

2018 IESA BASEBALL



The beginning of the 2018 IESA Baseball season is fast approaching! Enclosed is the 2018 NFHS Baseball Rule Book. Other essential information regarding the IESA baseball season is located on the website, www.iesa.org. To access the Terms and Conditions, the Season Schedule Form, and Online Baseball Seeding Instructions you will need to go to the home page of the IESA website, www.iesa.org and then click on Boys Baseball. Once you are on the Boys Baseball activity page click on the tab titled "Documents & Links". You'll see an HTML file labeled "Essential Boys Baseball Documents". Included is everything you should need as a coach/administrator to get the team started. All coaches must download and print this information. You may also access this information by going to the following link: [http:// www.iesa.org/documents/essentials/bbb.asp](http://www.iesa.org/documents/essentials/bbb.asp).

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Classification:** There are three classes of boys baseball. Cut-offs for the classes will be as follows: Class 1A—13-94; Class 2A—95-205; Class 3A—206 and above. Seventh and eighth grade enrollment figures as of September 30, 2017 which were received from the school are used. Each class has approximately 1/3 of the competing schools. There are 296 teams entered in the state series—97 schools are in Class 3A; 99 schools in Class 2A; and 100 schools in class 1A.
- Assignments:** Regional and Sectional assignments will be posted on the IESA website (www.iesa.org) by July 27. That information is **NOT** in this packet.
- Hosts:** When you view the regional and sectional assignments, you will notice there are several regional and sectional sites yet to be determined. If you are interested in hosting one of these tournaments, please email Mr. Endsley, steve@iesa.org, immediately. Regional hosts will be accepted until August 24 and sectional hosts will be accepted until August 31. IESA will be in email contact with the regionals that do not have a host determined to assist with the securing of a regional host. If no school offers to host the sectional by the deadline, then the regional winners will need to determine who hosts the sectional via a coin flip in the IESA office.
- Deadlines:** Key dates to keep in mind:

2018 Season Calendar

Practice/Tryouts may begin (Monday).....	July 30, 2018
Cooperative Team Entry/Renewal Due.....	August 7, 2018
Games may begin (Saturday).....	August 11, 2018
Season Schedule Deadline (Saturday).....	August 11, 2018
Online Roster & Game Results Deadline (Tues.).....	September 4, 2018
Online Ranking.....	September 5-6, 2018
Rosters Closed (Mon.) 4:00 p.m.	September 10, 2018
Regionals (Tues., Sat., Mon.).....	September 11, 15, 17, 2018
Sectionals (Saturday) 11:00 a.m.....	September 22, 2018
State (Friday & Saturday).....	September 28-29, 2018
Season Must End.....	October 27, 2018

- NEW FOR 2018—Season Schedule Deadline:** You must go online and list your entire season schedule prior to August 11. After each game, you must record the result of the game. All games played must have a result listed by September 4.
- Online Roster Reminder:**—Be sure to complete the online Regional Entry Form. This **MUST** be done by September 4, 2018. **Changes can be made to the roster up until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10.** After you complete the online regional entry form, you can make changes to it, i.e. change players, make substitutions, add players, subtract players, etc. until 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 10. After that time and date, your roster is frozen and there are no more changes, even if your first game is not until Saturday, Sept. 15.
- Mandatory Pitch Count Requirements:** The pitch count requirements apply to both the regular season and the state series. Any coach who allows a pitcher to throw more than what is allowed or does not give the required number of days rest to a pitcher shall be suspended for a minimum of two games and the game in which the pitcher pitched when he was ineligible shall be forfeited. Coaches—IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ADHERE TO THE PITCH COUNT LIMITATIONS. PLEASE REFER TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ACTUAL PITCH COUNT MAXIMUMS AND THE REQUIRED REST PERIODS.
- Online Seeding Reminder:** Each school is required to log-in using their school password and rank each team in their regional. Seeding begins Wednesday, September 5th and continues through Thursday, September 6th. Information on how to complete the online seeding process can be obtained by going to the "Essential Boys Baseball Documents" link mentioned at the top of this page.
- Weather/Hydration/Heat Acclimatization:** Please take all necessary precautions with regard to player safety and heat acclimatization. Be sure there is plenty of water available to players and umpires during games and practices.