



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIALS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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| Host School: | |
| School Phone: | |
| Athletic Director: | |

*****IF YOU SHOULD NEED TO CANCEL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOST SCHOOL.*****

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please fill out the IESA Sportsmanship Evaluation after the game. The form is available in the IESA Officials Center. Use your IHSA ID and password to log in to the IESA Officials Center. Click on the red "Member Login" button located near the top of the IESA website. Once you have logged in with your IHSA ID and password click on the "Sportsmanship Ratings" link.
For reference on the rating scale, a "1" rating is superior. Any rating of 4 or 5 requires a written explanation.
- B. Respect the integrity of the coaches and players by communicating appropriately and effectively to each.
- C. Display a positive attitude in all situations. Please serve as a positive role model. Promoting proper behavior is a fundamental purpose of the IESA.
- D. In addition to your mechanics and positioning, how you present your movements on the court is crucial. Good strong mechanics make for a comforting presence during a game.
- E. As an officiating crew, please make sure that you are consistently applying the NFHS basketball rules throughout the entire contest.
- F. **PRE-GAME MEETING:** Hold the pre-game meeting with the captains and the head coaches. Topics to include:
 - a. Emphasize good sportsmanship for everyone.
 - b. No taunting.
 - c. Review lines of communication for captains and head coach.
- G. **Please refrain from holding conversations with fans while out on the floor.** If you are having a problem with the behavior or language of fans, please inform the contest manager. Additionally, if a fan(s) needs to be removed from the playing area, please inform the contest manager.
- H. Relate effectively to coaches and players- friendly but not overly personal.
- I. **High quality game management is essential-** moving play along smoothly, exercising good decision-making in trying circumstances and demonstrating absolute fairness in administration.
- J. Make sure that competing teams are in compliance with jewelry and uniform rules.
 - a. Players are not to be penalized for visible logos on undershirts.
- K. **EJECTION:** Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two interscholastic contests at that level and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim. Any player ejected shall be ineligible for the next (1) interscholastic contest at that level and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim. Please contact the IESA Office if a coach, player, or fan is ejected from your contest.

II. IESA EXCEPTIONS TO NFHS RULES

- A. All games consist of six-minute periods. Overtime periods shall be three minutes. Halftime periods are ten minutes. The warm-up period is 15 minutes. **THESE TIMES MAY NOT BE ALTERED.** [5-5-2, 5-7-3]
- B. The smaller basketball has been adopted for IESA girls' state tournament play. [1-12]
- C. Host schools in tournament play shall provide a black and white striped garment to be worn by the official scorer for all games. [2-11 Note.]
- D. The three-point field goal is mandatory for all regular season contests and state series tournament games. [5-2-1]
- E. The Association has adopted the use of a 28 foot coaches' box for basketball. [1-13]
- F. *The Association has adopted a mandatory "mercy" rule in regular season contests and tournaments. The mercy rule will be used in the IESA state series. [5-5-3 note].*

The following guidelines for the administration of the mercy rule shall be used:

1. A running clock shall be utilized during the fourth quarter in contests with a 30 point differential in score.
2. Once the clock begins running continuously because of the point differential, it is to remain running for the rest of the contest, even if the point differential drops under the 30 point barrier during the fourth quarter.
3. If a contest should begin its fourth quarter with a 30 point differential in score or greater, the entire fourth quarter will be played with a running clock. The running clock shall not be used prior to the fourth quarter of any contest.
4. If, while using the running clock because of the point differential and the trailing team somehow tied the contest at the end of regulation, any and all subsequent overtime periods would be played using the continuous clock.
5. The running clock would only be stopped once it starts for the following:

- i. A team timeout,
 - ii. To replace a disqualified player,
 - iii. To administer a technical foul,
 - iv. To attend to an injured player,
 - v. For free throws when there is a minute or less left in the game.
 - vi. Any other situation of concern to an official.
- G. When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own end of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, run under the basket where their opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents. Where possible, teams should only enter, jog, or warm-up on their own half of the court. Gatherings intended to motivate a team after the warm-up period, during or following introductions and post-game celebrations should be performed in the area directly in front of the bench.
- H. It is recommended a safe area be in place for all state tournament series contests as determined by local and game management. The safe area would extend from the baseline toward the facility's back wall, stage, or bleachers. The safe area would be devoid of any persons (such as cheerleaders or media personnel) or any other obstructions. [1-2-1]
- I. **Effective with the 2008-09 school year, schools designated as the home team shall wear a white jersey. [3-4-6-note]**
- J. Undergarments shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they shall be the same length [3-5-6] **Note: This exception removes the logo restriction. At the IESA level, undergarments that have more than one logo and/or the logo size exceeds what is allowed by NFHS rule, shall be legal.**
- K. **Shorts may be rolled for the purpose of allowing a better fitting uniform. String must be tucked in to the shorts/pants/skirt.**
- L. **Please make sure that teams are in compliance with NFHS equipment and apparel requirements.**

III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND DETAILS

- A. Playing dates and times are mandated by the IESA Board of Directors and listed at the beginning of these instructions.
- B. Should a team arrive late, they have 30 min from the scheduled start time to arrive or the game is considered a forfeit.
- C. **WARM-UP:** Tournament warm-up times shall be limited to 15 minutes.
- D. The higher seed will be the home team in each regional game.
- E. Scorers are required to wear a striped shirt.
- F. **You should plan to arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to the posted tip-off time.**

IV. TOURNAMENT POLICIES- Upheld by host school and competing teams

- A. During IESA state series tournament (regional, sectional, state finals) games, the displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas. (By-law 3.142)
- B. Flash Photography is prohibited during game play.
- C. All mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from playing areas for all IESA state series tournament play. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring megaphones, radios, or tape players into the playing area of any IESA state series tournament contest. (By-law 3.143)
- D. All tournament play shall be single elimination with the winning team advancing from regional to sectional and from sectional to state level competition.
- E. Please make sure that a 28 ft. coaching box has been marked. Additionally, an "X" should be placed on the floor in front of the scorer, but off of the playing floor.
- F. No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during a contest by bench personnel. This includes both regular season contests and the IESA state series contests.
- G. Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.
- H. Official scorer and timer must be 16 years or older.

V. Officials

- A. Host schools are responsible for contracting the necessary officials.
- B. You should receive payment for your work the evening of your Regional (\$55.00).
- C. Please make sure that you are properly attired for the contest as outlined in the IHSA Sports Official Handbook.
 - 1. When you take the court prior to the contest, please make sure that your uniform and equipment are in order.
- D. **It is the responsibility of the host to provide for the security of the officials.** The host should be present to escort officials on and off the playing area for all contests. Fans/coaches should not be allowed into the official's dressing area for any reason.