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Corona, CA - The Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) is proud to announce a new partnership with Mikasa USA, who will serve as the Official Volleyball of the IESA beginning with the 2022-23 school year. Beginning next year, Mikasa volleyballs will be provided for use at all levels of the IESA Volleyball State Series.

"We are excited to welcome Mikasa USA as an official partner of the IESA," said IESA Executive Director Nicole Schaefbauer. "Mikasa is a leader in the industry through their development of an incredible product and their dedication to growing the sport of volleyball at all levels. From the Olympics to the IESA state series, Mikasa works to enhance each player's game experience and we look forward to providing that to our member schools."

The IESA has offered a Volleyball State Series for over 45 years. Each year, over 400 schools across Illinois participate in the IESA Volleyball State Series.

"Mikasa is the premiere name in Volleyball throughout the US and international volleyball community," said Dan Cowart, Mikasa National Sales Manager. "We look forward to being a valuable partner with the IESA. What a great opportunity to have the Mikasa brand represented by the IESA participating athletic programs and their athletes."

About Mikasa

Mikasa is the leader in sports balls that prides themselves on passion and desire to provide the highest quality equipment for a variety of sports including rugby, soccer, basketball, and others, with volleyball serving as the establishment of the company. Since 1973, Mikasa has continued to develop the latest technology in the most important part of the game—the ball.

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