



2020 SOFTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

October 29, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Nicole Schaeffbauer - IESA Assistant Executive Director, Scott Bahorik – IHSA Official,
Travis Lingafelter - Mt. Pulaski Coach, Joel Zaiser – Oneida ROWVA Coach
Megan Nonnemacher – Bloomington JHS Coach, Mark Peter - Shorewood Troy Assistant Principal and Assistant Coach, Perry
Peterson - Barrington Station Coach

**The IESA Softball Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation to the
IESA Board of Directors for their January, 2020 meeting:**

RECOMMENDATION 1

Proposed	The on-deck batter may use either on-deck circle. The on-deck batter may only take their position during a dead-ball.
Current	NFHS 7-5-1: The on-deck batter shall take a position within the lines of the on-deck circle closest to her dugout.
Rationale	The committee believes that the recommendation allows for greater safety. The on-deck batter would have the option to take a position at the back of the batter to avoid being on the batter's open side. Should the batter switch position, the umpire would have the discretion to allow the on-deck batter to change circles.
T&C	VII. B. 10. (New)
IESA By-Law	4.024 (New)
Admin Vote	

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Officials are no longer expected to do equipment checks prior to the start of the contest. Coaches are expected to adhere to proper equipment rules and officials are expected to enforce penalties as outlined in the NFHS Softball rules book for illegal equipment.
2. Coaches need to instruct fielders and base runners to recognize and avoid instances of interference and obstruction.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Discussed a proposal regarding the international tie breaker. No recommendation from committee.
2. Discussed a proposal regarding a four-class system. No recommendation from committee. Since this was to be the first year of the three-class system, the committee would like to have more data before discussing an additional class.
3. Discussion of the 2020 season. Glad to have a season and a chance to meet with players.

2021 STATE FINALS PAIRINGS

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Class 1A	G vs. B	C vs. E	D vs. A	H vs. F
Class 2A	A vs. H	E vs. C	B vs. D	F vs. G
Class 3A	D vs. F	B vs. G	H vs. E	A vs. C

COMMITTEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

2020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 10:00 am

IESA ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

None