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Boys Cross Country .....	Brian Lewis / Libby Chang
Girls Cross Country.....	Brian Lewis / Libby Chang
Football .....	Robert Faulkens / Kayley Howell
Boys Golf.....	Chris Kaufman / Brandon Baxter
Girls Golf .....	Chris Kaufman / Brandon Baxter
Gymnastics.....	Ashley Ernstberger / Ally Cummins
Boys Soccer .....	Jane Schott / Ally Cummins
Girls Soccer .....	Jane Schott / Ally Cummins
Softball .....	Kerrie Rosati / Stacey Lee
Boys Swimming .....	Kerrie Rosati / Stacey Lee
Girls Swimming .....	Kerrie Rosati / Stacey Lee
Boys Tennis .....	Chris Kaufman / Brandon Baxter
Girls Tennis.....	Chris Kaufman / Brandon Baxter
Boys Track & Field.....	Jane Schott / Ally Cummins
Girls Track & Field .....	Jane Schott / Ally Cummins
Unified Flag Football .....	Robert Faulkens / Kayley Howell
Unified Track & Field.....	Brian Lewis / Libby Chang
Boys Volleyball .....	Kerrie Rosati / Stacey Lee
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Boys Wrestling .....	Robert Faulkens / Kayley Howell
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Football.....	Kayley Howell
Boys Golf .....	Brandon Baxter
Girls Golf .....	Brandon Baxter
Gymnastics .....	Ally Cummins
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Girls Swimming & Diving .....	Stacey Lee
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Girls Track & Field.....	Ally Cummins
Unified Flag Football .....	Kayley Howell
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## 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors

District, Seat	Board Member	Term Ends
District I, Class 1A	Tom Finicle, Southwood	June 2026
District I, Class 2A	Paul Voigt, Churubusco	June 2027
District I, Class 3A	--	June 2026
District I, Class 4A	Jeff Hamstra, Chesterton	June 2027
District II, Class 1A	Martin Brown, North Vermillion	June 2027
District II, Class 2A	--	June 2026
District II, Class 3A	Chris Conley, Cowan	June 2027
District II, Class 4A	Jim Brown, Fishers**	June 2026
District III, Class 1A	Jeff Doyle, Barr-Reeve	June 2026
District III, Class 2A	Tim Grove, Linton-Stockton	June 2027
District III, Class 3A	Larry Cochren, Washington*	June 2026
District III, Class 4A	Tom Black, East Central	June 2027
North District, Female	Patti McCormack, Lowell	June 2025
North District, Minority	Stacy Adams, Valparaiso	June 2025
North District, Urban	Brian Strong, Logansport	June 2025
South District, Female	Kris Painter, Terre Haute North Vigo	June 2025
South District, Minority	Kyle Duncan, Brownsburg	June 2025
South District, Urban	Chad Gilbert, Charlestown	June 2025
Private School	--	June 2025

\* President

\*\* Vice-President

## 2024-25 IHSAA Executive Committee

Chad Gilbert, Charlestown (Chairman)  
 Brian Strong, Logansport (Vice-Chairman)  
 Stacy Adams, Valparaiso  
 Tom Black, East Central  
 Jim Brown, Fishers  
 Martin Brown, North Vermillion  
 Larry Cochren, Washington  
 Chris Conley, Cowan  
 Jeff Doyle, Barr-Reeve  
 Kyle Duncan, Brownsburg  
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 Jeff Hamstra, Chesterton  
 Patti McCormack, Lowell  
 Kris Painter, Terre Haute North Vigo  
 Paul Voigt, Churubusco

## Board of Directors Elections

The next regular election of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 1-10, 2024 for the term beginning July 1, 2025.

A ballot will be sent to the principal of each member school containing the name and school of each eligible candidate to be elected from their district. To be valid this ballot must be completed by the principal and received by the Commissioner between December 1 and 10 of this year.

Ballots will be examined by the Executive Committee and filed. Any candidate who has reason to question the tabulation may inspect those from his/her district. However, the part of the ballot containing the school and principal's name will be detached before the inspection. Any Committee Member, who is a candidate, does not participate in the tabulation of the vote in his/her own district.

The December, 2024 election will determine a representative from each of the districts designated below.

See Article IV, Sections 1-3 of the By-Laws for details. Deadline for filing as a candidate is Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.

## Proposals for Board Action due by March 1

According to Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws, any proposal to be included on the agenda of the annual meeting of the IHSAA Board of Directors must be submitted to the IHSAA Office prior to March 1. This year's meeting will be Monday, May 5, 2025.

## Board of Directors Election

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Northern District</b>	<b>Southern District</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Dec. 2024	2025-28	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Private Seat
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>District I</b>	<b>District II</b>	<b>District III</b>
Dec. 2025	2026-29	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A
Dec. 2026	2027-30	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Northern District</b>	<b>Southern District</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Dec. 2027	2028-31	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Private Seat
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>District I</b>	<b>District II</b>	<b>District III</b>
Dec. 2028	2029-32	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A
Dec. 2029	2030-33	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Northern District</b>	<b>Southern District</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Dec. 2030	2031-34	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Female, Minority & Urban Seats	Private Seat
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>District I</b>	<b>District II</b>	<b>District III</b>
Dec. 2031	2032-35	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A
Dec. 2032	2033-36	Classes 2A & 4A	Classes A & 3A	Classes 2A & 4A

## Are Your Athletes Eligible?

Be sure to check the following items that could jeopardize the eligibility of your athletes:

- Age
- Consent and Release Certificate on file prior to 1st practice
- Semesters of enrollment
- Scholarship – previous and present grading period/semester
- Athletic Transfer Form filed, if applicable
- Foreign Exchange Student Application Form filed, if applicable
- Number of practices prior to competition
- Season limitations – maximum number of contests, etc.

It is recommended that member school principals hold a meeting for all boys and girls in grades 9-12 who will be participating in athletics to discuss IHSA rules, i.e. amateurism, scholarship, age, transfer, etc. Sportsmanship expectations of each athlete should also be discussed.

## Christian Scientists Policy

The question is asked occasionally about IHSA Consent and Release Form and its application to Christian Scientists. **IHSA Rule 3, Section 10** requires a physical examination prior to student's first practice. Since there is no legal exemption to this examination, you are expected to comply with the rule even though special exemption request forms are presented by the student.

## Attention Tourney Directors

**Lifetime Passes** have been distributed to current and former Board of Directors, IHSA Office Staff and to former elected IHSA Girls Advisory Committee members. Please notify your ticket personnel of our policy so that these passes will be honored for admittance.

## Unsporting Behavior

In an effort to prevent the recurrence of unfortunate incidents in any varsity, reserve or freshman contest, the Association requires that unsporting reports be filed within 24 hours of the completed contest. The official will initiate the process. Member Schools will verify the information within the official's report and submit to the Association.

1. Licensed officials distributing the penalty shall initiate the Unsporting Report for:
  - a. Any contestant who displays unsporting behavior requiring the assessment of a penalty (unsporting or ejection).
  - b. Any coach who displays unsporting behavior requiring the assessment of a penalty (unsporting or ejection).
  - c. Any fan who displays behavior warranting elimination from the contest.
  - d. Any administrator who displays behavior warranting elimination from the contest.
2. Principal/Athletic Administrator
  - a. Verify the information contained within the report (correct coach, player, etc.).
  - b. If an ejection (Student or Adult), visit [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) to find required courses to complete.
    - a. Students are mandated per by-law 8-4 to complete the Sportsmanship Course (free).
    - b. Coaches and Administrations are mandated per by-law 8-4 to complete the Teaching and Modeling Behavior course (paid course).
    - c. Students, Coaches, Administrators, and Fans will serve the suspension from the next interschool Contest (Home Contest for a Fan) at that level of competition and all other interschool Contests (Home Contests for a Fan) at any level in the interim.
  - c. Submit to the IHSA within 24 hours of receipt.

## 2024-25 Athletic Accident Insurance

The Indiana High School Athletic Association has purchased a Catastrophic Accident Insurance Policy effective August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025. The insurance policy is provided through Shepherd Insurance Agency whose Indiana offices are located in Carmel, Evansville and Seymour. The insurer of the sponsored program is Gerber Life Insurance Company. Gerber is an A.M. Best "A" rated carrier.

The following is a general summary of benefits provided by the 10-year Catastrophe Injury Insurance Program. It is not meant to be a complete explanation of all provisions of the policy. No coverage is extended and no representations are made, except by the policy and/or certificate. Copies of the policy are available from the office of the IHSA.

### Reporting Potential Claim Occurrences during Policy Period

If a student suffers an accidental injury under the below described circumstances which might exceed \$25,000, see below for "How to Report a Claim."

1. Fax on School Letterhead the following information to Shepherd Insurance at 317-846-5444
2. Or email Robin Cornelius at [rcornelius@shepherdins.com](mailto:rcornelius@shepherdins.com) or Jeremy Sims at [jsims@shepherdins.com](mailto:jsims@shepherdins.com)
  - a. Name of injured party
  - b. Name, address and phone number of injured party's parents or guardian
  - c. Date of accident/incident
  - d. Brief overview of accident or incident
2. Please keep copies to verify you have reported the incident
3. Shepherd Insurance Agency will send claim filing instructions and claim form to injured party's parent or guardian.
4. If you should have any additional questions, please contact Robin Cornelius ([rcornelius@shepherdins.com](mailto:rcornelius@shepherdins.com)) or Jeremy Sims ([jsims@shepherdins.com](mailto:jsims@shepherdins.com)) at Shepherd Insurance Agency at 1-800-846-0204 or 111 Congressional Boulevard, Carmel, IN 46032.

**Who is a Covered Participant?**

All student athletes, student managers, student trainers, student cheerleaders, and students participating in any interscholastic competition in sports sanctioned by the IHSAA.

**What is a Covered Event?**

An interscholastic competition governed, authorized, sanctioned or scheduled by the IHSAA, including school-supervised practice and game related activities.

**What Is Covered Travel?**

Team or group travel arranged and supervised by the IHSAA or the school to or from a covered activity.

**What medical expenses are eligible for coverage?**

If as a result of an injury the insured incurs covered expenses starting within 180 days from the date of the accident causing the injury, we will pay up to the maximum benefit, all covered expenses incurred up to a maximum period of 10 years from initial injury.

**What are covered expenses?**

Covered expenses mean the reasonable and customary charges for:

1. Medical treatment including, hospital/surgical care and services prescribed by a doctor
2. Nursing care provided by a licensed nurse, ambulance services
3. X-Rays and lab exams
4. Prescription drugs, therapeutic services and supplies
5. Dental treatment as a result of injury to sound teeth
6. Licensed home health care or skilled nursing home confinement provided for physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapy
7. Spinal subluxation and service of a home health aide
8. Mental and nervous disorders
9. Special training/education expenses and loss of earnings benefits
10. Extended injury benefit of 120 months
11. Death benefit coverage-\$10,000

**What is maximum benefit amount?**

\$1,000,000 after satisfying expenses (deductible) of \$25,000

**Are there any additional benefits provided under this policy?**

Yes, the policy also includes an additional \$500,000 cash benefit if the insured person sustains paralysis, coma or brain death.

**General Exclusions and Limitations**

This Policy does not cover any loss excluded by the policy. You must refer to the policy for exclusions.

1. intentional self-destruction or an attempt at it, or intentional self-inflicted injury while sane or insane
2. war or an act of war, declared or undeclared
3. air travel unless the insured is a passenger on a regularly scheduled flight of a properly licensed commercial airline
4. being intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics unless it is administered on the advice of a doctor
5. neither the injury, loss, or expense may result from sickness, disease or from any cause other than the accident
6. participation in a scheduled competitive event or meet by a person who is receiving benefits under the contract, unless he or she has a written statement from a doctor permitting such participation

**\*\*Please Note:**

It is not necessary to report every injury at your school, but a good rule to follow is that if you have an injury that requires any type of surgery, that injury needs to be reported. It will more than likely penetrate the \$25,000 deductible and the injured party would then qualify for benefits under the Catastrophic Accident Insurance Policy.

## IHSAA Concussion Guidelines

***“Any athlete suspected of having a concussion should be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion should be medically cleared by an appropriate healthcare professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition.”***

The language above appears in all National Federation sports rule books as part of the suggested guidelines for the management of concussion. It reflects a heightened emphasis on the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion, especially since the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. The State of Indiana has laws (Ind. Code 20-34-7) which mandate a protocol to be observed in the event there is an athletic head injury or concussion sustained by a high school student in a high school practice or game. The following guidelines provide the IHSAA’s suggested procedures to be followed when a student athlete in a contest or a practice in an IHSAA recognized sport sustains a head injury or concussion.

1. Any high school student athlete suspected of having sustained a concussion or a head injury in a high school practice or a high school contest:
  - (a) should be removed from play at the time of the concussion or head injury is sustained,
  - (b) should be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional immediately, and
  - (c) should not return to play in a practice or a game until the high school student athlete is cleared in writing to return to play by the health care professional who conducted an evaluation.
2. A high school student athlete should not return to play or practice any sooner than twenty-four (24) hours after the student is removed from play. After medical clearance by an appropriate health care professional, return to play should follow a step-wise protocol with provisions for the delay of the return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms.
3. The Official’s Role in Recognizing a Concussive Event:
  - (a.) If, during a contest, an official observes a player and suspects that the player has suffered a head concussion or head injury by exhibiting concussive signs (including appearing dazed, stunned, confused, disoriented, to have memory loss, or the athlete is either unconscious or apparently unconscious), the official should notify a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that the player should be examined by an appropriate health care Professional.
  - (b.) If a concussion event occurred during a contest, and regardless of whether the student athlete returns to play or not, following the contest, an official’s report shall be filed with the school of the removed player, including the athletic director, by the Official that initially removed the student athlete from play; this report may be found on the IHSAA website at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org).
4. For purposes of this Concussion Guideline, an appropriate health care professional is an Indiana medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in the state of Indiana, and who has training in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries.

In cases where an assigned IHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO) is present, his or her decision regarding any potential concussion, or to forbid an athlete to return to competition, may not be overruled.

### **Penalties:**

Every varsity head coach is required to complete the NFHS Rules Interpretation meeting and By-Laws Policies and Review webinars. Failure to complete these webinars by the designated deadline will result in a \$50 fine.



## Boys & Girls Cross Country

Special Note: The IHSA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSA Bulletin.

Uniforms (See Rule 4-3 of the NFHS Track & Field and Cross-Country Rules Book)

Items such as elastic headbands, stocking hats, sunglasses that are school approved are permitted. Head coverings worn for religious reasons that are not considered hair devices and must not be made of abrasive, hard, or unyielding materials and must be secured to the body and/or uniform. All other items are not considered part of the official school uniform and shall not be worn while participating nor while receiving awards.

### 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Boys State Tournament Series | 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls State Tournament Series

The following rules and regulations for the 2024-25 Boys and Girls Cross Country Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

**I Dates – Postponements should be scheduled on the following Monday for sectionals, regionals, and state finals, if possible.**

**A. Boys and Girls**

(2024 - The girls race will run first and be followed by the boys race at all levels of competition which includes sectional, regional, and state finals).

1. Sectionals – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
2. Regionals – Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
3. State Finals – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**II Times – Prevailing time of host school. The host principal/tournament director shall notify all participating schools and the IHSA office as to time and place of meet.**

**A. Girls**

1. Sectionals – 10:30 a.m.
2. Regionals – 10:30 a.m.
3. State Finals – 12:00 p.m. ET

**B. Boys**

1. Sectionals – 11:15 a.m.
2. Regionals – 11:15 a.m.
3. State Finals – 2:30 p.m. ET

**III Admissions**

**A. Boys and Girls (Additional Fees May Apply)**

1. Sectional - \$7.00
2. Regional - \$10.00
4. State Finals – \$15.00

**Pre-School Children**

1. When seats are reserved a. No charge for a pre-school child (age 5 and younger) who is with its parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
2. When seats are not reserved a. No charge for a pre-school child (age 5 and younger) who will be seated with its parent/s throughout the contest.

**IV Host schools and Assignments of Schools**

**Boys and Girls Sectionals** - Host schools listed in bold.

\*Notify IHSA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.

1. **Highland (17):** Bowman Leadership Academy, Calumet, Crown Point, East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hanover Central, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, **Highland**, Illiana Christian, Lake Central, Lighthouse CPA, Lowell, Munster, Whiting
2. **Chesterton (15):** 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Gary, Andrean, Boone Grove, **Chesterton**, Hebron, Hobart, Kouts, Lake Station Edison, Merrillville, Morgan Township, Portage, River Forest, Valparaiso, Washington Township, Wheeler
3. **New Prairie (18):** Glenn, LaPorte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, **New Prairie**, Oregon Davis, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Career Academy, South Bend Riley, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington, South Central (Union Mills), Trinity Greenlawn, Tri-Township, Westville

4. **Elkhart (13):** Bethany Christian, Bremen, Concord, Elkhart Christian Academy, **Elkhart**, Fairfield, Goshen, Jintown, LaVille, Northridge, NorthWood, Wawasee, Westview
5. **Rensselaer Central (14):** Benton Central, DeMotte Christian, Frontier, Kankakee Valley, Knox, North Judson-San Pierre, North Newton, North White, **Rensselaer Central**, South Newton, Tri-County, Twin Lakes, West Central, Winamac
6. **Manchester (16):** Argos, Columbia City, Culver Academies, Culver Community, Huntington North, Lakeland Christian Academy, **Manchester**, North Miami, Northfield, Plymouth, Rochester Community, Tippecanoe Valley, Triton, Wabash, Warsaw, Whitko
7. **West Noble (15):** Angola, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Central Noble, Churubusco, DeKalb, East Noble, Eastside, Fremont, Garrett, Hamilton, Lakeland, Lakewood Park Christian, Leo, Prairie Heights, **West Noble**
8. **New Haven (@ Huntington University) (15):** Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Northside, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Heritage, Homestead, **New Haven**, Woodlan
9. **Delta (16):** Adams Central, Bellmont, Blackford, Bluffton, **Delta**, Eastbrook, Jay County, Monroe Central, Norwell, Randolph Southern, South Adams, Southern Wells, Union (Modoc), Union City, Wapahani, Winchester Community
10. **Marion (15):** Alexandria Monroe, Blue River Valley, Cowan, Daleville, Elwood Community, Frankton, Madison-Grant, **Marion**, Mississinewa, Muncie Burris, Muncie Central, Oak Hill, Southwood, West-Del, Yorktown
11. **Logansport (16):** Carroll (Flora), Caston, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Eastern (Greentown), Frankfort, Kokomo, Lewis Cass, **Logansport**, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Pioneer, Rossville, Taylor, Western
12. **Harrison (West Lafayette) (14):** Attica, Covington, Crawfordsville, Delphi, Faith Christian, Fountain Central, **Harrison (West Lafayette)**, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, Seeger, Southmont, West Lafayette
13. **North Central (Indianapolis) (18):** Carmel, Heritage Christian, Herron, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis George Washington, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Indianapolis Shortridge, International School of Indiana, **North Central (Indianapolis)**, Park Tudor, Riverside, Tindley, Traders Point Christian, University, Western Boone, Zionsville
14. **Terre Haute North Vigo (16):** Clay City, Cloverdale, Greencastle, North Central (Farmersburg), North Vermillion, Northview, Owen Valley, Parke Heritage, Riverton Parke, Shakamak, South Putnam, South Vermillion, Sullivan, **Terre Haute North Vigo**, Terre Haute South Vigo, West Vigo
15. **Ben Davis (15):** Avon, **Ben Davis**, Bethesda Christian, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Cascade, Covenant Christian, Danville Community, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, North Putnam, Pike, Plainfield, Providence Cristo Rey, Speedway, Tri-West Hendricks
16. **Noblesville (16):** Anderson, Anderson Preparatory Academy, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Lebanon, Liberty Christian, **Noblesville**, Pendleton Heights, Shenandoah, Sheridan, Tipton, Tri-Central, Westfield
17. **Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (17):** Beech Grove, Eastern Hancock, Franklin Central, Greenfield-Central, Indianapolis Arsenal Tech, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Lutheran, Indianapolis Sccecina Memorial, Irvington Preparatory Academy, KIPP Indy Legacy, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, Morristown, **Mt. Vernon (Fortville)**, New Palestine, Purdue Polytechnic, Victory College Prep, Warren Central
18. **Rushville Consolidated (16):** Batesville, Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Connersville, East Central, Franklin County, Hagerstown, Knightstown, New Castle, Northeastern, Oldenburg Academy, Richmond, **Rushville Consolidated**, Seton Catholic, Tri, Union County
19. **Shelbyville (16):** Center Grove, Decatur Central, Edinburgh, Franklin Community, Greenwood Christian Academy, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, Mooresville, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, **Shelbyville**, Southport, Southwestern (Shelby), Triton Central, Waldron, Whiteland Community
20. **Southwestern (Hanover) (16):** Austin, Charlestown, Crothersville, Henryville, Jac-Cen-Del, Lawrenceburg, Madison Consolidated, Milan, New Washington, Rising Sun, Scottsburg, Shawe Memorial, **Southwestern (Hanover)**, Switzerland County, South Dearborn, South Ripley
21. **Brown County (14):** **Brown County**, Columbus East, Columbus North, Edgewood, Eminence, Greensburg, Hauser, Jennings County, Martinsville, Monrovia, North Decatur, Seymour, South Decatur, Trinity Lutheran
22. **Bedford North Lawrence (17):** **Bedford North Lawrence**, Bloomfield, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brownstown Central, Eastern (Pekin), Eastern Greene, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Linton-Stockton, Loogootee, Mitchell, North Daviess, Orleans, Salem, Shoals, West Washington, White River Valley
23. **Crawford County (15):** Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Clarksville, Corydon Central, **Crawford County**, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Lanesville, New Albany, North Harrison, Paoli, Providence, Silver Creek, South Central (Elizabeth), Springs Valley
24. **Jasper (14):** Barr-Reeve, Cannelton, Forest Park, **Jasper**, North Knox, Northeast Dubois, Perry Central, Pike Central, South Knox, Southridge, Tell City, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington, Washington Catholic
25. **Evansville Mater Dei (19):** Boonville, Castle, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Christian, Evansville Day, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, **Evansville Mater Dei**, Evansville North, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Gibson Southern, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon, North Posey, Princeton Community, Signature, South Spencer, Tecumseh

## Boys and Girls Regionals

Host sites listed in bold along with feeder sectionals.

### 1. **New Prairie**

Feeder Sectionals: Highland, Chesterton, New Prairie, Elkhart, Rensselaer Central

### 2. **New Haven (@ Huntington University)**

Feeder Sectionals: Manchester, West Noble, New Haven, Delta, Marion

### 3. **Brownsburg**

Feeder Sectionals: Logansport, Harrison (West Lafayette), North Central (Indianapolis), Terre Haute North Vigo, Ben Davis

### 4. **Shelbyville**

Feeder Sectionals: Noblesville, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Rushville Consolidated, Shelbyville, Southwestern (Hanover)

### 5. **Evansville Mater Dei (Angel Mounds)**

Feeder Sectionals: Brown County, Bedford North Lawrence, Crawford County, Jasper, Evansville Mater Dei

## State Finals – Host School: Terre Haute North High School

LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course, 599 S. Tabortown Road, Terre Haute, IN 47803

## V Eligible Schools

### Boys and Girls

- A. Only those schools with full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

## VI Entrants

### Boys and Girls

- A. Sectionals – A school may certify 18 student-athletes (Changes between levels of the tournament will not be permitted with the expanded number of entrants), with no more than 7 participating as a team for the championship. Schools not entering a team may enter 1 or more student-athletes to compete for individual awards. All levels following sectional, team advancement will include admission for 13 people (10 for participants and 3 for coach/managers). Individual advancement will include admission for 4 people (1 for each individual and 3 for coach/managers). If additional tickets are needed, they must be purchased.
- B. Regionals – The top 15 individuals from non-advancing teams and the first 5 qualifying teams from each sectional shall advance to designated regionals.
- D. State Finals – The top 15 individuals from non-advancing teams and the first 5 qualifying teams from each regional shall advance to the state finals.

## VII Entry Lists

Member schools eligible to participate in the IHSAA tournament series in this sport, may enter their team only after successful completion of the contest officials' rating process for this sport. **Failure to rate officials shall result in a \$100 penalty to the school prior to their entry list being accepted.**

### Boys and Girls

- A. The official IHSAA Entry List must be completed by the high school principal and filed with the Commissioner and host principal no later than 4:00 p.m. **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** without penalty.
- B. Member schools entering the Cross-Country tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.myihsaa.net](http://www.myihsaa.net)
- C. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.
- D. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of your entry.
- E. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:
  - 1. all necessary information is provided and
  - 2. each contestant is entered properly.
- F. Schools unable to compete after submitting an entry list are expected to notify IHSAA and host principal in advance of the competition.

## VIII Late Entries

### Boys and Girls

- A. Late Entry Lists – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:
  - 1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00
  - 2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00
  - 3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament
- B. Changes Prior to Deadline

1. Call or email the IHSAA and make the change with Libby Chang, [lchang@ihsaa.org](mailto:lchang@ihsaa.org), the administrative assistant responsible for that sport.
2. The IHSAA will notify host school of the change prior to the start of the tournament.
3. If the host school does not receive confirmation of the change from the IHSAA the day prior to the start of the tourney, the tournament director at the host school shall contact the IHSAA.

C. Changes After Deadline

1. Sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, volleyball
  - a. Corrections/Additions/Errors – prior to opening day of your respective sectional
    - (1) accepted with \$100 fine
  - b. Corrections/Additions/Errors – on starting day of your respective sectional or after
    - (1) accepted with \$200 fine
    - (2) principal must certify the eligibility of individual to host school and IHSAA
    - (3) principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff no later than the next business day after discovery of the omission
    - (4) the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the addition.
2. All Other Sports
  - a. accepted with \$100.00 prior to end of seeding/pairings/draw, if reported to IHSAA Executive Staff member. Neidig 317-771-3791; Faulkens 317-667-4921; Kaufman 317-339-4455; **Lewis 812-630-2736**; (Schludecker) Rosati 317-617-1876; Schott 219-363-3777

- D. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office immediately.

**IX Awards – Are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.**

**Boys and Girls**

A. Sectionals

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
2. Ribbons
  - a. to 7 members of 1st 5 teams
  - b. to individual winners placing 1st thru 20th

B. Regionals

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
2. Ribbons
  - a. to 7 members of 1st 5 teams
  - b. to individual winners placing 1st thru 20th

C. State Finals

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
2. Medals
  - a. 12 to members and/or staff of 1st 5 teams
  - b. to individuals placing 1st thru 25th
3. Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award – Boys  
A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee, to an outstanding senior participant who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability in cross country. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.
4. Mental Attitude Award – Girls  
A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee, to an outstanding senior participant who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability in cross country. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.

**XII Financial Terms**

**Boys and Girls**

- A. Host school principal/tournament director at all tournament levels is requested to submit the financial report to the IHSAA through [myihsaa.net](http://myihsaa.net) on your member school dashboard and all participating schools soon after the tournament.
- B. Sectionals & Regionals– Travel expenses, meals and lodging are to be paid by the competing schools.
- C. State Finals – Allowance as follows: Actual qualifying participants plus a limit of 2 non-participants (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) if in attendance from each participating school.

Number of State Final Participants	Per Mile	Non-Participants
1-3	\$.20	2
4-7	\$.40	3
Meals	Per Person	
1-120 miles	\$5.00 per person	
121-250 miles	\$9.00 per person	
251 miles and over	\$12.00 per person	

1. Lodging – None
2. Expenses for each school will be calculated by the IHSAA. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to principals.

### **XIII Management**

#### **Boys and Girls**

- A. Sectionals & Regionals
  1. Sponsorship, operation, and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host school. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host school or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host school has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host school defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host school; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host school formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
  2. The Host school shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as the local arrangements).
    - a. The referee-starter will be assigned by the IHSAA.
  3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host school will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.
- B. State Finals
  1. The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis as Manager.

### **XIV News Media**

#### **Boys and Girls**

- A. Print and Electronic Media
  1. Sectionals, Regionals– For sectional and regional level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional and regional levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per event. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
    - a. The number of photographers and their locations shall be determined by the Host principal.
  2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue’s “media will call” the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.

### **XV Official Rules**

#### **Boys and Girls**

- A. The current National Federation Track and Field Rules shall govern, except as modified.

### **XVI Scoring**

#### **Boys and Girls**

- A. All competitors who complete a race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with their placement. Individuals are ranked and tallied, but their position is dropped and not recorded in the team scoring. The team score shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first 5 finishing contestants on each team. The team which scores the lowest number of points will be the winner. In the event of a tie, see Rule 8, Sec. 2, Art. 4 and 5.

### **XVII Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

- A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. Participating Schools
  - 1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
  - 2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
  - 4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.
- D. Media
  - 1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
  - 2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional or regional sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
  - 5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
  - 6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
  - 7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
  - 8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.
- E. Spectators
  - 1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
  - 2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional or regional sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.
- F. IHSAA Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Policy
  - 1. Prohibition at IHSAA Tournament Series events: The use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (“UAV”), also known as a drone, at or about an IHSAA Tournament Series site during (or within 30 minutes of) an IHSAA Tournament Series event is prohibited.
  - 2. IHSAA Tournament Series host’s responsibility: The host of an IHSAA Tournament Series site shall refuse admission or entry to anyone possessing, using or attempting to use a UAV, or shall remove from an IHSAA Tournament Series site

anyone possessing, using or attempting to use a UAV; alternatively, the host may confiscate the UAV until the IHSAA Tournament Series event has been completed.

3. **Exception by Commissioner:** The Commissioner may, in his/her absolute discretion, permit a party, such as an IHSAA broadcasting partner for broadcasting purposes, to possess and use a UAV at an IHSAA Tournament Series site.

G. **Purchase.**

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

### **XVIII Tournament Hosts**

If your school is a Sectional or Regional host, please familiarize yourself with the information below.

- A. **Admission:** Admission is \$7.00 per person at the Sectional and \$10.00 per person at the Regional, and \$15.00 at the State Finals. Additional Fees May Apply.
- B. **Officials' Stipend:**  
**Sectional: The Starter/Assistant Starter shall receive \$65 for the day plus 50 cents per mile round trip**  
**Regional: The Starter/Assistant Starters shall receive \$90.00 for the day plus 50 cents per mile round trip**
- C. **Tournament Director:** You are authorized to pay the director of your tournament  
Sectional: \$125.00  
Regional: \$225.00
- D. **Host School:** Host School stipend is \$100 at the Sectional and Regional level.
- E. **Entry Lists:** Entry lists will be provided to the host school.
- F. **Reporting Tournament Results** Tournament directors will find instructions on the myIHSAA.net website.

# Football

## 52nd Annual State Tournament Series

Special Note: The IHSAA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSAA Bulletin.

The following regulations for the 2024 Football Tournament Series have been adopted by the Executive Committee and are subject to change by the Committee when deemed necessary.

### I General

- A. A football tournament series will be conducted in each of 6 school classifications. The tournament will consist of sectional, regional, semi-state, and state finals tournament games in each classification.
- B. Participation is optional as in all other IHSAA sponsored events.

### II Dates & Times

	Time	Dates
Sectionals (1A-5A)	7 p.m.	10/25, 11/1 & 11/8
Sectionals (6A)	7 p.m.	11/1 & 11/8
Regionals	7 p.m.	11/15
Semi-States	7 p.m.	11/22
State		11/29-30
A	11am	11/30/24
2A	11am	11/29/24
3A	3pm	11/30/24
4A	3pm	11/29/24
5A	7pm	11/30/24
6A	7pm	11/29/24

The time of host school shall prevail. Games will be played on the above-listed dates. Distance, availability of facilities, etc. may necessitate a request for change in date. **Changes in dates, times and locations of tournament contests must be approved by Commissioner Neidig/Asst. Commissioner Faulkens.**

Note: When a tournament game between two schools from different time zones is contested, the following parameters are provided regarding the starting time of the contest:

- When a Central time zone school hosts an Eastern time zone school – the contest shall not begin later than 7:00 p.m. (Central Time)
- When an Eastern time zone school hosts a Central time zone school – the contest shall not begin earlier than 7:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

### III Admissions

The IHSAA shall provide tickets for the State Finals only. The host school shall designate sections for each school at lower levels of the tournament. Where facilities would permit, reserved seating could be requested by host school to the IHSAA on an individual basis.

- A. Sectionals \$7.00 (additional fees may apply)
- B. Regionals \$10.00 (additional fees may apply)
- C. Semi-States \$12.00 (additional fees may apply)
- D. State
  - 1. Session Ticket (General Admission), \$15.00
  - 2. Advanced ticket sales will be accepted from any member school by mail only.
  - 3. Each school participating in state championship final games will receive a ticket allotment from IHSAA.
  - 4. Limitations on advanced sales must be observed as listed:
    - a. All State Finals ticket orders must be received in the IHSAA office on or before **Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**
- E. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – The current IHSAA Lifetime Pass which has been issued to all former and present IHSAA Executive Committee, Executive Board members, and IHSAA Office Staff shall permit admission upon presentation.
- F. Pre-School Children
  - 1. When seats are reserved:
    - a. No charge for a pre-school child (age 5 and younger) who is with its parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
  - 2. When seats are not reserved
    - a. No charge for a pre-school child (age 5 and younger) who will be seated with its parent/s throughout the contest.



#### **IV Selection of Teams**

- A. Sectionals— Participating schools shall be divided into eight (8) sectionals for each classification.
- B. Classification – Schools participating in the football tournament series shall be classified every two years according to their total enrollment in grades 9-12 as certified in the annual report required by the Division of Inspection – State Department of Education. Classification for 2022-23 through 2023-24 shall be based on total enrollment in grades 9-12 as certified to the State Department of Education as the basis for assignment for the 2024 Football Tournament Series. **Three hundred fourteen (314)** schools have indicated they plan to have a varsity football squad participate during the 2024 tournament series.

#### **V Class and Sectional Assignments of Schools**

##### **Class 6A (32 Schools)**

**Sectional 1.** (4): Crown Point, Lake Central, Penn, Portage

**Sectional 2.** (4): Carroll (Fort Wayne), Elkhart, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider

**Sectional 3.** (4): Carmel, Harrison (West Lafayette), Westfield, Zionsville

**Sectional 4.** (4): Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Noblesville

**Sectional 5.** (4): Avon, Ben Davis Brownsburg, Pike

**Sectional 6.** (4): Indianapolis Cathedral, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis)

**Sectional 7.** (4): Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Perry Meridian, Southport, Warren Central

**Sectional 8.** (4): Center Grove, Columbus North, Franklin Central, Jeffersonville

##### **Class 5A (32 Schools)**

**Sectional 9.** (4): Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Merrillville, Munster

**Sectional 10.** (4): Chesterton, LaPorte, Michigan City, Valparaiso

**Sectional 11.** (4): Concord, Fort Wayne North Side, Goshen, Warsaw

**Sectional 12.** (4): Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon, South Bend Adams

**Sectional 13.** (4): Anderson, Decatur Central, Plainfield, Whiteland Community

**Sectional 14.** (4): Columbus East, East Central, Franklin Community, Seymour

**Sectional 15.** (4): Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo

**Sectional 16.** (4): Castle, Evansville North, Floyd Central, New Albany

##### **Class 4A (62 Schools)**

**Sectional 17.** (8): East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Hanover Central, Highland, Hobart, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, New Prairie

**Sectional 18.** (8): Mishawaka, Northridge, NorthWood, Plymouth, South Bend Riley, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend

Washington, Wawasee

**Sectional 19.** (8): Columbia City, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Leo, New Haven

**Sectional 20.** (7): Culver Academies, Frankfort, Huntington North, Lebanon, Logansport, Marion, Muncie Central

**Sectional 21.** (8): Beech Grove, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Castle, New Palestine, Pendleton Heights, Richmond, Yorktown

**Sectional 22.** (8): Brebeuf Jesuit, Danville Community, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis Shortridge, Mooresville, Northview, Roncalli

**Sectional 23.** (8): Bedford North Lawrence, Charlestown, Connersville, Greenwood, Jennings County, Martinsville, Shelbyville, Silver Creek

**Sectional 24.** (7): Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Jasper, Washington

##### **Class 3A (62 Schools)**

**Sectional 25.** (8): Calumet, Glenn, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Jimtown, Knox, Mishawaka Marian, River Forest

**Sectional 26.** (8): Angola, Fairfield, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Garrett, Lakeland, Tippecanoe Valley, West Noble, Woodlan

**Sectional 27.** (8): Benton Central, Frankton, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western

**Sectional 28.** (8): Bellmont, Delta, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Heritage, Jay County, Mississinewa, Norwell, Oak Hill

**Sectional 29.** (8): Cascade, Crawfordsville, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Indianapolis George Washington, Speedway, Tri-West Hendricks, West Vigo

**Sectional 30.** (7): Batesville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown, Rushville Consolidated, South Dearborn

**Sectional 31.** (7): Corydon Central, Edgewood, Indian Creek, Madison Consolidated, North Harrison, Owen Valley, Scottsburg

**Sectional 32.** (7): Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Gibson Southern, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon, Princeton Community, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln

## Class 2A (63 Schools)

**Sectional 33.** (7): Andrean, Boone Grove, Bremen, Lake Station Edison, Rensselaer Central, Wheeler, Whiting

**Sectional 34.** (8): Delphi Community, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lewis Cass, North Montgomery, North Putnam, Seeger, Southmont, Western Boone

**Sectional 35.** (8): Adams Central, Bluffton, Central Noble, Churubusco, Eastside, Manchester, Prairie Heights, Whitko

**Sectional 36.** (8): Alexandria Monroe, Blackford, Eastbrook, Eastern (Greentown), Elwood Community, Rochester Community, Tipton, Wabash

**Sectional 37.** (8): Christel House, Covenant Christian, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis Lutheran, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, Monrovia, Park Tudor

**Sectional 38.** (8): Centerville, Eastern Hancock, Lapel, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Triton Central, Union County, Winchester

**Sectional 39.** (8): Brown County, Greencastle, Linton-Stockton, Mitchell, North Posey, Pike Central, South Vermillion, Sullivan

**Sectional 40.** (8): Brownstown Central, Clarksville, Crawford County, Eastern (Pekin), Paoli, Salem, Switzerland County, Tell City

## Class 1A (63 Schools)

**Sectional 41.** (8): Bowman Leadership Academy, Culver Community, LaVille, North Judson-San Pierre, North Newton, South Central (Union Mills), South Newton, West Central

**Sectional 42.** (8): Carroll (Flora), Caston, Frontier, North White, Pioneer, Taylor, Tri-County, Winamac Community

**Sectional 43.** (7): Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fremont, North Miami, Northfield, Southern Wells, Southwood, Triton

**Sectional 44.** (8): Cambridge City Lincoln, Hagerstown, Madison-Grant, Monroe Central, South Adams, Tri, Union City, Wes-Del

**Sectional 45.** (8): Attica, Covington, Fountain Central, North Central (Farmersburg), North Vermillion, Parke Heritage, Riverton Parke, South Putnam

**Sectional 46.** (8): Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Cloverdale, Irvington Preparatory Academy, Purdue Polytechnic - Broad Ripple, Sheridan, Tindley, Tri-Central

**Sectional 47.** (8): Eastern Greene, Edinburgh, Greenwood Christian Academy, Knightstown, Milan, North Decatur, South Decatur, West Washington

**Sectional 48.** (8): Forest Park, North Daviess, North Knox, Perry Central, Providence, South Spencer, Springs Valley, Tecumseh

	6A	5A	4A	3A	2A	1A
Regionals	Winners of Sec. Games	Winners of Sec. Games	Winners of Sec. Games	Winners of Sec. Games	Winners of Sec. Games	Winners of Sec. Games
	(1) 1 vs 2	(5) 9 vs 10	(9) 17 vs 18	(13) 25 vs 26	(17) 33 vs 34	(21) 41 vs 42
	(2) 3 vs 4	(6) 11 vs 12	(10) 19 vs 20	(14) 27 vs 28	(18) 35 vs 36	(22) 43 vs 44
	(3) 5 vs 6	(7) 13 vs 14	(11) 21 vs 22	(15) 29 vs 30	(19) 37 vs 38	(23) 45 vs 46
	(4) 7 vs 8	(8) 15 vs 16	(12) 23 vs 24	(16) 31 vs 32	(20) 39 vs 40	(24) 47 vs 48
Semi-States	Winners of Reg. Games	Winners of Reg. Games	Winners of Reg. Games	Winners of Reg. Games	Winners of Reg. Games	Winners of Reg. Games
	(1) 1 vs 2	(3) 5 vs 6	(5) 9 vs 10	(7) 13 vs 14	(9) 17 vs 18	(11) 21 vs 22
	(2) 3 vs 4	(4) 7 vs 8	(6) 11 vs 12	(8) 15 vs 16	(10) 19 vs 20	(12) 23 vs 24
State	Winners of SS Games	Winners of SS Games	Winners of SS Games	Winners of SS Games	Winners of SS Games	Winners of SS Games
	(1) 1 vs 2	(2) 3 vs 4	(3) 5 vs 6	(4) 7 vs 8	(5) 9 vs 10	(6) 11 vs 12

## VI Draw & Pairings

A. Pairings of sectional teams shall be determined by a random draw (date and time to be announced dependent upon broadcast considerations). The pairings will be posted on the IHSAA website once available. The second team drawn will be the home team.

- 1st Round – The second-named team in the blind draw is host school unless the two teams agree to switch the site.
- 2nd Round – **The team without a home game will host. Exception: The bye team will always be the visitor. If both teams were hosts or both were visitors, the second-named team in the quarter bracket will host. In 6A and 5A – In the four team sectionals, the second named team will host.**
- 3rd Round – Host team will be the team that has played the most away games. If both teams have played the same number of away games, the bottom bracket team shall host.

### B. Host School

1. Regionals

**Classes 2A, 4A & 6A**

Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or **ODD sectional number**.

**Classes A, 3A, & 5A**

Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or **EVEN sectional number**.

2. Semi-States

**Classes 2A, 4A & 6A**

\*Regional non-host, if applicable, or lower sectional # (i.e., Sect. 1 is lower than Sect. 2)

**Classes A, 3A & 5A**

\*Regional non-host, if applicable, or higher sectional # (i.e., Sect. 2 is higher than Sect. 1)

\*If regional winner has not hosted either sectional final or regional, that school will be the designated host.

3. State Finals

a. All games at Lucas Oil Stadium, 500 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, 46225.

b. Home team shall be determined by a coin toss at the pre-tournament meeting held on **Monday, November 25, 2024** at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

C. Sectionals – Pre-Tourney Meeting

1. Schools are NOT mandated to conduct a pre-tournament meeting. If schools wish to conduct a pre-tournament meeting, they may do so and deduct expenses for said meeting from their sectional profits.

2. Round-trip mileage at 20¢ per mile and meals for this meeting will be considered an authorized expense. All schools shall report expenses to the designated Sectional Tournament Financial Manager.

3. The following items should be covered in the pre-tourney meeting or individually among schools that do not conduct a formal meeting:

a. Select a school and representative from that school to serve as Sectional Tournament Financial Manager.

b. Determine playing sites, dates and times. Request approval from IHSAA if different from bulletin.

c. Determine payment for use of non-school facilities, if applicable.

d. Determine the use of bands.

e. Instruct opponents on handling pre-sale of tickets.

f. Instruct opponents on special parking instructions.

g. Cover media arrangements.

h. Review football section from the Fall Bulletin.

i. Cover any other items unique to specific sectional schools. (ie. **Stipend for Sectional Financial Manager. Not to exceed \$100**)

4. Additional meetings between schools advancing to next round/s may be held yet are not mandatory.

**VII Eligible Schools** – Only those schools holding full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

**VIII Entrants** – Sectionals – The tournament will be divided into 48 Sectionals between the six classes. Each class will have eight sectionals. Each of the sectionals within the six classes will determine a sectional champion.

Regionals – Sectional championship teams shall advance to designated regionals.

Semi-States – Regional championship teams shall advance to designated semi-states.

State Finals – Semi-State championship teams shall advance to the State Finals.

**IX Entry List**

A. A school must certify all players on the sectional entry list but dress only 85 eligible players at each level of tourney.

B. Member schools entering the football tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.myihssaa.net](http://www.myihssaa.net). The entry is due no later than 4:00 p.m. **Tuesday, October 8, 2024**, without penalty. **Member schools eligible to participate in the football tournament series may enter their team only after successful completion of the contest officials' rating process. Failure to rate officials shall result in a \$100 penalty to the school prior to their entry list being accepted.**

C. Late Entries – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:

1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00

2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00

3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament.

D. Changes Prior to Deadline

1. Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.myihssaa.net](http://www.myihssaa.net) and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.

E. Changes After Deadline

1. Corrections/Additions/Errors — prior to opening day of your respective sectional

a. accepted with \$100 fine

2. Corrections/Additions/Errors — on starting day of your respective sectional or thereafter

a. accepted with \$200 fine

b. principal must certify the eligibility of individual entrants to Host School and IHSAA

c. principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff immediately upon discovering an omission  
IHSAA Executive Staff members: Cell phone: Faulkens 317/667-4921; Kaufman 317/339-4455; Neidig 317/771-3791; (Schludecker) Rosati 317/617-1876; Lewis 812/630-2736; Schott 765/426-6843.

d. the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the change

F. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.

G. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt of your entry.

H. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:

1. all necessary information is provided and
2. each contestant is entered properly.

I. Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and center/host principal immediately. Withdrawal from tournament series after sectional draw is subject to forfeiture of sectional revenue share and or fine.

J. Entry List Changes Between Tourneys

No changes are permitted. A school may dress any 85 eligible players from its entry list of players.

K. Tournament Withdrawal

**IHSAA Withdrawal from Tournament Series Policy**

**If it becomes necessary for a School to withdraw from the Tournament Series, the School must notify the IHSAA, and the host principal of the sectional or other Tournament Series venue, immediately after the School discovers its inability to participate in the Tournament Series.**

**A member School, which has entered an IHSAA Tournament Series in a sport, and withdraws from a Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed for that Tournament Series, or forfeits a Tournament Series contest in a team sport by failing to attend the contest or by failing to field a competition team for a Tournament Series contest, shall be fined Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and placed on probation in that sport for a Three Hundred Sixty-five (365) days. In the event a School withdraws from an IHSAA Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed and the withdrawal results in a member School advancing to the championship game or match in that sectional without playing another School, that specific sectional draw shall be redrawn if the withdrawing school's withdrawal occurs prior to the beginning of play in that specific sectional.**

**X Awards** – are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.

A. Sectionals

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school

B. Regionals

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school

C. Semi-States

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school

D. State

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
3. Medals
  - a. a medal for each player on the entry list up to a maximum of 85 plus 10 medals for the staff and administration of the championship team school
  - b. a medal for each player on the entry list up to a maximum of 85 plus 10 medals for the staff and administration of the runner-up team school

4. Blake Ress (Class 1A, 2A, & 3A) and Phil N. Eskew (Class 4A, 5A, & 6A) Mental Attitude Award – A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee to a nominated participant in each championship game. The recipient must be a senior who excels in scholarship, mental attitude, leadership and athletic ability in football. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.
5. The championship and runner-up trophies and mental attitude awards will be presented on the field immediately following each game.
6. Champion Educator Award (All Classes) – The concept behind the IHSAA Education Champion Award is to identify, acknowledge, and celebrate teachers who make a significant impact in the education of student-athletes in their community and school. Your nominee should be a student-centered educator who understands the importance of connection and is committed to student success.

**XI Balls – Sectional – Each school is **required** to use an official Wilson football (models 1003 GST, 1001 or 1005 with the NFHS authenticating mark).**

**Regionals & Semi-States– Schools must use an official Wilson football as described above. The IHSAA will supply two (2) Wilson 1003 GST footballs. If either team desires to use another official Wilson ball (1001 or 1005 with the NFHS authenticating mark), they may do so, provided they furnish the ball. The IHSAA will supply all game balls at Lucas Oil Stadium.**

**State Finals - IHSAA will provide all game balls. No school footballs will be used during State Finals games.**

**XII Bands**

- A. Field performance as determined by host school principal or tourney director.
- B. Field to be cleared at least 10 minutes prior to game time and at least 5 minutes prior to beginning of 2nd half.
- C. Playing of musical instruments shall be prohibited while the ball is in play.

**XIII Game Administration**

**A. Passes**

1. **Band and cheerleader members in uniform will be admitted free. NOTE: A field performance must be given in order for a band to be admitted without charge. Band members and cheerleaders will be admitted under this plan at all levels prior to the state championship game.**
2. **Field Passes – a maximum of 25 shall be given to each participating school and must be worn at all times while on field by coaches, managers, trainers, physician, statisticians and other members designated by the principal. Field passes for non-participant coaches are allowable at the discretion of the host school. Non-participant coaches possessing field passes must remain in the end zone, beyond the end line, during play, and are not permitted to be along either sideline during the game. NO ONE is allowed on the field without a field pass.**
3. **Participating School tickets – a maximum of 30 shall be provided to each competing school for use by administrators, supervisors, chaperones, etc. as designated by the principal.**
4. **Player Passes – when dressing rooms are located inside the ticket gates each school shall receive a maximum of 85 player passes or the number of players on the entry list, whichever is less.**
5. **Scouting Passes – a maximum of 4 shall be allowed by participating schools in their class.**

**B. Pass-outs – To be given only in emergencies or when restroom facilities are not a part of the field area.**

**C. Ceremonies**

**1. Pre-game**

- a. The official coin toss will be held off the field 20 minutes before game time.
- b. **Ten minutes prior to game time eleven players from each school and the head coach will then be introduced. If both teams exit the field following the coin toss, the HOME team re-enters the field, followed by the VISITING team. Starting offense or defense team introduction is optional. Names shall be given to the announcer immediately after the coin toss. Such persons shall line up on the sideline in front of their bench and face the center of the field. As their names are called each shall take three steps forward and remain until both teams have been introduced. The Visiting team will be introduced first, followed by the Home team. Team introductions may be made while teams are in the locker rooms pre-game.**
- c. The National Anthem will be played following introductions. Use a recording if no band is present.
- d. The simulated coin toss will be held at the center of the field after the National Anthem.

**D. Check List**

**1. Participating Teams**

- a. Furnish your own towels and practice balls unless notified otherwise by game management.
- b. Provide game ball if you desire to use another official Wilson ball rather than the one furnished by the IHSAA (have extra Wilson balls available in the event of inclement weather).

**2. Game Manager**

- a. Confirm availability of field, locker rooms and other facilities.
- b. Make arrangements for concessions.

- c. Arrange for preparation and distribution of sectional, regional and semi-state programs.
- d. Arrange for ticket sellers and ticket takers.
- e. Arrange for ushers if needed.
- f. See that ticket price signs are made and posted outside ticket windows.
- g. **Assign a public address announcer and see that they are provided appropriate information.**
- h. Arrange for timer and scoreboard operators to **meet with game officials no less than 30 minutes prior to game.**
- i. Provide chain crew with contrasting vests. **Chain crew must meet with game officials 30 minutes prior to game.**
- j. Inspect trophies upon arrival. These will be delivered to you by USPS or UPS.
- k. **Arrange to have a Physician, OR, APPROVED Medical Professional present and an ambulance on stand-by.**
- l. **Determine Intermission length and communicate length to both schools and officials. (NFHS Rule 3-1, Table 3-1)**
- m. Arrange for an adequate number of law enforcement officers.
- n. Arrange for payment of officers if not voluntary.
- o. Arrange for traffic control if needed.
- p. Arrange for parking attendants if needed.
- q. Arrange for presentation of trophies following contest.
- r. Reserve parking spaces for visiting team buses and officials. Notify game officials and visiting team of parking locations and dressing facilities.
- s. Arrange for National Anthem to be played by a band or via a recording.
- t. Assign pep club locations. Do not permit decorations on the goal posts, cross bars, or uprights above the cross bars.
- u. Assign spaces in the press box for broadcast and print media.
- v. Provide a special entrance and a check list for admittance of authorized personnel.
- w. **Have school representative meet visiting team bus and serve as host throughout contest.**
- x. See that each school's game balls are available to officials prior to game time.
- y. Have towels and managers available on field to dry footballs if they should become wet or muddy.
- z. **See that no one enters the officials' dressing room at any time.**
- aa. **Provide security for the officials' and visiting team's dressing rooms. (Before, During, and Post-Game)**
- bb. **Arrange for officials' checks and see that officials are paid upon arrival.**
- cc. Have field phones available to both teams ready and working.
- dd. **Provide officials and the visiting team with complimentary programs.**
- ee. See that trophies and awards are delivered to game site and presented at conclusion of contest.
- ff. **Submit a financial report to the appropriate IHSAA personnel and mail a copy to each participating school within 3 business days following the game.**
- gg. Submit a copy of official score sheet and final score to IHSAA immediately following game at: [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org).
- hh. Post-Game Press Conferences – The host school will designate a press conference area and inform persons involved. Winning coach should report to this area approximately 15 minutes after completion of game and losing coach report approximately 20 minutes after completion of game.
- E. **Cheerleaders – Only varsity cheerleaders of participating schools may be admitted and perform.**
- F. **Concessions – All concessions will be provided by the host and profits are to be retained by the host.**
- G. **Film-Videotapes**
  - 1. **Schools must exchange 2 games of video, film, or tape as requested by the opposing coach.**
    - a. **Coaches must notify the opposing school in advance of the film/tapes, video requested.**
    - b. **Exchange of films/tapes must be made by Monday preceding the game.**
  - 2. **The films/tapes must be the original or first copy.**
- H. **Game Rules – The current National Federation Football Rules shall govern, except as modified. The decisions of the game officials shall be final, and no protests will be allowed. The Football Mercy Rule shall be in effect through the semi-state level of the tournament series.**
- I. **Management**
  - 1. **Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**
    - a. Sponsorship operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.

- b. The IHSAA shall provide tickets for the State Finals only. If you are a sectional or semi-state champion, send the number of tickets requested for State Finals to Robert Faulkens [rfaulkens@ihsaa.org](mailto:rfaulkens@ihsaa.org) or Kayley Howell [khowell@ihsaa.org](mailto:khowell@ihsaa.org) by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday following your championship. Sectional and Regional champions will receive two official Wilson footballs by Wednesday following your championship. The Host School shall be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as local arrangements).
  - c. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host School will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.
2. State Finals
- The Executive Committee has designated Paul Neidig, Commissioner, as manager and Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens as assistant manager.
- J. News Media
1. Broadcast Coverage – All requests shall be made to Three Sixty Group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462). Stations from cities or areas of the participating schools shall be given first consideration with others being considered in the order of requests, according to accommodations. Limit: 2 passes per station. Requests for news and sportscast film or tape coverage credentials for sectionals, regionals and semi-states shall be made directly through host school principals at least 5 days in advance of the event. For the state finals the request shall be made with IHSAA.
  2. Print and Electronic Media – Admittance
    - a. For Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not Three Sixty Group or the IHSAA. **It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.**
    - b. For State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.
  3. Photographers – Admittance
    - a. For Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not Three Sixty Group or the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
    - b. For State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.
    - c. General – Photographers MAY use electronic strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.
    - d. School Photographers – Student photographers may be granted credentials under the following guidelines.
 

Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States, State Finals

      - (1) Each school competing in an IHSAA tournament may obtain 1 student photographer field pass for the contest in which their school is participating for the school's yearbook and/or newspaper staff. Each individual or school shall be responsible for providing an admission ticket.
      - (2) **The photographer should be dressed appropriately and "neutrally" (not in blatant school colors, hats, etc.) where he/she is working.**

- (3) The photographer shall not display conspicuous partisan support during the contest.
- (4) The photographer shall avoid contact and any personal interaction with players and coaches and inappropriate involvement with the crowd during the contest.
- (5) The photographer shall not interfere with the action of the contest.
- (6) Advanced requests for photographer credentials must be filed with the host athletic director for sectionals, regionals, or semi-states and with the IHSAA for the state finals no later than 5 days prior to the day of the tournament.
- (7) Failure to follow these guidelines will cause the school to lose its photographers privileges for that contest.
- K. Officials – 5 game officials will be assigned for each game at all tournament levels.
- L. **Officials Dressing Room – shall be provided for assigned officials. Adequate security must be assigned to escort officials to and from the playing field as well as to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the dressing room.**
- M. Personnel – To be provided by tournament director.
  - 1. Chain and Down Crew (with necessary equipment).
  - 2. P.A. Announcer – Each school should provide a spotter to assist the announcer.
  - 3. Parking Attendants – if needed.
  - 4. Physician or Approved Medical Professional – to be present for all games.
  - 5. Police – sufficient numbers to protect the game, officials, players, and spectators.
  - 6. Scoreboard Operator
  - 7. Ticket Sellers and Takers – As needed.
  - 8. Timers – separate individuals to operate the official field clock and the play clock.
  - 9. Ushers – as needed.
- N. Postponed Games – shall be played on the next playable date excluding Sunday.  
 In the event of a postponed contest after tickets have been sold, ticket stubs from that sale shall be good for admission on the date the game is finished or played.  
 In addition, tickets shall be sold at the gate for the postponement at the regular price for those fans that did not previously purchase tickets or retain their stubs.
- O. Practice-Warm-up – No practice sessions shall be permitted at any game site other than pre-game practice and regular home practice by the host school. Teams may use as much time as they desire for pre-game warm-up providing the field is cleared 10 minutes before game time. Teams must report to the field for a three minute mandatory warm-up period prior to starting the second half.
- P. Programs
  - 1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States
    - a. **to be furnished by the host school either on a gratis or sales basis and profits may be retained. No commercial advertising shall be included except for that mandated by the IHSAA as per corporate agreements.**
  - 2. State Finals programs will be furnished by the IHSAA.
- Q. Restrictions  
 Please inform your students and fans that during the game:
  - 1. Banners and posters are not allowed.
  - 2. Battery powered or electronic noise makers, fireworks, recorded music (permissible during- quarter breaks, halftime, and post-game) , sirens or whistles are **not allowed**.
  - 3. Throwing of articles, including toilet tissue and baby powder, is not allowed.
  - 4. No live animal mascots are permitted at any time.
  - 5. The facility should be as neutral as possible without any enhancements that emphasize a home team.
- R. Solicitations – donations, contributions and aggressive vending of school spirit items are not permitted.
- S. Team
  - 1. Players in Uniform – **Schools may dress a maximum of 85 players.**
  - 2. Jersey Colors – The host team is designated as the home team and shall wear dark jerseys. The visiting team shall wear light jerseys.
  - 3. Player Bench – to be assigned by game manager. Occupants shall be limited to eligible players in uniform, coaches, managers, statisticians and medical personnel. All persons not in uniform must wear a field pass at all times.

#### **XIV Financial Terms**

- A. Sectionals
  - 1. **A maximum of 45 players, 2 coaches, principal, athletic director and 1 student manager from each participating school shall be entertained according to the following plan:**
    - a. Transportation – authorizes an allowance of \$1.20 per mile per team for 1 round trip (host school excluded except where non-school facility is used).
    - b. Meals and Lodging
 

Round Trip	Meals	Lodging
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121 & over    \$9/person    None

c. Facility Rental (**Must be approved by IHSAA Commissioner**)

(1) If host school does not have a game facility with lights, the game must be played either at opponent's field or the host school must be responsible for any rental fee in excess of \$100.

(2) \$100 or fee agreed upon, in writing, by the participating schools in that respective sectional.

d. Tournament Director – \$100. Host School - \$100

e. **Officials – \$75 per game plus 50¢ per mile round trip for each official.**

2. Distribution of Balance – Settlement shall be made out of the receipts of the tourneys according to the following plan and the following order.

a. Authorized expenses such as help, officials, meals, sectional financial manager, transportation, etc., shall be paid from the gross receipts.

b. In case of a deficit, the host school shall be reimbursed by the sectional Financial Manager from the total sectional profit.

c. In case of a deficit for total sectional games (all 3 rounds) the IHSAA will reimburse the Sectional Financial Manager.

d. When a balance exists it shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Host school shall mail 100% of balance to Sectional Tournament Financial Manager after expenses are paid. Sectional Tournament Financial Manager will distribute remaining balance equally among all participating schools.

(2) IHSAA shall receive the 1st 2%.

(3) The Sectional Financial Manager shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school **within 5 business days** after the completion of the sectional tournament.

e. The Executive Committee shall audit all tourney reports.

B. Regionals

1. Pre-tourney Meeting

a. Each host school's principal and/or athletic director may conduct a pre-tourney meeting, the site, date and time to be determined jointly by the participating schools. An agenda of topics to be covered in this meeting will be provided by the IHSAA. This meeting may be conducted electronically if so desired.

b. Game balls will be shipped via U.P.S. to each school.

c. Round-trip mileage and meals are NOT considered an authorized expenditure.

2. The participating schools shall be entertained according to the following plan:

a. Authorized expenditures such as officials, help, etc., shall be paid by the host school from the gross receipts.

b. Transportation – Authorizes an allowance of \$6.00 per mile for the visiting team for 1 round trip (host school excluded except where non-school facility is used).

c. Meals – there shall be no reimbursement for meals at the regional level.

d. Facility Rental (**Must be approved by IHSAA Commissioner**)

(1) at host school field – \$100 (Host School stipend on the financial report)

(2) If host school does not have appropriate football game facilities, game must be played either at opponent's field or the host school must be responsible for any rental fee in excess of \$100.

e. Tournament Director – \$100

f. **Officials – \$80 per game for Regional plus 50¢ per mile round trip for each official.**

3. Distribution of Balance – Settlement shall be made out of the receipts of the tourneys according to the following plan and the following order:

a. In case of a deficit, the host school shall be reimbursed by the IHSAA.

b. When a 1st balance exists, it shall be disbursed according to the following plan:

(1) \$1200 or less – divided equally between the 2 participating schools.

(2) Over \$1200 – IHSAA shall receive 100% of the balance exceeding \$1200.

c. The Executive Committee shall audit all tourney reports.

d. The host school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school **within 5 business days** after the completion of the Regional tournament game.

C. Semi-States

1. Pre-Tourney Meeting

a. Each host school's principal and/or athletic director may conduct a pre-tourney meeting, the site, date and time to be determined jointly by the participating schools. An agenda of topics to be covered in this meeting will be provided by the IHSAA. This meeting may be conducted electronically if so desired.

b. Game balls will be shipped via U.P.S. to each school.

c. Round-trip mileage and meals are NOT considered an authorized expenditure.

2. The participating schools shall be entertained according to the following plan:

a. Authorized expenditures such as officials, help, etc., shall be paid by the host school from gross receipts.

- b. Transportation – Authorizes an allowance of \$6.00 per mile for the visiting team for 1 round trip (host school excluded except where non-school facility is used.)
  - c. Meals -- there shall be no reimbursement for meals at the semi-state level.
  - d. Facility Rental (**Must be approved by IHSAA Commissioner**)
    - (1) at host school field – \$100 (Host School stipend on the financial report)
    - (2) if host school does not have football game facilities, game must be played either at the opponent's field or the host school must be responsible for any rental fee more than \$100.
  - e. Tournament Director – \$125
  - f. **Officials – \$90 per game for Semi-State plus 50¢ per mile round trip for each official.**
3. Distribution of Balance – Settlement shall be made out of the receipts of the tourneys according to the following plan and the following order:
- a. In case of a deficit, the host school shall be reimbursed by the IHSAA.
  - b. When a 1st balance exists, it shall be disbursed according to the following plan:
    - (1) \$1400 or less – divided equally between the 2 participating schools.
    - (2) Over \$1400 – IHSAA shall receive 100% of the balance exceeding \$1400.
  - c. The Executive Committee shall audit all tourney reports.
  - d. The host school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school within **5 business days** after the completion of the Semi-State tournament game.
- D. State Finals
- 1. Schools participating in a state championship game may sell advance tickets as allowed by the host venue, Lucas Oil Stadium.
  - 2. Additionally, each participating school will receive eight dollars (\$8.00) per mile for one round trip from their school to Lucas Oil Stadium with a minimum transportation allotment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if the round-trip mileage is less than sixty-three (63) miles.
  - 3. If verified by a copy of the bill, a lodging allotment will be paid according to the following schedule:
 

60+ players dressed	\$1,500.00
45-60 players dressed	\$1,200.00
below 45 players dressed	\$1,000.00

#### **XV Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

- A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. Participating Schools
  - 1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
  - 2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
  - 4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.
- D. Media
  - 1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
  - 2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462).

5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.

**E. Spectators**

1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.

**F. Purchase.**

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

**XVI Reporting State Tournament Scores**

All schools participating in the football state tournament are required to set up an account on MaxPreps.com for their team. Each school will be required to report the final score from each state tournament game to their MaxPreps.com account within 30 minutes of the completion of each contest. The IHSAA state tournament brackets are directly connected to each school's account and the winning team will automatically advance in the bracket based on the score reported. **Report Final scores to the IHSAA within 30 minutes of game completion to: [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org).**

**XVII Tie Games**

Procedures to be used to break ties in all high school varsity football games played in Indiana with Indiana or out-of-state opponents will be found beginning on page 87 in the 2024 National Federation Football Rule Book. (Exception: All teams below varsity level shall be limited to 2 overtimes.)

**XVIII Team Photographs & Information**

**A. Regional Champion Teams**

Schools winning their respective regional will be required to submit a team photograph, head coach photograph as well as team information and statistics via e-mail for use in the state finals program. Instructions on how to do so will be included in the information packets received at the conclusion of the regional game.

- B.** In order to meet our state finals program deadline, schools are urged to have team and coach photographs taken in advance of the post-season tournament.

**XIX Special Instructions – State Finals**

- A. A mandatory pre-tourney meeting shall be held at 10 a.m. Eastern Time, Monday, November 25, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis.** Requested participants include the principal, athletic director and head coach of all participating schools.

1. All tourney regulations will be covered.
2. A tour of Lucas Oil Stadium will conclude the meeting to familiarize the school personnel with the facility.

- B.** Tickets for pre-sale will be distributed at the pre-tourney meeting. Please determine the number you will need.

- C.** A maximum of twelve (12) cheerleaders in uniform with one sponsor/coach and forty (40) band members with instruments and one director may be admitted free of charge to the state finals contest.

## Girls Golf

Special Note: The IHSAA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSAA Bulletin.

### 52nd Annual State Tournament Series

The following rules and regulations for the 2024-25 Girls Golf Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

#### I Dates-Times

##### A. Sectionals

1. Thursday, September 19; Friday, September 20; Saturday, September 21; Monday, September 23 (time and location to be announced by Host School).
2. Rain date/s – scheduled on the following day/s, if possible, excluding Sunday.

##### B. Regionals

1. Saturday, September 28 (time and location to be announced by Host School).
2. Rain date – Monday, September 30

##### C. State Finals

1. Friday, October 4 – Round 1 – 8:30 am ET - (Mandatory coaches meeting @ 8:00 am ET in the Academy)
2. Saturday, October 5 – Round 2 – 8:30 am ET
3. Rain date – Monday, October 7

#### II Admission

**State Finals – Both sessions (Two Day Ticket Only): \$15.00.**

#### III Centers and Assignments of Schools

#### Sectionals – September 19, 20, 21 and 23, 2024

Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.

1. **Valparaiso (8) | Valparaiso Country Club**  
Boone Grove, Chesterton, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Morton, Hobart, Portage, Valparaiso, Wheeler
2. **Lake Central (11) | Palmira Golf & Country Club**  
Andrean, Calumet, Crown Point, Griffith, Hanover Central, Highland, Illiana Christian, Lake Central, Lowell, Merrillville, Munster
3. **LaPorte (11) | Beechwood Golf Course**  
Glenn, Knox, LaPorte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, New Prairie, North Judson-San Pierre, Oregon-Davis, South Central (Union Mills), Tri-Township, Westville
4. **Penn (10) | Knollwood Country Club**  
Elkhart, Jimtown, Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington, Trinity School at Greenlawn
5. **Twin Lakes (12) | Tippecanoe Country Club**  
Caston, DeMotte Christian, Kankakee Valley, Logansport, North Newton, Pioneer, Rensselaer Central, Rochester Community, South Newton, Tri-County, Twin Lakes, Winamac Community
6. **Northridge (11) | Meadow Valley Golf Club**  
Carroll (Fort Wayne), Central Noble, Churubusco, Concord, East Noble, Fairfield, Goshen, Lakeland, Northridge, Prairie Heights, West Noble
7. **Angola (13) | Zollner Golf Course**  
Angola, DeKalb, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Fremont, Garrett, Hamilton, Leo, Woodlan
8. **Warsaw Community (12) | Stonehenge Golf & Country Club**  
Bremen, Columbia City, Culver Academies, Culver Community, Manchester, NorthWood, Plymouth, Tippecanoe Valley, Triton, Warsaw Community, Wawasee, Whitko
9. **Homestead (11) | Chestnut Hills Golf Club**

Adams Central, Belmont, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Heritage, Homestead, New Haven, Norwell, South Adams

**10. Eastbrook (10) | Arbor Trace Golf Club**

Bluffton, Eastbrook, Huntington North, Madison-Grant, Mississinewa, Northfield, Oak Hill, Southern Wells, Southwood, Wabash

**11. Harrison (West Lafayette) (11) | Coyote Crossing Golf Course**

Carroll (Flora), Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Delphi Community, Faith Christian, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Central Catholic, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon, Rossville, West Lafayette

**12. Western (9) | Chippendale Golf Course**

Eastern (Greentown), Kokomo, Lewis Cass, Maconaquah, North Miami, Northwestern, Peru, Taylor, Western

**13. Guerin Catholic (9) | Pebble Brook Golf Club**

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Lebanon, Pike, Speedway, University, Westfield

**14. Attica (10) | Harrison Hills Golf Club**

Attica, Benton Central, Covington, Crawfordsville, Fountain Central, North Montgomery, North Putnam, Seeger, Southmont, Western Boone

**15. Brownsburg (12) | West Chase Golf Club**

Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Cascade, Covenant Christian (Indpls), Danville Community, Decatur Central, International School of Indiana, Mooresville, Plainfield, Tri-West Hendricks, Zionsville

**16. Noblesville (11) | Harbour Trees Golf Club**

Alexandria Monroe, Anderson, Elwood Community, Fishers, Frankton, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Tipton

**17. Muncie Central (12) | Crestview Golf Course**

Blue River Valley, Daleville, Delta, Jay County, Monroe Central, Muncie Burris, Muncie Central, Union City, Wapahani, Wes-Del, Winchester Community, Yorktown

**18. Indianapolis Cathedral (11) | Maple Creek Golf Course**

Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Scecina, Indianapolis Shortridge, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Park Tudor, Warren Central

**19. New Palestine (10) | The Links Golf Course**

Eastern Hancock, Greenfield-Central, Knightstown, Morristown, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Palestine, Rushville Consolidated, Shenandoah, Tri, Triton Central

**20. Union County (10) | Liberty Country Club**

Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Connersville, Hagerstown, New Castle, Northeastern, Randolph Southern, Richmond, Union (Modoc), Union County

**21. Northview (12) | Forest Park Golf Course**

Clay City, Cloverdale, Greencastle, Monrovia, North Central (Farmersburg), Northview, Parke Heritage, South Putnam, South Vermillion, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo, West Vigo

**22. Jasper (11) | Buffalo Trace Golf Course**

Boonville, Crawford County, Forest Park, Gibson Southern, Heritage Hills, Jasper, Northeast Dubois, South Spencer, Southridge, Tecumseh, Tell City

**23. Evansville Reitz Memorial (12) | Fendrich Golf Course**

Castle, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Christian, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Evansville North, Mt. Vernon, North Posey, Signature

**24. North Knox (12) | High Pointe Country Club**

Barr-Reeve, Linton-Stockton, North Daviess, North Knox, Pike Central, Princeton Community, Shakamak, South Knox, Sullivan, Vincennes Lincoln, Vincennes Rivet, Washington

**25. Bedford North Lawrence (12) | Otis Park Golf Course**

Bedford North Lawrence, Brownstown Central, Eastern Greene, Mitchell, Orleans, Paoli, Salem, Seymour, Springs Valley, Trinity Lutheran, West Washington, White River Valley

**26. Bloomington North (11) | Cascades GC**

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brown County, Columbus East, Columbus North, Edgewood, Edinburgh, Hauser, Indian Creek, Martinsville, Owen Valley

**27. Greensburg (11) | Greensburg Country Club**

Batesville, East Central, Franklin County, Greensburg, Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, North Decatur, Oldenburg Academy, Shelbyville, South Ripley, Southwestern (Shelbyville)

**28. Center Grove (10) | Hickory Stick Golf Club**

Beech Grove, Center Grove, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Greenwood Christian Academy, Greenwood Community, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, Southport, Whiteland Community

**29. Corydon Central (13) | Old Capital Golf Course**

Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Clarksville, Corydon Central, Eastern (Pekin), Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Lanesville, New Albany, North Harrison, Providence, Silver Creek, South Central (Elizabeth)

**30. Madison Consolidated (10) | Sunrise Golf Course**

Charlestown, Henryville, Jennings County, Lawrenceburg, Madison Consolidated, New Washington, Scottsburg, South Dearborn, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County

**Regionals - September 28, 2024**

<b><u>Reg. #</u></b>	<b><u>Center School</u></b>	<b><u>Course</u></b>
1.	Lake Central	Sandy Pines GC (Sectionals 1-5)
2.	East Noble	Noble Hawk GC (Sectionals 6-10)
3.	Lafayette Jefferson	Battleground GC (Sectionals 11-15)
4.	Lapel	Edgewood GC (Sectionals 16-20)
5.	Washington	Country Oaks GC (Sectionals 21-25)
6.	Franklin Community	The Legends GC (Sectionals 26-30)

**State Finals – October 4-5, 2024**

Prairie View Golf Club - 7000 Longest Dr. Carmel, IN 46033

**IV Eligible Schools – Only those schools with full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.**

**V Entrants**

**A. Sectionals**

1. Each school may enter 10 players. Five players may participate but only the 4 low scores will be counted. Fewer than 4 players may be entered and participate at the sectional level as individuals. Participants must be designated prior to the beginning of the tournament.

**VI Advancement**

**A. Sectionals to Regionals**

1. Top 3 teams who post a team score. Ties for top (3) teams must be resolved in order to advance. See XXIV – TIES
2. Top 3 low individuals excluding those individuals who advance with a team. Ties for 3rd place must be played off in order to advance.

**B. Regionals to State Finals**

1. Top 3 teams. Ties for top (3) teams must be resolved in order to advance. See XXIV – TIES
2. **Top 3 low individuals excluding those individuals who advance with a team. Ties for 3rd place must be played off in order to advance.**

**C. State Finals – All teams and individuals will play 36-holes.**

**VII Entry List**

- A. Member schools entering the golf tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.myIHSAA.net](http://www.myIHSAA.net) in the Seasonal Tasks widget. The official IHSAA Entry List must be completed by the high school principal and filed with the Commissioner and center principal no later than 4:00 p.m. EST on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024**, without penalty. Specific instructions on entry procedures may be found on the Golf tab at the link entitled

Tournament Entry Instructions. **IMPORTANT – The entry list lineup submitted should be done in the playing order preferred (i.e. #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and alternates. This lineup will be used as the default lineup unless a CHANGE IN LINEUP FORM is submitted following each tournament level.**

- B. Late Entry List – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:
    - 1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00
    - 2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00
    - 3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament
  - C. Changes Prior to Deadline
    - 1. Member schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.myihcaa.net](http://www.myihcaa.net) on the appropriate sport tab and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions. Changes prior to the deadline shall NOT be accepted by telephone.
  - D. Changes After Deadline
    - Sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, and volleyball
    - 1. Corrections/Additions/Errors – prior to opening day of your respective sectional
      - a. accepted with \$100 fine
    - 2. Corrections/Additions/Errors – on starting day of your respective sectional or after
      - a. accepted with \$200 fine
      - b. principal must certify the eligibility of individual to Host School and IHSAA
      - c. principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff no later than the next business day after discovery of the omission
      - d. the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the addition.
- All other sports accepted with \$100.00 prior to end of seeding/pairing/draw; if reported to IHSAA Executive Staff member.
- Mobile phone: **Kaufman 317-339-4455**; Faulkens 317-667-4921; Neidig 317-771-3791; (Schludecker) Rosati 317-617-1876;
- e. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.
  - f. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.
  - g. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:
    - (1) all necessary information is provided and
    - (2) each contestant is entered properly.
  - h. Participating schools MUST enter the IHSAA girls' golf tournament series via the Associations' members' website at [www.myihcaa.net](http://www.myihcaa.net) as prescribed above. No other method of entry will be accepted.
  - i. If a member school chooses not to enter the IHSAA girls' golf tournament series, they must notify the Association by entering the members' website at [www.myIHSAA.net](http://www.myIHSAA.net) and go to the Sport Management widget for Girls Golf to indicate

**VIII Awards** – Are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.

- A. Sectionals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  - 2. Ribbons
    - a. to contestants of teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd
    - b. to 1st, 2nd, 3rd medalists
- B. Regionals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school.
  - 2. Ribbons
    - a. to contestants of teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd
    - b. to 1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> medalists
- C. State Finals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
  - 2. Medals
    - a. 10 to championship team school
    - b. 10 to runner-up team school
    - c. 10 to 3rd place team school
    - d. 10 to 4th place team school
    - f. to 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> place medalists

3. Mental Attitude Award – A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee to an outstanding senior participant who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in golf. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.

## **IX Caddies**

Sectionals, Regionals, State Finals – Contestants shall not use caddies or electric carts. Pull or push carts may be used.

## **X Coaching**

- A. During competition, two identifiable coaches from each team may give advice to their players. The coaches must cease giving advice when their player steps onto the putting surface with the intention of marking or putting a golf ball that has come to rest on the putting surface. A coach may NEVER help a player read the line of a putt struck from the putting surface. This includes prior to the ball being marked while resting on the green. The penalty for a coach or non-appointed individual giving advice will be a warning for the first offense and a (2-stroke) penalty for each subsequent offense for the golfer.
- B. Additionally, when a player begins taking a stance and until the stroke is made, the coach or advice giver must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason. This would also result in a (2-stroke) penalty per incident.
- C. Coaches are not permitted on the green unless there is a rules question from a golfer in the group. Coaches are deemed outside agencies at all times. Therefore, there is no penalty if the coach or their cart are hit by a ball in motion.
- D. Spectators and non-participants may be permitted on the course during a tournament provided they do not have significant conversation with the participants and do not violate Rule 8 – Advice. Comments must be limited to encouragement and has come to rest on the putting surface. Coaches are not permitted on the green unless there is a rules question from a golfer in the group. Coaches are deemed outside agencies at all times. Therefore, there is no penalty if the coach or their cart are hit by a ball in motion. The penalty for a coach or non-appointed individual giving advice in congratulations. Spectators should NOT give information on the Rules.
- E. All mechanical means of communication such as walkie-talkies, telephones, texting etc. between coach and any other individual stationed at a strategic point in the facility where the contest is held is hereby prohibited in all sports, except football. (Rule 9-18.1 of IHSAA By-Laws)
- F. Coaches with a full team participating will be provided with one (1) cart. Carts should be driven only by the coach, athletic director or principal. No cart should have more than two (2) occupants. Violation of these policies will result in loss of privileges.

## **XI Distance Measuring Device**

In competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3. The use of a mobile phone is permitted for official or unofficial scoring during a round. Additionally, the use of a mobile phone to contact a rules official, report an emergency, or for any weather issues is permitted during a round. A player may also use a mobile phone to access and utilize USGA approved yardage apps. Any other use of a mobile phone is not permitted. Penalty– 2 strokes for first breach, Disqualification for subsequent or multiple breaches.

## **XII Financial Terms**

- A. Sectionals, Regionals
  1. There shall be no admission charged.
  2. Travel expenses, meals, etc. are to be paid by competing schools.
  3. Tourney expenses excluding cost of equipment shall be paid by the Host School. Deficits shall be reimbursed by the IHSAA.
- B. State Finals – Allowance as follows: Actual qualifying participants plus a limit of 2 non-participants (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) if in attendance from each participating school.
  1. MILEAGE – round-trip mileage shall be ascertained from the mileage chart contained in IHSAA Fall Bulletin.
 

No. of Participants	Per Mile
1-3	20¢
4-7	40¢
  2. MEALS
 

1-120 miles:	\$5.00 per person
121-250 miles:	\$9.00 per person
251 miles and over:	\$12.00 per person
  3. LODGING
 

No. Participants	Stipend
1-4	\$ 60
5-7	\$ 90
  4. Expenses will be calculated by the IHSAA. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to principals at a later date.



5. Host School principal at all tournament levels (excluding state finals) is requested to mail a copy of the financial report to the IHSAA (1) week after the completion of the tournament round.

### **XIII Management**

#### **A. Sectionals and Regionals**

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
2. The Host School shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as the local arrangements).
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host School will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.

#### **B. State Finals**

1. The Executive Committee has designated IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman as Tournament Administrator.

### **XIV Reporting State Tournament Results**

Following completion of the event, host sites/Host Schools are required to e-mail the final results (team and individual) as an attachment to the IHSAA at [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org). Please e-mail that same address with postponements and updated times if necessary. Please do not fax. The results are considered final upon the posting of scores and the announcement of the awards.

### **XV Official Rules**

Current USGA rules shall govern with such exceptions as the Executive Committee deems necessary. When USGA rules conflict with any IHSAA rules, IHSAA rules shall take precedence.

### **XVI Restrictions**

The use of mobile phones ARE permitted on the course but only for electronic scoring, contacting a rules official, or for an emergency for all IHSAA golf tournament series events.

### **XVII Rules Committee**

- A. Sectionals and Regionals – The center principal shall select 2 knowledgeable coaches from the participating teams to serve with the tournament director and the host professional in making necessary decisions. A copy of the local course rules will be distributed at the course on the day of the tourney.
- B. State Finals – The rules committee shall be selected by the IHSAA. The IHSAA has designated the Indiana Golf Association to serve as the officials for the state finals.

### **XVIII Scoring**

#### **A. Sectional**

1. Each threesome or foursome will be made up of players from different schools. The players will count and keep score for each other. **The IHSAA is instituting the use of USGA Local Rule 21.2 MAXIMUM SCORE. A player's score for a hole is based on the player's number of strokes (including strokes made and penalty strokes), except that the player will get only the maximum score even if the actual score exceeds the maximum. The maximum score for any hole will be DOUBLE PAR as set forth by the IHSAA Executive Committee. (USGA Local Rule 21.2 MAXIMUM SCORE is posted on both IHSAA.org and MyIHSAA.net).**
2. No one should sign any card until the markers and players of each threesome or foursome sit down and check each scorecard and are in total agreement before signing as the marker and/or the player.
3. Scores are not considered final until they have been checked by the tournament director or his/ her representative and then signed by the marker and contestant.

#### **B. Regional**

1. Each threesome or foursome will be made up of players from different schools. The players will count and keep score for each other. No one should sign any card until the markers and players of each threesome or foursome sit down and check each scorecard and are in total agreement before signing as the marker and/or the player. All strokes are counted at the Regional level.
2. Scores are not considered final until they have been checked by the tournament director or his/ her representative and then signed by the marker and contestant.

C. State Finals

1. Each threesome or foursome will be made up of players from different schools, if possible. The players will count and keep score for each other. The 4 low 18-hole scores of the first round added to the 4 low 18-hole scores of the final round will determine the scoring for the state finals.

**XIX Stroke Play**

- A. Sectionals – will be conducted as 18-hole stroke play. Current USGA rules shall govern play unless it is decided by the tournament director and center principal that the condition of the course warrants the use of preferred lies. **However, the IHSAA will institute USGA Local Rule 21.2 MAXIMUM SCORE at the Sectional level only. The maximum score will be DOUBLE PAR as approved by the IHSAA Executive Committee.**
- B. Regionals – will be conducted as 18-hole stroke play. Current USGA rules shall govern play unless it is decided by the tournament director and center principal that the condition of the course warrants the use of preferred lies.
- C. State Finals – will be conducted as stroke play, and 36 holes will be played.

**XX Change in Line-Up Between Tournament Levels**

- A. Tee-times and pairings for golfers qualifying from sectional to regional and from the regional to Round 1 of the state finals will be determined according **to the default lineup submitted on the entry list** unless the following procedure is followed:
  1. If your school desires a change in the line-up for the REGIONAL (different from your entry list), complete the “Change in Line-Up Request Form” and email to the appropriate Host School by 12:00 noon on the day after the completion of the Sectional. For ROUND 1 of the STATE FINALS, the form should be emailed to Chris Kaufman at the IHSAA (EMAIL: [ckaufman@ihsaa.org](mailto:ckaufman@ihsaa.org); [mwilson@ihsaa.org](mailto:mwilson@ihsaa.org)) by 12:00 noon on the day after the completion of the Regional.
  2. If a change in lineup is desired for Round 2 of the state finals, the “Change in Line-Up Request Form” must be turned in at the tournament site to the Assistant Commissioner or Tournament Official (15) minutes after the posting of the Round 1 on the electronic scoring. An announcement (PA) will be made at the course that coaches have (15) minutes to complete a lineup change if desired.
  3. If the “Change in Line-Up Request Form” is NOT received by the appropriate Host School and the IHSAA by the stipulated deadline, tee-times and pairings will be **determined by the order of the tournament entry list.**

**XXI Substitutions**

- A. Sectionals, Regionals, State Finals
  1. Alternates may be substituted for vacated spots no later than (15) minutes prior to the first tee time of the tournament (sectionals, regionals) or round in the case of the state finals.
  2. Positions shall not be changed after 12:00 NOON on the day after the completion of each respective tournament level.

**XXII Supervision**

Contestants must be accompanied by a coach or a representative so designated by the principal and such coach/representative must remain at the tournament site until that school has completed the competition.

**XXIII Tee-Times & Pairings**

- A. Sectionals and Regionals
  1. Tee-times, pairings and instructions must be sent to each competing school prior to the tourney by the center principal.
  2. All players shall start from the 1st and/or 10th tee.
  3. Center Principal shall arrange the pairings as follows:
    - a. Sectionals – established by scores on official entry list
    - b. Regionals – established by sectional scores
- B. State Finals
  1. Tee-times for participants shall be determined in the IHSAA Office and established according to regional scores. Each participating school shall get its participants tee-times from the IHSAA website.
  2. All players shall start from the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
  3. Tee times for Round 2 shall be determined by Round 1 scores.

**XXIV Ties**

- A. Medalist
  1. Additional holes shall be played until the tie is broken to determine 1st place only.
  2. Ties for 2nd thru 5th places shall stand, and additional medals shall be awarded for same.
- B. Team - **(for determining the champion and top 3 advancing teams ONLY)** Use the 5th player’s score, and if a tie remains among all 5 players, use the sudden death plan by counting the best 4 scores for each hole.
  1. Sudden Death Plan
    - a. All five golfers from each tied team return to the golf course to the number one hole. Golfers are paired as follows:  
Players 4A & 4B; 5A & 5B (Foursome)  
Players 3A, 2A & 1A with 3B, 2B & 1B (Sixsome)
    - b. Groups play the first hole and the low four scores are added. The team with the lowest four scores is declared the winner. If a tie exists, the number 5 player's score is used to break the tie. If a tie remains, play continues to the next hole.

- C. State Finals - If a tie for the team championship competition occurs after 36 holes, the 5<sup>th</sup> score shall be the total of the 5<sup>th</sup> score for the first and final rounds of 36 holes. If a tie remains, use the sudden death above. **If a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place team exists, the 5<sup>th</sup> score shall be the total of the 5<sup>th</sup> score for the first and final rounds of 36 holes. If 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> place is still tied after the use of the 5<sup>th</sup> scores...both teams tied shall remain tied.**

## XXV Special Instructions for State Finals

- A. Practice
1. Practice rounds will be permitted at Prairie View Golf Club prior to the state finals if weather permits. (See Rule 5, Practice, USGA Rules).
  2. All contestants, including those who are club members, will be limited to 1 practice round (18 holes) on this course following the completion of their respective regional and prior to the first round of the state finals. Regular play by contestants is not permissible on this course during the above time period.
    - a. Coaches must arrange a specific time and date in advance by calling the clubhouse (317-816-3100).
    - b. Coaches must accompany their players to the course.
    - c. No more than 4 players to a practice group.
    - d. Anyone hitting more than 1 ball, anywhere throughout the course, will be disciplined.
    - e. Replace divots and ball marks.
  3. Contestants shall not play practice rounds on Sunday (see IHSAA By-Law C-9-13) or on the day/s of the tourney.
  4. The fee for High School Players will be \$45.00 to walk during the week and \$45.00 to ride during the week. Any adults playing with the High School Player WILL pay the regular rate.
  5. Practice Range/Range Balls – The range will be open for practice the day of the state finals and range balls will be available for purchase.
- B. Registration
1. All teams and medalists not on a team must be checked in at the clubhouse by the principal or his/her designee 30 minutes prior to their respective tee-time.
  2. Tee-times for teams and individuals will be prepared in the IHSAA office. Tee times for Round 1 and Round 2 of the state finals will be posted on the Association's website at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org).
- C. Spectator Carts
1. **Individual spectator carts for the state finals are available on a limited basis.** Mobility impaired (lower body) spectators attending the Championship Finals of an IHSAA Golf Tournament Series (Tournament) who need on-course transportation may rent a spectator cart, subject to availability at the tournament site. The rental fee for a spectator cart is the responsibility of the spectator. He/she make application to request approval to rent a golf cart, subject to availability, at the Tournament site. (applications for renting a cart at the state finals may be made by calling Brandon Baxter at the IHSAA office, telephone number 317-846-6601).

## XXVI News Media

- A. Print and Electronic Media
1. Sectionals, Regionals – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional and regional levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per tournament event. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
  2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed or faxed on letterhead to Mr. Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org); Fax: 317-575-4244). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.
- B. Photographers
1. Sectionals, Regionals
    - a. For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional and regional levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament event. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
    - b. The number of photographers and their locations shall be determined by the center principal.
  2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA. Credentials must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be faxed on company letterhead to Mr. Jason Wille, Sports

Information Director (Fax: 317-575-4244). Deadline for application is the Monday of the state finals week. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event.

#### **XXVII Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

- A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. Participating Schools
  - 1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
  - 2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
  - 4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.
- D. Media
  - 1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
  - 2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
  - 5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
  - 6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
  - 7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
  - 8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.
- E. Spectators
  - 1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
  - 2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - 4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.
- F. Purchase.

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography (DoubleEdgeMedia.com), films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

#### **XXVIII Rain Policy**

##### **SECTIONAL & REGIONAL**

In a one-day event, should more than half of the field finish play, then the event should be completed the following day. Should less than half the field finish play, then the event is declared a rain out and the tournament is rescheduled.

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Round 1 or Round 2 - Should more than half of the field finish play, the round should be completed the next day. Should this occur in Round 1 it is possible for those who did not complete Round 1 to finish prior to the start of Round 2 on the same day. Should less than half finish either Round 1 or Round 2, that round will be rescheduled for the next available day. If only one round was able to be completed, the IHSAA may deem the event as final.

## Boys & Girls Soccer

Special Note: The IHSAA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSAA Bulletin.

### Modifications and Adoptions

These regulations apply to regular season games and IHSAA tournaments unless stated otherwise.

### NFHS Soccer Rule Changes and Updates for the 2024-2025 School Year

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/soccer-rules-changes-2024-25/>

### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Boys & Girls State Tournament Series

The following rules and regulations for the 2024-25 Soccer Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

#### I. Tournament Dates

##### A. Boys

1. **Sectionals** – Week of October 7, 2024  
[Oct. 7, 9, 12, 2024 preferred]  
**\*\*Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> is listed on the calendar. Please only play on Friday as a last resort.**
2. **Regionals**  
Semi Finals GIRLS – Wednesday: October 16, 2024  
Semi Finals BOYS – Thursday: October 17, 2024  
Regional Championship GIRLS & BOYS – Saturday: October 19, 2024
3. **Semi-States** – Saturday: October 26, 2024
4. **State Finals** – Friday: November 1, 2024 and Saturday: November 2, 2024

##### B. Girls

1. **Sectionals** – Week of October 7, 2024  
[Oct. 8, 10, 12, 2024 preferred]
2. **Regionals**  
Semi Finals GIRLS – Wednesday: October 16, 2024  
Semi Finals BOYS – Thursday: October 17, 2024  
Regional Championship GIRLS & BOYS – Saturday: October 19, 2024
3. **Semi-States** – Saturday: October 26, 2024
4. **State Finals** – Friday: November 1, 2024 and Saturday: November 2, 2024

#### II. Tournament Times

Prevailing time of Host School. The Host School principal shall notify the IHSAA and participating schools as to times via the tournament host agreement – available within the Tournament Host area on the host's [www.myIHSAA.net](http://www.myIHSAA.net) dashboard.

##### Boys and Girls

##### A. Sectionals – preferred times

1. 1 game – 6:00 pm
2. 2 games – 5:00 and 7:00 pm
3. Championship Match

**GIRLS: 2:00 pm // BOYS: 7:00 pm**

**\*to avoid morning SAT/ACT testing and conflicting times for both genders, should a school's boys and girls teams BOTH reach the Sectional Finals.**

#### Daily Schedule of Games – BOYS

No. of Teams	Mon 10/7	Tues 10/8	Wed 10/9	Thurs 10/10	Fri 10/11	Sat 10/12
4			1-2			3
5	1		2-3			4
6	1-2		3-4			5
7	1	2-3	4-5			6
8	1-2	3-4	5-6			7

### Daily Schedule of Games – GIRLS

No. of Teams	Mon 10/7	Tues 10/8	Wed 10/9	Thurs 10/10	Fri 10/11	Sat 10/12
4				1-2		3
5		1		2-3		4
6		1-2		3-4		5
7		1	2-3	4-5		6
8		1-2	3-4	5-6		7

#### B. Regionals (Boys & Girls)

##### Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024: 24 Semi-Final Regional - GIRLS

Hosted at **EVEN #** Sectional Champion's home site

##### Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024: 24 Semi-Final Regional - BOYS

Hosted at **EVEN #** Sectional Champion's home site

##### Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024: 12 Regional sites – predetermined by IHSAA

Hosting Girls & Boys Regional Championship games

**GIRLS @ 2:00 pm and BOYS @ 4:00 pm game times**

*\*Annual rotation of ODD/EVEN Sectional Champion as mid-week host*

*\*Annual rotation of gender playing first (Wednesday vs. Thursday and Saturday Championship games)*

#### C. Semi-States (Boys and Girls)

##### Saturday October 26, 2024

- 1:00/3:00/5:00 pm
- Three (3) Games at each of Four (4) sites – Two (2) in the north and Two (2) in the south
  - Team assignments will be made immediately following the Regional Championship. Consideration will be given to travel as well as accommodation should both genders be competing from the same member school.

#### D. State Finals

- Six (6) State Games
  - Friday, November 1, 2024
    - 6:00 pm & 8:30 pm ET
  - Saturday, November 2, 2024
    - 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm ET

**Note:** A pre-state finals meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 9:30 am ET** via webinar for the athletic administrators and head coaches of the participating schools. It is mandatory that these individuals from each school be in attendance. All tournament regulations and expectations will be discussed during this webinar. Instructions to join the webinar will be sent on **Sunday, October 27, 2024** to the Semi State Champions.

### III. Alignments and Host Sites for BOTH Girls and Boys

- Tournament Draw: Sunday, September 29, 2024
- The second team listed in the bracket is the home team.
- Bracket types (i.e. 4 team, 5 team, etc.) can be found on the myIHSAA.net site under soccer.
- Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned to a sectional.
- Hosts are listed first within each Sectional and Regional listing,

### GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL ALIGNMENT

#### GIRLS Class 3A

- Lake Central (5):** Crown Point, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Lake Central, Munster
- Portage (5):** Chesterton, Hobart, Merrillville, Portage, Valparaiso
- South Bend Adams (6):** LaPorte, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley
- Elkhart (5):** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw Community
- Fort Wayne North Side (5):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Leo
- Homestead (5):** Columbia City, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North
- Lafayette Jefferson (5):** Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, McCutcheon
- Noblesville (7):** Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights
- Zionsville (7):** Carmel, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Westfield, Zionsville
- Brownsburg (7):** Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Decatur Central, Mooresville, Pike, Plainfield

11. **Southport (7):** Franklin Central, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis Shortridge, Perry Meridian, Southport, Warren Central
12. **New Palestine (5):** East Central, Greenfield-Central, New Palestine, Richmond, Shelbyville
13. **Columbus East (6):** Center Grove, Columbus East, Columbus North, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Whiteland Community
14. **Terre Haute North Vigo (6):** Bedford North Lawrence, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Martinsville, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
15. **Jeffersonville (5):** Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, New Albany, Seymour
16. **Evansville Reitz Memorial (7):** Castle, Evansville Central, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville North, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Jasper

#### **GIRLS Class 2A**

17. **Highland (5):** East Chicago Central, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Highland, River Forest
18. **Mishawaka Marian (5):** Glenn, Jimtown, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, South Bend Saint Joseph
19. **DeKalb (7):** Angola, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Lakeland, West Noble
20. **Norwell (7):** Belmont, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Heritage, New Haven, Norwell, Woodlan
21. **NorthWood (5):** Culver Academies, NorthWood, Plymouth, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee
22. **Kankakee Valley (6):** Benton Central, Hanover Central, Illiana Christian, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, Twin Lakes
23. **Northwestern (6):** Maconaquah, Marion, Northwestern, Oak Hill, Peru, Western
24. **Mississinewa (5):** Delta, Jay County, Mississinewa, New Castle, Yorktown
25. **West Lafayette (7):** Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Tri-West Hendricks, West Lafayette, Western Boone
26. **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory (5):** Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Park Tudor
27. **Cascade (6):** Cascade, Danville Community, Edgewood, Northview, Owen Valley, West Vigo
28. **Speedway (5):** Beech Grove, Herron, Indian Creek, Roncalli, Speedway
29. **Batesville (7):** Batesville, Connersville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Rushville Consolidated, South Dearborn
30. **Madison Consolidated (6):** Charlestown, Corydon Central, Madison Consolidated, North Harrison, Scottsburg, Silver Creek
31. **Washington (5):** Gibson Southern, Princeton Community, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington
32. **Evansville Bosse (5):** Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Mater Dei, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon

#### **GIRLS Class 1A**

33. **Boone Grove (6):** Andrean, Boone Grove, DeMotte Christian, Hebron, Kouts, Rensselaer Central
34. **Wheeler (5):** Marquette Catholic, Morgan Township, Washington Township, Westville, Wheeler
35. **Westview (7):** Bethany Christian, Bremen, Central Noble, Elkhart Christian Academy, Lakewood Park Christian, Trinity School at Greenlawn, Westview
36. **Argos (6):** Argos, Culver Community, LaVille, Manchester, Oregon-Davis, Rochester Community
37. **Wabash (6):** Blackford, Eastbrook, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, North Miami, South Adams, Wabash
38. **Lafayette Central Catholic (5):** Faith Christian, Lafayette Central Catholic, North White, Rossville, Sheridan
39. **Tipton (6):** Eastern (Greentown), Elwood Community, Lapel, Taylor, Tipton, Tri-Central
40. **Greencastle (5):** Covington, Greencastle, North Putnam, South Vermillion, Southmont
41. **Heritage Christian (7):** Bethesda Christian, Christel House, Covenant Christian (Indpls), Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, University
42. **Knightstown (5):** Centerville, Knightstown, Muncie Burris, Union County, Wapahani
43. **Monrovia (6):** Brown County, Greenwood Christian Academy, Hauser, Indpls. George Washington, Monrovia, Triton Central
44. **Rising Sun (5):** Milan, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, South Ripley, Switzerland County
45. **Providence (6):** Austin, Providence, Salem, Shawe Memorial, Southwestern (Hanover), Trinity Lutheran
46. **Sullivan (5):** Bloomfield, North Knox, Sullivan, Vincennes Rivet, White River Valley
47. **Northeast Dubois (5):** Forest Park, Northeast Dubois, South Knox, Tell City, Washington Catholic
48. **South Spencer (5):** Evansville Christian, North Posey, Pike Central, South Spencer, Wood Memorial

#### **BOYS SOCCER SECTIONAL ALIGNMENT**

##### **BOYS Class 3A**

1. **Munster (7):** East Chicago Central, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Highland, Lake Central, Merrillville, Munster



2. **Crown Point (7):** Chesterton, Crown Point, Hobart, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, Portage, Valparaiso
3. **Plymouth (7):** LaPorte, Michigan City, Mishawaka Marian, Plymouth, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley, South Bend Washington
4. **Penn (6):** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, Northridge, Penn
5. **Huntington North (7):** Columbia City, East Noble, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North, Marion, Warsaw Community
6. **Fort Wayne Northrop (7):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), DeKalb, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, New Haven
7. **Harrison (West Lafayette) (6):** Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Lebanon, Logansport, McCutcheon
8. **Hamilton Southeastern (7):** Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Pendleton Heights, Richmond
9. **Carmel (6):** Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Carmel, Noblesville, North Central (Indianapolis), Westfield, Zionsville
10. **Lawrence North (7):** Herron, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis Shortridge, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, Warren Central
11. **Avon (7):** Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Decatur Central, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Pike, Plainfield
12. **Perry Meridian (7):** Franklin Central, Greenfield-Central, Greenwood Community, New Palestine, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, Southport
13. **Center Grove (7):** Center Grove, Columbus East, Columbus North, East Central, Franklin Community, Shelbyville, Whiteland Community
14. **Bloomington South (6):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Martinsville, Mooresville, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
15. **Jennings County (6):** Bedford North Lawrence, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, New Albany, Seymour
16. **Castle (6):** Castle, Evansville Central, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville North, Jasper

#### **BOYS Class 2A**

17. **Illiana Christian (6):** Boone Grove, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hanover Central, Illiana Christian, River Forest
18. **Culver Academies (7):** Bremen, Culver Academies, Glenn, New Prairie, NorthWood, South Bend Saint Joseph, Wawasee
19. **Lakeland (6):** Angola, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Garrett, Lakeland, Leo, West Noble
20. **Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (7):** Belmont, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Heritage, Manchester, Norwell, Woodlan
21. **Crawfordsville (7):** Benton Central, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, North Montgomery, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western
22. **Maconaquah (7):** Eastern (Greentown), Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Rochester Community, Tippecanoe Valley, Wabash
23. **Eastbrook (7):** Blackford, Delta, Eastbrook, Jay County, Mississinewa, Oak Hill, Yorktown
24. **Park Tudor (7):** Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Heritage Christian, Lapel, Park Tudor, Tri-West Hendricks, Western Boone
25. **Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter (6):** Beech Grove, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis George Washington Community, Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown, Speedway
26. **Rushville Consolidated (6):** Centerville, Connersville, Greensburg, New Castle, Rushville Consolidated, Triton Central
27. **Edgewood (6):** Brown County, Cascade, Danville Community, Edgewood, Indian Creek, Monrovia
28. **South Vermillion (6):** Greencastle, Northview, Owen Valley, South Vermillion, Sullivan, West Vigo
29. **South Dearborn (6):** Batesville, Franklin County, Lawrenceburg, Madison Consolidated, South Dearborn, Switzerland County
30. **Silver Creek (6):** Charlestown, Corydon Central, North Harrison, Salem, Scottsburg, Silver Creek
31. **Gibson Southern (6):** Gibson Southern, Pike Central, Princeton Community, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington
32. **Heritage Hills (6):** Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon

#### **BOYS Class 1A**

33. **Wheeler (7):** Andrean, Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, Hebron, Kouts, Morgan Township, Washington Township, Wheeler
34. **Bethany Christian (7):** Bethany Christian, Elkhart Christian Academy, LaVille, Marquette Catholic, Oregon-Davis, Trinity School at Greenlawn, Westville
35. **Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (6):** Central Noble, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Lakewood Park Christian, Prairie Heights, Westview
36. **Argos (6):** Argos, Caston, Culver Community, Lakeland Christian Academy, North Miami, Winamac Community
37. **Faith Christian (6):** Covington, DeMotte Christian, Faith Christian, Lafayette Central Catholic, North White, Rensselaer Central
38. **Taylor (6):** Carroll (Flora), Delphi Community, Rossville, Taylor, Tipton, Tri-Central
39. **Wapahani (7):** Anderson Preparatory Academy, Daleville, Liberty Christian, Muncie Burris, Seton Catholic, Union City, Wapahani

40. **Southmont (7):** Bethesda Christian, Eminence, Covenant Christian, North Putnam, Sheridan, Southmont, University
41. **Indianapolis Sccecina Memorial (7):** Indiana Math & Science Academy, Indianapolis Sccecina Memorial, International School of Indiana, MTI School of Knowledge, Purdue Polytechnic - Broad Ripple, Riverside, Tindley
42. **Indianapolis Lutheran (7):** Central Christian Academy, Christel House, Greenwood Christian Academy, Indianapolis Lutheran, Knightstown, Morristown, Providence Cristo Rey
43. **Southwestern (Shelbyville) (6):** Austin, Hauser, Shawe Memorial, Southwestern (Hanover), Southwestern (Shelbyville), Trinity Lutheran
44. **Milan (6):** Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, South Ripley, Union County
45. **White River Valley (6):** Bloomfield, Eastern Greene, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Mitchell, Shoals, White River Valley
46. **South Knox (6):** Barr-Reeve, North Knox, Northeast Dubois, South Knox, Vincennes Rivet, Washington Catholic
47. **Christian Academy of Indiana (6):** Christian Academy of Indiana, Clarksville, Henryville, Lanesville, Providence, Rock Creek Academy
48. **Forest Park (7):** Evansville Christian, Evansville Day, Forest Park, North Posey, South Spencer, Tell City, Wood Memorial

## REGIONAL SOCCER FORMAT

**Semi Finals – Hosted by EVEN # Sectional Champions for both BOYS and GIRLS**

*\*Recommended start time – 6pm (unless otherwise specified by host school)*

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 – GIRLS Regional Semi Finals**

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 – BOYS Regional Semi Finals**

### Class 3A

1. Sectional 1 winner @ Sectional 2 winner
2. Sectional 3 winner @ Sectional 4 winner
3. Sectional 5 winner @ Sectional 6 winner
4. Sectional 7 winner @ Sectional 8 winner
5. Sectional 9 winner @ Sectional 10 winner
6. Sectional 11 winner @ Sectional 12 winner
7. Sectional 13 winner @ Sectional 14 winner
8. Sectional 15 winner @ Sectional 16 winner

### Class 2A

9. Sectional 17 winner @ Sectional 18 winner
10. Sectional 19 winner @ Sectional 20 winner
11. Sectional 21 winner @ Sectional 22 winner
12. Sectional 23 winner @ Sectional 24 winner
13. Sectional 25 winner @ Sectional 26 winner
14. Sectional 27 winner @ Sectional 28 winner
15. Sectional 29 winner @ Sectional 30 winner
16. Sectional 31 winner @ Sectional 32 winner

### Class 1A

17. Sectional 33 winner @ Sectional 34 winner
18. Sectional 35 winner @ Sectional 36 winner
19. Sectional 37 winner @ Sectional 38 winner
20. Sectional 39 winner @ Sectional 40 winner
21. Sectional 41 winner @ Sectional 42 winner
22. Sectional 43 winner @ Sectional 44 winner
23. Sectional 45 winner @ Sectional 46 winner
24. Sectional 47 winner @ Sectional 48 winner

## Regional Championship Games [Boys & Girls]

**Saturday, October 19, 2024 – IHSAA Predetermined Sites**

[GIRLS @ 2:00 pm & BOYS @ 4:00 pm ET] **EVEN # is HOME Team**

### **Class 3A [Boys & Girls]**

**25. Penn:** Regional Semifinal 1 vs. 2

**26. Kokomo:** Regional Semifinal 3 vs. 4

- 27. Carmel:** Regional Semifinal 5 vs. 6  
**28. Seymour:** Regional Semifinal 7 vs. 8

**Class 2A [Boys & Girls]**

- 29. Mishawaka Marian:** Regional Semifinal 9 vs. 10  
**30. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran:** Regional Semifinal 11 vs. 12  
**31. Indianapolis Bishop Chatard:** Regional Semifinal 13 vs. 14  
**32. Heritage Hills:** Regional Semifinal 15 vs. 16

**Class 1A [Boys & Girls]**

- 33. Westview:** Regional Semifinal 17 vs. 18  
**34. Taylor:** Regional Semifinal 19 vs. 20  
**35. Knightstown:** Regional Semifinal 21 vs. 22  
**36. Providence:** Regional Semifinal 23 vs. 24

**Semi State [Boys and Girls]**

*\* 2 sites in the north, 2 sites south, 3 games at each site, 12 games total*

**North – 1 Kokomo**

**North – 2 South Bend Saint Joseph**

**South – 3 Evansville North**

**South – 4 Martinsville**

**State Finals [Boys and Girls]**

*\* 3 classes each gender, 6 games total*

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Classes</b>
Friday, November 1, 2024	IUI	6:00/8:00 pm ET	TBD
Saturday, November 2, 2024	IUI	11:00 am/1:30/4:00/6:30 pm ET	TBD

**IV. Admissions – Tickets** *(additional fees may apply)*

**Boys and Girls**

**A. General – Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**

- Each Host School shall be responsible for providing tickets [paper or digital].
- No ticket shall be sold for more or less than the prices listed.
- Participating schools may purchase tickets in advance by making prior arrangements with the Host School.
- 35 tickets or passes for each competing school for dressed players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, administrators, etc. These tickets are non-transferable.
- No tickets will be issued from the Association Office.
- All tickets shall be handled on a general admission first-come-first-served basis on the day of each scheduled session.

**B. Pre-School Children**

- When seats are reserved, no charge for a pre-school child who is with his/her parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
- When seats are not reserved, no charge for a pre-school child who will be seated with his/her parent/s throughout the contest.

**C. News Media**

- Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – may be admitted free by presenting proper identification.
- State Finals – advanced written request for credentials must be made with IHSAA by Tuesday prior to the state finals.

**D. Ticket Prices**

Boys and Girls *(additional fees may apply)*

- Sectionals: \$7.00 Session
- Regionals: \$10.00 Session
- Semi-States: \$12.00 All Day
- State Finals: \$15.00 All Day

- E. Passes for Players and Coaches** - 35 passes for each competing school for players, managers, athletic trainer, administrators, etc. These passes are non-transferable. It is not necessary to issue passes for players and coaches prior to the opening session of the tournament. Coaches may be instructed to pick up passes at a designated area on the opening session of the tournament or at the time each team reports for the first time. If teams desire to continue in attendance after they are eliminated, they may use their player passes for admission. **Passes are to be administered to players and**

**coaches only.** On all tickets, passes, etc., to be used by player/coach personnel, “player” should be stamped on the ticket.

- F. **Game Officials** - The game official and his/her immediate family may be admitted without charge and without prior arrangements from the official to the tourney director if there is not a sell-out. If a sell-out is expected, the official should make arrangements with the tourney director in advance, to obtain necessary complimentary tickets for admission, if any are available.
- G. Strict limitations should be adhered to in honoring requests for **complimentary tickets** other than for those indicated.
- H. **IHSAA Courtesy and Lifetime Passes** - These have been distributed for the current year to all former and current members of the Board of Directors and IHSAA Office Staff for admittance to all IHSAA sponsored tournaments where seats are not reserved. Host School principals should remind their ticket personnel that these individuals should be admitted upon presenting this pass.

## V. Awards

### General

- The IHSAA provides all awards. No others shall be given. Designated awards are mailed directly to each center principal by A-1 Awards. Trophies for ALL levels of the tournament will be mailed to the host sites in advance. **If the awards have not been received one week prior to tournament, contact the IHSAA immediately (317-846-6601).**
- Display awards at the final session; supervised at all times to prevent theft or damage.
- To assist in expediting the awards presentation immediately following the championship game, see that spectators cooperate in keeping the field clear for players, coaches and photographers until the presentations are completed. It is suggested that the appropriate awards be presented to the captains and head coach of the runner-up and championship teams.

### A. Sectionals

1. Trophy – to championship team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school

### B. Regionals & Semi-States

1. Trophy – to championship team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school

### C. State – The presentation of awards will take place immediately following the championship game.

1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
2. Game Ball
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
3. Medals (35 total to each school)
  - a. 5 to staff of championship team school
  - b. 5 to staff of runner-up team school
  - c. 30 to contestants of championship team school
  - d. 30 to contestants of runner-up team school
4. Mental Attitude Award -- a plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee to an outstanding senior participant who excels in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in soccer. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.

## VI. Eligible Schools

Only those schools with full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

## VII. Entrants

- A. Sectionals – Each site shall determine a championship team by use of single elimination.
- B. Regionals – Sectional championship teams shall advance to regional sites.
- C. Semi-States – Regional championship teams shall advance to assigned semi-states.
- D. State – Semi-State champions shall advance to the state finals.

## VIII. Entry List

- A. Member schools eligible to participate in the IHSAA tournament series in this sport, may enter their team only after successful completion of the contest officials' rating process for this sport. **Failure to rate officials shall result in a \$100 penalty to the school prior to acceptance of tournament entry.**

- B. A school may certify 36 players of which only 25 eligible players may dress and/or participate at each level of tournament.
- C. Member schools entering the boys' and girls' soccer tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically via the myIHSAA.net site. The entry list is due no later than 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024, without penalty. Specific instructions on entry procedures may be found on the myIHSAA.net site.
- E. Late Entry List – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:
  - 1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00
  - 2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00
  - 3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament
    - a. Changes Prior to Deadline
    - b. Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.myIHSAA.net](http://www.myIHSAA.net) and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.
    - c. Changes After Deadline
      - (1.) Sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, volleyball
        - (a.) Corrections/Additions/Errors – prior to the opening day of your respective sectional
          - Accepted with \$100 fine
        - (b.) Corrections/Additions/Errors – on the starting day of your respective sectional or after
          - Accepted with \$200 fine
          - Principal must certify the eligibility of individual to Host School and IHSAA
          - Principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff no later than the next business day after discovery of the omission.
          - The school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the addition.
      - (2.) All Other Sports
        - (a.) Accepted with \$100.00 prior to end of seeding/pairings/draw, if reported to IHSAA Executive Staff member. Cell phone: Faulkens 317-667-4921; Kaufman 317-339-4455; Lewis 812-630-2736; Neidig 317-771-3791; Rosati 317-617-1876; **Schott 765-426-6843.**
        - (b.) Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.
        - (c.) A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.
        - (d.) Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:
          - All necessary information is provided
          - Each contestant is entered properly.
        - (e.) Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter the Sectional tournament. If it becomes necessary for a School to withdraw from the Tournament Series, the School must notify the IHSAA, and the host principal of the sectional or other Tournament Series venue, immediately after the School discovers its inability to participate in the Tournament Series.
          - **A member School, which has entered an IHSAA Tournament Series in a sport and withdraws from a Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed for that Tournament Series, or forfeits a Tournament Series contest in a team sport by failing to attend the contest or by failing to field a competition team for a Tournament Series contest, shall be fined Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and placed on probation in that sport for Three Hundred Sixty-five (365) days.**
          - **In the event a School withdraws from an IHSAA Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed and the withdrawal results in a member School advancing to the championship game or match in that sectional without playing another School, that specific sectional draw shall be redrawn if the withdrawing school's withdrawal occurs prior to the beginning of play in that specific sectional.**

## IX. Financial Terms

### A. Sectionals

- 1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
- 2. **Tourney Director Stipend – \$175 - 4 to 6 teams; \$200 - 7 or more teams**
- 3. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – None
- 4. Balance
  - a. **Host School: \$125 all classes**
  - b. **IHSAA – 100% balance**
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse Host School when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by Host School.
- 5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

**B. Regionals**

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
2. **Tourney Director – Semi Finals (1 game) - \$50; Finals (Saturday) - \$100**
3. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – None
4. Balance
  - a. **Host School – Semi Finals - \$50 // Regional Finals - \$100**
  - b. **IHSAA – 100% balance**
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse Host School when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the Host School.
5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school within 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

**C. Semi-States**

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, site workers, etc. shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
2. **Tourney Director – \$225**
3. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – None
4. Balance
  - a. **Host School – shall receive \$250**
  - b. **When a 1st balance exists, it shall be dispersed equally according to the following plan:**
    - (1.) **\$1,200 or less – divided equally between the 6 participating schools**
    - (2.) **Over \$1,200 = \$200 to each of the six (6) participating school. IHSAA shall receive remainder of the balance.**
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse Host School when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the Host School.
5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school within 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

**D. State**

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, site workers, etc. shall be paid by the IHSAA from the gross ticket receipts.
2. A maximum of 25 players, 2 coaches, principal, athletic director and 1 student manager (30) from each participating school shall be entertained according to the following plan.
3. Transportation – \$5.00 per mile
  - a. Google should be used to calculate mileage from your school to IUPUI in Indianapolis, IN.
4. Meals – None.
5. Lodging – authorizes a maximum of \$720 per team if used. Lodging will not be paid to schools in the 0-120 mile range.
6. The IHSAA will file an Expense Form for each participating school. **Participating schools must submit any receipts to the IHSAA.** Reimbursement checks will be mailed to principals immediately following the state tournament.

**X. Game Ball (Updated 2022)**

- A. **The Wilson Vivido game ball** will be used at all centers and will be provided by the IHSAA. Our intention is to use the “white” colored ball for the tournament, but an “electric yellow” is also available, and both are approved for play.
- B. Practice balls must be furnished by competing schools.

**XI. Management**

**A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rest solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
2. The Host School shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as local arrangements).
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host School will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.
4. **Warm-Up Procedures:** Season and Tournament - A warm-up time of not less than 15 minutes shall be provided prior to

competition for all games.

- B. **State Finals** – The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott as Tournament Administrator.
- C. In an emergency, the executive staff may be reached by Cell phone:  
Faulkens 317-667-4921  
Kaufman 317-339-4455  
Lewis 812-630-2736  
Neidig 317-771-3791  
Rosati 317-617-1876  
**Schott 765-426-6843**

## **XII. News Media**

- A. **Broadcast Coverage** – All requests shall be made to **Three Sixty Group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462 – FAX: 317-633-1461)**. Stations from cities or areas of participating schools shall be given first consideration with others being considered in the order of requests, according to accommodations. Limit: 2 passes per station.
- B. **Print and Electronic Media**
  - 1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
  - 2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed on letterhead to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.
- C. **Photographers**
  - 1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not Three Sixty Group or the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
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  - 3. General – Photographers MAY use electronic strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.
  - 4. School Photographers – Student photographers may be granted credentials under the following guidelines.  
Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States, State
    - a. Each school competing in an IHSAA tournament may obtain 1 student photographer pass for the contest in which their school is participating for the school's yearbook and/or newspaper staff. Each individual or school shall be responsible for providing an admission ticket.
    - b. The photographer should be dressed appropriately and 'neutrally' (not in blatant school colors, hats, etc.) where he/she is working.
    - c. The photographer shall not display conspicuous partisan support during the contest.
    - d. The photographer shall avoid contact with players and coaches and inappropriate involvement with the crowd during the contest.
    - e. The photographer shall not interfere with the action of the contest.

- f. Advanced requests for photographer credentials must be filed with the center principal for sectionals, regionals or semi-states and with the IHSAA for the state finals no later than 5 days prior to the day of the tournament.
- g. Failure to follow these guidelines will cause the school to lose its photographers privileges for that contest.
- 5. An area should be designated and marked along the touch line opposite of the area of the assistant referees for photographers.

**D. Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

- 1. The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audio & Visual Works, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament Series events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament Series events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament Series events.
- 2. Photography, Filming, Videotaping and Audio Recording at IHSAA Tournament Series Prohibited. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament Series events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA.
- 3. **Participating Schools**
  - a. Representatives of participating Schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament Series events.
  - b. Representatives of participating Schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament Series events only if the principals of the participating Schools receive advanced permission from the host. School principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  - c. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game Officials.
  - d. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - e. Videotaping, filming, and still photography are not an authorized Tournament Series expenditure and if done, are at the sole expense of the participating School.
- 4. **Media**
  - a. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament Series events for print and electronic news coverage.
  - b. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host School principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites of an IHSAA Tournament Series, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for the state championship level of an IHSAA Tournament Series.
  - c. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - d. The filming or taping of the Tournament Series event is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W Michigan St., Suite A, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1456; Fax: 317-633-1461).
  - e. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament Series event shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
  - f. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except for the purposes herein specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the IHSAA.
  - g. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact Associated Sports Productions (317-633-1456) to make prior arrangements.
  - h. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.
- 5. **Spectators**
  - a. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament Series events, for strictly personal use.
  - b. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host School Principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites of an IHSAA Tournament Series, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for the state championship level of an IHSAA Tournament Series.
  - c. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  - d. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.



E. **License to Sell and Distribute Photographs from Sub-State Tournament Series Events**

1. The IHSAA has an exclusive agreement with a photographer to take, sell and distribute, and use for commercial purposes, photographs from the state level at all IHSAA Tournament Series Events. The IHSAA will grant a professional photographer who applies a non-exclusive license to take, sell and distribute, and use for commercial purposes, photographs and images which the photographer takes at a sub-state level (sectional, regional, semi-state) Tournament Series Event.
- b. A photographer wishing to obtain a non-exclusive license shall complete and sign a License Agreement and submit it and a license fee of \$150 payable to the IHSAA and sent to Jason Wille, IHSAA Sports Information Director, 9150 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46240. The license is valid for all current year sub-state level (sectional, regional, semi-state) Tournament Series Events and submission should be made in advance of the Tournament Series Event at which the photographer plans to photograph.
- c. Photographer shall, upon request, provide to the IHSAA a copy of any still photograph or image taken by photographer, and shall grant an unrestricted license to the IHSAA to archive and to commercially use and distribute any such still photograph or image.
- d. Purchase. The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament Series events. Please refer questions or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

XIII. **Official Rules**

The current National Federation Soccer Rules shall govern except as modified.

XIV. **Officials**

Assigned by the Executive Committee as follows:

A. **Sectionals**

1. Assignments - **Three officials will be assigned** by the IHSAA. Specific assignments will be sent to host sites. Notify the officials of the schedule and times of games, etc. immediately after receipt of assignment and obtain their confirmation.
2. Pay - Each is to be paid **\$75.00** for each match officiated plus **\$0.50** per mile for each round trip. If two officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each. Host schools should verify the mileage (map quest). Each official should be paid promptly and correctly at the close of the tourney.

B. **Regionals**

1. Assignments - **Four officials per site / per game** will be assigned by the IHSAA. Specific assignments will be sent to host sites. Notify the officials of the schedule and times of games, etc. immediately after receipt of assignment and obtain their confirmation.
2. Pay - Each is to be paid **\$80.00** for each match officiated plus **\$0.50** per mile for **one** round trip. If two officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each. Host schools should verify the mileage (map quest). Each official should be paid promptly and correctly at the close of the tourney.

C. **Semi-States**

1. Assignments - **Four officials** (each game) will be assigned by the IHSAA. Specific assignments will be sent to host sites. Notify the officials of the schedule and times of games, etc. immediately after receipt of assignment and obtain their confirmation.
2. Pay - Each is to be paid **\$90.00** for each match officiated plus **\$0.50** per mile for one round trip. If two officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each. Host schools should verify the mileage (map quest). Each official should be paid promptly and correctly at the close of the tourney.

D. **State**

1. Assignments - **Four officials per game** will be assigned by the IHSAA.
2. Pay - Each is to be paid **\$110.00** for each match officiated plus **\$0.50** per mile for one round trip. If officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each.

E. **Courtesies to Officials** - Provide a room which officials may occupy during the course of the tournament. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and a lounging room between games. Do not permit anyone to enter this room other than the director or official IHSAA representative. The cooperation of the Host School in this matter will assure all a better officiated tournament. Reserved parking spaces should be provided for the officials. Officials should be escorted on and off the field of play.

F. **Bench Officials** - Select a competent scorer, timer and P.A. person and supply them with the proper equipment. Select only experienced adults for these positions, if possible. Efficiency and order must prevail at the bench. **Provide at least two (2) ball holders.**

G. The fourth official provides backup if the head referee or one of the assistant referees has an emergency situation and/or injury which prevents them from working the contest/s.

H. All four officials will be paid the contractual fee when all are present and working at the tournament site. When three officials are present and working, only the working officials will be compensated.

- I. The head referee shall have the authority to designate positions of the other three members of the crew. The officials assigned shall all have been approved by the IHSAA for the tournament series.
- J. The Fourth Official - Four officials may be assigned by the IHSAA to work the regional, semi-state and state levels of the boys and girls soccer tournament.
  1. The fourth official is to be match fit and competent to officiate and shall be present when the head referee instructs the assistant referees and inspects the field.
  2. The head referee will designate the positions of the officials if the fourth official is needed to replace one of the three "on field" officials.
  3. The fourth official shall assist with any administrative duties before, during and after the match as required by the head referee.
  4. He/she shall be responsible for assisting with substitution procedures during the match. During the match the fourth official will be positioned between the team benches at the half-way line.
  5. He/she shall control the replacement of soccer balls where required. If, during a match, the match ball must be replaced, the fourth official, at the instructions of the head referee, will provide another ball thus keeping the time delay to a minimum.
  6. The fourth official shall have the authority to check the equipment of the substitutes prior to their entering the field of play. In the event the equipment is illegal, he/she shall inform the assistant referees who shall then inform the head referee.
  7. The fourth official is an integral part of the officiating team and is required to maintain the same standards of professional conduct and dress.
  8. The fourth official must always be prepared to provide accurate neutral information pertaining to incidents on and off the field when requested by the head referee.
  9. The fourth official must never discuss the decisions of the head referee or assistant referees with anyone outside the refereeing team, nor allow others to overhear such discussions. Conversations with players and coaches should not occur. Firmly and tactfully decline to discuss game situations.

**XV. Pairings**

- A. Pairings shall be determined by a random draw **held in the IHSAA office on Sunday, September 29, 2024**. The pairings will be posted on the IHSAA website that day.
- B. Pairings and order of games may not be altered except by approval of the Commissioner.
- C. Throughout the entire tournament, the second-named team or the team on the bottom line of any bracket is always designated as the "Home Team" and shall wear dark-colored uniforms. Their opponents will be named first or appear on the top line of the bracket and will be designated as the visiting team and will wear white uniforms. The home team shall have a choice of bench except when participating against the host team.

**XVI. Players in Uniform**

- A. Schools may have a maximum of 25 players. The only representatives of a school allowed on the bench are the 25 players in uniform, coaches, manager and a trainer. A student trainer not in uniform may be permitted on the bench.
- B. A minimum of 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the match a list of all bench personnel must be presented to the head referee and the opposing coach. The list shall include the 25 players dressed and eligible to participate in the match as well as all coaches, non-participating players, managers, trainers, statisticians or anyone else authorized to be in the bench area. The head coach accepts responsibility for the conduct of all bench personnel

**XVII. Practice Sessions**

There will be no practice sessions permitted at any tournament sites other than pre-game warm-up.

**XVIII. Programs**

Those provided by the Host School shall be the only programs distributed or sold, and no advertisements are permitted except for that as required by IHSAA as per corporate sponsor agreement.

**XIX. Reporting State Tournament Scores – Participating Schools**

All schools participating in the soccer state tournaments are required to set up an account on MaxPreps.com for their team. Each school will be required to report the final score from each state tournament match to their MaxPreps.com account within 30 minutes of the completion of each contest. The IHSAA state tournament brackets are directly connected to each school's account and the winning team will automatically advance in the bracket based on the score reported.

**XX. Restrictions**

Principals should inform students and adult fans of the following tourney restrictions:

- A. Balloons, banners and/or posters, etc. are not permitted.
- B. No battery-powered or electronic noise-makers, sirens or whistles are allowed.
- C. Cheerleaders are not permitted on the playing field.
- D. The use of bands at IHSAA tourneys is not permitted.
- E. Throwing of articles, including toilet tissue is not allowed.
- F. No live animal mascots are permitted.

- G. Solicitations, donations, contributions and aggressive vending of school spirit items are not permitted.
- H. It shall be the responsibility of each high school principal to see that the above restrictions are enforced.

## **XXI. Team Photographs**

Teams advancing to the state finals tournament will be requested to submit team photographs, rosters, statistics, etc. to the Association Office for use in the State Finals program. Semi-state directors should be sure that all semi-state winners receive the appropriate forms to complete. **Submission of State forms/information by State qualifying teams will be accomplished by 12:00 pm ET on Sunday, October 27, 2024.**

## **XXII. Tie Break Procedure [posted within myIHSAA.net/Resources/Soccer]**

The Tournament Directors should enter the field to ensure that this procedure is followed correctly.

## **XXIII. Tournament Hosts**

### **A. Aims**

It is the sincere desire of the IHSAA Executive Committee that state championship tournaments sponsored by the Association be among the most significant events of the entire school year. Each tournament should be a significant athletic event conducted in such a way as to foster desirable interschool relationships, promote good sportsmanship and fair play.

### **B. Organizing Plans**

Initially, devise a tournament timetable beginning with the selection of the tournament site and extending through to the filing of the final report. Develop a chronological order of dates on which certain items must be done such as interviews with news media, mailing of first letter to participating schools, preparation of soccer fields, dressing room assignments, worker's directions, sale of tickets, playing schedule, etc. will aid significantly.

*The timetable should be followed carefully. Leave nothing to be done at the actual tournament time which can be done in advance. The success of a tournament depends greatly upon detailed advance planning.*

### **C. Workers**

Avoid having too many things to handle personally. A good tournament director will have a contingent of dependable assigned help who will direct teams to dressing rooms, take tickets, operate scoreboard, usher people to proper seats, etc., thus freeing the director to review the proceedings as a general supervisor; making decisions if emergency situations arise. An ample number of workers are very necessary for a well-run tournament. An organizational meeting of all workers before the opening session is recommended. Printed instructions distributed at your organizational meeting will aid workers in carrying out responsibilities. Provide each worker with an official badge, name tag, or visible identification. **"Ball Holders" should be volunteers.** The local clubs should be contacted to provide youngsters for these positions.

### **D. Signs and Banners**

The displaying of signs, banners or placards at tournament games is prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, are unsightly, and in many instances may become extremely hazardous. Take the necessary steps to prevent these devices from being brought into the playing area.

### **E. Entry Lists**

All entry lists must remain in the possession of the Host School principal/tournament director at all times during the tourney. The official entry list shall constitute final evidence in all cases of dispute. File the entry lists of schools eliminated in the tourney.

#### **1. Sectionals**

- a. The Association Office will post all entry lists to the Sectional host sites – within myIHSAA "Tournament Host" area.
- b. Changes shall be authorized by the Association Office only.

#### **2. Regionals**

- a. The Association Office will post all entry lists to the Regional host sites – within myIHSAA "Tournament Host" area.
- b. The Association Office will notify you immediately of any player changes.

#### **3. Semi-State**

- a. The Association Office will post all entry lists to the Semi State host sites – within myIHSAA "Tournament Host" area.
- b. The hosts have been established – see alignments above. The Association office will notify each site as to which teams will be traveling to your location. With this format, assignments will be made in an effort to decrease travel miles and expenses for participating schools.
- c. The Association Office will notify you immediately of any player changes.

### **D. Inclement Weather and Adverse Field Conditions**

The tournament director, in conjunction with the referees, coaches and administrators, are accountable for the safety of the players and spectators when inclement weather conditions, poor field conditions and other negative playing conditions arise. In addition, because soccer is a unique sport, requiring tremendous ball handling skills that can be drastically

impacted by inclement weather, poor field conditions and other playing conditions, the tournament director, in conjunction with the referees, coaches and administrators, shall insure that the contest can be played in a manner which is not unreasonably impacted by the weather, the field conditions and other negative playing conditions.

Prior to the start of the contest, the tournament director shall be responsible for judging whether the weather conditions, the conditions of the field and other playing conditions which affect safety and manner of play, will permit the contest to be played safely and in a reasonable and appropriate manner. If the tournament director is confronted with bad weather, poor field conditions and other negative playing conditions prior to the beginning of the contest, he/she is authorized as tournament director, to postpone the contest.

Once the contest begins, and until the contest ends, the contest officials have the initial authority to determine whether the contest can be played safely and in a manner which is not substantially adversely impacted by the weather, the field conditions or other playing conditions. However, the tournament director shall have the ultimate authority, during the contest, to suspend play if he/she determines that the weather conditions, the conditions of the field and other playing conditions are such that the contest cannot be played safely or in a reasonable and appropriate manner.

By way of example, but not to be considered an exhaustive list, the following are the conditions which may cause the postponement of the contest or the suspension of play:

1. Substantial inclement weather, such as a tornado, the sighting or a warning of lightning (see, Guidelines for Lighting Safety), dense fog, heavy rain, hail, snow, etc.
2. Unreasonably poor playing field conditions, such as a field which is so muddy that the ball cannot be kicked appropriately and safely, a field where pooled water prevents a kicked ball from moving across the field as intended by the player, a field where the conditions of the goalmouth are so poor that the safety of the goalkeeper cannot be assured, etc.
3. Other unusual playing conditions exist such as an earthquake, a threatening wildfire, a nearby chemical spill, riots and other civil disobedience, etc.

Should the contest officials fail to suspend play when a condition exists which causes the tournament director to believe that the contest cannot be played safely, reasonably and appropriately, the tournament director shall ask that play stop and shall consult with the contest officials about the conditions. The tournament director shall seek a consensus with respect to the decision to suspend play; however, the final decisions to suspend play shall be that of tournament director.

Any tournament contest which is postponed or suspended should be played or resumed on the next available date. Suspended contests shall be resumed at the point of interruption. Every effort should be made not to cause a team(s) to play back-to-back contests on school nights. If scheduling two sessions on Saturday, there should be at least a three-hour rest period between the sessions.

**E. Reporting State Tournament Results**

1. For the purpose of allowing for state-wide dissemination, tournament directors are required to e-mail results at the end of each day to the IHSAA, the Indianapolis Star, and to Assistant Commissioner, Janie Ulmer. Please list your Sectional site and Sectional number in the subject line and then provide the team scores in the message, not as an attachment. In addition, please list the won-loss-tied record of your tournament champion.
  - a. IHSAA: [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org)
  - b. Indianapolis Star: [hsresults@indystar.com](mailto:hsresults@indystar.com)
  - c. Jane Schott, Assistant Commissioner, Soccer: [jschott@ihsaa.org](mailto:jschott@ihsaa.org)

**F. Hints for the Public Address Announcer**

The announcer is a key person and carries significant responsibility. What the announcer says and the way he/she says it will influence the crowd. He/she may find it necessary to make special announcements in case of emergencies. The following items may assist the announcer:

1. Be impartial.
2. Use proper language at all times.
3. Be enthusiastic but calm.
4. Be aware of the entire field area so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the field, throwing objects, etc.
5. Permit no one except those in charge of the event to use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the P.A.
6. Do not criticize officials' decisions, directly or indirectly.
7. Announce convenient routes for leaving the area and caution the crowd to drive carefully.

**G. Tournament Program**

Programs may be provided by the Host School. If provided, it shall be the only program distributed at the tournament. No advertisements shall be included. The official brackets will be posted on the IHSAA.org site the day of the draw. A copy of "Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc." statement can be found on the myIHSAA.net website and should be incorporated into the program.

1. Sectionals – Players' names, numbers, and grade level may be taken from the entry list but will not be final until 4:00 p.m. on the official entry list deadline day. The Association Office will notify you of any changes. Other team and school information may be obtained from the IHSAA School Directory.
2. Regionals – Access to team entry lists can be found within your myIHSAA.net dashboard – Tournament Host area. The Association Office will notify you of any changes in player personnel after 4:00 p.m. on Monday following the sectional or the day after the final sectional game is completed. Other team and school information may be obtained from the IHSAA School Directory.
3. Semi-States – Access to team entry lists can be found within your myIHSAA.net dashboard – Tournament Host area. The Association Office will notify you of any changes in player personnel after 4:00 p.m. on the day after the final regional game is completed. Additional team and school information may be obtained from the IHSAA School Directory.
4. State – Qualifying teams: A webinar will be conducted on **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 9:30 am ET**. All twelve (12) teams must attend virtually or in-person.

H. **Courtesies to Teams**

1. Parking Space for Buses: Most of the visiting teams will travel by bus. A designated parking space as close as possible to the field should be provided.
2. Tournament Information: Be sure that all schools in the tournament are given adequate notice of the exact time when they are to play, location of dressing rooms, admittance of teams, warm-up procedure, parking, etc.

I. **Facilities and Equipment** – All facilities and equipment should meet the rule specifications in the current Official High School Soccer Rules published by the NFHS.

1. Ball – WILSON Vivido will be used at all centers and will be provided by the IHSAA.
2. Field – It is recommended that all tournament games be played on soccer fields with dimensions of 75 yards x 120 yards or not less than 65 yards x 110 yards.

J. **Safety** – IHSAA liability insurance is carried by National Sports Underwriters, Ltd. No insurance representative will personally inspect your facilities. Therefore, tournament center principals are urged to use every precaution in adhering to safe practices in preparation for the coming tournaments.

K. **Security** – To help ensure the safest and most secure atmosphere for our IHSAA events, tournament management will diligently maintain established security procedures and activities. This will require complete cooperation by all competing teams, contest officials and fans. Security will always have priority over convenience; therefore, all individuals are requested to promptly cooperate with event personnel in any manner. Your assistance will allow the tournament staff to fulfill their duties.

L. Emergency Contacts – In case of emergency, the IHSAA Executive Staff members may be reached at:

**Robert Faulkens 317-667-4921**

**Chris Kaufman 317-339-4455**

**Brian Lewis 812-630-2736**

**Paul Neidig 317-771-3791**

**Kerrie Rosati 317-617-1876**

**Jane Schott 765-426-6843**

M. **Pre-Game Prayer on Public Address System** – At all IHSAA tournament sites, the public address system is to be used for announcements approved by the IHSAA and those necessary for the administration of the tournament. There shall be no oral prayers delivered over the public address system at IHSAA tournament events. During the regular season, it is the prerogative of the host school to determine whether a prayer is delivered over the public address system.

N. **Communicable Disease Procedures** – The Indiana High School Athletic Association continues to be concerned for the health and well-being of all participants associated with athletic contests and practices. The procedures listed below are taken from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Handbook (Vol. 2) and serve as a reminder to member schools of the protocol that should be followed when such episodes occur.

The risk for blood-borne infectious diseases, such as HIV and Hepatitis B, remains low in sports and to date have not been reported. However, proper precautions are necessary to minimize the potential risk of spreading these diseases. In addition to these diseases that can be spread through transmission of bodily fluids only, skin infections that occur due to skin contact with competitors and equipment deserve close oversight, especially considering the emergence of the potentially more serious infection with Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). (See position statement on this on the NFHS web site and in the third edition of the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook)

### **Universal Hygiene Protocol for All Sports**

- Shower immediately after all competition and practice
- Wash all workout clothing after practice
- Wash personal gear, such as knee pads, periodically
- Don't share towels or personal hygiene products with others
- Refrain from (full body) cosmetic shaving

### **Infectious Skin Diseases**

Means of reducing the potential exposure to these agents include:

- Notify guardian, athletic trainer and coach of any lesion before competition or practice. Athlete must have health-care provider evaluate lesion before returning to competition.
- If an outbreak occurs on a team, especially in a contact sport, consider evaluating other team members for potential spread of the infectious agent.
- Follow NFHS or state/local guidelines on "time until return to competition." Allowance of participation with a covered lesion can occur if in accordance with NFHS, state or local guidelines and is no longer considered contagious.

### **Blood-Borne Infectious Diseases**

Means of reducing the potential exposure to these agents include:

- An athlete who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on his/her uniform, or has blood on his/her person, shall be directed to leave the activity until the bleeding is stopped, the wound is covered, the uniform and/or body is appropriately cleaned, and/or the uniform is changed before returning to competition.
- Certified Athletic trainers or health care providers need to wear gloves and take other precautions to prevent blood-splash from contaminating themselves or others.
- Immediately wash contaminated skin or mucous membranes with soap and water.
- Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with disinfectant before returning to competition. Be sure to use gloves with cleaning.
- Any blood exposure or bites to the skin that break the surface must be reported and evaluated by a medical provider immediately.
- For more detailed information, refer to the "Infectious Disease" and "Skin Disorders" sections contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook. Revised 2011

O. **Tournament Director Reports** – In advance of the tournament dates, each Host School will be supplied, via the myIHSAA.net site, with adequate forms upon which to complete reports to the Association Office. Prompt and accurate reports are very important.

1. **Financial Report** – Submitted via myIHSAA.net – Tournament Host area

- a. Expenditures – The Association desires that fair wages be paid for service rendered, but excessive payments will be checked. IHSAA auditors insist that the Association have on file supporting evidence for money paid out by Host Schools in connection with tourneys/meets. Therefore, it is requested that expenditures be itemized showing the amount of money paid and to whom it is paid. The standardized payroll form distributed by IHSAA should be used for workers, etc. It is not necessary to deduct withholding tax from the pay of officials or other incidental employees; however, you should be filing Treasury Department -- IRS 1099 forms (Statement for Receipts of Miscellaneous Income) for these individuals.
- b. Attach a check for IHSAA share if there is a profit. If a deficit exists, the Host School shall be reimbursed upon receipt of the financial report.
- c. Competing schools are entitled to complete information regarding the receipts and expenditures of tourneys. Send a detailed report to the participating schools soon after the tourney.

P. **Hospitality Room** – The provision of a hospitality room is the option of the Host School. Expenses for hospitality rooms are not considered an authorized tournament expenditure.

Q. **Tournament Director Checklists [Pre, During, and Post Tournament]**

The following items may assist in administering the tournament. The list is not all-inclusive. Many of the responsibilities may be delegated to responsible individuals.

#### **Pre-Tourney:**

1. Confirm the availability of facilities
2. Study tournament instructions carefully.
3. Prepare duty lists and arrange for securing the following adult personnel:
  - a. ticket sellers/takers
  - b. supervisors
  - c. announcer
  - d. official scorer

- e. grounds crew
  - f. security
  - g. ushers
  - h. custodial personnel
  - i. medical personnel
  - j. concession stand workers
  - k. program distributors
  - l. team host/hostess
  - m. statisticians
  - n. personnel for National Anthem and presentation of colors
  - o. scoreboard operator
  - p. equipment manager
4. Notify participating schools immediately of the draw.
  5. Prepare a letter of instructions for participating schools and email/mail at least one week prior to the tourney. Include such items as:
    - a. welcome message
    - b. location, date/s, time/s
    - c. draw distributed to participating teams
    - d. procedure for teams checking in
    - e. passes for players and coaches
    - f. dressing room arrangements
    - g. coaches meeting (if held)
    - h. names of officials
    - i. parking facilities
    - j. admission prices and ticket plan
    - k. care of property
    - l. material needed for program
    - m. hospitality room (if provided, expense to be paid by Host School)
    - n. special rules
    - o. warm-up procedure
    - p. irregularities with facilities and equipment
    - q. information for pep blocks, cheerleaders, etc.
    - r. sportsmanship
    - s. define procedure in event of an emergency
    - t. supervision responsibilities of participating schools
    - u. procedure for team introductions
    - v. special phone numbers, etc.
    - w. rain-out procedure
  6. Prepare letter of instructions and information for assigned officials and include the following:
    - a. location, date/s, time/s
    - b. parking permit, if needed
    - c. entrance to facility
    - d. emergency phone numbers
    - e. directions to Host School
    - f. dressing facilities
    - g. location of official scorer and scoreboard operator
    - h. ground rules
    - i. procedure for turning in line-up cards
    - j. overtime procedure (should it be necessary)
  7. Prepare letter of information for news media representatives and include the following:
    - a. location, date/s, time/s
    - b. participating schools
    - c. pairings
    - d. ticket information (source, price)
    - e. procedure for obtaining credentials
    - f. entrance to facility
    - g. parking information
    - h. photographer regulations

8. Prepare tournament program
  - a. attractive cover
  - b. team rosters, including grade level, uniform numbers, height
  - c. nickname, school personnel, won-lost record, etc.
  - d. names of officials
  - e. tournament personnel
  - f. blank bracket
9. Facilities and equipment
  - a. properly marked field
  - b. scorebook and pencils
  - c. table for scorer
  - d. soccer balls
  - e. press box ready
  - f. benches ready
  - g. scoreboard
  - h. implements for maintenance of fields
  - i. school names for scoreboard
  - j. containers for tickets
  - k. cash boxes
  - l. ticket aprons
  - m. P.A. system
  - n. first aid kit
  - o. awards
  - p. locker rooms, if available
    - (1.) clearly marked
    - (2.) showers operating
    - (3.) clean
    - (4.) locks for valuables available
    - (5.) towels available
    - (6.) extra rest room supplies
10. Print tickets, if applicable
11. Prepare payroll and arrange for officials and assigned help to be paid
12. Make arrangements to distribute player-coach passes, officials' passes and complimentary tickets.
13. Inspect awards upon arrival
14. See that ticket price signs are made and posted
15. Arrange for National Anthem to be played/sung
16. Discuss in detail expectation of field crew prior to, during, between, and after the games.
17. Arrange for concessions
  - a. waste receptacles
  - b. signs
  - c. prices

**During Tourney:**

1. Plan a brief meeting with all tournament personnel prior to opening of the first session
2. Provide tickets sellers with adequate supply of tickets and change
3. Report results after each day to local news media, the Associated Press and for the IHSAA website, [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org)
4. Make sure all personnel function properly
5. Render decisions as necessary
6. Adhere to schedule. Keep tourney moving
7. Provide news media with statistics at the end of each match
8. Be prepared to provide working space with internet access for the news media.

**Post-Tourney:**

1. Conduct presentation of awards ceremony
2. Distribute checks to officials and tourney personnel
4. Prepare financial report (via myIHSAA.net, Tournament Host area of dashboard, and submit to Association Office one week after completion of tourney.
5. Send participating schools a summary of financial report.
6. Prepare thank you notes to workers and volunteers.
7. File a copy of materials, reports and suggestions for future tourney improvement





## Boys Tennis

Special Note: The IHSA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSA Bulletin.

### Participation

In order for a student to qualify for participation in the IHSA tournament series in an individual sport (cross country, golf, tennis, swimming & diving, track & field and wrestling) the student must have participated, during the preceding regular season in a minimum of 75% of the Season Contests in which the Student's school participated, and 25% of the maximum number of the authorized contests in that sport. This requirement can be waived provided the student can demonstrate that he did not participate in the minimum number of season contests because of illness, injury, ineligibility or because of circumstances beyond the control of the student, such as the cancellation of a contest(s) or the failure to qualify for a spot on the roster.

- Q. 1 May a professional coach give lessons on Sunday in the authorized practice or contest season to a student athlete(s) who is on a high school team coached by the professional?
- A. No. No coach of a team may give lessons to any member of the team on Sunday. (Rule 9-13) For example, a professional tennis coach who provides paid individual and group tennis lessons at the local tennis facility, and who is also a tennis coach of a member school's tennis team, may not give private lessons on Sunday in the IHSA authorized practice or contest season to any member of that IHSA member school's tennis team.
- Q. 2 May a high school coach give paid lessons to members of his team?
- A. No. The High school coaching staff members may not give paid private lessons to student-athletes who are a part of the school team that he/she coaches during the contest season.
- Q. 3 What is the maximum number of contests and regular season tournaments for schools and individual student-athletes?
- A. Schools are allowed flexibility in making the schedule as long as they meet the following guidelines:
1. The total number of contests plus the total number of rounds in each tournament shall not exceed 22; and
  2. No more than 5 regular season tournaments (each tournament round must be counted as a match).

### DURING THE CONTEST SEASON

1. A player shall wear a shirt and shoes on the court. Only the name, nickname or insignia of school may appear on the shirt.
2. Season matches shall consist of 3 singles players and 2 doubles teams. Teams may play other combinations by obtaining prior mutual consent of competing schools.
3. No contestant shall be permitted to compete in both singles and doubles.
4. A contestant shall be permitted to compete at only one level per event.
5. Match play shall consist of 2 out of 3 sets (regulation match) with 12 point tie-breaker at 6-6 for both singles and doubles.
6. Written line-ups – shall be exchanged before actual play has started, thereafter, no substitutions.
7. Coaches shall enter players at the positions which their skill dictates. Under no circumstances shall a school stack its line-up. Skill ability shall be defined as the number one singles player shall be better than the number two singles player who shall be better than the number three singles player. The number one doubles team shall be better than the number two doubles team.
8. Scoring (singles and doubles) – 1 point shall be awarded to the winner of each match.
9. **Coaching** – During the playing of a match in a team competition, a player may receive coaching outside the court area (through the fence) between points at the varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels so long as the instruction is brief and does not disrupt the flow of the match. The limit of 20-seconds between points still applies. Instruction should not be so frequent that the players are being micromanaged (i.e., a comment after nearly every point). The intent is not for the player and coach to meet at the fence for a discussion between points but instead for a coach to be able to pass along a quick word of advice. Coaching is limited to the head coach and one designated assistant coach. Coaches should deliver their brief instruction from near the player's court so as not to disrupt other nearby matches. Coaches are to remain OUTSIDE THE FENCE except for rare instances in a handful of multi-team invitational tournaments when it is impractical or not feasible to coach from outside the fence. In those rare cases coaches could be permitted ON THE COURT near the net posts. This rule applies to all matches including the tournament and is not up to the host school. When changing ends a maximum of one minute and thirty seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game to the time the ball is struck for the first point of the next game. Players shall change ends after the odd-numbered game of each set, including the first game. Coaching is allowed during each one

- minute, thirty second change-over. During a tie-break, play shall be continuous, and players shall change ends without a rest period. Coaching is permitted, outside the court area, during the 10-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd set or when play has been temporarily interrupted. Only coaches employed by the school are permitted to “coach” during the match at the designated time. A maximum of two coaches (the head coach and a designated assistant coach) may coach players during a team match. When varsity and junior varsity matches are contested simultaneously, one coach may cover the varsity and the other is responsible for the junior varsity or they may move together from one level to the other. However, should the matches be conducted at two different sites, a third (school approved) coach may be utilized.
10. During the 10-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets, players involved in the match are not permitted to “warm-up” on the court by hitting balls with a teammate or coach, or by practicing serves, or by working on-court with a coach in any manner. It is mandatory that the players leave the playing courts during this 10-minute break.
  11. “Volunteer” coaches who are appointed by the principal (school approved) at the start of the season are considered to be a legitimate part of the coaching staff. Any coach must complete the IHSAA mandatory coaching accreditation courses to be certified to coach.
  12. In case of an injury or sickness, substitutions will follow the IHSAA tournament format. This format cannot be used for more than two (2) consecutive matches or a one (1) day tournament. For any player removed because of disciplinary reasons, the line-up will be adjusted by moving players up a position if necessary. During the regular season, coaches have the option to use the IHSAA Tournament format for injuries or illness (for a limit of two dual matches or one one-day tournament), but are not required to use it. Coaches may choose instead to move players up. During the regular season, if a player misses a third time for the same injury, illness, then coaches must move other players up. If a player misses for disciplinary reasons during the regular season, the lineup must be adjusted by moving other players up instead of by substituting in the affected player’s position.
  13. Exception for Late Arrival to a Contest:  
When extenuating circumstances exist that cause the late arrival of a school team to the playing site, the match shall be played. When play begins in a match, there shall be no default for late arrival. This holds true for the tournament series. However, a late arriving team may not be afforded “extra” warm up and should make every effort to get started as soon as possible.
  14. “Exhibition” competition is not allowed in any sport. Every competition must be reflected in the team score for that session.
    - a. In junior varsity and freshman competition only, teams may give as many players as possible a chance to compete in any given team match; however, all individual matches that are played must be counted in the team score.
    - b. A junior varsity or freshman player can play a maximum of two 8-game pro sets or three 6-game sets, or their equivalent during one team match. It is permissible for a player for Team A to compete in an 8-game pro set (in singles or doubles) against an opponent from Team B and then to compete in a second 8-game pro set (singles or doubles) against a different opponent from Team B. The results from both matches must be counted in the team score.
    - c. No player who competes in a varsity match is eligible to play in a junior varsity or freshman match.
    - d. All JV players are permitted to play more than once in a dual match as time and court space allows. The option to play more modified matches will allow more match play for young players on both teams, giving them a chance to gain experience. Decisions made in actual match play with the inherent associated pressures contribute to the development of future varsity level players. Even if both teams had the same or similar number of JV players, allowing some, or all of those JV boys or girls to play a second time (if court space and time allows) would be beneficial to development of players. Currently, a No. 1 singles JV player might only get to play one 8-game set and then be done for the night, even if courts are open, there’s plenty of daylight, and both teams have players sitting around eager to play more while other JV matches are being played.
  15. Controlled Scrimmage  
Teams are permitted to participate in one inter-school Controlled Scrimmage match to be held after 5 days of practice and at least 48 hours prior to each school’s first scheduled match. Each school is limited to one scrimmage. The use of junior varsity and freshmen players in the scrimmage is highly encouraged so long as they have been included in the practices prior to the scrimmage and their time is included as a part of the scrimmage time limit. The format of the controlled scrimmage can be found at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) under Boys tennis.

## TOURNAMENT SERIES

1. All Rounds with Two Matches Per Day
  - a. At any level of the IHSAA post-season tournament (sectional, regional, semi-state or state), any player who fails to finish the first match cannot return to the lineup for a second match that is played on the same day.

- b. If the student-athlete RETIRED from the first match due to personal injury or health emergency; to be allowed to return to play the second match:
  - (1) the personal injury or health emergency incurred in the first match shall be evaluated by an athletic trainer/doctor, and
  - (2) an official written release from the athletic trainer/doctor shall be presented to the tournament director indicating the player is physically able to return to competition before the player will be allowed to compete in the second match.
- c. If for some reason the second match is re-scheduled for the next available day, the ruling remains in effect.
2. During the tournament series, only the head coach and one (1) designated assistant coach will be permitted to coach at any one time. Each team is expected to identify the two coaches prior to the start of any match. No volunteer coaches or tennis professionals (unless they are school approved and designated as one of the two permitted coaches) are permitted to coach during a contest. The word 'coaching' includes advice or instruction.
3. The coach shall submit an Entry List that includes the seven (7) best tennis players in the line-up. Up to eight (8) alternates may be listed making for a maximum of fifteen (15) players to be included in the entry list. At no time shall an alternate be used to make the line-up a stronger one.
4. Singles & Doubles
  - a. To qualify to play in the No. 1 doubles position for the tennis doubles tournament series, both participants must have played in the No. 1 or No. 2 doubles position for a minimum of 50% of their team's total playing opportunities during the regular season (dual matches and season tournament matches).
    - (1) Any competition against players from another school, regardless of the scoring format, constitutes one match.
    - (2) Each round of a tournament counts as a separate match.
  - b. To advance in the singles/doubles tournament series, the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles players must remain undefeated and play every scheduled match. No substitutions.
  - c. During the singles and doubles tournament series, the head coach may (when facilities permit) sit on the court, but must follow coaching guidelines.
  - d. Tennis Waiver -- The IHSAA shall have the authority to grant a waiver to the 50% rule when, in the opinion of the IHSAA, the student's school provides satisfactory proof to the IHSAA that:
    - (1) the student missed compliance with the 50% rule by a minimal number of his or her team's season contest or matches;
    - (2) the student's failure to meet the 50% criteria was for clear, verifiable reasons, such as a debilitating injury or illness and;
    - (3) the student's failure to meet the 50% criteria was the result of reasons which were beyond the control of the student, the parents, the coach and the school.

The IHSAA will waive the 50% rule only in extraordinary and compelling cases and only when the request is submitted in writing to the IHSAA at least one week prior to the beginning date of the Team Tournament.

#### Sportsmanship

1. It is the responsibility of the high school coach to teach his/her players and fans the etiquette of the game of tennis.
2. Poor sportsmanship cannot be tolerated in the educational environment. Coaches are teachers first and therefore responsible and accountable for the behavior of their student-athletes. Encouraging and promoting good sportsmanship and fair play should be incorporated into the day-to-day coaching instruction.
3. A player may be warned for excessive celebration and unsportsmanlike displays. If the excessive behavior continues, the player may be penalized one point due to unsportsmanlike actions. If a third instance occurs, the player may be defaulted from the match.

#### Point Penalty System PPS

1. Code Violation – the three stages of discipline are Point, Game, Match. For example, on the first offense for a profanity violation or a racket throw, the player is penalized one point instead of given a warning.
2. The warning is no longer a part of the penalty. Host coaches should play to "warn" the tennis players prior to the match starting with a general statement about expected behavior and an overview of the penalty system.
3. The change in the Point Penalty System is a perfect match with the high expectations of behavior for the high school athletes as espoused by the IHSAA.
4. The use of the Lord's name in vain, in any variation and in any language, shall be considered unsporting behavior and shall be punished under the Point Penalty System. The use of "Jesus", "Christ", "Jesus Christ", "God" or any other variation of the Lord's name by a high school tennis player, even in a foreign language, shall be penalized through the use of the

PPS. It is the responsibility of the coach to set sportsmanship expectations for the student-athletes and to enforce penalties when those expectations are not met.

5. Electronic devices (cell phones and other communication equipment) may not be used by coaches and players during the course of the match. This includes changeovers and any break in the action.

## **58th Annual State Tournament Series**

The following rules and regulations for the 2024-25 Team Tennis Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

- I Tournament Dates** – In case of inclement weather, continue tournament on the next possible date (excluding Sundays).  
Sectionals – Tuesday October 1; Wednesday, October 2; Thursday, October 3; Friday, October 4; and Saturday, October 5 (Finals)  
Regionals – Tuesday, October 8; Wednesday, October 9  
Semi-States – Saturday, October 12  
State Finals – Friday, October 18; Saturday, October 19
- II Times** – (Prevailing time of Host School)  
Sectionals – Determined by tourney director  
Regionals – Determined by tourney director  
Semi-States – 12:00 pm  
State Finals – Session 1, Friday, Noon; Session 2, Saturday, 10 am; Session 3, 2 pm
- III Admissions**
  - A. Sectional – No cost.
  - B. Regional - **\$7.00** each day (additional fees may apply)
  - C. Semi-State – **\$7.00** (additional fees may apply)
  - D. State
    1. **\$7.00** each day (additional fees may apply)
    2. No charge for a pre-school child who is with its parent/s.
  - E. Media
    1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States - may be admitted free by presenting proper identification.
    2. State Tournament Series – advanced written request for credentials must be made with IHSAA by Wednesday prior to the state series.

### **IV Hosts and Assignments of Schools**

#### **Sectionals**

Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.

#### **Boys Tennis Sectionals**

1. **Plainfield (5):** Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield, Tri-West Hendricks.
2. **Mooreville (4):** Greencastle, Martinsville, Mooreville, South Putnam.
3. **Terre Haute South (4):** Northview, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo, West Vigo.
4. **Bloomington South (5):** Edgewood, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brown County, Owen Valley.
5. **Jasper (4):** Forest Park, Jasper, Northeast Dubois, Southridge.
6. **Linton-Stockton (4):** Bloomfield, Linton-Stockton, Sullivan, White River Valley.
7. **Vincennes Lincoln (4):** South Knox, Vincennes Lincoln, Vincennes Rivet, Washington.
8. **Loogootee (4):** Barr-Reeve, Loogootee, North Daviess, Paoli.
9. **Princeton Community (5):** Gibson Southern, Pike Central, Princeton Community, Tecumseh, Wood Memorial.
10. **Mt. Vernon (Posey) (5):** Evansville Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Reitz, Mt. Vernon (Posey), North Posey.

11. **Evansville Bosse (Hosted @ Evansville North) (5):** Evansville Bosse, Evansville Christian, Evansville Harrison, Evansville Memorial, Evansville North.
12. **South Spencer (5):** Boonville, Castle, Heritage Hills, South Spencer, Tell City.
13. **Lanesville (5):** Corydon Central, Crawford County, Lanesville, North Harrison, South Central (Elizabeth).
14. **Jeffersonville (5):** Clarksville, Christian Academy of Indiana, Jeffersonville, New Albany, Providence.
15. **Floyd Central (4):** Borden, Eastern (Pekin), Floyd Central, Salem.
16. **Silver Creek (4):** Charlestown, Henryville, New Washington, Silver Creek.
17. **Scottsburg (4):** Austin, Madison Consolidated, Scottsburg, Southwestern (Hanover).
18. **Seymour (5):** Bedford North Lawrence, Brownstown Central, Jennings County, Seymour, Trinity Lutheran.
19. **East Central (6):** Batesville, East Central, Lawrenceburg, Milan, Oldenburg Academy, South Dearborn.
20. **Columbus North (5):** Columbus East, Columbus North, Edinburgh, Greensburg, Hauser.
21. **Perry Meridian (4):** Decatur Central, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, Southport.
22. **Connersville (4):** Connersville, Franklin County, Rushville Consolidated, Union County.
23. **Center Grove (5):** Center Grove, Frankin Community, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, Whiteland Community.
24. **Shelbyville (5):** Morristown, Shelbyville, Southwestern (Shelby), Triton Central, Waldron.
25. **Ben Davis (4):** Ben Davis, Covenant Christian (Indianapolis), Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Speedway.
26. **North Central (Indpls.) (5):** Herron, Indpls. Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indpls. Shortridge, North Central (Indpls.).
27. **Lawrence North (4):** Indpls. Arsenal Tech, Indpls. Cathedral, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North.
28. **Franklin Central (5):** Beech Grove, Franklin Central, Indpls. Lutheran, Indpls. Scecina Memorial, Warren Central.
29. **New Castle (5):** Blue River Valley, Knightstown, New Castle, Shenandoah, Tri.
30. **Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (4):** Eastern Hancock, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Palestine.
31. **Fishers (4):** Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Heritage Christian, Pendleton Heights.
32. **Richmond (5):** Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Richmond.
33. **Fountain Central (4):** Covington, Fountain Central, Parke Heritage, South Vermillion.
34. **Crawfordsville (5):** Crawfordsville, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Southmont, Western Boone.
35. **Carmel (4):** Carmel, Guerin Catholic, University, Zionsville.
36. **Park Tudor (4):** Brebeuf Jesuit, Park Tudor, Pike, International School of Indiana.
37. **South Bend Saint Joseph (4):** Glenn, South Bend Riley, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington.
38. **LaPorte (4):** LaPorte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, New Prairie.
39. **Valparaiso (4):** Chesterton, Portage, Valparaiso, Wheeler.
40. **Hobart (5):** Andrean, Hobart, Lake Station Edison, Merrillville, River Forest.
41. **Harrison (West Lafayette) (5):** Benton Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Jefferson, Rossville, West Lafayette.
42. **Frankfort (5):** Attica, Frankfort, Lafayette Central Catholic, McCutcheon, Seeger.
43. **Logansport (5):** Carroll (Flora), Delphi Community, Lewis Cass, Logansport, Twin Lakes.
44. **Kokomo (4):** Eastern (Greentown), Kokomo, Northwestern, Western.
45. **Crown Point (5):** Crown Point, Hanover Central, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, Rensselaer Central.
46. **Munster (6):** Calumet, Griffith, Highland, Illiana Christian, Lake Central, Munster.
47. **East Chicago Central (5):** East Chicago Central, Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton.
48. **Culver Academies (5):** Culver Academies, Knox, North Judson-San Piere, Plymouth, Triton.
49. **Madison-Grant (5):** Blackford, Madison-Grant, Marion, Mississinewa, Huntington North.
50. **Bluffton (5):** Adams Central, Belmont, Bluffton, Norwell, South Adams.
51. **Homestead (5):** FW Bishop Luers, FW Canterbury, FW South Side, FW Wayne, Homestead.

- 52. **Peru (5):** Maconaquah, Manchester, Peru, Rochester Community, Wabash.
- 53. **Jay County (4):** Jay County, Randolph Southern, Union City, Winchester Community.
- 54. **Delta (4):** Delta, Muncie Burris, Muncie Central, Yorktown.
- 55. **Elwood (4):** Alexandria Monroe, Elwood, Frankton, Tipton.
- 56. **Noblesville (4):** Hamilton Heights, Lapel, Noblesville, Westfield.
- 57. **Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (5):** FW Blackhawk Christian, FW Bishop Dwenger. FW Concordia Lutheran, FW North Side, New Haven.
- 58. **Carroll (Fort Wayne) (5):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Churubusco, FW Northrop, FW Snider, Leo.
- 59. **DeKalb (4):** Central Noble, East Noble, DeKalb, West Noble.
- 60. **Angola (5):** Angola, Fremont, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview.
- 61. **Warsaw (5):** Columbia City, Tippecanoe Valley, Whitko, Warsaw Community, Wawasee.
- 62. **Concord (4):** Concord, Elkhart, Jimtown, Northridge.
- 63. **NorthWood (5):** Bethany Christian, Bremen, Fairfield, Goshen, NorthWood.
- 64. **Penn (4):** Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, Penn, South Bend Adams

## **Regionals**

### **1. Plainfield (Sectionals 1-4)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **2. Jasper (Sectionals 5-8)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **3. Evansville Bosse (Hosted @ Evansville North) (Sectionals 9-12)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **4. Jeffersonville (Sectionals 13-16)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **5. Columbus North (Sectionals 17-20)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **6. Center Grove (Sectionals 21-24)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**7. North Central (Indianapolis) (Sectionals 25-28)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**8. Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (Sectionals 29-32)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**9. Lebanon (Sectionals 33-36)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**10. LaPorte (Sectionals 37-40)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**11. Kokomo (Sectionals 41-44)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**12. Culver Academies (Sectionals 45-48)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**13. Peru (Sectionals 49-52)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**14. Noblesville (Sectionals 53-56)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

**15. Carroll (Fort Wayne) (Sectionals 57-60)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.



## **16. NorthWood (Sectionals 61-64)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

## **Semi-States**

### **1. Jasper (Regionals 1-4)**

Championship 1:

Championship 2:

### **2. Center Grove (Regionals 5-8)**

Championship 1:

Championship 2:

### **3. Culver Academies (Regionals 9-12)**

Championship 1:

Championship 2:

### **4. Homestead (Regionals 13-16)**

Championship 1:

Championship 2:

## **State Finals**

Winners at Jasper, Center Grove, Culver Academies and Homestead.

## **Quarterfinals | North Central (Indpls.) (Top of the bracket)**

Match 1:

Match 2:

## **Quarterfinals | North Central (Indpls.) (Bottom of the bracket)**

Match 3:

Match 4:

## **Semifinals | North Central (Indpls.)**

Match 5:

Match 6:

## **State Championship | North Central (Indpls.)**

Match 7:

## **State Finals**

**(Pairings will be announced live during the Tournament Draw Show on Monday: September 25, 2023 @ 7pm)**

Feeder Semi-States: (2 from each semi-state site) Winners at Center Grove, LaPorte, Homestead, Jasper.)

**V Eligible Schools** – Only those schools with full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

### **VI Entrants**

Sectionals – To enter tournament series a school must agree to participate in 3 singles and 2 doubles or 1 of the following options:

Option

Singles

Doubles

1	Nos. 1, 2, 3	0
2	Nos. 1, 2	No. 1
3	No. 1	Nos. 1, 2
4	Nos. 1, 2	Nos. 1, 2
5	Nos. 1, 2, 3	No. 1

Coaches must enter their players at the positions which their skill dictates. Juggling or shuffling positions to gain an advantage is unethical. Under no circumstances shall a school shuffle its line-up. The line-up shall not be changed after the tournament draw.

## VII Advancement

Regionals – Members of the 1st place sectional teams shall advance to designated regionals.

Semi-States – Member of the 1st place regional teams shall advance to designated semi-states.

State Finals – Members of the 1st place semi-state teams shall advance to the state finals.

## VIII Substitutions

### A. All Rounds with One Match Per Day

1. Substitutions may be made until actual play has started or between rounds.
2. Substitute/s may compete in either singles or doubles, not both. This starts anew at each level.
3. A player for whom a substitution has been made in rounds 1 and/or 2 may play in round 3.
4. If a player cannot complete a match for any reason, he shall default that match.
5. For any player removed for disciplinary reasons, the line-up will be adjusted by moving players up a position.
6. The substitute/s must play in the position of the player being replaced. Ex: No. 2 singles player becomes ill, substitute must play in No. 2 singles position.
7. At no time should a substitute be made that will make the team stronger than the original line-up.

### B. All Rounds with Two Matches Per Day

1. At any level of the IHSAA post-season tournament, any player who fails to finish a first match cannot return to the lineup for a second match that is played on the same day.
2. If a student-athlete RETIRED from the first match due to personal injury or health emergency to be allowed to return to play the second match:
  - a. the personal injury or health emergency incurred in the first match shall be evaluated by an athletic trainer/doctor, and
  - b. an official written release from the athletic trainer/doctor shall be presented to the tournament director indicating the player is physically able to return to competition before the player will be allowed to compete in the second match.
3. If for some reason the second match is rescheduled for the next available day, the ruling remains in effect.

## IX Entries

- 1) ENTRY LIST - The Official IHSAA Entry List shall include the seven (7) highest skilled players in the appropriate playing positions, alternates, and assistant coaches. *NOTE: An addition to the IHSAA tournament entry list this year will be the listing of the school approved assistant coaches. Each school is to submit the names of its school approved assistant coaches on the entry list. Before any IHSAA tournament match, each school should identify which assistant coach from the entry list will be coaching with the head coach. Remember, only the head coach and ONE school approved assistant coach are permitted to coach in tournament play. That identified assistant coach must be on the entry list and approved by the school administration.*
- 2) Member schools entering the Boys Tennis tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.myihssaa.net](http://www.myihssaa.net) by using the Create/Update Boys Tennis Entry link. The entry is due no later than 5 p.m. **Thursday, September 26, 2024**, without penalty. *NOTE: The IHSAA tournament entry list will be completed much like you have done in the past. However, we have extended the time you have to finalize and submit the entry list to Thursday, September 26, 2024. After 5PM on September 26th those entries, and lineup, will be "locked in" and no other changes will be permitted. This means the entry list lineup provided will be the lineup you must play in the tournament (i.e. #1, #2, and #3 singles followed by #1 and #2 doubles and then alternates). Exception: if your lineup submitted on the entry list is deemed to be inappropriate by another member school (stacked lineup or a unique situation has occurred after the entry list deadline), the IHSAA should be notified immediately. Any changes to that lineup must be made by the IHSAA after the deadline. The "locked in" entry list lineups for each sectional will be distributed (via email link) to all the schools on Friday, September 27, 2024, prior to the IHSAA State Tournament Tennis Pairings Show and announcement on Monday, September 30, 2024. This adjustment to the entry list protocol should help all schools and the IHSAA know what lineup all schools will be using prior to tournament play.*
- 3) Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate. See VII for substitutions.
- 4) Prior to officially submitting your Entry List to IHSAA, check for following:
  - a. Do not alphabetize entrants. Participants should be listed in proper playing positions.

- b. Double check birthdates, number of semesters, number of credits.
- c. List alternates.
- d. List all school approved/certified assistant coaches
- e. Coach should review Entry List and approve it prior to submission.

5) Changes Prior to Deadline

- a. Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.myih saa.net](http://www.myih saa.net) and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.

6) Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.

7) A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.

8) Athletic directors and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:

- i. all necessary information is provided
- ii. each contestant is entered properly.

9) Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and center principal immediately. A school withdrawing from a tournament after the draw will suffer a penalty.

10) Entry lists shall be submitted electronically. It is strongly recommended this be done well in advance of the deadline date.

11) Changes in Entry List Between Tourney Levels

- a. No changes can be made in the line-up of the first seven players listed. The coach can add or take away from the alternate list only.
  - i. Regionals – The sectional entry list will be used unless you instruct IHSAA Office otherwise via phone before 12:00 pm, **Monday, October 7.**
  - ii. Semi-States – The regional entry list will be used unless you instruct IHSAA Office otherwise via phone before 4:00 pm, **Thursday, October 10.**
  - iii. State – The semi-state entry list will be used unless you instruct IHSAA Office otherwise via phone before 4:00 pm, **Monday, October 14.**

**X Awards** – Are provided by the IHSAA. No others shall be given.

A. Sectionals

- 1. Trophy – to championship team school
- 2. Ribbons – seven to members of 1st place team

B. Regionals

- 1. Trophy – to championship team school
- 2. Ribbons – seven to members of 1st place team

C. Semi-States

- 1. Trophy – to each winning team school
- 2. Ribbons
  - a. 7 to members of championship team
  - b. 7 to members of runner-up team

D. State Finals

- 1. Trophy
  - a. to championship team school
  - b. to runner-up team school
- 2. Medals
  - a. 5 to staff of championship team school
  - b. 5 to staff of runner-up team school
  - c. 5 to staff of semi-finalist team schools
  - d. 7 to members of championship team
  - e. 7 to members of runner-up team
  - f. 7 to members of semi-finalist team schools
- 3. Mental Attitude Award – A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee, to an outstanding senior participant who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in tennis. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.

**XI Financial Terms**

A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States

- 1. Travel expenses, meals and lodging are to be paid by the competing schools.

2. Tournament expenses, excluding cost of equipment, shall be paid by the Host School. Deficits shall be reimbursed by the IHSAA.
3. Host School principals at all levels are requested to mail copies of the financial reports to all participating schools 1 week after tournament play at the appropriate level. The Financial Form and Payroll should be emailed to IHSAA immediately.
4. Tournament Director - Sectional/Regionals/Semi-State: \$100
- B. State Finals – Allowance as follows: Actual qualifying participants plus a limit of two (2) non-participants (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) if in attendance from each participating school.
  1. Mileage – round trip mileage shall be ascertained from the mileage chart contained in IHSAA Fall Bulletin.
 

No. of Participants	Per Mile
1-3	20¢
4-7	40¢
8-12	60¢
  2. Meals
 

1-120 miles .....	\$5.00 per person
121-250 miles .....	\$9.00 per person
251 miles and over .....	\$12.00 per person
  3. Lodging – None
  4. The IHSAA will file an Expense Form for each participating school. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to the school at a later date.

## **XII Management**

### **A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
2. The Host School shall provide and be responsible for all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as the local arrangements). The use of a USTA official must be approved by IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman.
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host School will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.

### **B. State**

The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman as Tournament Administrator

### **C. Emergency Contacts**

In an emergency, the executive staff may be reached by Cell phone: Faulkens 317-667-4921; Kaufman 317-339-4455; Lewis 812-630-2736; Neidig 317-771-3791; (Schludecker) Rosati 317-617-1876.

### **D. Negative Playing Conditions: Inclement Weather, Ground Conditions and Other Playing Conditions**

1. The Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Contest Officials and administrators, are accountable for the safety of the players and spectators when Negative Playing Conditions, such as inclement weather conditions, poor ground, course, court, track or field conditions and other negative playing conditions, arise. In addition, because Tennis is a unique sport, requiring skills that can be drastically impacted by such Negative Playing Conditions, the Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Contest Officials (if used) and administrators, shall insure that the contest can be played in a manner which is not unreasonably impacted by the Negative Playing Conditions.
2. Prior to the start of the contest, the Tournament Director shall be responsible for judging whether the weather conditions, the conditions of the ground and field and other playing conditions which affect safety and manner of play, will permit the contest to be played safely and in a reasonable and appropriate manner. If the Tournament Director is confronted with these Negative Playing Conditions prior to the beginning of the contest, the Tournament Director is authorized to postpone the contest.
3. After the contest begins, and until the contest ends, Contest Officials (in conjunction with host administrator) have the initial authority to determine whether the contest can be played safely and in a manner which is not substantially impacted by the Negative Playing Conditions. When such conditions exist, the Contest Officials and the Tournament Director must consult about the Negative Playing Conditions and shall seek a consensus with respect to any decision to

suspend play. The Contest Official, however, has the ultimate authority during the contest to suspend play if the Negative Playing Conditions are such that the contest cannot be played safely and in a reasonable and appropriate manner.

Examples: Not to be considered an exhaustive list, the following are examples of Negative Playing Conditions which may cause the postponement of the contest or the suspension of play:

- a. Substantial inclement weather, such as a tornado sighting or warning, lightning (see, Guidelines for Lightning Safety; IHSAA Lightning Policy), dense fog, etc.
  - b. Unreasonably poor conditions, such as a court which is wet, temperature, etc.
  - c. Other unusual playing conditions exist, such as an earthquake, a threatening wildfire, a nearby chemical spill, a riot and other civil disobedience, etc.
4. Tournament contests which are postponed or suspended should be played or resumed on the next available date, including Friday. Suspended contests shall be resumed at the point of interruption. Every effort should be made not to cause a team(s) to play back-to-back contests on school nights. If scheduling two sessions on Saturdays, there should be at least a three-hour rest period between the sessions.

### **XIII Pairings**

- A. Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, and State – The IHSAA conducts a blind drawing and will announce the pairings for all Tournament Levels in tennis. The announcement of the pairings for the tournament will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 30, 2024**, broadcasted on IHSAATV.org. Additionally, those pairings will be posted on IHSAA.org following the broadcast. Any issues or concerns about a team's lineup should be addressed prior to the drawing on Monday. Any lineup issues should be directed to the IHSAA (Chris Kaufman) by 12:00 Noon on **Monday, September 30, 2024**. Coaches should be prepared to defend the legitimacy of their lineup with data from practice matches or season match results. No changes may be made to a lineup unless the playing order is deemed inappropriate by the IHSAA or there is a unique situation that has occurred after the **Thursday, September 26, 2024**, 5 p.m. deadline, such as a subsequent season-ending injury to one of the participants or an unexpected school discipline situation.
- B. Regionals – (Pairings will be announced live during the Tournament Draw Show on September 30, 2024 @ 7pm)
- C. Semi-States – (Pairings will be announced live during the Tournament Draw Show on September 30, 2024 @ 7pm)
- D. State Finals – (Pairings will be announced live during the Tournament Draw Show on September 30, 2024 @ 7pm)

### **XIV Photographers**

- A. Photographers may use electronic strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.
- B. Photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the management of the tournament. The number of photographers and their locations shall be determined by the Host School management.
- C. School photographers may be granted credentials.

### **XV Rules**

Unless specifically provided in the IHSAA Bulletin and Tennis Coaches Guidebook (available on-line), the USTA rules shall govern all tournaments.

### **XVI Type of Ball**

The official ball of the IHSAA Tennis Tournament Series is the Wilson US OPEN Extra-Duty ball. Wilson tennis balls shall be furnished by the IHSAA.

### **XVII Faculty Representative**

Contestants must be accompanied by a coach or a faculty representative designated by the principal and such coach/representative must remain at the tournament until said school has completed the competition.

### **XVIII Interrupted Matches**

In case of inclement weather, play should be continued on the first fair day, excluding Sunday, thereafter. A disrupted or postponed match should be resumed at the point where it was discontinued. No matches should be replayed, nor the schedule of games altered in any way. It is recommended that a student play no more than 2 matches per day.

### **XIX Scoring**

One point shall be awarded for each singles win, and 1 point shall be awarded for each doubles win. The team winning 3 or more of the possible 5 points shall be declared the winner and advance to the next round of competition. A bye or default will be counted as a win.

- A. Singles – When the score becomes 6-6 in any set, the 12-point tie-breaker system will be used. The player who received 7 points is declared the winner 7-6. The procedure for using this system is: A serves first point from Right court; B serves points 2 and 3 (Left and Right); A serves points 4 and 5 (Left and Right); B serves point 6 (Left) and after they change ends, point 7 (Right); A serves points 8 and 9 (Left and Right); B serves points 10 and 11 (Left and Right), and A serves point 12

(Left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before. A serves point 13 (Right); B serves points 14 and 15 (Left and Right); etc., until 1 player establishes a margin of 2 points. Players change ends for 1 game to start the next set, with Player B to serve first.

B. Doubles – follows the same pattern, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns.

(Assuming A & B vs. C & D) Player A serves first point (Right); C serves points 2 and 3 (Left and Right); B serves points 4 and 5 (Left and Right); D serves point 6 (Left) and after teams change ends, point 7 (Right) ... A serves points 8 and 9 (Left and Right); C serves points 10 and 11 (Left and Right), and B serves point 12 (Left) ... If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before – B serves point 13 (Right); D serves points 14 and 15 (Left and Right); etc., until 1 team establishes a margin of 2 points. Teams change ends for 1 game to start the next set with team C & D to serve first.

If a ball change is due on the tiebreaker game, it will be made. A tiebreaker game counts as 1 game in reckoning time between ball changes.

## **XX Ties in Team Scoring**

To break a 2-2 tie team score resulting from a default by both teams in 1 match use the following procedure to determine team winner.

A. Team winning most total team sets. If a tie still occurs go to 2 below.

B. Winner of total team games. If a tie still occurs go to 2 below.

C. The winner of No. 1 Singles.

## **XXI Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.

B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.

C. Participating Schools

1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
4. Under no circumstance may photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.

D. Media

1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.

8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.

**E. Spectators**

1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.

**F. Purchase.**

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films, and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

**XXII Warm-Up**

Contestants shall be limited to 10 minutes for official warm-up including practice service before any match. At least 90 minutes shall lapse between the matches for any individual. The USTA rule in dual match and tournament play provides for a 1-minute 30-second break between games and a 10-minute break between 2nd and 3rd sets of a 3-set match.

**XXIII Team Photographs**

**A. Regional Champion Teams**

Schools winning their respective regional will be required to submit a team photograph as well as team information and player records via e-mail for use in the state finals program. Instructions on how to do so will be included in the information packets received at the conclusion of the regional match.

- B. To meet our state finals program deadline, schools are urged to have team photographs taken in advance of the post-season tournament.

**XXIV Special Instructions**

**A. Reporting State Tournament Scores**

1. Following completion of each day's competition, host sites are required to email team scores and individual singles and doubles scores to [ckaufman@ihsaa.org](mailto:ckaufman@ihsaa.org) and [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org) so that the results may be posted to [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org). Email that same address with postponements and updated match times if necessary. Please do not fax!
2. Use the forms found under Resources in Tennis at [www.myihsaa.net](http://www.myihsaa.net) to make the final reports to [ckaufman@ihsaa.org](mailto:ckaufman@ihsaa.org).
3. In addition, please list the updated dual record of the team champion and any individual singles players or doubles teams who are not on the team champion but advance, along with their year in school, season record and tournament record.

- B. Practice for State Finals -- Practice time at the tournament host site is not available.

**C. Registration**

1. All teams must check-in with the Tournament Director one hour prior to the start of the event each separate day.
2. Court assignments and tennis balls will be distributed at the check-in.
3. Teams will be allowed to enter the court for hitting balls at least one hour before the first match is scheduled to begin.

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Singles State Tournament Series**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Doubles State Tournament Series**

**I Dates and Sites**

- A. Sectionals – Tuesday, October 8; Wednesday, October 9 (Rd. 1) to be played concurrently at team tennis regional sites. Saturday, October 12 (Rd. 2 or 3), to be played at team tennis regional sites.
- B. Regionals – Saturday, October 19
  1. Singles  
10:00 a.m. Session and 2:00 p.m. Session at designated host site.
  2. Doubles  
10:00 a.m. Session and 2:00 p.m. Session at designated host site.
- C. State Finals

1. Round 1 – Friday, October 25 at **Park Tudor School**, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis.
2. Round 2 and Championship – Saturday, October 26 at **Park Tudor School**, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis.

**Admission is \$7.00/session** (ticketing through Eventlink, additional fees may apply)

## II Times

- A. Sectionals – Tuesday, October 8 and/or Wednesday, October 9 (Round 1), Prevailing time of Host School; Saturday, October 12 (Round 2 or 3), Morning Session – 10:00 a.m.; Afternoon Session – 2:00 p.m.
- B. Regionals – Saturday, October 19, Morning Session – 10:00 a.m.; Afternoon Session – 2:00 p.m.
- C. State Finals
  - Friday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. (1st Session) (unless a morning session is required)
  - Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. (2nd Session) Championship, 2:00 p.m.

## III Entry List – The Official IHSAA Tennis Entry List must be received no later than **5:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2024**. Late entries (if approved) received within 24 hours after the deadline may be accepted accompanied by a check for \$100. No entries will be accepted after 24 hours following the original deadline. See Boys Tennis Team Tournament for further details.

Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.

- A. Schools without a team may enter a 1 singles player or a 1 doubles team if they qualify.
- B. The team entry list will suffice for singles tournament.

## IV Qualifications – Singles

- A. Singles entrant from a non-team tennis school.
  - B. Any undefeated No. 1 singles player in the sectional team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the singles tourney on Wednesday, October 2 (Round 1).
  - C. Any undefeated No. 1 singles player in the regional team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the sectional singles tourney on Saturday, October 12.
  - D. Any undefeated No. 1 singles player in semi-state team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the singles tourney on Friday and Saturday, October 18-19.
  - E. The No. 1 singles player of the state championship team, provided he is undefeated, and any undefeated No. 1 singles player from state team tourney whose team was defeated, may enter the singles tourney on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26.
- Note: Players having played the most matches in team tourney competition will receive preference for byes when possible.
- F. No substitutions allowed in singles competition.

## V Qualifications – Doubles

- A. To qualify for the doubles tournament series, both participants must have played in a doubles position for a minimum of 50% of their team's total playing opportunities (dual matches and season tournament matches).
    1. Any competition against players from another school, regardless of the scoring format, constitutes one match.
    2. Each round of a tournament counts as a separate match.
    3. All team opportunities to play (dual matches and season tournament matches) shall be counted to determine the 50% target the No. 1 doubles team is to meet to qualify for entry into the doubles tournament.
  - B. Doubles entrant from a non-team tennis school.
  - C. Any undefeated No. 1 doubles team in the sectional team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the doubles tourney on Wednesday, October 2 (Round 1).
  - D. Any undefeated No. 1 doubles team in the regional team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the sectional doubles tourney on Saturday, October 12.
  - E. Any undefeated No. 1 doubles team in semi-state team tennis tourney, whose team was eliminated, may enter the doubles tourney on Friday and Saturday, October 18-19.
  - F. The No. 1 doubles team of the state championship team, provided they are undefeated, and any undefeated No. 1 doubles team from state team tourney whose team was defeated, may enter the doubles tourney on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26.
- NOTE: Players having played the most matches in team tourney competition will receive preference for byes when possible.
- G. No substitutions allowed in doubles competition.
  - H. Tennis Waiver – The IHSAA shall have the authority to grant a waiver to the 50% rule when, if in the opinion of the IHSAA, the student's school provides satisfactory proof to the IHSAA that:
    1. the student missed compliance with the 50% rule by a minimal number of his or her team's season contest or matches;
    2. the student's failure to meet the 50% criteria was for clear, verifiable reasons, such as a debilitating injury or illness and;
    3. the student's failure to meet the 50% criteria was the result of reasons which were beyond the control of the student, the parents, the coach and the school.

The IHSAA will waive the 50% rule only in extraordinary and compelling cases and only when the request is submitted in writing to the IHSAA at least one week prior to the beginning date of the Team Tournament.



## **VI Sectional Sites**

- 1. Plainfield**
- 2. Jasper**
- 3. Evansville Bosse (Hosted @ Evansville North)**
- 4. Jeffersonville**
- 5. Columbus North**
- 6. Center Grove**
- 7. North Central (Indianapolis)**
- 8. Mt. Vernon (Fortville)**
- 9. Lebanon**
- 10. LaPorte**
- 11. Kokomo**
- 12. Culver Academies**
- 13. Peru**
- 14. Noblesville**
- 15. Carroll (Fort Wayne)**
- 16. NorthWood**

## **VII Regional Sites**

### **1. Fishers**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **2. Bedford North Lawrence**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **3. Kokomo**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

### **4. LaPorte**

Match 1:

Match 2:

Championship: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

## **VIII State Pairings – Park Tudor School, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis.**

**A. State Finals – Singles**

1. The four regional champions will advance to state singles finals on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, along with the No. 1 undefeated singles players whose teams were eliminated during the semi-state team tourney or the state finals.
2. Pairings for the singles state finals shall be conducted in the following manner:
  - a. The No. 1 singles player of the state championship team, provided he is undefeated, shall be the first placement. Any undefeated No. 1 singles player from a defeated state finals tourney team shall be the next placement.
  - b. Any undefeated No. 1 singles player from a defeated semi-state tourney team shall be the next placement; if there is more than one qualifying individual from a semi-state team, the individual(s) with the greater number of individual matches won in team play during the tourney will receive the better placement.
  - c. The four players advancing to the individual state finals from the individual regional competitions will be the next placements. The individual regional champions with the greater number of individual matches won during the tourney (team and individual) will receive the better placements. The individuals shall be placed by a blind draw if there is a tie with the individuals' tourney records.No other data shall be used to determine pairings.

**B. State Finals – Doubles**

1. The four regional champions will advance to state doubles finals on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, along with the No. 1 undefeated doubles players whose teams were eliminated during the semi-state team tourney or the state finals.
2. Pairings at the doubles state finals shall be conducted in the following manner:
  - a. The No. 1 doubles team of the state championship team, provided it is undefeated, shall be the first placement. Any undefeated No. 1 doubles team from a defeated state finals tourney team shall be the next placement.
  - b. Any undefeated No. 1 doubles team from a defeated semi-state tourney team shall be the next placement; if there is more than one qualifying doubles team from a semi-state team, the doubles team(s) with the greater number of matches won in team play during the tourney will receive the better placement.
  - c. The four doubles teams advancing to the doubles state finals from the doubles regional competitions will be the next placements. The doubles team regional champions with the greater number of matches won during the tourney (team and doubles) will receive the better placements. The doubles team shall be placed by a blind draw if there is a tie with the tourney records.No other data shall be used to determine pairings.

**IX Awards – Are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.**

- A. Sectionals & Regionals – Ribbons to champions
- B. State Finals – Medals to state champions, state runners-up and semifinalist players in singles and doubles.

**X Other Rules and Regulations**

- A. See rules and regulations for the Team Tennis Tournament Series regarding financial terms, management, etc. which shall also apply to the Singles and Doubles Tournament Series.
- B. Supervision – Contestants must be accompanied by a coach or a representative so designated by the principal and such coach/representative must remain at the tournament site until said school has completed the competition.
- C. No arrangements shall be made for individuals to practice at the host sites.
- D. Individuals and coaches may arrive at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the first round.

# Unified Flag Football®

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual State Tournament Series

Special Note: The IHSAA has adopted a specific protocol regarding the management of concussions in all sports where the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) writes playing rules. This protocol may be found at the beginning of each IHSAA Bulletin.

The following regulations for the 2024 Unified Flag Football Tournament Series have been adopted by the Executive Committee and are subject to change by the Committee when deemed necessary.

### TENTATIVE ALIGNMENT

*The Unified Flag Football tournament alignment will be updated once all schools mark if they will have a team.*

Sectional 1	Sectional 2	Sectional 3	Sectional 4	Sectional 5	Sectional 6	Sectional 7	Sectional 8
East Chicago Central	DeKalb	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	Blackford	Carmel	Ben Davis	Franklin Central	<b>Bedford North Lawrence</b>
Griffith	East Noble	Fort Wayne North Side	<b>McCutcheon</b>	Fishers	<b>Brownsburg</b>	Franklin Community	Floyd Central
South Bend Adams	Elkhart	Homestead	Twin Lakes	Hamilton Heights	Indianapolis Arsenal Tech	Greenwood Community	Indian Creek
South Bend Riley	Goshen	Manchester	Zionsville	Hamilton Southeastern	Indianapolis George Washington	<b>Mooresville</b>	Jasper
<b>Valparaiso</b>	Jimtown	New Haven		Lawrence Central	Perry Meridian	Whiteland	
	<b>NorthWood</b>	Tippecanoe Valley		Noblesville	Southport		
	Wawasee	<b>Warsaw</b>		Warren Central			
				Westfield			

### Sectionals – Saturday, October 5, 2024 (8 Sites)

Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously side-by-side beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Games 3 & 4 – Played simultaneously side-by-side immediately after conclusion of Games 1 & 2.

Games 5 & 6 – Played simultaneously side-by-side 30 minutes after conclusion of Games 3 & 4.

Sectional Championship Game – Played 30 minutes after conclusion of second round games.

### Regionals – Saturday, October 12, 2024 (8 Schools - 4 Schools Per Site)

Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously beginning at 11:00 a.m. if possible. Host site will determine game times.

Game 3 – Regional Championship Game – Played 45 minutes after conclusion of first round games.

Regional 1 @ Mooresville	Regional 2 @ TBD

The time of host school shall prevail.

### State Championship – Saturday, October 19, 2024 (2 Schools)

Grand Park Sports Events Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, IN 46074

State Championship Game, 1:00 pm ET.

### I Admissions

The host school shall provide tickets. The host school shall designate sections for each school.

- A. Sectionals - \$5.00
- B. Regionals - \$5.00

- C. State Finals - \$15.00
- D. Sectionals, Regionals, State Finals – The current IHSAA Lifetime Pass which has been issued to all former and present IHSAA Committee members and IHSAA Office Staff shall permit admission upon presentation.

## II Draw & Pairings

Pairings of sectional teams shall be determined by a random draw on September 23, 2024. The pairings will be posted on the IHSAA website once available. The second team drawn will be the home team.

## III Eligible Schools – Only those schools holding full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

### IV Entry List

- A. A school may certify an unlimited number of players on the sectional entry list but dress only 20 eligible players at each level of tournament.
- B. Member schools entering the Unified Flag Football tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.myihsaa.net](http://www.myihsaa.net). The entry is due no later than 4:00 p.m. **Friday, September 13, 2024**, without penalty. **Member schools eligible to participate in the Unified Flag Football tournament series may enter their team only after successful completion of the contest officials' rating process. Failure to rate officials shall result in a \$100 penalty to the school prior to their entry list being accepted.**
- C. Late Entries – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:
  - 1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00
  - 2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00
  - 3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament.
- D. Changes Prior to Deadline
  - 1. Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.myihsaa.net](http://www.myihsaa.net) and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.
- E. Changes After Deadline
  - 1. Corrections/Additions/Errors — prior to opening day of your respective sectional
    - a. accepted with \$100 fine
  - 2. Corrections/Additions/Errors — on starting day of your respective sectional or thereafter
    - a. accepted with \$200 fine
    - b. principal must certify the eligibility of individual entrants to Host School and IHSAA
    - c. principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff immediately upon discovering an omission
    - d. IHSAA Executive Staff members: Cell phone: Neidig 317/771-3791; **Faulkens 317/667-4921; Avery 317-752-5713; Kaufman 317/339-4455; (Schludecker) Rosati 317/617-1876; Schott 765/426-6843.**  
the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the change
- F. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.
- G. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt of your entry.
- H. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:
  - 1. all necessary information is provided and
  - 2. each contestant is entered properly.
- I. Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and center/host principal immediately. Withdrawal from tournament series after sectional draw is subject to fine.
- J. Entry List Changes Between Tournaments
 

No changes are permitted. A school may dress any 20 eligible players from its entry list of players.
- K. Tournament Withdrawal

### IHSAA Withdrawal from Tournament Series Policy

**If it becomes necessary for a School to withdraw from the Tournament Series, the School must notify the IHSAA, and the host principal of the sectional or other Tournament Series venue, immediately after the School discovers its inability to participate in the Tournament Series.**

**A member School, which has entered an IHSAA Tournament Series in a sport, and withdraws from a Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed for that Tournament Series, or forfeits a Tournament Series contest in a team sport by failing to attend the contest or by failing to field a competition team for a Tournament Series contest, shall be fined Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and placed on probation in that sport for a Three Hundred Sixty-five (365) days.**

**In the event a School withdraws from an IHSAA Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed and the withdrawal results in a member School advancing to the championship game or match in that sectional without playing another School, that specific sectional draw shall be redrawn if the withdrawing school's withdrawal occurs prior to the beginning of play in that specific sectional.**

**V Awards** – are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.

- A. Sectionals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
- B. Regionals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  - 2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- C. State
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
  - 2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
  - 3. Medals
    - a. medal for each player on the entry list up to a maximum of 20 plus 5 medals for the staff and administration of the championship team school.
    - b. medal for each player on the entry list up to a maximum of 20 plus 5 medals for the staff and administration of the runner up team school.

**VI Balls**

- A. Sectionals – Each school is encouraged to use an official Wilson Unified Flag Football (Youth model).
- B. Regionals– Schools must use an official Wilson football as described above. The IHSAA will supply two (2) Wilson Youth footballs.
- C. State Finals - IHSAA will provide all game balls. No school footballs will be used during State Finals games.

**VII Bands**

- A. School pep bands will be allowed.
- B. Playing of musical instruments shall be prohibited while the ball is in play.

**VIII Game Administration**

- A. Passes
  - 1. Cheerleader members in uniform will be admitted free. NOTE: Cheerleaders will be admitted under this plan at all levels prior to the state championship game.
  - 2. Participating School Tickets – **a maximum of 5** shall be provided to each competing school for use by administrators, supervisors, chaperones, etc. as designated by the principal.
- B. Pass-outs – To be given only in emergencies or when restroom facilities are not a part of the field area.
- C. Ceremonies
  - 1. Pre-game
    - a. The official coin toss will be held off the field 15 minutes before game time.
    - b. Ten minutes prior to game time all players from each school and the coaches will then be introduced. Such persons shall line up on the sideline in front of their bench and face the center of the field. As their names are called each shall take three steps forward and remain until both teams have been introduced.
    - c. The National Anthem will be played following introductions. Use a recording if no band is present.
    - d. The simulated coin toss will be held at the center of the field after the National Anthem.
- D. Check List
  - 1. Participating Teams
    - a. Furnish your own towels and practice balls unless notified otherwise by game management.
  - 2. Game Manager

- a. Confirm availability of field, locker rooms and other facilities.
- b. Make arrangements for concessions.
- c. Arrange for preparation and distribution of sectional and regional programs.
- d. Arrange for ticket sellers and ticket takers.
- e. See that ticket price signs are made and posted outside ticket windows.
- f. Assign a public-address announcer and see that they are provided appropriate information.
- g. Arrange for timer, scoreboard operators and down maker operator.
- h. Provide down maker operator with contrasting-colored vests.
- i. Inspect trophies upon arrival. These will be delivered to you by mail or UPS.
- j. Arrange to have a physician present and an ambulance on stand-by.
- k. Arrange for an adequate security.
- l. Arrange for payment of security if not voluntary.
- m. Arrange for presentation of trophies following contest.
- n. Notify game officials and visiting team of parking locations and dressing facilities.
- o. Arrange for National Anthem to be played by a band or by a recording.
- p. Assign spaces in the press box for radio, press, etc.
- q. Have school representative meet visiting team bus and serve as host throughout contest.
- r. See that each school's game balls are available to officials prior to game time.
- s. Have towels and managers available on field to dry footballs if they should become wet or muddy.
- t. See that no one enters officials' dressing room at any time.
- u. Provide security for officials' and visiting team's dressing rooms.
- v. Arrange for officials' checks and see that officials are paid upon arrival.
- w. Provide officials and visiting team with complimentary programs.
- x. See that trophies and awards are delivered to game site and presented at conclusion of contest.
- y. Submit a financial report to the appropriate IHSAA personnel and mail a copy to each participating school within 3 business days following the game.
- z. Submit a copy of official score sheet and final score to IHSAA immediately following game at: [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org).
- E. Cheerleaders – Only varsity cheerleaders of participating schools may be admitted and perform.
- F. Concessions – All concessions will be provided by the host and profits are to be retained by the host.
- G. Game Rules – The “2023 Official Rules Champions Together Unified Sports® Flag Football” shall govern, except as modified. The decisions of the game officials shall be final, and no protests will be allowed.
- H. Management
  - 1. Sectionals, Regionals
    - a. Sponsorship operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
  - 2. State Finals
 

The Executive Committee has designated Paul Neidig, Commissioner, as manager and Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens as assistant manager.
- I. News Media
  - 1. Broadcast Coverage – All requests shall be made to Three Sixty Group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462 – FAX: 317-633-1461). Stations from cities or areas of the participating schools shall be given first consideration with others being considered in the order of requests, according to accommodations. Limit: 2 passes per station. Requests for news and sportscast film or tape coverage credentials for sectionals, regionals and semi-states shall be made directly through host school principals at least 5 days in advance of the event. For the state finals the request shall be made with IHSAA.
  - 2. Print and Electronic Media – Admittance
    - a. For Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not Three Sixty Group

or the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.

- b. For State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue’s “media will call” the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.

3. Photographers – Admittance

- a. For Sectionals and Regionals – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the host school athletic director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not Three Sixty Group or the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
- b. For State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director (E-mail: [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org)). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue’s “media will call” the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.
- c. General – Photographers MAY use electronic strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.
- d. School Photographers – Student photographers may be granted credentials under the following guidelines.  
Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States, State Finals

- (1) Each school competing in an IHSAA tournament may obtain 1 student photographer field pass for the contest in which their school is participating for the school’s yearbook and/or newspaper staff. Each individual or school shall be responsible for providing an admission ticket.
- (2) The photographer should be dressed appropriately and “neutrally” (not in blatant school colors, hats, etc.) where he/she is working.
- (3) The photographer shall not display conspicuous partisan support during the contest.
- (4) The photographer shall avoid contact and any personal interaction with players and coaches and inappropriate involvement with the crowd during the contest.
- (5) The photographer shall not interfere with the action of the contest.
- (6) Advanced requests for photographer credentials must be filed with the host athletic director for sectionals, regionals or semi-states and with the IHSAA for the state finals no later than 5 days prior to the day of the tournament.
- (7) Failure to follow these guidelines will cause the school to lose its photographers privileges for that contest.

- J. Officials – 3 game officials will be assigned for each game at all tournament levels. Officials’ stipend is \$60 at the sectional and regional and \$.50 a mile.

- K. Officials Dressing Room – shall be provided for assigned officials. Adequate security should be assigned to escort officials to and from the playing field as well as to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the dressing room.

L. Programs

1. Sectionals and Regionals

- a. to be furnished by the host school either on a gratis or sales basis and profits may be retained. No commercial advertising shall be included except for that mandated by the IHSAA as per corporate agreements.
2. State Finals programs will be furnished by the IHSAA.

M. Restrictions

Please inform your students and fans that during the game:

- 1. Banners and posters are not allowed.
- 2. Battery powered or electronic noise makers, fireworks, recorded music (permissible during- quarter breaks, halftime, and post-game), sirens or whistles are not allowed.
- 3. Throwing of articles, including toilet tissue and baby powder, is not allowed.
- 4. No live animal mascots are permitted at any time.

5. The facility should be as neutral as possible without any enhancements that emphasize a home team.
- N. Solicitations – donations, contributions and aggressive vending of school spirit items are not permitted.
- O. Team
  1. Players in Uniform – Schools may dress a maximum of 20 players.
  2. Jersey Colors – The host team is designated as the home team and shall wear dark jerseys. The visiting team shall wear light jerseys.
  3. Player Bench – to be assigned by game manager. Occupants shall be limited to eligible players in uniform, coaches, managers, statisticians and medical personnel.

## **IX Policy for Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events**

- A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. Participating Schools
  1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
  2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
  4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.
- D. Media
  1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
  2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
  3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
  4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633- 1461).
  5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
  6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
  7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
  8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.
- E. Spectators
  1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
  2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.



3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.

F. Purchase.

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

**X Reporting State Tournament Scores**

All schools participating in the Unified Flag Football state tournament are required to set up an account on MaxPreps.com for their team. Each school will be required to report the final score from each state tournament game to their MaxPreps.com account within 30 minutes of the completion of each contest. The IHSAA state tournament brackets are directly connected to each school's account and the winning team will automatically advance in the bracket based on the score reported. Report Final scores to the IHSAA within 30 minutes of game completion to: [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org).

**XI Tie Games**

Procedures to be used to break ties in all high school varsity Unified Flag Football games played in Indiana with Indiana or out-of-state opponents will be found in the "2024 Official Rules Champions Together Unified Sports® Flag Football" (Exception: All teams below varsity level shall be limited to 2 overtimes.)

**XII Team Photographs & Information**

A. Regional Champion Teams

Schools winning their respective regional will be required to submit a team photograph, head coach photograph as well as team information and statistics via e-mail for use in the state finals program. Instructions on how to do so will be included in the information packets received at the conclusion of the regional game.

- B. In order to meet our state finals program deadline, schools are urged to have team and coach photographs taken in advance of the post-season tournament.

# Girls Volleyball

## Indiana Modifications/Adoptions

The following regulations apply to regular season matches and IHSAA sponsored tournaments unless stated otherwise.

### A. Match Format/Match Ending Procedures

#### 1. Varsity

All matches shall be the best three-of-five sets. Sets shall be played to 25 points, win by 2 points (no cap). The fifth and deciding set shall be played to 15 points, win by 2 points (no cap).

#### 2. JV-Freshman

All matches shall be the best two-of-three sets. Sets shall be played to 25 points, win by 2 points (no cap). The third and deciding set shall be played to 15 points, win by 2 points (no cap).

3. A freshman or c-team may participate in a contest which ends in a draw (2 sets) if: (1.) either participating schools does not have enough students to play the full three (3) sets in the contest because the students are expected to play in the up-coming JV contest. (2.) both schools agree to the shortened contest before the contest begins.

#### 4. Regular season tournaments – All Levels

Regular season tournaments shall consist of matches requiring the best three-of-five, or the best two-of-three sets.

### B. Pre-Match Warm-Up –

1. Varsity Match-Once the JV game has completed and teams have cleared the floor, 5 minutes will be placed on the clock for each team to stretch and/or have ball-handling on their side of the net, prior to the 15 minute pre-match warm-up period. At the end of the 5 minutes, the pre-match conference will begin.

2. All levels-The total warm-up time shall be 15 minutes prior to each match and exclusive of match preliminaries conducted by officials, announcements, etc. Each team shall be limited to 7½ minutes on full court, with use of the net. The visiting team shall use the court the first 7½ minutes with the home team warming up outside the court. The procedure is then reversed for the second 7½ minutes.

### C. Libero Tracker

1. Regular Season: The host school is responsible for providing the libero tracker for both teams. If the host school does not use a libero, the visiting team may provide their own libero tracker. If the visiting school cannot provide the libero tracker, the host school must provide one. An individual other than the official scorer must be provided to track the entries of the libero player. The libero tracker shall be seated at the officials table next to the official scorer.

2. Tournament Series: The host school must provide the libero tracker.

### D. Line Judges

1. The Home Team shall be responsible for the selection and training of Line Judges during the regular season.

E. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, between games and post-game. The use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited.

### F. Approved Volleyballs

1. Season – Any of the balls listed in the current National Federation Volleyball Rule Book may be used.

2. Tournament – The Wilson K1 Gold Volleyball shall be used at all Host Schools.

### G. Team Benches

Teams will not switch team benches between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, which will only be discussed during the pre-match conference, teams may switch sides. The officials will discuss if a disadvantage is present, with the judgement call being made by the First Referee. Should there be a clear and distinct disadvantage, i.e. stationary basketball backboard on one side, it will be communicated prior to the end of the pre-match conference. This will alleviate any requests during the match, which could result in a potential delay of game call.

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Tournament Series

The following rules and regulations for the 2024-25 Girls Volleyball Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

### I. Tournament Dates and Times

#### A. Sectionals – Tuesday, Oct. 15; Thursday, Oct. 17; Saturday, Oct. 19

Listed below are designated and recommended start times for host sites.

1. One match session – 6:00pm (*recommended*)

2. Two match session – 6:00pm (*recommended*)

3. Saturday semifinal session – 11:00am (*recommended*)

4. Saturday championship match – 6:00pm (*designated*)

No. of Teams	Tues. 10/15	Thurs. 10/17	Sat. 10/19
4			1-2-3
5		1	2-3-4
6		1-2	3-4-5
7	1	2-3	4-5-6
8	1-2	3-4	5-6-7

**B. Regionals – Saturday, October 26**

Designated start times: 1:00pm and 4:00pm or 4:00pm and 7:00pm start times will be used. Start times will be local time and are listed next to each regional site. Each Regional site will have 4 teams and will play 2 separate Regional Championship Matches. Regional pairings will be drawn at the same time as the Sectional Pairing show and location determined at a later date following conclusion of the Sectional Championship.

**C. Semi-States – Saturday, November 2**

All three matches (*recommended start times* 10:00am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm) to determine a champion will be played on the same date.

1. In the first game of Semi-State site hosted by a school in the Eastern Standard Time Zone, if one of the two teams is from the Central Standard Time Zone, that game shall not start prior to 10:30 am EST.
2. At a Semi-State site hosted by a school in the Central Standard Time Zone, if one of the teams playing at that site is from the Eastern Standard Time Zone, the final game shall not start later than 6:30 pm CST.

**D. State Finals – Saturday, November 9**

Worthen Arena, Ball State University

Class A 11:00am

Class 2A to follow, approximately 1:30pm

Class 3A 4:30pm

Class 4A to follow, approximately 7:00pm

\*Matches will begin no earlier than the start time (ET) listed.

**II. Site Selection**

- A. Sectional site selection: based on recommendation from each Sectional grouping, travel distance, facilities.
- B. Regional and Semi-State site selection: the following criteria was used in selecting tournament hosts: travel distance, invitations filed by principals, facilities, rotation, classification, success and satisfactory management of previous tourneys, number of tourneys hosted in other sports and adjustment because of reorganization and consolidation.

**III. Host and Assignments of Schools**

**Sectionals**

*Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.*

**Sectionals**

**Class 4A**

**1. Hammond Central (5):** Crown Point, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Lake Central, Munster

**2. Hobart (5):** Chesterton, Hobart, Merrillville, Portage, Valparaiso

**3. Penn (6):** LaPorte, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley

**4. Goshen (5):** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw Community

**5. Fort Wayne Snider (4):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider

**6. Fort Wayne South Side (5):** Bellmont, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North

**7. Lafayette Jefferson (4):** Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon

**8. Westfield (6):** Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville

**9. Pendleton Heights (7):** Anderson, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Pendleton Heights, Richmond, Yorktown

10. **Lawrence Central (5):** Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Warren Central
11. **Brownsburg (5):** Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Pike, Plainfield
12. **Perry Meridian (6):** Center Grove, Decatur Central, Franklin Central, Mooresville, Perry Meridian, Southport
13. **Bloomington North (5):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Martinsville, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
14. **East Central (5):** Columbus East, Columbus North, East Central, Franklin Community, Whiteland Community
15. **New Albany (6):** Bedford North Lawrence, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, New Albany, Providence, Seymour
16. **Castle (4):** Castle, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville North

### Class 3A

17. **Hammond Bishop Noll (6):** Calumet, East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Highland
18. **Hanover Central (5):** Hanover Central, Illiana Christian, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, River Forest
19. **South Bend Saint Joseph (7):** Culver Academies, Glenn, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, Plymouth, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington
20. **West Noble (6):** Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble
21. **Angola (7):** Angola, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Garrett, Leo
22. **Norwell (5):** Heritage, Marion, Mississinewa, New Haven, Norwell
23. **Peru (7):** Logansport, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western
24. **New Castle (5):** Connersville, Delta, Hamilton Heights, Jay County, New Castle
25. **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory (7):** Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Crawfordsville, Danville Community, Frankfort, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, Tri-West Hendricks
26. **Indpls. Chatard (6):** Herron, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis Shortridge, Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown
27. **Speedway (6):** Cascade, Edgewood, Indianapolis George Washington Community, Northview, Owen Valley, Speedway
28. **Roncalli (7):** Beech Grove, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, New Palestine, Roncalli, Rushville Consolidated, Shelbyville
29. **Lawrenceburg (6):** Batesville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Jennings County, Lawrenceburg, South Dearborn
30. **Silver Creek (6):** Charlestown, Corydon Central, Madison Consolidated, North Harrison, Scottsburg, Silver Creek
31. **Jasper (6):** Gibson Southern, Jasper, Princeton Community, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington
32. **Mt. Vernon (6):** Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon

### Class 2A

33. **Andrean (8):** 21st Century Charter School - Gary, Andrean, Boone Grove, Hebron, Lake Station Edison, Lighthouse CPC, Wheeler, Whiting
34. **Knox (6):** Bremen, Career Academy, Jimtown, Knox, LaVille, Winamac Community
35. **Prairie Heights (6):** Central Noble, Churubusco, Eastside, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview
36. **Woodlan (7):** Adams Central, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, South Adams, Whitko, Woodlan
37. **Western Boone (6):** Benton Central, Delphi Community, North Montgomery, Rensselaer Central, Seeger, Western Boone

- 38. Southwood (7):** Eastern (Greentown), Lewis Cass, Manchester, Oak Hill, Rochester Community, Southwood, Wabash
- 39. Taylor (6):** Elwood Community, Frankton, Lapel, Sheridan, Taylor, Tipton
- 40. Wapahani (6):** Alexandria Monroe, Blackford, Eastbrook, Madison-Grant, Muncie Burris, Wapahani
- 41. Southmont (6):** Greencastle, North Putnam, Parke Heritage, South Putnam, South Vermillion, Southmont
- 42. Indpls. Cardinal Ritter (6):** Covenant Christian, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Monrovia, Park Tudor, Riverside, University
- 43. Indpls. Scecina Memorial (7):** Christel House, Eastern Hancock, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, Irvington Preparatory Academy, KIPP Indy Legacy, Triton Central
- 44. Hagerstown (6):** Centerville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County, Winchester Community
- 45. Brownstown Central (6):** Austin, Brown County, Brownstown Central, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County
- 46. Eastern (Pekin) (6):** Clarksville, Crawford County, Eastern (Pekin), Mitchell, Paoli, Salem
- 47. Eastern Greene (7):** Barr-Reeve, Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, North Knox, South Knox, Sullivan, West Vigo
- 48. South Spencer (8):** Evansville Mater Dei, Forest Park, North Posey, Perry Central, Pike Central, South Spencer, Tecumseh, Tell City

#### **Class 1A**

- 49. Marquette Catholic (8):** Bowman Leadership Academy, Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, Kouts, Marquette Catholic, Morgan Township, Tri-Township, Washington Township, Westville
- 50. South Newton (8):** Caston, DeMotte Christian, North Newton, North White, Pioneer, South Newton, Tri-County, West Central
- 51. Culver Community (7):** Argos, Culver Community, Elkhart Christian Academy, North Judson-San Pierre, Oregon-Davis, South Central (Union Mills), Triton
- 52. Hamilton (6):** Bethany Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakeland Christian Academy, Lakewood Park Christian
- 53. Covington (7):** Attica, Covington, Faith Christian, Fountain Central, Lafayette Central Catholic, North Vermillion, Riverton Parke
- 54. Rossville (7):** Bethesda Christian, Carroll (Flora), Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Frontier, Rossville, Traders Point Christian
- 55. Daleville (7):** Cowan, Daleville, North Miami, Northfield, Southern Wells, Tri-Central, Wes-Del
- 56. Monroe Central (7):** Blue River Valley, Cambridge City Lincoln, Monroe Central, Randolph Southern, Seton Catholic, Union (Modoc), Union City
- 57. Indiana School for the Deaf (8):** Anderson Preparatory Academy, Indiana Math & Science Academy, Indiana School for the Deaf, International School of Indiana, Liberty Christian, MTI School of Knowledge, Purdue Polytechnic-Broad Ripple, Tindley
- 58. Indpls. Lutheran (7):** Central Christian Academy, Eminence, Greenwood Christian Academy, Indianapolis Lutheran, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Providence Cristo Rey, Victory College Prep
- 59. North Decatur (8):** Edinburgh, Knightstown, Morristown, North Decatur, South Decatur, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Tri, Waldron
- 60. Trinity Lutheran (7):** Crothersville, Hauser, Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, Trinity Lutheran
- 61. White River Valley (8):** Bloomfield, Clay City, Cloverdale, Dugger Union, Lighthouse Christian Academy, North Central (Farmersburg), Shakamak, White River Valley
- 62. Loogootee (6):** Loogootee, Medora, North Daviess, Orleans, Shoals, Vincennes Rivet

**63. Christian Academy of Indiana (8):** Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Henryville, Lanesville, New Washington, Rock Creek Academy, South Central (Elizabeth), West Washington

**64. Wood Memorial (5):** Cannelton, Evansville Christian, Northeast Dubois, Springs Valley, Wood Memorial

## Regionals

### North

**LaPorte:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Culver Community:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**NorthWood:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Homestead:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**Southwood:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Norwell:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**Twin Lakes:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Elwood:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

### South

**Greenfield-Central:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Cascade:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**Monrovia:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Bloomington North:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**Loogootee:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Mitchell:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

**Edinburgh:** 4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Charlestown:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm

## Semi-States

### North

1. Plymouth

2. Huntington North

3. Frankfort

4. Delta

### South

1. Martinsville

2. Bedford North Lawrence

3. Jasper

4. Columbus East

## State Finals

Worthen Arena, Ball State University, 1699 W. Bethel Avenue

**Class A- 11:00am**

**Class 2A-** to follow, approximately **1:30pm**

**Class 3A-** **4:30pm**

**Class 4A-** to follow, approximately **7:00pm**

## IV. Admissions

A. Each Host School shall be responsible for providing electronic tickets.

- B. Participating schools may purchase tickets in advance by making prior arrangements with the Host School. Twenty-two (22) tickets for each competing school for players, managers, athletic trainers, administrators, etc. are provided. These tickets are non-transferable.
- C. Pre-School Children
  - 1. When seats are reserved  
No charge for a pre-school child who is with its parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
  - 2. When seats are not reserved  
No charge for a pre-school child who will be seated with its parent/s throughout the contest.
- D. News Media
  - 1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – may be admitted free by presenting proper identification.
  - 2. State Finals – advanced written request for credentials must be made with IHSAA by Tuesday prior to the State Finals.
- E. Tickets
  - Sectionals: \$7.00/session *(additional fees may apply)*
  - Regionals: \$10.00/session *(additional fees may apply)*
  - Semi-States: \$12.00/session *(additional fees may apply)*
  - State Finals: \$15.00 *(additional fees may apply)*
  - 1. All tickets will be handled by the Association according to the following plan:
    - a. Tickets will be sold, in advance, by the eight participating schools prior to the day of the tourney. Ticket sales will be electronic.
  - 2. Seating accommodations will be made available to the Board of Directors, former Board of Directors, players of participating teams, news media and other groups of persons specifically designated by the Executive Committee through the Association office.

## V. Awards

- 1. Provided by the IHSAA. No others shall be given. All awards should be received by the host site within three days of the tournament. Please contact the IHSAA office immediately should awards not arrive. Display awards at the final session. Please take precautions to guard against damage and/or theft.
- 2. To assist in expediting the awards presentation immediately following the final session, see that spectators cooperate in keeping the floor clear for players, coaches and photographers until the presentations are completed. It is suggested that the appropriate awards be presented to the captains and head coach of the runner-up and championship teams.
- A. Sectionals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  - 2. Match Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- B. Regional
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  - 2. Match Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- C. Semi-State
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  - 2. Match Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- D. State Finals
  - 1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
  - 2. Match Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
  - 3. Medals
    - a. 24 to contestants and staff of championship team school
    - b. 24 to contestants and staff of runner-up team school

4. Mental Attitude Award – A plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee to an outstanding senior participant in each classification who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in volleyball. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach.

#### **VI Balls**

- A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-State, State – The Wilson K1 Gold Volleyball will be the official IHSAA volleyball for the tournament.
- B. State - Teams shall provide their own practice balls.

#### **VII Cheerleaders**

Cheerleaders must have a ticket to enter a tournament series contest. Only the cheerleaders from each participating school may be used. They shall use only that portion of the floor which is immediately in front of their fans and shall remain outside the boundary lines at all times while a match is in progress.

#### **VIII Conduct**

The IHSAA endeavors to secure proper conduct of all persons attending tournaments, and instructs principals, superintendents, coaches, teachers, parents, and patrons that the receipt of tickets by the high school principal places the direct and immediate responsibility on the principal for the conduct of those attending all tournaments.

#### **IX Draw**

Pairings will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024. The pairings will be posted on the IHSAA website once available. Pairings and order of matches may not be altered except by approval of the Commissioner. The Host School principal should notify each assigned school of the draw. The second-named team in each match throughout the entire tournament will be the home team. In a six-team bracket, teams with the bye will play the winners of the quarterfinal games.

#### **X Eligible Schools**

Only those schools having full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

#### **XI Entry List**

- A. Member schools eligible to participate in the IHSAA tournament series in this sport, may enter their team only after successful completion of the contest officials' rating process for this sport. Failure to rate officials shall result in a \$100 penalty to the school prior to their entry list being accepted.
- B. A school must certify all players on the entry list. Sixteen (16) eligible players may dress and/or participate for each match.
- C. Member schools entering the volleyball tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically on myIHSAA. The entry is due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, September 30, 2024, without penalty.
- D. Late Entry List – accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:
  1. Within 24 hours after deadline: \$50.00
  2. Within 48 hours after deadline: \$100.00
  3. Over 48 hours: may not enter tournament
- E. Changes Prior to Deadline  
Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering on myIHSAA and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.
- F. Changes After Deadline
  1. Corrections/Additions/Errors – prior to opening day of your respective sectional
    - a. accepted with \$100 fine
  2. Corrections/Additions/Errors – on starting day of your respective sectional or after
    - a. accepted with \$200 fine
    - b. principal must certify the eligibility of individual to Host School and IHSAA
    - c. principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff no later than the next business day after discovery of the omission. IHSAA Executive Staff members: Cell phone: Neidig 317-771-3791; Faulkens 317-667-4921; Schott 765-426-6843; Kaufman 317-339-4455; Rosati 317-617-1876; Lewis 812-630-2736.
    - d. the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the addition.
- G. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.
- H. It is advisable to submit entry lists early, as changes may be made only with the IHSAA by telephone anytime until 4:00 p.m. ET on Monday, September 30, 2024.
- I. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.
- J. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:
  1. all necessary information is provided
  2. each contestant is entered properly
- K. Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and host principal immediately.



- L. The IHSAA will email entry lists of participating schools to each host site, shortly after the entry list deadline. The Association Office shall authorize changes only. Immediately at the close of the tourney, email the entry list of the winner to the assigned host principal assigned to host the next level of the tournament.

M. **IHSAA Withdrawal from Tournament Series Policy**

1. If it becomes necessary for a School to withdraw from the Tournament Series, the School must notify the IHSAA, and the host principal of the sectional or other Tournament Series venue, immediately after the School discovers its inability to participate in the Tournament Series.
2. A member School, which has entered an IHSAA Tournament Series in a sport, and withdraws from a Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed for that Tournament Series, or forfeits a Tournament Series contest in a team sport by failing to attend the contest or by failing to field a competition team for a Tournament Series contest, shall be fined Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and placed on probation in that sport for Three Hundred Sixty-five (365) days.
3. In the event a School withdraws from an IHSAA Tournament Series after the drawing has been completed and the withdrawal results in a member School advancing to the championship game or match in that sectional without playing another School, that specific sectional draw shall be redrawn if the withdrawing school's withdrawal occurs prior to the beginning of play in that specific sectional.

**XII Facilities And Equipment**

All facilities and equipment should meet the rule specifications in the current National Federation Volleyball Rule Book.

- A. **Ball** – Two tournament balls will be sent to each host site approximately two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
- B. **Court** – See current National Federation Rule Book for specifications. The boundary lines should be marked clearly on the floor. Floor tape, adhesive tape, masking tape, or tempera paint are all feasible methods for marking court boundaries. The Host School shall notify the participating schools of any irregularities of facilities or markings prior to the start of the tournament.
- C. **Padding** – The standards, cables, and/or rigid braces must be padded to a minimum height of 5 ½ feet with at least a 1 inch thick resilient, shock absorbing material to encase the uprights and all tensioning devices. The front and sides of the first referee's platform must be padded in the same manner as the standards.
- D. **Nets and Supports** – See current National Federation Volleyball Rule Book for specifications.
- E. **Referee's Platform** – A platform, which elevates the referee's head to between two and three feet above the top of the net, is required. It is recommended that the top of the platform be at least 18 inches long by 12 inches wide, and that steps up to the platform be provided. Platforms for officials should be sturdy and stable so as not to endanger the safety of the official.
- F. **Net Antennae** – See current National Federation Volleyball Rule Book for specifications.
- G. **Scoreboard** – A scoreboard must be utilized for all matches.

**XIII Financial Terms**

A. Sectionals

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc., shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
2. Allowances
  - a. Host School – \$150.00
  - b. IHSAA – 100% of the balance
  - c. Tourney Director - \$175.00 – 4 to 6 teams  
\$200.00 – 7 or more teams
3. IHSAA shall reimburse the Host School when a deficit occurs.
4. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the Host School; however, concession workers are not considered an authorized expenditure.
5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 5 business days after the completion of the tournament.

B. Regionals

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc., shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
2. Allowances
  - a. Host School – \$300.00
  - b. IHSAA – 100% of the balance
  - c. Tourney Director - ~~\$150.00~~
3. IHSAA shall reimburse the Host School when a deficit occurs.
4. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the Host School; however, concession workers are not considered an authorized expenditure.
5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 5 business days after the completion of the tournament.

C. Semi-States

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc., shall be paid by the Host School from the gross receipts.
2. Allowances
  - a. Host School – \$300.00
  - b. Expense Stipend – When a balance exists, it shall be distributed as follows:
    1. \$800.00 or less – divided equally among the 4 participating schools
    2. Over \$800.00 – Each school receives \$200.00 to be paid by the IHSAA to participating schools, and then the IHSAA receives 100% of remaining balance
  - c. Tourney Director - \$225.00
3. IHSAA shall reimburse Host School when a deficit occurs.
4. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the Host School; however, concession workers are not considered an authorized expenditure.
5. The Host School shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 5 business days after the completion of the tournament.

**D. State Finals**

1. Allowances
  - a. Transportation – \$5.00 per mile with a guaranteed minimum of \$250.00
  - b. Lodging – authorizes a maximum of \$720 per team, if used. Lodging will not be paid to schools within the 0-120 mile round trip range.
  - c. Participating school reimbursements shall be calculated by the IHSAA.

**XIV Hospitality Room**

The provision of a hospitality room area is the option of the Host School. Expenses for Hospitality Room Areas are not considered an authorized expenditure (exception: state championships).

**XV Introduction of Teams**

The following procedure is one recommended method of introducing teams. Prior to each tournament match, the starting line-up and the head coach should be introduced according to the following procedure:

All **Sixteen (16) players** of each team will be introduced the first time the team plays. Only the starting line-up will be introduced thereafter. Teams and coaches will line up on the court end facing the net. First introduce the non-starters, starters, and head coach from the visiting team. Then introduce the non-starters, starters, and head coach from the home team. Finally, the singing of the National Anthem shall take place. After the National Anthem, both teams shall meet in center court, shake hands and return to their coaches in front of their bench and be ready for the game to start.

**XVI Management**

**A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the Host School. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the Host School or its local arrangements, and provided further that the Host School has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the Host School defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the Host School; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the Host School formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
2. The Host School shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as the local arrangements).
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the Host School will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.

**B. State Finals**

The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Kerrie (Schludecker) Rosati as tournament administrator.

**XVII News Media**

- A. Broadcast Coverage – All requests to broadcast shall be made to three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462 – FAX: 317-633-1461). Stations from cities or areas of participating schools shall be given first consideration with others being considered in the order of requests, according to accommodations. Limit: 2 passes per station.
- B. Print and Electronic Media

1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the Host School Athletic Director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the Host School as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA and must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be e-mailed on company letterhead to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director at [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State Finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Please see the corresponding IHSAA media release for the specific event at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) for further details and media services.

#### C. Photographers

1. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States – For all sectional, regional and semi-state level Tournaments, a request for media credentials must be received by the Host School Athletic Director at least five days in advance of the event. The individual schools will issue credentials for the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, not the IHSAA. It is to the discretion of the host school as to the number of media credentials allotted per Tournament game. Host schools have the right to deny or revoke media credential requests.
2. State Finals – For all state finals events, credentials are supplied by the IHSAA. Credentials must be requested through the IHSAA office. A state finals credential request must be emailed on company letterhead to Jason Wille, Sports Information Director at [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org). E-mail requests must originate from a recognized business account; emails from personal accounts will not be accepted. Requests must include the name/s of the individual/s to be accepted. State Finals credentials will not be mailed. They may be claimed at each venue's "media will call" the day of the event. Deadline for application is the Monday of the state finals week.
3. General
  - a. Photographers MAY use electronic strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.
  - b. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
4. School Photographers – Student photographers may be granted credentials under the following guidelines.
 

Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States, State Finals

  - a. Each school competing in an IHSAA tournament may obtain 1 student-photographer floor pass for the contest in which their school is participating for the school's yearbook and/or newspaper staff.
  - b. The photographer should be dressed appropriately and "neutrally" (not in blatant school colors, hats, etc.) where he/she is working.
  - c. The photographer shall not display conspicuous partisan support during the contest.
  - d. The photographer shall avoid contact with players and coaches and inappropriate involvement with the crowd during the contest.
  - e. The photographer shall not interfere with the action of the contest.
  - f. Advanced requests for photographer credentials must be filed with the host principal for sectionals, regionals, or semi-state and with the IHSAA for the state finals no later than Tuesday prior to the day of the state championships.
  - g. Failure to follow these guidelines will cause the school to lose its photographer's privileges for that contest.

### XVIII Officials

#### A. Sectionals

1. **Assignments** - Two officials will be assigned by the IHSAA. The #1 official will serve as the R1 in the championship match. Officials will alternate positions each match leading up to the final match. Notify the officials of the schedule and times of matches, etc., immediately after receipt of assignment and obtain their confirmation.
2. **Pay** - Each is to be paid \$60.00 for each match officiated plus 50¢ per mile for each round trip, not to exceed one round trip per day. If two officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each.
3. **Line Judges**
  - a. Two IHSAA licensed volleyball officials are required.
  - b. These individuals are to be selected and assigned by the host principal/tourney director.
  - c. Each shall be paid \$40.00 per match plus 50¢ per mile for each round trip, not to exceed one round trip per day. If two officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each.
  - d. Each should wear their IHSAA volleyball official's uniform.

## B. Regionals

1. **Assignments** – Four total officials will be assigned by the IHSAA. Notify the officials of the schedule and times of the match, etc., immediately after receipt of assignment and obtain their confirmation.
2. **Pay** - Officials are to be paid \$65.00 for the match officiated, plus 50¢ per mile for one round trip.
3. **Line Judges**
  - a. Two IHSAA licensed volleyball officials are required.
  - b. These individuals are to be selected and assigned by the host principal/tourney director.
  - c. Each shall be paid \$40.00 per match, plus 50¢ per mile for one round trip.
  - d. Each should wear their IHSAA volleyball official's uniform.

## C. Semi-States

1. **Assignments** – Three officials are assigned by the IHSAA. Notify officials of the schedule and times of matches, etc. immediately after receipt of the assignment and obtain their confirmation.

<u>Match</u>	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1	2	3	1
2	3	1	2
3	1	2	3

2. **Pay** – The R1 and R2 for each match is to be paid \$70.00, plus 50¢ per mile for one round trip. The alternate will be paid \$35 per match, plus 50¢ per mile for one round trip. If officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each.

### 3. Line Judges

- a. Two IHSAA licensed volleyball officials will be assigned by the IHSAA
- b. Each is to be paid \$40.00 for each match, plus 50¢ per mile for one round trip. If officials share transportation, mileage shall be paid to each.
- c. Each should wear their IHSAA volleyball official's uniform.

- D. **Courtesies to Officials** - Provide a room which officials may occupy during the course of the tournament. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and a lounging room between matches. Do not permit anyone else to enter this room other than the director or official IHSAA representative. The cooperation of the host school in this matter will assure all a better officiated tournament. Reserved parking spaces should be provided for the officials.
- E. **Bench Officials** - Appoint a head scorer, an assistant scorer (libero tracker), and an announcer. The host school must provide an assistant scorer, even if the host school's team does not utilize the libero position. Avoid selecting any person other than experienced personnel in these positions if possible. It is recommended that the official scorers wear a white shirt and that the scorer's location is clearly marked to aid substitutes reporting to the table. Efficiency and order must prevail at the bench.

## XIX Official Rules

The current National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern except as modified.

## XX Passes For Players and Coaches

Twenty-two (22) complimentary passes must be made available for each principal, athletic director, assistant athletic director, coaches, players, student manager, etc., from each participating school. It is not necessary to issue passes for players and coaches prior to the opening session of the tournament. Coaches may be instructed to pick up passes at a designated area on the opening session of the tournament or at the time each team reports for the first time. If teams desire to continue in attendance after they are eliminated, they should be given complimentary admission; however, means should be adopted to guard against transfer of tickets or other abuses of the privilege. See IHSAA Fall Bulletin for complimentary pass information.

## XXI Photography, Film, Video and Audio at Tournament Events

- A. **Photography, Film, Video and Audio.** – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, videotaping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. **Participating Schools**
  1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.

2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.

**D. Media**

1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from three-sixty group, 310 W. Michigan Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact three-sixty group (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.

**E. Spectators**

1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.

- F. Purchase** - The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

**XXII Player Bench Occupants**

During a match, the players' bench may be occupied by the 16 eligible players, 2 coaches, team manager/s, team statistician, scorekeeper, etc. Any other unauthorized persons should be instructed to remove themselves from the players' bench. Should the host school be visitors on the bracket, they will have selection of team bench.

**XXIII Practice Sessions**

Practices for visiting teams shall not be permitted at the Host School prior to the opening day of any tournament.

**XXIV Pre-Event Prayer On Public Address System**

At all IHSAA tournament sites, the public address system shall be used for announcements approved by the IHSAA and those necessary for the administration of the tournament. There shall be no oral prayers delivered over the public address system, or initiated by the host school at IHSAA tournament events.

**XXV Programs**

Only those programs provided by the Host School for sectionals and regionals and the IHSAA for state semi-finals and finals

are to be distributed at the tourneys. No advertisements are permitted except for that which is permitted by the IHSAA as per corporate agreement with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Inc

## **XXVI Publicity**

The only way the media will know about the merits of a tournament is through the personal efforts of the director, etc., conducting the tournament. Telling the story is essential. Some suggestions are:

- A. Contact the local media (newspaper, radio, television) as soon as the assignments of schools are known. Report such items as:
  - 1. The pairings and the starting times of each session/match
  - 2. How the tourney will be conducted
  - 3. Top teams or individuals who will participate
- B. Make the student body of the school fully aware of the nature of the competition, either with the use of posters, the school newspaper, or personal contact with various influential students and student groups.
- C. Encourage the media to assign a photographer to cover the tournament.
- D. Notify the media of the results of the tournament as quickly as possible after its conclusion. At the least, this should be done prior to leaving the site at the end of session. For the purpose of allowing for statewide dissemination, tournament directors are encouraged to include the IHSAA office and the Indianapolis Star on the result list:

**IHSAA:** [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org)

**Indianapolis Star:** [hsresults@indystar.com](mailto:hsresults@indystar.com)

Phone: 800-669-7827, Ext. 6644

Phone: 317-444-6644

## **XXVII Reporting State Tournament Scores**

### ***Host Site***

- A. At the conclusion of each tournament game, host sites are required to report the final score to the IHSAA via email or Twitter. Email scores to [results@ihsaa.org](mailto:results@ihsaa.org) or tweet them to @IHSAA1. Please report postponements and updated game times if necessary. Please do not fax!
- B. If emailing, please list the host site in the subject line and the final score in the message (EX: Team A def. Team B, 25-21, 23-25, 25-22, 25-19).
- C. Immediately at the close of the tourney, email entry list of Sectional winner to the assigned Regional Host Athletic Director. Host schools do not need to submit a final tournament result form.

### ***Participating Schools***

All schools participating in the volleyball state tournament are required to set up an account on MaxPreps.com for their team. Each school will be required to report the final score by set (i.e., 25-21, 23-25, 25-22, 25-19) from each state tournament match to their MaxPreps.com account within 30 minutes of the completion of each contest. The IHSAA state tournament brackets are directly connected to each school's account and the winning team will automatically advance in the bracket based on the score reported.

## **XXVIII Restrictions**

Principals should inform student and adult fans of the following tourney restrictions:

- A. Balloons, banners and/or posters, shakers on sticks, etc. are not permitted.
  - B. Cowbells and other such noise devices are not permitted.
  - C. No live animal mascots are permitted.
  - D. "Line-up" lanes of fans shall not be permitted on the playing floor at any time.
  - E. Carry-in radios, cassette and tape decks, etc., are not permitted in the gymnasium.
  - F. No solicitations shall be permitted, including donations, contributions, and aggressive vending of school spirit items.
- It shall be the responsibility of each high school principal to see that the above restrictions are enforced.

## **XXIX State Programs**

### **A. Semi-State Champion Teams**

Semi-state champion teams will be required to e-mail completed information forms, a team photograph and head coach photograph to the IHSAA Office. Instructions on how to do so will be included in the information packets received at the conclusion of the regional championship match.

- B. In order to meet our state finals program deadline, schools are urged to have team photographs taken in advance of the post-season tournament.

## **XXX Tickets**

- A. Each Host School shall be responsible for providing tickets.
- B. No tickets for the sectional, regional, or semi-state matches will be issued from the Association Office.
- C. Participating schools may purchase tickets in advance by making arrangements with the Host School.
- D. Workers - The working crew necessary to sell tickets, collect tickets, supervise and direct tournament activities, may be admitted at no charge.

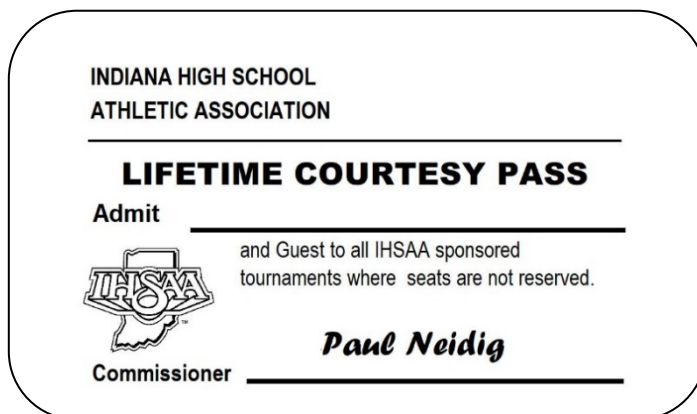
- E. IHSAA Lifetime Passes - These have been distributed to all former and current members of the Board of Directors, Girls Advisory Committee and IHSAA office staff for admittance to all IHSAA-sponsored tournaments where seats are not reserved. Host principals should remind their ticket personnel that these individuals should be admitted upon presenting this pass. Following is a sample of the pass:
- F. News Media - At state final events, credentials are issued by the IHSAA office. At sectional, regional, and semi-state events, the tournament director is responsible for media credentials/tickets.
- G. Match Officials - The match official and his/her immediate family may be admitted without charge and without prior arrangements from the official to the tourney director if there is not a sell-out. If a sell-out is expected, the official should make arrangements with the tourney director in advance, to obtain necessary complimentary tickets for admission, if any are available.
- H. Strict limitations should be adhered to in honoring requests for complimentary tickets other than for those indicated.

### XXX Tournament Director Reports

In advance of the tournament dates, each Host School will be supplied with adequate forms upon which to complete reports to the Association Office. Prompt and accurate reports are very important.

A. **Financial Report** - Return the financial report to IHSAA within 5 business days following the completion of each tourney.

1. **Expenditures** - The Association desires that fair wages be paid for services rendered, but excessive payments will be checked. IHSAA auditors insist that the Association have on file supporting evidence for money paid out by Host Schools in connection with tourneys/meets. Therefore, it is requested that expenditures be itemized showing the amount of money paid and to whom it is paid.  
The standardized payroll form or facsimile distributed by IHSAA should be used for helpers, etc. It is not necessary to deduct withholding tax from the pay of officials or other incidental employees. However, you should be filing Treasury Department - IRS 1099 forms (Statement for Receipts of Miscellaneous Income) for these individuals.
2. Attach a check for IHSAA share if there is a profit. If a deficit exists, the Host School shall be reimbursed at a later date.
3. Competing schools are entitled to complete information regarding the receipts and expenditures of tourneys. Send a detailed report to the participating schools soon after the tourney.



### XXXII Warm-up Procedures

- A. Use of an auxiliary gymnasium/room for stretching, etc., upon the arrival of teams at the tournament site is encouraged where feasible. If an auxiliary gymnasium is available, net, balls, etc., may be used prior to the warm-up period on the main playing floor by both teams.
- B. Host sites are encouraged to communicate pre-match timelines for participating schools, which include warm-up times and locations.
- C. The warm-up period will be a total of 15 minutes prior to each match and exclusive of match preliminaries conducted by officials, announcements, etc. The home team shall be designated as the second-named team in the bracket. The visiting team shall use the court the first 7½ minutes. The home team may warm up outside the court during this time. This procedure shall be reversed for the second 7½ minutes.
- D. Type of Tournament – All tourneys are conducted as a single elimination series.