



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.

IESA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 2016
1:00 p.m., IHSA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--New Members: Mitch Pruemer, Gifford; Kyle Hasler, Minooka
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 11/2/15 meeting and Board action
4. 2016 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. 2017 NFHS rule changes
 - B. Items from coaches--see attached
 - On Deck Circle NFHS Rule 1-2-3.
 - Pitching limitations
 - C. Items from Committee
6. State Pairings for 2017

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

7. Last meeting--Brett Huff and Joshua Stone
8. Next Meeting Date: October 30, 2017



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 2, 2015

The following members were present for the meeting: Joshua Stone, Raymond Lincolnwood, Jeremy Smith, Gillespie, Tom Knapczyk, Shorewood Troy; Steve Schafer, Glasford Illini Bluffs; Brett Huff, Alton; 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 2, 2015, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their January 22, 2016 meeting:

2. To change the starting times of the Saturday Class 3A games to mirror the Saturday 2A schedule. The Saturday 1A games would still start at 9:30 a.m. while the Class 2A and 3 A games would start at 10:00 a.m. **Rationale: With fewer fans on Saturday, it is easier to start two classes at the same time. (Board Action--PASSED)**
3. To add to the NFHS Rule exceptions the following: The administrators of the two teams involved in a regular season game shall decide how to complete the game if such game is suspended for any reason. **Rationale: Procedures are already in place to resume play for state series play when a suspension occurs. IESA rules do not specifically address end of game procedures for regular season games that are suspended. Approving this recommendation allows the administrators to decide if a game would be treated as a suspended game and play would resume at the point of suspension or if the contest would simply be treated as a "no game." (Board Action--PASSED)**
4. To add information the Terms and Conditions that while a team is taking its timed infield warm-up, pitchers may not throw from the pitching mound. **Rationale: Safety of all participants. Pitchers may use the bullpen area to warm-up prior to the contest. (Board Action--PASSED)**
5. To give sectional host schools the option to hire a third umpire at their expense for sectional contests. IESA would be responsible for assigning the third umpire if requested by the host school. **Rationale: With no additional expense to the IESA, this would allow those sectional hosts who are willing to pay the extra fee, to have 3 umpires allowing for better coverage of the game. (Board Action--DEFEATED)**
6. Major discussion was held concerning the length of games and various ways games could be played to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete the games. The two ideas that had the most interest were setting a two hour time limit for games and playing six innings instead of seven. There was also discussion on using an international tie breaking rule for games that go beyond seven innings. Committee members were asked to discuss these ideas with coaches in their area and report back with their findings.

Discussion was held on the following items:

**The NFHS rule requiring teams to warm-up in their own team's on-deck circle was once again discussed at length. Requests were received from several schools 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. Therefore, the NFHS rule requiring teams to warm up in their own on deck circle remains in effect.

**A request to keep players in dugouts after a home run was again discussed. There was no recommendation to require players to remain in the dugout after a home run but the committee did agree that the home run celebration should always allow the player to reach home plate safely.

**Discussion was held on the possibility of shortening the state series. The committee simply feels that the time allotted to complete the state series is necessary because of the uncertainty of the weather. There was also some discussion on allowing games to start earlier in the standardized calendar but again the committee felt that it was not necessary to change the starting dates for games.

Pairings were drawn for the 2016 state finals as follows:

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

Jeremy Smith and Tom Knapczyk were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2016.

IESA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 2, 2015
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--New Members: Ken Studebaker, Umpire; Mike Olson McNabb
Putnam County

2. Review role of advisory committee

3. Review recommendations from 11/3/14 meeting and Board action

4. 2015 State Tournament results

5. Discussion Topics:

A. 2016 NFHS rule changes

B. Items from coaches--see attached

- On Deck Circle NFHS Rule 1-2-3.
- Length of games--time limits? 6 innings?
- Keeping players in dugouts after home runs
- End of game procedures for regular season games that are suspended
- Clarifying the bat rules
- 3 umpires at sectional
- Pitchers warming up during team's infield--Allow? Not allow?
- Shortening of the state series; allow games to start sooner?

C. Items from Committee

6. State Pairings for 2015

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

7. Last meeting--Jeremy Smith and Tom Knapczyk

8. Next Meeting Date: October 31, 2016



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 3, 2014

The following members were present for the meeting: Joshua Stone, Raymond, Jeremy Smith, Gillespie, Tom Knapczyk, Shorewood Troy; Steve Schafer, Glasford Illini Bluffs; Brett Huff, Alton and Umpire Rich Cacciatori, Hudson. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on November 3, 2014, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their January 23, 2015 meeting:

1. To add to the Baseball Terms and Conditions that the IESA baseball administrator has the authority to assign two sectionals to one site if a host for a sectional cannot be secured in advance and the school who is already serving as the host is willing to host two games. **NOT APPROVED**

Discussion was held on the following items:

**The NFHS rule requiring teams to warm-up in their own team's on-deck circle was discussed at length. Requests were received from three different schools 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. An unfortunate accident occurred in a game this fall where a player who was in his own team's on deck circle was hit in the eye by a foul ball with numerous surgeries following the accident. In theory, this could not happen if the batter on deck was always at the back of the batter who is at bat. After much discussion the committee was split 3-3 on recommending that an exception to the NFHS rule be made. Given there wasn't a majority, no recommendation for a change is being made.

**The exception to the requirement that coaches wear the uniform of the school was discussed. A Point of Emphasis will be made that coaches are expected to represent their school and that every effort should be made to wear some type of school uniform or school colored attire especially for the 24 schools who advance to the state finals. In essence, coaches should not be wearing cutoffs and flip flops (or some other inappropriate attire) when occupying the first base or third base coaching box.

**For teams that advance to the finals, it is requested that an itinerary of pre-game procedures be provided. Coaches would like to know who is taking warm-up first, line-up introductions, etc. The IESA will coordinate this with the host school.

**A request to start the count on each batter with one ball and one strike was discussed. There was no recommendation to do so.

**A request to keep players in dugouts after a home run was discussed. There was no recommendation to require players remain in the dugout but the committee did agree that the home run celebration should always allow the player to reach home plate safely.

**Rich Cacciatori explained the interpretation of the safety base. The 1st baseman is only allowed to use the orange part of the base to receive a dropped third strike throw. The batter/runner is never out for touching the white base rather than the colored base. He also explained the correct interpretation of the awarding of first base for a hit by pitch.

The committee put together a list of expected facilities/requirements for hosting state series contests at the regional and sectional level. Chief among those were restroom facilities must be available for any school hosting a regional or sectional. Schools offering to host should have a pitcher's mound, a diamond properly chalked, a scoreboard, and it is recommended that concessions are available. This information will be added to the requirements section on the Host Interest Form.

**The possibility of adding a 7th grade baseball state series was once again discussed. After discussion, there was once again no support to add such a state series mainly due to the fact that the overwhelming majority of schools simply do not have enough numbers (players) to conduct a separate 7th grade and 8th grade team.

**Three members of the committee, Jeremy, Joshua, and Tom received some different model baseballs from Rawlings to test those models against the current model of the Rawlings baseball that is part of the current ball adoption agreement. All three basically indicated that the models that they were given to test did not have any noticeable difference than the RIESA model that is currently being used.

**The committee acknowledged the work and effort of East Peoria Central and the staff at EastSide in getting the fields in playable condition for the 2014 state finals.

Pairings were drawn for the 2015 state finals as follows:

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

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2015



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 2014
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--New Members: Steve Schafer, Glasford Illini Bluffs; Brett Huff, Alton; Rich Cacciatori, Umpire (Filling in for Ken)
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 11/4/13 meeting and Board action
4. 2014 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. 2015 NFHS rule changes
 - B. Items from coaches--see attached
 - On Deck Circle NFHS Rule 1-2-3.
 - Regional Host Requirements for Hosting
 - Concern from New Berlin--Interpretation of batters hit by pitch
 - Start each at bat with one ball and one strike
 - Keeping players in dugouts after home runs
 - Safety Base interpretation
 - End of game procedures for regular season games that are suspended
 - C. Items from Committee
 - Rawlings Baseball---Tom, Joshua, Jeremy
6. State Pairings for 2015

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs. Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs. Sectional

7. Next Meeting Date: November 2, 2015



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

November 4, 2013

The following members were present for the meeting: Alex Razo, Chillicothe, Darren Loschen, Potomac, Joshua Stone, Raymond, Jeremy Smith, Gillespie, Tom Knapczyk, Shorewood Troy; and Umpire Steve Vorhies, Dallas City. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

There are no recommendations for the Board of Directors.

There were several items discussed by the committee. The following Points of Emphasis will be included in the Terms and Conditions that will be mailed to schools prior to the beginning of the 2014 season:

- ** Schools hosting regular season and state series game should be sure that the foul lines are chalked properly including beyond first and third base. This is necessary for umpires in particular as well as for players and coaches.
- ** Better enforcement of NFHS rule 6-2-2 in particular one minute between innings. This will help speed up games which often last too long.
- ** Curtail excessive celebration following home runs.

Discussion was held on the following items:

**Umpires chosen to work sectional and state level games will need to work at least 5 regular season jr. high games in order to receive assignments. This practice is currently in place for basketball and volleyball officials.

**Dugout positions for regional and sectionals will be determined by the host school. Host schools should communicate the dugout that each participating school will use prior to teams arriving on site.

**Portable pitching mounds during the state series were once again discussed. The committee reiterated that they do not want portable pitching mounds allowed during the state series as approved by the IESA Board of Directors.

**School that offer to host a Regional and/or a Sectional and are subsequently assigned by the IESA Office before the season begins to serve as the host must have a traditional pitching mound. Schools that do not have a pitching mound should not submit a request in advance (Host Interest Form) to host a regional or sectional. Once the assignments have been released and if there is no host for a given regional or sectional, then a school without a pitching mound may contact the IESA Office to indicate their interest in hosting and may be assigned as the host.

**A standardized procedure to pay the umpires during the regional was discussed. Currently, there are some regionals where each time a school participates they pay for one of the umpires; in other regionals the host pays all of the umpires and then sends out an assessment notice after the completion of the regional. The committee felt that the procedure that is the least confusing and easiest to manage is for the host school to simply pay all of the umpires for the regional and then send an assessment notice to each participating school based on the number of games each school plays. This will avoid a school going to their school's bookkeeper on multiple days asking for a check to be cut, not knowing whether the check should be made payable to either the official or the school, and simply paying their share all at once as opposed to perhaps multiple checks. The host school would have the responsibility to have checks prepared for each official for each game.

**Bat rules and a request to allow a minus 5 drop was briefly discussed. The minus 3 drop rule is an NFHS rule and therefore will not be modified to allow for a minus 5 drop. IESA rules already allow for bats 30' and under with a barrel diameter of no more than 2 ¼" to exceed the minus 3 drop.

**The possibility of adding a 7th grade baseball state series was discussed. The committee looked at how such a state series would fit into the current calendar. After discussion, there was no support to add such a

state series mainly due to the fact that the overwhelming majority of school simply do not have enough numbers (players) to conduct a separate 7th grade and 8th grade team.

**Schools that serve as the regional host will no longer be required to forward in advance the baseballs provided to them as the regional host school to the sites who serve as first round hosts for the "play-in" games played on Tuesday prior to the Saturday semi-finals. Regional host schools should, at some point in time, whether it is before the play in game or after the play in game, be sure to give the baseballs to the schools who serve as a host for the play in games.

The committee acknowledged the work and effort of East Peoria Central and the staff at EastSide in conducting the 2013 state finals. In particular, the concession lines were much more manageable than in previous years due to the additional concession stations.

Pairings were drawn for the 2014 state finals as follows:

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

Alex Razo, Darren Loschen, Trevor Stoecklin, and Steve Vorhies were recognized for their service to the committee. In addition, Josh Stone's term on the committee will end with the 16-17 school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2014



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 4, 2013
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--New Members: Joshua Stone, Raymond; Jeremy Smith, Gillespie; Tom Knapczyk, Shorewood Troy
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/29/12 meeting and Board action
4. 2013 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. 2014 NFHS rule changes
 - B. Items from coaches--see attached
 - C. Items from Committee

6. State Pairings for 2014

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting Date: November 3, 2014
8. Last meeting for Alex Razo, Trevor Stoecklin, Darren Loschen, Steve Vorhies
Need to have Josh, Jeremy, or Tom stay on one additional year.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 29, 2012

The following members were present for the meeting: John Hickman, Clinton; Jerry McDowell, Coal City; Alex Razo, Chillicothe, Trevor Stoecklin, Greenville, Darren Loschen, Potomac,; and Umpire Steve Vorhies, Dallas City. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 29, 2012, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their January 19, 2013 meeting:

1. To change the game times at the finals to the following: Class 1A: 9:30, 11:30, 2:00, 4:00; Class 2A: 10:00, 12 noon, 2:30, 4:30; Class 3A: 10:30, 12:30, 3:00, 5:00. **Rationale: The staggered starts for each class should allow for a smoother start to the tournament and may help alleviate some of the long concession lines. Board Action: Approved**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. The committee requests that the regional host hire umpires for all regional games and not just the semifinal and championship games. Discussion was held concerning batters being allowed to use the opponents on deck circle which is a clear violation of NFHS rule 1-2-3. A point of emphasis will be sent to IESA approved umpires reminding them that this is not to be allowed. Another point of emphasis for the 2013 school year is that coaches, as required by NFHS rule, must remain in the dugout including all state final games at EastSide. Coaches will not be allowed to stand outside the dugout. Teams that advance to the IESA finals must use the line-up cards that are provided by the host school and the IESA. Homemade versions or some other version of a line-up card will not be allowed. The possibility of allowing steel cleats was discussed but no recommendation was made.

The committee is concerned about the concession lines at the state final. Comments were received that some people stood in line for up to 45 minutes. Mr. Endsley indicated that he will discuss the concession situation with the appropriate people.

The committee again discussed the pitching inning limitations. A request was received from a member school asking that discussion be held concerning limiting the innings that a pitcher can throw during the regional week. As different ideas were discussed concerning changing the limitations, it seemed like a change of some type could have an unintended consequence because of a potential change. After the discussion, no recommendation for changes to the current limitations was made.

Pairings were drawn for the 2013 state finals as follows:

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

John Hickman and Jerry McDowell were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 29, 2012
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/31/11 meeting and Board action
4. 2012 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. 2013 NFHS rule changes
 - B. State Game times
 - C. Pitching limitations---particularly at the regional level
 - D. Items from Committee

6. State Pairings for 2013

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting Date: November 4, 2013
8. Last meeting for John Hickman; Jerry McDowell



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 31, 2011

The following members were present for the meeting: John Hickman, Clinton; Jerry McDowell, Coal City; Alex Razzo, Chillicothe, Trevor Stoecklin, Greenville, Darren Loschen, Potomac, Bob Gold, Assistant Superintendent, Eureka; and Umpire Steve Vorhies, Dallas City. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 31, 2011, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 20, 2012 meeting:

2. To change the online roster and record deadline from Wednesday of week #9 to Tuesday of week #10. The online ranking would take place Wednesday and Thursday of week #10 with the seeds and regional pairing released on Friday of Week #10. **Rationale: Will give more time to accurately reflect a team's current record and is more consistent with the softball timeline.**
3. To add the following to By-Law 4.015: The home plate umpire shall declare a forfeiture of contest, immediately upon verification of a pitching limitation violation, **Rationale: Because safety is at the forefront of the rationale for limiting the number of innings a pitcher can throw in one day, the committee believes it is better to immediately stop the contest if a pitching limitation violation is verified rather than allow the pitcher to continue to throw and deal with the violation after the fact. There are certainly some disadvantages to calling a game immediately including the umpires being able to safely leave the field, the controversy that will occur when a game is stopped in the middle of a contest, and fans who will not understand the decision that has been made. The baseball committee believes that despite these disadvantages, it is more important to prevent injuries to a young person's arm. Therefore, the game should be called immediately.**
4. To change By-Law 2.128 so 3 umpires are hired for each sectional game. **Rationale: The biggest reason the committee felt this was necessary is that the state finals would then not be the first time the umpires work a 3 man crew. Currently, 2 umpires are assigned to each sectional. Many of those umpires also work the IESA state finals when we switch to a 3 man crew. The mechanics umpires use are different depending on the number of umpires who work the game. Few, if any 3 man crews are used in regular season contests. That means, the first time umpires are working 3 man crews is at the IESA state finals. By working a 3 man crew at the sectional level, umpires will have some experience with the 3 man mechanics before the state level. In addition, with a 3 man crew there is better coverage of the playing field.**
5. If recommendation #3 is approved, to change By-Law 5.042 so baseball sectional umpires are paid \$45 per game. **Rationale: Currently each umpire receives \$55. This lower amount for each umpire will help offset the additional expense the IESA will incur.**
6. If recommendation #3 is approved, to change By-Law 5.023 so the baseball entry fee is \$55. **Rationale: Currently each school pays a \$50 entry fee. If recommendations #3 and #4 are approved, the cost to the IESA will be an additional \$600. The \$5 entry fee increase will cover the additional expense of adding a 3rd umpire to the sectional level.**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. Information was presented concerning the new bat regulations that go into effect in 2012. The current pitching limitation rule was discussed at length and the committee was informed of the situation that led to forfeiture of a Class 2A baseball sectional. Discussion was held once again on limiting the number of pitches thrown in a game vs. limiting the number of innings thrown. After the discussion, there was no recommendation to change the current pitching limitations. The 2012 NFHS rule changes were discussed. The committee compliments the EastSide staff and East Peoria Central for their work in hosting the state finals; however there was a strong consensus that the wait for concessions at the state finals, especially around 10:30-12:30 was too long and

steps need to be taken to address the lines at the concession areas. The committee was informed that coaches are to be in the dugout during the games. Mr. Endsley will work with the umpires to have this enforced on a more consistent basis. Discussion was held on determining the dead ball area on the Class 3A field particularly at the bullpen areas.

The committee was asked for a listing of items they would expect a regional/sectional host to either do or provide for the competing teams. That list included:

1. Be sure the outfield grass is mowed (infield grass as well if the site has a grass infield)
2. Base lines, batter box, and outfield foul lines properly and clearly chalked
3. Be sure holes in the pitching mound and batters box have been filled in and "stomped down"
4. Provide water for players AND umpires
5. Fences and back stops are safe. While acknowledging it may not be easiest item to correct but back stops should not allow a ball to roll through the back stop when a catcher misses the ball. If the back stop is in need of repair, the hosts should fix the back stop prior to hosting
6. Administrator on site who can tend to problems should they arise
7. Restrooms that are in working order
8. Provide the book and an official scorer for all games
9. Proper supervision, especially for umpires after the contest
10. Understanding that even if the host school is not playing in a given contest, the host school is exactly that--a "host" school that is responsible for the regional/sectional contest.
11. Report scores in a timely manner on the IESA website

The committee recognizes that not all regular season games/sites are able to adopt the following but the following schedule will be used for state series play regarding infield/dugout use and is recommended for regular season play:

Home Team will use the 3rd base dugout
Visiting Team will use the 1st base dugout

Home Team takes infield first
Visiting team takes infield second
Each team gets 10 minutes of infield

Pairings were drawn for the 2012 state finals as follows:

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

Bob Gold was recognized for his service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2012.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 31, 2011

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--New Members: Steve Vorhies, Dallas City, Umpire; Trevor Stoecklin, Greenville, Coach; Alex Razzo, Chillicothe, Coach; Darren Loschen, Potomac, Coach
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/29/10 meeting and Board action
4. 2011 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. New bat rules effective 2012
 - B. What are expected responsibilities of state series host schools?
 - C. Regional seeding timeline
 - D. Glasford Illini Bluffs/Chillicothe sectional contest/How to handle similar situations in the future?
 - E. Other 2012 Rule Changes
 - F. State Tournament Comments
 - G. Ejection Report
 - H. Items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2012

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting Date: October 29, 2012

8. Last meeting for Bob Gold



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 29, 2010

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, James Bunting; Fred Pufahl, Frankfort Summit Hill; Jon Hanner, Charleston; Mike McKay, El Paso, Bryan Overman, Champaign Jefferson, John Hickman, Clinton; Jerry McDowell, Coal City; Bob Gold, Assistant Superintendent, Eureka; 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 29, 2010, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 21, 2011 meeting:

7. To change the starting time of the state contests from 10:00, 12 noon, 2:00, and 4:00 to 10:00, 12 noon, 2:30, and 4:30. **Rationale: More realistic game times. The break between the 2nd and 3rd games will allow the tournament to get back on a schedule should the first two games get behind.**
8. To add the following to By-Law 4.011: The IESA Office shall not assign regional or sectional hosting responsibilities to schools that use portable baseball mounds. **Rationale: The baseball committee believes that portable pitching mounds are so drastically different than pitching from a traditional dirt mound, that it becomes a disadvantage when inexperienced pitchers are forced to throw using a portable mound. In many instances, safety is a concern when attempting a throw to first from a portable mound. Should a sectional site not be set after the regionals are completed, preference will be given to the school that has a traditional mound. If neither school has a traditional mound, either school may host. If a regional host is not assigned by the IESA Office when the assignments are announced, then a school that uses a portable mound may serve as the host.**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the new bat regulations that go into effect in 2012. The current pitching limitation rule was discussed at length. Discussion focused on limiting the number of pitches thrown vs. the number of innings thrown. Correspondence was received from at least two member schools favoring limiting the total number of pitches in a given day vs. the total number of innings thrown in a given day. Information on the pitching limitations that are currently in place in Little League was shared with the committee. After the discussion, there was no recommendation to change the current pitching limitations. Travel distance at the regional level was discussed and whether semi-final games can be played at a different site than the regional host. The committee believes that once the regional host is determined, semi-final and championship games should be played at the host school unless weather should cause a change or in cases where distance is such a factor for the two competing teams that the host school was willing to release the hosting responsibilities. Discussion about setting a total number of game limitations was held. Most schools are playing 10-20 regular season games. Because schools aren't playing an outrageous number of games, the committee did not feel it was necessary to set a limit on the number of games a school can play. Information will be included to the regional host schools that on the Saturday of the regional semi-finals, if the first game is called because of weather, the second game cannot be held that day. The 2011 NFHS rule changes were discussed.

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

Pairings were drawn for the 2011 state finals as follows:

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

Fred Pufahl, Jon Hanner, and Lyle Meador were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2011.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 29, 2010

10:30 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/30/09 meeting and Board action
4. 2010 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. New bat rules effective 2012
 - B. Pitching limitations--Innings vs. number of pitches?--Bradley Central & Joliet St. Ray
 - C. Regional set-up--Letter from Alton
 - D. Pitchers intentionally throwing at batters--Letter from Washington St. Patrick's
 - E. Game limitations--Rochester
 - F. Playing of games on high school fields
 - G. Regional Semi-Finals when 1st game is delayed or postponed
 - H. 2011 Rule Changes
 - I. State Tournament Comments
 - J. Items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2011

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 31, 2011

8. Last meeting for Lyle, Fred, and John



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 30, 2009

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, James Bunting; Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City; Fred Pufahl, Frankfort Summit Hill; Jon Hanner, Charleston; Keith Sprague, Springfield Christian; Bob Gold, Eureka Middle School, Principal; 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 30, 2009, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 22, 2010 meeting:

9. To change the starting time of the state contests from 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, and 4:45 to 10:00, 12 noon, 2:00, and 4:00. **Rationale: With the exception of the first game each day, state baseball games rarely start at the announced times. However, by changing the time, if there should be a game that is completed quickly, the proposed times would allow the next game to start as scheduled and keep games moving.**

10. To add to By-Law 4.014 the following penalty for the wearing of metal cleats: "If a player is found wearing metal cleats, the player must be immediately removed from the game without the opportunity to return to the game." **Rationale: The baseball committee believes this is an appropriate penalty. However, they also recognize that their recommendation is different than what the softball committee has recommended for their penalty. Exec. Director's Note: The penalty for wearing metal cleats in either softball or baseball should be the same for both sports if for no other reason than to be consistent for the umpires who work both sports.**

There were several items discussed without any recommendations from the committee. Among those were the current bat regulations and whether or not they should be changed. Discussion about mandating faceguards was held. After the discussion, there was no recommendation for changing either item although the committee did take notice that a school/individual may use faceguards in accordance with NFHS rules. There was a lot of discussion concerning regular season games that are called for weather, darkness, etc. Currently, only state series games are treated as suspended games if they do not meet game ending procedures as stated by NFHS rule. The committee did not make a recommendation to adopt a policy on regular season games that are not completed. Therefore, regular season games that do not meet game ending procedures as described in the NFHS rule book will be considered no game and should the teams decide to play again, the game will start completely over with nothing from the previous contest counting toward the new game. Fred Pufahl had a request from a school to discuss the possibility of adding a 3rd umpire to the sectional contests. Mr. Endsley explained that the basketball advisory committee made a similar recommendation for basketball sectionals which the Board of Directors did not adopt. There was no recommendation forthcoming on adding a 3rd umpire at the sectional level. Online seed meetings were discussed and the 2010 baseball rule changes were shared with the committee. It appears as though there will be a change to the certification marking which must appear on the bats beginning in 2012. Mr. Endsley will check with the NFHS office on concerns about the changes.

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

Pairings were drawn for the 2010 state finals as follows:

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

Keith Sprague, Neil Roach, and Aaron Hamilton were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2010.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 30, 2009
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/31/08 meeting and Board action
4. 2009 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Discussion on regular season games called by weather--NFHS rule 4-2-3
 - B. State series dates--Email from school wanting to shorten dates
 - C. Bat Regulations/Faceguards
 - D. Review NFHS Exceptions--possibility of adding penalty for metal cleats
 - E. 2010 Rule Changes
 - F. State Tournament Comments
 - G. Items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2010

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 29, 2010
8. Last meeting for Aaron, Neal and Keith



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:

11. 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.**
12. 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>
CLASS 1A --	B vs. C	D vs. H	A vs. G	E vs. F
CLASS 2A--	D vs. E	B vs. H	A vs. G	C vs. F
CLASS 3A--	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.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 31, 2008
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/26/07 meeting and Board action
4. 2008 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Discussion on 3.042 (email from Bradley Central)
 - B. Starting time for sectional contests
 - C. Tuesday regional games (email from Riverton)
 - D. Home Run distance on 3A field at State (email from Teutopolis)
 - E. Non-Boundried school multiplier (email from Griggsville)
 - F. 2009 Rule Changes
 - G. State Tournament Comments
 - H. Items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2009

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 30, 2009
8. Last meeting for Tim and Jeff



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 26, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Chris Graham; Coaches Greg Pohlman, Carrollton; Matt Smith, Mt. Zion; Jeff Bambule, Romeoville Lukancic; Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City; Neal Roach, Downs Tri-Valley; and Keith Sprague, Springfield Christian; Administrator Tim Dotson, Peoria Limestone Walters; and Umpire Kevin Mallehan, Normal. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The baseball advisory committee in its meeting on October 26, 2007, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 18, 2008 meeting:

1. To move the final entry deadline from Friday of week #7 in the standardized calendar to Friday of week #6. **Rationale: We had one school enter the state series this year right at the final deadline. By that time, regional assignments had already been made and so an 8 team regional had to be created. By moving the final deadline earlier, it may help to alleviate assignment problems.**

2. To change By-Law 2.127 so that at least one IHSA licensed umpire is hired for each game. **Rationale: Currently neither umpire is required to be IHSA licensed. Requiring at least one licensed umpire helps to insure that the game will be played with at least one umpire knowledgeable of rules, changes, etc. The committee felt requiring two licensed umpires would be difficult in some areas of the state.**

There was a motion and a second to allow all pitchers to return to the mound one time if they were removed from the pitching position. Currently, only the starting pitcher can return. The motion was defeated.

Discussion was held on wood bats and some brief information was given on the study conducted by the IHSA on wood bats in the spring of 2007. Results of that study will be sent to the committee members. Members were informed about House Bill 4140 which is legislation proposed by Representative Molaro banning aluminum bats in recreation leagues where children 13 and under participate. Whether or not that bill if it would become law would apply to the IESA is not known at this time.

Information was presented on the fence that was used on the Class 3A diamond. A company called Flex Media Partnership provided the fence that was used on the Class 3A diamond. The website for the company is www.flexmediapartnership.com.

Information was also presented on a Kwik-Release Base and the 2008 NFHS rules were discussed.

The committee had favorable comments concerning the 3 class system and the playing of all classes at the EastSide Centre. Compliments were given to the EastSide staff and host school, East Peoria Central. The committee would like for a warning track to be added to the Class 1A and Class 2A diamonds for the safety of the participants.

The committee requests that pre game instructions for state series play be made available to host schools.

Pairings were drawn for the 2008 state finals as follows:

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

Matt Smith, Kevin Mallehan, and Greg Pohlman were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2008.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2007
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/26/06 meeting and Board action
4. 2007 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Problems with Class A assignments
 - B. 2008 Baseball Rule Changes—Softball cleats for IHSA in 2008
 - C. Kwik-Release Base—information purpose only
 - D. Softball will be recommending two IHSA umpires for all contests and week #47 as an approved week for tryouts
 - E. State Tournament Comments
 - F. Items from Committee

6. State Pairings for 2008

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 31, 2008
8. Last meeting for Matt, Kevin, and Greg



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 26, 2006

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jeff Marsaglia, Divernon; Greg Pohlman, Carrollton; Matt Smith, Mt. Zion; and Jeff Bambule Romeoville Martinez; Administrator Tim Dotson, Bartonville Oak Grove; and Umpire Kevin Mallehan, Normal. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

Many items were discussed but the committee has no recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to the baseball rules and By-Laws.

Items discussed included end of game procedures at the Streator Woodland regional, the possibility of adding a multiplier to the enrollment of non-public schools, the possibility of seeding via the internet, admission charges at the regional and sectional level, the top seeded team in the regional being able to pitch the number 1 pitcher throughout the regional and sectional, the selection of an all-tournament team at the state finals, and a change in the safety base interpretation. The committee was informed of an appeal concerning By-Law 3.043 by Danville North Ridge prior to the start of the season.

The committee had favorable comments concerning the 3 class system and the playing of all classes at the EastSide Centre. Compliments were given to the EastSide staff and host school, East Peoria Central.

Pairings were drawn for the 2007 state finals as follows:

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

Jeff Marsaglia was recognized for his service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2007.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2006
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/27/05 meeting and Board action
4. 2006 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Situation involving Class A regional @ Streator---see correspondence
 - B. From Carrollton--Multiplier to the non-public schools?
 - C. From Mendon Unity--Internet seeding; Admission charge at regional and sectionals?
 - D. From Green Valley:--Top seeded team only has to use one pitcher
 - E. From Lockport Kelvin Grove--All tournament team selection
 - F. From El Paso-Gridley See email on safety base

6. State Pairings for 2007

Class 1A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 2A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class 3A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 25, 2007

8. Last meeting for Jeff



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 27, 2005

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Tim McGuire, Forrest Prairie Central; Dan Kaiser, Dwight Jeff Marsaglia, Divernon; Greg Pohlman, Carrollton; Matt Smith Chatham Glenwood; and Umpire Kevin Mallehan, Normal. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 20, 2006 meeting:

1. Beginning in 2006, to move the playing date of the first round regional games for seeds #3,4,5,and 6 to Wednesday of week 11 in the standardized calendar. These two games are now scheduled for Thursday of week #11. **Rationale: By moving the games back one day, the teams playing in these games have one additional day of rest prior to the Saturday semi-final games.**
2. To add to the Terms and Conditions that any state series game that is suspended for reasons of weather, darkness, or mechanical failure (i.e. lighting problems, power outage. water system problems), it will be treated a suspended game and replayed from the point of suspension when the game is able to resume. The line-up and batting order shall be the same as the line up and batting order at the point of suspension. Pitching limitations will still apply whenever the game is resumed. The coach of the team trailing at the time of the suspension may forfeit the contest at which time the game will be considered a complete game. **Rationale: Currently, there is no language in the T & C as to end of game procedures when weather causes a suspension. This helps to clarify how to handle this situation.**
3. To change the interpretation of the Safety-Base rule so it reads as follows: The batter-runner should use the orange portion only on the first attempt at first base. A runner is never out for touching the white base rather than the orange portion. Once the runner reaches first base, the runner shall then use only the white base. The defensive player may use only the white portion of the bag in making any play at first. One exception--On a missed third strike the first baseman may use the orange portion for the putout throw from the catcher. A batted ball must hit totally in the orange to be foul. **Rationale: Clarification of the rule....does not change any interpretation.**
4. To delete the pitching limitation rule that restricts a pitcher from throwing in the second game of a doubleheader if they have pitched four or more innings in the first game. The seven innings in one day rule would still apply. Currently, a pitcher cannot pitch in the second game of a doubleheader if he has thrown in more than four innings in the first game. In other words, if a pitcher throws six innings in the first game, that same pitcher could come back and throw one inning in the second game of a doubleheader. **Rationale: Just about the only time this rule ever comes into play is on the second day of the state finals when the semi-finals and third place/championship games are held. Because of the rule, these games take an extraordinary long time to play. This will help that situation. However, the main reason the committee is recommending the rule change is it simplifies the pitching rules without sacrificing the safety of the players. Pitchers will be allowed seven innings in one day. Period. On doubleheader days, the rule is still the same....seven innings in one day.**
5. To change the pitching substitution rule so the starting pitcher who is removed from the game as pitcher can return **once** in the game to the pitching position. Relief pitchers will not have this opportunity. **Rationale: NFHS rules allow the pitcher to be removed and return as the pitcher once per inning. Current IESA rules do not allow pitchers to return to the mound at all if they were removed from the pitching position. This recommended rule change will give coaches more flexibility in substituting players and may help to reduce the length of games.**

6. To add two umpires-in-chief to the state finals. They would be responsible for evaluating the umpires, and assist with officials at the game site. Stipend to be determined by the Board of Directors (probably the same as currently paid to softball evaluators.) **Rationale: The evaluators provide a valuable addition to the professionalism of the tournament by providing necessary feedback to the umpires. Additionally, they are able to assist the umpires in many capacities when the site administrator is not available.**

7. To change the starting time of the sectional from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. and to give the baseball administrator the authority to change the time in limited situations if an agreement can be reached between the two competing teams and the contracted umpires. **Rationale: A 10:00 a.m. start time would normally conclude by 12 noon leaving the rest of day for those involved to still do other activities. The 1:00 p.m. start time basically takes up the whole day because those involved can't do much before the game and can't do much after the game is over. The request to be able to change the game time with the approval of all parties involved is necessary as we have had situations in the past where both teams involved had high school homecoming games to attend, some other conflict, or an extreme distance to drive that would make sense to adjust the time.**

Pairings were drawn for the 2006 state finals as follows:

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

Information was shared with the committee involving a forfeit at a regional game where a pitcher threw more than seven innings in one day and correspondence that was received as a result of the forfeit. The committee requests that the IESA Office mail rule exceptions to local associations to assist umpires in knowing rule differences between IESA and NFHS.

Dan Kaiser and Tim McGuire were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2006.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 27, 2005

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/28/04 meeting and Board action
4. 2005 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Situation involving Class A regional @ LaHarpe---see correspondence
 - B. Another situation involving Class A regional---see correspondence
 - C. Baseball change to 3.043 interpretation---related to softball season change for 2005
 - D. Regional playing dates---Tuesday/Wednesday or Monday/Wednesday
 - E. End of Game procedures for state series, rain and what constitutes an official game
 - F. Kevin Mallehan---Suggested Safety Base interpretation
 - G. Hiring of Regional Officials
 - H. Pitching limitation rules---why not just have the rule of 7 innings in one day and forget the part about if you pitch 4 in the first game, the pitcher can't pitch in the second game?
 - I. From Mendon Unity---Start baseball season one week later; From Normal Epiphany---More practice days before the start of the season

6. State Pairings for 2006

Class A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 26, 2006
8. Last meeting for John, Dan, & Tim



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 28, 2004

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Gary Lewis, Westville; Administrator, John Kruger, Beecher City; Coaches Joe Snyder, Washington Central; Tim McGuire, Forrest Prairie Central; Tim Farquar, Brimfield, Dan Kaiser, Dwight and Jeff Marsaglia, Divernon. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 2005 meeting:

1. To add the following statement to By-Law 4.0137: "Wood bats that are manufactured in accordance with National Federation rules may also be used". **Rationale: The statement would simply bring attention to the fact that wood bats may be used as long as they meet the National Federation specifications.**
2. To add the following chart to By-Law 4.0137. The chart is already posted on the IESA website

The following are examples of legal and illegal bats:

Length	Weight	Barrel Diameter	Status
31	28	2 5/8"	Legal assuming BESR labeled
30	20	2 3/4"	Illegal--Max. barrel diameter for 30" bat is 2 1/4"
30	20	2 1/4"	Legal
32	29	2 5/8"	Legal assuming BESR labeled
29	22	2 3/4"	Illegal--Max. barrel diameter for 29" bat is 2 1/4"
31	25	2 5/8"	Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS
28	19	2 1/4"	Legal
31	28	2 3/4"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter is 2 5/8"
30	19	2 1/4"	Legal
29	26	2 5/8"	Legal assuming BESR labeled
32	22	2 1/4"	Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS
30	27	2 5/8"	Legal assuming BESR labeled

3. To change By-Law 4.0144 so that a pitcher may not pitch in the second game when two games are scheduled on the same day if he has pitched in more than four innings in the first game. **Rationale: This change would allow a pitcher to throw four complete innings in the first game of a doubleheader and then still come back and pitch three innings of the second game. Currently, pitchers cannot pitch in the second game if they have pitched *four or more innings* in the first game. In essence, a pitcher would get to pitch one additional inning in the first game and still come back to pitch in the second game. This change would not affect the total number of innings that a pitcher can throw in one day. That still remains at seven.**

Information was shared with the committee concerning problems that occurred with the Class AA regional at St. Joseph and the Class A regional @ Mazon-Verona-Kinsman. Regional playing dates were discussed and the committee did not want to make any changes to the required playing dates.

Pairings were drawn for the 2005 state finals as follows:

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

Joe Snyder and Tim Farquar were recognized for their service on the committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2005.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28, 2004

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/30/03 meeting and Board action
4. 2004 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. Situation involving Class AA regional @St. Joseph---see correspondence
 - B. Another situation involving Class A regional—problems with seeding meetings
 - C. Baseball change to 3.043 interpretation---related to softball season change for 2005
 - D. Regional dates---email from Momenice
 - E. Suggestions from Tim---see his correspondence
 - F. Other items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2005

Class A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 27, 2005
8. Last meeting for Sam, Joe, Tim, & Tim.....although I would like for one of the coaches to serve one additional year.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 30, 2003

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter, Galva; Administrator, John Kruger, Beecher City; Umpire, Sam Nicholos, Kankakee; Coaches Joe Snyder, Washington Central; Tim McGuire, Forrest Prairie Central; Tim Farquar, Brimfield, and Dan Kaiser, Dwight. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 2004 meeting:

1. To change By-law 4.0132 so that the backstop distance from home plate for state series games is a recommended distance of 20 ft. as opposed to a mandated distance of 20 ft to 60 ft. **Rationale:** Many fields do not meet the "required" backstop distance...Why have the rule if it isn't enforced and even more so, these non-conforming fields are the only ones available.
2. To delete By-Law 4.0135. If passed, deletion of the By-Law will mean that any game that is called after five full innings (or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) will be considered a complete game. In essence, the rules stated in the NFHS rule book as to what constitutes a complete game in cases of rain or darkness will prevail. **Rationale:** This would be in accordance with NFHS rules. As our stands now, if the state championship game was called due to rain after 6 innings, we would ask the team that is behind if they want to come back on Monday to finish the contest. We would need umpires, workers, etc., not to mention whether or not the school could afford to come back to the site.
3. Beginning in 2004, to require the first two games of the regional in an 8 team regional, (seed #1 vs. seed #8 and seed #2 vs. seed #7) or the first game of a 7 team regional (seed #2 vs. seed #7) to be played on Tuesday of week 11 in the standardized calendar. Games 3 & 4 of an 8 team regional (or games 2 and 3 of a 7 team regional) would then be played on Thursday. The regional semi-finals and championship games would then be played as is currently scheduled. Schools that offer to host a regional and are assigned to host, will be responsible to hire officials for all games, including the Tuesday and Thursday games that will be played at different sites. **Rationale:** With all first round games now being played on Thursday, many schools are unable to locate umpires for these games. By having an extra day to start the regional, this will give schools a much better selection of umpires.
4. To change By-Law 4.0133 so the interpretation the Safety-Base rule is exactly the same as listed in the NFHS Rule book. **Rationale:** In some instances, the way in which our rule is currently interpreted is actually detrimental to the safety of the fielder and runner. By simply using the NFHS interpretation, umpires have less confusion as to how to interpret the rules regarding safety base and, more importantly, we will eliminate the possibility of injury that now exists with our interpretation.

Major discussion was held concerning the bat rules, and the possibility of once again recommending to the Board that wood bats be mandated. Coaches were concerned that umpires were not checking for legal bats, concerns were voiced about metal bats that are easily dented and therefore are not allowed to be used, and because of these dents perhaps wood bats are not more costly than metal bats. IESA board member Gary Lewis had written to Hoosier Bat Company in Valparaiso, Indiana and had had received some prices from the company for wooden bats. Based on that information, the committee asked Mr. Endsley to contact the company to see if they would be willing to provide wooden bats for IESA member schools at an even further reduced price. Based on that information, the committee will then determine if an additional recommendation will be forthcoming regarding a wooden bat usage mandate. Discussion was also held on the overlap of the girls softball and basketball seasons.

Pairings were drawn for the 2004 state finals as follows:

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

Although not in attendance, Larry Simotes was recognized for his service to the committee.

October 5, 2005

To: Baseball Advisory Committee
From: Steve Endsley, Executive Director
Re: Meeting Reminder

Hello Everyone:

This is a short note to remind you that the next meeting of the IESA Baseball Advisory Committee is set for Thursday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the IESA Office in Bloomington. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact me.

The baseball finals were completed last weekend. Please check the IESA website for results and box score summaries.

There are several issues we will be discussing at the advisory meeting. Most notably, we are receiving comments about the playing schedule of the regional games, i.e. first round games played Tuesday –Thursday. We also need to discuss weather related issues and end-of game procedures, hiring of regional umpires and a few other things. It will be an interesting meeting with lots of discussion. However, I urge you to check with the coaches to see what their views and thoughts are on where our state baseball series stands in their minds. That way, we will have a productive committee meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 30, 2003
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/23/02 meeting and Board action
4. 2003 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. By-Law 4.0132...Backstop requirement...do we need it?
 - B. Bats, Bats, Bats—Sample e-mails I received----A couple players on my team have bats that are 31in-19.5oz with a barrel of 2 1/4. Is this a legal bat???? I thought I would double check since this is 31in bat with the small barrel?---- Bats are too heavy for jr. high kids---Can't find bats according to those specs-----What kind of kickback is IESA receiving from bat companies forcing us parents to spend more than \$200 for a bat and then my kid can't use that bat this year?---Is IESA going to change the bat rules on us again next year?

What are your thoughts/recommendations on the bat rule?
 - C. Should a game be considered complete after 4 ½ innings if weather conditions are bad? Would this include the state finals?
 - D. Possible calendar changes that also affect softball, girls/boys basketball
 - E. Items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2004

Class A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 28, 2004
8. Last meeting for Larry Simotes

November 13, 2002

To: IESA Board of Directors

From: Steve Endsley, Executive Director

Re: Advisory Committee Minutes and Recommendations

Enclosed are the baseball and softball committee recommendations. Please review these carefully as they will be presented to you at the January meeting for discussion and approval.

The baseball recommendations in particular have some major changes. Personally, I am in favor of everything that is being presented to you. I think the pitching changes are very much needed and I will explain why at the January meeting. The bat changes are likely to cause quite a stir and I have included some comments that I have received from people who have heard that a recommendation has been made to you. Safety is important, especially at our level. I think the wooden bat rule makes a lot of sense, even if the National Federation or the IHSA continues to allow aluminum bats. We have some strong kids who are 6'6" closer to the mound than high school kids. I plan to have additional information to present to you in January. For now, I would ask that you discuss this with the schools in your division and solicit some feedback.

Please call if you have any questions.

February 11, 2003

To: Baseball Advisory Committee
From: Steve Endsley, Executive Director
Re: Action Taken on Recommendations and Possible New Changes

Enclosed are the meeting minutes from the IESA Board of Directors indicating the action they took on the baseball recommendations that were presented to them at their January 24, 2003 meeting. All of the recommendations were approved with the exception of the wooden bat mandate. I think the pitching limitation rule is very good and I ask that you now begin to mention this new rule to your area coaches so come August, seven innings in one day and maximum of nine in two consecutive days will not be a surprise to them. The 15 run rule will help to shorten the marathon games that sometimes now are played and the field regulations are now clarified as to what field can be used for first round regional, semi-final and championship rounds of the regional, and sectional games.

However, we still have several bat issues facing us. Because the Board did not pass the all wood bat recommendation, our current bat rules are still in effect. Beginning this year, the National Federation is requiring all bats to have a BESR label. Our dilemma is that there is no way that a 31 inch 25 ounce bat or a 30 inch 22 ounce bat will have a BESR label. How are we going to handle these situations?

I suggest to you that we eliminate the 31 inch 25 ounce bat and require all bats must meet the National Federation rules with the one exception noted below. Many bat manufacturers are now making a 31-28 bat that has the BESR label. Because of liability, I believe we should not stray too far from the National Federation rules. I also think we should eliminate the 2 3/4" barrel bat if the bat is 30 inches and under. Many bat manufacturers make a 30-22, 29-21, etc. with a 2 3/4" barrel bat. It makes no sense that the Federation has a maximum barrel diameter of 2 5/8" but we would allow a 2 3/4" barrel diameter. If we are going to allow 30 inch and under bats to have more than a minus 3 differential, then we need to at least restrict the barrel diameter to 2 1/4 inches. These youth size bats are readily available.

I propose to you that the following bat rule be recommended to the Board of Directors for approval at their April 4 meeting: "Only bats that meet the National Federation standard as listed in rule 1-3-5 are approved for use. The only exception is for bats 30 inches and under in length may have a maximum barrel diameter of 2 1/4 inches, do not have to meet the minus three weight/length differential, and do not need a BESR label."

I need your thoughts on this issue. Please -email me at steve@iesa.org or give me a call with your thoughts. We need to present something to the Board at their April 4 meeting so we can bring closure to this and allow schools to purchase bats for the fall.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 23, 2002

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter, DePue; Administrator, Gary Lewis, Westville; Umpire, Sam Nicholos, Kankakee; Coaches Jim Caldwell, Carrollton St. John; Larry Simotes, Minooka; Joe Snyder, Washington Central; Tim McGuire, Forrest Prairie Central; John Kocka,

Lincoln Carroll Catholic; and Tim Farquar, Brimfield. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 24, 2003 meeting:

1. To change By-law 4.0132 which reads: "Diamond shall be 80 feet square, with the pitching distance at 54 feet. Distance from home plate to the middle of second base is 113' 1 5/8". Recommended distance from home plate to backstop is 40 feet, with a minimum of 20 feet and a maximum of 60 feet permitted. The fair play area will be within the first and third base foul lines and a fence or marked line 250 feet or more from home plate. A ball hit beyond that distance shall be a home run. Only regulation playing fields meeting these standards shall be considered as sites for tournament competition. The only exception to this rule in tournament competition is when schools by written consent agree on a playing field in order to reduce travel, with the approval of the Executive Director. [1-2] so that it will read as follows: **"Diamonds for all regular season and state series games shall be 80 feet square with the pitching distance at 54 feet. The distance from home plate to the middle of second base is 113 feet, 1 5/8 inches. All other sections of 2-1 should be followed. If a school desires to host the semi-final and championship games of the regional and/or a sectional contest their field must have the specifications listed above and the following: a fence 250 feet or more from home plate and a backstop that is a minimum of 20 feet and a maximum of 60 feet from home plate. Schools should not apply to host a regional if their field does not meet these requirements. In cases where no field meets these specifications, then the schools assigned to the regional will meet to determine the regional host. First-round regional games which are played at the site of the higher seeded teams do not have to meet the home run distance or backstop requirement."**
2. To delete By-Law 4.0138 which reads: "A bat 32 inches and longer in length shall not weigh more than three ounces less than its length. All bats 32 inches and longer have a maximum barrel diameter of 2 5/8". A bat 31 inches in length shall not weigh more than six ounces less than its length and may have a barrel diameter of up to 2 3/4". Bats 30 inches and under in length have no weight restrictions or barrel diameter restrictions. [1-3-5]" and replace it with the following: **"All bats used in any level of IESA competition shall be made of wood. All other sections of 1-3-5 shall apply."**
3. To add to By-Law 4.0134 that a 15 run rule will be in effect only if recommendation #2 is not approved. The committee feels that if recommendation #2 is passed, then "blow-out" type games will be less common.
4. To change By-Law 4.0144 which reads: "A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of nine innings in any one day or eleven innings on two consecutive days. The eleventh inning must be followed by two days of rest." to read: **"A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of seven innings in any one day or nine innings on two consecutive days. If more than four innings are pitched on two consecutive days, then two days of rest must follow. On days when two games are scheduled, a pitcher can not pitch in the second game if the pitcher has pitched in four or more innings during the first game."**

Note: If this recommendation is passed, then By-Laws 4.0145 and 4.0146 can be deleted.

Discussion was held concerning seeding the state final teams and requiring base and pitching distances to be the same as the high school rules. The committee was not in favor of either idea.

Pairings were drawn for the 2003 state finals as follows:

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



BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 23, 2002

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review recommendations from 10/18/01 meeting and Board action
4. 2002 State Tournament results
5. Discussion Topics:
 - A. By-Law 4.0132...If IESA mandates first round regional games are to be hosted by higher seeded teams, what happens if higher seeded team has field that does not meet specs listed in 4.0132.
 - B. What about home run distance?
 - C. Survey results and discussion
 - D. Pitching limitations
 - E. Add something to Terms and Conditions that no state series games shall be played on Sunday.
 - F. How to handle rain out games at the regional level.
 - G. Other items from committee

6. State Pairings for 2003

Class A

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 2 --	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 3--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional
Game 4--	Sectional	vs.	Sectional

7. Next Meeting October 30, 2002. All future meetings will be held Thursday of week 17
8. Last meeting for Jim Caldwell



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 18, 2001

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter, DePue; Administrator, Tim Katzmark, Rochester; Umpire, Steve Vorhies, Dallas City; Coaches Jim Caldwell, Carrollton St. John; Tom Lambole, Buffalo-Tri-City; Chris Hawkins, Normal Parkside; Mike Dokey, Altamont, and Larry Simotes, Minooka. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 18, 2002 meeting:

1. That the following information be added to the regional and sectional host interest forms: "It is recommended that schools interested in serving as a host for regionals and sectionals in baseball have the following: Outfield fence, covered dugouts, pitching mound that meets the specifications established by the National Federation, properly lined field, safe base, bathroom facilities, and the ability to water a field when dry conditions prevail."
2. To survey the schools entered in baseball on the following three topics: Interest in eliminating metal bats and requiring all wood bats; establishing a 15 run "mercy rule"; and seeding the state final teams.
3. To add the following sentence to By-Law 4.0133: "A host school that does not have Safe-Base in place shall forfeit the contest and no game shall be played." **Rationale: Safe Base is in place because of safety reasons. No game should be played without it. Failure to have one in place could lead to injury.**
4. To change By-Law 3.021 so that a 60/40 split determines the classification of boys baseball. Based on enrollment, the top 40% of schools entered into baseball will be classified as "AA" and the bottom 60% will be classified as "A." This will necessitate that the Class A state tournament series consist of 32 regionals and eight 4-team sectionals. First round sectionals would be played on Saturday of Week 12 and finals on Monday of Week 13 with eight teams advancing to the finals. The Class AA state tournament series format would remain the same. **Note: There were 243 schools entered in baseball in 2001. Under the 50/50 split that meant there were 120 Class A schools and 123 Class A schools. (There were two schools on the exact cut-off with the same enrollment necessitating the slightly unequal split). The split between Class A and Class AA was 112. Schools with a 7-8 enrollment of 112 and higher were Class AA.**

If the proposed recommendation is approved, those schools with a 7-8 enrollment of 142 and higher would be Class AA. This would place 97 schools in Class AA and 146 schools in Class A.

Pairings were drawn for the 2002 state finals.

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

Committee members discussed fees for regional and sectional umpires. Tom Lambole, Mike Dokey, Chris Hawkins, and Steve Vorhies were recognized for their service.

The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, October 24, 2002.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 18, 2001

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members--Larry Simotes, Minooka

2. Review role of advisory committee

3. Review recommendations from 10/19/00 meeting and Board action

4. 2001 State Tournament results

5. Comments on EastSide Centre, East Peoria as the state final host

6. Discussion topics:

A. New National Federation rule changes

B. Safe-Base Problems -- Do we need to mandate the game is a forfeit if the safe base is not used?

C. New Pitching regulations -- Good? Bad? Ugly?

D. New Bat Requirements-- Good? Bad? Ugly? Worse?

E. Classification Split

F. Any other items of discussion from committee.

7. Other business:

A. Grade School Field Trip Day, IESA Website (www.iesa.org)

B. Drawings for 2002 state pairings:

Class A

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

C. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2002

D. Final meeting for Tom, Mike, Chris, Steve



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 19, 2000

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members-- Tim Katzmark, Rochester; Jim Caldwell, Carrollton; Scott Drake, Hume Shiloh.

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 10/21/99 meeting and Board action:

4. 2000 State Tournament results and financial report.

5. Comments on EastSide Centre, East Peoria as the state final host.

6. Discussion topics:

A. Biggsville Union/Sciota Northwestern game

B. Fisher player failed to sit out next game after suspension.

C. National Federation/IESA rules changes for 2000-01 and other considerations.

1. Stricter non-school participation rule began this past season.

2. Baseball bat restrictions.

D. Friday/Saturday state finals format.

E. Some Safe-Base violations once again reported to the IESA office.

F. Hiring of Regional Umpires - should host school hire all? Difficulty in waiting 'till seeding meeting.

G. Re-classification of Class A and Class AA schools

H. Pitching innings adjustment.

I. Any other items of discussion from committee.

7. Other business:

A. Grade School Field Trip Day, IESA Website (www.iesa.org)

B. Drawings for 2001 state pairings:

Class A

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

C. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 18, 2001

D. Final meeting for Mike Kukuck.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 19, 2000

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter, DePue; Administrator, Tim Katzmark, Rochester; Umpire, Steve Vorhies, Dallas City; Coaches Jim Caldwell, Carrollton; Mike Kukuck, Crescent City; Tom Lamboley, Buffalo-Tri-City; Chris Hawkins, Normal Parkside; and Mike Dokey, Altamont. Scott Drake, Coach, Hume Shiloh was not present. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 2001 meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.0138 so that a bat 32 inches and longer in length shall not weigh more than three ounces less than its length. **NOTE:** This will comply with NFHS Rules requiring a minus-3 differential. The by-law, however, will maintain the current IESA exceptions regarding 31-inch bats (minus-6 differential) and 30-inch and shorter bats (no restrictions).
2. To eliminate current By-Laws 4.0143 through 4.0148 and replace them with the following:
 - 4.0143 - Sixteen innings will be the maximum total number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a calendar week.
 - 4.0144 - A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of nine innings in any one day or eleven innings on two consecutive days. The eleventh inning must be followed by two days of rest.
 - 4.0145 - If a pitcher pitches on each of two consecutive days with the combined total greater than four innings, he will follow with two days off for rest.
3. To change By-Law 3.021 so that a 60/40 split determines the classification of boys baseball. Based on enrollment, the top 40% of schools entered into baseball will be classified as "AA" and the bottom 60% will be classified as "A." The committee also recommends that the Class A state tournament series consist of 32 regionals and eight 4-team sectionals. First round sectionals would be played on Saturday of Week 12 and finals on Monday of Week 13. The Class AA state tournament series format would remain the same.

The Baseball Advisory Committee would like to commend East Peoria District #86 and EastSide Centre for very successful Class "A" and "AA" state tournaments. Attending committee members commented on the great facilities, terrific tournament atmosphere, and the work of the grounds crew. All committee members had heard positive remarks about the tournaments.

There was also discussion regarding the following: National Federation rule changes, adoption of a 15-run rule after 3rd inning, field conditions of tournament host schools, posting of baseball results on the IESA website, non-school participation in 2000, Safe-Base violations, non-school participation of Gillespie players, Biggsville Union forfeit to Sciota Northwestern, failure of Fisher player to sit out next game after unsportsmanlike ejection, and hiring of all regional umpires by the regional host.

Pairings were drawn for the 2001 state finals.

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

Mike Kukuck was recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Thursday, October 18, 2001.

AGENDA FOR BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 1993

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Discussion topics
 - A. Review exceptions to National Federation baseball rules
 - B. Rule concerning a bat's length vs. its weight
 - C. Number of players allowed on tournament team
 - D. Letter from Auburn principal concerning mandatory face guards
 - E. Suspended game and pitcher's availability
 - F. Problems with regional organizational meeting attendance
 - G. Assignment of state series umpires
4. Review 1993 tournaments
5. Any other items of discussion from committee
6. Other business
 - A. Make drawings for 1994 state pairings
 - B. Determine committee length of service

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
November 17, 1993

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Charles Miller; Coaches Pat Moomey, Tom Mikelson, Jeff Millard, Bill Husek, Greg Stahl, Joe Spiezio; IHSA Umpire, Brett Garlits; and Administrator, Mr. Al Beckman.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place.

The IESA Baseball Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 17, 1993, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 1994 meeting:

1. The committee discussed the suggested speed-up rules listed in the National Federation rule book. The speed-up rules are to be used only when they have been adopted by the state association. The committee does not want the speed up rules adopted and wants a point of emphasis in the bulletins next year that the suggested speed up rules may not be used at any time.
2. To remove the statement, "A minimum home run distance of 200 feet shall be recognized" from By-Law 5.132. The committee felt that removing this statement would clarify the intent of the By-Law and yet still allow for a variance because of the exception already listed in the By-Law.
3. To add as an exception to National Federation rule 3-1-3: In any instance in which a team does not have an eligible substitute for a player who becomes ill, injured, or is ejected from the line-up by an umpire, the player last removed from the lineup by the team coach, who is otherwise eligible to play, shall be used as a substitute, taking the batting-lineup position of the replaced player. When a team's last available substitute enters the game as part of a multiple substitution, the team coach shall advise the umpire and official scorekeeper which player is to be considered "the last player removed from the lineup."
4. To add as an exception to National Federation rule 1-4-5: Bats 32 inches and longer in length shall not weigh more than five ounces less than its length. Bats 31 inches in length shall not weigh more than six ounces less than its length. Bats 30 inches and under in length have no weight restrictions.

Examples of above recommended exception:

<u>Bat length</u>	<u>Minimum Weight</u>
34"	29 ounces
33"	28 ounces
32"	27 ounces
31"	25 ounces
30" or shorter	no restriction

5. To change By-Law 5.121 which reads: "Each tournament team shall consist of a maximum of fifteen uniformed boys whose names appear on the current Certification List. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of the first game of regional play." to read: "Each tournament team shall consist of a maximum of 18 uniformed boys whose name appears on the current Certification List. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of the first game of regional play."
{NOTE: The committee is recommending an increase from 15 to 18 players for the state series.}

The committee discussed the letter sent to the Board of Directors by Mr. Tony Cerveny, Principal at Auburn Junior High School, concerning the use of a face guards on batting helmets. The committee did not feel it was necessary to mandate the use of a face guard. Since the rules allow for the use of a face guard, it was felt the schools desiring to use them may do so. Therefore, no action was taken on Mr. Cerveny's letter.

The committee discussed By-Law 7.330 which deals with the amount of money IESA sends to regional hosts (\$40.00) and to sectional hosts (\$20.00). It was their feeling that the money should not be sent to host schools as it generally leads to confusion as to what the money is for, how is it divided?, etc. Since the issue involves a financial matter, it was decided to seek the input of the Finance Committee. If the reimbursement is not sent to host schools, suggested possible uses of the money included additional awards (especially if regional teams are increased to 18) and having the IESA Office pay for sectional officials. A total of \$1600.00 is currently sent to host schools. Approximately \$800.00 is paid by schools for sectional baseball umpires.

Regional organizational meetings and seeding was briefly discussed. The committee did not feel any changes were necessary to the present format for determining host/seeding.

Pairings were drawn for the 1994 State Finals as follows:

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class AA</u>
Sectional A vs. Sectional G	Sectional D vs. Sectional G
Sectional D vs. Sectional C	Sectional B vs. Sectional F
Sectional H vs. Sectional B	Sectional E vs. Sectional A
Sectional E vs. Sectional F	Sectional C vs. Sectional H

Coaches drew lots for determining committee length of service. Serving two-year terms (expiring in 1994-95 school year) will be Bill Husek & Tom Mikelson; serving three-year terms (expiring in 1995-96 school year) will be Pat Moomey & Joe Spiezio; and serving four-year terms (expiring in 1996-97 school year) will be Greg Stahl and Jeff Millard. Brett Garlits' term will expire after the 1994-95 school year and Mr. Beckman's term expires at the end of the 1995-96 school year.

AGENDA FOR BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 21, 1994

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of advisory committee
3. Review minutes from 11-17-93 meeting and Board action
4. 1994 State Tournament results; State Financial reports
5. Discussion topics
 - A. Mattoon correspondence concerning backstop and possible change to 4.0132
 - B. Regional Financial reports
 - C. Coaches dress at state tournament
 - D. Possibility of adding a 4th umpire for championship game
 - E. 1995 rule changes
6. Any other items of discussion from committee
7. Other business
 - A. Make drawings for 1995 state pairings
 - B. Last meeting for Bill, Tom, and Brett

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
October 21, 1994

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Tom Cox; Coaches Dave Baeten, Tom Mikelson, Jeff Millard, Bill Husek, Greg Stahl, Joe Spiezio; IHSA Umpire, Brett Garlits; and Administrator, Mr. Jerry Birkey.

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

The IESA Baseball Advisory Committee, in its meeting of October 21, 1994, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its October 23, 1994 meeting:

1. To change the announced starting times for the state finals on both days of the tournament from 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m and 4:45 p.m.
2. Beginning in 1996, to require coaches of teams advancing to the IESA state finals to be dressed in a like uniform of their team.

Several items were discussed without any recommendations to the Board. These included: Officials pay for regional games when schools are already paying more than the required amount for regular season games, mileage reimbursement for state series games, program printing costs, Regional Financial reports, the possibility of adding a section in the Handbook about the process which should be used to seed teams, a note to schools that helmets must meet National Federation standards, the possibility of adding a fourth umpire for the championship game, infield time for teams advancing to state, allowing more than 18 players to be on the Regional Entry Form but only 18 dressing for any one game, and a review of the 1995 rules.

Pairings were drawn for the 1995 state finals.

<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS AA</u>
Sectional B vs. H	Sectional H vs. G
Sectional D vs. C	Sectional F vs. B
Sectional E vs. G	Sectional C vs. D
Sectional F vs. A	Sectional A vs. E

Bill Husek, Tom Mikelson, and Brett Garlits were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

AGENDA FOR BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 18, 1995
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members--Jack Hull, Jacksonville; John Alexander, Virginia; Will Van Weelden, Cornell (Need home address, phone number, and mileage for our records)

2. Review role of advisory committee

3. Review recommendations from 10/21/94 meeting and Board action

Recommendation to change state tournament times carried and was in effect for the 1995 state tournaments.

Recommendation to require coaches of state final teams to be dressed in a like uniform of their team died for lack of second.

Motion carried for IESA to issue a statement indicating the importance of a professional appearance of coaches at all IESA state final activities.

Motion that coaches of baseball teams advancing to state finals shall be dressed in school colors and may not wear blue jeans was defeated.

4. 1995 State Tournament results and Financial reports

5. Discussion topics

A. Regional sites and financial report forms (See samples)

B. 1995 rule change re Speed-Up Rule and 1996 rule changes

C. Wilson adoption for 1996, A1010 HS1 RS (Raised-seam ball)

Supplying 3 balls per sectional and 24 for state. Same balls for regionals will be ordered by IESA Office and forwarded to host school, so that all schools will use the same throughout the tournament.

D. Regional organizational meetings--Still very poor attendance. Board has now set all meeting dates for Wednesdays of the current organizational week. 1996 meetings will be on September 11.

F. New awards for 1995.

G. Non-use of Safe-Base is still being reported.

H. Any other items of discussion from committee

6. Other business

A. Make drawings for 1996 state pairings

<u>Class A</u>		<u>Class AA</u>	
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.

B. Set a tentative date for 1996 fall meeting

C. Last meeting for Dave Baeten and Jerry Birkey

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
October 18, 1995

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Tom Cox; Coaches Dave Baeten, Jeff Millard, Greg Stahl, Will Van Weelden, and John Alexander; Official, John Hull; and Administrator, Mr. Jerry Birkey. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place. New members are Will Van Weelden, Cornell; John Alexander, Virginia; and John Hull, Jacksonville.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 1996 meeting:

1. That state baseball tournament officials shall wear plain navy caps.
2. To set regional baseball official's pay at \$30.00 per game with no mileage and that each school bring a \$30.00 check made out to the host school for that game for each game in which the school participates. This should simplify the present procedures and record-keeping. *Executive Director's Note: This would make a change at the regional level only in By-Law 5.0602 as follows: "Payments of \$23.00 per game at the regional level, \$26.00 per game at the sectional level, and \$31.00 per game at the state level for baseball and softball plate and base officials." to read: **"Payments of \$30.00 per game at the regional level, \$26.00 per game at the sectional level, and \$31.00 per game at the state level for baseball and softball plate and base officials."** Executive Director's Note: If passed, Finance Committee will need to make recommendation to the Board to adjust the sectional and state level payments prior to next season.*
3. Effective immediately, to change By-law 5.033 to increase the baseball entry fee to \$40.00 (\$10.00 increase) to cover the cost of IESA supplying three regulation baseballs for each regional tournament game. Balls shall be sent to the temporary regional chairman for further distribution prior to the September regional organizational meeting. Schools having paid the 1996 entry fee shall pay an additional \$10.00 upon notification by the IESA office.
4. If Recommendations #2 and #3 are passed, to eliminate the regional financial report form.
5. To use a preset form for purposes of seeding regional teams. Committee members will send samples to the IESA Office to develop the form which shall be sent to the regional temporary chairman prior to the seeding meeting.
6. That first-round regional games shall be hosted by the higher-seeded team. If the higher-seeded team is not able to meet the site requirements, the site shall be moved. *Ex. Director's Note: This would affect By-Law 4.0132 if passed. Clarification would still be needed to permit one school to host all regional baseball tournament games and/or permit first-round winners to select a semifinal site. It was felt most first-round games are presently being held by the higher-seeded team.*
7. That the baseball regional organizational meeting have a recommended starting time of 7:30 p.m.
8. That additional baseballs supplied by the host school to be used in all tournament play shall be identical Wilson A1010 HS1 RS balls.
9. To change By-Law 2.129 which reads: "Three officials shall be hired for state level baseball and softball contests." to read: **"Three officials shall be hired for state level baseball and softball contests except that four officials shall be contracted for state baseball tournament Third-place and Championship games."**

There was also discussion that more should be done regarding media announcements of state tournaments. There should be emphasis in the baseball bulletins that **Safe-Base** is to be used for all baseball games and that regional tournament balls shall be distributed with one ball to the loser and two balls to the winner of each game. Host schools may keep or distribute the sectional and state baseballs provided by Wilson.

Pairings were drawn for the 1996 state finals.

CLASS A--C vs. F; D vs. E; G vs. H; B vs. A
CLASS AA-H vs. A; G vs. D; C vs. F; E vs. B

Dave Baeten and Jerry Birkey were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association. The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Wednesday, October 16, 1996.

AGENDA FOR BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 24, 1996
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members--Jim Cole, Media Southern; Steve Fritcher, Teutopolis; Gary Gullone, Clinton; Kevin Johnson, Catlin (Need home address, phone number, and mileage for our records)

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 10/18/95 meeting and Board action:

-Recommendation to set baseball official's pay at \$30.00 per game with no mileage and that each school bring a \$30.00 check made out to the host school for each game in which they participate carried and was in effect for the 1996 state series.

-Recommendation to immediately increase baseball entry fee to \$40.00 carried.

-Recommendation to use a preset form for purposes of seeding regional teams carried. Form is currently being developed.

-Recommendation that first-round regional games be hosted by the higher seeded teams died for lack of a second.

-Motion carried that first-round regional games shall be hosted by the higher-seeded team when multiple sites are used (This will still permit one school to host all regional baseball tournament games).

-Recommendation that regional organizational meeting have a recommended starting time of 7:30 p.m. died for lack of a second.

-Recommendation that additional baseballs supplied by the host school be used in all tournament play be identical to Wilson A1010 HS1 RS baseballs carried.

-Recommendation to change By-Law 2.129 which reads: "Three officials shall be hired for state level baseball and softball contests." to read: "**Three officials shall be hired for state level baseball and softball contests except that four officials shall be contracted for state baseball tournament Third-place and Championship games.**" died for lack of a second.

-Motion carried that the baseballs supplied for each regional game be distributed as follows: one ball to loser of game and two balls to winner.

4. 1996 State Tournament results and Financial reports

5. Discussion topics:

A. Review exceptions to National Federation baseball rules.

B. 1997 National Federation rule changes.

C. Reports that automatic strike called on batters leaving batter's box was inconsistently called.

D. Umpires checking equipment prior to a game. Colchester vs. Griggsville @ Griggsville Class "A" Sectional.

E. Non-use of Safe-Base reported to the IESA office.

F. Number of players allowed on tournament team.

G. Any other items of discussion from committee.

6. Other business:

A. Make drawings for 1997 state pairings

<u>Class A</u>		<u>Class AA</u>	
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.

B. Set a tentative date for 1997 fall meeting.

C. Last meeting for Greg Stahl, Jack Hull, and Jeff Millard.

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
October 24, 1996

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Tom Cox; Coaches Jim Cole, Jeff Millard, Greg Stahl, Kevin Johnson, Will Van Weelden, and Steve Fritcher; and Official, John Hull; Administrator, Mr. Gary Gullone was not present. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place. New members are Jim Cole, Media Southern; Steve Fritcher, Teutopolis; Kevin Johnson, Catlin; and Gary Gullone, Clinton.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 24, 1997 meeting:

1. That By-Law 4.0136 be changed from, "Adult coaches are not required to be in uniform of the team, but it is recommended that coaches be attired in school colors." to "It is strongly recommended that coaches be attired in school colors although adult coaches are not required to be in the uniform of the team."
2. That the speed up rules listed in the National Federation, as it pertains to courtesy runners only, be adopted by the IESA. Recommendation stems not only from a desire to speed up the game but also to keep uniformity with the IHSA.
3. That By-Law 4.0133 be changed from, "The use of *Safe-Base*, or reasonable facsimile thereof, shall be mandatory . . ." to "The use of *Safe-Base*, or a manufactured reproduction of *Safe-Base*, shall be mandatory . . ." It was felt by the committee that there were too many instances when a "reasonable facsimile" was inadequate and even resulted in injury. In addition, *Safe-Base* or a manufactured reproduction is easily obtainable and relatively cheap as opposed to its early manufacture.

There was also discussion regarding the following: preparation of state baseball and softball diamond prior to tournament game, making higher seeded team the automatic home team in regional, recognizing umpires who have worked IESA state tournaments, reports that too few coaches/players/umpires are aware of IESA exceptions to National Federation rules, coach/player behavior in dugout, equipment check by umpires prior to a game, the behavior of an umpire during a game between Paris Mayo and Homer Heritage, and issuing an IESA-defined strike zone.

Pairings were drawn for the 1997 state finals.

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

Greg Stahl, Jack Hull, and Jeff Millard were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Thursday, October 23, 1997.



AGENDA FOR BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 23, 1997

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members-- Dan Wieczorek, Peru; Jerry McDowell, Coal City, Darren Sheehan, Bloomington

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 10/24/96 meeting and Board action:

-- That By-Law 4.0136 be changed from, "Adult coaches are not required to be in uniform of the team, but it is recommended that coaches be attired in school colors." to "It is strongly recommended that coaches be attired in school colors although adult coaches are not required to be in the uniform of the team." **PASSED**

-- That the speed up rules listed in the National Federation, as it pertains to courtesy runners only, be adopted by the IESA. Recommendation stems not only from a desire to speed up the game but also to keep uniformity with the IHSA. **PASSED**

-- That By-Law 4.0133 be changed from, "The use of *Safe-Base*, or reasonable facsimile thereof, shall be mandatory . . ." to "The use of *Safe-Base*, or a manufactured reproduction of *Safe-Base*, shall be mandatory . . ." It was felt by the committee that there were too many instances when a "reasonable facsimile" was inadequate and even resulted in injury. In addition, *Safe-Base* or a manufactured reproduction is easily obtainable and relatively cheap as opposed to its early manufacture. **PASSED**

4. 1997 State Tournament results and Financial reports

5. Discussion topics:

A. Review exceptions to National Federation baseball rules.

B. National Federation rule changes for 1998.

C. Automatic strike called on batters leaving batter's box -- report.

D. Eliminate coin flip for first round regional games hosted by higher seeded team.

E. No Safe-Base violations reported to the IESA office.

F. Speed-up rules – impact. After putouts rule?

G. Dress of umpires during season.

H. Milford regional. Only one umpire for a regional game.

H. Regional format. Numerous complaints regarding semifinal games and kids out of school.

I. Any other items of discussion from committee.

6. Other business:

A. Make drawings for 1998 state pairings

<u>Class A</u>		<u>Class AA</u>	
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.
Sectional	vs.	Sectional	vs.

B. Set a tentative date for 1998 fall meeting.

C. Last meeting for Will Van Weelden and Gary Gullone.

1997 IESA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 23, 1997

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Jim Hochstatter; Administrator, Gary Gullone; Coaches Jim Cole, Kevin Johnson, Will Van Weelden, Steve Fritcher, Jerry McDowell, and Darren Sheehan; and Official, Dan Wieczorek. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place. New members are Jerry McDowell, Coal City, Darren Sheehan, Bloomington, and Dan Wieczorek, Peru.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 1998 meeting:

1. That, effective the 1999-2000 school year, first round regional games be held the Thursday of Week 11, semi-final games the Saturday of Week 11, and the championship game on Monday or Tuesday of Week 12. **NOTE:** A number of complaints were received by the IESA concerning semi-final games. Many were scheduled on the same school day and required some student athletes to miss classes. By scheduling the games on Saturday and barring weather cancellations, the problem would be alleviated.
2. That, effective the 1999-2000 school year, the state finals be held on Friday and Saturday of Week 13. Quarterfinal games would be played on Friday using the traditional time schedule as follows: Game #1 at 10:00, Game #2 at 12:15, Game #3 at 2:30, and Game #4 at 4:45. Semi-final, consolation, and championship games on Saturday would be played using the same game times. **NOTE:** The committee felt that the Friday/Saturday format would provide parents, students, and fans a better opportunity to see all games and ensure that more people come to the now poorly attended consolation and state championship games.
3. If recommendation #2 is passed: That, effective the 1999-2000 school year, sectional games be held on the Saturday of Week 12 instead of the current Monday of Week 13. **NOTE:** This would ease the pressure on teams in regard to pitching limits and allows the IESA Office enough time to prepare the state finals program.
4. That the coin flip be eliminated for first round regional games hosted by higher seeded teams and that higher seed automatically be designated as home team.

There was also discussion regarding the following: National Federation rule changes, automatic strike for leaving batter's box, elimination of coin flip for first round regional games, Safe-Base violations, impact of speed up rules, regular season dress of umpires, Milford regional (only one umpire used for a regional game), and Stanford Olympia regional (re-seeded by IESA Office).

Pairings were drawn for the 1998 state finals.

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

Will Van Weelden and Gary Gullone were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Thursday, October 22, 1998.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 1, 1998

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members-- Dale Barnard, Hamilton, Administrator and Mike Kukuck, Crescent City, Coach.

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 10/23/97 meeting and Board action:

4. 1998 State Tournament results and financial report.

5. Trip to EastSide Centre, East Peoria --- possible state site in 1999?

6. Discussion topics:

A. National Federation rules changes for 1999 and other considerations.

1. 1997 adoption of courtesy runner and conflict with by-law 4.0146.

2. Game ending procedures (i.e. 15-run rule after 3 innings).

3. Baseball bat restrictions.

B. Friday/Saturday state finals format. Possible time schedule adjustment (see softball recommendation).

C. Regional format change. Regionals must start on Thursday.

D. Eliminate coin flips for all regional games -- higher seed always home team (see softball recommendation).

E. State Finals time schedule in the event of a Championship/Consolation game conflict.

F. Sectional umpires and conflict with IHSA football.

G. Starting times for Saturday sectional contests. Currently suggested at 4 p.m. by the IESA but not required.

H. Field conditions of state tournament series host schools.

I. Automatic suspension of player/coach for unsportsmanlike ejection.

J. Any other items of discussion from committee.

7. Other business:

A. Grade School Field Trip Day, IESA Website (www.iesa.org)

B. Drawings for 1999 state pairings

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

C. Set a tentative date for 1999 fall meeting.

D. Last meeting for Jim Cole, Kevin Johnson, Steve Fritcher, and Dan Wieczorek.



IESA BASEBALL

1998 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

December 1, 1998

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Jim Hochstatter; Administrator, Dale Barnard; Coaches Jim Cole, Kevin Johnson, Steve Fritcher, Jerry McDowell, and Mike Kukuck. Umpire, Dan Wiczorek, was not present. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place. New members are Mike Kukuck, Crescent City and Dale Barnard, Hamilton. After meeting briefly at the IESA Office, the committee took a tour of the baseball facilities at EastSide Centre in East Peoria and resumed its meeting there.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 22, 1999 meeting:

1. That the time schedule for the IESA Baseball State Finals be as follows: Quarterfinals (Friday) -- Game #1 at 11:00, Game #2 at 1:15, Game #3 at 3:30, and Game #4 at 5:45; Semifinals and Finals (Saturday) -- same time format for Games 5-8. **NOTE:** The committee felt that since the newly adopted Friday/Saturday format has been generally seen as a better opportunity for parents and fans to see all games and ensure that more people come to the tournament, this time schedule would be more appropriate than the traditional 10 a.m./12 p.m./2 p.m./4 p.m. time format.
2. That By-Law 4.0146 be changed so as to clarify and read as follows, " A pitcher withdrawn from the mound can not return to pitch in the same game. When a pinch-hitter is used the first time for the pitcher, the pitcher may re-enter to start pitching the next inning. If a pinch-hitter is used for the pitcher a second time, the pitcher must be removed from the mound and game." **NOTE TO IESA BOARD MEMBERS:** This by-law had previously stated that a pitcher could also re-enter one time if a pinch-runner is used for him. That need no longer be stated in the by-law since the courtesy runner supercedes the use of a pinch-runner for a pitcher and allows unlimited re-entry. The courtesy runner was adopted this year by the Board of Directors and was in effect for the 1998 season.
3. That a mandatory sectional starting time of 1:00 p.m. be established. **NOTE:** Sectional games will be played on Saturday beginning next season.
4. That the coin flip be eliminated for all regional games and that higher seed teams be automatically designated as the home team throughout the regional.

There was also discussion regarding the following: National Federation rule changes, adoption of a 15-run rule after 3rd inning, baseball bat restrictions being discussed by the National Federation, field conditions of tournament host schools, cancellation of state consolation game should it jeopardize the start/end of the state championship game, new regional format for 1999, posting of baseball results on the IESA website, and unsportsmanlike ejection.

Pairings were drawn for the 1999 state finals.

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

Jim Cole, Kevin Johnson, Steve Fritcher, and Dan Wiczorek were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Thursday, October 21, 1999.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 1999

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members--Steve Vorhies, Tom Lamboley, Chris Hawkins, Mike Dokey, Gary Rankin.

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 12/1/98 meeting and Board action:

4. 1999 State Tournament results and financial report.

5. Comments on EastSide Centre, East Peoria as the state final host.

6. Discussion topics:

A. National Federation rules changes for 2000 and other considerations.

1. Game ending procedures (i.e. 15-run rule after 3 innings).

2. Non-School Participation beginning in 2000.

3. Baseball bat restrictions (see attached).

B. Friday/Saturday state finals format. Discussion and possible time schedule adjustment.

C. Regional format change this year. Regionals must start on Thursday. Discussion.

D. Some Safe-Base violations reported to the IESA office.

E. State Finals time schedule in the event of a Championship/Consolation game conflict.

F. Cahokia Wirth and metal cleats.

G. Pitching innings adjustment?

H. Any other items of discussion from committee.

7. Other business:

A. Grade School Field Trip Day, IESA Website (www.iesa.org)

B. Drawings for 2000 state pairings:

Class A

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Class AA

Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 2 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

C. Date for 2000 meeting: October 19.

D. Final meeting for Dale Barnard and Jerry McDowell.



IESA BASEBALL

1999 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 21, 1999

The following members were present for the meeting: Administrator, Dale Barnard; Umpire, Steve Vorhies; Coaches Jerry McDowell, Mike Kukuck, Tom Lambole, Chris Hawkins, Mike Dokey, and Gary Rankin. Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter was not present. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 2000 meeting:

1. That the time schedule for the IESA Baseball State Finals be as follows: Semifinals and Finals (Saturday) -- Game #1 at 10:00, Game #2 at 12:15, Game #3 at 2:30, and Game #4 at 4:45. **NOTE:** The time schedule for Friday's quarterfinals will remain the following: Game #1 at 11:00, Game #2 at 1:15, Game #3 at 3:30, and Game #4 at 5:45.
2. That sectional umpires be contracted by the IESA Office. By-Laws 2.125 and 2.126 would reflect such a change.
3. That changes be made to the pitching exceptions for state tournament play (see attached).
4. That the Baseball Terms & Conditions include the following:
 - a) That Game #8 (state championship game) will begin no later than 8 p.m.
 - b) The IESA reserves the right to shorten or eliminate the consolation game due to weather conditions or time constraints.

The Baseball Advisory Committee would like to commend East Peoria District #86 and EastSide Centre for very successful Class "A" and "AA" state tournaments. Attending committee members commented on the great facilities, terrific tournament atmosphere, and the work of the grounds crew. All committee members had heard positive remarks about the tournaments.

The committee also recommended reviewing the pay of umpires at regional and sectional level contests. As a whole the committee felt that the rates authorized by the IESA are no more or, in many cases, less than umpires are receiving for regular season contests.

There was also discussion regarding the following: National Federation rule changes, adoption of a 15-run rule after 3rd inning, baseball bat restrictions being discussed by the National Federation, field conditions of tournament host schools, impact of new regional format, posting of baseball results on the IESA website, non-school participation in 2000, Safe-Base violations, and Cahokia Wirth violation of rule prohibiting metal cleats.

Pairings were drawn for the 2000 state finals.

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

Jerry McDowell and Dale Barnard were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Thursday, October 19, 2000.

Proposed Changes to Pitching Innings

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pitching Exceptions

4.0141 As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch, the pitcher has pitched one inning. [6]

4.0142 A pitcher withdrawn from the mound can not return to pitch in the same game. When a pinch-hitter is used the first time for the pitcher, the pitcher may re-enter to start pitching the next inning. If a pinch-hitter is used for the pitcher a second time, the pitcher must be removed from the mound and game. [3-1-2]

Regular Season

4.0143 In regular season play, a pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch in more than seven innings in one day, nor in more than 16 innings in any one calendar week. [6-6]

4.0144 In regular season play, a pitcher who has pitched four or more innings can never pitch on two consecutive days unless the pitcher is completing a suspended game in which the pitcher has pitched. [6-6]

State Tournament Series

4.0145 In state tournament series play, a pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch in more than seven innings in one day, nor in more than 16 innings in any one calendar week. This applies to all state tournament series play, with the exceptions noted in 4.0147 - 4.0149. [6-6]

4.0146 In state tournament series play, a pitcher who has pitched five or more innings can never pitch in two consecutive games unless the pitcher is completing a suspended game in which the pitcher has pitched. [6-6]

4.0147 A pitcher in the state tournament series is allowed to pitch nine innings in a tie game provided there are sufficient innings of weekly eligibility left. [6-6]

4.0148 A pitcher in the state tournament series is limited to any combination of 10 innings if the team plays two games in one day. [6-6]

4.0149 Entering the state final tournament, all pitchers will have 16 innings of weekly eligibility. [6-6]

COMMENTS

4.0141 No change required by the board.

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4.0146 This recommendation effects state tournament play only and differs from the regular season restriction in By-Law 4.0144. It allows up to five innings to be pitched and specifies "consecutive games" not "consecutive days."

4.0147 No change required by the board.

4.0148 Removes the restriction that a pitcher can not pitch in the second game if he has pitched in four or more innings in the first game. This will allow the pitcher up to 10 innings regardless of how they are used during the two games.

4.0149 By allowing all pitchers to have a full 16 innings of weekly eligibility, each team will begin with a full complement of pitching innings. This ensures that teams who might have to play their sectional contest the same week as the state

final tournament (i.e., rainout) won't be penalized.

NOTE: While only a few by-laws are fundamentally changed, most have been reorganized (i.e., re-numbering of by-laws, re-worded, etc.).

SUMMARY of BASEBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Comparison of Pitching Innings
before and after proposed changes

PROPOSED BY-LAW	BEFORE	AFTER
4.0146	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can pitch the next day only if pitched 3 or fewer innings the previous day. • Can <u>not</u> pitch the next day if pitched in 4 or more innings the previous day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can pitch the next day if pitched 4 or fewer innings the previous day. • Can <u>not</u> pitch the next game on the next day (can pitch the next day, however) if pitched in 5 or more innings the previous day.
4.0148	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can pitch in the second game of the day only if pitched in 3 innings or less in the first game. • Can pitch up to 10 innings during day if above criterion is met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can pitch in both games (if eligible to do so) in <u>any</u> combination of 10 innings.
4.0149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending if pitchers threw during the week of the state finals, not all pitchers began tournament play with full eligibility (16 innings). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pitchers will begin tournament play with 16 innings of weekly eligibility. This will be the case even if sectional contests must be played during the same week.
Possible total innings pitched:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 (3, 3, 7) • Previous Sat/Mon format would have allowed for a potential of 19 innings pitched in 48 hour period (9, 3, 7). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 (9, 0, 7) or (7, 0, 9) • 14 under most circumstances



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 19, 2000

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions

New committee members-- Tim Katzmark, Rochester; Jim Caldwell, Carrollton; Scott Drake, Hume Shiloh.

2. Review role of advisory committee.

3. Review recommendations from 10/21/99 meeting and Board action:

4. 2000 State Tournament results and financial report.

5. Comments on EastSide Centre, East Peoria as the state final host.

6. Discussion topics:

A. Biggsville Union/Sciota Northwestern game

B. Fisher player failed to sit out next game after suspension.

C. National Federation/IESA rules changes for 2000-01 and other considerations.

1. Stricter non-school participation rule began this past season.

2. Baseball bat restrictions.

D. Friday/Saturday state finals format.

E. Some Safe-Base violations once again reported to the IESA office.

F. Hiring of Regional Umpires - should host school hire all? Difficulty in waiting 'till seeding meeting.

G. Re-classification of Class A and Class AA schools

H. Pitching innings adjustment.

I. Any other items of discussion from committee.

7. Other business:

A. Grade School Field Trip Day, IESA Website (www.iesa.org)

B. Drawings for 2001 state pairings:

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Game 1 -- Sectional vs. Sectional

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Game 3-- Sectional vs. Sectional

Game 4-- Sectional vs. Sectional

C. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 18, 2001

D. Final meeting for Mike Kukuck.



IESA BASEBALL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 19, 2000

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Liaison, Jim Hochstatter, DePue; Administrator, Tim Katzmark, Rochester; Umpire, Steve Vorhies, Dallas City; Coaches Jim Caldwell, Carrollton; Mike Kukuck, Crescent City; Tom Lamboley, Buffalo-Tri-City; Chris Hawkins, Normal Parkside; and Mike Dokey, Altamont. Scott Drake, Coach, Hume Shiloh was not present. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 2001 meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.0138 so that a bat 32 inches and longer in length shall not weigh more than three ounces less than its length. **NOTE:** This will comply with NFHS Rules requiring a minus-3 differential. The by-law, however, will maintain the current IESA exceptions regarding 31-inch bats (minus-6 differential) and 30-inch and shorter bats (no restrictions).
2. To eliminate current By-Laws 4.0143 through 4.0148 and replace them with the following:
 - 4.0143 - Sixteen innings will be the maximum total number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a calendar week.
 - 4.0144 - A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of nine innings in any one day or eleven innings on two consecutive days. The eleventh inning must be followed by two days of rest.
 - 4.0145 - If a pitcher pitches on each of two consecutive days with the combined total greater than four innings, he will follow with two days off for rest.
3. To change By-Law 3.021 so that a 60/40 split determines the classification of boys baseball. Based on enrollment, the top 40% of schools entered into baseball will be classified as "AA" and the bottom 60% will be classified as "A." The committee also recommends that the Class A state tournament series consist of 32 regionals and eight 4-team sectionals. First round sectionals would be played on Saturday of Week 12 and finals on Monday of Week 13. The Class AA state tournament series format would remain the same.

The Baseball Advisory Committee would like to commend East Peoria District #86 and EastSide Centre for very successful Class "A" and "AA" state tournaments. Attending committee members commented on the great facilities, terrific tournament atmosphere, and the work of the grounds crew. All committee members had heard positive remarks about the tournaments.

There was also discussion regarding the following: National Federation rule changes, adoption of a 15-run rule after 3rd inning, field conditions of tournament host schools, posting of baseball results on the IESA website, non-school participation in 2000, Safe-Base violations, non-school participation of Gillespie players, Biggsville Union forfeit to Sciota Northwestern, failure of Fisher player to sit out next game after unsportsmanlike ejection, and hiring of all regional umpires by the regional host.

Pairings were drawn for the 2001 state finals.

	<u>GAME 1</u>	<u>GAME 2</u>	<u>GAME 3</u>	<u>GAME 4</u>
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Mike Kukuck was recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Thursday, October 18, 2001.

October 24, 2016

Mr. Mitch Pruemer
Gifford Grade School
Gifford, IL 61847

Dear Mitch:

This letter will confirm your appointment as a member of our Baseball Advisory Committee.

There are a total of eight committee members. There are six boys baseball coaches, an IHSA licensed baseball umpire, and an administrator from one of our member schools. If at any time while you are a committee member you no longer are coaching, you must submit your resignation. Your appointment is for the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years.

One meeting annually will be scheduled unless our committee business necessitates additional meetings. Our next meeting is will be held at the IHSA Office, 2715 McGraw Dr. Bloomington, IL at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3. Our advisory meeting is usually held at the IESA Office, 1015 Maple Hill Road in Bloomington but because of the special open forum meeting we are holding on pitching limitations, this year's meeting is being held at the IHSA Office. Future meetings will be at our office. If there are issues that you want discussed during the meeting other than the pitching limitations, please be prepared to do so.

Directions to the IESA Office are available at the following link: <http://www.iesa.org/information/contact.asp>.

Directions to the IHSA Office are available at this link:
<http://www.ihsa.org/AbouttheIHSA/MapDirections.aspx>

As a committee member, your round-trip mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of .30 per mile. Lunch will be provided during the meeting.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding your appointment.

Sincerely,



Steve Endsley
Executive Director

IESA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ken Studebaker, Congerville, Umpire
Joshua Stone, Raymond Lincolnwood, Coach
Kyle Hasler, Minooka, Coach
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Brett Huff, Alton, Coach
Mitch Pruemer, Gifford, Coach
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