



# IESA SOFTBALL

## 2012 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

#### October 24, 2012

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Chuck Trainor, Jennifer Nolte, Laura Watts, Chris Wason. Jen Schafer, Bill Craven. Administrator Andy Johnson and Umpire Chris Smith.

Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place. New members include:

- Bill Craven (Coach)
- Chuck Trainor (Coach)
- Jennifer Nolte (Coach)

The board reviewed recommendations from 2011 meeting and Board Action  
No new recommendations were made by the committee at this time.

The Softball Advisory Committee would like to thank Normal Chiddix and the Town of Normal for the exceptional administration of the state tournament.

#### 1. Discussion Topics

- a. Survey - Required face masks
  - i. Economic restrictions were discussed if schools were forced to purchase masks which run on average \$40.00 per unit. If one was required, which brand is best to go with? Decision was made to not recommend it be a required at this time; however the Association will continue to support and encourage the usage of facemasks to those who wish to use them.
- b. Seeding Sectional?
  - i. The IHSA attempted to seed Sectional play rather than the Regional as an experiment, and it did not go well. Travel costs were too large of an issue. Schools with experienced Regionals have become frustrated. We will look at each individual case based on location; however we as an Association promote competition. No recommendation at this time.
- c. Having coaches stay in the coach's box while ball is live.
  - i. It would have to be something out of the ordinary. Obnoxious antics will not be tolerated and the umpire will keep the coach in the box if the coach is distracting opposing players. 8-6-16A in the rule book is where to reference regarding this topic. No recommendation at this time.
- d. Coaches yelling instructions to players just as the pitcher starts to pitch.
  - i. It is the umpire's call for unsportsmanlike conduct. Each situation varies. No recommendation at this time.
- e. Pitching rubber secure.
  - i. Incident occurred during post season where pitching rubber had not been secured all season. A field rating system was discussed; where schools could rate facilities online to better supply the IESA with feedback. Although available online, host requirements packet will now be sent via email to all schools in a regional or sectional, not just host school. No recommendation at this time.
- f. NFHS
  1. 2013 NFHS Rule Changes were discussed.
- g. IESA 2013 POE
  - i. Adhere to field requirements as host/umpire
  - ii. Player safety
  - iii. Sportsmanship

#### 2. State Pairings

	<i>Game 1</i>	<i>Game 2</i>	<i>Game 3</i>	<i>Game 4</i>
<b>Class A</b>	F vs. H	D vs. E	A vs. B	C vs. G
<b>Class AA</b>	A vs. E	D vs. F	G vs. C	B vs. H

3. Laura Watts, Chris Wason and Jen Schafer were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.
4. Date for 2013 fall meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2013