

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 30, 2011

The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Michael Donatucci, Palatine (Fremd); Dennis Drust, Carterville; Tim Hogan, Official (Maryville); Rich Zinanni, Kankakee (McNamara); Phil Morrison, Tolono (Unity); Dave Bates, Auburn;. John Elder, IFCA; Mickey Pruitt, CPS Football Administrator; Dave Mattio, AD/HFC Marian Catholic HS, and Assistant Executive Director Craig Anderson. Elton Harris, Chicago (Hubbard) and Pat Ryan, Metamora were not in attendance.

The Minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting were accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Item IX. E. 4.a - Selection Process to Qualify  
V.A. 2) - Tournament Pairings**

**Recommendation: Reverse the order of the tie-breaker criteria. 1<sup>st</sup> tie-breaker will be wins of defeated opponents. 2<sup>nd</sup> tie-breaker will be wins of all of the team's opponents.**

**Rationale:** The committee believes the initial tie-breaking criteria should be the number of wins over a team's defeated opponents followed by the wins of all opponents on a team's schedule.

Not approved

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. None

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the geographic principle (Policy 19) for football, and all in attendance prefer to leave the state divided into groups of 16 versus making quadrants of 8 where current policy requires the move to quadrants. The committee was informed that this is a part of board policy 19 and that only the board could decide to make this change.
2. The committee reviewed the current process for determining Saturday play-off game times and did not have a recommendation to change the current practice.
3. The committee discussed the reimbursement mileage for traveling play-off teams. It was confirmed that the distance between schools is determined through an internet map feature and not by straight-line distance.

4. The committee heard a recommendation to place all semi-final play-off football games at a neutral site. A vote to make this an advisory committee recommendation came out (2 – 4).
5. The committee reviewed Football Policy 13 and the work of the Ad-Hoc Football/Sports Medicine committee. In review of the policy and failed by-law recommendations, the committee suggested lessening the helmet only days and adding helmet/shoulder pad days prior to going full pads. Under the current pre-season schedule, the committee would recommend one day of helmets only followed by two days of helmet and shoulder pads before going full pads.
6. The committee heard a presentation from Dave Mattio and Rich Zinanni regarding the current play-off system and the 2010-2011 by-law proposal regarding week 9 becoming the first week of the play-offs and doubling the number of entries into the state play-offs. Dave will follow-up with an email to Craig Anderson to forward to the advisory committee. Thoughts from the committee regarding the proposal can be sent back to Rich Zinanni.
7. Outgoing members of the advisory committee were recognized for their years of service: Elton Harris, Michael Donatucci, Dennis Drust, and Tim Hogan.