



2024-25 Boys Basketball Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSAA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2024-25 IHSAA Class 1A - 4A Boys Basketball Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Series will be determined according to IHSAA Policy 17 (Classification System).

II. DATES AND SITES

In each class of the IHSAA Boys' Basketball State series, games at 32 Regional sites shall be held February 24-28, and the games at 8 Sectionals sites shall be held March 4, March 5, and March 7. The 4 Super-Sectional games shall be played on March 10 and the semifinal and final games of the State Final on March 13-15. All regional quarterfinal games will be played on February 24, with the better seeded school hosting the contest.

State Final Tournament games shall be played at the State Farm Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. All tournament sites will be selected by the IHSAA Office.

III. ON-LINE 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 IHSAA-sponsored sport/activities included in the **2024-25 Entry Policies and Procedures**.

A. On-line Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSAA School Center on the IHSAA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is November 1. **The 2024-25 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSAA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSAA 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 IHSAA 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 IHSAA 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/List of Participants due date but before the first

competition, the school will be charged a \$500 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 IHSAA By-law 3.054.

E. Affirmative Action

Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSAA Affirmative Action Policy.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. At Member School Sites:

1) The host school must charge admission and will be eligible to receive funding as listed below.

2) For all Regional-level games, the host school shall pay for all local expenses. All quarterfinal round games will be run financially independent. Host schools shall pay for all local expenses and secure three officials to work the contest. IHSAA will pay these officials. Each school hosting Regional-level semifinal and final games shall receive a flat guarantee of \$1,200, and the host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder to the IHSAA. In case of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit.

3) In Sectional and Super-Sectional games, the host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host school shall receive a guarantee of \$800.00 for each night of competition. The host shall receive 20% of the net income.

B. Sites Other Than Member Schools:

When Sectional and Super-Sectional tournaments are held at sites other than IHSAA member schools, the IHSAA administrator in charge will determine the financial arrangements with the host using current financial arrangements as guidelines.

C. Digital Tickets:

Per IHSAA Board Policy 22, GoFan Digital Tickets will be the exclusive ticket option available for this sport at the Sectional and Super-Sectional rounds of the State Series. Any exceptions must be approved by the IHSAA office.

D. Admission Prices:

The following State Series ticket prices have been set by the IHSAA 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: \$6 per game
Semifinals and Finals:
Digital Ticket: \$6 per day
Cash Ticket: \$7 per day

SECTIONAL

Digital Ticket: \$7
Cash Ticket: \$8

If a non-high school Sectional site is unable to utilize GoFan, ticket prices will be \$7.

SINGLE GAME SUPER-SECTIONAL

Digital Ticket: \$9
Cash Ticket: \$10

TWO-GAME SUPER-SECTIONAL

Digital Ticket: \$10
Cash Ticket: \$11

If a non-high school Super-Sectional site is unable to utilize GoFan, ticket prices will be \$8 for a single-game Super-Sectional site and \$10 at a two-game Super-Sectional site.

E. State Final Admission Prices:

Base Ticket prices for all tickets for the Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A Boys Basketball State Final Tournaments at the State Farm Center at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign will be priced at the amounts below for each session:

Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 5:	\$15 (100-level tickets) ^ \$10 (200-level tickets) ^
Sessions 4 and 6:	\$12 (100-level tickets) ^ \$10 (200-level tickets) ^
Sessions 7 and 8	\$20 (100-level tickets) ^ \$10 (200-level tickets) ^

^Base ticket price; actual cost may be greater if digital ticketing is used.

Season ticket packages will be made available for advance purchase first to IHSA member schools and then to the public.

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 is 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 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. For those groupings that remain sectional complexes, 'true Seeds' will be used to assign schools to regional tournaments.

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 entered in the state series will be assigned to a sub-sectional or sectional complex based upon geography.

D. Seeding Meetings: All seeding meetings shall be conducted on-line through the IHSA Schools Center. Seeding will only occur at the sub-sectional or sectional-complex level. Schools that complete the Season Summary Form by the established deadline of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, will have from 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, until 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, to go on-line and cast one (1) seeding vote for their respective first-level tournament assignment.

E. Season Summary Form: Schools entered in the Class 1A- 4A state series will be required to submit a Season Summary Sheet on-line in the IHSA Schools Center. Schools must enter all game schedules and results into Maxpreps.com to be counted toward season summary totals. Schools entered in the Class 1A-4A state series will have until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2025, to complete this on-line form. Failure to do so by the designated time and date will result in a school forfeiting its opportunity to participate in the seeding process. The Season Summary Form can be found in the IHSA Schools Center.

F. Seeding Meeting: Each school who completes the Season Summary Form by the established



deadline shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. No school shall vote for their own team. Seeding will occur at the sub-sectional or sectional complex level, depending on each school's first level tournament assignment. For Class 3A and 4A sectional complexes, the high and low seeds will be dropped for each school in determining their seed.

G. Pairings:

1) In Class 1A and 2A, all state series shall begin with sub-sectionals. A sub-sectional is a grouping of two geographic regionals.

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.

In pairing the sectional semi-final round containing sub-sectionals, the regional from sub-sectional A containing the #1 seed shall be paired with the regional of sub-sectional B containing the #2 seed, and vice versa.

In all classes of bracketed team sports, the Executive Director is authorized to modify the state series brackets to accommodate unique travel situations.

2) In Class 3A and 4A, 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 IHSAA Administrator.

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.)

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.

In pairing the sectional semi-final round containing sub-sectionals, the regional from sub-sectional A containing the #1 seed shall be paired with the regional of sub-sectional B containing the #2 seed, and vice versa, except for the southernmost sectional in Class 4A, where the two regionals in each sub-sectional shall be paired with each other.

In pairing the sectional complexes, the sectional tournament shall be set up so that the semi-finals will pair the winners of the regionals with the numbers 1 & 4 seeds in one game, and the winners of the regionals with the numbers 2 & 3 seeds in the other game.

In all classes of bracketed team sports, the Executive Director is authorized to modify the state series brackets to accommodate unique travel situations.

H. State Series Pairings: Pairings for each class will be made by the IHSAA and posted on the IHSAA website no later than Friday, February 14, 2025.

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

B. Time Schedules:

1) Single-Game Session Time Schedule

(For single-game sessions the host school designate a starting time for the game between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

23 minutes prior to tipoff. – Start 18-minute pregame warm-up on scoreboard clock

5 minutes prior to tipoff – When 18-minute pregame warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

3 minutes prior to tipoff – At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

0 minutes prior to tipoff. – Tournament Game Tip-off

2) Two-Game Session Time Schedule

(All two-game sessions will use the following time schedule).

5:37 p.m. – Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up for 1st game on scoreboard clock

5:55 p.m. – When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

5:57-6:00 p.m. – At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

6:00 p.m. – 1st Game Tip-off

7:00 p.m. (Approx.) – 1st Game concludes

7:00-7:05 p.m. (Approx.) – 5-minute break between games

7:07-7:25 p.m. (Approx.) – Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up for 2nd game on scoreboard clock

7:25 p.m. (Approx.) – When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

7:28-7:31 p.m. (Approx.) – Introduction of players and coaches

7:32 p.m. (Approx.) – Tournament Game Tip-off

3) Super-Sectionals:

6:37 p.m. – Start 18-minute pre-game warm-up on scoreboard clock

6:55 p.m. – When 18-minute pre-game warm-up clock strikes 0:00, National Anthem

6:57-7:00 p.m. – At conclusion of National Anthem, introduction of players and coaches

7:00 p.m. – Tournament Game Tip-off

4) State Final Tournaments

Class 1A-3A

Thursday, March 13, 2025

(Class 1A-3A Semifinal Games)

Session 1 (Class 1A semifinals)

Game 1–9:30 a.m.

Game 2–11:15 a.m. (Approx.)

Session 2 (Class 2A semifinals)

Game 3–2:00 p.m.

Game 4–3:45 p.m. (Approx.)

Session 3 (Third Place Games)

Game 5–6:30 p.m. (Class 1A)

Game 6–8:15 p.m. (Approx.) (Class 2A)

Class 1A-4A

Friday, March 14, 2025

(Class 1A-3A Consolation Games; Class 4A Semifinal Games)

Session 4 (Class 1A-3A Cons. Games)

Game 7–9:30 a.m.

Game 8–11:15 a.m. (Approx.)

Game 9–2:00 p.m.

Session 5 (Class 4A semifinals)

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULE

A. Names:



Game 10–6:00 p.m. (Approx.)
Game 11–7:45 p.m. (Class 3A)

Class 1A-4A

Saturday, March 15, 2024

(Class 4A Consolation Game; Class 1A-4A Final Games)

Session 6 (Class 4A Cons. Game)

Game 12–9:30 a.m.

Session 7

Game 13–1:00 p.m.–Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (**Class 1A Championship**)

Game 14–3:00 p.m. (Approx.)–Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (**Class 2A Championship**)

Session 8

Game 15–6:00 p.m.–Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (**Class 3A Championship**)

Game 16–8:00 p.m.–Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10 (**Class 4A Championship**)

C. Sessions:

1) Regional Tournaments

All Regional tournament schedules include one day off between the semifinal games and the final game.

For Regional tournament quarterfinal games, the host school shall determine the start time for the game to begin between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The host school shall communicate the start time to the opposing school and the IHSA Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday following the release of pairings the previous Friday.

All Regional championship games shall be played on Friday night.

Each Regional tournament session shall include the National Anthem

No local manager is authorized to change the order of the games or the playing schedule for the games as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office. Games must be played as listed from top to bottom of the official schedule (in bracket order) on the nights announced unless otherwise specifically indicated or a change is approved by the Executive Director.

2) Sectional Tournaments

Each Sectional tournament session shall include the National Anthem.

No local manager is authorized to change the order of the games or the playing schedule for the games as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office. Games must be played as listed from top to bottom of the official schedule (in bracket order) on the nights announced unless otherwise specifically indicated or a change is approved by the Executive Director.

3) Super-Sectional Tournaments

All Super-Sectional Tournaments shall be played on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Each Super-Sectional tournament session shall include the National Anthem.

D. Playing Schedules:

No local manager is authorized to change the order of games as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office. Games must be played as listed from top to bottom on the official schedule unless otherwise specifically indicated or a change is approved by the Executive Director.

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. Tournament Officials

1) Officials for the Quarterfinal games will be assigned by the host schools through the IHSA Schools Center. Officials will be paid through the IHSA Office using ArbiterPay.

2) Officials at the Regional(Semifinal and Finals), Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Finals will be assigned through the IHSA Office.

3) 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.

NOTE: Detailed information regarding assignment of officials will be posted on the IHSA Schools Center to all schools that are hosting a tournament approximately one week in advance of the tournament’s start.

B. Squad Designation:

It is recommended that team rosters be forwarded to the host school. Teams are limited to a total of 22 individuals for their team. The 22 includes rostered players, coaches, high school managers, statisticians, etc. Other than coaches, no non-high school students can be included in the team’s allotment of 22 individuals.

C. Players in Team Uniform:

There is no limit to the number of dressed players a school may have for any state series game. Schools are limited only to having 22 total individuals in their team personnel. The 22 includes rostered players, coaches, high school managers, statisticians, etc. Other than coaches, no non-high school students can be included in the team’s allotment of 22 individuals.

D. Uniforms:

In order to avoid possible confusion, each participating school should have two sets of shirts of different colors for its team. One set should be white and the other a dark color. All uniforms must conform to the requirements given in Rule 3-4 of the National Federation Basketball Rules.

1) The teams listed on the top line of the single-game playing bracket shall wear white uniforms and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear dark uniforms and will be considered the visiting team. In the Super-Sectional games, the two teams will be listed according to the Sectional centers from which each has advanced.

2) Responsibility of Official Scorer and Head Coaches–The Official Scorer must secure from the head coach of each team in each game of the tournament series the head coach’s signature in the official scorebook just prior to the start of each game, thus confirming that the official scorebook is correct regarding players’ numbers.



E. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Managers and officials have instructions to disqualify any player or coach guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

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, the coach, players or any member of the faculty or Board of Education, or any other official representative of any participating school. This authority will definitely be exercised by the Board of Directors.

F. Balls:

The Wilson EVO NXT ball shall be used in the State Tournament games. Balls for the tournament series are being provided by the Wilson and only Wilson balls may be used.

G. Rules of Play:

The Official Basketball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are adopted as official for the tournament series.

1) In all tournament games, the local tournament manager shall determine the team benches prior to the team warm-up period. Pre-game practice and the first-half basket for each team shall be the one further from its assigned bench.

2) At the State Final Tournament, team benches will be assigned prior to the warm up period for each game.

3) If for any reason gymnasiums or other conditions seem to make any rule modifications desirable, the local manager must communicate with the IHSA Office before announcing such modification. Interpretations and modifications of existing rules as outlined in the various state-sponsored meetings shall be rigidly adhered to.

4) In all tournament games, the referee shall sign the official scorebook at the conclusion of the game at either the scorer's bench or in the officials' locker room. If in the officials' locker room, the signing must be done in the presence of the host manager or his/her designee and the official scorer.

5) In order to maintain the integrity of the playing surface and protect competitors, local managers of all tournament contests must create a safe zone along each baseline that will be devoid of any persons (such as cheerleaders or media personnel) or other obstructions. This safe area will extend three (3) feet from the baseline towards the facility's back wall, stage, or bleachers.

H. State Final Game Time-outs:

For all televised games during the State Finals, three (3) 60-second time-outs and two (2) 30-second time-outs may be charged to each team during a regulation game. Each team is entitled to one additional 60-second time-out during each extra period. Unused time-outs may accumulate and may be used at any time.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Presale Tickets:

1) Host schools must provide presale tickets to schools competing in Regional finals, Sectional semifinals and finals, and Super Sectionals (if hosted by a member school), if requested to do so by a competing team.

2) Competing teams are responsible for all the presale tickets they are given. All unsold tickets must be returned to the host at least three (3) hours prior to game time.

Regional final: Requests for presale tickets at the Regional finals must be made by Monday, February 24, 2025 for all classes.

Sectional semifinals and finals: Requests for presale tickets at the Sectional semifinals and finals must be made to the Sectional Manager by Friday, February 28, 2025, for all classes.

3) See the ticket distribution plan for Super-Sectional information.

4) GoFan Presale Tickets: For rounds using GoFan, tickets will be posted for general admission sale on GoFan upon approval from the host school. Per IHSA Policy 22-9-D, tickets may be reserved for competing schools upon request by a competing school 72 hours before the contest or at host school discretion.

B. All-Star Teams:

No officers of the tournament, 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 Regional and Sectional tournaments, consolation games will not be permitted to determine third place winners.

D. State Final Passes:

For the State Final Tournament games, each Super-Sectional winner will receive:

- 1) a maximum of twenty-two (22) passes for its players and other team personnel
- 2) three (3) passes for administration: Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director
- 3) twelve (12) passes for cheerleaders and one (1) for mascot upon request by member school in advance of the State Finals
- 4) one (1) pass for the cheerleader coach
- 5) one (1) state final event pass to properly licensed medical personnel for each team participating in the state final. The pass would be available for either a licensed (i.e., certified) athletic trainer or team physician. This individual must be listed on the school's State Final Program Information.

E. Bands:

Schools hosting an IHSA State Series Basketball Tournament may invite their high school pep band to perform during the tournament. However, it should be noted that the host school band is performing as the official band of the tournament and must remain neutral at all times. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause the band to be excluded from the remainder of the tournament.

Members of the pep band may be given free admission to the tournament. No band or performing groups other than the one from the host school shall be allowed to perform at the tournament.

F. 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. Refer to National Federation Rules Book Rule 1, Section 18.

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

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. Cheerleader/Mascot:

A maximum of twelve (12) cheerleaders and one (1) mascot in costume may be on the floor at any state series contest.

I. Damage to Property and 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. Practice Session

1) In the Regional, Sectional, and Super-Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the visiting team for practice sessions. When a part of the state series is played at a facility other than a member school's facility, none of the teams entered, including a hosting member school shall be permitted to practice at the facility

2) In the Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final Tournaments, eighteen (18) uninterrupted clock minutes shall be provided for pre-game warm-up. Players may not be on the floor for warm-up prior to the designated time. Floor officials must be on the floor when the pre-game warm-up period begins.

K. Videotaping by 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. Noncompeting schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape games from the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

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.

L. 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.

M. 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 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.

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

P. 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 \$5.00 per mile per team for the first 50 miles, and \$3.00 per mile per team for each mile beyond 50 miles to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each school will receive a reimbursement to cover some the costs incurred by schools at the State Final. The IHSA will reserve a block of rooms for teams competing at the state finals for their use if they so choose. Any expenses or costs associated or charged to the rooms will be at each school's expense.

Round Trip	
Mileage to	Flat Rate
State Final Site	Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$2,500.00
151-300 miles	\$3,600.00
301-over miles	\$4,400.00

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



3) The tournament management does not guarantee any portion of team expenses except as specified above. The payment of the above schedule of expenses is contingent upon adequate receipts in any individual tournament. Participating schools should be sure to take to the tournament adequate funds to meet all team expenses. Expense allowances cannot be paid to the schools until after the Executive Director has approved them.

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 IHSAA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty cents (\$.45) 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.

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:

1. A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first, second, third and fourth places in the State Final Tournament.

2. A total of twenty-two (22) medallions will be presented to the schools of the first four placing teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, the superintendent, principal, the athletic director and a certified athletic trainer or team physician, provided one is listed on the school's State Final Program Information, will be presented with a medallion. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only twenty-two (22) team/school representatives, the superintendent, principal, the athletic director and certified athletic trainer or team physician, may participate in the awards presentation.

These awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charge upon the individual tournament.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Appointment and Fees:

1. **Regional tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be assigned to each tournament game. In tournament sessions where two (2) games are scheduled, the IHSAA Office may assign an official more than one (1) game per session. Each official shall receive a fee of \$90.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSAA through ArbiterPay.

2. **Sectional tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be assigned to each tournament game. In tournament sessions where two (2) games are scheduled, the IHSAA Office may assign an official more than one (1) game per session. Each official shall receive a fee of \$112.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSAA through ArbiterPay.

3. **Super-Sectional games:** Three (3) officials will be assigned to each tournament game. In tournament sessions where two (2) games are scheduled, the IHSAA Office may assign an official more than one (1) game per session. Each official shall be allowed a fee of \$112.00 per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSAA through ArbiterPay.

4. **State Final Tournament:** Each appointed official should receive a fee of \$170.00 per game plus up to three (3) nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSAA Administrator and thirty cents (\$.30) per mile for each mile over 70 miles for one round trip. The Head Official will be paid \$125.00 per day and up to three (3) nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSAA Administrator. Officials will be paid by the IHSAA through ArbiterPay.