

## **Emerging Activity 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.

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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.