

**Advisory Committee Recommendations
February 5, 2024, Board Meeting
Consent Items**

Boys/Girls Cross Country

No Terms and Conditions Recommendations Forwarded

Boys/Girls Golf

1. Update: VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

Recommendation: C) Pairing Procedures:

1) During the entire state series, 'wave' groupings that pair competitors from teams into team groups and individual qualifiers into individual groups will be used. Threesomes will be used whenever possible, although foursomes can be used as necessary. No group shall have two or more players from the same school.

- a. In regionals, tournament managers will verify the team pairings based on the team's iWanamaker iWR. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired with other individual entries based on their 18-hole average score reported on the List of Participants Form. In all regional tournaments, the team pairings will send off the best teams (higher seeds) in the first wave. Coaches with team entries have 24 hours from the time the regional pairing sheet is sent by the regional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or Athletic Director.
- b. In sectionals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective regional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their regional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the sectional pairing sheet is sent by the sectional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.
- c. For the first day of the state finals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective sectional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their sectional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the state final pairing sheet is posted to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.
- d. After the first day of competition at the state finals, the field will be reduced to the top 8 teams (and ties) and the top 40 individuals (and ties) not on the top 8 teams. For the final day of the state finals, pairings will be made based on scores shot during the first day of the state finals, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Coaches of advancing teams have until 9pm Friday evening to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.
- e. At all levels of the state series, team members will be seeded based on their iWanamaker iWR. Coaches will have until the aforementioned times to make any adjustments to their 1-6 orders.
- f. Players on qualifying teams disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct violation will be allowed to play in the final round if his/her team advances to the final round and paired in the final player spot for his/her team. Individual qualifiers disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct violation will not be allowed to play in the final round.
- g. For Wave pairings at the regional level and the second day of the state finals, if two or more teams with the same scores or Team iWR, the following criteria will be used by managers to put those tied schools into the correct Wave grouping using the following:
 - i) Regional:
 - random selection
 - ii) Day 2 of the state finals:
 - 5th player score (a team without a 5th player will lose to a team with a 5th player)
 - 6th player score (a team without a 6th player will lose to a team with a 6th player)
 - random selection

Rationale: Using the iWannamaker iWR will help all managers with using iWannamaker set up their events. This will also give coaches the freedom to adjust the order of their lineups where before it was based on their average and previous round.

2. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda
3. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda
4. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda
5. Adjust: II Dates and Sites A) Regionals and Sectionals

Recommendation: Boys' Class 1A, 2A and 3A regional tournaments will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at various locations around the state. **Girls' Class 1A and 2A regional tournaments will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024,** at various locations around the state. Boys' and girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023. The host schools will be announced on the IHSA boys' and girls' golf website (www.ihsa.org)

Rationale: This adjustment will ensure that girls regionals are moved to avoid the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

Administrative Recommendation:

Recommendation: Parent Code of Conduct

A) Spectators shall remain on cart paths or in the rough approximately 15 yards from the players at all times including the practice areas which include the driving range, putting green and chipping area. Parents/fans should not be on the tee box or the green at anytime during the round.

B) There can be no communication between players and spectators, unless the communication can be made at a distance where other players, coaches, spectators can hear the communication, without disrupting other players, for the duration of the event.

This information will be placed in the online rules video as well as in the pre-season graphic.

Rationale: This adjustment will provide some additional clarity to parents/fans as to where they can stand as well as the types of conversations that are appropriate between parents/fans and players during the round.

<i>Boys/Girls Tennis</i>

Recommendation #1: Add language that allows flexibility for sectional tournaments to begin on Thursday if inclement weather is forecasted for Friday and/or Saturday.

II. DATES AND SITES, A. Sectional Tournament

3. When inclement weather is forecasted for Friday and/or Saturday, the local manager may, at their discretion if the number of entries warrant, elect to begin tournament play **outdoors** on Thursday of [Week 15 for girls tennis, Week 46 for boys tennis]. Written consent of the principal from each participating school is required by using the IHSA Tennis Request for Earlier Start Time Form to obtain their approval.

Rationale: This additional language provides sectional managers with the flexibility to begin the tournament a day earlier if inclement weather is forecasted to ensure that the sectional is completed in a timely manner. Sectional seeds will have been determined and brackets will have been drawn by Wednesday evening at the seeding meeting. This additional language can also reduce the need to use indoor courts for the sectionals. Participating schools are responsible for indoor court fees, and providing more opportunities to play outdoors will potentially save schools money on indoor court fees.

Recommendation #2: Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

Recommendation #3: Revise language regarding the state finals brackets to align with the computer system that makes the draws.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING, C. State Final Seeding Meeting

2. A draw of 64 will be used for both singles and doubles play. United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules shall be followed in assigning seeded entries in the proper positions in the brackets, except that ~~effort shall be made to place winners and runners up from the same sectional and~~ players from the same school will be placed in opposite halves of the bracket and the four singles qualifiers and four doubles qualifiers from each sectional will be placed in separate quarters of the brackets. ~~This may not always hold true for third and fourth place sectional qualifiers.~~

Rationale: The computer system that has been used to draw the state finals brackets was programmed to randomize the placement of players with the parameters that players from the same school would be placed in opposite halves and the four singles qualifiers

and four doubles qualifiers from each sectional would be placed in separate quarters. This language will align with system's programming, allows for more flexibility in placement of players, and creates a more unbiased and random draw.

Recommendation #4: Change the state final packet pick-up time to 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and remove language about picking up programs.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES, D. State Final School Packets

At the state final tournament, school packets, which include important state final information, updates, and state final passes ~~and programs~~ may be picked up [Wednesday, October 23rd for girls tennis, Wednesday, May 28th for boys tennis], between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at [Buffalo Grove High School Gymnasium for girls tennis, Palatine High School Gymnasium for boys tennis] and after 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, [October 24th for girls tennis, May 29th for boys tennis], at tournament central located at the [Buffalo Grove High School Gymnasium for girls tennis, Palatine High School Gymnasium for boys tennis].

Rationale: In recent years, most packets (approximately 80%) are picked up by 7:00 p.m. Moving the packet pick-up time an hour earlier allows teams to practice, pick up their packets, have dinner, and return to their hotels earlier prior to the start of play the next morning. Both Buffalo Grove High School and Palatine High School have no issues with the earlier time. Because state finals programs are no longer printed, that reference should be removed.

Recommendation #5: Add language that permits coaching between the second set and a match tiebreak.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, G. Coaching, 1. Coaching Provisions

c. Coaching may occur for a maximum of 10 minutes between the second and third sets and for a maximum of 3 minutes between the second set and a match tiebreaker in lieu of a full third set.

Rationale: Section VII-E lists all time allotments permitted by players during a match, which includes no more than 3 minutes prior to a match tiebreaker. The coaching provisions of Section VII-G permit coaching for up to 10 minutes in between the second set and a full third set, but there is no language about coaching during the 3 minutes between the second set and a match tiebreaker. Adding this coaching provision will mirror all time allotments specified in Section VII-E.

Recommendation #6: Revise language of when a coach is permitted to sit courtside during the state finals.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, G. Coaching, 1. Coaching Provisions

e. Coaches may not enter the court enclosure except for the one (1) allowable coach during the ~~quarterfinals~~, semifinals, 5/6 place, 3/4 place and championship matches at the state final tournament.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, G. Coaching, 5. At the state final tournament, eligible high school girls'/boys' tennis coaches shall follow the following procedures.

e. During the ~~quarterfinals~~, semifinals, 5/6 place, 3/4 place and championship matches in the state finals, one coach per school wearing their official coaching pass will be allowed to be seated courtside for coaching purposes for both the singles and doubles competitions.

Rationale: When tennis was a one-class sport, one coach from each school was permitted to sit courtside to coach during the quarterfinals. Since tennis has been split into two classes, the number of quarterfinal matches has doubled from 8 to 16. There are not enough officials or officials' chairs to cover all 16 quarterfinal matches, and 1A and 2A quarterfinals are played at different sites. Having a chaired official during a match when coaches are seated courtside is necessary for management purposes, so it is recommended to remove language permitting a coach to be courtside during the quarterfinal round. The current language does not state that a coach can sit courtside during the 5/6 and 3/4 place matches. The participants in those matches earn a medal, and there are chaired officials for those matches. Thus, it is recommended to add language permitting a coach to be seated courtside for those matches.

Boys/Girls Volleyball

1. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

2. Update: Boys Volleyball II. Dates and Sites

Recommendation: A. Regional matches shall begin on Monday, May 20, 2024 with the championship taking place on Thursday, May 23, 2024 with the host school determining the nights to be played on with the IHSA determining the pairings. **In years when the regional preliminary matches fall on Memorial Day Monday, hosts have the option to play their preliminary matches on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day Monday and continue with matches on Tuesday as scheduled.**

Rationale: In 2023 we had multiple regionals playing 3 matches on Monday night putting a hardship on some hosts. This recommendation would give hosts the option to adjust the schedule and use Wednesday as a playing night instead of just Monday/Tuesday/ Thursday. Either way the regional championship would still have to take place on Thursday night.

3. Update: Girls Volleyball II. Dates and Sites

Recommendation: B. Class 1A — 4A Sectionals: Class 1A - 4A sectional semifinals shall be played on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and the Sectional Championship match shall be played on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the sectional site. (Tuesday/Thursday of Week 18)

Rationale: This date adjustment will allow teams to practice on Monday prior to the start of the sectional and have rest time over the weekend between the regional and the sectional.

4. Update: Girls Volleyball II. Dates and Sites

Recommendation: C. Class 1A – 4A Super-Sectionals: The Super-Sectional matches shall be held on Monday, November 11, 2024. (Monday of Week 19)

Rationale: Moving the super sectional to Monday will give teams the ability to prepare, it also provides rest time between the sectional and super sectional matches.

5. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

Boys Football

1. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

Athletes With Disabilities

No Recommendations Forwarded.

Do What's Right - Sportsmanship

No Recommendations Forwarded.

News Media

Policy Recommendation #1

Recommendation: Adapt the nomination and selection procedure for the IHSA Distinguished Media Service Award. Under the new format, four winners would be selected each year. One honoree would come from each of the four categories below. If there are no candidates in a particular category, then a second honoree will be selected from one of the other three categories. The categories would be as follows:

School Nominee: Media member nominated by a school.

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Career Achievement: Media member nominated by school/media/IHSA who is no longer actively covering high school sports, but had a significant impact during their career.

Community Impact: Media member nominated by school/media/IHSA/other who likely has ties to a singular school or team, but has made a significant impact during their career.

Rationale: With turnover at both the media companies and schools, the committee feels that many worthy individuals for this honor have been overlooked or not met the previous criteria in order to be honored.

Sports Medicine

No Recommendations Forwarded.

Athletic Administrators

No Recommendations Forwarded.