



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 3, 2016

The following members were present for the meeting: Joshua Stone, Raymond Lincolnwood, Steve Schafer, Glasford Illini Bluffs; Mitch Pruemmer, Gifford; Kyle Hasler, Minooka; Michael Hart, Champaign Jefferson; Mike Olson, Administrator, McNabb Putnam Country; and Umpire Ken Studebaker, Congerville. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on November 3, 2016, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their January 20, 2017 meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.015 to reflect the recommended pitch count limitations. **Rationale: NFHS rules require state associations to adopt pitching restrictions based on the number of pitches thrown starting in 2017. We have had a pitching restriction in place for years but it was based on innings rather than actual pitch count. The pitch count restriction that is being recommended is less than the restriction that high schools will follow. The pitch count limitations are safer for the pitchers than an inning limitation and in many cases will require more rest between pitching appearances. APPROVED JANUARY 20, 2017**

Discussion was once again held concerning the NFHS rule requiring teams to warm-up in their own team's on-deck circle. A request to re-visit this issue was received from a member school. Basically, the school was asking the committee to consider making an exception to the NFHS rule that would allow teams the discretion to use the opposite team's on-deck circle so the on deck batter would always be at the back of the batter currently at bat. Discussion centered on whether it would be required for on deck batters to always be at the back of the batter or whether it would be a coaches choice to put an on deck batter at the back of the batter. The coaches felt that if a given diamond's on deck circle was too close to the playing area for their comfort, they should move to an area that is safe or not use the on deck circle. The on deck circle by NFHS rule is to be a minimum of 37 ft. from home plate. There was no recommendation to require on deck batters to always position themselves behind the batter in the batter's box. Additionally, the liability of an umpire and the Association was called into question if an exception was made and then something happened to someone who was in an opponent's on deck circle. A recommendation for a change was not made. Therefore, the NFHS rule requiring teams to warm up in their own on deck circle remains in effect.

Pairings were drawn for the 2017 state finals as follows:

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

Brett Huff and Joshua Stone were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2017.