



2020-21 Boys and Girls State Water Polo Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2020-21 IHSA Boys and Girls Water Polo Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Game Sites: Games will be hosted by the higher seeded team at each level of the Sectional to include Prelim, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final game. The winners of the eight Sectional sites will automatically advance to the Quarterfinals of the State Tournament.

B. Sectional Game Dates: May 17-22, 2021

C. State Final Tournament: The State Final Tournament on **May 26-29, 2021** will be hosted by **Fenwick High School** in Oak Park, IL. Steve Thompson will serve as the State Final Tournament Manager.

III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AND 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 2020-21 Entry 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. The deadline for entry is **April 19, 2021**. The 2020-21 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 must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Wednesday Season Summary Form deadline.

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: Boys and girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

IV. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

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. Preliminary Games: The higher-seeded team will host the Preliminary Game providing their pool meets NFHS high school standards. The host school will secure two officials and two goal judges for each game. Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to the game officials and goal judges.

C. Quarterfinal Games: The higher-seeded team will host the Quarterfinal Game providing their pool meets NFHS high school standards. The host school will secure two officials and two goal judges for each game. Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to the game officials and goal judges.

D. Sectional Semifinal: The higher-seeded team will host the Sectional Semifinal providing their pool meets NFHS high school standards. The host school will secure two officials and two goal judges for each game. Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to the game officials and goal judges.

E. Sectional Final: The higher-seeded team will host the Sectional Final providing their pool meets NFHS high school standards. The host school will secure two officials and two goal judges for each game. Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to the game officials and goal judges.

F. The Host School will determine if fans are allowed per IDPH Spectator Limitations and how tickets will be sold or distributed. If admission is charged, the ticket price shall be \$6.00 for every round of the Sectional. If admission is charged, the Host School may retain all gate receipts.

G. 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.

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

a. Sectional Contest = No Charge

b. State Final = \$50.00

3) Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory and IHSA Official Handbook.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING

A. Sectional Assignment: All teams will be assigned to a Sectional complex on a geographic basis. If possible, an equal number of teams shall be assigned to each of the eight (8) Sectional tournament complexes.

B. Season Summary Form: Schools entered in the Boys and Girls Water Polo 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, **May 5.**

C. Seeding: All seeding will be conducted online through the IHSA Schools Center. Each school shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. No school shall 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, **May 5**. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 noon on Thursday, **May 6**. Seeding will only occur at the Sectional tournament level.

D. State Final pairings will be made by chance drawing in the IHSA Office.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES:

A. Playing Schedules: Sectionals

Girls:

Preliminary Round (if needed): **Monday, May 17**

Quarterfinals: **Wednesday, May 19**

Semifinals: **Friday, May 21**

Finals: **Saturday, May 22**

Boys:

Preliminary Round (if needed): **Tuesday, May 18**

Quarterfinals: **Thursday, May 20**

Semifinals: **Friday, May 21**

Finals: **Saturday, May 22**

1) Each game of the Sectional will be hosted by the higher-seeded team, provided their competition pool meets NFHS regulations. Starting Times: 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. on school days. The Saturday Sectional Final games are to begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and no later than 4:00 p.m.

2) Warm-up time is 15 minutes prior to each game in the competition pool.

3) In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play in tournament games, the overtime procedures in the National Federation Rules Book will be followed.

4) In Even numbered years Boys will play M-W-F-S and Girls will play T-TH-F-S

5) In Odd numbered years Girls will play M-W-F-S and Boys will play T-TH-F-S

State Final:

Wednesday, May 26 Girls Quarterfinals

Game 1: 4:15 p.m.

Game 2: 5:30 p.m.

Game 3: 7:00 p.m.

Game 4: 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 27 Boys Quarterfinals

Game 5: 4:15 p.m.

Game 6: 5:30 p.m.

Game 7: 7:00 p.m.

Game 8: 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 28 Girls Semifinals

Game 9: 4:15 p.m.

Game 10: 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 28 Boys Semifinals

Game 11: 7:00 p.m.

Game 12: 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 29, 3rd Place

Game 13: 3:00 p.m. GIRLS

Game 14: 4:45 p.m. BOYS

Saturday, May 29 Championship

Game 15: 6:00 p.m. GIRLS

Game 16: 7:45 p.m. BOYS

1) A Third-place game shall be played at the State Final Tournament between the losers of the two semifinal games.

2) In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play in tournament games, the overtime procedures from the National Federation rules book will be followed.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

The eight (8) Sectional winners shall be advanced to the State Final Tournament.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Rules of Play: The 2020-21 National Federation Water Polo Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are adopted as the official playing rules for all tournament matches.

1) Each game in the tournament series will be played in four seven-minute periods.

2) A game shall not remain in a tie. Overtime procedures in the NFHS are to be followed.

3) Mercy Rule: The Mercy Rule will be used in all regular season contests, regular season tournament contests, and IHSA Sectional contests. A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter in which there is at least a 10-point score differential. Once a game reaches this differential, the clock will run continuously and stop only for the following reasons:

- A team timeout
- An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
- 5-meter penalty
- An officials' timeout
- Clock adjustment
- After a goal

Note: The Mercy Rule will not be used during the Boys' or Girls' State Final contests.

B. Warm-up time is 15 minutes prior to each game in the competition pool. The host manager will determine if swimming and

passing drills may be practiced during this warmup or just swimming drills based upon the configuration of the pool.

C. Home Team: Throughout the tournament series, the teams listed on the top line or the team listed first of a single game playing bracket shall wear dark colored caps and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear white caps and will be considered the visiting team.

D. Balls: The KAP7 International, Inc. KAP 105 is the Official Game Ball of the IHSA Boys Water Polo State Tournament. The KAP7 International, Inc. KAP 104 is the Official Game Ball of the IHSA Girls Water Polo State Tournament.

E. Team Roster: The coach of each competing team must indicate the names of a maximum twenty-one (21) team players who will constitute the squad, prior to each game of the tournament series.

F. Players in Team Uniform: In each of the tournaments, a school shall have a maximum of twenty-one (21) participants in uniform. The twenty-one (21) players shall be the ones designated in E above. A maximum total of twenty-five (25) persons from a school may be on the team bench.

G. Player Uniforms:

1) All players shall wear regulation caps. Please refer to the NFHS Water Polo Rules Book Rule 4, Sections 1-6 regarding cap specifications.

2) The color of the ear guards on the field players' caps must match the color of the caps as closely as possible. Ear guards on the cap of the home goalkeeper must be dark; the ear guards on the caps of the visiting goalkeeper must be white.

3) Players shall wear non-transparent, one-piece swimsuits. The suits shall contain only one visible manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference not exceeding 2 ¼ square inches in area and not exceeding 2 ¼ inches in any dimension. The suits may also include the name of the school or mascot.

4) Players shall remove any articles likely to cause injury including the following: jewelry, medical or religious medals, watches, and swim goggles.

H. Scorers and Timers: Adults are recommended.

I. Goal Judges: Goal judges will be hired by the local manager. It is recommended that you use an IHSA licensed official. If a licensed IHSA official is not available, adults at least 21 years of age are recommended. Goal

judges must be at least 21 years of age and may not be a member of the girls or boys water polo teams competing. All goal judges should wear a plain white shirt and khakis while working the games.

J. Assignment of Officials: The IHSA will hire a total of eight officials for the Boys and Girls State Finals.

K. Conduct of Coaches and Players:

1) No coach, player or any other person connected with the team shall be permitted to use tobacco products on the bench or playing area either during practice or while a game is in progress.

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

3) Abusive remarks to game officials by coaches or players shall be regarded as unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-law 3.151, 6.011, and 6.012.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

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

B. All-Star Teams: No tournament personnel, game officials or 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.

C. Consolation Games: In the Sectional tournaments, consolation matches to determine third place winners will not be permitted.

D. State Final Passes: Teams shall not be given passes to any Sectionals. For the State Final Tournament games, each Sectional winner will receive up to 25 deck passes for its 21 players and other team personnel for the State Final tournament. Three (3) additional passes for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director will be given to gain entry to the tournament, but not on the deck.

E. Bands: Musical Instruments and bands shall be excluded from the natatorium.

F. Signs and Noisemakers: 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.

All mechanical and artificial noisemaking devices shall be excluded from the natatoriums. The local manager has the authority to exclude other noise making devices that distract from the competition including megaphones.

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. Practice Sessions: For the Sectional and State Final Tournament games, teams will not be permitted to practice in the pool, unless it is their home school.

I. Media Requirements:

1) Provide Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are for 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 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) 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.

J. Videotaping by Schools or Spectators: Videotaping is allowed under the following conditions:

1) Local managers should be ready to provide an area for a competing school to videotape, if requested. When one school requests video space, then the local manager should provide similar space to both competing schools.

2) Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape matches in the stands provided they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators.

K. Flash Photography: The use of flash cameras is prohibited by fans during any 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 the contest. The local manager can require, at any time, the photographer to cease use of the flash. The manager's decision is final.

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. Sectional:

1) Team awards will be provided by the IHSA for the winning team at each Sectional following the tournament.

B. State Final:

1) Team awards and individual medallions will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final.

2) A medallion will also be presented to the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer of the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Appointment and Fees:

1. Sectional:

a) Two officials will be hired by the host school for each Sectional game. Each official will be paid a fee of \$35.00 per game worked. Goal Judges will be paid a flat fee of \$10.00 per game worked.

2. State Final:

a) Eight (8) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Officials will be paid a flat fee of \$49.00 per game.

b) Goal Judges will be paid a flat fee of \$10.00 per game.

c) Two Head Officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Each Head Officials will be paid \$62.50 per day.