

Emerging Activities

Emerging State Series Activities

The IESA Board of Directors may consider recommendations to add a new state series when a sufficient number of member schools register their participation in the emerging activity. Schools currently conducting an emerging sport shall register their participation with the IESA in the school member center. The IESA will utilize the registration reports to monitor the development of the new sport.

By registering for an emerging sport, the member school understands that any student who participates must be eligible under the provisions for the IESA Eligibility By-laws. Additionally, the member school team may participate against established interscholastic teams only affiliated or sponsored by a school.

If you have any questions about either of these activities or have interest in participating, please contact Julie Cochran at julie@iesa.org.

Soccer

NFHS Exceptions

- The IESA will play two equal halves of 30 minutes in all regular season and state series play. [NFHS Rule 7-1-1]
- Metal Cleats are prohibited [4-1-1]
- Home team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks, and visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. [NFHS 4-1-1b] Beginning

in the fall of 2013 the NFHS will require home teams to be in all white.

- Beginning in fall 2012, all shin guards must meet NOCSAE specifications and the seal and appropriate height range needs to appear directly on shin guard.

IESA Policies:

- In 2013 The IESA Board of Directors establish a boys and girls state series.

- The state series will take place Week 42-43 in the IESA standardized calendar.
- State Finals on Fri/Sat. of Week 43.
- Teams are permitted to play 16 games in regular season play.
- See website for State Series Tiebreaker procedures.

Boy's Volleyball

NFHS Exceptions:

1. Rally scoring at the IESA level of play in regular season and state tournament series. 2 out of 3 sets to 25 (no cap). [NFHS 1-2-1]
2. Court size shall be a minimum of 25' x 50'. [NFHS 2-1-1]
3. Net height BVB: 7'4-1/8" (or 2.43 meters)

4. The libero position shall **not** be used.

IESA Policies:

1. In regular season play, the home team will provide the balls to be used for play. In the state series the IESA will provide a Rawlings red, white and blue volleyball to be used by each host school.
2. Warm-ups 2-3-3-3-3

3. Schools are required to hire two IHSA licensed volleyball officials for regular season matches.
4. After the conclusion of the shared warm-up time, practice jerseys or warm-ups without numbers should be removed.

Strategic Planning

The activities of Chess, Bowling, Golf, Boys Volleyball and Soccer are a direct result of the 2005 Strategic Planning that the association undertook.

Chess and Bowling were added in 2010-11 School year.

Golf was added in the 2011-12 school year.

To register your school team for any of the emerging activities, log in to the IESA Member Center. Click on Registration & Logins. Click on Emerging Activities 2013-14 and follow directions.



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Emerging Activities State Series Policy

The IESA Board of Directors may consider recommendations to add a new state series when a sufficient number of the member schools express an interest in participating in the activity as an IESA state series.

1. Interest Step: Schools facilitating an emerging activity shall register their interest with the Association in the IESA Member Center. The IESA will utilize the interest reports to monitor the development of new activities in member schools and assist in determining when a new state championship should be considered.
2. Registration Step: Schools facilitating an emerging sport shall register their participation with the Association by registering the activity with the IESA office. The IESA will utilize the registration reports to monitor the development of new sport activities in member schools and assist in determining when a new state series should be considered. The registration forms may be found online and does require a principal's signature.
3. When the minimum required participation level is demonstrated, the Board shall consider:
 - a. Adequate number of schools in a geographical area to complete a schedule
 - b. Feasibility and scheduling of state series and its impact on existing IESA programs
 - c. Pre-existing community based programs
 - d. Availability of certified officials
 - e. Growth potential of the activity
 - f. Consider gender equity criteria
 - g. Financial and staffing impact to the Association
4. When an activity is sanctioned by the Board of Directors as being eligible for official state series championship competition, the IESA Office will mail an Emerging Activity Commitment Form to all member schools on which to record an intention to participate in an official state championship in the activity.
5. A sanctioned activity, in which an official state championship is implemented, shall be fully supervised and regulated by the Association. All Association bylaws, policies, rules and contest regulations shall apply to the activity.

Emerging Activity Championship Policy

The IESA Board of Directors may consider recommendations to add a new state championship when a sufficient number of the member schools express an interest in participating in the activity as an IESA state tournament.

1. Interest Step: Schools facilitating an emerging activity shall register their interest with the Association in the IESA Member Center. The IESA will utilize the interest reports to monitor the development of new activities in member schools and assist in determining when a new state championship should be considered.
 2. When the minimum required participation level is demonstrated, the Board shall consider:
 - a. Growth potential of the activity
 - b. Consider gender equity criteria
 - c. Financial and staffing impact to the Association
 3. A sanctioned activity, in which an official state championship is implemented, shall be fully supervised and regulated by the Association. All Association bylaws, policies, rules and contest regulations shall apply to the activity.
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