

Minutes of the 2009 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
May 29, 2009

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in the Cardinal Room at North Central College, on Friday, May 29, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Committee Members present were: Tim Daniel, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Connie Rahn, Schaumburg (H.S.); David Lieberman, Glenview (Glenview South); Monica Schmitt, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central); Susan O'Sullivan, Midlothian (Bremen) and Perry Korbakis, (Official) Crestwood. Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser was also in attendance

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VIII. D. State Final Water Polo Balls: (boys and girls)

Recommendation: Beginning with the 2010 tournament, each sectional site receives 5 Baden balls for the girls sectional games and 5 Baden balls for the boys sectional games.

Rationale: Currently each host site receives 3 girls and 3 boys game balls. Supplying each site with 2 more girls and 2 more boys game balls will help officials with counter attack and keep the flow of the game moving without too many interruptions.

Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends the IHSA staff up-date the Water Polo manual, winners packet and officials information for the 2010 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. The committee reviewed the online individual player statistics sheet for regular season games. The stats sheet is available on the boys and girls IHSA Water Polo websites as a downloadable form. Coaches will be reminded at the rules meetings to use the downloadable form for regular season games and season totals.
3. The committee recommends allowing all state final teams a 15-minute warm-up in the competition pool.
4. The committee reviewed a parent education guide to Water Polo and recommends posting the guide on the Water Polo websites next year as a downloadable tool for coaches to share with their parents.
5. The committee discussed the State Final admission price of \$8.00.
6. The committee reviewed the online seeding process and recommends posting the seeding criteria for coaches to follow.
7. The committee reviewed the process of sectional assignments for boys and girls water polo state series as well as the number of teams that qualify for the state finals.
8. The committee discussed the possibility of altering the sectional game schedule in an effort to avoid prom conflicts on Fridays.
9. The committee discussed a potential season limitation by-law proposal. Instead of 30 games per season move to a regular season tournament/game limitation with the hope that more schools will host more weekend tournaments to obtain better officials, less travel on a school day and teams are able to play more games at one site.
10. The committee reviewed the process of assigning the state final officials.
11. The committee discussed the idea of implementing a "mercy rule" if the goal differential became too great during a game.
12. Next Meeting: May 28, 2010 at North Central College