

**Advisory Committee Recommendations  
February, 2012, Board Meeting  
Consent Items**

<b><i>Boys/Girls Cross Country</i></b>
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**This was originally an Administration Recommendation in the minutes, but has been moved to the Terms and Conditions.**

2. Clarified that in the event of team ties for the top 3 places at the state finals, such ties will be broken as per NFHS Rule 9-2-4 (Compare the 6<sup>th</sup> place runners from the tying teams). This will be reflected in the Terms and Conditions, Item X-C-3.

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3. The committee reviewed the recommended procedures for evaluating the finish of state series events (special emphasis on sectional meets). IHSA Officials will be reminded that the final evaluation of all races is their responsibility. A camera at the finish line will continue to be mandatory. The Meet Referee has the option to use the images captured on the video to determine the order of finish as they deem necessary. The video is to be viewed only by the meet officials and meet management. Results are not to be posted by meet management until the meet referee has made them official by placing his/her signature on the written copy and giving permission to post.

<b><i>Boys/Girls Golf</i></b>
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**1. Revise. Section VIII. N. Circle 10 Scoring**

**Recommendation:** Revise to say: The Circle 10 rule may be invoked by a coach during regional play only. If the Circle 10 rule is invoked, a player picks up their ball after 10 shots or more on any applicable hole. That player is no longer eligible to advance to the Sectional round and their score will not be used for advancing team scores.

**Rationale:** Eliminate the reference to girls only in the heading. This makes the terms and conditions consistent with respect to girls and boys and gives the managers of boys' Regionals the option of using circle 10 to help Pace of Play. It also helps the self-esteem of players who require more than 10 shots on a hole.

**3. Revise. VIII. M. Artificial Devices**

**Recommendation:** Players are prohibited from playing music with/without headphones, using cell phones, or any unusual equipment that might assist a player in making a stroke.

**Rationale:** This recommendation eliminates current language that prohibits players from using measuring devices, which are being recommended to be allowed. As such, this editorial change would be necessary.

**4. Add. VIII. O. Measuring Devices**

**Recommendation:** Players may use USGA approved measuring devices during state series competition. Players may share distance information with competitors if they wish to do so.

**Rationale:** This equipment is becoming more and more prevalent at all levels of golf. This change would allow, but not require, their use, and it's hoped that their use might help with pace of play. If approved, schools would be provided a link to approved devices.

## **5. Revise. VI. J. 5. Class AA Coaches Meeting**

**Recommendation:** Class AA Girls' coaches meeting will be held at Hickory Point Golf Course beginning at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2012.

**Rationale:** Adjusting the start time for this meeting would allow those schools who have the later practice round tee times to have adequate time to travel to the state final site on the practice round day, thereby saving their school an additional hotel night.

## **6. Add. VI. C. 1. g**

**Recommendation:** For Wave pairings at the regional level and the second day of the state finals, if two or more teams with the same scores are tied, the following criteria will be used by managers to put those tied schools into the correct Wave grouping:

- (a) 5<sup>th</sup> person score
- (b) 6<sup>th</sup> person score
- (c) Random computer selection

**Rationale:** Although rare, there are instances when teams may be tied for the final placement in a particular Wave grouping. Currently, there is no language to guide managers on how to best break those ties. This language will spell out how the teams should be placed.

## **7. Revise. VI. C. 1. b and c**

- Recommendation:**
- b) In sectionals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective regional tournament.
  - c) For the first day of the state finals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective sectional tournament.

**Rationale:** It is impossible to compare scores from one Regional or Sectional to another Regional/Sectional throughout the state due to course conditions, length of courses, and weather conditions. The winning teams from each Regional/Sectional will be paired in the best wave at the next level of competition, the second place teams will be paired together, and the third place teams will be paired together.

## **Administrative Recommendation:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee requests that the IHSA come up with a coaches code of conduct sheet that clearly defines the role of a coach and necessary consequences if coaches behave poorly.

**Rationale:** With coaches being able to coach on the course, it is now time to define their role and reduce any chance of having a coaching related issue on the course.

**1. Revise: Girls- Section VIII. F. Warm-Up Time / Boys- Section VIII. D. Warm-Up Time**

**Recommendation:** If a team arrives early, ball handling is permitted on the court prior to the timed warm ups. If both teams are present, each team shall be restricted to their side of the playing court. The warm-up time for each match shall be 2-3-3-3-3 with both teams sharing the first 2 minutes, the first 3 minutes will be the home team on the entire court, the second 3 minutes will be the visiting team on the entire court; the next 3 minutes the home team again takes the entire court, and the final 3 minutes the visiting team takes the court. When teams are off the court ball handling is allowed if space allows. If space is limited teams shall be restricted to ball handling behind the end line.

The team listed on the top of the bracket shall be the home team. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket shall be the visiting team.

**Rationale:** The last 2 years the committee has tried to add a 2 minute shared time, with it failing both years. This recommendation adds the 2 minutes of shared time while decreasing the overall time of the warm-up period.

**2. Revise Girl's: Section VI. B. Time Schedules 1. Regional Time and 2. Sectional Time**

**Recommendation:**

- 1) In a regional tournament that is held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday the matches shall start no earlier than 5:30 pm. The Thursday Regional Championship will be played no sooner than 6:00 pm.
- 2) Sectional matches shall be played no earlier than 6:00pm.

**Rationale:** This will allow host schools more flexibility with their scheduling. Fans will also have an easier time arriving at matches as most varsity matches during the regular season start later than 5:30 pm.

**6. Add: Girls VIII. I.; Boys: VIII. G.**

**Recommendation:** For regional, sectional, and super sectionals, only, the gym (and net system) needs to be available and ready 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.

**Rationale:** Officials need time to check the net and court, teams arrive early need a place to be able to go. Some schools are scheduling other team practices too close to the start of regional and sectional matches.

**7. Revise: VI. B. Match Times**

**Recommendation:** Regional matches shall start no earlier than 5:30 pm with the regional championship starting no earlier than 6:00 pm. In a sectional with 2 matches can start no earlier than 5:30 pm a sectional with 1 match no earlier than 6:00 pm.

**Rationale:** This will allow host schools more flexibility with their scheduling. Fans will also have an easier time arriving at matches as most varsity matches during the regular season start later than 5:30 pm.

## 8. Revise: VII. G

**Recommendation:** The R1 and R2 for all tournament series matches including the preliminary match will be assigned by the IHSA Office. Local Tournament Managers will provide two (2) line judges, scorer, libero tracker, and timer for each regional, sectional and super-sectional match.

Line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a competing school's varsity girls' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges shall not use flags.

**Rationale:** Previous wording allowed for 16 year olds to line judge state series matches. 16 seems a bit young for this responsibility, the committee felt 18 would be a more appropriate age.

## 9. Revise: XI. C

**Recommendation:** The local manager will hire line judges. Line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a competing school's varsity boys' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges shall not use flags.

### ***Boys/Girls Tennis***

No recommendations at this time.

### ***Boys Football***

There were no consent items.

### ***Sports Medicine***

No recommendations at this time.

### ***Sportsmanship***

No recommendations at this time.

### ***Student Advisory***

No recommendations at this time.

### ***Athletic Administrators***

No recommendations at this time.