

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - CONSENT ITEMS**  
**October 12, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting**

**BOYS BASEBALL**

1. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**
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**Administrative Recommendation:**

**Recommendation:** The committee highly recommends that conferences consider implementing a 2-hour time limit for all non-varsity games. No new inning will start 2 hours after the first pitch of the game. If the score is tied when the game reaches the time limit, the game will end in a tie.

**Rationale:** A 2-hour time limit for non-varsity games will create a better baseball experience for everyone involved. Players, coaches, and umpires are familiar with time limits since most games prior to high school now use a time limit. At a time when umpire retention is a key factor for all schools, umpires might be more willing to umpire non-varsity games if there is a time limit.

**GIRLS BADMINTON**

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee Recommends moving the State Final seeding meeting to the Monday of week 45. The seeds will be released Monday, with the brackets released Tuesday, similar to the seeding matrix for team bracketed sports.

**Rationale:** This schedule change will give coaches an opportunity to review the seeds prior to the brackets being released. This should prevent any possible errors in the brackets.

2. **Recommendation:** The Committee Recommends, when space allows, coaches/spectators should position themselves at a minimum of 3 feet off the playing surface.

**Rationale:** This will ensure that players have ample space to make plays that might direct them toward out of bounds. Coaches standing too close could prevent a player from making a play and cause a safety concern for the player and coaches.

**Administrative Recommendation:**

**Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**

*No Terms and Conditions Recommendations Forwarded*

**BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE**

1. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

**BOYS/GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD**

1. **Item VII- C: IHSA State Series T&F Qualifying Standards:**

**Recommendation:** To adopt the qualifying standards below for the 2023 season. In determining the standards, the following process was used: The Qualifying Standards for each individual and relay event will be calculated for classes 1A and 3A by determining the FIVE year average of the 21<sup>st</sup> place time/distance/height from all sectionals. For class 2A, a FIVE year average of the 16<sup>th</sup> place time/distance/height in individual events and relays was used. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards are:

| 2022-2023 Proposed IHSA State Qualifying Standards |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Event  | 1A Girls          | 1A Boys           | 2A Girls          | 2A Boys           | 3A Girls          | 3A Boys           |
| <b>LJ</b>  | 5.00m<br>(16-5)   | 6.35m<br>(20-10)  | 5.15m<br>(16-11)  | 6.50m<br>(21-4)   | 5.35m<br>(17-7)   | 6.75m<br>(22-2)   |
| <b>PV</b>  | 2.76m<br>(9-1)    | 3.70m<br>(12-2)   | 2.97m<br>(9-9)    | 3.96m<br>(13-0)   | 3.12m<br>(10-3)   | 4.16m<br>(13-8)   |
| <b>HJ</b>  | 1.52m<br>(5-0)    | 1.85m<br>(6-1)    | 1.54m<br>(5-1)    | 1.85m<br>(6-1)    | 1.57m<br>(5-2)    | 1.90m<br>(6-3)    |
| <b>SP</b>  | 10.79m<br>(35-5)  | 14.60m<br>(47-11) | 10.79m<br>(35-5)  | 14.80m<br>(48-7)  | 11.40m<br>(37-5)  | 15.97m<br>(52-5)  |
| <b>TJ</b>  | 10.18m<br>(33-5)  | 12.54m<br>(41-2)  | 10.56m<br>(34-8)  | 12.95m<br>(42-6)  | 11.09m<br>(36-5)  | 13.36m<br>(43-10) |
| <b>DISC</b>  | 33.65m<br>(110-5) | 43.05m<br>(141-3) | 33.83m<br>(111-0) | 43.94m<br>(144-2) | 35.56m<br>(116-8) | 46.71m<br>(153-3) |
| <b>4 X 800</b>                                     | 10:35.87          | 8:33.28           | 10:13.76          | 8:20.63           | 9:43.60           | 8:04.23           |
| <b>4 X 100</b>                                     | :52.20            | :44.63            | :50.59            | :43.66            | :49.34            | :42.99            |
| <b>3200</b>  | 12:26.55          | 10:12.64          | 11:47.44          | 10:01.23          | 11:09.13          | 9:35.94           |
| <b>100 HH<br/>110 HH</b>                           | :16.73            | :16.26            | :16.48            | :15.54            | :15.92            | :15.40            |
| <b>100</b>   | :12.95            | :11.35            | :12.70            | :11.13            | :12.46            | :11.04            |
| <b>800</b>   | 2:28.15           | 2:02.82           | 2:25.63           | 2:01.83           | 2:20.60           | 1:59.36           |
| <b>4 X 200</b>                                     | 1:51.76           | 1:33.99           | 1:48.52           | 1:31.98           | 1:45.77           | 1:30.85           |
| <b>400</b>   | 1:01.87           | :52.18            | 1:00.71           | :51.13            | :59.36            | :50.77            |
| <b>300 LH<br/>300 IH</b>                           | :49.47            | :42.37            | :48.55            | :41.22            | :47.17            | :40.84            |
| <b>1600</b>  | 5:36.90           | 4:39.80           | 5:26.27           | 4:35.35           | 5:11.78           | 4:23.68           |
| <b>200</b>   | :26.96            | :23.08            | :26.29            | :22.59            | :25.75            | :22.33            |
| <b>4 X 400</b>                                     | 4:19.68           | 3:35.17           | 4:13.85           | 3:31.31           | 4:05.00           | 3:28.30           |

**Rationale:** Using an objective system is easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. In some cases, the system was adjusted by using a different average sectional time (i.e. 18<sup>th</sup> place instead of 21<sup>st</sup> place), a different average number of years (i.e.: 4 years instead of 5 years), or simply by maintaining the prior year’s standard for one or more events. The Assistant Executive Director working with the Track & Field advisory committee has reserved the right to make these types of adjustments if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet.

**2. III.I – Sectional On-Line List of Participants Declarations and Coaching Staff:**

**Recommendation:** If a school does not submit all or part of the Sectional Online List of Participants by the deadline, the IHSA administrator for Track & Field may permit late LOP entries with a \$100 penalty fee. The IHSA administrator for Track & Field may waive the \$100 penalty fee for extenuating circumstances. Other penalties for failing to complete the Sectional Online List of Participants by the deadline could include, but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to coach and/or athletes being ruled ineligible to compete in the State Series. Entered schools that do not submit their Sectional Online List of Participants are consequently ruled ineligible for the State Final Series and will be withdrawn from the state series. A \$100.00 penalty fee will be assessed for failure to withdraw before the LOP deadline, and the school will be locked out from entering through the School’s Center during the next school term.

**Rationale:** The committee agrees that late List of Participant entries impact and disrupt meet management tasks. These disruptions can lead to unintended consequences such as clerical issues, and worse, meet scoring errors. Late LOP entry requests are a frequent enough occurrence that the committee felt that additional accountability measures (such as the \$100 penalty) are warranted.

**3. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

## BOYS/GIRLS WATER POLO

### 1. Item VI. A. 1) Playing Schedules (Boys and Girls)

**Recommendation:** Move the Preliminary contests to Thursday or Friday of Week 44, starting between 5:00 and 7:30 pm. Schedule two Quarterfinal contest dates, per gender, during week 45 beginning on Monday. The upper bracket in every Sectional plays two games on Monday, and the lower bracket plays two games on Tuesday for one gender. Then the upper bracket in every Sectional plays two games on Wednesday, and the lower bracket plays two games on Thursday for the other gender. All Semifinal contests will continue to follow the schedule of four contests on Friday with the two Finals on Saturday. Sectional Quarterfinal contests will be at 5:00 and 6:15 pm each night.

**Rationale:** Conducting four weeknight contests during AP testing, Finals, and other academic demands, do not benefit the student athletes. Multiple times during the 2022 state series, Quarterfinal game start times were delayed due to teams arriving late to the site because of transportation issues. As well, contests going to overtime caused subsequent teams to play late. Some games ended after 10:00 p.m. thus players did not arrive home until 11:00 p.m. Moving the seed meeting a week earlier and conducting the Preliminary games the week prior allows the opportunity to schedule two Quarterfinal contests each night.

### 2. Item VI. A. 1) Playing Schedules (Boys and Girls) Item VI. A. Season Summary Form and B. Seeding

**Recommendation:** Modify the Sectional Season Summary deadline and seeding date to week 42 to accommodate the Quarterfinal game schedule above.

**Rationale:** Moving up the Season Summary due date and conducting the seed meeting will allow for a change in the Preliminary and Quarterfinal game schedules.

## BASS FISHING

### 1. VIII. Tournament Rules. [New B (if approved, all other sub points in VIII will be adjusted)]

**Recommendation:** In all state series events, only largemouth, spotted, and smallmouth bass are accepted species.

**Rationale:** The committee recommends this new section to provide some additional clarity to the specific types of bass that can be caught during state series events. Currently, the Terms and Conditions don't provide any direction on this topic, and the listed species are the most common in Illinois.

### 2. II. Dates and Sites, IV. Host Financial Arrangements, V. Tournament Assignments, VI. Tournament Structure, VIII. Tournament Rules, X. Awards

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that, no later than the 2024-25 school year, a regional tournament be added to the IHSA Bass Fishing State Series. The revised structure would consist of a regional, sectional, and state finals tournament, set up in the following manner:

6 Sectional Complexes, each consisting of 5 Regional Tournaments

30 regional tournaments

- Approximately 10 schools assigned to each Regional Tournament (reduction of 2-3 schools compared to number of schools currently assigned to Sectional Tournaments)
- Top 6 boats advance to Sectional Tournament
- Regional Tournaments to be held on Thursday of Week 45 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (Rain Date: Monday of Week 46)

6 sectional tournaments

- Top 10 boats advance to State Finals Tournament
- Sectional Tournaments to be held on Thursday of Week 46 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (Rain Date: Monday of Week 47)

60 boats at the state finals

- State Finals to be held on Friday-Saturday of Week 48 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (Thursday of Week 48 to serve as State Finals pre-fishing day for qualifiers)

Regional Hosting Allowance of no more than \$200 to be provided to Regional hosts.

Awards

- School with the boat catching the most weight of fish at the Regional Tournament will be declared the winner of the Regional and receive a Regional plaque.
- Individual medallions will be given to the team participants in the boat catching the largest fish in the Regional Tournament.

**Rationale:** There are many points of consideration the committee took in making this recommendation:

- The number of entries in the IHSA Bass Fishing State Series has grown each year since the program was started in the 2008-09 school year.
- A consistent point of discussion in the bass fishing community has been a desire to see another competitive round added to the state series.
- The advancement structure will allow for approximately 30% of the field to advance from both the Regional Tournament to the Sectional Tournament and also the Sectional Tournament to the State Finals, and the committee believes that qualifying standard is an appropriate percentage at this time.
- While this model calls for a reduction in the number of boats that would qualify for the state finals, the committee believes 60 boats is still a significant number of qualifiers, and the modest reduction will create a better fishing experience for qualifiers, who will have less competition for space in certain parts of the state finals lake.
- If ultimately approved, the committee would like to see this model implemented as soon as the 2023-24 school year, but the committee recognizes that IHSA staff will need time to work with DNR to identify some new bodies of water for Regional Tournaments and with the current state finals location (city of Carlyle) to see if the lake is available on the new state finals date.

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| <b>ATHLETIC OFFICIALS</b> |
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1. **Recommendation:** The committee approved the following grant requests:

| Association                                     | Requested Amount | Purpose                                      | Approved Amount |
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| Blackhawk Officials Association                 | \$500            | Education & Equipment                        | \$500           |
| Central Illinois Football Officials Association | \$500            | Education & Equipment                        | \$500           |
| Decatur Area Officials Association              | \$500            | Recruiting, Mentoring, Education & Equipment | \$500           |
| Illinois Dance Officials Association            | \$350            | Education                                    | \$350           |
| Rock River Officials Association                | \$500            | Recruiting                                   | \$500           |

**Rationale:** The IHSA and IESA have provided grant money for a recognized association to apply for up to \$500. The committee has reviewed the grants and made the above recommendations.

2. **Non-Consent Items – See Board Agenda**

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| <b>ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES</b> |
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*No Recommendations Forwarded*

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| <b>ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS</b> |
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*No Recommendations Forwarded*

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| <b>NEWS MEDIA</b> |
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*No Recommendations Forwarded*