



IESA SOFTBALL

2007 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 24, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Administrator; Andy Strelau, Umpire; Dan Kruger; Coaches; Greg Blakey, Mike Zumpf and Dana Curby. Absent: Leann Bonifas 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 2007 meeting:

- 1. Recommendation:** Bylaw 2.126: *It is required that two IHSA officials licensed in softball be hired for all regular season contests.* The IESA administrative staff shall contract officials for all sectional and state final contests. For the IESA state series, officials licensed by the IHSA in softball shall be used.

Motion not brought before board. See Officials Action Team Recommendations.

Two officials shall be hired for all regular season games, both of whom shall be licensed by the IHSA.
Two officials shall be hired for each regional game
Two officials shall be hired for each sectional game
Three officials shall be hired for each state level game.

- 2. Recommendation:** To establish an additional softball tryout date for week 47 of the 2007-08 school year. This is an additional option for schools each spring to use for the following school year.

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Rationale: The committee felt this would help with the administration of the activity as most schools are still in session this week on the IESA standardized calendar and their offices open to hand out permission slips, physical cards etc. Additionally, it would assist IESA coaches in contacting younger students before summer ball and vacations begin.

- 3. Recommendation:** To add to bylaw 4.024 Exceptions to National Federation Rules: Metal cleats are prohibited [3-2-11].

Passed

Rationale: The NFHS is permitting metal cleats in the 2008 rule book. This exception concerns safety issues at the middle school level and remains consistent with the current IESA baseball rule code exception that also prohibits metal cleats.

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

2008 State Pairings	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Class A	B v. A	D v. E	F v. G	H v. C
Class AA	F v. B	A v. D	H v. C	E v. G

Dan Krueger was recognized for his service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

The date was set for the next meeting; Wednesday, October 29, 2008.