

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 5, 2019**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, December 5, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Guillermo Cruz, Boys Coach at Chicago (Cristo Rey Jesuit); Tony Millard, Athletic Director, at Champaign (Centennial); Monica Burkholder, Principal at Lanark (Eastland); Tonya Grayson, Girls Coach at Newark; Gary Hickox, Girls Coach at Jacksonville; Jason Batty, Boys Coach at Edwardsville (Metro-East Lutheran); and Jackie Skryd, official, Naperville. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Assistant Executive Director Leslie Albee were also in attendance. Nancy Lill, Girls Coach at Arlington Hts. (Hersey) was absent.

**Terms and Conditions Recommendations:**

**1. Revise: Girls VIII. Tournament Rules F. Warm-up Time:  
Boys VIII. Tournament Rules D. Warm-up Time:**

**Recommendation:** After the 2-minute shared warmup, when the home team is awarded the court for their 6 minutes of hitting and serving, the court should be theirs exclusively. The visiting team will not be permitted to be on the court peppering or ball handling. It is suggested that during this time, as a gesture of good sportsmanship, the team, off the court, shall shag balls for the hitting team, and for that gesture to be returned when the court changes hands.

Host administration would be responsible for notifying schools of use during the regular season.

**Rationale:** Not only does this reinforce the spirit of good sportsmanship, it reduces the potential for injury, conflict and interruption. The value of having the opponents on the floor ball handling does not equal the value of the previously mentioned positive benefits.

Stacey will make a place in the video that describes how this will take place. Officials can also work to remind schools during in the coaches/ captains meetings during the regular season but cannot require it as the Terms and Conditions only govern the state series season.

This Recommendation also ties in with the NFHS review of warm-ups. High School RIO data would indicate that most injuries in high school volleyball come during the warm-up period when teams are hitting into each other.

**Died for Lack of Motion**

## **2. Revise: II. Dates and Sites A & B**

**Recommendation:** -- Adjust the boys volleyball state final schedule:

**REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS: MONDAY WEEK 47**

**REGIONAL SEMIS: TUESDAY WEEK 47**

**REGIONAL FINALS: THURSDAY WEEK 47**

**SECTIONAL SEMIS: SATURDAY WEEK 47**

**SECTIONAL FINALS: TUESDAY WEEK 48**

**STATE FINALS: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF WEEK 48**

Moving the Sectional Semifinal games to the Saturday of Week 47 between with a start time between 12:00-7:00 pm would provide schools the flexibility to schedule matches to avoid conflicts with graduation.

**Rationale:** -- With the increasing number of boys' volleyball teams in the state of Illinois, there are 3 or 4 play-in games on the regional quarterfinal night. The likelihood of a team having to play for three straight nights in the IHSA tournament has increased. Changing the Regional Final from the Wednesday of Week 47 to the Thursday of Week 47 would eliminate that situation.

The boys' volleyball regionals typically fall during high schools' final exams. The student-athletes are limited in exam preparation time and sleep. It is also beneficial for coaches and student-athletes to have a day between matches to prepare for the next competition.

**Approved by Consent**

## **3. Revise: Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Warm-up Time:**

**Boys: VIII. Tournament Rules D. Warm-up Time:**

**Recommendation:** All warm-up apparel (jackets, pants, shorts, etc.) must be removed by both teams by the conclusion of the 2-minute warmup period. Warm-up apparel is not required to be worn by a team. If a warm-up top is to be worn for the duration of the warm-up period it must have a number on it, the number must be the corresponding number to the uniform top. Any warm-up top without a number must be removed at the conclusion of the Coaches/ Captains Meeting.

**Rationale:** Due to the NFHS rule change about roster submission, this will ensure that officials are able to check the roster during the warm-up as directed by the NFHS Rule Book.

**Approved by Consent**

### **Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** Can we send a snapshot of the season summary back to the schools before we post the information live for review and seeding? Is this something we can do inhouse or something Max Preps can do by showing the coaches a summary page prior to them submitting their schedule.

This would not be an opportunity for coaches to make changes to what they submitted, but only an opportunity for them to review. Any changes would have to be made by the IHSA after the submission deadline. This is also not an opportunity to fill out the whole season summary, it is only a chance to make sure what was submitted was correct.

**Rationale:** This will give schools the opportunity to double check to make sure all of their information is correct so that when seeding begins all schools review the right information.

### **Died for Lack of Motion**

2. **Recommendation:** Formalization of line judge position for volleyball
1. Create a formal registration process for line judges on the IHSA website
  2. Develop process to mirror current official's designation, registered, recognized and certified lines judge designation.
  3. Allow individuals to register with IHSA as a line judge only and develop as a line judge through the formal process and allow line judges receive promotion through the system to the state tournament selection. (Create a line judge registration status).
  4. Create an opportunity to rate officials as only line judges.

**Rationale:** The Committee discussed developing a formal registration process for line judges in volleyball. This would include processes to advance through the certification rankings, separate clinics, and to be rated as line judges. The Committee feels some officials would only want to line judge; this would give them that opportunity. This would also be a great way to grow the officiating pool by introducing young officials to the game without putting them on the stand in their first year.

### **Forwarded to the Officials Advisory Committee**

### **General Items of Discussion:**

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments.
  - a. The committee talked about the lack of boys volleyball participation in the central part of the state.

2. The committee reviewed 2018 Minutes.
  - a. The committee asked that a check box be put on the host checklist to ensure that personnel is available to escort the R1 off the stand
  - b. distributing the Advisory Committee minutes to official's association presidents. Stacey will send a note to the presidents letting them know when minutes are posted.
  - c. The committee talked about the attack line extension, how it was put out at the girl's state finals and hope more schools adopt it.
3. The committee discussed season summaries and seeding. How to get schools to participate and what kind of punishment could be placed on the schools/coaches that don't. They talked about coaches trying to play game with the seeding. No further action was taken.
4. The committee discussed a punishment system for coaches that do not participate in season summary submission or seeding. No further action was taken.
5. The committee discussed putting information in the rules video about how officials are selected for the state series. The committee felt this would be a good reminder for officials as they work through their state final assignments.
6. The committee discussed updating the official's manual with information about official's pay for matches canceled in case of school strikes. With the CPS strike taking place during the start of the girls post season, many officials were confused about what pay they would receive for matches that were canceled when the official was not able to get a new assignment.
7. The committee thanked Guillermo, Nancy, Monica, and Jason for their years of service.