each R1 and R2 appointed by the IHSA shall receive a fee of \$78.50 per match. Officials will be paid by IHSA via ArbiterPay. Line judges shall receive a minimum of \$40.00 per match worked, to be paid by the host school.

**3. Super-Sectional Fee:** In the super-sectional matches, each R1 and R2 shall receive a fee of \$106.50 per match. Officials will be paid by IHSA via ArbiterPay. Line judges shall receive a minimum of \$50.00 for the match, to be paid by the host school.

**4. State Fee and Lodging:** In the state final matches, each appointed R1 and R2 shall receive a flat fee of \$560.00 (\$140.00 per match worked). Officials will be paid by the IHSA via ArbiterPay. Each Line Judge shall receive \$107.00 per day. In addition, each official and line judge who actually incurs an overnight lodging expense and uses the assigned housing shall receive a \$60.00 lodging allowance for each of the three (3) nights lodging upon receipt and approval from the IHSA Administrator.

**5. State Final Officials Coordinator:** The Class 1A/2A Officials Coordinator shall receive \$125.00 a day. In addition, the coordinator shall receive an overnight lodging expense at the assigned housing of \$60.00 per night for a maximum of three (3) nights upon receipt and approval from the IHSA Administrator. The Class 3A/4A Officials Coordinator shall receive \$125.00 a day. In addition, the coordinator shall receive an overnight lodging expense at the assigned housing of \$60.00 per night for a maximum of three (3) nights upon receipt and approval from the IHSA Administrator.

**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 actually drive in excess of 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty cents (\$.30) per mile for all mileage in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip per contest.