

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2019

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 16, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Ben Hussey, Coach at Roselle (Lake Park); Nicole Frye, Coach at Lake Forest; Diane O'Connell, Coach at Bartlett, and Kitty Dupee, Coach at Bolingbrook (H.S.). Absent were Michael Strode, Athletic Director at Romeoville and Marsha Potthoff, Principal at McHenry. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Revise: III. On-line Entries G. Online List of Participants**

Recommendation: The List of Participants will provide the overall records and complete match history of each singles player and each doubles team seeking consideration for sectional and state final seeding. Coaches whose player(s) are not requesting a consideration for a seeded position, for their team or individual entries, need to only complete the List of Participants indicating names of the players being entered into the tournament series.

Rationale: The committee felt that these minor changes provided clarity to coaches to help explain what information they must provide in order to receive a seed as a team or individual. With the previous wording some coaches felt that by simply listing the record without the match history was enough for a seed.

Approved by Consent

2. **Revise: V. Tournament Assignment and Seeding Meetings B. Sectional Complex Seeding Meeting and Sectional Seeding Meeting**

Recommendation: The successive series shall be designated respectively as sectional and state final. Four (4) sectionals will be assigned to a sectional complex. Both the sectional complex seeding meeting and the subsequent sectional seeding meetings shall take place Monday, April 29, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at one of the sectional complex sites designated by the IHSA. Coaches should bring a hard copy of their List of Participants printed from the School Center, and their playing schedule to both of the meetings. The sectional complex seeding meeting will be held for the purpose of 1) determining the Top 16 team (2 individual singles entries and 2 doubles teams) seeds, 2) randomly draw for the remaining team seeds, 3) designating the sectional host sites and 4) assigning teams to one of the four sectionals in the complex.

Immediately following the sectional complex seeding meeting schools will break into a sectional meeting. Each of the four sectionals hosts selected from in the sectional complex meeting will conduct a sectional seeding meeting. This meeting is required for all coaches for the purpose of seeding individuals' singles and doubles teams assigned to the sectional. Players seeking an individual singles or doubles seed must be listed on the LOP with a complete match history.

Rationale: The committee felt that moving to only seeding the Top 16 teams should eliminate some conflict at the sectional meetings. It also more clearly defines what schools are seeking a seed and will help expedite the seeding process. Adding in the additional reminder of who needs to fill out a complete match history further emphasizes what is required for seeking a seed and give coaches the flexibility to choose to enter or with hold their complete match history. The committee wants to emphasize that any individual single or doubles team seeking a seed must have a complete match history entered.

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3. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules Q. Flip Chart

Recommendation: The on deck of every match (or another team representative) must serve as flip chart score keepers for the current match on that same court. Both teams will be required to sit in the flip chart area, one team (or team rep) will score and the other will time. On deck players need to report immediately to their court to prepare for their role.

Rationale: It's getting more difficult to find a full complement of "unofficial" scorekeepers and this would build into the program the "unofficial scorekeepers" who display a visual score. We would attempt to find other score keepers for Saturday's play.

Approved by Consent

4. Add: X. Awards B. State Final

Recommendation: The IHSA will furnish medallions to the first **eight** place finishers in the both singles and doubles of the state final tournament. A trophy will be presented to the first, second and third place schools. In addition, all first, second, and third place teams will receive 8 medallions for their individuals. Duplicate awards will be presented in case of ties to individuals and teams. In addition, each first, second and third place teams will receive a Superintendent's medallion, a Principal's medallion, and an Athletic Director's medallion. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only the participating members of the team and school representatives may participate in the awards presentation. These awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charged upon the individual tournament.

Rationale: The Committee felt that the player who work all day to fight through the back draw should have some kind of representation of their battle through a 7th and 8th place medallion. This would add 1 additional singles match and 1 additional doubles match to the overall day, but place immeasurable value on the effort put forth by the players.

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5. Revise: VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

Recommendation: A. Singles: The first **six** places in singles from each Sectional shall advance to the State Final Tournament.

B. Doubles: The first **six** places in doubles from each Sectional shall advance to the State Final Tournament.

Rationale: The committee felt this recommendation would not only give more participants the opportunity to experience the state final, but it would allow more schools the opportunity to bring their whole team to the state finals. This would also correct the sectional feed-in issue where players play repeat matches and the player who wins the second match advances to state when the 2 players have split 1-1.

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6. Revise: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules E. State Final Schedule

Recommendation:

E. State Final Schedule

Thursday, May 9, 2019 3:00 – 8:00 pm Hit-A-Round for Teams and Individuals (In accordance with IHSA by-laws, schools may only practice or hit around within their own team.)

Friday, May 10, 2019

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| 7:30 am | Doors Open to Officials, IHSA, Workers and Team | |
| 7:30-9:30 am | School Packet Distribution | |
| 7:45 am | Doors open to all Competitors and Coaches | |
| 7:45-8:00 am | Warm-Up Block (if needed, IHSA will notify coaches if this time slot is an open warm-up period) | |
| 8:00-8:15 am | Warm-Up Block 1 (52 athletes) | |
| 8:15-8:30 am | Warm-Up Block 2 (52 athletes) | |
| 8:30–8:45 am | Warm-Up Block 3 (52 athletes) | |
| 8:45-9:00 am | Warm-Up Block 4 (52 athletes) | |
| 8:30 am | Coaches Meeting | |
| 9:15 am | Opening Ceremony | SRC |
| 9:45 am | Matches begin for singles and doubles (Round 1, 2, 3) | SRC |
| | Winner Bracket through Match # 88 | |
| | Consolation Bracket through Match # 104 | |

Saturday, May 11, 2019

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| 7:30 am | Doors Open to Officials, IHSA and Workers | |
| 8:00–8:50 am | Warm-ups open to all | |
| 8:30-8:45 am | Officials and Coaches Meeting | Lantz Club Room |
| 9:00 am | Quarterfinals in Winner’s Bracket – Singles #105-108 | SRC |
| | Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Singles #109-112 (8 courts) | SRC |
| 10:10 am | Quarterfinals in Winner’s Bracket – Doubles #105-108 | SRC |
| | Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Doubles #109-112 (8 courts) | SRC |
| 11:00 am | Quarterfinals in Consolation Bracket for Singles/Doubles (8 courts) #113-116 | SRC |
| Noon | Semi-finals for Singles/Doubles — #117-120 (8 courts) | SRC |
| | Reset Facility for Finals | |
| 1:00 pm | Finals for Singles – Matches #121-123 (3 courts) | SRC |
| 1:30 pm | Finals for Doubles – Matches #121-123 (3 courts) | SRC |
| 2:00 pm | Awards Ceremony Following Conclusion of Play | SRC |

Rationale: The Committee had heard some feedback about all that is going on this time of year for our student-athletes, in response to that they felt that an earlier start time might be the best option. This recommendation will ensure that Friday and Saturday’s start times are closer and that students are able to get back for the end of the year activities at their schools.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** If recommendation number 2 of the Terms and Conditions Recommendations passes then page 27/28 and 36 of the Manual and the Manager’s spreadsheet will be updated to reflect said changes.

Rationale: see above

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2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends update the sectional brackets for the 12 entries and adding a 14 entries as our sectionals are continuing to grow.

Rationale: Due to the growth of the sport, the brackets need to be updated to reflect the number of entries in the sectionals.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2018 Minutes.
 - a. They discussed the need for all players on the LOP to have their season history listed for the sectional seeding meeting.
2. The Committee discussed the State Finals.
 - a. Stacey will make a reminder that cycle/dance room is the space to be used for equipment storage in her final email as well as in the coaches rules meeting on Friday. Stacey will put a reminder in her final email that the locker room is available for players to use as well, but players should bring their own locks.
3. The Committee discussed using tennis reporting for badminton regular season reporting. Stacey will look into this further.
4. The Committee discussed the roster and subs being made on the LOP. All substitutions should go through the IHSA first, not through the sectional host as subs have to be made with verification from the principal or the AD. Stacey will update the rules video to reflect the substitution rule
5. The Committee discussed posting serving rules videos on the IHSA Badminton site. Stacey will have these posted prior to next season.
6. The Committee discussed how the rules video is available once the time to watch for credit is passed on the Badminton web page. The video is listed under resources for coaches to review or show their lower level coaches.
7. The Committee discussed publishing the seeding committee on the badminton page. It is posted in the state final program that each school receives upon their arrival at the state finals.
8. The Committee discussed having an electronic version of the bracket boards. Stacey will look into this further with EIU and IHSA technology.
9. The Committee discussed adjusting the state finals to Thursday/ Friday to avoid prom. The contract with EIU is set for the next 2 years which locks us in to our current dates. No further action was taken.
10. The Committee discussed Boys Badminton. They encourage schools who have boys badminton to enter it as an emerging sport so that it can be tracked. No further action was taken.
11. The Committee discussed coaches using video of a match to teach after a match is over. There is no rule against this and would be allowed as long as the video is not used during the 11-point break or between sets. Stacey will make note of this in the online rules video. No further action was taken.
12. The Committee discussed the creation and support of a form Badminton Coaches Association. It would be up to the coaches to create this group. No further action was taken.

13. The Committee discussed packet pick up timing. The decision was made that schools can pick up their packets Friday morning when the doors open, as stated on the time schedule or late Thursday night, at the end of the Hit-A-Round. No further action was taken.
14. The Committee thanked Ben Hussey, Kitty Dupee, and Diane O'Connell for their years of service.