



2017 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MEETING
Thursday, October 12, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Leslie Alappattu (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Brian Bandy (New Berlin JHS Coach), Josh Carlile (Manteno MS Coach), Christina Clark (Paris Mayo Coach), Barry Gurvey (Clinton JHS Athletic Director), Tracie Henry (IHSA Assistant Executive Director), Fred McNeeley (Princeville Official), Stephanie McClure (Forrest Prairie Central Coach), Greg Streeval (Macon Meridian Coach) and Crystal Tipton (Effingham St. Anthony Coach)

The IESA Softball Advisory Committee, in its meeting on October 12, 2017, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 19, 2018, meeting:

Recommendation #1

Current	IESA exception to NFHS Rule 4-2-4 - Any regular season contest that is called before the completion of the required number of innings as listed in NFHS Rule 4-2-2 shall be declared a no-game.
Proposed	Remove
Rationale	This is not an IESA exception to NFHS rule; it is what the rules book states.
GSB T&C	VII.A.9 (first part)
IESA By-Law	4.024

APPROVED

Recommendation #2

Current	Conferences and regular season tournaments may adopt a suspended game policy.
Proposed	Add the following as an IESA adoption for suspended games if there is not a conference suspended game policy in place - <i>If a regular season game is suspended for any reason prior to being considered a complete game per rule 4-2-2, the school administration of the two schools involved shall decide if the game will resume or be considered a "no game" per rule 4-2-4. If the game is resumed, the game shall resume from the point of suspension. If there is not a consensus between the school administrators, the game will be considered a "no game" per rule 4-2-4. 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. Should this occur, the team winning at the time of the suspension shall count the game as a win and the team trailing at the time of the suspension shall count the game as a loss.</i>
Rationale	Having something more definitive gives guidance to schools that are not part of a conference and have a suspended game; baseball currently has a policy in place to address this and it would be helpful to have a little more consistency between the two activities in providing direction to school administrators.
GSB T&C	VII.A.9 (remove and replace)
IESA By-Law	4.024

DENIED - The following was approved by the IESA Board of Directors as a suspended game policy for IESA Softball and Baseball:

When a regular season game is stopped for any reason, the school administration of the participating schools may choose to do one of the following:

1. Suspend the game and mutually agree to resume the game at the point of suspension at a later date and time.
2. The team losing at the time of the suspension can forfeit and the team winning at this time would claim this as a win on their record.
3. The team winning at the time of the suspension can forfeit and thus the team losing at this time would claim this as a win on their record.
4. The schools mutually agree to record the game as a "no game."

Discussion Topics

1. Changes to NFHS Rules Book for 2017-18 season - no new exceptions recommendations for the IESA in regards to the NFHS rules changes; however, if a coach has a question about the legality of a bat, helmet or other piece of equipment, he/she can always request that the official reviews the equipment prior to the game.
2. Changing required number of innings to 6 innings - no recommendation.
3. Optic yellow on equipment and uniforms - no recommendation made, but schools are encouraged to consider not including optic yellow as part of the uniform unless it is designated as a school color and still in compliance with all uniform/pitcher uniform rules.
4. Limiting the maximum number of games a school can play during the season - no recommendation.
5. Changing the format of the state series so schools would not play 2 games in one day - no recommendation.
6. Pros/cons of having a ticket gate at regionals and sectionals - no recommendation, shared discussion points with IESA Baseball administrator.
7. Shared information with the officials' representative to take back to GSB officials - expectation of when compensation for working will be provided, returning contracts in a timely manner and consistency in strike zone/illegal pitches.
8. Schools are encouraged to review the Illinois Coaches Association (ICA) website (www.icasoftball.org) for clinic/professional development opportunities - schools can also recommend IESA Class A/AA coaches for recognition by ICA.

Pairings for 2018-19 IESA Softball state finals

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

Committee Service Recognition

Thank you for your service, Greg Streeval and Josh Carlile!

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Thursday, October 11, 2018 @ 10:00 am