

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 5, 2017

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Joseph Hohrein Jr, Boys and Girls Coach from Chicago (DePaul College Prep); Kenneth Lange, Girls Coach from Gurnee (Warren); Kevin Crandall, Athletic Director from Rochelle; Lance Nagle, Boys Coach from Taylorville; and Marcus Barriger, Boys/Girls Coach from Belleville (East). Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Todd Moeller, Athletic Director from O'Fallon (H.S.) and Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.) and Girls' Tournament Manager: Ann Buja from The Cherry Bowl. Absent from the meeting were Derek Kinder, Principal at Romeoville and Rob Baser, Girls Coach at Decatur (Eisenhower). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. New: IV. Host Financial Arrangements B. Admission

Recommendation: The committee recommends selling a 2-day pass to parents/fans at the state finals. The admission price will remain the same, \$10, and parents/fans will receive a wrist band upon purchase. The 2-day pass will be non-refundable and the wrist band must remain on their person in order for it to be valid.

Rationale: This will help alleviate the rush of the fans at the start of both days. Both state final sites agree it will help the tournament administration in the mornings.

2. New: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 5. Sectional Individual Lane Assignments

Recommendation: At the sectional, seeding adjustments will be made so that players from the same school will be assigned to the same lane for the sectional tournament.

Rationale: Currently the terms and conditions don't require this and adding the provision will ensure that coaches are able to coach their players through the sectional.

3. Revise: XI. Official's B. Games Committee

Recommendation: A games committee at the Regional and Sectional will be composed of 3 coaches from competing schools, as determined by the host school prior to the start of the event.

Rationale: The current wording asks for one coach from each team which is unrealistic, adjusting to 3 is doable and gives an odd number for tie breakers.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. Revise: This recommendation has been tabled until the chart can be produced and the committee approves it

Recommendation: The committee recommends updating the regional lane rotations in the Manual for Manager's so that no team bowls the same lane twice, but can face the same opponent twice.

Rationale: This will ensure that teams can avoid bowling “bad” lanes multiple times during a regional.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the IHSA Board of Directors review Policy 15 in the IHSA Handbook, to not allow outside competition during the IHSA State Series. Currently individual students are able to seek permission to compete in outside competition during the state series and coaches would like to see that end.

Rationale: The committee feels this puts the emphasis of the time on the IHSA State Series for students participating on a team or individual entries.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2016 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
 - a. They talked about the new oil pattern and how it worked out having Kegel plan the shot
 - i. The shot at the girls dried up, we may need to look at adjusting the girls shot
 - ii. We need to adjust the information given to Kegel from Cherry Bowl because the lane conditioner has been changed
 - iii. The boys shot held up well and, in general, was well accepted by the coaching community
 - iv. There were nothing but positive comments about how the fresh oil pattern worked for the practice day. We need to keep putting the fresh oil down for each practice so that everyone gets the same opportunity. However, a lot of oil is being used and needs to be accounted for.
 - v. Moving forward the committee would like to continue to work with Kegel to develop a modified house shot for the state finals
 - b. They talked about earlier start time... nothing but positive comments came back from the committee.
 - c. They talked about teams keeping too many balls in the pit. We will continue to work to enforce this at the respective state finals
 - d. They talked about adjusting the blocks for championship Saturday at both houses to allow for more spectator space
3. The committee discussed ball cleaners, as long as a cleaner is USBC approved and used in the manner it is intended it is considered legal. Stacey will post updated information.
4. The committee discussed adjusting the uniform rule to allow schools to wear different color bottoms. The committee wanted to keep the rule the way it is, as they felt the team should wear matching color bottoms, even if those bottoms are of different lengths. No further action was taken.
5. The committee discussed allowing pacer teams/individuals, but had concerns over a bad pacer team screwing up the pattern as well as over who would pick the team. No further action was taken.
6. The committee discussed reseeding after game 5 of the second day. No further action was taken.
7. The committee discussed ensuring that hosts know that teams/individuals participating in competition are allowed to bring water bottles in or provide water jugs/cups for the bowlers. Stacey will ensure that hosts are aware of this requirement, if a center does not want to comply they will not be allowed to host. Stacey will add a check box on the host request form that host schools have to check when they agree to host.
8. The committee discussed the 4th place trophy in team brackets sports vs. team/individual sport. No further action was taken.

9. The committee discussed the update on competition dates by-law recommendation. The recommendation was sent to the committee for consideration and review. No further action was taken.
10. The committee discussed allowing individuals to compete is killing the team program and how to handle the individual components. No further action was taken
11. The committee discussed the ISBPA to increase participation in the center of the state. A task force has been formed to investigate this. Stacey will help out the task force in any way to represent the IHSA.
12. The committee discussed lower level coaching an IHSA/ USBC coaching clinic sponsorship. No further action was taken.
13. The committee thanked Joseph Hohrein Jr. and Derek Kinder for their years of service.