

## Emerging Activities Policy

The IESA Board of Directors may consider recommendations to add a new state series/championship when a recommendation is brought forward by the Emerging Activities advisory committee.

The IESA will utilize the information provided by member school as detailed in Steps 1 and 2 below to monitor the development of new and emerging activities in member schools and to assist in determining when a new state series/championship should be considered.

1. Interest Step: Schools interested in an emerging activity shall indicate their interest with the Association in the IESA Member Center. Indicating the school's interest means the school does not currently offer interscholastic competition in a given activity(ies) but is interested in having this as an option for students in the future.
2. Registration Step: Schools currently participating in an emerging activity shall register their participation with the IESA Office. Registering the school's participation means that even though the IESA does not offer a state series/championship at this point, the member school conducts interscholastic competition throughout the school year in a given activity(ies).
3. The IESA's Emerging Activities administrator will gather the following additional information:
  - a. The 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. Once the information in Step 3 has been gathered, the Emerging Activities advisory committee will make a recommendation to the Board on next steps to take.