

2009-10 IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee

February 24, 2010

The Boys and Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the IHSA Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Members of the committee are Frank Menzies, Chicago (Jones); Beth Miller, Fox Lake (Grant); Ron Lear, Plainfield (North); Tim Cruz, Decatur (MacArthur); Christie Roth, Jerseyville (Jersey); Kip Crandall, Oregon; Kirk Martin, Cahokia (H.S.).

Guest in attendance were Carol Floros, girls state final manager, John Anderson, girls state final site manager, Todd Moeller, boys state final manager, Mike Imes, boys state final site manager, and Susan Hinrichsen, Assistant Executive Director, IHSA was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VI. The Tournament Structure and Time Schedule (boys and girls):

Recommendation: It is recommended that the boys' and girls' Friday time schedule be adjusted to begin 30 minutes earlier to:

8:30 Athletes enter
8:45 Doors open to the public
9:00 Coaches meeting
9:15 Opening ceremonies
9:30 Practice
9:45 Competition begins

In addition, it is recommended that the boys' time schedule will have a 30 minute lunch break.

Rationale: The 30 minute earlier adjustment was made to accommodate leagues on Friday night. Saturday time schedules for boys and girls will remain the same. Boys also are recommending increasing their 15 minute lunch break to 30 minutes.

Approved

2. Item V. Tournament Assignments Girls:

Recommendation: It is recommended that the girls' tournament structure have 18 regionals and 6 sectionals with 3 regionals feeding into each sectional. The top 4 teams and 10 individuals that are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional. The top 4 teams and 5 individuals that are not a part of the qualifying teams shall advance from the sectional to the state finals.

The regional tournament will consist of two (2) rounds of competition. All teams entered will bowl both rounds. A round shall consist of a three (3) game series.

Rationale: Bowling has grown to over 213 girls teams and the sectionals have 18 – 19 teams and counting in them. Adding another qualifying level will help to put more manageable numbers in both the regionals and sectionals.

Tabled

3. Item V. Tournament Assignments Boys:

Recommendation: It is recommended that the boys' tournament structure have 16 regionals and 4 sectionals with 4 regionals feeding into each sectional. The top 4 teams and 10 individuals that are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional. The top 6 teams and 7 individuals that are not a part of the qualifying team shall advance from the sectional to the state finals. In addition, there shall be 2 at-large qualifiers.

The regional tournament will consist of two (2) rounds of competition. All teams entered will bowl both rounds. A round shall consist of a three (3) game series.

Rationale: Boys bowling has grown to over 170 teams and the sectionals have 14 teams and counting in them. Adding another qualifying level will help to make more manageable the number of teams in both the regionals and sectionals with the understanding that as the boys grow they will eventually get to the 6 sectionals. While the boys' sectional and regional site numbers are different than the girls, the 4 sectionals vs. 6 sectionals will keep the travel reasonable for the boys' teams.

Tabled

4. Item II Dates and Sites: Boys' Regional and Sectional Dates:

Recommendation: It is recommended that the boys' regional tournaments be held on Monday, of Week 29. (Martin Luther King Holiday).

Rationale: The regional held on Martin Luther King Holiday would not take away a school day. Boys' sectionals would still take place Saturday of Week 29.

Tabled

5. Item II Dates and Sites: Girls' Regional and Sectional Dates:

Recommendation: It is recommended that the girls' regional tournaments be held on Tuesday of Week 31.

Rationale: This date allows for the team to practice on Monday prior to their Tuesday regional. Also note that the boys' state final is on Saturday of Week 30 and it is likely coaches will be coaching at that tournament.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The committee agreed that in the event of a lane breakdown, coaches should monitor the 15 minutes and then report to the tournament manager when they need to move.
2. The girls' championship blocks for Saturday will be moved to an area that has more fan seating. Lanes 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 will make up the Saturday championship block.
3. The committee agreed that if a doubt or dispute arises between two players on their lanes, both coaches have the authority to make a decision that is equitable. Questions of equity can be re-racks, scoring corrections, lane breakdowns or the like. Both coaches can make those decisions without fear of team or individual penalty.

4. The IHSA will look at reporting the Friday individual cutoffs scores. It is not clear what the individual cut off score is because individuals who are a part of a team are also included in the Friday individual results.
5. The boys and girls monitors reporting the scores will be shut off once the 6th game scores are being inputted and turned back on after all the 6th game scores are inputted. This will prevent fan and player confusion prior to the final cuts.
6. The IHSA shall review the sectional lane rotations for correctness in the Terms and Conditions.
7. The committee interpreted the uniform for players requiring bowlers to wear their uniform as the manufacturer intended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The committee discussed the use the two big screens at Cherry Bowl in the front of the bowling center to scroll scores. John Anderson will work on finding a way that those screens can be used to scroll results without interfering with play because the screens at the back of the bowling center are difficult to read. The big screens at the front of the center provide good viewing.
2. The committee reviewed the rule regarding foul line violation. The rule book provides that fouls shall stand unless both coaches agree that there was no foul.
3. The committee discussed the recommendation for standardizing a house shot for the boys and girls state finals. A Kegel "Middle of the Road" oil pattern was the recommendation. The committee believes that conferences should adopt the shot before the state finals so the shot used at the finals is a standard shot used during the season and not just the state series.
4. The at-large qualifier procedure was discussed as part of the new format. The committee agreed to stay with the current at-large process for boys. If the new format is approved, the girls will not have at-large qualifiers.
5. The committee discussed how to do the lane assignments for the sectionals. Many hosts during the sectional and regular season have their schools pick their lane when they arrive on site. The committee likes this method because it is a public draw although this is not required. The more public the draw the better teams feel about it.
6. The committee discussed the idea of using a roving official for each block, and changing a team roster on Saturday. The committee did not support either adding rovers or changing the roster on Saturday.
7. The committee recognized Frank Menzies for his service on the Advisory Committee.