

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 30, 2011**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Golf Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Beth French, Petersburg (PORTA); Mike Karoski, West Frankfort (Frankfort); John Stock, St. Charles (East); Paul Heitkamp, Rockford (Boylan); Janice Wilson, Chicago (Latin); Tom Noonan, Decatur (St. Teresa). IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert; Kurt Rogers and Chuck Weigle girls state finals managers; Laura Provost and Tim Franz boys state final managers and Pat Bodam, IESA; were also in attendance. Not in attendance was Robert Smith, Jr. Plainfield (Central).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**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.

Approved

**2. Add. Section IX. Add D.**

**Recommendation:** Coaches of TEAMS will be allowed ONE golf cart for use during the State Finals.

**Rationale:** It is virtually impossible for coaches of teams to coach all 6 players without the use of a cart, especially at The Den. Logistically, adding 12 carts to the golf course would not be a hindrance or any problem. IHSA will add a page in the manuals for rules to using the golf cart for coaches and penalties for misuse. Carts will be marked with school and coach's name.

(If approved, the remaining sections under IX will be re-lettered.)

Not approved

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.

Approved

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.

Approved

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.

Approved

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.

Approved

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.

Approved

**Administrative Recommendations:**

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.

**Rational:** 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.

Approved

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently-completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments. Kurt Rogers and Chuck Weigel, girls' state final managers, were in attendance to share reports from the state finals. Laura Provost and Tim Franz, boys' state final managers, were in attendance to share reports from the state final.
2. The committee reviewed 2010 Minutes
3. The committee discussed eliminating Circle 10 for 2011 season due to perceived lack of participation. It was decided to keep Circle 10 and investigate its usage.
4. The committee discussed adding observers back in at the state finals. Motion died for a lack of second.

5. The committee discussed removing observers from regional and sectional tournaments. Motion died due to lack of second.
6. The committee discussed dates for the boys' and girls' sectional tournaments to schedule on different dates.
7. The committee discussed location of regionals and sectionals due to geographical location and how seeding could be used in boys' 2A/3A competition.
8. The committee discussed increasing the number of advancing winners to ten individuals and ties. Recommendation died due to a lack of second motion.
9. The committee discussed coaches having the option to change the order of players for sectional play. Recommendation died due to a lack of second motion
10. The committee discussed need to for all sectional host sites to send players off 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
11. The committee discussed need to create pairings based on scores relative to par.
12. The committee discussed making team scores available to coaches prior to regionals. Committee recommended that the IHSA make an extra column on the scoring program where average scores can be input with the player's name that managers can share with the coaches in the regional.
13. The committee discussed scheduling regional/sectional dates around religious holidays.
14. The committee discussed releasing regional and sectional sites as early as possible in the spring prior to the state series.
15. The committee discussed the cut off numbers between the classes for the 2012 state series
16. The committee discussed allowing coaches who qualify more than 1 individual in the state series to use a cart.
17. The committee discussed adding more CDGA officials at the girls' state series. The IHSA is going to look into this with the CDGA.
18. The committee discussed the IHSA adding a basic rules of golf component to the annual rules video. IHSA administrators are going to look into this further for the 2012 rules video.

19. The committee discussed changing to a 5 player format and replacing the 6<sup>th</sup> player on a team with more individuals advancing. Recommendation died due to lack of motion.
20. The committee discussed using a set of standard range of yardages for regional/sectional competition. Recommendation died due to lack of motion.
21. The committee recognized and thanked John Stock, Boys Coach at St. Charles (East), Beth French, Girls Coach at Petersburg (PORTA), and Mike Karoski, boys coach at West Frankfort (Frankfort) for their service to the committee.