

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - CONSENT ITEMS
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023

BOYS BASEBALL

1. Item VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules A. Time Schedule 2)

Recommendation: Starting times for all games will be announced by the local manager, but in the Regional ~~and Sectional~~ Tournaments, games should not be played during school hours.

Rationale: The primary goal with this proposal is to create a more competitive pitching matchup in the Super Sectional.

The committee feels both Sectional semifinal games should be played on the same day. If the host school has lights on its field, that already happens. However, not all Sectional hosts have lights. This proposal opens hosting opportunities to more fields that don't have lights.

Removing "and Sectional" from this part of the Terms and Conditions will allow Sectional hosts without lights to play semifinal games at 2:00 and 4:30 on the same day.

Currently, if Sectional A doesn't have lights, it must play one semifinal on Wednesday and one on Thursday. If the team that wins Thursday also wins the Sectional championship on Saturday, its starting pitcher who threw on Thursday likely isn't allowed to pitch in the Super Sectional on Monday because of the pitch count policy. If Sectional B has lights and plays both semifinals on Wednesday, the team that wins the Sectional championship on Saturday will likely throw its pitcher from Wednesday in the Super Sectional on Monday.

Two different playing schedules in two different Sectionals that lead into the same Super Sectional often means that one team is using its #3 or #4 pitcher while its opponent is able to use its #1 or #2 pitcher based on who threw in the Sectional championship game.

By the time we play Sectional games, a large majority of schools are already out for the summer, so this proposal has very minimal academic impact. Additionally, not every Sectional team would need to miss school. The proposal applies only to Sectional sites that don't have lights and would affect very few teams.

Some IHSA sports have postseason events where every school in the tournament is required to miss a major portion of a school day.

2. Item VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules A. Time Schedule 3)

Recommendation: State Finals game times will be 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 on Friday and Saturday.

Rationale: In recent years, State Finals games have lasted an average of longer than two hours. By the time the next teams play catch, the stadium crew prepares the field, teams take infield/outfield pregame warmups, and we introduce starting lineups, the second, third, and fourth games of the day are starting much later than the currently-scheduled times. Scheduling games three hours apart is a more reasonable and realistic schedule.

3. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

4. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

Administrative Recommendation:

1. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

GIRLS BADMINTON

1. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

2. Recommendation: The committee recommends moving to the Yonex ACL30 bird.

Rationale: Wilson is moving out of the Badminton world so the Committee was tasked to recommend a new bird for the state series. The Yonex ACL30 bird is a well constructed bird that is fairly priced when compared to the Wilson Pro 80s.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. Recommendation: Update all LOP seeding information to say that "all players on the LOP need a complete match history in order to be seeded as a team or individual"

Rationale: The current wording is ambiguous and leaves questions about who is getting seeded and who isn't.

2. Recommendation: All coaches are able to participate in the sectional seeding (group of 16) breakdown. Teams without a complete match history will not be able to get a top 16 seed in the complex. Only coaches with complete match histories filled out for players should speak to their players seasons once teams breakout into their sectional groups.

Rationale: The committee feels this wording is needed to help coaches understand how to fill out the LOP and who participates in seeding.

3. **Recommendation:** The Committee discussed a casebook change to Equipment and Clothing: Tops - Bare midriff tops are not allowed. The uniform top must hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing erect and upright. Spaghetti strap tops are not allowed.

Rationale: The proposed change allows for the athletes to wear the razorback shirts that many IHSA tennis teams wear. They are very tasteful and only show the athlete's shoulder.

4. **Recommendation:** Strike on page 22 of the manual: Individuals entered in the state series will be assigned to the sectional with the least number of teams. If all sectionals have the same number of teams, individuals will be assigned based on the sectional assignment structure.

Rationale: This update brings old wording in the Manual aligned with what is in the Terms and Conditions.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

1. II. DATES AND SITES

Recommendation:

- A. Class 1A/ 2A: Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 13, 2024. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket. *Regional Quarterfinals: Monday, May 13, 2024 *These games will be played at the site of the highest seed. Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 15, 2024 *Regional Semifinal and Final will be played at the Regional host site. *Regional Finals: Friday, May 17 or Saturday, May 28, 2024. **Class 1A/2A Regionals will be played Week 46.** The Sectional semifinal games may be played on Tuesday, May 21, and Wednesday, May 22. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Friday, May 24 or Saturday, May 25. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, May 27. **Class 1A/2A Sectionals will be played Week 47. Regional and Sectional games cannot be played before 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.**
- B. Class 3A/4A – Regional play shall begin on Monday, May 20, 2024. All play will follow the schedule below, as determined by the number of teams in a respective bracket. Regional Quarterfinals*: Monday, May 20, 2024 *These games will be played at the site of the highest seed. Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 21, and Wednesday May 22, 2024. Regional Semifinal and Final will be played at the Regional host site. Regional Finals: Friday May 24 or Saturday, May 25, 2024. **Class 3A/4A Regionals will be played Week 47.** The Sectional semifinal games may be played on Tuesday, May 28, and Wednesday, May 29. The Sectional Final (Championship) shall be played on Friday, May 31 or Saturday, June 1. The Super-Sectional games shall be played on Monday, June 3. **Class 3A/4A Sectionals will be played Week 48. Regional and Sectional games cannot be played before 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.**

Rationale: Allows greater date flexibility for host schools and competing teams especially when hosts are working around school graduations while providing a reasonable start time for weekday games.

2. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES 5.

Recommendation:

Session 4

- Game 7 **2:00 p.m.** ~~1:00 p.m.~~ (3rd place game)
 Game 8 **4:30 p.m.** ~~3:30 p.m.~~ (approx. Championship)

Rationale: The moderate adjustment reflects an attainable Championship Saturday time schedule.

State Association Adoption:

1. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE

1. **Recommendation:** Item VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule C. State Final Playing Schedule/Start Times

EVEN YEAR State Final Schedule

Saturday Session 3	Game 5	Girls 3/4 Place	11 a.m. 10 a.m.
	Game 6	Girls State Championship	1 p.m. noon
	Game 7	Boys 3/4 Place	3:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
	Game 8	Boys State Championship	6 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

ODD YEAR State Final Schedule

Saturday Session 3	Game 5	Boys 3/4 Place	11 a.m. 10 a.m.
	Game 6	Boys State Championship	1:30 p.m. noon
	Game 7	Girls 3/4 Place	3:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
	Game 8	Girls State Championship	6 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Begin to play at 10 a.m. on Saturday and group boys' and girls' games together.

Rationale: By beginning competition at 10 a.m., we will start an hour earlier on Saturday than the current schedule to front load the time play starts in case adjustments need to be made later in the day due to weather. The rest of Saturdays schedule can be adjusted accordingly with each game starting approximately one hour earlier. The final game of the day would begin at 5 p.m. **Note:** 10 a.m. gametime is a typical start time for Saturday competitions during the regular season. By grouping the boys' and girls' games together, field and table adjustments only need to be made between the 6th and 7th games. Additionally this adjustment to the schedule will be more conducive for viewing for fans, media, and participants.

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

1. Item VII- C: IHSA State Series T&F Qualifying Standards:

Recommendation: To adopt the qualifying standards below for the 2024 season. In determining the standards, the following process was used: The Qualifying Standards for each individual and relay event will be calculated for classes 1A and 3A by determining the FIVE year average of the 21st place time/distance/height from all sectionals. For class 2A, a FIVE year average of the 16th place time/distance/height in individual events and relays was used. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards are:

2023-2024 Proposed IHSA State Qualifying Standards						
Event	1A Girls	1A Boys	2A Girls	2A Boys	3A Girls	3A Boys
LJ	5.00m (16-5)	6.29m (20-8)	5.10m (16-9)	6.47m (21-3)	5.35m (17-7)	6.75m (22-2)
PV	2.76m (9-1)	3.70m (12-2)	2.97m (9-9)	3.88m (12-9)	3.12m (10-3)	4.16m (13-8)
HJ	1.52m (5-0)	1.85m (6-1)	1.54m (5-1)	1.85m (6-1)	1.57m (5-2)	1.90m (6-3)
SP	10.79m (35-5)	14.37m (47-2)	10.66m (35-0)	14.80m (48-7)	11.22m (36-10)	15.57m (51-1)
TJ	10.18m (33-5)	12.54m (41-2)	10.56m (34-8)	12.87m (42-3)	11.04m (36-3)	13.36m (43-10)
DISC	33.45m (109-9)	43.05m (141-3)	33.42m (109-8)	43.94m (144-2)	35.20m (115-6)	46.71m (153-3)
4 X 800	10:35.51	8:33.28	10:15.75	8:22.06	9:43.60	8:02.54
4 X 100	:52.12	:44.52	:50.59	:43.66	:49.34	:42.97
3200	12:26.55	10:12.64	11:47.44	10:01.23	11:11.19	9:33.35
100 HH 110 HH	:16.86	:16.26	:16.59	:15.61	:15.92	:15.40
100	:12.95	:11.33	:12.75	:11.13	:12.45	:11.07
800	2:28.15	2:02.71	2:25.12	2:01.75	2:20.60	1:58.38
4 X 200	1:51.76	1:33.68	1:48.87	1:31.53	1:45.77	1:30.64
400	1:01.87	:52.01	1:00.71	:51.55	:59.51	:50.72
300 LH 300 IH	:49.47	:42.37	:48.74	:41.55	:47.23	:41.10
1600	5:36.90	4:39.54	5:26.27	4:34.80	5:11.78	4:23.60
200	:26.96	:23.05	:26.29	:22.59	:25.75	:22.33
4 X 400	4:19.68	3:34.19	4:13.85	3:31.31	4:05.50	3:26.76

Rationale: Using an objective system is easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. In some cases, the system was adjusted by using a different average sectional time (i.e. 18th place instead of 21st place), a different average number of years (i.e.: 4 years instead of 5 years), or simply by maintaining the prior year's standard for one or more events. The Assistant Executive Director working with the Track & Field advisory committee has reserved the right to make these types of adjustments if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet.

2. VI. IHSA State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation: At the IHSA State Final Preliminary meets, adjust the start times of the running events for all classes back one hour in order to establish a two hour lead time for field events. There is no proposed change to the start time of the preliminary field events.

Thursday, May 16 (Girls), May 23 (Boys)

1A Semifinals

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.: 1A Schools only, may use track and field facilities at O'Brien Field for practice and warm-up.

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Coaches may pick up school packets at the south ticket window on the west side of O'Brien Field (parking lot side of stadium).

10:00 a.m.: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump to follow the Long Jump

11:00 a.m.: Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus to follow the Shot Put

~~10:50 a.m.~~ **11:50 a.m.:** National Anthem

~~11:00 a.m.~~ **12:00 p.m.:** 1A competition begins in all running events.

Friday, May 17 (Girls), May 24 (Boys)

2A, 3A Semifinals

Class 2A Field Events

8:00 a.m.: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump to follow the Long Jump

9:00 a.m.: Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus Throw to follow the Shot Put

~~8:50 a.m.~~ **9:50 a.m.:** National Anthem

Class 2A Track Order of Events

(Class 2A semifinals in the Track events will begin at 9:00 a.m. 10:00a.m.)

Class 3A Field Events

(Times are approximate and dependent on the end of 2A events. Be prepared to go early)

12:00 p.m.: Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump to follow the Long Jump

12:30 p.m.: Pole Vault

1:05 p.m.: Shot Put, Discus Throw to follow the Shot Put (approx. 2:45 p.m.)

Class 3A Track Order of Events

(Class 3A Semifinals in the Track events will begin at approximately ~~12:45 p.m.~~ 2:00 p.m.)

Rationale: The committee feels that the increased lead time for field events is better for athletes as it will create less conflicts for those that qualify for both field and running events. The committee also feels that a two hour lead time for field events seems to be something that has been trending in large regular season meets and IHSA Sectional meets.

3. VI. Format for Girls and Boys Field Events

Recommendation: The Pole Vault will utilize both runways for flights 1 and 2, Flight 3 will begin as soon as flight 1 is completed. ~~Thirty minutes~~ Sixty minutes of warm-up will be permitted prior to the start of each flight.

Rationale: A sixty-minute warm-up is the norm for large meets. With the number of vaulters per runway, which can be upwards of 16-20, along with the time it takes for vaulters to run-through, the committee feels that the additional time is necessary.

4. VIII.K.1 – Scoring – Sectional Meets

Recommendation: The committee recommends that at the boys and girls sectional meet for all classes, all events will score eight places. This proposal will only impact scoring as medals will continue to be awarded only to the top six.

Rationale: Given that semi-finals have been eliminated for several years and timed finals are now run at the sectionals, scoring six places due to a few sectionals that are conducted on a six-lane track has become irrelevant. In addition, scoring eight places is very common practice at large regular season meets.

BOYS/GIRLS WATER POLO

1. Item VI. A. 1) Playing Schedules (Boys and Girls)

Recommendation: Move all eight Quarterfinal contests (four Boys and four Girls) to Saturday of week 44 to be played at the eight Sectional sites.

Boys and Girls Preliminary games will remain on Thursday and Friday of Week 44. All four Semifinal contests will continue to follow the schedule of four contests on Friday, and the two Finals on Saturday, of week 45.

Rationale: This modification will address the host school facility availability, worker schedules, after-school transportation issues, concerns regarding weeknight contests during AP testing, semester finals, and other academic demands. This will encourage a tournament atmosphere.

2. Non-Consent – See Board Agenda

BASS FISHING

1. Section VIII. R.

Recommendation: Teams of up to four participants per boat may entered by each school in any state series event. ~~A student may only be listed on one roster for the state series.~~ No later than one (1) week prior to the first level state series tournament, each entered school will complete an online Team Roster form in the IHSA Schools Center. Only students, coaches, and boat captains who appear on this roster will be eligible to represent the school during the state series. A school will be required to present a boat roster to the appropriate tournament manager prior to any state series event. Schools may change boat rosters from one round of the state series to the next, again using only those students,

coaches, and boat captains who are listed on the original Team Roster. At the first level tournament, a school may enter up to two (2) boats and only two of the four students entered for that boat may fish at any one time ~~on that boat~~. At all levels of the state series, only two students may be in the boat at any one time. The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that tournament.

Rationale: The committee believes coaches should have control of all eligible student anglers on their school’s roster during the entirety of the state series. Like in other sports, the committee believes coaches should be able to utilize their rosters and make substitutions from tournament to tournament as desired. This recommendation still requires a boat roster to be limited to four (4) anglers and turned in prior to each state series event, and schools would also be required to list their boat captains for the entire state series on the form, and the committee believes this would cut down on concerns of schools changing captains from event to event, using individuals that haven’t worked with teams during the season.

ESPORTS

No Terms and Conditions Recommendations Forwarded

GAME RECOMMENDATION

- Recommendation:** Replace *FIFA* with *EA Sports FC* and change all references to *FIFA* in the IHSA esports terms and conditions, esports manual, esports informational documents, and state series awards to *EA Sports FC*.

Rationale: EA Sports and FIFA have discontinued their licensing partnership, and as a result, EA Sports is no longer using the FIFA brand on their product. EA Sports will continue to release a soccer video game under a new franchise, *EA Sports FC*, with the first installment titled *EA Sports FC 24*. The rebranded game will retain the same leagues, stadiums, and players as in the previous *FIFA* versions of the game with some additional updates from new license agreements with soccer leagues from around the world.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation:** In the *FIFA/EA Sports FC* controller settings, set Trainer feature to Hide (Off).

Rationale: The Trainer feature assists players with gameplay by providing controller button suggestions, highlighting shot targets, and showing the trajectory of the ball among other tips. Turning this feature off allows for competition based solely on the participants’ skills without any assistance from the game.

- Recommendation:** Allow DLC (downloadable content) tracks and characters in *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*.

Rationale: While there is an additional cost of \$24.99 for a Mario Kart Booster Course Pass, one purchased copy will make the DLCs available on all Nintendo Switches being used for a Mario Kart match. There is already a cost to purchase the *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* game, and this additional expense can be considered an extension of the cost to purchase the game. Allowing DLC tracks and characters would provide more options for players, which would create more diverse competitions, and DLC options are already permitted in *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*. There is no advantage with DLC characters as they mirror the skills and abilities of the characters that come with the original copy of the game, but there would be an advantage for those who have access to DLC tracks as players can familiarize themselves with the track layouts and shortcuts.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS

No Recommendations Forwarded

ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

- The committee recommends approving the following grant requests from officials’ associations:

Association	Requested Amount	Purpose	Approved Amount
Alliance of Illinois Dance Adjudicators	\$420	Recruiting, Mentoring, Education, and Equipment	\$420
Central Illinois Football Officials Association	\$500	Recruiting, Education, and Equipment	\$425
Charleston/Mattoon Basketball Officials Association	\$500	Equipment	\$250
Decatur Soccer Officials Association	\$500	Equipment	\$500
Game Time Officials	\$500	Education and Equipment	\$500

Illinois Dance Officials Association	\$200	Mentor Program and Education	\$200
IL Soccer Clinics Inc.	\$500	Equipment	\$500
Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association	\$500	Recruiting, Education, and Equipment	\$500
Joliet Football Officials Association	\$285	Mentor Program, Education, and Equipment	\$285
Northern Officials Association	\$150	Equipment	\$150
Northwest Illinois Volleyball Association	\$85	Equipment	\$85
Officials Institute	\$500	Education	\$500
Twin Rivers Officials Association	\$400	Education	\$400
United Suburban Soccer Officials Association	\$500	Equipment	\$500

Rationale: The IHSA and IESA have partnered for years to make funds available to local officials' associations around the state so that the efforts of associations used in recruiting, training/educating, or mentoring can be supported. Associations can request grants up to \$500. Those approved must turn in receipts for the agreed to purchase(s) prior to June 30, 2024, to receive payment from the IHSA.

DO WHAT'S RIGHT - SPORTSMANSHIP

- Recommendation:** Move the Do What's Right! sportsmanship program registration to an online entry by school via the IHSA Schools Center. The entry would be located in the Sport & Activity Tracker's Entry Form page where schools enter their teams or individuals into IHSA State Series competitions.

Rationale: The current registration process for the Do What's Right! program uses a PDF form that is emailed or faxed to the IHSA office. A conference may register all schools in that conference or schools may register independently using the appropriate form. Due to turnover in administrative positions or rotation of conference presidents, the PDF form is sometimes overlooked and not returned to the IHSA, resulting in schools not being registered and not being eligible for the IHSA State Finals Sportsmanship Award.

An online entry form in the Schools Center will place the responsibility of registering for the Do What's Right! program on each school. By registering, a school acknowledges their commitment to demonstrating the Do What's Right! sportsmanship expectations, educating their school community on the expectations, and upholding the expectations at all interscholastic contests. From a management perspective, having schools register online through the Schools Center will allow the IHSA to efficiently obtain the list of schools that have registered.

SPORTS MEDICINE

No Recommendations Forwarded.

STUDENT ADVISORY

No Recommendations Forwarded.