

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 4, 2008**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at the IHSA Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Brother Paul Ickes, Chicago (Brother Rice); Deb Ofcky, Winnetka (New Trier); Joann Pyritz, LaGrange (Lyons); Stacy Germann, Fulton (H.S.); Debra Derby, Streator (Woodland); Larry Sample, Chatham (Glenwood); Kathy Wuller, Belleville (Althoff); Jill Carter, Virginia. Also in attendance was Susan Hinrichsen, Assistant Executive Director.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Item Girls VII F/ Boys VIII D - Warm-up Time:**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the pre-match warm-up period shall consist of 4-4-4-4 with the visiting team warming up on the entire court for 4 minutes, the second 4 minutes the home team warms up on the entire court; the next 4 minutes the visiting team again takes the entire court, and the final 4 minutes the home team takes the entire court. When teams are off the court ball handling is allowed if space allows.

**Rationale:** Provides for a safer warm up setting, allows coaches for a more controlled warm up, coaches can set up serve and serve receive situation, gives coach more time to talk to players when they are off the court and coaches can take advantage of the entire court both times.

**Approved**

**2. Item Boys V B – Seeding and Pairings:**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that a sub-sectional be used for the one sectional that includes the southern Illinois teams. The winner from each regional will advance to the sectional. The #1 seeded teams will play the #2 seeded teams in the semifinals of the sectionals. The sectional championship in this sectional only will be conducted on Saturday, May 30, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**Rationale:** There are 11 schools from the south entered into the 2009 state series. The number of entries allows for 2 regionals to be placed in southern Illinois and works nicely as a sub-sectional.

**Not Approved**

**3. Item Boys V (new) –State Final Seeding and Pairings:**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the boy's state final tournament is seeded using the same factors used for the state series. A seeding committee designated by the IHSA shall meet the day after the sectional championship to seed the teams and determine the draw.

**Rationale:** Boys volleyball is the only bracketed sport that can seed the teams. Since the tournament is a suburban tournament, most schools know each other or have played each.

**Not Approved**

#### 4. **Item Boys X A/ Girls X D - Media Passes:**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that a maximum of 3 media passes be provided to schools upon request. Those passes shall only be issued to students from the participating school. No media passes will be provided to adults from school or outside the school.

**Rationale:** 3 media passes are being provided for use by yearbook staff although they have been issued to non-school personnel including parents of players.

**Not Approved**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The committee reviewed the volley for a cure promotion and subsequently recommended that a school be limited to participating in only one volley for the cure match per season. Additionally the committee agreed that the promotion is a Susan G Komen promotion therefore the suspension of the official's uniform requirements and selected NFHS rules apply only to this promotion. Additionally all proceeds from the promotion must go to that organization.
2. The committee reviewed the regional dates and tournament structure. No other action was taken.
3. It was recommended that the super-sectional times be posted after the football pairings are announced to prevent confusion if there are time changes.
4. The committee reviewed the team bench protocol. No action was taken to adopt the state association for it although the committee recommended that at the girls' state tournament the first two rows in the fan section be roped off at Redbird arena. Those 2 rows shall be available for the supervisors of the participating schools. Since boy's volleyball already has eliminated fans sitting behind the team benches this will not be necessary for that tournament.
5. It was requested that IHSA add a coaches roundtable to the boy's state finals. It will be added this year and conducted between session 3 and 4 on Saturday.
9. The committee reviewed some NFHS rules including the let serve and the rule regarding net tape. A rule recommendation has been submitted to the NFHS.
10. It was recommended that the online seeding form ask for information from CPS schools to identify what division they play in. This will assist coaches in their seeding process especially for coaches not attending the seeding meeting.

#### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee heard a report on several changes made within the IHSA that impact volleyball including awards, online rules meetings, online seeding meetings, sportsmanship recognition, webcasting, rulebook rotation and volleyball official's status.
2. The committee reviewed the way housing assignments were made. The committee supported the current method of assigning the housing.
3. The committee reviewed the warm up schedule. The committee supported the current schedule.

4. The committee reviewed the Volleyball Survey – The conclusions from the survey and the coaches' roundtable were:
  - Coaches did not support the use of flags by line judges for the regular season although they did support flags for the state series. Additionally neither schools nor officials wanted to be responsible to purchase them.
  - Coaches preferred preliminary games to be played on a separate day;
  - Coaches liked the regional and super-sectional flex time;
  - Coaches favored the SS being played on Saturday;
  - Coaches favored electronic seeding and;
  - Coaches favored a 2 year rule book.
5. A pool play format for boy's volleyball was discussed. No action was taken.
6. The committee recognized Jill Carter for her service on the advisory committee.