

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 2, 2009**

The IHSA Boys Baseball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Lee Bennett, Centralia; Kevin Mallahan, Normal; Ben Davis, Mt. Zion; Kenny Fullman, Chicago (Harlan); Patrick Hake, Lincoln; Ken Miller, Coal City; and Dan Wiczorek, Minonk (Fieldcrest). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway and Jim Hall, IBCA, was also in attendance. Absent was Charles Gandolfi, Mundelein.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule.

Recommendation: Friday game schedule will be as follows:

Game 1 10:00 am.

Game 2 12:00 pm

Game 3 3:00 pm

Game 4 5:00 pm

Saturday game schedule will be as follows:

Game 5 9:00 am

Game 6 12:00 pm

Game 7 3:00 pm

Game 8 6:00 pm

Rationale: Move the game times on Friday up for games 2, 3 and 4 to allow for more time to get in all four games on Friday in case of bad weather. The suggested times will provide more flexibility for game delays on Friday.

Approved as amended (see below)

Amended: Friday game schedule will be as follows:

Game 1 10:00 am.

Game 2 12:00 pm

Game 3 3:00 pm

Game 4 5:00 pm

Saturday game schedule will be as follows:

Game 5 9:00 am

Game 6 **The championship game will begin immediately after the conclusion of the third place game and awards.**

Game 7 3:00 pm

Game 8 **The championship game will begin immediately after the conclusion of the third place game and awards.**

2. **Item IX. Tournament Policies**

Recommendation: Only those player(s) or coach(es) in uniform may serve as coaches at first or third base and participate in pre-game activities on the playing field or warm up pitchers.

Rationale: Coaches have been bringing more than 22 uniformed players on the field for pre-game warm ups. The terms and conditions state that only 22 players can be in uniform, but does not state when that criteria goes into effect. By adding the following sentence it adds clarification that only the 22 uniformed players may participate in pre-game and warm up the pitchers.

Approved

3. **Item XI. Officials**

Recommendation: B. Regional Assignments

If a third official is requested by the host regional site the IHSA would pay for that official.

Rationale: A Regional host does not receive enough money to reimburse the third official on their own. The third official does make a difference in some of the regional finals that have evenly balanced teams.

No Action Taken

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Recommend that the Board of Directors review the grouping and seeding policy and have all classes be grouped in sectional complexes except the 4A southern sectional and it be grouped into two sub-sectionals. Vote (4-2-1)
2. Recommend that the super-sectional baseball sites provide some type of a program for the fans and make it available on line.
3. Recommend that the regional and sectionals receive more balls as bad weather ruins many balls and more are needed to conduct a regional or sectional tournament.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion occurred on having the top four teams host the regional in sectional complexes and the top seed host in a regional. Many issues were discussed on the pros and cons relating to this issue.
2. The committee was informed that regional, sectional and super-sectional host sites will be posted by early October for the 2010 season.
3. Rolled bats were discussed and it led into a discussion of bats in the future. Information on this should be provided during the rules interpretation meetings for baseball.