

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BASS FISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 20, 2016

The IHSA Bass Fishing Advisory Committee convened electronically on Friday, May 20, 2016. Committee members participating were: Jason Doty, Niantic (Sangamon Valley); Caleb Houchins, Highland; Erik Lachel, Huntley; Mike Mulligan, Chicago (Taft), Stan Tischer, Minooka; and Lisa Watson, Galena. Also participating was Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director. Committee member Robert Pritchett, Ashland (A-C Central), was unavailable.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. II. Dates and Sites

Recommendation: The committee recommends establishing the following dates for the IHSA Bass Fishing State Series for the next five (5) school years.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Sectional Date (and make-up)</u>	<u>State Finals Dates</u>
2016-17	May 5 th (May 8 th rain date)	May 19-20
2017-18	May 4 th (May 7 th)	May 18-19
2018-19	May 3 rd (May 6 th)	May 17-18
2019-20	May 1 st (May 4 th)	May 15-16
2020-21	May 7 th (May 10 th)	May 21-22

Rationale: At their 2013 meeting, the IHSA Bass Fishing Advisory Committee discussed ways to make the fishing experience better for participants in the state series. In particular, the committee was concerned about the weather patterns faced by anglers, which left many sectionals and the state finals facing some tougher-than-necessary conditions. As a result of those discussions, the committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved moving the dates of the sectional tournaments and the state final back two weeks for a two-year period (2015 and 2016) to coincide with the agreement with state finals host Carlyle Lake and to serve as a trial for future consideration. The committee believed scheduling the dates so that the state finals is completed the weekend prior to the Memorial Day weekend would allow for bodies of water all around the state to be in better fishing condition than the current dates. This year marked the end of the trial period for these new dates. Now that the IHSA Board of Director has selected Carlyle Lake as the site for the state finals for the next five (5) years (2017-2021), it would seem logical to continue using these dates for the next five-year period, given the positive feedback received by IHSA staff regarding this move.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

None.