

**Advisory Committee Recommendations  
February 12, 2018, Board Meeting  
Consent Items**

**Boys/Girls Cross Country**

**1. III.I – Online Entries – Regional/Sectional Online List of Participants; VIII.A – Roster  
X.C.2 – Awards – State Final**

**Recommendation:** Change the roster maximum size in cross country state series from 12 to 14. Change the number of medallions to the three placing teams from 12 to 14.

**Rationale:** As with other team sports, the number of athletes competing should be at most half the number of available athletes on the roster. While the comparison is not perfect, sports such as baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball all have rosters that exceed twice the number of athletes competing. In a more direct comparison, relay teams in track can have a roster of eight athletes while only four can compete at one time. Increasing the roster limit in cross country to 14 would serve to put the sport on par with other team sports and give coaches added flexibility during the three-week state series. It has been expressed that this would allow more opportunity for students to experience the excitement of the state series which would help grow their programs and the sport of cross country.

**2. III.I – Online Entries**

**Recommendation:** Move List of Participant deadline up from Noon on Tuesday of the Regionals week to 11:59p.m. on the Monday of the regionals week.

**Rationale:** The current time for coaches occurs when many of them are teaching or working. The Monday deadline will allow them all evening after practice or a meet to complete. This earlier deadline would also help the IHSA Office tie up loose ends on Tuesday morning so that we can get the LOP files to the regional hosts sooner.

**3. VIII.G.3 – State Series Bib Requirements**

**Recommendation:** Make the following adjustments to the language:

- a. Regional and Sectional Bib Requirements: At all Regional and Sectional Meets, bibs are required (7 ½” x 6”). **Bib placement on the front of the uniform will be at the discretion of the Meet Management.** Bibs should be white with dark black numerals.
- b. State Final: At the State Final Meet, computer scoring will be used. The (RFID) computer tag will be attached to the front bib. **The bib/chip will be attached with 4 safety pins in a position that is visible on the front of the competitor’s uniform.** The bib/chip will not be returned to meet management. Competitors must be careful not to bend the front bib as this may damage the computer chip which is attached to the bib.

**Rationale:** Members of the committee felt that the current requirement to place the bib high on the front of the uniform made it difficult to identify the schools that runners were from during competition. Relaxing this policy by simply allowing runners to place the bib anywhere on the front as long as it is visible would help resolve this concern. The State Meet Timing Operator expressed that he feels that the video equipment at the state final meet has become better and more abundant. Therefore, he did not feel that this change would adversely affect his ability to accurately determine order of finish.

**Boys Football**

**1. VIII. C. Team Sideline Passes**

**Recommendation:** Increase the number of sideline passes at the State Finals from 16 to 20 for all 1A-4A games and from 25 to 30 for all 5A-8A games. The new number of sideline passes will include passes for team video personnel.

**Rationale:** The committee recommends this change to allow the IHSA to send passes for video personnel to schools in advance of the State Finals. The current practice requires schools to contact the IHSA office the week of the State Finals to request specific video personnel passes. With the growth of video technology that includes sideline cameras and end zone cameras along with iPads and video screens on the sidelines, the committee feels that four additional passes in the

1A-4A games and five additional passes in the 5A-8A games will be a sufficient number of passes for each team's video personnel.

## 2. X. D. Awards Presentation

**Recommendation:** At the State Finals, present the awards to the teams on the field at the 50-yard line, with each team near its own sideline facing its fans, as opposed to presenting the awards on a stage behind the end zone.

**Rationale:** The committee recommends this change in order to allow the teams and their fans to stay better connected as they share a special moment at the State Finals.

<b>Boys/Girls Golf</b>
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### 1. Section VIII, N. Measuring Devices

**Recommendation:** Players or coaches may use USGA-approved measuring devices during state series competition. *A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone, smartwatch, or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device, but the device must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of USGA Rule 14-3.* Players or coaches may share distance information with competitors if they wish to do so. Players found using measuring devices utilizing functions considered illegal will be penalized in accordance with USGA rules.

**Rationale:** The addition of this language is consistent with USGA rules and recognizes the growing number of players who have apps on devices on their cell phones to aid in measuring distance.

### 2. Section VII, L. Artificial Devices

**Recommendation:** Players are prohibited from playing music with/without headphones, *making or receiving calls or texts on a cell phone*, using artificial devices or any other unusual equipment that might assist a player in making a stroke. *Players found using any of the afore-mentioned devices or equipment will be penalized in accordance with USGA rules.*

**Rationale:** This language offers guidance on how cell phones can be used during competition. The committee believes the up-date is necessary in light of the recommendation above.

### 3. IX. Tournament Policies B. School Representative/Coach

**Recommendation:** Add the following to the section: *At the state finals, schools who qualify a team or multiple individuals may rent one cart at the school's expense for use by the school's head coach, provided enough carts are available and ground conditions allow for such use.*

**Rationale:** The committee believes this modest inclusion of carts for coaches will not unduly impact play and allow greater opportunity for coaches to coach players at the state finals.

#### **Administrative Recommendations:**

#### 1. III. Online Entries, Withdrawal Procedures, Eligibility, Affirmative Action and On-line List of Participants C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that Terms and Conditions Section III. C. Breach of Contract, apply not only to teams but to individual entries as well.

**Rationale:** The current wording for the section is appropriate, it have just not applied to individual entries in the past, the Committee feels that late withdrawals by individuals are just as troublesome for a host as a late withdrawal for a team would be and that the penalty should apply the same.

**Boys/Girls Lacrosse**

No Terms and Conditions Recommendations.

**Boys/Girls Tennis**

**1. XI. Officials**

**Recommendation:** At the State Final tournament, provisions will be made for licensed USTA officials to call matches from the quarterfinal through the final rounds of competition in both the singles and doubles finals.

**Rationale:** This change allows CDTA, ITF and USTA officials to be used for the IHSA tennis state final thus increasing the pool of eligible officials.

**2. VIII. D. 3 Time Allotment**

**Recommendation:** A minimum of ~~twenty~~ thirty minutes of rest will be granted to competitor(s) between matches.

**Rationale:** This change adds 10 minutes of rest between matches which aligns with other rule sets.

**Boys/Girls Volleyball**

**1. Revise: Boys volleyball time schedule Friday**

**Recommendation:** Adjust the boys volleyball time schedule for Friday to:

- Match 1: 10:30 am
- Match 2: 11:30 am
- Match 3: 1:00 pm
- Match 4: 2:00 pm

**Rationale:** The committee feels this change will help on both ends of the day. After last year’s adjustment to the earlier morning session we found some schools and staff got caught in morning rush hour, so we feel the 30-minute adjustment will help with our morning start. The afternoon adjustment will help with schools needing to get to Friday night graduation events.

**Sports Medicine**

No Recommendations At This Time.

**Sportsmanship**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**1. Recommendation:** Modify the Sportsmanship Advisory Committee name to the Do What’s Right! Advisory Committee.

**Rationale:** This change more accurately represents the broad scope of topics and targeted groups that the committee addresses throughout the year. It also opens up the opportunity to explore additional avenues of positive action in our schools.

**Student Advisory**

No Recommendations At This Time.

**Athletic Administrators**

No Recommendations At This Time.