

2020 IHSAA BASEBALL

POSTSEASON MANUAL – ADDENDUM

Updated: June 22, 2020

Q1) What if we have an individual or an entire team that has been required to be quarantined and the quarantine does not expire until after the postseason for our class begins?

A1) If an entire team or a member(s) of team has been quarantined and the quarantine will not expire until after the beginning of the postseason, the IHSAA will not delay the beginning of the postseason and the team unavailable to participate will be eliminated from the postseason tournament.

Q2) We lost our first round contest and the team that beat us was just quarantined for two weeks due to a positive case of COVID-19. Will we get to take their place in the postseason?

A2) No, teams that have been eliminated from the postseason will not be permitted to replace teams moving on, but unable to play due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Q3) Our bracket has been seeded by the coaches and now the #2 seed has been quarantined and is unable to participate in the postseason, can we reseed the bracket?

A3) No, once the brackets have seeded by the coaches and placed on our website, any teams unable to play due to COVID-19 restrictions will be eliminated and the teams they are to play will receive a bye into the next round.

Q4) Does the IHSAA plan on playing doubleheaders at each host in Classes 1A, 2A, and 3A?

A4) At this time, it appears that doubleheaders will be needed on July 11th, July 14th and July 17th. We have approximately 200 umpires that have stated their intention to work the postseason. On July 11th, we would need 192 umpires if we had 96 separate sites. Additionally, 128 umpires are needed on July 14th for 64 contests and 112 needed on July 17th for 56 contests. In order to accommodate the facilities, more time will be provided between games with game times being 4:30 PM and 7:00 or /7:30 PM. Schools hosting will have the option to play their contest first. Spectators will be asked to leave the facility at the conclusion of their contest and spectators for the second contest should not be permitted to come in until approximately 30 minutes prior to game time.

Q5) As one of the school traveling, are we required to provide an administrator/supervisor at the contest?

A5) The IHSAA strongly encourages each school to provide an administrator/supervisor during the postseason to help the host in emphasizing social distance policies and administration of the contest.

Q6) We would like to use Principal Park for a postseason contest. Is that permissible?

A6) No, Principal Park is only permitted for use during the state tournament series, which runs July 24-25/27-August 1st. It is permissible to use other minor league facilities in the state of Iowa.

Q7) We are located near a baseball facility located in another state. Can we host our postseason contest in another state?

A7) No, the IHSAA prohibits the use of out of state facilities to host contests during the postseason.

Q8) Will all Class 1A and Class 2A substate finals be played at neutral sites?

A8) The IHSAA is in contact with schools seeking the use of their facilities for those neutral site contests. At this time, under these circumstances, we cannot guarantee that all games will be played at a neutral facility.

Q9) During the regular season, we are limiting the number of spectators that will be permitted into the contest. How will that affect our availability to host during the postseason?

A9) Those schools that are limiting the number of spectators during the regular season will need to contact our office regarding the expectations of hosting a contest for us. There will be the opportunity to host, but financial accommodations will need to be agreed upon by the host school.

Q10) During the regular season, we have not been charging admission to our contests, will that eliminate us from hosting during the postseason?

A10) No, however, the requirement will be that host schools will need to provide ticket takers/sellers to sell tickets to spectators coming to the contest.