



IESA Special Awareness Contests



The IESA Board of Directors passed guidelines for special initiative/awareness contests. Examples of such contests could include a fundraiser or raising awareness for different types of cancer or illness, natural disaster relief, or another cause. Below are guidelines for IESA Softball schools to follow if they host an awareness event during a contest.

For special awareness contests, IESA Softball schools' uniforms must be legal under NFHS guidelines - see below and review your NFHS Rules Book for specific guidelines to ensure your school's uniforms are in compliance.

NFHS Softball Rule 3, Section 2 - Uniforms and Equipment

- Rule 2.3.2 There must be a number on the back of the shirt/jersey.
- Rule 3.2.3 There can only be a single manufacturer's logo on the uniform.
- Rule 3.2.4 A commemorative patch may be worn but must adhere to NFHS rules.
- Rule 3.2.5 Headband colors are not required to be the same for team members, but they must meet the color requirements.
- Rule 3.2.14 Any equipment judged by the umpire to be potentially dangerous is illegal.

Officials may wear colored tops for such a contest. Make sure you contact the officials in advance of this special awareness contest. Initiative/awareness color-specific items are allowed such as headbands, socks, wristbands, shoes, warm-up shirts and shoelaces.

If you have questions about whether or not you will be in compliance, please contact Nicole Schaeffbauer at nicole@iesa.org or at the IESA office (309-829-0114). In addition, since you're thinking about hosting this special awareness contest, you should also let us know that your school is an IESA Good Sport for your contribution to your school/local community. IESA would love the opportunity to highlight positive citizenship happening in our member schools - you can complete this report online at this link, <http://www.iesa.org/documents/reports/IESA-GoodSportReport.pdf>, or email the information to nicole@iesa.org.

