



2024 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
October 25, 2024 – In person

ATTENDANCE

Jackie Litwiller - IESA Executive Director; Roger Nichols – Umpire Bloomington; Travis Lingafelter, Buffalo Tri-City (Coop) - Coach; Perry Peterson - Barrington Station-Coach; Zach Campbell - Warrensburg Latham-Coach; Candy Wagner – Jersey Community Middle School-Coach; Dave Jones – Lemont Old Quarry, Administrator; Renae Leander – Cambridge JHS (Coop), Coach

Not In Attendance: Scott Dosch – Paris Crestwood-Coach

The IESA Softball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 31, 2025, meeting:

RECOMMENDATION 1 – Post Season Calendar Amended

Current	The Regional Post Season play for 2025 will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of Week 10.
Proposed	Adjustment to the calendar for Fall 2025 post season and beyond. Quarterfinal Games – Monday of Week 10 – 4:30pm start time Semifinal Games – Wednesday/Thursday of Week 10 – 4:30pm start time (or could be played same night if host school has enough fields or lights) Championship – Saturday of Week 10 – 11am start time.
Discussion	The updated calendar does not give enough time for the quarterfinal and semifinal games to be played.
Rationale	Moving the Quarterfinal games to Monday would open the week to use Wednesday/Thursday for the Semifinal games and leave Saturday for the Championship as the calendar committee intended. This would also allow for rainouts with make-up days.
Recommended	All were in favor of the additional day and the Quarterfinal games to Monday and the Semifinal games to Wednesday/Thursday.
IESA By-Law	NA
Admin vote	4-0
Board Action	Approved

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- 1) IESA will continue to send the weekly update for Softball.
- 2) IESA will continue to put out the Activity Update at the start of the season.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Reviewed the current procedures for assignments – no changes.
2. Discussed 2024 season.
3. Implementation of the 2-hour time limit – keep wording the same for the start of the game.
4. IHSA advisory minutes – potential changes to their post season.
5. 2025 NFHS Rules Changes.

2025 STATE FINALS PAIRINGS

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

COMMITTEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

IESA will be seeking a replacement member for Scott Dosch who is no longer able to serve.

2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10am – Virtual

IESA ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES