

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 20, 2013

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Ryan Dul, Northbrook (Glenbrook North); John Kane, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Kathy Krebs, Crete; Dr. Brian Waterman, Darien (Hinsdale South); Kari Karubas, LaGrange (Lyons), and Gregg Didech, Barrington. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting and Scott Hagel, representing the Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, D. Open Scoring

Recommendation: Change the terms and conditions to read as follows: Open scoring system shall be used in the state series. The score sheets shall go to the chief judge who checks the range and inquiry items. When the scores are in range and there is agreement on the inquiry items, ~~the scores are flashed at the places of individual judges who gave the scores~~ **the average score of the event is flashed.**

Rationale: This recommendation will simplify the process of flashing scores.

Approved

2. (BOYS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, A. Official Rules

Recommendation: Using the following for the IHSA's Official Rules for Boys Gymnastics: USAG Men's Junior Olympic Program Level 9 Rules along with official IHSA interpretations.

Rationale: The NFHS is no longer publishing a Boys Gymnastics Rules Book. The USGA rules proposed are supported by a national governing body and are the rules used in major Boys Gymnastics competitions throughout the country. IHSA approved interpretations by the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Rule Interpreters will allow these rules to be tailored to meet the needs of the high school gymnast. This change in the rule book will open the opportunity for additional judges to license that currently judge in competitions with USA-Gymnastics rules.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

1. Change in Time that Pass Gate Opens

Recommendation: Opening the Pass Gate at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday of the Girls Gymnastics State Final. Adjusting the time schedule to allow 3:15-3:45 p.m. for general stretching in the performance gym, official warm-ups when gymnasts can touch an apparatus will still begin at 3:45 p.m.

Rationale: The additional fifteen minutes of stretching will allow athletes adequate stretching prior to official warm-ups beginning.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2012 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee heard a report from Scott Hagel representing the Girls' State Finals Manager Jerry Dobbs. The State Final warm-up gym was discussed at length. If coaches would like to have a full floor and vault in the warm-up gym they can reach out to Palatine High School if they have equipment available for the State Meet along with the labor and transportation to get the equipment to Palatine High School. Kari Karubas will make contact with the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association (IHSGCA) to see if they can assist with the additional equipment. All music was submitted electronically by qualifiers on the floor exercise but it was suggested that music be submitted earlier to allow each song to be played in full prior to the meet. This will allow for the music to completely download avoiding technical issues.
3. The Palatine staff wanted to remind coaches attending the IHSGCA Banquet that athletes can remain in the building between the banquet and the finals but athletes must be supervised by a coach.
4. The committee recommended making the following editorial change in the Girls Gymnastics Terms and Conditions:
 - IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, 3. State Final Meet change uneven bars to parallel bars
 - VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, B. Base Scoring-change videotapes to DVD
5. The committee recommended making the following editorial changes in the Girls Gymnastics Managers Manuals:
 - Pg. 8 –Pre-Meet Base Scoring- revise VCR to now read DVD player and videotape to now read DVD

-Pg. 11-Head Judges Table-It is recommended that host schools have at least ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** adult workers at the head judges table.

6. Coaches requested live rules interpretation meetings to assist with coaches education. Tracie Henry informed the committee of the current IHSA policy that all rules meetings are conducted in an online format.
7. The committee discussed that at Girls Gymnastics Regionals and Sectionals judges shall be seated together and at the State Meet judges will continue with the current practice and remain in the four corners.
8. The committee discussed the length of the Girls State Final meet but did not make an official recommendation to adjust the start time of the meet. The committee decided since it was only the second year of the format to leave the start time as scheduled.
9. The committee discussed that IHSA Rules Interpreter Blaise Blasko is willing to conduct additional clinics to educate coaches and officials regarding the recommendation for the Boys Gymnastics rule book change.
10. The committee discussed working with the IHSGCA to form a State Final Meet Committee to assist with setting the equipment on Thursday evening prior to the Boys State Meet at Lincoln Way (East).