



# IESA BASEBALL

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 31, 2008

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Chris Graham; Jeff Bambule, Romeoville Lukancic; Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City; Neal Roach, Downs Tri-Valley; Fred Pufahl, Frankfort Summit Hill; Jon Hanner, Charleston; and Umpire Lyle Meador, Oreana. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 31, 2008, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 23, 2009 meeting:

1. To change the starting time of the sectional contests from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Rationale: Changing the mandatory starting time allows the traveling team an additional hour of travel time and will allow the fields to dry an extra hour. The extra hour will prevent the baseballs from becoming so wet due to the morning dew and may help potential injury from a wet field.**
2. To change By-Law 4.014 so the 15 run rule currently in effect after 4 innings would go into effect after 3 innings. **Rationale: Many times when a team has a 15 run lead, the game has already dragged on for a long period time usually due to poor pitching. Teams are substituting after one at bat, having players bat from the opposite side in order to keep the score reasonable, etc. In addition, the change would then be the same number of innings as softball for their 15 run rule helping umpires who work both activities to know the rule.**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. Among those were the current pitching limitations, the state series playing schedule, the home run distance on the class 3A field at the IESA state finals, and a multiplier to non-boundried schools, and more warm-up pitches for a position player when coming in as a relief pitcher. Online seed meetings were discussed, the new coaching education requirement was reviewed, and the 2009 baseball rule changes were shared with the committee. The committee was in favor of making a change to By-Law 3.042 which would allow baseball and softball players to finish their summer seasons and then join the school team

The committee compliments the EastSide staff and East Peoria Central for their work in hosting the state finals.

Pairings were drawn for the 2009 state finals as follows:

	<u>GAME 1</u>	<u>GAME 2</u>	<u>GAME 3</u>	<u>GAME 4</u>
<b>CLASS 1A --</b>	B vs. C	D vs. H	A vs. G	E vs. F
<b>CLASS 2A--</b>	D vs. E	B vs. H	A vs. G	C vs. F
<b>CLASS 3A--</b>	F vs. A	D vs. H	G vs. C	B vs. E

Tim Dotson and Jeff Bambule were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2009.