

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2016

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, May 5 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Scott Taylor, Official (Morton); Jeff Niemiec, Chicago (Eric Solorio Academy); Kevin Kullby, Lake Villa (Lakes); Chris Griffin, Danville (H.S.); Brian Papa, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East); Scott Burney Jerseyville (Jersey); Samantha Shores, Monticello (H.S.); Jay Lipe, Chatham (Glenwood) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section VI. C. Starting Times

Recommendation: The committee recommends for contest on lighted fields to begin no earlier than 4:00pm

Rationale: The option to begin a contest on a lighted fields at 4:00pm is consistent with the practice of games beginning at 4:00pm on a non-lighted field.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Recommendation: The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2016-17 seasons.

Rationale: The State Association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Approved

2. Boys and Girls Section IV. A. 4) Note: Class 3A Super Sectional Site Determination

Recommendation: The committee recommends establishing a Super-Sectional host rotation for the 3A southern and collar county Sectionals.

Rationale: Establishing a rotation will help in situations where both potential host schools have teams playing in the game.

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ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2015 meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the Sub-Sectional tournament format and seeding process. The concept of the higher seeded team hosting the Regional site was discussed. The history of the IHSA tournament structure was explained.

3. The committee discussed the proposal to change the season limitation by-law to a total number of matches played during the season (individual and tournament games). This change will allow schools more flexibility in scheduling games. All committee members are in favor of the bylaw change and the members requested an emailed copy of the 2015 by-law proposal for review.
4. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2016 -17 school year were reviewed.
5. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser
6. The committee discussed topics to be included in the 2016-17 Rules Interpretation videos:
 - a. Define the differences between a tournament and shoot-out or showcase
 - b. Outline the “do’s and don’ts” of conditioning programs
 - c. Explain the state tournament entry and withdrawal processes
 - d. Emphasize how officials should manage the clock at the end of the game when a coach substitutes players to waste time.
7. The committee asked that a Soccer Fan Education component be available for Administrators and Coaches to use to help educate fans. Categories will include:
 - a. Sportsmanship
 - i. Do What’s Right! Program
 - ii. What it means to be a fan
 - iii. How poor behavior embarrasses or affects the player
 - iv. Fans will mimic coaches’ behavior and responses
 - v. Film fans in the stands during a game so they can see their behavior
 - b. Soccer Rules
 - i. Handball
 - ii. Offsides
 - iii. Advantage
 - iv. Fouls
8. The committee reviewed the yellow and red card reports from the boys and girls seasons. At the end the 2015 season, 4 boys varsity teams earned 25 or more cards after the state series began. The committee also expressed:
 - a. their observations stating that many of the yellow cards are distributed in the first 7-8 games of the season and then those same offenses are not consistently enforced during the rest of the season.
 - b. that there were concerns of a few officials who inquire about the individual player and team caution count. As a result, the official may not caution a player or team for a rules infraction if the official feels they will award a caution that will cause an additional penalty to the player or team.
9. The committee discussed how the style of jerseys made to be worn on the outside of the shorts is causing confusion with the officials.
10. The committee thanked Jeff Niemiec, Kevin Kulby and Scott Burney for their service.
11. Next meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017.