

**Advisory Committee Recommendations
February, 2014, Board Meeting
Consent Items**

Boys/Girls Cross Country

No Recommendations At This Time.

Boys/Girls Golf

2. VIII. Tournament Rules B. Coaching

Recommendation: For the entire state series, the head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to coach anywhere on the course except the putting green. Coaches must, however, wait until the last player on the green putts out before communication takes place on the next hole. Coaches must not delay teeing off on the next hole. Both the head coach and the assistant coach must meet the IHSA coaching by-laws and be listed on the school's *List of Participants*.

Rationale: The committee believes this will help improve pace of play, as coaches can encourage players to speed up their play. The committee also believes this is continuation in the evolution of letting coaches coach in golf. The NCAA utilizes a similar approach, and the committee's feeling is that by allowing coaches to be more involved during the state series, players will end up having a better experience.

3. VIII. Tournament Rules O. Measuring Devices

Recommendation: Players or coaches may use USGA-approved measuring devices during state series competition. Players or coaches may share distance information with competitors if they wish to do so.

Rationale: This allows for a natural progression to let coaches who can coach at any time to share this information with his/her players and/or others. It's likely that coaches will have a device they will carry around with them, and it makes sense to allow them to use such devices just like players.

Boys/Girls Volleyball

3. Revise. Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules H. Assignment of Officials and Line Judges / Boys: XI. Officials A. Appointment and Fees 1. Tournament Officials:

Recommendation: The R1 and R2 for all tournament series matches including the preliminary match will be assigned by the IHSA Office. Local Tournament Managers will provide two (2) line judges, scorer, libero tracker, and timer for each regional. It is recommended that the local manager hire a licensed official for the line judge position. Local officials' associations or assignors can be used to help find officials to fill these roles.

If a licensed official is not available, line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a school's varsity girls' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges **may** use flags.

The IHSA will assign line judges for the sectional and super-sectional contests.

Rationale: With an increased emphasis being put on the use of line judges nationally for the entire season, the committee felt this was a strong first step to be made by the Association. This will also help officials gain experience as line judges prior to being assigned to the state finals as a line judge.

Boys/Girls Tennis

1. Recommendation: Article VIII-F-1

Add this item as d. and readjust the remaining items for Boys and Girls Tennis:
"Coaching may occur for a maximum of 90 seconds prior to the beginning of a tie breaker and when players switch sides during the tie breaker."

Rationale: It can be a decisive time in a match and coaches should have the opportunity to coach their players during this key moment.

Boys Football

No Recommendations At This Time.

Sports Medicine

No Recommendations At This Time.

Sportsmanship

No Recommendations At This Time.

Student Advisory

1. Recommendation: Develop an online newsletter giving member school students an opportunity to share what's going on in their schools throughout the state. SAC members will request students to submit information highlighting their school and students.

Rationale: The SAC members would like to give students the opportunity to contribute and connect with others students throughout the state. The newsletter will contain photos of teams and fans; articles written by students addressing leadership, sportsmanship, communication; interviews with administrators and coaches; a day in the life of...etc.

2. Recommendation: The committee recommends an annual retreat for the Student Advisory Committee be held each summer. Schedule the 2014 SAC Retreat for August 3 and 4, 2014.

Rationale: The goal of the annual retreat is to meet with the members, bond, and start building our team before the school year begins. The retreat will also serve as the first scheduled meeting for all new and returning committee members. The 2013 retreat was very successful.

Athletic Administrators

No Recommendations At This Time.

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