

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 28, 2012

- I. The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Matt Walsh, Chicago (Taft); Mike Noll (Glenview (Glenbrook South); Rich Zinanni, Kankakee (McNamara); Pat Ryan, Metamora; Phil Morrison, Tolono (Unity); Dave Bates, Auburn; Scott Battas, Mascoutah; John Elder, IFCA; Jim Dunnan, Washington; and Assistant Executive Director Craig Anderson. Kevin Poore, Belleville, was not in attendance.

The Minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Item IX E. Selection Procedure: To Qualify:**

Recommendation: The committee recommends an additional tie breaker prior to the blind draw for the remaining teams. This additional tie breaker would be: Consider the number of playoff teams that the tied teams played – determine the total defensive points allowed for the play-off teams and the team with the fewer total points allowed would receive the play-off bid. This would be letter f) of the tie-breaker and letter g) would become the blind draw for remaining teams.

Rationale: This additional tie-breaker should separate the remaining teams through a quantitative method versus deciding the play-off qualifying teams by a random draw.

Approved

2. **Item VII. G. Selection of Playoff Participants:**

Recommendation: The committee recommends a universal tie-breaker system be adopted for the automatic conference champion play-off representative when a co-championship exists. A copy of the universal tie-breaker is included below.

Rationale: The committee believes streamlining this process for all conferences will bring clarity to this process and make it easier for the IHSA office to recognize the conference representative sooner. This also prevents the IHSA from tracking down conference presidents annually to confirm their tie-breaker.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

1. None

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION;

1. The committee reviewed the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) sports medicine acclimatization practice period recommendation. The concern of the committee is the reduction of contact time with players. The committee would like to see the additional two days of practice allowed (begin Monday of week 6 of the IHSA standardized calendar) in conjunction with the modification of the practice period and days. The committee believes the Football Coaches/Sports Medicine Ad-Hoc committee had it correct a year ago and wants the board to consider implementing these simultaneously.
2. The committee heard a report from Dr. Jim Dunnan, Superintendent/Principal of Washington High School, regarding the Class 5A disparity in non-public school title game dominance of this class over the past 13 years. The committee heard his recommendation of using strength of schedule or recent play-off success as a factor in determining future classification. The committee discussed the recommendation but did not bring forward a recommended change.
3. The committee discussed the recent by-law proposals relative to football. The committee understands and recognizes the concerns regarding conference realignment and schools finding it difficult to schedule non-conference opponents. The committee as a whole did not endorse any of the by-law amendment proposals nor recommend a change to the current play-off system.
4. The committee discussed playing all semi-final play-off football games at a neutral site. No recommendation was brought forward.
5. The committee discussed allowing the designated host school, per current football terms and conditions, the option to host a particular round or have the game played at their opponent's site. The committee did not make a recommendation for a terms and conditions change relative to this topic.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.
7. Next year's meeting date will be December 11, 2013.

Football

Proposed Tie-Breaker

The conference representative to the IHSA playoffs shall be determined by applying the following steps until only one team remains.

1. The team with the most wins [highest winning percentage?] in conference games is the conference champion. If two or more teams are tied, go to step 2.
2. If exactly two teams are tied, the team that won the head-to-head conference game is the conference champion. If three or more teams are tied, any team that defeated all the other tied teams in conference play is the champion. If this step does not resolve the tie, go to step 3.
3. If all of the tied teams played a conference game against each other, sum the points allowed by each team in each of these games. The team with the lowest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 4.
4. If all of the tied teams played a conference game against each other, sum the point differential for each team in each of these games. The point differential is the points scored minus the points allowed in each game, from a minimum of -14 points to a maximum of +14 points. (Forfeited games count as +14 or -14.) The team with the highest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 5.
5. Sum the points allowed by each tied team in every conference game. The team with the lowest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 6.
6. Sum the point differential for each tied team in every conference game. The point differential is the points scored minus the points allowed in each game, from a minimum of -14 points to a maximum of +14 points. (Forfeited games count as +14 or -14.) The team with the highest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 7.
7. The team with the most wins in all games (conference and non-conference) is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 8.
8. A random drawing by the IHSA Office will determine the conference champion