

**SIJHSAA 2022 FALL INFORMATION PACKET
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1. **New Member Schools:** Schools wanting to gain membership in the SIJHSAA may do so by contacting Executive Director, Greg Hale. In addition, the school administrator must fill out an application for membership that can be found on the SIJHSAA Website. This form must be submitted to the SIJHSAA Office.
(www.sijhsaa.com / administrative / forms and documents)
***ANY MEMBER SCHOOLS THAT AREN'T PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED, ARE URGED TO GAIN RECOGNIZED STATUS THROUGH THE ISBE.**

2. **Where Parents Work:** Students who live with their parents in one school district, and whose parents(s) is employed as a full time certified employee (teacher or administration), non-certified employees (who work at least 7 hours a day), in a member school in another district, are eligible in the district in which the parent(s) work. **PROVIDED:** The school has an ISBE 5 year Waiver on file, an ISBE Transfer Form is signed off by both schools, and an SIJHSAA Employee Waiver Form is completed and signed by the parent and school administrator of the receiving school. All of the above mentioned forms must be completed and filed in the receiving school's Superintendent or designee's office no later than July 1, with one exception which is: The deadline for new hires is September 1. This process does not have to be repeated in ensuing years for the same student(s) New hires will have until September 1, 2021. The SIJHSAA Employee Waiver form is on the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com / administrative / forms and documents)

3. **SIJHSAA Website Changes:** The SIJHSAA Website went through new technology changes 2 years ago. It allows school representatives to go on the website, with your User ID and Password, to log on valuable information. (school contact information, sport participation, enrollment, intent to play, etc...) **Your school representative will be responsible to enter your School Online Member Profile and Contact Information for the 2022-23 school year.** Please do this ASAP! On September 30, 2022 you will be able to enter your K-8 School Enrollment.
****Note that if your school contact information has changed - you will still have to email or fax a copy of the School Contact Information Form, located on the SIJHSAA Website / Forms and Documents to the SIJHSAA Office.**

****Instructions for website changes are attached to this packet.**

4. **Rawlings "Official Baseball, Softball, and Basketball of the SIJHSAA":** Rawlings Balls will be used in Baseball, Softball, and Boys and Girls Basketball. The new contract will last for 5 years. Listed are the Rawlings Balls that will be used in each SIJHSAA State Series for 2022-2023.

Baseball-----RSIJHSAABB
Softball-----RSIJHSAASB
Boys Basketball-----CNTR295-SIJHSAA
Girls Basketball-----CNTR285-SIJHSAA

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5. **Mikasa “Official Volleyball of the SIJHSAA”:** Mikasa USA is entering a 5-year volleyball contract with the SIJHSAA. The official ball that will be used in the SIJHSAA State Series is the Mikasa VQ2000 (Royal/Black/White)

***Regional Organizers will receive game balls for your respective sport regional from a SIJHSAA Board of Control Member from your region.**

6. **Baseball/Softball Exception to NFHS Rules:** (Online) There are exceptions from the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) and NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) rules that the SIJHSAA follows. They can be found on the SIJHSAA Website / Administrative/ Forms and Documents by sport. NFHS Rulebooks may be purchased from the IHSA online. (www.IHSASore.com)

***Note that SIJHSAA has adopted Pitch Count Regulations in 2017.** Pitch Count Regulations, Pitch Count Sheet, and Pitch Count Game Ending Verification Sheet can be found on the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com/ Administrative / Forms and Documents / Baseball-Softball) Please distribute the pitching rules and regulations to your baseball coaches.

***Note that additional Pitch Count Regulations, for the SIJHSAA State Baseball Series, have been passed by the Board of Control and will be instituted in 2022.** (Attached in Handouts)

***Baseball Bat Rules - 2022** (Online):

Baseball Bat Rules can be found on the SIJHSAA Website .

(www.sijhsaa.com / Administrative / Forms and Documents / Baseball-Softball) Please make sure your baseball coaches, players, and parents are aware of the new bat rules.

-2 1/4" BASEBALL BARRELED BATS MAY NOT BE USED.

-NO USSSA BATS MAY BE USED IN BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL.

***Chest Protector Standard:** NFHS rules require chest protectors worn by catchers must be NOCSAE approved: You need to be aware that “old” chest protectors without the NOCSAE stamp cannot be worn. All chest protectors for your catchers must be NOCSAE approved.

***Softball Bat Rules: (Online) May be found:**

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-asa/certified-asa-equipment>

7. **Scheduling Regular Season Sport Events During The Regional Window:** Schools are reminded not to schedule games, matches, or meets during the regional window for all sports that conflict with the completion of your regional. Many Athletic Directors and Conferences do this and expect the other regional schools to work around them. Please use your common sense in this area.

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8. **SIJHSAA MEMBER SCHOOL ACCESS TO IHSA OFFICIALS DIRECTORY:**
Member School Athletic Directors and Administrators will have access to the IHSA listing of Licensed Officials for the sports of baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball. These lists are updated every Thursday. This directory may be found under the Administrative tab at the top of the home page when using your User ID and Passwords distributed by the SIJHSAA. Contact me by e-mail if you need to obtain your SIJHSAA ID and Password. Please don't distribute your User ID and Password! Only the AD and Administrators should have access.

9. **Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (SB 7):** The Youth Sports Safety Act requires that all interscholastic coaches (head and assistant coaches-whether an employee of a school or a volunteer) and marching band directors must successfully complete an approved concussion training course no later than September 1, 2016. 6 years have gone by since its inception. Coaches must take an approved course every 2 years to maintain compliance with the legislation. If your school needs codes to comply with this legislation, contact the Illinois High School Athletic Association at 309-663-6377. There is a fee per code from the IHSA. Concussion information can be found on the SIJHSAA Website.
(www.sijhsaa.com / Forms and Documents / Concussion Information and forms)
*Purchase the codes, give them to your coaches, and give them the instruction sheet from the SIJHSAA Website. They will go online and complete the program. After completing, they will be able to print a certificate of completion to give to you.
(www.sijhsaa.com / administrative / forms and documents / Concussion Education)

10. **Rick Franklin Coaching Longevity Awards Program:** In 2017-18 the SIJHSAA started the Rick Franklin Coaching Longevity Award. The Rick Franklin Longevity Award is an award that recognizes coaches that have been coaching at least 20 years in the same member school district. Schools please check out the criteria to see if your applicant qualifies. If your applicant meets all the criteria, fill out the form and follow the instructions on the form. The award will be sent to the school and the school can decide how they want to present the award. For example, at halftime of a basketball game or at a school board meeting to name a couple. Please realize that after filling out the form, confirming the information, sending it to our trophy provider, and sending it to your school, can take a little time. So have this in mind when you are giving the award. The application form can be found on the home page of the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com) Contact Administrative Assistant Tracy Lauderdale concerning this program.

11. **Important Administrative Dates (2022-2023): (Attached Handouts)**

12. **Annual Sports Calendar (2022-2023 / 2023-2024):** Annual Sports Calendar is on the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com / Sports Calendar)

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13. **Sportsmanship:** Again, sportsmanship is a point of emphasis in all sports in the SIJHSAA. Much improvement needs to occur in this area. The only way it will improve is by increased efforts by member schools. Director of Sportsmanship- Administrative Assistant Wes Choate will have authority over all sportsmanship issues. Wes has also put together the SIJHSAA Sportsmanship Manual for all schools. This manual is posted on the SIJHSAA Website in the Forma and Documents Section under Sportsmanship.

***I STRONGLY URGE SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT SPORTSMANSHIP IDEAS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL!**

***EJECTIONS**

*Pay attention to the Ejection By Laws: Article VIII: Section 2 - 6. They deal with player, coach, and fan Ejection.

***The host school Athletic Director or Principal is responsible for reporting an ejection to Director of Sportsmanship Wes Choate no later than the morning after the ejection. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Forms may be found on the SIJHSAA Website. (Administrative / Forms and Documents) The Unsportsmanlike Conduct Ejection Form must be scanned and e-mailed to Director Wes Choate. wchoate59@gmail.com (email) 618-201-9490 (cell)**

***ANY FAN EJECTED FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL SIT OUT 2 GAMES. (ARTICLE VIII: SPORTSMANSHIP / SECTION 3)**

14. **Board of Control Elections – Spring 2022:** No active BOC election took place as there were no additional nominations for all seats. The individuals listed will serve 3 year terms through the summer of 2025.

Region 1: Greg Frehner (Vienna) & Josh Staples (Jonesboro)
Region 2: Tom Roper (Marion) & Ryan Fritch (Pope County)
Region 3: Reggie Norman (Benton) & JC Davis (Benton)

*A complete listing of the present Board of Control, Steering Committee, and Geographic Regions is posted on the SIJHSAA website. (www.sijhsaa.com) (Administrative)

15. **2022 Fall State Series Information:** Information for Baseball, Softball, and Cross Country will be posted on the SIJHSAA Website on or before August 20, 2022. (www.sijhsaa.com) On the right side of the home page, under the Latest News Section you will find information listed per sport.
NOTE *Class S & L State Cross Country Meets:
Host: DuQuoin Middle School Site: DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, IL
Manager: Jeremy Cornett, Athletic Director, DuQuoin Middle School
Pre-State Meet: Saturday, September 24, 2022 (Attached Information)
State Meet: Saturday, October 15, 2022

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Regional's for Class L and S Cross Country will be held to qualify for your respective state cross country meet. The regional window for these meets is October 4-11, 2022.

-Class L & S Regional's: Top 2 teams and next 5 individuals not on a qualifying team advance to state. (UPDATED)

***Class L State Baseball-Softball State Tournament:**

Host: Centralia Recreation Department

Site: Rotary Park, Centralia, IL

Manager: Scott Allen

State Tournament Dates: October 1, 4, & 6.

***Class M State Baseball-Softball State Tournament**

Host: Pinckneyville High School

Site: Perry County Fairgrounds, Pinckneyville, IL

Manager: Tony Wilson, Supt., Pinckneyville High School

State Tournament Dates: October 1, 4, & 6.

Class S State Baseball-Softball State Tournament:

Host: Coulterville Grade School

Site: Coulterville City Ballparks, Coulterville, IL

Manager: Sara Maynard, Coulterville Grade School.

State Tournament Dates: October 1, 4, & 6.

***August 1, 2022 – DEADLINE TO ENTER ALL FALL SPORTS**

****Yearly some schools enter a fall state series and fail to get the numbers to have a team. Schools that are entered will have until August 20 to make a final decision of their participating in baseball, softball, and cross country.**

***Current Lists of Schools Entered for XC, Baseball, and Softball are attached. These lists will change as the August 1 deadline approaches for entries.**

16. **New Class S State Track Site:** Herrin High School has decided to discontinue being the Class S State Track Meet Host. A bid email was sent out in May with a deadline to submit a bid by June 15, 2022. DuQuoin Middle School was selected by a committee of the SIJHSAA Board of Control and will be the new site for the Class S Girls and Boys State Track Meet. Jeremy Cornett, AD DuQuoin Middle School will be the Meet Manager.

17. **Dicks Sporting Goods Corporate Agreement:** The SIJHSAA and Dick's Sporting Goods have a corporate agreement. This agreement gives Dick's Sporting Goods advertising on our website and distribution of discount coupons for member school students and staff for purchase discounts at specially scheduled weekend sales. Listed below are the dates of the 4 upcoming sale events. (Coupon attached to Handouts and posted on the homepage of the SIJHSAA Website)

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- *August 19, 20, & 21, 2022
- *December 9, 10, & 11, 2022
- *March 24, 25, & 25, 2023
- *June 2, 3, & 4, 2023

18. **Season Limitations:** Remember that the only sport that the SIJHSAA has season limitations in Girls and Boys Basketball. The season starts the first day of school and ends the last day of their respective state tournament. Game limitations for Girls and Boys Basketball can be found in the SIJHSAA By Law: Article XXVIII: Basketball (Boys and Girls) Section 2a. All other sports have no game limitations or opening season limitations.
SIJHSAA By Law: Article XXVIII: Basketball (Boys & Girls) / Section 2a:
- *16 games and 3 tournaments
 - *17 or 18 games and 2 tournaments
 - *19 or 20 games and 1 tournament
 - *21 or 22 games and 0 tournament
19. **Jim Burnes Awards Program:** Annually the SIJHSAA will select students from member schools that exhibit leadership, scholarship, and participation in association sports. This is sponsored by Baysinger Architects PLLC. SIJHSAA Administrative Assistant, Tracy Lauderdale supervises this program. More information can be found on the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com / administrative / forms and documents)
20. **Transfer By Laws:** Transfer By Laws can be found on the SIJHSAA Website.
(www.sijhsaa.com / administrative / by laws)
(Article I: Eligibility / Section 6: Transfers)
21. **R House Sports - "Officials T-Shirt Provider of the SIJHSAA":**
R-House Sports of Herrin, IL will be the officials t-shirt provider for all SIJHSAA State Finals. (Meets and Tournaments) Kim Summers will be the contact at R House Sports for the SIJHSAA.
(kim@rhousesports.com / 618-534-3792)
22. **Co-op Deadlines:** Remember that co-op deadlines. I have listed the new deadlines below. (Golf may now include co-ops)
- ***August 1, 2022:** Deadline for new co-ops/renewals dealing with baseball, softball, or girls & boys cross country
 - ***October 1, 2022:** Deadline for all new co-ops/renewals dealing with all other sports (girls & boys basketball, volleyball, girls and boys golf, and girls & boys track)
 - ***NEW - Co-ops combined enrollments now may not exceed 500 students.**

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- 23. Commonly Asked Questions:**
- A. Can athletes participate on non-school teams during SIJHSAA sport seasons?**
-YES (Article I: Eligibility / Section 12)
*Note: Local Schools may have rules that prevent this activity.
 - B. Are home schooled students eligible for sports at member schools?**
-NO (Article I: Eligibility / Section 15)
 - C. Are schools required to hire IHSA Licensed Officials for 7th and 8th grade sport contests?**
-YES (Article IV: Contests / Section 14)
 - D. May girls play on boy's teams?**
-In some cases YES (Article I: Eligibility / Section 11)
 - E. May boys play on girl's teams?**
-NO (Article I: Eligibility / Section 11)
 - G. Who is responsible for the academic eligibility of athletes?**
-The member school's academic guidelines
 - H. If I attend a private school and a sport isn't offered, may athletes participate on the public school team that the parent or school is located?**
-NO (Article I Eligibility Section 14)
 - I. Can more than 2 schools co-op in a sport?**
-YES (Art III/Section 1b.) As long as the combined enrollments of the schools doesn't exceed 500 students.