

NEW IHSAA By-laws for 2026-2027

6-quarter rule

- **52-3 Quarter Rule**

- The maximum number of season basketball games in which any team may participate, excluding the IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Twenty-two (22) games and no tournament, Twenty (20) games plus One (1) tournament, or Twenty (20) games and a maximum of Three (3) tournaments, provided the games played in Two (2) of the Three (3) tournaments, or the games played in One (1) of the Two (2) tournaments if Two (2) tournaments are played, are included in the Twenty (20) game limitations.
- a. Options for player participation during any one season excluding Jamboree shall be a maximum of:
 - (1.) Eighty-eight (88) quarters and no tournaments; plus Two (2) additional quarters for every instance where a player participates in Six (6) quarters in the same session.
 - (2.) Eighty (80) quarters plus One (1) tournament; plus Two (2) additional quarters for every instance where a player participates in Six (6) quarters in the same session.
 - (3.) Eighty (80) quarters and a maximum of Three (3) season tournaments (excluding IHSAA Tournament Series) provided the quarters played in the second (2nd) tournament and the third (3rd) tournament are included in the Eighty (80) quarter limitation; plus Two (2) additional quarters for every instance where a player participates in Six (6) quarters in the same session.
- b. For purposes of this section a 'session' occurs when a junior varsity and Varsity games are played on One (1) admission ticket without clearing the gymnasium.
- c. **No player may participate in more than Six (6) quarters in one session.**
- d. If a School schedules a junior varsity game and a Varsity game on successive days, a player may participate in a maximum of Six (6) quarters in the Two (2) games combined as if the games were scheduled in the same session.
- e. The maximum quarters participation allowed Five (5) or Six (6) quarters in One (1) session is as follows:

Sub-varsity	Varsity
1	4
2	3
3	2
4	2 (this is the only scenario to play 6 quarters)
- f. No team or player may participate in more than Eight (8) quarters in One (1) calendar day. A record of the quarters played in basketball by individual players shall be kept on file in the principal's office at all times for use in certifying eligibility of players.

