



2023-24 Girls Soccer Series

Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2023-24 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

CLASS 1A

A. 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 **Tuesday or Wednesday**, May 7 or 8. Regional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on **Friday or Saturday**, May 10 or 11, and the Regional Finals will be held on **Tuesday or Wednesday**, May 14 or 15. 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 **Friday or Saturday**, May 17 or 18, and the Sectional Finals will be played on **Tuesday or Wednesday**, May 21 or 22. 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 **Saturday**, May 25. 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 30-June 1** at North Central College in Naperville.

CLASS 2A & 3A

E. 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 10 or 11. Regional Semifinal games will be

played at designated sites on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 14 or 15, and the Regional Finals will be held on Friday or Saturday, May 17 or 18. 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 21 or 22, and the Sectional Finals will be played on Friday or Saturday, May 24 or 25. 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, May 28. 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 May 31-June 1 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 2023-24 Entry Policies and Procedures.

A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is **February 1, 2024**. The 2023-24 Entry Policy and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the IHSA Schools Center.

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 Official Representative/Athletic Director must contact the IHSA Administrator in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 by the school for that sport/activity.



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 seed 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 competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty, the cost of game officials, transportation costs, 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% of the gate receipts. Officials will be secured online by the host school and be paid directly 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 receive 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 receive 20% of the net income. 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. The host shall receive 20% of the net income. 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. Digital Tickets:

Per IHSA Board Policy 22, GoFan Digital Tickets will be the exclusive ticket option available for this sport at the Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final levels of the State Series. The IHSA Office must approve any exceptions.

D. Admission Prices:

The following State Series ticket prices have been set by the IHSA Board of Directors. A baby in arms is free at all rounds of the State Series. Pricing for all other individuals is as follows:

REGIONAL

Quarterfinals: \$5.00 per game

Semifinal and Finals: \$5.00 per day

*If host site uses GoFan→ Digital Ticket: \$5.00 per day
Cash Ticket = \$6.00 per day

SECTIONAL

Digital Ticket: \$7.00 per day Cash Ticket: \$8.00 per day

SUPER-SECTIONAL

Digital Ticket: \$8.00 per day Cash Ticket: \$9.00 per day

STATE FINAL

Sessions 1-4 Digital Ticket: \$9.00 per session
Cash Ticket: \$10.00 per session

Session 5 Digital Ticket: \$12.00
Cash Ticket: \$13.00

E. State Final Team Reimbursements:

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.

F. Media Coverage & Rights Fees for Broadcasting Coverage

1) State Series hosts should work to accommodate media members with space to cover State Series events whenever possible.



2) For State Series events, the IHSA Press Box Policy should be used as a guide for determining media press box access should space become an issue.

Broadcasting

1) Radio or audio-only internet broadcasts are not subject to a broadcast rights fee at the Regional, Sectional, or Super-Sectional levels. A \$100 fee exists at the State Final round, pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

2) If a State Series contest/event is broadcast on the NFHS Network, then there are no rights fee due and no other video streaming/TV broadcasts will be allowed, pending special permission from the IHSA.

3) If a State Series contest/event is not broadcast on the NFHS Network, then the broadcast rights may be purchased to broadcast via video streaming/TV pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

* Broadcast application forms can be accessed by Googling "IHSA Broadcast Applications" or directly at IHSA.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications

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: 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 Wed., April 24 **for all classes.**

D. Seeding: Seeding for Class 1A, 2A, and 3A 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 24. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 25.** Seeding will only occur at the Regional tournament level. The Sectional, Super-Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

E. Sectional Pairings for a Sub-Sectional: In pairing the Sectional semifinal 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.

F. 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

G. Announcement of Pairings: The **Class 1A, 2A, and 3A pairings** will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA web site on **Friday, April 26.**

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:

Prior to each game, the teams will walk out using the World Cup Formation. After the Officials meeting, the teams will walk to midfield, shake hands with their opponents, and wish each other good luck before flaring out to their team benches.

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.



State Final Tournament-2024

Thursday, May 30

Session 1

- Game 1 5:30 p.m. – Class 1A Semifinals
- Game 2 7:00 p.m. – Class 1A Semifinals

Friday, May 31

Session 2

- Game 3 11:30 a.m. -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (1A Third Place)
- Game 4 1:30 p.m. -- Class 2A Semifinals
- Game 5 3:00 p.m. -- Class 2A Semifinals

Session 3

- Game 6 6:00 p.m. -- Class 3A Semifinals
- Game 7 7:30 p.m. -- Class 3A Semifinals

Saturday, June 1

Session 4

- Game 8 10:00 a.m. -- Loser Game 4 vs. Loser Game 5 (2A Third Place)
- Game 9 11:45 a.m. -- Loser Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7 (3A Third Place)

Session 5

- Game 10 2:30 p.m. -- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (1A Championship)
- Game 11 4:30 p.m. -- Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5 (2A Championship)
- Game 12 6:30 p.m. -- Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 7 (3A 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 last contest no later than 7:00 p.m.

For Regional Quarterfinal games, the host school shall determine the game schedule **and communicate the start time to the opponent. The game time and assigned officials must be entered into their IHSA Schools Center by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.**

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

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 2023-24 series of tournaments with the following provisions:

1) Each game in the tournament series will be played in two 40-minute halves.

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

3) During the State Tournament, if there is a **nine (9) goal differential at the start of the second half or any time after the start of the second half, the game shall be terminated.**

4) During Regional Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals, and during 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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: 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:

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)



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-breaker 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 shall stand with at least one foot on or in line with the goal line, and can move laterally or forward, but not permitted to come off the line with both feet until the ball is in play.

(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 assigned by the host school through their IHSA Schools Center.** 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 up to twenty-five (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, or 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) All cautions 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. If 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 season 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 IHSAA post season contests.

B. Presale Tickets: The IHSAA will offer digital tickets (tickets redeemed on a smartphone) at Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final events via GoFan. Digital tickets can be purchased and downloaded to an iPhone using the GoFan app or at gofan.co/IHSAA with an Android or PC. Regional contests may use GoFan Ticketing or cash tickets. Search the GoFan app or website for availability.

C. All-Star Teams:

Officers of the tournament, game officials, nor anyone serving under the supervision of the IHSAA may not participate 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) Up to two (2) passes for properly licensed medical personnel. These individuals must be listed on the school's Team Data Form.
- 3) 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 6-minute performances by each school's band. Band members 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 all State Series events. Cheerleaders may use megaphones during the postseason at any site.

G. Signs and Banners:

The display of signs, banners, placards, or comparable items at IHSAA 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

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. 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.

K. 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 IHSAA 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 IHSAA event being held at the site.

L. Use of Inhalers:

A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSAA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois school code.

M. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSAA State Series:

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSAA 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 IHSAA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSAA Administrative Policy 21. 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 IHSAA Administrative Policy 21. Patrons of any IHSAA 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.

N. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contests:

Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

O. Security:

Postseason hosts must provide dedicated personnel to be onsite during the game, and to be available to escort officials to their vehicles or locker room after the contest has concluded.

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.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Appointment and Fees:

1) **Regional Quarterfinal:** Two (2) or Three (3) officials must be secured by the host manager for the Regional Quarterfinal game. Officials will be paid the \$65.00 fee by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

2) **Regional Tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Regional Semifinal and Final game. Each official shall receive a fee of \$65.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

3) **Sectional Tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Sectional Semifinal and Final game. Each official shall receive a fee of \$81.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

4) **Super-Sectional** games: Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Super-Sectional game. Each official shall receive a fee of \$110.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

5) **State Final Tournament:** **Fourteen officials** will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Officials will be paid \$144.50 per game worked plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. **Two Head officials** will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The Head Officials will be paid **a flat fee of \$250.00 each**, plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. **Two 4th officials** will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The 4th Officials will be paid \$50.00 per game plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. All State Final Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

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 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.