

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 29, 2009**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Tony Bauman, Bloomington; Julie Bergstrom Aurora (Waubonsie Valley); Norm Hillner, Roselle (Lake Park); Jim Montgomery, Waterloo (Gibault); Mike Moses, Chicago (University); John Rumley, Glasford (Illini Bluffs); Patrick Sell, Roanoke (R.-Benson), and Gary Stephens, Official (Decatur). Also in attendance was IHSA Assistant Executive Director and Beth Sauser.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **None forwarded**

**STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Regular season non-conference contest over time procedure:**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the coaches reach an agreement to play overtime or not to play overtime. If the coaches agree to play overtime then this committee recommends they play a maximum of 2 – 5 minute golden goal overtimes.

**Rationale:** The committee discussed the lack of consistency in regular season, non-conference game, overtime procedures. If the coaches do not or cannot agree to an overtime procedure before the contest begins then the above procedure should be used.

**No action taken**

2. **Regular season Pre-game time line and procedures:**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the warm up procedures for regular season games follow the state series tournament schedule. The warm up clock is set a half hour before actual game time and when the **20:00 minute warm-up clock** strikes 0:00 teams return to benches and the officials begin their pregame conference per NFHS rule 5-2 then introductions (optional) and National Anthem (optional).

**Rationale:** The committee discussed the need for consistency in regular season games pre-game procedures. This will enable players to warm up with out interruption and allow the officials enough time to carry out their responsibilities.

**approved**

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed minutes from their 2008 meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the recently-completed boys' and girls' state series. The committee discussed the three class system and stated they would like to see 8 teams from each class qualify for the state tournament.
3. The committee discussed the following potential Points of Emphasis topics for the Rules Interpretation video: Game control. Dealing with safety issues early in the game before problems occur and may cause out of control play late in the game. Be aware of advertising on goalie shirts. Make sure all logos are in compliance with NFHS rules. Slide tackles.
4. The committee reviewed the proposed NFHS Soccer Rules Changes for the 2009-10 season. The committee discussed the head coach receiving a card if a player wears illegal equipment. The player has to be responsible for their actions before the coach receives a card.
5. The committee reviewed the on-line seeding process used in girls' soccer this year. The committee reviewed some correspondence from coaches regarding to the online procedures. The committee liked the ability to update the season summary sheet during the season but miss the face to face interaction of going to a seed meeting.
6. The committee discussed the assignment process for state series officials. IHSA staff reviewed the assigning process and philosophy used in making those assignments. The committee also discussed the importance of officials enforcing the rules as written and avoiding 'situational' officiating. They also inquired about having a fourth official at every level of the state series.
7. The committee heard a report reviewing the IHSA's drug testing plan and its implementation during the boys' state finals. The committee also heard that there is legislation pending in the Illinois General Assembly that would increase the scope of testing as soon as next year.
8. The committee discussed the 4 overtime policy and will receive data from the past 2 years after the girls state finals are completed.
9. The committee reviewed the by-law changes scheduled to take effect with the start of the 2009-10 school term.
10. The committee reviewed Athletic Administrators Ad Hoc Committee recommendation that the bench limitation for the state series increase to 30 team personnel beginning with the 2009-10 seasons.
11. The committee reviewed the yellow card report from the boys and girls seasons. The interactive reporting system in the Officials Center and the tracking system in the Schools Center have been successful during this inaugural year. As a reminder, all officials must report yellow and red cards within 48 hours of the contest to the IHSA and member schools. It is the obligation of member schools to track yellow cards on a game-by-game basis.

If the school does not see a yellow or red card reported within 48 hours of a contest on their school site then they must inform the IHSA of the type of card as well as the name of the official for follow up.

A downloadable Yellow and Red Card Tracking Report is available on the soccer websites for schools and officials use.

The committee reviewed the boy's yellow card team totals. The highest number of yellow cards reported on a school was fifty-eight (58) and the highest number of red cards on a school was seven (7). The committee would like to collect at least another year of data before discussing a season team limit with potential post-season ineligibility.

12. The committee discussed illustrations number 298 and 301 with regards to coaches and players sitting out the next game due to an ejection. Committee members reviewed an illustration change to number 301 that will be brought to the IHSA Board of Directors.
13. Other topics of general discussion: Form a relationship with USSF officials so they can work under the IHSA umbrella. Referees training/quality of officials. Site of State Finals. Girls season starting too early.
14. The committee thanked Tony Bauman and Pat Sell for their three years of service.
15. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2010