

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS GYMNASTICS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

January 28, 2010

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Ad Hoc Committee met at Palatine High School, on Thursday, January 28, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Skip Adamson, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East); Jerry Dobbs, Palatine (H.S.); Kari Karubus-Powell, LaGrange (Lyons); Sarah Mikrut-Doyle, Mundelein (Carmel); Arlene Norris, Lisle. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Kurt Gibson was also in attendance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Recommendation:** Run the preliminary competition at the girls' gymnastics state finals in one session, conducting all four (4) events concurrently, beginning with the 2011 state finals.

Rationale: The committee believes that conducting the preliminary competition at the state finals would create a better competitive atmosphere for participants. Doing so would mirror the typical format of meets during the year and reduce the amount of time some of the competitors face between their warm-up period and their performance. This recommendation was additionally the most favored by responding schools when surveyed in December 2009-January 2010.

2. **Recommendation:** Increase the session ticket price for the girls' gymnastics state finals to \$10/session.

Rationale: With a reduction in the over-all number of sessions (in the event of passage of recommendation #1), the committee believes a modest increase in ticket price to \$10/session is warranted. In particular, the preliminary competition will now feature all state final qualifiers and run a bit longer than a current preliminary round session does, further justifying the modest price hike.

3. **Recommendation:** Determine the order of performance for the individual event finals at the girls' gymnastics state finals according to a random draw of all competitors who qualify for the finals.

Rationale: The committee believes setting up the finals in this format will provide all event final qualifiers a better competitive situation than the current practice of separating the qualifiers into two groups and having a blind draw within each to determine order of performance. This proposal would return the order of performance to its previous format.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the approval process for these recommendations. These recommendations will be forwarded to the IHSA Gymnastics Advisory Committee for their review/approval at that group's March 2010 meeting. If approved by the advisory committee, these recommendations will then move forward to the IHSA Board of Directors, who will either accept, modify, table, or reject them in June of 2010. In addition, the committee decided to provide schools competing at the girls' gymnastics state finals this year with a copy of these recommendations for their review in advance of the advisory committee meeting, thereby allowing member schools to share their opinions with the advisory committee relative to the recommendations.