

**Minutes of the 2009 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**May 28, 2010**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in the Cardinal Room at North Central College, on Friday, May 28, 2010, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Committee Members present were: Mike Cashman, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep); Tim Daniel, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Lenny Depasquale, Aurora (Metea Valley); Laurie Jakubczak, Chicago (Mother McAulery); David Lieberman, Glenview (Glenbrook South); Monica Schmitt, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central); and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser was also in attendance. Perry Korbakis, (Official) Crestwood did not attend.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**Recommendation:** Beginning with the 2011 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.

**Died for a lack of a motion to approve.**

**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 2011 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. The committee discussed all deep facilities for sectionals as well as the process to determine the host site for a sectional and for the state tournament.
3. The committee discussed the idea of implementing a “mercy rule” if the goal differential became too great during a game
4. The committee reviewed feedback from coaches regarding the Baden ball.
5. The committee discussed the State Final admission price of \$8.00. They also thought participating schools need to remind their fans of the admission price for each level of the state series prior to the first sectional game.
6. The committee reviewed the need for experienced table personnel during sectional and state final contests. One suggestion is to place bench officials at each sectional.
7. The committee requests the IHSA continue to schedule in-person rules interpretation meetings instead of the online meeting. Water Polo is still a relatively new sport to many coaches and officials. The in-person meetings allow for more interaction and learning opportunities.
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 discussed officials post season assignment process and the importance of coaches submitting their officials ratings as well as their top 15 lists on a consistent basis.
11. Next Meeting: May 27, 2011 at North Central College