

**RULE 19 - TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
EVENTS**

- 19-1** Competing school(s) must notify the IHSAA office or the state tournament manager if the school is having difficulty traveling to the event site and may not arrive in time for the scheduled event(s). Notification shall be made as soon as possible after it becomes evident that the team/individual is having difficulty.
- 19-2** Specific circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the Executive Director and/or the IHSAA Board of Directors.
- 19-3** If a team/individual is unable to arrive at a site for their scheduled competition due to circumstances beyond their control, that team/individual will be allowed to participate in their scheduled event provided they arrive at the event site and are able to compete in the first round on the day of their scheduled event. The Executive Director, in cooperation with the event manager, shall adjust the schedule of the event for the purpose of allowing maximum participation for all schools.
- 19-4** If the team/individual is unable to arrive to compete during the first round of its event, a forfeit is recorded and that team/individual shall move into the consolation bracket or be dropped from competition, whichever is applicable to the particular event.
- 19-5** When the number of teams/individuals unable to reach the event site for their scheduled event exceeds 25% of those participating, the event manager, the IHSAA Executive Director, shall consider postponement or cancellation of all or part of the day's activities. An alternative schedule shall be set by the events manager after consultation with the Executive Director and a representative of the participating schools.
- 19-6** For the purpose of this rule, the total number of teams/individuals scheduled to attend the event shall be the number used to obtain the percentage of those needed, regardless of the number of classifications scheduled to attend the event. For example, if a tournament will include 16 teams with each IHSAA classification participating, the number 16 will be used to determine the procedure to follow.
- 19-7** For the purpose of this rule, when the percentage used results in less than a whole number, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if a tournament is being held for 30 teams, 25% of the total would be 7.5 which would be rounded up to 8.
- 19-8** In football, should one team be unable to arrive at a culminating site due to circumstances beyond its control, the contest shall be re-scheduled to allow maximum participation for all qualified schools.