

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 2, 2013**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; John Anderson, Official (Vernon Hills); Neil Curran, Chicago (F.W. Parker); Jeff Faulkenberg, Troy (Triad); Chris Griffin, Danville (H.S.); Lyn Larsen, Stillman Valley; Joe Moreau, Naperville (Nequa Valley); Paul Vignocchi, Northbrook (Glenbrook North) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Mike Ward, Pleasant Plains

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Boys and Girls Section VI. B 1) and 2) Time Schedules**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that prior to each game, teams walk out using the World Cup Formation. After the officials meeting, teams will walk to midfield, shake hand with their opponents and officials, and wish each other good luck before flaring out.

**Rationale:** Teams and officials walking out in World Cup formation and wishing each other good luck displays respect for the game and to one another. After flaring out, introductions will begin followed by the playing of the National Anthem. If a sound system is not available, bench personnel will leave the field and the game will begin immediately. The committee recommends that this occurs during both regular season and state series games.

**Approved**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Recommendation:** The committee recommends that State Association Adoption #5 be in effect specifically for regular season games and regular season tournaments.

**Rationale:** In the event a game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played.

If less than one half of the game has been played, the game may be continued from the point of interruption to the next available playing time; i.e., a delay may be called or a game suspended until rescheduled.

**Died for lack of motion**

**2. Recommendation:** The committee recommends that State Association Adoption #6 be in effect for all levels of the State Series competition and not just for the Super Sectionals. In the event a game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to play, the game will be rescheduled for the next day from the point of suspension. Or if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches, the game may be considered final.

If the game cannot be played or completed by the end of Thursday night prior to the State Semifinals, the team with the lead will be declared the winner. If the teams are tied and the game cannot be completed on Thursday, a coin toss shall determine which team will qualify for the State Finals.

**Rationale:** This allows every student-athlete the opportunity to complete a game in the state series without variables out of their control (i.e. inclement weather, power outage etc.) being the deciding factor to end the game and potentially their season or high school career.

**Died for lack of motion**

**3. Recommendation:** The committee recommends adding the following sanctions to State Association Adoption #10 “Coaches Box” for all games and at all levels:

First occurrence as a staff: Warning

Second occurrence as a staff: Caution

Third occurrence as a staff: Red Card and Ejection

**Rationale:** The committee felt the consequences need to be added to the adoption as clarification for all Administrators, Coaches and Officials.

**Approved**

**4. Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2013-14 seasons if the above recommendations are not approved.

**Rationale:** The State Association Adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

**Approved**

**5. Recommendation:** The committee recommends for the Season Summary Form to include ties in the season record area on top of the form.

**Rationale:** Currently there is only space for wins and losses.

**Approved**

**6. Recommendation:** To allow coaches to rate officials according to the official’s responsibilities on the field as Center or AR.

**Rationale:** The committee believes officials need to be rated according to their role on the field. When there is a three-person crew, each official has different responsibilities and they need to be rated according to position.

**Died for lack of motion**

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee requests the Board of Directors to review Policy #19, Grouping and Seeding, and allow all Sectionals outside of the defined collar counties to be assigned in Sub-Sectional

assignments instead of assigned Regionals. Travel will still be limited and the top teams will be divided between two Regionals. This will create better balanced and more competitive Regionals, and will reward teams for their regular season performance. Also, Sub Sectionals will prevent 3-team Regionals from occurring.

2. The committee discussed allowing the 4 top seeds to each host a Regional.
3. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2012 meeting.
4. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and the necessary editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser
5. The committee discussed issues with the on-line rules interpretation meeting. They would like to see a “prompt” during the online rules meeting so participants cannot start the meeting, leave, and then come back to their computer to receive credit without actually watching the video. There is also a concern that it’s more difficult to ask questions and receive clarification about a rules question since the meetings are held online. It was suggested to include a slide on how to contact an IHSA rules interpreter or clinician.
6. The committee requests that the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee define cold weather guidelines for practice and contests.
7. Reviewed the new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2013-14 school year.
8. The committee reviewed the 2012 Boys and Girls State Final Tournaments. The committee discussed the need for Administrators and Coaches to follow the T’s and C’s during the state series and especially during the state finals to avoid issues before, during or after the game.
9. The committee reviewed the college soccer “exposure camps” or “ID camps” held during the spring. The committee discussed how colleges run these events during the spring since the college season is during the fall. A potential solution is to allow individuals to participate in a maximum of three camps during the spring season. In order for this to occur a new by-law must be proposed and passed.
10. The committee reviewed the yellow and red card reports from the boys and girls seasons.
11. The committee discussed misconduct during the tie breaking procedure by a player and a goalie.
12. The committee discussed proms conflicting with spring soccer tournament dates. Soccer is one of the few sports with flexibility to schedule games over two days. The IHSA 5-year tournament calendar is posted online so at the beginning of each season, coaches have the opportunity to prepare their players of a potential conflict.
14. The committee thanked Neil Curran, Jeff Faulkenberg and Paul Vignocchi for their service.
15. Next meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2014.