

**Advisory Committee Recommendations  
February, 2017, Board Meeting  
Consent Items**

***Boys/Girls Cross Country***

**2. VII.C – Regional/Sectional Team Ties**

**Recommendation:** Clarify the language regarding team ties at the regionals and sectionals to read: For purposes of advancement of teams from regional to sectional and sectionals to the State Final, ties for all team places with the exception of the last qualifying spot will be broken per NFHS Rule 8-2-4 (i.e. comparing the 6<sup>th</sup> runner from the tied teams). If a tie occurs at the last qualifying spot, the teams tied advance. Note: In the State Finals, team ties for the first three places will be broken by comparing the 6<sup>th</sup> runner from each of the teams involved in the tie.

**X. A (Regionals) & B (Sectionals)**

As a result of the clarification in VII.C regarding regional and sectional team ties, section X.A & B also need clarified to eliminate the potential for confusion.

**Recommendation:** In both X.A & X.B, combine numbers 3 and 4 into one to read: 3). **Duplicate Awards:** The Duplicate Awards order form can be found in the online Cross Country Manual for Managers or Manual for Schools.

**Rationale:** Cleaning up this language will create consistency for how officials and regional/sectional managers handle team ties at the regional/sectional levels. It will also ensure that NFHS Rule 8-2-4 regarding team ties is being applied appropriately.

**7. XI.A. Appointments and Fees**

**Recommendation:** The IHSA will assign all licensed Cross Country Officials for all Regional and Sectional Meets beginning in 2017.

**Rationale:** This will help streamline this process, provide for quality control, and establish more consistency in how IHSA meets are conducted throughout the State Series.

***Boys/Girls Golf***

**1. 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 until his/her player steps on the putting green. Once their player steps onto the green to either putt or mark his/her ball, coaches must cease their coaching. After the last player in a group has completed putting on a given hole, coaches can begin communicating again with their player(s). Coaches must not delay pace of play at any point on the course. 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 recommendation is the logical next step in the evolution of allowing coaches to coach during the state series. Coaches have not shown tendencies to delay play since being to coach on course, and the committee believes allowing this extension of coaching will not unduly slow down play.

***Boys/Girls Volleyball***

**1. Adjust. Boys Volleyball VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules B. Time Schedule: 3. State Final Time Schedule:**

**Recommendation:** Adjust Boys Volleyball state final time schedule to:

Friday June

Session 1 (Quarterfinals)

Match 1: 10:00 am

Match 2: 11:00 am

Session 2 (Quarterfinals)

Match 3: 4:00 pm

Match 4: 5:00 pm

**Rationale:** With Hoffman Estates High School going to the collegiate schedule, they are now out of school on Friday of the state final, which gives us the ability to move the time schedule up. By moving the state final time schedule earlier, we will help those schools who have graduation or end of school year activities on Friday night. This change will also have Friday and Saturday running on the same time schedule. If approved this recommendation would go into effect for the 2017 Boys State Final.

## **2. Revise: Girls Volleyball II. Dates and Sites:**

**Recommendation:** **B. Class 1A-4A Sectionals:** Class 1A-4A sectionals shall be played on Monday and Wednesday, October 30, and November 1, 2017. Semifinal matches shall be played on Monday October 30, 2017 and the Sectional Championship shall be played on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the sectional site.

**C. Class 1A-4A Super-Sectionals:** The Super-Sectional Matches shall be held on Friday, November 3, 2017

**Rationale:** Yearly the committee hears complaints about volleyball Super Saturday conflicting with football playoffs, soccer state finals, and cross country state finals. The committee did not support moving the super-sectional to Monday of the state final week, but supported the idea of adjusting the playoff schedule during the sectional to move Super-Sectionals off of Saturday.

## **3. Revise: Girls Volleyball VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule**

**Recommendation:** **3. Super-Sectional Time:** Super-Sectionals matches shall be played no earlier than 6:00pm

**Rationale:** With the recommendation to move the Super-Sectional matches to Friday there is also a need to update the time schedule as originally the schedule allowed for matches to be scheduled between 1:00pm and 7:00pm. The 6:00pm start time is reflective of the start time for the sectional championship.

### ***Boys/Girls Tennis***

#### **1. Article V.B.2. Sectional Seeding Meeting**

**Recommendation:** Non attendance at this meeting by a coach may result in a letter being sent to the school's official IHSA representative.

**Rationale:** Attendance of a coach (head or assistant) or school representative at the sectional seed meeting is essential to secure relevant and accurate seed information. A follow up letter for nonattendance may ensure that the school's administration is aware that their coach is not in compliance with the terms and conditions and future corrective measures need to be taken.

#### **2. Article VI.B.1.b State Final Time Schedule**

**Recommendation:** State Final time schedules/rounds may be altered by tournament management pending weather issues.

**Rationale:** Tournament management needs to have the flexibility to adjust the number of matches played in a day in light of pending weather issues that may occur.

### ***Boys Football***

No Consent Items.

### ***Sports Medicine***

No Recommendations At This Time.

### ***Sportsmanship***

#### **1. Recommendation:** Create a Seasonal DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll statewide

- A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
- B. Schools have an opportunity to earn a certificate every season

- C. Schools are recognized seasonally for not being assessed any player, coach or fan ejections, nor any unsportsmanlike special reports concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
- i. Procedural transgressions against a player or coach are not penalized
- ii. Coop teams are considered as one school
- iii. All school coaches and student-athletes, for teams and individual sports, are considered for this honor.
- iv. Schools have an opportunity to earn a “whole school” certificate every season
- D. The IHSA staff will contact an Administrator from the qualifying schools to verify that there were no behavioral ejections from any sport by a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
- E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

**Rationale:** 100% of the member schools have an opportunity to earn seasonal recognition through the DWR! Honor Roll Program, not just the team at an IHSA State Finals. The Program reinforces DWR! Expectations for all teams, coaches and fans.

- 2. Recommendation:** Create an Annual statewide DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll
- A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
  - B. Schools receive this recognition with zero behavioral ejections or special reports submitted to the IHSA concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator for all three sport seasons.
  - C. Schools will have the option to purchase a physical banner at their own cost
  - D. Administrators must verify that no ejections have been received by the school
  - E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

**Rationale:** 100% of the member schools have an opportunity to earn an annual recognition through the DWR! Honor Roll Program not just the team at an IHSA State Finals. The Program reinforces DWR! Expectations for all teams, coaches and fans.

- 4. Recommendation:** The IHSA distributes the “Administrator Contest Responsibilities” list for state series managers to give to school personnel prior to the contest. IHSA Administrators will use this list at State Final venues.
- 1. Each team designates an Administrator On Duty (AOD) for the contest and provides name and cell phone number to the host school.
  - 2. Each team provides Head Coach’s name and cell phone number to the host school
  - 3. Administrators reinforce DWR! Expectations prior to site arrival to students and spectators.
  - 4. AOD must supervise fan sections and are responsible to resolve issues immediately (i.e. inappropriate language/chants/actions/personal attacks on players)
  - 5. AOD must remain on-site until all spectators leave the facility.
  - 6. Host Manager of state series contest contact schools prior to event to discuss parking, pass gate list, fan seating, etc.

**Rationale:** Administrators are responsible for their crowd at all contests for all state series contest regardless of venue location or level of the tournament.

### ***Illinois Advisory Council On Player Safety***

- 1. Recommendation:** The Council recommends the approval of the Pitch Count Guidelines proposed by the IHSA Baseball Advisory Committee.

**Rationale:** The Council believes the proposal brought forward by the Baseball Advisory Council is appropriate for high school pitchers.

### ***Athletic Administrators***

No Recommendations At This Time.

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