

## Advisory Committee Consent Items

June 12, 2017

### *Boys/Girls Basketball*

#### No Terms and Conditions Consent Items

#### Administrative Recommendations/State Association Adoptions:

3. Awards Ceremony

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends to conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place awards ceremonies after the Championship game in each Saturday session.

**Rationale:** All halftimes at the State Finals are 12 minutes long vs 10 minutes for every other game during the season. Currently, the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place award ceremony is held at half time of the Championship game. This causes the half time of the most import game of the season to last at least 23 minutes before the championship teams may begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Hosting all four award ceremonies after the championship game: 1) allows teams to have a regular half time, 2) allows fans to watch all the games in the session to completion, 3) allows the media to interview the first and second place games immediately, and 4) allows the players and coaches more than a few minutes to compose themselves. (Girls Volleyball has implemented this practice with success)

4. Post Tournament Coach and Official Survey

**Recommendation:** Create a host site feedback form for coaches and officials to complete after the tournament.

**Rationale:** This form will help make sure that host sites meet the NFHS rules and IHSA expectations of a state series host.

### *Three-Point Showdown*

#### No Recommendations Brought Forward

### *Boys/Girls Bowling*

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.

<b><i>Competitive Cheerleading</i></b>
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**1. Item I. C. School Classification**

**Recommendation:** All Coed teams must be announced to the IHSA by ~~November 4~~ November 15. Teams who miss this deadline will compete in the designated division per the school's enrollment.

**Rationale:** Schools adding/changing to coed creates a disparity in the geographical balance of assignments at sectionals. By extending the designated cutoff to November 15<sup>th</sup>, schools will have ample time to hold co-ed tryouts. This will also alleviate concerns with coed participants who participate in football playoffs and are not allowed to tryout until the football season ends.

**2. Item VIII. B. 2. Tournament Rules Scoring**

**Recommendation:** State: The official IHSA score sheet will be used for the scoring of all competitive cheerleading routines. The total accumulative point value of the officials score sheets will be averaged. There shall be five (5) IHSA hired panel officials and (1) head panel official for each division for State. ~~There shall be one (1) head official for State.~~ There shall be three (3) technical officials and (1) head technical official for State.

**Rationale:** Currently, the Head Official is responsible for quality control; confirming panel officials are consistent and in rubric range. At the State Final, adding a Head Technical Official is necessary to verify NFHS legalities and deductions and work with the technical officials' crew when questions arise. The Head Tech Official would oversee all divisions at the state series, which allows for consistency across the divisions, which compete simultaneously.

**3. Item XI. A. Officials Number of Officials Assigned**

**Recommendation:** At each Sectional level of competition, one (1) head official and three (3) panel officials; and three (3) technical officials in which one will be assigned as the head tech official shall be provided. State Final: At the State level competition, one (1) head official and five (5) panel officials for each division; and three (3) technical officials for each division shall be provided. One (1) head technical official will be assigned to the state final to oversee all divisions.

**Rationale:** Currently, the Head Official has the responsibility to script the routines, oversee the panel officials rubric ranges and confirm consistency in scores. At the State Final, adding a Head Technical official is necessary to verify NFHS legalities and deductions and work with the technical officials when questions arise. The one (1) Head Technical Official will confirm consistency across the divisions throughout the state final. (Same request as VIII. B. 2 – language appears in two areas: Tournament Scoring and Number of Assigned Officials)

**4. Item XI. C. Officials**

**Recommendation:** ~~The head coach may meet with the head official and Sectional manager briefly at the conclusion of the contest during packet pick-up.~~ All other tournament communication must be directed to the host manager. Normal conversation that must take place between the host school/manager, the officials, coaches, squad members or school representatives is allowed.

**Rationale:** Due to time and scheduling, it is more feasible for coaches to speak with tournament management regarding questions about the competition. Any questions that cannot be answered by the tournament manager can be forwarded to the IHSA administrator who can, if necessary, consult with the assigned head official.

## 5. Item XI. D. Officials

**Recommendation:** Officials will ~~turn~~ submit score sheets electronically to the head official at the competition for each division. It is the head official's responsibility to verify all scores and order of finish. The site manager will include score sheets and order of finish after the completion of each division in the team exit packets. ~~The manager will forward copies of the official score sheets to the IHSA office.~~

**Rationale:** This change reflects current practice. Because of the use of an online scoring tool – tourney wire, this practice is no longer necessary for the managers. Submitted copies of the score sheets do not need to be sent to the IHSA office because the IHSA will have the master log in to access all scores through tourney wire.

### ***Competitive Dance***

#### **No Terms and Conditions Consent Items**

#### **Administrative Recommendations**

1. **Recommendation:** MISSED SKILL = -1.0 per infraction = infractions-missed lifts, stunt/partner stunt. -0.5= infractions-missed pom passes, tumbling skills, tricks, turns, leaps, etc.

A missed skill is taken when a performer executes a stunt, trick, leap or turn and their hands or seat fall and touch the ground.

**Rationale:** Performer readiness must be achieved before the addition of tricks/lifts/tumbling/etc. can be added to a competitive dance performance. Skills that are included in a competitive dance performance need to be executed properly to insure dancer safety. Clarifies a specific deduction for teams with missed execution versus leaving it up to officials' abstract assessment of a team's overall visual effect on the scoresheet. Revision differentiates between stunt/partner stunts as defined in the NFHS Rules book and individual infractions. Examples and references can be found in the case situation section of the IHSA Schools and Officials Center.

#### 2. **SCORESHEET REVISION**

**Recommendation:** Regrouping the rubric for better clarity and education for coaches and athletes. Editing the scoresheet competition categories by removing group execution and formations.

**Rationale:** Some of the current dance terminology used in rubric boxes does not fit what the judges are looking for. Ex: The technique box, currently lists good spatial awareness but spatial awareness should be grouped in spacing, not technique.

### ***Boys/Girls Gymnastics***

#### 2. (GIRLS) IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES B. State Final Passes: 1. Team qualifiers

**Recommendation:** Add **e. Only the five competitors that are competing on that event are allowed in the corrals at the State Final.**

**Rationale:** Teams have not been cooperative with State Final management in following the current practice. Too many gymnasts on the competition floor impedes with the judges' visibility and event access for competitors and state final management.

#### 3. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES B. Base Scoring

**Recommendation:** For the regional, sectional and state final meets, the judges shall do pre-meet base scoring ~~by using DVD's furnished by the IHSA Office.~~

**Rationale:** The IHSA will communicate to host sites what technology is needed for the base scoring meeting when they send out the scoring program information to all host schools. DVD's are becoming outdated and many schools no longer have this technology available.

#### 4. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES C. Equipment

**Recommendation:** 1. At the regional and sectional levels, schools will be permitted to use their own sting mats and safety collars. Sting Mats/Safety Collars: At the state meet, schools will not be permitted to use sting mats and safety collars other than those provided by the state meet hosts.

**Rationale:** Many teams currently bring their safety collars to the state finals. For safety purposes, teams are more comfortable with the safety collars they use throughout the season than those provided by the state meet host.

#### 5. (BOYS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

**Recommendation:** Add A. Sectional Host Seeds will be posted on the IHSA website for 48 hours to verify accuracy; once assignments are made seeds will be final.

**Rationale:** Seeding information is submitted by coaches and posting scores 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 posted.

#### Administrative Recommendations:

##### 1. (GIRLS) Judges placement at the State Finals

**Recommendation:** At the State Final judges will be seated together on opposite sides of each event, in pairs.

**Rationale:** This will allow for a more functional competition floor and efficient meet.

##### 2. (BOYS) Edit the Team Seeding Information

**Recommendation: Seeding Policy 2.** The average of one half of team's total meets that has the 3 scores criterial will be used. If there is an odd number of meets, then the team will average one meet above one-half. (For example, a team that competes in five meets will average three. A team that competes in four meets will average two. A team that competes in two meets will take the top score).

**Rationale:** The additional language will provide clarity for the coaches regarding the seeding process.

<i>Boys/Girls Soccer</i>
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##### 1. Boys and Girls Section VI. C. Starting Times

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends for contests on Saturdays to begin at 10:00am except on the Fall ACT testing date.

**Rationale:** The option to begin an hour earlier on Saturday offers more flexibility in scheduling, especially in the spring.

#### Administrative Recommendations/State Association Adoptions:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions as well as any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2017-18 seasons.

**Rationale:** The state association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that a “Host Facility Review” is created and made available for all coaches and administrators to complete after a state series game.

**Rationale:** Host sites that do not comply with the rules or the IHSA host expectations need to be brought to the attention of the IHSA office. This review will help ensure that an environment of fair play and consistent site quality is upheld throughout the state.

### ***Boys/Girls Swimming***

#### **1. Item VII-B – State Swim Qualifying Standards**

**Recommendation:** To adopt the following qualifying standards. Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boys’ and Girls’ State Finals will be determined in the following manner. The Qualifying Standards for each individual swimming event will be calculated by determining the 30<sup>th</sup> place time from all sectionals. That time will then be used to obtain an average of the last FIVE years’ average times in each event. In relay events the same process will be implemented but the 24<sup>th</sup> sectional place time will be used to make the calculations. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 17-18 seasons are:

##### **BOYS STANDARDS 2018**

200 Medley Relay	1:37.29
200 Free	1:44.32
200 IM	1:57.77
50 Free	:21.86 (Existing Time)
100 Butterfly	:52.33
100 Free	:47.72 (Existing Time)
500 Free	4:44.73
200 Free Relay	1:27.71
100 Back	:53.32
100 Breast	:59.80
400 Free Relay	3:12.86

##### **GIRLS STANDARDS 2017**

200 Medley Relay	1:48.58
200 Free	1:55.10 (Existing Time)
200 IM	2:09.59
50 Free	:24.39
100 Butterfly	:58.18
100 Free	:53.03
500 Free	5:09.63
200 Free Relay	1:38.23
100 Back	:58.69
100 Breast	1:06.76
400 Free Relay	3:35.52

**Rationale:** The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. We will use the five-year average. Other associations and swim organizations use a method similar to the objective method proposed in this system. Using an objective system should be easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. If necessary in the future, the system is adjustable by using a different average sectional time or a different average (i.e. 4 years). The Assistant Executive Director working with the swimming and diving advisory committee has reserved the right to make changes if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain.

#### **2. Item VI-B – State Time Schedule**

**Recommendation:** To move up the start time of the State Finals on Saturday from 12:00p.m. to 11:00a.m. As a result, warm-ups for divers and swimmers will also be adjusted up one hour to provide participants with the same amount of warm-up time. Meet management will review the current spectator and public access times and adjust those times as necessary.

**Rationale:** The advisory committee feels that there is enough flexibility in the schedule to move Saturday’s finals up. Although 11:00a.m. is not considered an early start, it was commented that swimmers and divers are accustomed to early starts due to regular season competition and practice routines, therefore, this will not be a detriment to swimmers and divers. Moving Friday’s preliminary times up was also discussed, but there are some limitations that would make this more difficult.

<b>Boys Wrestling</b>
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**2. V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings: B. 3) Individual State Final Pairings**

**Recommendation:** Eliminate the language that awards an undefeated wrestler (minimum of 20 matches) 20 seed points.

**Rationale:** The committee recognizes that with the current seeding criteria, in some cases, an undefeated wrestler is able to earn more State Finals seed points than a returning state qualifier or even a returning state place winner. The committee feels that a returning state qualifier or state place winner should be seeded higher than an undefeated wrestler who did not qualify for the State Finals the previous year. If we remove the undefeated wrestler seed points, it will be very rare that an undefeated wrestler is seeded higher than a returning state qualifier.

<b>Athletic Officials</b>
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**No Consent Recommendations**

<b>Chess</b>
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**1. Introduction of Sectional Tournaments in 2018**

Last year the committee approved the introduction of sectional qualifying tournaments starting in 2018, and laid the groundwork for the new system. To briefly recap, last year the Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved:

- A State Final a field of about 100 up to a maximum of 128 teams, with competition taking place in seven rounds.
- Sectionals held on Saturday of Week 30 (Jan. 27, 2018), with four rounds of play at a time control of 55 minutes with 5-second delay, and all teams scoring 2.0 points (or more) qualifying for the state tournament.
- Sectional championship plaques awarded to all teams with perfect scores (there are likely to be two) or, if no team has a perfect score, to the highest scoring team as determined by the tie-break system; individual performance medals awarded to undefeated players on Boards 1 to 3 and players with perfect scores on Boards 4 to 8.

This year, the Committee tied up the loose ends. The following recommendations to accommodate sectional play are made as a package (with the affected area of Terms & Conditions noted):

- a. (VII-A-1) The state final field will be exactly 128 teams.
- b. (VII-A-2) The state tournament field will be determined by ranking all the teams based on their results in the sectional tournaments. They will be sorted first by the number of team points earned and second by the IHSA team tie-break formula. If there is a tie for the 128th spot, a random draw will determine the qualifier. (NOTE: This removes the "automatic bid" for a team with 2.0 points, approved last year. The modified language anticipates the day when more than 128 teams score 2.0 points or better at the sectional level. This will not occur until there are approximately 180 entries in the state series.)
- c. (V-C-3) If a team withdraws from the sectional after the entry deadline and after the sectional assignments have been posted, the team will be kept in the first round sectional pairings as a forfeit and dropped from the pairings in all subsequent rounds.

- d. (VII-A-4) If a team withdraws from the state tournament after qualifying at a sectional tournament, the team may be replaced by the IHSA Office before the close of business on the Friday prior to the state tournament by selecting the next available alternate using the qualifying criteria.
- e. (V-B) Sectionals will be seeded by the coaches of the assigned teams, using the seeding method used in team sports (ranking the teams numerically from best to worst, throwing out the high and low marks for each team, and ranking the averages). A tie for a particular seed will be broken by a random draw.
- f. (V-C) The pairing system used in the sectional tournament will be the same as that used in the state tournament (non-accelerated Swiss pairings).
- g. (V-C-2 & V-C-3) When an when an odd number of teams is assigned to the sectional tournament, a bye will be awarded within the lowest seed group to the lowest seed not already having a bye.
- h. (VI-A-1 & VIII-C-1) A coach may designate up to four alternates who may compete at the sectional tournament (the same as the state tournament).
- i. (VI-C) The sectional time schedule will be as follows:  
 Round 1: 9:00 am  
 Round 2: not before 11:30 am  
 Round 3: not before 2:15 pm  
 Round 4: not before 4:45 pm  
 Awards: not before 6:30 pm
- j. (VIII-D-5) The deadline for making a claim of stacking in the sectional tournament will be 30 minutes after the end of Round 2.
- k. The following calendar dates, which appear throughout the Terms & Conditions, were also approved:  
 Wed., Jan. 17, midnight — Deadline for watching video and submitting roster  
 Thu., Jan. 18, by 4 pm — Sectional assignments posted  
 Mon., Jan. 22, 10 am — Season summaries due  
 Tue., Jan. 23, noon — Sectional seeds due  
 Wed., Jan. 24, midnight — Deadline for submitting lineup and alternates for sectional  
 Mon, Jan. 29, by 4 pm — List of state final qualifiers posted
- l. In several places, language referring to the "IHSA Administrator" has been changed to the "Tournament Director," since these directors will be empowered to make decisions at the sectional tournaments.

**Rationale:** The state final venue has become increasingly crowded over the past few years. Since 2008, when the tournament moved to ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center, the number of participating teams has risen from 118 to 149, and further growth is anticipated in the years to come. The IHSA team chess tournament has been an all-comers event for a very long time, but as the ballroom neared capacity it became clear that a long-term plan was needed. The addition of sectionals envisions a day when 300 or more IHSA member schools field teams.

## 2. Section III-E. Six-Contest Requirement

**Recommendation:** Count every dual team contest separately for the purposes of the six-contest requirement. Previously a maximum of two per calendar date could be counted, even though as many as four were possible.

**Rationale:** This will reduce the number of actual contests needed to satisfy the requirement, while at the same time encouraging schools to schedule team contests instead of simply entering their players in individual meets. Since the IHSA state series is a team competition only, these are desirable outcomes.

## 3. Section V-E-7. Pairing Procedures

**Recommendation:** Delete the requirement to use the "Harkness variation" when pairing the teams.

**Rationale:** Although the Harkness variation is the desired method, the program used to pair the teams does not implement it correctly and has caused problems at the last three state tournaments.

#### 4. Section XI. Officials

**Recommendation:** Language delineating the responsibilities of the various officials has been reworked. The parts that apply to all competitions, including those held outside the IHSA state series, remain in the Rule Book. The parts that pertain specifically to the state series have been moved to Section XI of the Terms & Conditions.

**Rationale:** With the implementation of sectional tournaments, it is important to be able to describe exactly what is expected of officials at the various sites.

### RULE CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommended the following changes to the Chess Rule Book:

#### 1. Modify Rule 1-4-2

**Recommendation:** Prohibit clocks that make a noise during play.

**Rationale:** Some clocks can be programmed to beep or chime at certain intervals or when the flag drops. Especially with regard to the flag dropping, it is the player's responsibility to notice this on his or her own.

#### 2. Modify Rule 12-11

**Recommendation:** Clarify the rule regarding when a steward can intervene in a very long game.

**Rationale:** The rule is the same but the rewording brings it in line with USCF rule and reads more clearly.

#### 3. Modify Rule 13-2

**Recommendation:** Prohibits a player (typically one in time trouble) from passing off his or her scorebook so that a "deputy" can take notation.

**Rationale:** Such notation has never been regarded as official and is often incorrect. The passing of the scorebook has been a concern to stewards. This recommendation prohibits this informal and unsanctioned practice.

#### 4. Add new Rule 22-2, and renumber following rules

**Recommendation:** States that the IHSA Chess Rules cannot regulate all possible situations and empowers the Head Steward to reach a fair decision in cases where no rule applies.

**Rationale:** This language is patterned after the USCF rule book, and affirms that the Head Steward has the ability to make decisions in such cases.

<i>Journalism</i>
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#### 1. VIII. Tournament Rules

Add C. Video News Broadcasting (Exhibition)

**Recommendation:** Conduct a Video News Broadcasting category as an exhibition at the 2018 IHSA Journalism State Finals. The category would have 1 to 3 participants per school. A special press conference would be developed for the category. Students would shoot and edit into a news story during Block A and part of Block B. EIU-TV would assist in developing the exact parameters of the



contest (length, required elements, etc.) and judge based on content, not quality of video. The top submissions would be played prior to the awards ceremony.

**Rationale:** Video is a real world component of journalism and has been discussed by the committee for several years, including an IHSA survey sent out last year that saw many schools support introducing a video category in some capacity. By conducting an Exhibition at the state final level, it allows us to pilot its future viability as a state final category while getting more students involved.

## **2. VIII. Tournament Rules**

### **B. 14 Yearbook Layout: Double Page Spread**

**Recommendation:** Allow schools to use a dummy doc from their school's Yearbook company to create their Double Page Spread layout.

**Rationale:** Very few schools use InDesign for yearbook anymore. Allowing students to use the software they are trained on will make for a more competitive category and doesn't provide a competitive advantage as long as all companies are available. In addition, the current Yearbook company software is all web-based, so aside from internet access, it doesn't place further technological strains on hosts.

## **3. VIII. Tournament Rules**

### **Postscript (after 17. Sports Writing)**

**Recommendation:** Change to read: "AP Stylebook and dictionary/ thesaurus (non-electronic format) may be used in all categories. No other texts or documents may be used."

**Rationale:** The use of AP Stylebook and dictionary/ thesaurus were previously limited to writing categories only, but could be useful in other categories as well.

## **4. VIII. Tournament Rules**

### **B. 9 Info Graphics**

**Recommendation:** Change category name to Infographics (one word)

**Rationale:** This has become the common vernacular.

## **6. X. Awards**

### **A. Sectional**

**Recommendation:** Adding case situation to read: "In the event there is a tie for the team with the most points, all tying schools shall receive a plaque.

**Rationale:** This case situation clarifies the current IHSA policy in place.

## **7. X. Awards**

### **B. State Final**

**Recommendation:** Develop and add parenthesized case situation language approved by IHSA Board that explains policy for team trophies in the event of ties.

**Rationale:** This case situation will clarify the current IHSA policy in place.

<b><i>Music Solo/Ensemble</i></b>
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**No Terms and Conditions Recommendations Brought Forward**

<b><i>Music Organization</i></b>
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**1. Item VIII. A. Number of Participants**

**Recommendation:**

1. Band: No minimum or maximum
2. Orchestra: No minimum or maximum
3. Treble Choir: 10 minimum; no maximum
4. Bass Choir: 10 minimum; no maximum
5. Mixed Choir: 10 minimum; no maximum
6. Show Choir: 10 minimum; 32 maximum
7. Jazz Band: 12 minimum; 25 maximum
8. Jazz Choir: 10 minimum; 32 maximum
9. Jazz Combo: 3 minimum; 11 maximum

If Class D schools have only one entry in an event, minimums do not apply. However, if a Class D school brings more than one entry in an event, then all entries in that event must have the minimum number of students as stated above.

**Rationale:** We are seeing lower participation in band and choir due to diminishing enrollment in Class D schools. This change encourages smaller schools to participate in Organization Contest.

**2. Item X. D. Best of Day Award:**

**Recommendation:** Each judge panel will have the opportunity to select an entry per event they have determined to be the “best performance” of the contest. NO SWEEPSTAKES POINTS WILL BE ADDED FOR THIS DESIGNATION. The contest manager will produce certificates, which should be signed by the judges and the contest manager and delivered to the director. Judges will be instructed by the contest manager of this award and should carefully consider its presentation.

**Rationale:** This is a current practice in Solo & Ensemble Contest and could be easily implemented into the Organization Contest.

<b><i>Scholastic Bowl</i></b>
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**1. VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules**

**Recommendation:** After the recommended time schedule in subsection E, add a sentence that requires regional and sectional managers to scan and email all regional/sectional match scoresheets to [kgarber@ihsa.org](mailto:kgarber@ihsa.org).

**Rationale:** The committee felt that given the recommendation for a new head editor for the state series questions, it is important to provide him with as much data as possible for the continued improvement of the questions. In addition, the committee felt that this data could be linked to the IHSA Scholastic Bowl webpage as a way to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of individuals and teams who have competed in the state tournament.

**Administrative Recommendation:**

1. Question Source: The committee supports the recommendation to allow Brad Fischer to serve as the new Head Editor for the IHSA State Series Questions. Brad is from Rockford, IL and has been a strong supporter of IHSA Scholastic Bowl dating back to his high school years at Winnebago High School. He has served as a moderator in both IHSA Regionals and Sectionals

as well as other large tournaments across the state and country. He served as a coach in Keith Country Day in Rockford where his team made it to state twice taking 3rd place in 2013. He just finished up a 3-year term on the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee. Brad has been involved with question writing since high school. His question writing experience has primarily been in IHSA format. He is currently the Director of Question Production with the National History Bee and Bowl, a history oriented quiz bowl competition that hundreds of schools nationwide play each year. He is also the Co-editor (along with his wife) of the SCOP Novice set, which over 100 Illinois schools annually play each fall. Brad is very excited for the opportunity to serve as the IHSA Head Editor of the State Series questions.

Prior to voting, the committee discussed the potential conflict of interest that arises because Brad's wife is the coach of a team that participates in the State Series. Along with his bid, Brad provided a written assurance that he will keep the questions confidential, and the committee feels that bringing the potential conflict to light serves to further ensure that no infractions occur.

## **Speech Debate**

### **I. Debate**

#### **1. a. Item IV. Host Financial Arrangements B. Judges Fees**

**Recommendation:** Judges hired by the IHSA shall be paid a flat fee of \$250.00... Reimbursement shall be directly from the IHSA office upon the judges' submission of a travel report form to be provided by the IHSA to the contest manager. ~~Any school that hires a judge will pay \$250 for the first judge; an additional \$350 for the second judge; and an additional \$450 for any other judges.~~

**Rationale:** By allowing schools the opportunity to "buy out" their judging requirements, the state final manager struggled to find enough qualified debate judges to work at the final. Debate, by nature, is a self-adjudicating activity and debate coaches must be responsible for securing the number of required judges as aligned by their number of entries.

#### **2. b. Item VIII. Tournament Rules A. Policy Debate 6. Judging**

##### **Recommendation:**

b. Judges for Policy Debate shall be in the second year removed from an Illinois high school. Schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in the entry program, Joy of Tournaments, and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools. Judges who competed for an out-of-state high school must be high school graduates. All judges should have judged at a minimum of two tournaments on the current resolution. Each participating school shall provide a coach-judge for each team entered in the State Final. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries shall be subject to disqualification of one Policy team per missing judge. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee for each round missed.

**Rationale:** Policy debate events would benefit by allowing the opportunity for first year out judges to be able to judge in PRELIMINARY ROUNDS only in addition to the required judges. This will allow students an opportunity to remain active in debate after they graduate. It will also potentially open the judge pool.

#### **3. c. Item VIII. Tournament Rules B. Lincoln Douglas 6. c. Judging**

**Recommendation:** (add c and adjust letters accordingly)

c. All individuals used to fulfill a school's judging requirements must have graduated from high school over one year prior to the date of competition and meet one of the following criteria:

- ~~a.~~ 1. Debated at least five tournaments at the Varsity level in the entered division.
- ~~b.~~ 2. Judged at least 10 Varsity rounds in Illinois in the entered division.

3. ~~In general~~, Judges should be specifically trained for the division they are judging in and are expected to take careful "flows"/notes of arguments made throughout the debate.

d. In addition, schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in Joy of Tournaments and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction.

e. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools.

f. ~~Schools that are unable to meet the judging requirements can hire a qualified judge through the IHSA Tournament Director.~~ Coaches are responsible for verifying that their judges meet the criteria. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries shall be subject to disqualification of ~~one (1)~~ two (2) Lincoln-Douglas contestants per missing judge. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee per round missed.

g. Each judge shall complete. . .

h. Judges are ~~not prohibited from oral critiques and/or to disclose~~ of their decisions to debaters. All judges, including those who are school coaches, shall be available for all rounds including all elimination rounds.

i. Judges shall not converse with anyone, other than the debaters themselves...

j. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts...

k. Judges in any out-round must be at least four years removed...

**Rationale:** This recommendation addresses the need to begin training future judges and not allow schools the opportunity to "buy out" their judging assignments. Additionally, by not allowing disclosure and oral critiques the tournament schedule can be expedited.

#### 4. d. Item VIII. Tournament Rules C. Congressional Debate e. Judge Rules 1).

**Recommendation:**

e. Judge Rules:

1) ~~Judges in any round must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in that round.~~ Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts of interest prior to the start of competition.

**Rationale:** By removing the language that judges must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in the round, more judges are eligible to be assigned to a round of competition. This opens the judging pool.

#### 5. e. Item VIII. Tournament Rules D. Public Forum 8. Judging

**Recommendation:** (add d and adjust letters accordingly)

a. Two (2) judges shall...

b. Each participating school...

c. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries, shall be subject to disqualification of ~~(4)~~ two (2) Public Forum teams per missing judge. Judges must not be affiliated with the teams they are judging. All individuals used to fulfill a school's judging requirements must have graduated from high school over one year prior to the date of competition and meet one of the following criteria:

1. Debated at least five tournaments. . .

2. Judged at least 10 ...

3. ~~In general~~, Judges should be specifically trained for the division they are judging in and are expected to take careful "flows"/notes of arguments made throughout the debate.

d. Schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in Joy of Tournaments and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction.

e. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools.

- f. ~~Schools that are unable to meet judging requirements can hire a qualified judge through the IHSA Tournament Director.~~ Coaches are responsible for verifying that their judges meet the criteria. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee per round missed.
- g. Each judge shall complete the ballot indicating. . .
- h. The judge shall rate each. . .
- i. Judges shall not ~~reveal~~ disclose their decisions ~~to anyone prior to the announcement of results by the contest manager.~~ All judges, including those who are school coaches, shall be available for all rounds including the elimination rounds.
- j. Judges shall not converse. . .
- k. Schools with teams in elimination. . . .
- l. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts. . . .
- m. Judges in any out-round must be at least four years. . . . .

**Rationale:** These changes align with the Lincoln Douglas Debate changes numbering and remove hired judges and disclosure of decisions.

## 6. f. Item X. AWARDS

**Recommendation:** Trophies and team medallions shall be awarded to the Policy, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas and Congressional debate teams finishing first overall based on points earned throughout the tournament in the four debate categories. In Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Congressional and Public Forum Debate, medallions shall be given to the individual champions and runners up and the top ten (10) ranking speakers in each event after the preliminary rounds and in Policy, Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum all other contestants who qualify for the octa-final, quarter-final, semi-final or final rounds. In Congressional Debate, all qualifiers for the Super Congress will receive medallions. The Best Legislation in Congress will receive an award.

**Rationale:** The awarding of team sweepstakes earned in each debate categories aligns with other IHSA awards sets.

<b><i>Speech Individual Events</i></b>
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## II. Individual Events

### 1. a. Item VI. F. Regional/Sectional Time Schedule

**Recommendation:** Regional/Sectional Time Schedule: Following is a suggested the time schedule for Regional and Sectional contests. Local managers, with the majority approval of their contest committees, may alter this schedule in the event the number of contestants entered does not require both Preliminary and Final Rounds in all an event, or if necessary to meet judging needs. during the contest day. Local managers, with the majority approval of the contest committee, may seek approval of the IHSA administrator, to alter the state time of the schedule due to unique travel situations. Prep packets must be used at their designated times. All scheduled revisions must be submitted to the IHSA.

**Rationale:** Due to the sensitivity of limited prep material, rounds must start at the same time across the state and the prep material must be used for the appropriate designated time per round. Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Radio Speaking prep material cannot be compromised if the state series time schedule and prep material is used consistently across all tournament sites.

### 2. b. Item VIII. A. 6. Tournament Rules - Material

**Recommendation:** If a school is entering Impromptu, a coach may submit a list of suggested topics in each category (Quotations, Proverbs, and Phrases). Please send your topics to the IHSA office no later than November 1, 2016. Earlier topics will be accepted.

**Rationale:** Antiquated language – School have not been submitting topics. The IHSA office can generate impromptu topics.

### 3. c. Item XI. B. Judging

**Recommendation:** Selection: Local managers, in conjunction with their contest committees, are urged to select judges from the list of preferred judges supplied by the IHSA Office and to employ those who are located as near the contest center as possible. Also, coaches from participating schools must be available throughout each contest for judging assignments. Judges for the State Final will be selected by the State Contest Committee. ~~Tournament workers and Contest Committee personnel, assigned to work with the tabulation of results, should not be used as judges, except in emergency situations and with the approval of the Contest Committee.~~

**Rationale:** Because of the use of electronic scoring (SpeechWire), this language is antiquated and does not reflect current practice.

### 4. Item Extemporaneous Speaking

**Recommendation:** Presentation: Drawing of topics: contestants shall draw topics per their order of speaking at intervals to provide each contestant ~~45~~ 30 minutes of preparation time.

\*Note: Item VI. F. & G Tournament time schedule will be adjusted to reflect 30 min. prep time.

**Rationale:** By changing the rules for Extemporaneous Speaking to thirty (30) minutes preparation for a six-minute speech, we are aligning extemporaneous speaking with other national rule sets. Additionally, thirty minutes is sufficient time to prepare to answer the question completely.

## *Speech Drama/Group Interpretation*

### No Consent Items

## *Athletes With Disabilities*

### 2. Girls/Boys Bowling - V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS, E. Regional/Sectional Tournament Structure:

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends having participants in both the boys' and girls' Wheelchair Bowling Division qualify for the state finals by bowling at the regional, not sectional, level.

- 1) Assignment of schools to the regional tournaments will be made based on IHSA Policy.
- 2) Each school entering individuals in the Bowling Chair competition shall be assigned to one of the ~~sectional~~ **regional** tournaments.
- 3) The regional/sectional manager shall start no earlier than 9:00 am. Coaches' meeting shall start no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 1:00 pm.
- 4) Regional/Sectional tournaments will consist of two (2) rounds of competition. All teams entered in the regionals or sectionals will bowl both rounds. A round shall consist of a three (3) game series. In the Bowling Chair Class, competition will consist of a two (2) game series.
- 5) All bowling balls used in the series must adhere to Interscholastic High School Bowling Rules.

**Rationale:** Since all competitors begin at the regional level, it seems appropriate to have the participants in the bowling chair class also compete at this level. At the point and time entry numbers warrant having the participants compete at the regional and sectional levels in order to advance to the state finals, these Terms and Conditions can be modified to reflect such. This recommendation just requests the one qualifying round for the bowling chair class occur at the regional level.

### 3. Girls/Boys Bowling - V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS, F. State Final Tournament Structure:

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends modifying the qualification language to the state finals for participants in both the boys' and girls' Wheelchair Bowling Division to reflect the qualifying round of competition will be held and the regional, not sectional, level.

- 1) Boys: At each sectional competition, the top seven (7) individuals who are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance to the state meet.
- 2) Girls: At each sectional competition, the top five (5) individuals who are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance to the state meet.
- 3) Bowling Chair Class: At each ~~sectional~~ **regional** competition in the Bowling Chair Class, the top two (2) individuals shall advance to the state meet.

**Rationale:** Since all competitors begin at the regional level, it seems appropriate to have the participants in the bowling chair class also compete at this level. At the point and time entry numbers warrant having the participants compete at the regional and sectional levels in order to advance to the state finals, these Terms and Conditions can be modified to reflect such. This recommendation just requests the one qualifying round for the bowling chair class occur at the regional level.

#### **4. Girls/Boys Bowling - V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS, E. Regional/Sectional Tournament Structure:**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends having participants in both the boys' and girls' Wheelchair Bowling Division qualify for the state finals by bowling a three, not two, game series.

- 1) Assignment of schools to the regional tournaments will be made based on IHSA Policy.
- 2) Each school entering individuals in the Bowling Chair competition shall be assigned to one of the sectional tournaments.
- 3) The regional/sectional manager shall start no earlier than 9:00 am. Coaches' meeting shall start no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 1:00 pm.
- 4) Regional/Sectional tournaments will consist of two (2) rounds of competition. All teams entered in the regionals or sectionals will bowl both rounds. A round shall consist of a three (3) game series. In the Bowling Chair Class, competition will consist of a ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** game series.
- 5) All bowling balls used in the series must adhere to Interscholastic High School Bowling Rules.

**Rationale:** Since a round of competition in the state series consists of a three (3) game series, it seems to make sense to have the participants in the bowling chair class bowl a complete round as a part of their competition. It has not proven to be too time-consuming to have those competitors set up and complete their games in a timely manner so adding an additional game will not be burdensome for participants or tournament managers.

#### **5. Girls/Boys Bowling - VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS, E. Sectional Individual Advancement:**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends having participants in both the boys' and girls' Wheelchair Bowling Division bowl a three, not two, game series at the state finals.

- 1) The state final tournament will consist of four (4) rounds of competition. A round shall be a three game series. In the Bowling Chair Class, competition will consist of a ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** game series.
- 2) The state series tournaments will recognize team honors and individual honors. In the Bowling Chair Class, the state series tournaments will recognize individual honors.
- 3) Teams and individuals will qualify to advance from Friday's rounds to Saturday's rounds.

**Rationale:** Since a round of competition in the state series consists of a three (3) game series, it seems to make sense to have the participants in the bowling chair class bowl a complete round as a part of their competition. It has not proven to be too time-consuming to have those competitors set up and complete their games in a timely manner so adding an additional game will not be burdensome for participants or tournament managers.

## 1. Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the use of the current Pre-Participation Physical Examination (PPE) Form.

**Rationale:** The committee believes the available form is still current and serves a valuable purpose. The committee does believe the form should be required for all student-athlete athletic physical exams and will pursue a by-law proposal to that effect for the fall of 2017.

## 3. Licensed Athletic Trainer/Medical Practitioner Passes - Football

**Recommendation:** The IHSA SMAC recommends that schools competing in the football state championship game be allowed to request two (2) medical passes for either a licensed physician(s) or a certified athletic trainer(s).

**Rationale:** The committee believes that, because of roster size, many schools utilize more than one medical provider for their football team, particularly during the post-season. Allowing schools who play in the state championship game to request an additional medical pass for an appropriate and certified individual will allow the team to have proper medical coverage for the state championship. The committee does not believe this modest increase in passes will unduly impact the sideline area.

## 4. Licensed Athletic Trainer/Medical Practitioner Passes - Soccer

**Recommendation:** The IHSA SMAC recommends that schools competing in the boys' and girls' state soccer finals be allowed to request two (2) medical passes for either a licensed physician(s) or a certified athletic trainer(s).

**Rationale:** The committee believes that, because of roster size, many schools utilize more than one medical provider for their soccer team, particularly during the post-season. Allowing schools who play in the state finals to request an additional medical pass for an appropriate and certified individual will allow the team to have proper medical coverage for the state finals. The committee does not believe this modest increase in passes will unduly impact the sideline area.

### Administrative Recommendation:

#### 1. Recommendation: pre-game medical talk

Who is involved: game officials, head coaches, captains, and event medical provider; if no event medical provider (AT, team physician), then host school administrator or his/her designee

When: during pre-game sportsmanship meeting for all athletic contests that conduct these meetings (head official/referee calls for the meeting)

Topics covered:

1. Possible head injuries (who is present for both teams to RTP)
2. Location of AT, team physician, or administrator in case of emergency/injury
3. Severe Weather plan (if necessary)
4. EAP
  - a. who will stop contest in case of emergency/injury?
  - b. where should teams go (if necessary)?
  - c. where will emergency vehicles arrive?
  - d. location of nearest AED?

Time Spent: 1:00-2:00

**Rationale:** Both the IHSA SMAC and Player Safety Advisory Council favor this idea. In general, both groups think something along these lines may be happening currently, but in most cases, it is a contest official having/leading the discussion. This framework would take that responsibility out of the



official's hand. This 'best practice' kind of initiative is something that would be easy and quick to handle during the pre-game sportsmanship meeting. Getting all stakeholders on the same page regarding a few key medical items should help with the administration of the event. (NOTE: for multiple school events like tournament, invites, etc., the host school can cover this information at either any pre-event gathering of coaches and officials or by distributing written information before the event.) *Since this is an administrative recommendation/best practices initiative, there is no penalty on a school nor any report that must be filed by an official in the event such a meeting doesn't occur as described.*

### **Sportsmanship**

1. **Recommendation:** The IHSA staff contacts a 2-3 representatives from the SSS finalist conference to verify the sportsmanship/behavior of the fans throughout the regular season. The following questions will be asked:
  - a. What do you think about the crowd's sportsmanship?
  - b. Is their crowd spirited and supportive?
  - c. Has the behavior been consistent over the Fall and Winter seasons?

**Rationale:** Emphasis on consistent positive behavior throughout the year.

2. **Recommendation:** Change the SSS rules to say "The Finalists" from "Four (4) Finalists"...

**Rationale:** The number of valid SSS entries may not warrant 4 schools automatically going to Peoria. Modifying the criteria will allow the SAC some flexibility.

### **Student Advisory Committee**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends to host the annual Student Advisory Committee retreat on July 30 and July 31, 2017.

**Rationale:** During the retreat, members will have time to meet with each other outside of the IHSA office, prepare for the Student Leadership Conference, record PSA's, and start to build our team and bond before the school year begins. The retreat will also serve as the first scheduled meeting for the 2017-18 committee members.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the SAC host the biennial statewide Leadership Conference in September 25, 2017.

**Rationale:** To continue to offer IHSA member school students the opportunity to attend a statewide leadership conference conducted by the SAC.

### **Illinois Advisory Council on Player Safety**

**No Recommendations Brought Forward**

### **Athletic Administrators**

**No Recommendations Brought Forward**

### **Activities Directors**

**No Recommendations Brought Forward**