

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 19, 2012

The IHSA Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 19, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Babbi Barreiro, Barrington; Vince Carter, Chicago (Von Steuben); Debbie Coffman, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Stan Eagleson, Breese (Central); Trent Eshleman, Paxton-Buckley-Loda; Colleen Finn-Henze, Lanark (Eastland); Sam Knox, Lincoln; and Scott Maupin, Peotone. Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Section V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS
BOYS' C. Class 1A/2A Seeding Meetings and D. Class 3A/4A Seeding Meetings
GIRLS' D. Class 1A/2A Seeding Meetings and E. Class 3A/4A Seeding Meetings

Recommendation: The committee recommends the following sentences be added to the end of each section of the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Terms and Conditions listed above: *Schools participating in the IHSA Boys'/Girls' state series are required to submit their seeds by the established deadline. Schools that fail to do so will be prohibited from hosting a basketball state series tournament (regional, sectional, or super-sectional) for 3 years.*

Rationale: The committee believes that fully participating in the seeding process is necessary for the integrity of the state tournaments. Member schools who fail to participate in the process, particularly when the process has been streamlined for ease of participation, should, in the committee's view, be subject to some type of sanction, and prohibiting them from hosting for a period of time seems appropriate.

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THREE-POINT SHOWDOWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Conduct 3-Point Shooting Contests at 6:00 p.m. on Regional and Sectional Championship Nights

Recommendation: The committee recommends conducting the regional and sectional 3 point shooting contests prior to the Regional and Sectional championships only, with the shooting contests beginning at 6:00 p.m. on each championship night.

Rationale: The committee believes moving these into a format consistent with the state finals will have a dual positive effect. First, such a set up will generate increased interest in the event and help create an even more exciting atmosphere for the Regional and Sectional Championships. Secondly, this set up will enable two game sessions at either tournament to begin and end earlier, thereby enabling student-athletes to get home earlier on school nights.

Approved by consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue Use of NFHS Basketball Playing Rules Adoptions

Recommendation: The committee recommends the continued use of the following NFHS basketball playing rule adoptions for 2012-13:

- a. 14' coaches box
- b. 'Mercy Rule' during regular season tournaments
- c. Use of supplementary equipment for game administration
- d. Use of electronic media time outs at the boys' and girls' state finals

Rationale: These four state association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Basketball Rules Book. These four adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been generally accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Approved by consent

2. Remove "Strength of Schedule" from Seeding Instructions

Recommendation: The committee recommends removing "strength of schedule" as non-consideration from seeding instructions. (If approved, this language would apply to all sports that seed.)

Rationale: The committee believes coaches are already using this component when seeding in spite of instructions to the contrary so it seems logical to the committee to eliminate this as a factor that coaches shouldn't use.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed the 4-Class system and its "performance" thus far. Their concern is the lack of consistency in post-season tournament structures within the same tournament. The committee expressed its belief that the current system is not allowing the best teams in each class to advance to the state finals. IHSA staff reviewed the assigning process and considerations that are made as a part of that process for the committee. The committee fully supported for the use of sub-sectionals for Class 1A/2A tournaments and in 3A/4A tournaments in those areas outside of the defined Chicago area.
2. The committee reviewed the recently completed boys' and girls' state finals. One area of concern mentioned was the lack of attendance at the girls' state finals. One of the ideas raised was to offer a package ticket deal to schools to sell to fans. From the bigger picture view, the committee offered that regular season attendance seems to be also down in general, underscoring a potential bigger issue. The committee attempted to generate ideas on how to raise attendance at basketball games, both for boys' and girls' basketball.

3. The committee discussed the scheduling of regional tournaments and the 3-point shooting contest. The committee expressed concern specifically about the starting time of the second game on nights when two games are held.
4. The committee reviewed the minutes from its 2011 meeting.
5. The committee discussed the importance of having officials consistently enforce the length of time outs.
6. The committee reviewed the 14 by-law proposals approved by the membership this past fall. The new by-laws, unless otherwise noted, will go into effect on July 1, 2012. In basketball, there will no longer be any limit to the number of regular season quarters in which a player can play. The previous by-law limited a player to 90 during the regular season.
7. The committee discussed allowing schools to use strength of schedule as a criteria coaches can use when seeding.
8. The committee discussed the scheduling of girls' regional final games. The committee discussed the possibility of allowing those games to be held on a date other than Friday.
9. The committee discussed the importance of allowing participating schools to assist in the handling of security issues at state series games.
10. The committee discussed the development of a period in the off-season where coaches could work with players on the skill of the sport. The committee was reminded that an issue like this is one that can be changed through the association's legislative process.
11. The committee discussed the rules proposals being considered by the NFHS, including the use of a shot clock and playing the game in halves. No action was taken by the committee.
12. The committee discussed the possibility of looking into playing the boys' and girls' Class 3A/4A state finals at a location north of I-80. The committee recognized that, given the larger number of 3A/4A schools north of that interstate, moving those finals might increase state final interest/attendance. Looking for a venue with accessibility by multiple means of transportation (car, train, bus, etc.) would be helpful, as well as making sure all efforts to promote the tournaments are made.
13. The committee discussed a proposal made by Gary DeCesare, boys' coach at Chicago (St. Rita), to make completing the season summary form and participating in the seeding process a requirement.
14. The committee discussed the association's use of the Baden basketball. The committee was reminded that if their schools have concerns, they should direct those to the IHSA staff. The current Baden agreement runs through the 2013-14 school term.

15. The committee discussed the placement of all Chicago Public League Class 4A boys' basketball playing schools in one super-sectional this past season. Committee member Carter shared the disappointment of CPL coaches with that arrangement.
16. The committee heard a report from committee member Carter concerning the use of the multiplier for charter and magnet schools in Chicago.
17. The committee reviewed the tentative enrollments for public schools for 2012. The IHSA received this data from the State Board of Education last week. IHSA staff informed the committee that classifications will be for 2012-13 will be announced at the IHSA Board of Directors June 11, 2012, meeting.
18. The committee discussed the concerns some schools have in regards to having pre-determined regionals used as a part of the assigning process.
19. The committee discussed the possibility of the IHSA holding all four classes of the boys' and girls' tournaments in one weekend at one venue.
20. The committee thanked out-going members Barreiro, Eagleson, and Eshleman.