



# IESA SOFTBALL

## 2008 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 29, 2008

The following members were present for the meeting: Administrator; Kirk Graham, Umpire; Dan Kruger; Coaches; Greg Blakey, Mike Zumpf, Dana Curby, Leann Bonifas and Karen Malmgren  
 Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 2009 meeting:

1. **Recommendation:** For Regional Hosts on fields without lights games cannot start any later than 5:00pm.

Approved

**Rationale:** when weather impacts the state tournament series games this year many sites started to late on a school night and were called for darkness causing schools to have to drive 2 and 3 times to their regional host. The committee felt that a set time assists the regional host and setting up these games.

2. **Recommendation:** Seed meetings cannot start before 7:00 pm unless all schools in that regional are willing to start earlier.

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**Rationale:** schools are playing games and practice and 4pm seed meeting times are inconvenient for the coaches attending the meetings.

The Softball Advisory Committee would like once again like to thank Normal Chiddix and the Town of Normal for the exceptional administration of the state tournament. The committee also would like to express their appreciation to Flex Media for providing the fence and sponsorship of the IESA state softball tournament.

Other topics discussed:

1. 43' pitching distance
2. The committee would like the Officials advisory committee to look at a way to rate regular season officials and maybe developing a tier system for regular system games to help recruit young officials to work with Certified officials.
3. The committee would like Julie Cochran to ask Little League Baseball office on comparable data safety data on pitching mound distances and from the NFHS Sports medicine department on the safety issues comparing 43' and 40'. Does it increase safety issues for corner base players?
4. 2009 POE – Sportsmanship
5. Recruitment of New schools: The committee asked the IESA softball administrator to produce a one page flyer with information to send to spring/summer tournament managers of 14 and under sites to include in their coaches packets. The committee offered several contact web sites to review and send material.
6. Host Facility Survey to send to all regional and sectional hosts for field and site specifications.

2009 State Pairings	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Class A	E vs. B	C vs. A	D vs. F	H vs. G
Class AA	C vs. A	G vs. E	F vs. D	B vs. H

Karen Malmgren and Greg Blakey were recognized for his service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The date was set for the next meeting; Wednesday, October 28, 2009.