



IESA SOFTBALL

2006 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 25, 2006

The following members were present for the meeting: Administrator; Kirk Graham, Umpire; Dan Kruger; Coaches; Stacey Whitcomb, Alan Toliver, Greg Blakey, and Karen Malmgren. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its January 2006 meeting:

1. **Recommendation:** To play Regional Games: Quarterfinals on Wed, Semifinals on Sat. and Finals on Mon.

Rationale: The committee feels that the double header on Saturday is not in the best interest of the girls participating in this activity. The students are still growing and developing in life and in the learning stages of softball and the double header on Saturday is a detriment to their growth. Additionally comments from the committee:

PASSED

- The week wait between regional championship game and sectional game is too long of a wait.
- The travel is not as big of an issue in most areas of the state.
- The current format is more of a hardship to the Class A schools who typically have one pitcher on their rosters and by the time the second game is being played it is noticeable that the pitcher is tired and does affect their team's play.

2. **Recommendation:** To establish the following protocol for warm-up time in state series play: In all state series level play each team will receive a 10 min. pre-game team defensive warm-up time on the playing diamond. Arrangements and administration of these warm-ups will be made by the Regional and Sectional Host schools. At the state series play the visiting team, determined by a coin flip, will take infield warm-up first.

PASSED

Rationale: To give some guidance to our host schools and new administrators. This will be added to the Softball Terms and Conditions Section VIII Tournament Policies and the Host material for all state series' levels.

3. **Recommendation:** To increase the number of participants on the softball regional entry forms from 18 to 22.

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Rationale: This change would help encourage participation in softball at the middle school level. Additionally, it should help to make the activity be more comparable to that of girls' basketball and volleyball. Girls' Basketball and Volleyball in the association have a 7th grade and 8th grade teams, they have 5 starters and we allow 15 total entries on the regional entry forms. This is 3 times the amount of starters. Softball combines the 7th and 8th grade classes, has 9 starters and has 18 entries. This is only double the amount of starters. The committee asks to increase the number of entries by four for a total of 22 participants permitted on the Regional Entry form. 22 is also currently the number the IHSA permits on their state rosters.

The additional cost to the association would be minimal. Each medal costs \$2.74 per medal in the association's current contract. This would add 4 medals to each place for a total of 16 additional medals for each class. This would be an increase of \$87.68 to the softball total medal order.

The Softball Advisory Committee would like once again like to thank Normal Chiddix and the Town of Normal for an exceptional state tournament.

2007 State Pairings	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Class A	A VS. H	G VS. B	D VS. C	E VS. F
Class AA	G VS. A	D VS. H	F VS. C	E VS. B

Alan Toliver and Stacey Whitcomb were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The date was set for the next meeting; Wednesday, October 24, 2007.