

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 2, 2009

The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Michael Donatucci, Palatine (Fremd); James Nudera, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest); Steve Smithers, Rock Island (Alleman); Dick Duval, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden); Patrick Drew, Carlinville; Dennis Drust, Carterville; Tim Hogan, Official (Maryville); John Elder, IFCA; Assistant Executive Director Kurt Gibson, and Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway. Not present was Elton Harris, Chicago (Hubbard).

The Minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Item IX-P-3 Tournament Policies**

Recommendation: Coaches must make contact with opposing coaches to set arrangements for film exchange. This film exchange must occur by 6:00 pm Sunday.

Rationale: This allows for coaches to start reviewing tape on Sunday evening and does not have anyone from the school gone on Monday to pick up game tapes.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Look into semi-finals being hosted at sites with artificial turf.

Died for lack of a motion

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Look at adding a criteria once the group of 16 are determined to see if the 1 through 16 seed needs to be adjusted with teams that have beat another team that is seeded above them.
2. Reviewed the number of sideline passes for each game and the committee felt that there were enough passes issued for Friday and for Saturday for the competing teams to get the necessary personnel on the sidelines. No recommendation to increase sideline passes.
3. Reviewed a proposal that would change the football playoff to include 512 schools in eight classes. This proposal would need to come in as a by-law change

and be submitted in the fall by a school representative to move forward in the by-law change process and go out to the town meetings for discussion.

4. Would like for the officials advisory committee to look at the possibility of evaluating the officials by a crew and not rate each official individually.
5. Kurt Gibson talked to the football advisory committee about the concerns that the sports medicine advisory committee wanted to recommend that at every playoff football game some type of minimum medical coverage be available at all play off games.
6. The sports medicine advisory committee is talking about the time off between the 25 contact days and the first days of football practice. They feel the acclimation has been lost during the days off and that possibly moving the contact days closer to the first days of practice would help with the acclimation period of football.
7. The Baden ball was discussed and some concerns were addressed. Dave Gannaway requested that all concerns be identified and sent to him so that he can meet with the Baden staff about the concerns that the football coaches have with the Baden ball.
8. Discussion on fumbles that occurred at the goal line and get fumbled into the end zone. A suggestion would be an NFHS rule change that would allow only for the ball carrier to recover the ball in the end zone for a touchdown or extra point.
9. It was suggested that an emphasis be made on when officials can allow for a ball change in a contest. This concerns bad weather and the running of balls into a contest.