

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA**  
**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 7, 2024**

The Illinois High School Association Activities Director Advisory Committee met via a virtual conference call on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present were: IHSA Division 2 - Stacy Kolack, Activities Director, Winnetka (New Trier); IHSA Division 3 - Jennifer Martinez Activities Director, Downers Grove (South); IHSA Division 4 - Tim Atwell, Athletic/Activities Director, Kewanee (H.S.); IHSA Division 6 - Rodney Norris, Athletic/Activities Director, Manito (Midwest Central); IHSA Division 7 - Kenny Detherage, Athletic/Activities Director, Troy (Triad); At Large Member, Principal Julie Schultz, Burbank (Reavis); and Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. IHSA Division 1 - Matthew Fidati, Athletic/Activities Director, Chicago (Kenwood) and IHSA Division 5 - Courtney McClure, Activities Director, Normal (Community) was unable to attend. Kenny Detherage, Athletic/Activities Director, Troy (Triad)

**I. REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A) Chess**

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: III-C ; VI-A;VIII-C–Language clarification between roster, List of Participants form and participants in strength order

Approved recommendation 2: III-H – Change entry deadline

Approved recommendation 3: VIII-H –require coaches to use Chesscalate for results

Rules Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1: Allow player to request a steward to observe the game for a later claim of a draw according to the 50-move rule

Approved recommendation 2: Add language that grants the tournament director discretion to stop a clock for more than 5 minutes in the event of a medical emergency

Administrative Recommendations

There were no Administrative Recommendations

**B) Esports**

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: VIII-A – Tournament Rules – Add EA Sports Madden to the IHSA state series

Did not approve recommendation 2: VIII- B –Student Entries – Add two universal substitute positions to the List of Participants form

Approved recommendation 3: VIII-K – Tournament Assignments and Seeding – Sectional Tournament brackets will be drawn and posted on the Wed. before sectionals

Approved Competition Recommendation – PlayStation competitions in the IHSA state series will be competed on PlayStation 5 instead of the PlayStation 4

**C) Scholastic Bowl**

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: At the State Final, in addition to the 1st and 3rd place matches, the remaining four teams in each class that are not playing in those matches would play in a 5th or 7th place match as determined by their records in pool play. Team trophies and medals would still only be awarded to those teams placing 1st – 4th place

### Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1 – Name Adam Silverman as the IHSA Head Writer/Editor of the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Series questions for the 2025 State Series.

## **D) Speech**

### Individual Events Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1 – XI-C Judging Fees: Regional: \$20.00 \$25.00 per round  
Sectional: \$20.00 \$25.00 per round State Final: \$25.00 \$30.00 per round Performance in the Round:  
\$10.00 per performance at all levels of competition  
Approved recommendation 2 - Add debate entries to the speech state series

### Drama/Group Interpretation Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1 – VIII-B-d - Group Interpretation Standards of Excellence – dress code  
Approved recommendation 2 – VIII-B-f - Group Interpretation Standards of Excellence – sound effects/music clarification  
Approved recommendation 3 – XI-F- Judging Fees – Increase judging fee by \$5 for Contest Play and Group Interpretation at the Sectional and State levels

### Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1 – VI-B – Contest Committee – clarify who is on the committee  
Approved recommendation 2 – VIII-B-4-d – Group Interpretation Timekeeping clarification

## **E) Music**

### Music Solo and Ensemble Terms and Conditions

Approved recommendation 1: III-F-4 – Limitation on entries  
Approved recommendation 2: VIII-C-1 – Add Mixed Wind/Percussion Ensembles and Mixed Brass/Percussion Ensembles  
Approved recommendation 3 – VIII-C-3 – Vocal choirs shall consist of 9-20 students  
Approved recommendation 4 – VIII-C-6 – Doubling and Substitution – increased number of students from 2 to 4 per part with a maximum of 8 performers  
Approved recommendation 5 – VIII-C-7 – Student conductors are counted when determining the number of students in an entry  
Approved recommendation 6 – X-D- Each judge will have the opportunity to select one (1) solo and one (1) ensemble from the competition room where they are adjudicating

### Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1: VIII-B – Approved Solo Events – change 304 String Bells to Bells (Glockenspiel)

Approved recommendation 2: VIII-C-1 Rules for Choir Events -

701 ~~Instrumental Choirs~~ Flute Choir  
702 ~~Clarinet Choir~~  
703 ~~Woodwind Choir~~ (choir may not be all clarinets)  
704 ~~Brass Choir~~  
705 ~~Percussion Choir~~  
706-702 String Choir  
707 703 Handbell Choir (6-20 students)

### Music Organization Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 7: VIII-J-1 – Accompaniment – Recorded accompaniment may not be used with the exception of Jazz and Show Choirs where it is permitted

Approved recommendation 8 – XI-A – Selection of judges

Approved recommendation 9 – XI-E – Judges Fees – Increase fee from \$30 to \$35 per hour plus mileage

#### Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 3: VIII-E – Contest Rules – Memorization requirements have been removed

Approved recommendation 4: II-Date and Site – For the 2027-28 school year, the Organizational Contest date will be April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (week 40 instead of week 41)

#### **F) Student Advisory**

Approved recommendation 1: Retreat on August 4-5, 2024 which includes an overnight stay at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, IL

Approved recommendation 2 – Adding an official student representative to the IHSA Schools Center to serve as a point of contact for the SAC.

## **II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS**

### **Chess**

Adding documents to the Chess Manual

Updating and branding steward vests

### **Esports**

Future games

Sweepstake development for State Final trophies

### **Scholastic Bowl**

Process for securing hosts

New coaches and coach turnover

### **Speech Events (Individual Events, Debate and Drama)**

Securing Hosts

Combining Speech Individual Events and Debate

### **Music**

Examined ways to incentivize hosts by waving host event fees

Discussed concerns regarding IHSA State Music events and school event/sport conflicts

### **SAC**

Reviewed application process

### **General Discussion**

Heard an Update on the DWR meeting

Disused sportsmanship awards

Reviewed HSHP

Heard an update on the Illinois Directors of Student Activities (IDSA)

Discussed IHSA activities that conflict with other dates such as state math contests

Expressed concern regarding the difficulty in finding host site in some activities

Shared concerns that there are a lot of withdrawals in activities

Discussed the increase in new coaches and coach turnover

Pep Band/Vocalists process was reviewed

Acknowledged and thanked committee members for their service on the Advisory Committee and for their support of the IHSA