

Volleyball Exceptions

Exceptions for Boys and Girls IESA Volleyball

Exceptions to NFHS Rules

As an official registered with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) in the sport of volleyball, you may officiate matches at the junior high level. When those contests involve members of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), rules of play are exactly the same as the National Federation rules with the following exceptions:

1. Rally Scoring **will be used** at the IESA level of play in regular season or state tournament series play. 2 out of 3 sets to 25 (no cap). [NFHS rule 1-2-1]
2. During regular season play, court size shall be a minimum of 25 feet by 50 feet [NFHS rule 2-1-1].
3. Net height [NFHS rule 3-1-4] GVB: 7 feet or 2.13meters BVB: 7 feet 4 1/8 inches or 2.43 meters

Note: Boys volleyball is an emerging activity for the IESA. Schools with teams should register in the IESA member school center under emerging activities.

IESA POLICIES

- The IESA has adopted the colored ball for regular season and state series play. **Note:** In regular season play the home team will provide the balls to be used for play. In state series play the IESA will provide a Rawlings red, white and blue volleyball to be used by each host school.
- Member schools are **required to hire two IHSA registered volleyball officials** for regular season matches.
- **Warm-up** periods shall be 2-6 in all regular season and state tournament series play. *2 minutes shared, 6 minutes home team entire court then 6 minutes visiting team entire court.* For regular season tournaments the warm-up period may be shortened.
- **Line judges** will be used at IESA state final contests. They may be used at regular season, regional and sectional contests at the discretion of the host school. Line judges must be 17 years of age and follow NFHS guidelines.
- **Ball handling** will be permitted 45 minutes prior to the scheduled match time on the competition floor in regional and sectional play. At the state finals, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the coin toss.
- After the conclusion of shared warm-up time, **practice jerseys or warm-ups** without numbers should be removed.

Uniform Number Note: the number on the uniform shall be 4 inches tall on the front and 6 inches tall on the back. On the front the number shall be placed no more than 5" down from the shoulder seam or placed so the number is centered no more than 5" below the edge of the neckline ribbing placket, or seam on the uniform top. It may contain numbers 0 - 9.

Are you an IHSA licensed official interested in working the IESA state tournament series? Please contact the IESA office.

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Special Awareness Night Guidelines:

- All uniforms worn during the special awareness matches must meet the standard uniform regulations. This includes having the number on the front and back of the shirt/jersey. There can be no logo endorsement on the shirt other than that of the manufacturer. You may put your school name on the jersey as you would any other uniform.
- Officials may wear colored tops and use colored whistles for the match.
- A colored ball may be used for this match as long as it meets the NFHS guidelines. A max. of 3 colors, each panel a solid color, and one third shall be solid white.