

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2022

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Keith Mukai, Des Plaines; Carlos Fuentes, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West); Elizabeth Gray, Wheaton; Steve Lacni, Hoffman Estates (H.S.); and Greg Gebhardt, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South). Also, in attendance were: IHSA Girls' Gymnastics Head Clinician Kathy Krebs and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry. Dr. Karen Ritter, Skokie (Niles West) was unable to attend.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### 1. (GIRLS) Terms and Conditions. E. Order of Performance b. Event Finals.

**Recommendation:** The order of performance for the individual event finals at the girls gymnastics state finals shall be determined according to a random draw of all competitors who qualify for the finals. **If a conflict arises the individual with the conflict shall be dropped 4 positions in the final's performance order.** The random lot shall not allow an individual gymnast to perform first or last twice on a any event.

**Rationale:** This will allow adequate rest time for a gymnast competing on multiple events during finals.

Approved by Consent

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### 1. (GIRLS) Warm-up Rotation

**Recommendation:** Hold Friday's warm-up rotations. An announcement will be made letting athletes and coaches know when a new warm-up rotation will begin.

**Rationale:** Some events move faster than others and take longer to set equipment. Holding warm-ups will keep all events on the same schedule.

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### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2021 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girls' & Boys Gymnastics seasons. The overall feedback the committee shared is that athletes, coaches, officials and teams were pleased to be back competing in-person with full qualifiers and no fan limitations.
4. The committee reviewed a discussion item to increase the number of teams advancing to the State Meet, by two, in both Boys and Girls Gymnastics as well as increasing the number of all-around qualifiers.

5. The committee reviewed a proposal to standardize the equipment at the State Meet by increasing matting. The committee determined an equipment recommendation list would be helpful for all levels of the State Series to assist hosts. Tracie Henry is going to work with both coaches' associations to develop the recommended list to post on the IHSA website and be emailed to the hosts during the state series.
6. The committee reviewed a proposal to increase the medals awarded to the top 10 placing individuals instead of top 5. The committee had a lengthy discussion but believed that making it to finals was an honor and that it is prestigious to receive a medallion within the current system.
7. A proposal was submitted to change the way the NFHS defines a *pass* to better align with the USAG code. There was support amongst the committee for the revised definition of a *pass*. The committee recommended that rule change proposal be submitted to the NFHS on behalf of Illinois once the proposal is edited and rationale is more elaborately developed. Kathy Krebs, NFHS consultant is going to assist with the submission process.
8. Tracie Henry thanked out-going member Elizabeth Gray for her service.