

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS'/GIRLS' GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 10, 2020

The IHSA Boys'/Girls/ Golf Advisory Committee met virtually, on Thursday, December 10, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Brian Hoffman, Girls' Coach at Chicago (Lane Tech); Mark Johnson, Boys' Coach at Palatine (H.S.); Kara Salmieri-Parks, Girls' Coach at Plano; Amy Jo Mascial, Principal at Streator (H.S.); Gary Brunner, Girls' Coach and Athletic Director at Pontiac; and Chris Eddy, Girls' Coach at O'Fallon. IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert were also in attendance. George Knight, Girls' Coach at Auburn was absent.

Terms and Conditions Recommendations

None

Administrative Recommendations

1) Recommendation: During the regional level for both boys and girls golf, the pairings will send off the best teams (higher seed) first off the front and back nine's.

Rationale: Sending the best teams off first will help ensure that players are able to play their most natural rounds of golf at their pace of play. If number require four-somes, the best teams will be put into the four-somes to keep the pace of play moving.

Approved by Consent

General Items of Discussion

1. The Committee reviewed the Advisory Committee's role and purpose and discussed the potential upcoming IHSA by-laws.
2. Kurt and Stacey thanked the committee and the entire golf community as a whole for the flexibility shown with the fall 2020 season.
3. The Committee discussed the 2020 season. Staying within the COVID regions was a negative for the season. A lot of schools were not aware they could petition to play outside of their COVID region and lost a lot of events. A big positive was with no other fall sports, many schools had more kids come out because their traditional sport wasn't an option for them.
4. The Committee talked about the iWannamaker app. There were some growing pains and schools still used paper cards as backups, but once the app was learned it was liked. Parents liked that they could see the live scores come in, it helped speed up the end of the round housekeeping, coaches started using it in tryouts and practice to follow players along, and players enjoyed seeing how they ranked between other players though their events.
 - i. It was also not possible to make changes on the phone app when changes would occur at the course for a given event.
 - ii. With this being such a different year and a pilot for the program there were some hiccups, but the feedback was mostly positive that we can use to grow within the app.
 - iii. Some good different coaching opportunities came out of using the app, such as ability to watch from a distance, know which players to check in with sooner and which to leave alone, etc.

5. The Committee talked about the use of cell phones. It was pointed out that some players are not allowed to have cell phones or use them for one reason or another so expanding their use may not be practical.
6. The Committee talked about the 2021 season and reviewed new calendar.
 - i. IHSA staff agreed to send out additional information in early 2021 to remind schools and coaches about the adjustment, so they can plan their seasons accordingly.
 - ii. The Committee talked about moving the season up one week to account for the new state series date. This would take a by-law amendment and have to go through the legislative process.
7. The Committee talked about classification and how the lack of a state final in 2020 will impact the classification policy. This is a continuing conversation that the IHSA Staff is having with the Board of Directors. More information will come out as soon as it is available.
8. The Committee talked about moving state to southern IL for better weather. It is typically 8-10 degrees warmer in southern Illinois compared to central IL. It was mentioned that the contracts with Bloomington- Normal and Decatur were just renewed.
9. The Committee talked about the use of three-somes and how their use helps with pace of play. Three-somes will be used whenever possible in future state series events.
10. The Committee talked about seeding sectional teams/ players to assign them to their given regional. This should ensure that more, better teams advance to the sectionals. No further action was taken.
11. The Committee recognized committee member Mark Johnson for his years of service.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2021

(Thursday, week 23 of the IHSA Standardized Calendar)