

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 16, 2012

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Terri Kimura, Coach at Glenview (Glenbrook South); Edee Madsen, Coach at Deerfield; Kathy Colclasure, Coach at Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais); Robert Nolting, Principal at Tinley Park (Andrew) and Scott Freischlag, Coach at Oswego (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules / passes 6-0

Recommendation: During the official 3 minute warm-up players are not allowed to use any electronic devices, they should be dressed and ready for competition when they step on the court to begin their warm-up.

Rationale: The Committee feels the 3 minute warm-up is officially the start of the match; electronic devices are not allowed during the match and should not be allowed during the warm-up. They also pose a danger and are a distraction for the player and their competitor who is warming-up with them.

Approved

2. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules E. Note/ J. Advice 2)a) / Casebook- III. The Game 27A.

Recommendation: A player or a coach may call for the 11 point interval

Rationale: The Committee feels this gives coaches the opportunity to coach at one designated time during each game that they can now control.

Approved

3. Revise: V. Tournament assignments and seeding meetings H. Making the Sectional Draw 1)

Recommendation: Two, four, or six players shall be seeded. The coaches present at the seeding meeting shall determine if two, four or six players are seeded.

Rationale: The current wording calls for zero, two, or four players to be seeded. We would never have zero players seeded and often have more than 4 seeded. This updates the wording to reflect what is being done at the seeding meetings.

Approved

4. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules P.

Recommendation: If a player(s) playing out of draw position is discovered before the first game is over, that game is halted and the error is corrected. If the first game is completed or the match is complete that player(s) shall forfeit the match and move to the back draw and the bracket is corrected.

Rationale: Currently no procedure for players playing in wrong match. This clarifies the process for coaches.

Approved

5. Revise: V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings D. Sectional Assignments/ Manager's Manual page 16, 18, and 19.

Recommendation: Individuals entered in the state series will be assigned to the sectional with the least number of teams. If all sectionals have the same number of teams, individuals will be assigned based on the sectional assignment structure.

Rationale: Current wording is inconsistent between the Terms and Conditions and Manager's Manual. One calls for individuals to be placed in Sectional B while the others call for Sectional D, and none of the current wording accounts for one sectional having more teams than the others. This change creates consistency in the wording, and also helps to balance out the sectionals so that one sectional doesn't have 6 teams and all the individuals.

Approved

6. Add: IX. Tournament Policies A. State Final Passes:

Recommendation: Each qualifying school shall receive 1 pass per qualifying player and no more than 4 coach's passes per qualifying school. Schools who qualify an odd number of players shall receive 1 courtesy pass for a female teammate to act as a warm-up partner.

Rationale: There is currently no wording in the Terms and Conditions defining the number of passes given out to the schools or to the coaches.

Approved

7. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules J. Advice 1) c) / Code of Conduct, Unsportsmanlike Acts, Illegal Coaching:

Recommendation: The penalty for the violation of illegal coaching is a 1 point team deduction. The second offense is a 2 point team deduction and the third offense is a disqualification and ejection of the violating coach.

Rationale: The Committee felt that the automatic 2 point team deduction was too harsh; no other similar penalty is as harsh for a first offense.

Approved

8. **Revise: V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings C. State Final Seeding Meeting Requirements**

Recommendation: Any additional player seeding information a school wants to submit to the state tournament Seeding Committee for consideration must be submitted to the IHSA and/or a Seeding Committee member in writing prior to the Sunday of the week of the meeting. Late information cannot be considered for seeding in the State Final draw. Refer to the School and Managers Manuals for seeding factors.

Rationale: The current wording only calls for information to be submitted prior to the Tuesday meeting. This sets the day a little further in advance giving the Committee more time to review the material.

Approved

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that the Seeding Committee seed the top 16 players and use the computer program to seed the rest of the field. They request the opportunity to review the brackets prior to posting them online to ensure it is correct.

Rational: The Committee feels this will take out the human element from the State Final Draw and help ease the process. This also makes badminton consistent with what tennis, a similar sport, is doing.

2. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends updating the Case Book under The Serve A5 to include not twirling or spinning the racquet.

Rationale: The Committee feels this should clarify that the racquet should stay still in a legal serve receive. This will also be reinforced in the online rules video at the beginning of the season.

3. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that in the Manager's Manual on page 27 C the wording be updated to say: Two, four or six players are to be seeded in singles and two, four, or six teams are to be seeded in doubles. The placing of the seeds shall follow the sample bracket located on page 30 of this Manual, with the only exception being teammates being placed in opposite halves of the bracket. Remember that each seeded player drawn to a spot in the top half of the draw is placed on the top line of whatever segment she draws, each player drawn into a spot on the bottom half of the draw is placed on the bottom line of whatever segment she draws. In the event that the No. 3, 4, 5, or 6 seed is from the same school as the No. 1 or No. 2 seed they should be placed in the opposite half of the bracket.

Rationale: The Committee feels this wording creates consistency between the Terms and Conditions and the Manager's Manual. It also makes the process clearer in the wording helping managers make the draw with greater ease.

4. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends updating the brackets in the Manager's Manual on page 31 and 32. Seed #1 on line 1, Seed #2 on line 16, Seed #3 on line 12, Seed #4 on line 5, Seed #5 on line 7 and Seed #6 on line 10. Byes need to be placed on lines 2, 6, 11, and 15.

Rationale: The Committee feels this corrects the error in seed placement on the doubles bracket and clarifies the draw process by outlining where seeded players are to be placed. It also creates consistency between the singles and doubles draw.

5. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends updating page 9 of the Manger's Manual under IHSA Season Questions 2A from 5 days to 7 days to answer when a student must cease non-school participation and under Non-School Participation Questions 1Q and 1A, clarify a private lesson now that students can attend coaching schools, camps, and/or clinics during the school year as long as a coach from their school isn't involved in any way.

Rationale: With the By-law changes of 2011-12 updating and further clarification is needed for these questions and answers to remain valid.

6. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends on page 29 of the Manager's Manual that the wording at the top be A=1st seed, J=2nd seed, C=3rd seed, and H=4th seed.

Rationale: The Manual currently says place instead of seed creating confusion as to what is to be put on lines A, J, C and H in the bracket.

7. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that the wording be updated on the Specific Procedures to Follow #4. Place with the option to draw the #3 and #4 seeds and place them on the corresponding lines for #3 and #4. (Manager's Manual page 38 and School Manual page 26)

Rationale: This gives the Seeding Committee the option to seed specific players/teams at #3 and #4 rather than at the 3-4 seed and flip a coin where they go.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2011 Minutes.
2. The Committee discussed the State Finals. They talked about more volunteers being brought by the schools to help as scoreboard updaters, flip chart volunteers, or line judges. They asked that Stacey put a message in the rules video asking for volunteers. They asked if a school was able to bring their JV team to work as volunteers, would EIU be able to house them in the dorms for free?
3. The Committee discussed the use of Lantz Arena, especially for the first round on Friday, during years when the Tournament doesn't conflict with graduation set up. No action was taken.
4. The Committee discussed a possible state final location in the suburbs. No action was taken.
5. The Committee discussed players coaching. Stacey and Robert will conference call with Ron McGraw and get back to the badminton community about this issue.
6. The Committee discussed the state series birds; Stacey is going to work further on this. No action was taken.

7. The Committee discussed using 2 line judges on each court on Saturday until the medal round. They asked that Stacey discuss with the officials that they can override the players even when not asked. They asked that Stacey check on the availability of volunteers for line judging. No action was taken.
8. The Committee discussed putting together a serving demonstration for the rules video. They asked that Stacey work to put together a video of the demonstration of a legal serve and an illegal serve in both singles and doubles. The demonstrations would include illegal motions regarding serve receive as well. No action was taken.
9. The Committee discussed the scorekeepers at the state finals. They ask that the scorekeepers be reminded that they are there to keep score, not make rulings on line calls or other rule infractions. They asked for all wording about scorekeepers in State Final information to reflect this. No action was taken.
10. The Committee discussed using a boy manager as a warm-up partner at the state tournament. No action was taken.
11. The Committee discussed the online List of Participants for doubles and the entry process. No action was taken.
12. The Committee discussed defining illegal coaching further in the online rules video. Stacey will put together a list of phrases that can be interpreted as coaching vs. cheering. No action was taken.
13. The Committee discussed defining what is appropriate cheering for fans and asked for a reference in the rules video. No action was taken.
14. The Committee discussed updates to be made in the Manager's Manual with dates and locations on pages 7 and 8. They also asked that the specific shuttle to be used in the State Series be listed on page 7.
15. The Committee thanked Terri Kimura, Kathy Colclasure and Scott Freischlag for their years of service.