

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 2, 2009

The IHSA Boys and Girls Golf Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Mary Jo Bell, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Steven Carr, Westmont; Nathan Delany, Sterling (H.S.); Beth French, Petersburg (PORTA); Mike Karoski, West Frankfort (Frankfort); Jim Kurotsuchi, Chicago (Payton); and John Stock, St. Charles (East). Also in attendance was Assistant Executive Director Kurt Gibson. Guests in attendance were Class 1A boys state finals manager, Al Cornish, Dunlap; Class 3A boys state final manager, Tim Franz, Normal (Community West); Class A girls state final manager, Sarah Haas, Carterville; Class AA girls state final manager, Vicky King, Carbondale; and Chris Neville, representing the Illinois Coaches Association.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. New Item V. B. Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class A/AA Girls

Recommendation: All schools entered will be assigned by the IHSA to one of the sixteen (16) Regional and one of the four (4) Sectional tournaments. Assignments are made geographically. *(If approved, section V. C. would be deleted.)*

Rationale (for 1-4): Since trimming the IHSA state finals field down to 10 teams with the advent of the three class system, there has been a strong voice from the coaching community to increase the number of qualifying teams to the state finals. These recommendations will address that concern and not unduly increase the geography of the tournaments at the regional and sectional tournament level. These recommendations will provide consistency in the advancement procedure for all classes in both genders, keep the same number of individual qualifiers, and still maintain a reasonable and workable number of qualifiers for the state finals.

Approved

2. Item VII. B. Regional to Sectional Advancement – Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class A/AA Girls

Recommendation: Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 10 best scoring individuals that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional tournament. Ties for the last individual qualifying spot will be broken with an on-course play-off.

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3. Item VII. C. Sectional to State Final Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class A/AA Girls

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4. New Item VII. E. Regional and Sectional Individual Ties 5.

Recommendation: Ties for the last qualifying individual spot will be broken with an on-course play-off so that only 10 individuals advance to the next level tournament.

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5. Delete Item VIII. E. Protests

Recommendation: Current - When two or more players become involved in a controversy during play on any hole, the hole may be played under protest. At the completion of the nine

holes of play during which the controversy arose, the players shall report the matter to the rules committee. The rules committee shall announce its decision, and the scores shall be posted. Nor further protest shall be allowed after the scores have been posted. Scores posted after nine holes are not official.

Rationale: This provision is only applicable in match play. Additionally, players should know to play two balls currently if there is a controversy, making this provision unnecessary.

Approved

6. Item VIII. Tournament Rules - P. Circle 10 Scoring

Recommendation: During the Regional Tournament in Girls' Class A and AA only, when a player reaches 10 strokes on a hole, the player picks up her ball, is finished for the hole, marks a 10 on the scorecard and circles the number 10. That score stands as the player's actual score on that hole. In the event there is a team tie, the team with the fewest number of 'Circle 10' scores for the team's counting scores wins the tiebreaker.

Rationale: This initiative, which should also assist in improving the pace of play during the Girls' Golf Regional Tournaments, where scores sometimes become so high on a hole that it causes undue delays in the pace of play, is aimed at helping student-athletes who may be struggling during a round or on a particular hole. It is expected that the number of 'Circle 10' scores that will end up counting for a school or individual advancement should be negligible.

Tabled

7. Item VII, Advancement of Winners E. Regional Tie Breakers 1.

Recommendation: In the case of a team tie in Girls' Class A and AA Regional Tournaments only for the last qualifying spot, the team with the fewest 'Circle 10' scores among its counting scores shall advance.

Rationale: This recommendation will clarify team advancement. Since this scoring concept is non-traditional, the committee believes it makes sense to make that the first tie-breaker for team advancement.

Tabled

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee heard reports from the state finals managers on the recently-completed Boys' and Girls' Golf State Finals. In general, managers reported that the implementation of the two new initiatives – the Pace of Play (POP) Policy and WAVE groupings – were well received and good additions to the tournaments. Managers reported a few instances of

spectators concerned about their inability to rent a cart during the state finals, and the occasional challenge in finding enough willing volunteers to serve as observers.

2. The committee also discussed the inconsistent enforcement of POP during the state series, specifically at the regional tournaments. The committee expressed its desire to have the IHSA staff consider other ways to communicate this expectation to regional tournament managers and to promote the positives of the initiative.
3. The committee discussed whether or not a tie-breaker for regional/sectional championships should be developed but took no action. The committee believes that if teams tie for a championship, they should be rewarded for the performance by having multiple champions.
4. The committee discussed the use of WAVE groupings. While some discussion centered on potential changes to the groupings used this past year, they took no action to recommend any changes to the process used for next year.
5. The committee had considerable discussion regarding the use of observers during the state series but failed to pass a recommendation that would have discontinued their use.
6. The committee discussed coaches rule during practice rounds and encouraged IHSA staff to work on developing ways to better communicate the rules regarding who can and who can't coach during practices and practice rounds.
7. The committee discussed the IHSA's approach to record reporting and posting those on-line. In particular, took no action to recommend that the record area be adjusted to show the scores by teams or individuals to include the team or individual scores relative to par.
8. The committee thanked Boys' Class 1A State Final Manager Al Cornish for his five (5) years of service and leadership to the IHSA Boys' Golf program.