

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 30, 2023

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met virtually, on Thursday, November 30, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Jimmy Bajner, Athletic Director at Chicago (Christ the King); Tim Kerr, Girls Coach, Augusta (Southeastern); Ellen Yopchick, Girls Coach at Burbank (St. Laurence); Stan Bergman, Girls Coach at Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Tarah Dickerson, Official from Chicago; Tara Ballard, Girls Coach at Metamora; and Dr. Justin Warren, Boys Coach at Granite City. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also present. Absent was Matt Cascio, Principal from Genoa (G.-Kingston).

Terms and Conditions Recommendations:

1. **New:** Boys and Girls Volleyball IX. Tournament Policies

Recommendation: The first issuance of the Purple card will be displayed in one hand together with a Yellow card. The captains will be called over and the offending spectator(s) will be identified with a team. The TEAM will then be issued a warning regarding spectators. The second issuance of the Purple card during the same match to a spectator(s) from the same team (it does not have to be the SAME spectator(s) that was issued the purple card the 1st time) will result in a Penalty and will be displayed in one hand together with a Red card. This will cause the TEAM to be penalized. They will lose the serve and a point will be given to their opponent. The third issuance of the Purple card during the same match to a spectator(s) from the same team will result in an ejection of the offending spectator(s) from the facility. The Purple card will be displayed with the Red card but held up in separate hands of the official. The site manager (or host school head coach) will be called to the court and the offending spectator(s) will be removed from the site for the remainder of the day.

At the first issuance of the Purple card host management and/or the coach should address or designate someone to address fan behavior in order to prevent a second Purple card.

Note: if behavior is egregious enough an official can go directly to a Purple/Red card (fan(s) ejection).

Rationale: Given the increasingly negative sportsmanship we see from fans, coupled with the decreasing pool of officials, this "purple card" concept would be a way to deter poor fan behavior as it directly impacts their team. Many fans won't care if they get thrown out or reprimanded during a match, but if it impacts their team's score it may help stop the behavior.

Died for Lack of Motion

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.

Approved by Consent

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.

Approved by Consent

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.

Approved by Consent

5. Update: XI. Boys and Girls Officials

Recommendation: Adjust line judge pay for Regionals to \$40.00 per match, Sectionals to \$50.00 per match, Super-Sectionals to \$60.00, and State Finals to \$150 per day.

Rationale: With the multiple opportunities available to officials, it has become more necessary than ever to look at what line judges are being paid in order for the services they're providing. A few years ago, line judges were not thought to be an integral part of the officiating crew, as the speed of the game continues to increase, that couldn't be farther from the truth today. Schools do always have the option to pay more than the IHSA reimbursement, but that is not showing the officials the value we place on their time and effort.

Died for Lack of Motion

General Items of Discussion:

- 1) The Committee reviewed the 2022-23 Advisory Committee Minutes.

- 2) The Committee discussed adjusting the 3rd set of a 3rd place match at the state finals to end at 15 points. No further action was taken.
- 3) The Committee talked about tournament assignments and seeding the whole sectional instead of the sub-sectional. Committee members were encouraged to talk to their school administration and reaching out to their respective Board members as this topic is Board Policy. No further action was taken.
- 4) The Committee talked about asking all officials to put a picture in the IHSA database so that coaches who don't catch an official's name can also use the picture as a reference for ratings. Stacey will put a reminder in the rules video as well as talk to the official's advisory committee and talk to Melissa about possibly sending a reminder to Official's Associations that this is possible.
- 5) The Committee talked about holding coaches accountable for not rating officials. They would support the Official's Advisory Committee with coming up with a punishment for coaches who don't complete ratings.
- 6) The Committee talked about Virtual Sectional meetings. No further action was taken.
- 7) The Committee talked about adjusting the Season Limitation By-Law to include the consequences in the by-law. They discussed the legislative process and how the timeline for the 2023-24 school year has already passed.
- 8) The Committee talked about MaxPreps putting in a flagging system to help notify schools when they are approaching the maximum number of allowed contests. Unfortunately no matter how the flagging system is put in place it is still going to be reactionary, but Matt Jensen is working with MaxPreps to determine a system.
- 9) The Committee talked about mandatory training for all student athletes to educate them on IHSA rules, violations, consequences, etc. The Committee concluded that the sheer scope of this would be nearly impossible for the IHSA to manage based on the number of student athletes across the state. They recommend that any school could do this on their own for their own student body. Stacey is going to mention the idea to the IHSA administrative staff at an upcoming staff meeting, but no further action was taken.
- 10) The Committee talked about allowing officials to wear alternate shirt colors in the post season. Stacey is going to talk to the Official's Advisory Committee about this as it would be an Official's Handbook adjustment.
- 11) The Committee talked about the state association adoption for teams to stay on the same side, they wish to continue the practice.
- 12) The Committee talked about the new NFHS rule change covering number clarity on uniforms. Stacey is going to work to put further clarifying information out to schools.
- 13) The Committee talked about uniform vendors and if it would be possible for the IHSA to put out a list of preferred uniform vendors, making sure the group on the list new the NFHS rules and stayed up to date with changes.
- 14) The Committee talked about IVCA All State and becoming an IVCA member.
- 15) The Committee thanked outgoing members Tim Kerr and Tarah Dickerson.