

## **MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 25, 2009

The Boys and Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the IHSA Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Members of the committee in attendance were Frank Menzies, Chicago (Jones); Beth Miller, Fox Lake (Grant); Ron Lear, Plainfield (North); Tim Cruz, Decatur (MacArthur); Christie Roth, Jerseyville (Jersey); Steve Dirnbeck, O'Fallon. Susan Hinrichsen, Assistant Executive Director, IHSA was also in attendance. Absent was Steve McGriff, Rockford (Boylan). Invited guests in attendance were: Mike Imes, Tournament Director, St Clair Bowl; Todd Moeller, Boys State Final Manager. Invited guests that were absent were: Carol Floros Girls State Final Manager and John Anderson, Cherry Bowl.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **1. Item II A. -- Dates and Sites / VII. Advancement of Winners**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the boys' sectionals be held at 24 sites. At each sectional competition the one (1) team with the highest pin count for both rounds shall advance to the state final. In addition the one (1) individual who is not a part of a qualifying team shall also advance to the state tournament and six (6) at-large qualifiers shall be made by the IHSA.

**Rationale:** Due to the growth of boys bowling, the addition of 12 more sectionals will make more manageable the number of teams in the tournament. Note that the number of teams and individuals that overall advance to the state finals will not change.

**withdrawn**

#### **2. Item II B. Dates and Sites**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the girls' sectionals be held at 24 sites.

**Rationale:** Due to the growth of girls bowling, the addition of 12 more sectionals will make more manageable the number of teams in the tournament. Note that the number of teams and individuals that overall advance to the state finals will not change.

**withdrawn**

#### **3. Item VIII. B. 1) Player Equipment and Uniform**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that participants are prohibited from wearing spray glitter.

**Rationale:** The use of spray glitter typically sprayed in the hair as an adornment compromises the competition area and the safety of bowlers.

**approved**

#### **4. VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule (new)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the boys' state final lunch period shall be 15 minutes. In addition it is recommended that an adjustment be made to the start time from an 8:00 start time to a 9:00 start time.

**Rationale:** By preference, boys' tournaments during the regular season do not take a lunch period. Boys bowling coaches believe that momentum changes when there is a break. The 15 minutes at state allows for block changes and lane assignments and the time saved allows for a little later start. In contrast to the

girls' program, they take a lunch break during the season and coaches prefer the lunch break at the state tournament, therefore, no adjustment to the schedule is being recommended for them.

approved

5. **Item VII F 3) Sectional Lane Rotation**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that at those sectional sites that have 7- 8, 11-12 or 15-16 teams assigned to them that a minor adjustment be made to the afternoon rotation. It is recommended that between games 3 and 4, schools bowling on odd numbered lanes rotate one additional pair of lanes to the left.

**Rationale:** This adjustment decreases how often the same teams will compete against each other during the day. For other sectionals schools naturally miss the opponents they faced in the first round. It should be noted that teams on even lanes will not change their rotation pattern and still rotate one pair of lanes to the right.

approved

6. **Item VII F. 5) Lane Breakdown**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that in the event of a lane breakdown that takes more than 15 minutes, the bowlers shall move to an open pair of lanes to the right of their block. In the event of a hard break, pins should be re-set at the time of the break on the new lanes. One practice ball on each new lane will be allowed for each bowler for warm up. The round must be finished on the new lanes regardless of the original pair being fixed.

**Rationale:** This provides a reasonable accommodation in the event of a lane breakdown at a sectional or state tournament.

approved

7. **Item VII F. 7 State Final Round 3 and 4 Blocks**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that for round 3 and round 4 individual lane assignments, individuals will be assigned based on true seeds.

**Rationale:** Currently adjustments have been made on Saturday that placed bowlers from the same school in the same lane. This practice has compromised the intent of the seeding process because it replaces top bowlers out of their higher seeded blocks with lower seeded bowlers.

approved

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The IHSA is reviewing options with the computer program for deleting individual competitors that have shared a score. IHSA is working with the program but may have to give the score of a substituted bowler to the substitute instead of the starter so that both bowlers are eliminated bowlers from the individual tournament. The committee is ok with either option.
2. The girls' competition area at Cherry Bowl will be roped off next year to define the area for all competitors. Ways were discussed on how to also prevent participants from saving seats for fans.
3. The committee reviewed lane adjustments at the boys' bowling state site as a way to accommodate the crowd. No action was taken.

4. The committee clarified the sectional and state final tie breakers by stating that competitors would be assigned to neutral lanes as close to the center of the house as possible. A neutral pair of lanes is defined as any lanes the competitors did not bowl in game 6 or round 2.
5. The committee reviewed the recommendation to change the shot for boys' state tournament to a more challenging shot. The recommendation was defeated.

**ITEMS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee studied a recommendation to move to 18 regionals and 6 sectionals as a tournament structure for both the boys and girls state series. Based on a review of the maps and the impact of travel, the intent of the proposal, the committee made a recommendation to increase the number of sectionals.
2. The committee reviewed proposals to increase the number of individuals that advance to the boys' and girls' state tournament from 30 individuals that are not a part of the team to 40 individuals. The committee discussed the past rationale for this change which addressed attendance, advance sale tickets and team and individual advancement to Rounds 2 and 3. The recommendation was defeated.
3. The committee reviewed a recommendation for lane certification and at-large advancement. The recommendation was defeated.
4. The committee heard a report on an increasing problem of late withdrawals and suspension. 14% of the entries in boys bowling and 11% in girls bowling did not compete. This large a number of schools withdrawing after assignments have been made create inequities in the size of each sectional. IHSA will look for assistance from the advisory committee in identifying possible problems with entries prior to the assignments.
5. The IHSA recognized Steve Dimbeck, Principal of O'Fallon High School and host of the IHSA Boys' State Final tournament, for his service on the Bowling Advisory Committee and leadership with the boys' bowling program.