

MINUTES OF THE IHSA
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 9, 2023

The Illinois High School Association Activities Director Advisory Committee met via a virtual conference call on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present were: IHSA Division 1 - Matthew Fidati, Athletic/Activities Director, Chicago (Kenwood); IHSA Division 2 - Stacy Kolack, Activities Director, Winnetka (New Trier); IHSA Division 3 - Scott McDermott, Principal, Wheaton (W. Warrenville 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 5 - Courtney McClure, Activities Director, Normal (Community) was unable to attend.

I. REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A) Chess

Terms and Conditions:

- Approved recommendation 1: V-C – Sectional Pairings Procedures – Chesscalate
- Approved recommendation 2: V-C – Sectional Pairings Procedures – Harkness Variation
- Approved recommendation 3: V-E – State Final Pairings Procedures – Chesscalate
- Approved recommendation 4: V-E – State Final Pairings Team Division
- Approved recommendation 5: V-E – State Final Pairings – Swiss Pairings
- Approved recommendation 6: V-E – State Final Pairings – # of Competing Teams
- Approved recommendation 7: V-E – State Final Pairings Procedures – Harkness variation
- Approved recommendation 8: V-E – State Final Pairings Procedures restrictions to 2.
- Approved recommendation 9: V-F – Pairing Appeals
- Approved recommendation 10: VI-C – Sectional Time Schedule
- Approved recommendation 11: VI-D – State Final Time Schedule
- Approved recommendation 12: VII-A – Advancement of Qualifiers
- Approved recommendation 13: VIII-C–3b – Late Arrival
- Approved recommendation 14: VIII-C–b – Late Arrival
- Approved recommendation 15: VIII-F – Tie-Break System
- Approved recommendation 16: IX-F – Equipment
- Approved recommendation 17: IX-G – Electronic Devices

Administrative Recommendations

- Approved recommendation 1 - Add IHSA Team Chess Pairings Procedures document to the IHSA Team Chess Manual
- Approved recommendation 2 - Steward vests will no longer be mailed to sectional sites for use. Vests will only be brought and used at the state finals

B) Esports

Terms and Conditions:

- Approved recommendation 1: VIII-I – Tournament Rules – Pre-match procedures - Forfeiture
- Approved recommendation 2: VIII- I – Tournament Rules – Pre-match procedures - Warm up
- Approved recommendation 3: VIII-J – Controllers

Approved recommendation 4: VIII-K – Tournament Assignments and Seeding
Approved recommendation 5: VII-A and VIII-A – Language that defines a team game, small group game, and individual games and correctly classifies the game offerings

Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1 - Turn off handball in FIFA

Approved recommendation 2 - Allow DLC tracks and characters in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

Approved recommendation 3 - Disconnection procedures

C) Scholastic Bowl

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: III-F & V.C – Season Summary & Electronic Seeding Meeting Dates.

Approved recommendation 2: V-C – Electronic Seeding Meeting Format

Approved recommendation 3 (6-1): VIII-E – Number of Players

Approved recommendation 4: VIII-O – Tournament Rules, Categories and Sub-categories for Toss-up Bonus Questions

Administrative Recommendations

Approved recommendation 1 - Case Book-New 3-C – Pre-Match Procedures

D) Speech

Debate Terms and Conditions:

No recommendations were made at this time

Individual Events Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1 - VI- E. Time Schedules: 2. State Final Time Schedule - Pilot for 1 year and review at the next advisory meeting

Approved recommendation 2 - VI- E. Time Schedules: 2. State Final Time Schedule

Drama/Group Interpretation Terms and Conditions:

No recommendations were made at this time

E) Music

Music Solo and Ensemble Terms and Conditions

Approved recommendation 1: VIII-5-g – Contest Rules - Accompanists

Music Organization Terms and Conditions:

No recommendations were made at this time

F) Student Advisory

Approved recommendation 1: Retreat on July 30-31, 2023

Approved recommendation 2 – Statewide Leadership Conference on Nov. 13, 2024, in East Peoria

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