

IHSA Girls State Badminton Championships

Volunteers Needed

Eastern Illinois University

Charleston, Illinois 61920

May 11-12, 2018

Dear All **Badminton Coaches** and Enthusiasts:

I am trying to recruit “unofficial” scorekeepers for the IHSA State Girls Badminton Tournament held on May 11-12, 2018. The event begins on Friday at 8:30 a.m. for the **scorekeepers meeting**. The matches start at approx. 9:30 a.m. and go until approx. 6 p.m. on Friday, and Saturday from 9 – 3 p.m. ish.....

The role of a scorekeeper primarily involves keeping track of the score using a flip chart score board. Unofficial scorekeepers **do not officiate the match, make line calls, call faults, etc.** The primary role is to get the match started on time inside the 5 minute on-court warm-up, visually show the score after every point for the players and spectators using the flip chart, and record the final scores on the score card for the athletes to verify the score by signing.

In an attempt to encourage both adult players and **non-tournament participants who are high school “players”** to volunteer, I've reserved the gym for Thursday Evening May 10 (8-10 p.m.), and on Friday Evening May 11 (7-10 p.m.) for the scorekeepers and support staff to play badminton to their hearts content. Volunteers should be 15 years of age or older. **Coaches, I'm hoping you might be able to bring extra players who did not qualify for State to come along and be a Flip Chart Score Keeper. If you know in advance, please let me know as it helps me with my planning.**

I'm hoping you will consider this as a possibility, especially since as a volunteer you'll have one or two great open gym badminton play sessions available. **We will even supply the birds for the Thursday and Friday Open Gym Sessions!** Sorry, I don't have a budget to pay stipends, travel, or hotels. However, you can stay in the dorm for a very low cost (high school age volunteers would require adult supervision). <http://castle.eiu.edu/ihsa>

This State Championship Tournament Event is full of fun and excitement with approximately 200 athletes and 800-1000 spectators in a spectacular venue (Lantz Student Recreation Center). I hope you'll consider joining us for this wonderful event. Definitely contact me if you would like to participate in this volunteer role so I can put you on the list of “official volunteers”. Feel free to contact me for additional questions and/or information.

Sincerely,

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