Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the IHSA Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2026-2027 IHSA Competitive Cheerleading State Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classification in the IHSA Competitive Cheerleading State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classification System). Request to play up a division may be made through the IHSA by September 1.

A) Divisions: Schools shall be categorized for participation in the Competitive Cheerleading State Series based on the following:

1A Team Division: A school enrollment up to 700.00.
2A Team Division: A school enrollment between 700.01 to 1600.00.
3A Team Division: A school enrollment of 1600.01 and over.
Coed Team Division: Two or more males on the competition floor regardless of school enrollment. Coed teams need to be entered via the IHSA Schools Center or by contacting the IHSA Office by November 15.

B) Roster and Participants: All teams may have up to 26 rostered participants with no more than 20 and no less than 12 participants in the 3A Division; 8 in the 2A Division; and 5 in the 1A Division allowed on the competition floor. In the Coed Division, all teams may have up to 26 rostered participants and the minimum number required on the competition floor will be based on the schools' initial enrollment.

Note: A mascot is considered part of a team and will be counted towards the maximum number of allowable cheerleaders.

II. DATES AND SITES

A) Dates: The dates for the IHSA Competitive Cheerleading State Series are:

1) Sectionals: Saturday, January 30, 2027.
2) State Final: Friday and Saturday, February 5 & 6, 2027.

B) Sites: The state shall be divided into five (5) Sectionals. Sectional host sites will be posted at www.ihsa.org on the "Competitive Cheerleading" menu page under "State Series Information and Results". Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington will be the venue for the State Final. Tournament Central will be located at the Ice Center Foyer adjacent to the Arena.

III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWL PROCEDURE, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A) Policies and Procedures: The policy for entry deadlines, late entries and withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA sponsored sports included in the 2026-27 entry policies and procedures which can be found in the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA website.

B) Online Entries: All member schools must enter their school into state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is November 1, 2026.

C) Late Entries: Any attempt to enter a sport online after the established deadline will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the principal/IHSA official representative must contact the IHSA office to request late entry into the state series. This request shall be in writing and can be directed to thenry@ihsa.org. The penalty for late entry shall be $100.00.

D) Breach of Contract (Withdrawal Procedures): To withdraw without penalty, the principal/IHSA official representative must e-mail the IHSA office thenry@ihsa.org, notifying the IHSA in writing of the school's withdrawal from the competitive cheerleading state series prior to the online list of participants deadline of December 11, 2026.

1) If a school withdraws after the deadline of December 11, 2026, the school will be charged a $500 penalty and if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association because of such breach.

2) If a school does not withdraw and does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a $500 penalty and, if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association because of such breach.

E) Eligibility: All member schools in good standing may enter one (1) team under the provisions of the IHSA by-laws.

F) Affirmative Action: Boys and girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series as outlined in the IHSA affirmative action policy.

G) Online List of Participants: Registration for the state series will be completed online using the IHSA Schools Center. Each school must complete the online list of participants by midnight on Friday, December 11, 2026. If a school does not submit the online list of participants by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from the school are subject to penalties, which could include, but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the state series and/or charged $100.00.

1) Confirmation of receipt of online list of participants: Schools should login to their school center site on the IHSA website and go to the activity tracker. The activity tracker will show "completed", if you have checked the button indicating you finished your report.

2) If the activity tracker does not indicate "completed", then you must go back into your school's list of participants and check the button on the online list of participants indicating you are finished with your report.

IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A) Sectional Host School Expenses: Sectional host schools shall receive a guarantee of $650 for hosting plus 20% of the net income. Officials will be paid by the IHSA via Arbiter Pay.

B) Sites Other Than Member Schools: When a sectional is held at a site other than an IHSA member school, the IHSA will determine the financial arrangements with the host using current financial arrangements as guidelines.

C) Participant Expenses: Neither the IHSA nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for any contestant expenses of any kind.

D) Digital Tickets: Per IHSA Board Policy 22, Go Fan Digital Tickets will be the exclusive ticket option available for this sport at the Sectional level of the State Series. Any exceptions must be approved by the IHSA office.

E) Admission: The following State Series ticket prices have been set by the IHSA Board of Directors. A baby in arms is free at all rounds of the State Series. Pricing for all other individuals is as follows:

SECTIONAL: Digital Ticket: $8.00; Cash Ticket: $10.00

STATE FINAL: Ticket: $12.00 per session

Go Fan digital ticketing is not available at the State Final. The Bloomington Arena may make digital tickets for sale. The IHSA has no control over any convenience fees charged for these digital tickets.

F) Refunds: Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

A) Sectional Assignments: Sectional assignments can be found online at www.ihsa.org on the "Competitive Cheerleading" page under "State Series Information & Results". All IHSA member schools entered in the Competitive Cheerleading State Series will be assigned by the IHSA to one of the five (5) proportional divisions for sectional level competition. These assignments will appear online after the November entry deadline.

B) Policy #18: Assignments are made according to the IHSA Grouping Policy #18. The number of competing schools, travel distance, geographical location and the number of entries shall be primary factors in the determination of number and boundary lines for these sectionals.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A) Sectional Management: In all cases in which a member school is selected as a competition site, the IHSA official representative of the high school shall automatically assume entire responsibility for the competition. The official representative may delegate the authority to manage the competition to another staff member. If the site is not located at a member school, then the IHSA Board of Directors shall appoint a local manager with like responsibilities.

B) Sectional Manager: The local manager shall have authority to take proper and appropriate action in any case of unusual situations arising during the competitions. However, no part of the terms and conditions may be set aside. In all cases involving an interpretation not specifically covered by the rules, the competition manager shall consult with the head official before the announcement of results or the presentation of awards.

C) Sectional Performance Order: Sectional competition order will be randomly determined by the IHSA and will be posted online on the competitive cheerleading menu page under state series information & results after the January list of participants deadline. There will be a site manager at each sectional. No local manager shall be permitted to change the order in which the schools compete unless given permission by the IHSA office. Programs and schedules can be created by the sectional managers using Tourney Wire, the web-based competition management service program.

D) Coaches Meetings: An In-person coaches' meeting may be conducted prior to each division of competition at sectional as outlined in the performance schedule. This meeting is optional for a coach (or a school representative) from each school to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to review any facility and logistical information regarding the event. Questions regarding policies, procedures, and rules governing the conduct of the event should be directed to the IHSA. Coaches will be responsible for the information covered at the meeting.

1) The sectional manager or appointed manager can conduct the in-person meeting for coaches prior to each division at the sectional tournament on the Saturday of sectionals.

2) The sectional manager will introduce the head official/officiating crew and any other competition personnel that they deem necessary to introduce to the coaches. The sectional manager will discuss items on the sectional agenda/tournament logistics and answer any questions regarding the competition venue.

3) **Sectional managers have the option to prerecord or send out this information to qualifying schools in lieu of an in-person coaches meeting**.

4) State Final: In lieu of an in-person coaches meeting prior to competition at the state final, a pre-recorded State Final coaches' meeting will be emailed to all participating schools and posted in the IHSA Schools Center. Each qualifying school's coach or official representative is responsible for reviewing this recording, which covers essential policies, procedures, and local rules governing the competition.

E) Warm-up Time: A seven (7) minute warm-up time at the sectional tournament shall be posted online at www.ihsa.org. prior to competition. An eight (8) minute warm-up time at the state final will be posted online at ihsa.org. Coaches and competitors must report in person to the warm-up site director at the designated time.

1) At sectional and state competition the host shall not make its performance area available earlier to any teams for practice sessions. When a part of the state series is played at a facility other than a member school's facility, none of the teams entered, including a hosting member school shall be permitted to practice at the facility.

2) Schools entered in the competition will only be allowed warm-up/practice time as scheduled by the IHSA. Mats should be provided for three warm-up stations: 2 mats, 3 mats, 9 mats (full competition floor), with no skill restrictions at any station per current NFHS Spirit Rules.

3) In the sectional and state series, uninterrupted clock minutes shall be provided for warm-up prior to

competition. Teams may not be on the official warm-up floor prior to the designated time.

4) Only approved/credentialed participants, coaches, and athletic trainers will be allowed in the warm-up area during sectionals and state final competition.

F) Competition Disruption: Tournament management reserves the right to cease competition under the following conditions:

1) At the sectional and state preliminary rounds IHSA licensed officials reserve the right to stop a routine due to an obvious injury/bodily fluid.

a. If an injury/bodily fluid causes the team's routine to be interrupted during a performance, the head official and tournament management shall determine the time for the team to feed back into the warm-up and competition order to complete their performance. The time for injury disruption should not exceed 30 (thirty) minutes for the team to perform their routine again. In the event of bodily fluid disruption, tournament management shall determine the best time to rotate the team back into warm up. Judging will resume from the point at which the injury/bodily fluid interruption occurred as determined by the head official. The routine must be performed full-out from the beginning. All point deductions accumulated to the point of injury/bodily fluid will carry over. If a team prefers not to re-work the routine, at the coaches' discretion, they may take the score they have received up to that point. If a skill has not been performed a "0" will be given in that category. If a team's routine is stopped a second time due to injury/bodily fluid, the team will take the score they have received up to that point. Note: If an athlete leaves the performance surface due to injury/bodily fluid, the out of bounds deduction will not be assessed and the routine shall continue. When able and safe, the athlete may return to the performance surface.

b. If an injury occurs during warm-up and the athlete is no longer able to participate, the head official and tournament management shall determine the time for the team to feed back into the warmup and competition order. This time should not exceed 30 (thirty) minutes from the time of injury in the warm-up area.

2) If, in the opinion of the tournament officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the tournament equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the tournament rather than the team, the head official should stop the routine. The tournament officials will determine the degree and effect of the interruption. The team will be allowed to perform its routine from the place in the routine where the interruption occurred.

3) In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own equipment, the team must either continue the routine or take the score earned to that point.

G) State Final Time Schedule: On Friday, February 5, 2027, preliminary rounds of competition will be conducted. On Saturday, February 6, 2027, final rounds of competition will be conducted. The state final time schedule shall be as follows:

Friday, February 5, 2027

SESSION 1
1A and 2A Team Preliminary Rounds

8:00 a.m.—Doors of the Arena Open to Public
8:55 a.m.—Welcome & National Anthem
9:00 a.m.—First Performance
(1A and 2A team performances alternate)
1:10 p.m.—Last Performance
1:15 p.m.—Announcement of 1A Division Finalists
1:30 p.m.—Announcement of 2A Division Finalists

SESSION 2
3A and Coed Team Preliminary Rounds

2:30 p.m.—Doors of the Arena Open to Public
3:25 p.m.—Welcome & National Anthem
3:30 p.m.—First Performance
(3A and Coed team performances alternate)
7:40 p.m.—Last Performance
7:45 p.m.—Announcement of 3A Division Finalists
8:00 p.m.—Announcement of Coed Division Finalists

Saturday, February 6, 2027

SESSION 3
Finals
10:00 a.m.—Doors of the Arena Open to Public
10:55 a.m.—Welcome & National Anthem
11:00 a.m.—1A and 2A Team Finals
(1A and 2A team performances alternate)
12:45 p.m.—1A Team Awards
1:15 p.m.—2A Team Awards
2:30 p.m.—ParaCheer Midwest & Special Olympics Cheer
2:55 p.m.—Announcements & National Anthem
3:00 p.m.—3A and Coed Team Finals
(3A and Coed team performances alternate)
4:45 p.m.—3A Team Awards
5:15 p.m.—Coed Team Awards

H) State Final School Packets: At the state final, school packets, which include important state final information, updates, state final credentials and programs may be picked up Thursday, February 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Grossinger Motors Arena VIP south entrance and after 7:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, at the Ice Center main entrance located on the south side of the Grossinger Motors Arena. A coach/school official is the only person permitted to pick up the schools' packet.

I) State Final Performance Order: The IHSA office will determine the performance order for state level competition. This order will be posted online on the competitive cheerleading page at www.ihsa.org under state series information & results. The following formula shall be used to determine the performance order for the state final:

1. Each sectional is randomly assigned a letter code (A to E) prior to the start of the state series.
2. The chart below, and the sectional code, is published at the same time as the sectional performance order.
3. Each team's performance order within a particular division is determined by the place the team won at the sectional tournament, according to the table.
4. In case of a tie for 5th place at a sectional, an additional entry will be added at the end of the order.
5. In case of a tie for any place at a sectional, the teams will perform in the opposite order in the state finals. For example, at sectional A, two teams tie for 2nd (and 3rd) place. In the chart, the order assigned to A-2 is #14. The order assigned to A-3 is #18. Reversing the order, the team that performed first in the sectional is assigned order #18. The

team that performed last in the sectional is assigned order #14.

Order	Sectional	Place
1	A	5
2	B	4
3	C	3
4	D	2
5	E	1
6	B	5
7	C	4
8	D	3
9	E	2
10	A	1
11	C	5
12	D	4
13	E	3
14	A	2
15	B	1
16	D	5
17	E	4
18	A	3
19	B	2
20	C	1
21	E	5
22	A	4
23	B	3
24	C	2
25	D	1

Note: Finalized state final performance schedules will be posted online Monday after sectional level competition.

VII. SECTIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A) Sectionals: The first, second, third, fourth and fifth place teams in each division from the sectional shall advance to the state final and compete in the division in which they qualified.

B) Advancement of Next Qualifier: Should a qualifying team withdraw or be disqualified before the state final tournament, the remaining qualifier from the same sectional in that division shall be moved up.

C) Withdrawal or Disqualification: A team moving up due to withdrawal or disqualification may be entered in the state final up to the competition time. It is the responsibility of the principal or coach to notify the IHSA office at the earliest possible time that another advancing team may be necessary. The IHSA office will officially inform the school's administration/coach that they will replace a qualifier.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A) NFHS Spirit Rules Book: The current National Federation Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) are the official rules governing the IHSA competitive cheerleading state series competition. The NFHS's official high school Spirit Rules Book is the minimum safety guide for the state series.

B) Competition Guidelines: Each team will present one competitive routine.

1) Timing

a. Competition will consist of a three (3) minute time limit.

b. No penalty for time violations will be assessed until three (3) seconds beyond the specified time limit. For example, if the time limit is three (3) minutes, no penalty will be assessed until the performance has exceeded three minutes and 3 seconds as verified by two (2) stopwatches.

c. The team may use a maximum of two minutes and 15 seconds(2:15) of the three-minute time limit for music. The timing begins with the team's first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first on the competition floor. Timing ends with the last motion, word, or beat of music. There will be an official timer at each level of competition. All participants must start in the competition area with at least one foot on the floor. Entrances and exits are not considered part of the routine and should not be organized.

d. All competition rules will apply until the team completely clears the competition floor.

2) Competition Area

a. The competitive cheering surface shall be a matted area of 54 feet wide x 42 feet deep (9 strips). The mats should cover the entire area, provide uniform thickness and be a flat, consistent surface with no cracks, obstructions, or un-taped seams. The competition mats will run vertical to the panel officials at all competition sites. A white boundary line must run the entire perimeter of the competition mat.

b. Teams may line up anywhere around the competition area.

c. A participant can step on the white boundary line. If an entire body part of an athlete Is off the performing surface It Is considered out of bounds.

d. Participants must fulfill all spotting requirements as governed by the current NFHS Spirit Rules.

3) Music

a. Music can be in a digital format with a back-up. Coaches are responsible for all necessary adapters.

b. It is the responsibility of the head coach or their designee to start and stop their music.

c. Coaches will be allowed to check their music prior to performing.

d. Music should not contain any suggestive lyrics.

e. The Association assumes no responsibility for the payment of copyright, royalty, or any other fees connected to the performances of any material in the competitive cheer state series.

4) Props

a. Only appropriate poms, signs and school flags/banners used in a safe manner by competing teams to lead the crowd during their performance are allowed.

b. Megaphones appropriately used by competitors will be permitted.

c. Teams shall be permitted to place the above listed items on the competition floor before timing begins.

d. Teams should avoid stepping on poms, signs, school flags/banners and megaphones. After use, items must be placed safely on the floor per NFHS Spirit Rules.

e. Glitter may be used on signs if laminated or sealed per NFHS Spirit Rule.

f. Props are not permitted. Only crowd leading signs, poms, school flags/banners may be used in a safe manner per current NFHS Spirit Rules.

C) Artificial Noisemakers: Cheerleaders may use megaphones appropriately during competition only. All artificial noise-making devices shall be excluded from the

performance area. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to use air horns at the competition venue and reserves the right to limit noise makers that are a distraction to the competition.

D) Competitor's Apparel: All competitors shall wear only school issued/approved uniforms for competition during the sectionals and the state final. All uniforms, including footwear, must follow the NFHS Spirit Rules Book. The NFHS Spirit Rules Book governs all participant apparel/accessories. Participants will not be permitted to compete in illegal attire. Officials shall have authority to assess penalties for failure to comply with these requirements.

1) Team Uniforms:

a. All uniforms shall be devoid of commercial advertising. The manufacturer's logo/trademark which shall not exceed 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 ¼ inches. It may appear only once on each piece of wearing apparel.

b. All briefs (base garments) should be a solid color and devoid of any markings including but not limited to sequins, prints, letters, words, and symbols.

c. Teams shall wear uniforms that are of similar color and/or marking.

d. All uniforms must have some school designation (i.e., school name, logo, mascot, or monograms) visibly printed on the uniform.

2) Participant Limitations:

a. Fingernails, including artificial nails, must be kept at an appropriate length (short, near the end of the fingers) to minimize risk for the participant.

b. Hair must be worn in a manner to minimize risk to participants (away from the face and off the shoulders).

c. Glitter that does not readily adhere on the hair, face, body, or uniform is not permitted.

d. Jewelry of any kind is prohibited, except for the allowable religious and medical needs as outlined in the current NFHS Spirit Rules Book.

e. Bench personnel (sub/alternates) must be in school-issued uniforms or school-issued warm-ups to maintain an Identifiable presence.

E) Scoring: Refer to the score sheet and rubric in the competition manual/IHSA competitive cheer website.

1) Sectional: The official IHSA score sheet will be used for the scoring of all competitive cheerleading routines. The total accumulative point value of the officials score sheets will be averaged. There shall be one (1) IHSA head official, three (3) IHSA technical officials, and three (3) IHSA panel officials assigned by the IHSA for each sectional site. The head official Is a non-scoring official and will provide comments only at Sectionals.

2) State: The official IHSA score sheet will be used for the scoring of all competitive cheerleading routines. The total accumulative point value of the officials score sheets will be averaged. There shall be five (5) IHSA hired panel officials and one (1) head panel official for each division for state. There shall be three (3) technical officials and (1) head technical official for state. The head official Is a non-scoring official.

3) For both the sectional and the state final, deductions/penalties shall be subtracted from the total accumulative point value average.

F) Team Ties: At all levels of competition, ties will not be broken. Any teams tied for a qualifying position in preliminaries will advance to the finals.

G) Coaching: At the sectional and state final, eligible high school coaches shall follow these procedures:

1) A maximum of four (4) competitive cheerleading coaches shall be allowed on the roster to coach. Only coaches whose names appear on the list of participants will be allowed to coach unless written notification from the school's principal/IHSA official representative verifies the eligibility of a coach. Schools may only submit the names of those coaches who follow IHSA By-law 2.070.

2) At the state final, eligible coaches shall receive four (4) coaching passes in their team packet.

a. The eligible coaches shall wear the coaching pass on the outside of his/her clothes while coaching.

b. Only coaches wearing this pass will be allowed into designated areas to coach.

3) Coaches must always remain in the designated areas during warm-ups and competition and not disrupt the competition. Coaching should be limited to words of help and encouragement, and the ethics of good sportsmanship must be observed.

4) Violation of ineligible coaching during the sectional or state final competition may be considered gross misconduct and could result in penalty deductions to dismissal from coaching.

H) State Final Passes: State Final passes will be provided to all competing schools and eligible coaches and school officials/administrators. All participants are required to always wear their passes. Competitors' passes can be kept with the coaching staff while the team is in uniform and competing. Competitors must have their passes visible to be allowed entry into the arena. State Final passes allow entry into the state final at any time during the competition.

I) Substitutions: After the list of participants have been entered, competing schools may use any student whose name appears on the list of participants as competitors. No substitution of names to the list of participants shall be made after the January list of participants deadline. Alternates on this list may be used for competition at any time.

J) Consolation Competition: There shall be no consolation competition.

K) Refusing to Participate: If an IHSA member team refuses to compete after being assigned to a competition, the tournament manager shall report the incident to the IHSA office. The withdrawing team will be responsible for all applicable fees. Refer to Article III-D in the terms and conditions regarding breach of contract.

L) Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any competitor, coach and/or person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. The IHSA by-laws give the IHSA Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, the athletes, the faculty, the board of education or any other official representative of any participating school.

M) Disqualification: Any team that does not adhere to these terms and conditions may be subject to disqualification from the tournament and will automatically forfeit any right to awards received at the tournament.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A) All-Star Teams: No officers of the tournament, game official or anyone serving under the supervision of the Illinois High School Association may cooperate in any way in the selection of an all-star/all-state team.

B) Fans Signs and Banners: The displaying of signs, banners, placards, or similar items by fans at IHSA state series is permitted, provided:

1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use.
2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their respective school/community.
3) They are not displayed in competition or in a manner which does not interfere with competition.
4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators or cover other signage; and
5) They are not safety hazards.

C) Damage to Property or Equipment: If representatives from any school entered in the state series are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or host venue, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

D) Media: Policy regarding media requirements for each local manager is contained in the current IHSA Handbook. Reporting information to the news media shall be the responsibility of each local manager. Media and school media passes are available by contacting Matt Troha at the IHSA office at 309-663-6377.

1) Media Provisions: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations, and/or cable television stations.
2) Media Personnel Requirements: Photographers or television personnel with cameras may enter the performance area to take pictures provided that:
   a. The individual is wearing the IHSA media/photographer's pass.
   b. The individual reports to the site manager with credentials.
   c. The individual stays off the matted competition areas and remains at least five feet away from the competition floor.
   d. The individual remains seated when taking pictures.
   e. The individual only walks when the competitors are entering or exiting.
   f. The individual refrains from speaking to the student athletes during competition.
   g. Media is not allowed in the warmup area or locker rooms.
   h. If applicable, news media may use non-distracting lighting if the manager has given permission. News media photographers are allowed to use filtered electronic flashes. If the manager and contest officials agree that the flashes are causing interference with the conduct of the competition, then they can require the photographer to cease use of the flash.
3) Television and Radio Originators: It is the responsibility of the local manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio origination, according to the IHSA television and/or radio broadcast policy.
   a. Television broadcast rights fees for all levels of competition below the state final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these terms and conditions.
   b. Radio broadcast rights fees are not required for any level of competition in this state series. Local managers shall permit radio originations of the competition.
   c. Television and/or radio stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of the competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA television and broadcast policies.
4) Rights Fees for Television and Radio:
   a. Television rights fees are to be charged by local managers and/or the IHSA as contained in the IHSA television policy.
   b. Radio Fees:
      i. Sectional Contest = No Charge
      ii. State Final = No Charge

E) Videotaping: The local manager may provide videotaping for purchase. Spectators will be allowed to videotape in the stands, provided they remain in their seat and do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators. The IHSA prohibits any taping for the purpose of video reviewing during the tournament.

F) Flash Photography: No flash cameras can be used during competition.

G) Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products: The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

H) Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois school code.

I) Automated External Defibrillators (AED): Host schools must have an AED available and on site at all IHSA post season contests.

J) Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliate property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at

the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

K) Prayer at IHSA State Series Contest: Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

X. AWARDS

A) Sectional Awards: Awards will be presented at each sectional.

1) Team standings will be determined in accordance with the IHSA scoring system.

2) The top five (5) schools advancing in each represented division from the sectional to the state final will be announced.

3) The winning school at each sectional in each represented division will receive a sectional plaque.

B) State Final Awards: An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the state final.

1) Team standings will be determined in accordance with the IHSA scoring system.

2) A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first (1), second (2) and third (3) in each respective division.

3) Medallions will be presented to the schools of the first three placing teams in each respective division. In addition, four (4) coaches, one (1) superintendent, one (1) principal, one (1) athletic director and one (1) athletic trainer will be presented with a medallion. Only the credentialed team/school representatives may participate in the awards presentation.

4) Competitors participating in the awards presentation shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. If a school fails to comply, they shall not be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony.

C) Awards Fulfillment: All awards will be furnished by the IHSA and are not an expense charged upon the individual host. Sectional level awards will be mailed to the host sites.

1) Duplicate awards will be presented in the case of ties.

2) Additional medallion awards can be purchased by the winning schools.

XI. OFFICIALS

A) Assignments: IHSA licensed officials will be assigned through the IHSA office to work the sectionals and state finals.

1) Sectionals: At each sectional level of competition seven (7) officials will be assigned to each sectional: One (1) head official, three (3) panel officials, and three (3) technical officials in which one will be designated as the head tech official. The head official will make "comments only."

2) State Final: At the state final competition, one (1) head official, five (5) panel officials, and three (3) technical officials for each division will be assigned. Additionally, one (1) head technical official will be assigned to the state final to oversee all four divisions.

B) Locations: The host site manager in conjunction with the head official will determine and confirm the logistics of the competition. Officials for the competition must be in the designated official's area when the warm-up period begins.

C) Communication: All competition communication must be directed to the host manager. Normal procedural conversation that must take place between the host school/manager, officials, coaches, team members or school representatives is allowed.

D) Electronic Scoring: Officials will submit score sheets electronically to the head official at the competition for each division. It is the head official's responsibility to verify all scores and order of finish. The site manager will include score sheets and order of finish after the competition of each division in the team exit packets.

E) Fees: Officials will be paid by the IHSA via Arbiter Pay.

1) Sectionals: Each panel and technical official shall receive a flat fee of $285.50. Each head official shall receive a flat fee of $334.50.

2) State Final: Each panel and technical official shall receive a flat fee of $510.00. Each head official shall receive a flat fee of $542.00.

F) Mileage Reimbursement Policy: In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they drive more than 70 miles round trip per competition. Payment will be made through the IHSA office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of forty-five (45) cents per mile for all mileage more than 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.