

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2014

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Gregg Didech, Barrington; Ryan Dul, Northbrook (Glenbrook North); Kari Karubas, LaGrange (Lyons), Kathy Krebs, Crete; and Dr. Brian Waterman, Darien (Hinsdale South). Also in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Jerry Dobbs, Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director. Not in attendance was committee member John Kane, Hoffman Estates (Conant).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (GIRLS) VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule - A. Regional and Sectional Assignments.

Recommendation: Seeds will be posted online on the IHSA website for 24 hours to verify accuracy; once assignments are made seeds will be final.

Rationale: Seeding information is submitted by coaches and posting online will allow coaches the opportunity to verify the scores and contact the IHSA Office with any discrepancies before hosts are confirmed and assignments are made.

Approved

2. (GIRLS) II. Dates and Sites

Recommendation: A. Regional Meets: Girls Regional Gymnastics Meets will be held throughout the state during the dates of February 2-5, 2015.

Rationale: Conducting Regional meets Monday-Thursday allow for Friday and Saturday to be used in the event of cancellations.

Approved

3. (GIRLS) F. Time Schedules - 1. Regional Meets

Recommendation: All Regional meets shall be held in a single session beginning at 6:00 p.m. 2. Sectionals Meets: All Sectional meets shall be held in a single session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Rationale: Starting the meets an additional 30 minutes earlier will allow teams to get back to their schools earlier on week nights.

Approved

4. (BOYS) VII. Advancement of Winners - A. Individual Advancement - 1. Event Qualifiers

Recommendation: At the State Meet, there shall be one (1) alternate (replacement athlete), per event, including all-around, determined from the next highest at-large qualifying score from all sectionals. In the event of a tie for the alternative score, all athletes with the next highest at-large qualifying score shall advance as alternates. The IHSA must be informed of any scratches by 4:00 p.m. the evening before the team competition, so that alternates may be notified prior to the state meet. All scratches must call the IHSA Office.

Rationale: Allows the opportunity for an additional athlete to have the State Final experience if a gymnast gets injured leading up to the State meet.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

1. Change in the Boys Gymnastics State Meet Warm Up Schedule for Teams

Recommendation: Warm ups will be conducted in 15 minute time periods for each rotation. Rotations will follow the 8 Team Rotation Chart. On events where two teams are listed, the 15 minutes will be shared by both teams. On events where a Bye is listed, warm ups for the designated team will be 8 minutes followed by a 7 minute open warm up. At the conclusion of the 6th rotation there will be a 15 minute open warm up to complete last minute details.

Rationale: Allowing both teams to share the 15 minute open warm-up gives coaches and teams flexibility within the time allocation.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2013 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee heard a report from Jerry Dobbs the Girls' State Finals Manager. The committee discussed ways to utilize technology and make the meet more interactive for fans. The committee discussed having judges enter their scores on iPads next year at the State Meet.
3. The committee discussed at length the transition to the web-based TourneyWire Gymnastics scoring program that was supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State. The committee recommended updating the Boys and Girls Manuals with instructions and checklists for host sites.
4. Options for the Girls State Final warm-up rotation were discussed. The current warm-up rotation provided in the IHSA Manual for Schools will continue being used at the State Series.

5. The committee recommended adding 15 minute touch warm-up language on the Girls State Final Gymnastics Meet Time Schedule to the break during Session II of Finals. This additional language will clarify the current practice.
6. The committee discussed transitioning to a new state final host site at Hinsdale (Central) for the Boys Gymnastics State Meet. The committee also discussed the process and transition to the USA Gymnastics Boys Rules book.
7. 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.
8. Tracie Henry reviewed the by-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will affect Boys and Girls Gymnastics. <http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/337/IHSA-Schools-Approve-All-11-Proposals-on-Ballot.aspx>.
9. The committee discussed a proposal to start the IHSA Girls Gymnastics State Final preliminaries at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and open doors at Noon, and conduct the finals competition at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and open the doors Noon. The proposal did not receive support from the committee
10. Tracie Henry reviewed the changes to the IHSA Officials Department that no longer allow Certified Officials to provide rating for Officials. The committee recommended adding a slide to the rules video to educate coaches on the importance of rating officials often throughout the season.
11. Tracie Henry thanked Ryan Dul, Kari Karubas and John Kane for their three year term of service on the committee.