

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 1, 2011**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, December 1, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Thomas Wiemann, Principal, Chicago (Luther North); Dan Hardwick, Athletic Director, Wheaton (St. Francis); Erin Leichty, Girls Coach, Casey (C.-Westfield); Tony Phelps, Girls Coach, Benton; Melinda Bond, Official, Orangerville, Chris Curry, Boys Coach, Vernon Hills; and Scott Daly, Athletic Director, Taylor Ridge (Rockridge). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran were also in attendance. Absent from the meeting was Barb Crist, Girls Coach, Quincy (Sr.).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Revise: Girls- Section VIII. F. Warm-Up Time / Boys- Section VIII. D. Warm-Up Time**

**Recommendation:** If a team arrives early, ball handling is permitted on the court prior to the timed warm ups. If both teams are present, each team shall be restricted to their side of the playing court. The warm-up time for each match shall be 2-3-3-3-3 with both teams sharing the first 2 minutes, the first 3 minutes will be the home team on the entire court, the second 3 minutes will be the visiting team on the entire court; the next 3 minutes the home team again takes the entire court, and the final 3 minutes the visiting team takes the court. When teams are off the court ball handling is allowed if space allows. If space is limited teams shall be restricted to ball handling behind the end line.

The team listed on the top of the bracket shall be the home team. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket shall be the visiting team.

**Rationale:** The last 2 years the committee has tried to add a 2 minute shared time, with it failing both years. This recommendation adds the 2 minutes of shared time while decreasing the overall time of the warm-up period.

Approved

**2. Revise Girl's: Section VI. B. Time Schedules 1. Regional Time and 2. Sectional Time**

**Recommendation:**

- 1) In a regional tournament that is held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday the matches shall start no earlier than 5:30 pm. The Thursday Regional Championship will be played no sooner than 6:00 pm.
- 2) Sectional matches shall be played no earlier than 6:00pm.

**Rationale:** This will allow host schools more flexibility with their scheduling. Fans will also have an easier time arriving at matches as most varsity matches during the regular season start later than 5:30 pm.

Approved

**3. Add. Girls: VIII. H                  Add. Boys: VIII. F.**

**Recommendation:** Teams shall stay on the same bench for the entire match and will play on the same side of the court for the entire match if you have a mirror image gym. If the gym is not mirror

image teams shall continue to switch benches. (Mirror image meaning no advantage is gained by playing on one side or the other, to be determined by the host school prior to the match)

**Rationale:** This will be a great benefit for host schools in terms of crowd control as well as avoiding rival teams passing each other in tight quarters after each game. If the playable area and overhead obstructions are essentially the same on either side of the net, no purpose is served in switching sides. Volleyball is one of the few sports where the team is not running up and down a court or field in front of both crowds but is rather stationary in front of (at times rowdy) opposing fan sections. The Committee recommends an additional area on the facility survey for schools to predetermine if their gym is mirror image or not.

\*If this does not pass for the terms and conditions, conferences would like the opportunity to test this on their own for the season.

Not Approved

**4. Revise: Boys: VIII. E. 1**

**Recommendation:** In the state series a Red/ White/ Blue Baden Perfection Elite VX5EM volleyball with the NFHS logo. The host school will chose to the ball for regular season match (white is still an option).

**Rationale:** Coaches around the state have wanted this for years and the committee feels it is time to approve it. Schools have been waiting for the IHSA to take an official stance color wise before using them for the regular season.

Not Approved

**5. Revise: Girls: VIII. C.**

**Recommendation:** In the state series a Red/ White/ Blue Baden Perfection Elite VX5E volleyball with the NFHS logo. The host school will chose to the ball for regular season match (white is still an option).

**Rationale:** Coaches around the state have wanted this for years and the committee feels it is time to approve it. Schools have been waiting for the IHSA to take an official stance color wise before using them for the regular season.

Not Approved

**6. Add: Girls VIII. I              Boys: VIII. G.**

**Recommendation:** For regional, sectional, and super sectionals, only, the gym (and net system) needs to be available and ready 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.

**Rationale:** Officials need time to check the net and court, teams arrive early need a place to be able to go. Some schools are scheduling other team practices too close to the start of regional and sectional matches.

Approved

## **7. Revise: VI. B. Match Times**

**Recommendation:** Regional matches shall start no earlier than 5:30 pm with the regional championship starting no earlier than 6:00 pm. In a sectional with 2 matches can start no earlier than 5:30 pm a sectional with 1 match no earlier than 6:00 pm.

**Rationale:** This will allow host schools more flexibility with their scheduling. Fans will also have an easier time arriving at matches as most varsity matches during the regular season start later than 5:30 pm.

Approved

## **8. Revise: VII. G**

**Recommendation:** The R1 and R2 for all tournament series matches including the preliminary match will be assigned by the IHSAA Office. Local Tournament Managers will provide two (2) line judges, scorer, libero tracker, and timer for each regional, sectional and super-sectional match.

Line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a competing school's varsity girls' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges shall not use flags.

**Rationale:** Previous wording allowed for 16 year olds to line judge state series matches. 16 seems a bit young for this responsibility, the committee felt 18 would be a more appropriate age.

Approved

## **9. Revise: XI. C**

**Recommendation:** The local manager will hire line judges. Line judges must be at least 18 years of age and may not be a member of a competing school's varsity boys' volleyball team. It is recommended that line judges are adults and wear white short sleeve polo shirts, dark slacks and black or white shoes and socks. Line judges shall not use flags.

Approved

### **Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee requests that the Board of Directors review and implement a policy to punish schools for not completing their season summary or seeding. The committee feels that a possible recommendation would be year 1 of no completion probation for the coach, year 2 a fine, and year 3 of no completion suspension of the coach for the state series but allow the team to play in the state series.

**Rational:** The committee feels that this recommendation puts the punishment on the coach and not on the players. It gives the coach 3 years to get their affairs in order and complete the task. This year for girls volleyball we had 697 schools enter the state series and 228 did not complete their season

summary so therefor couldn't seed. They would like to see this be a policy adopted for all sports with online seeding. They recommend that this probation and suspension be different from a probation and suspension for not watching a rules video.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the opportunity to seed teams be extended from 12:01pm the day after season summary forms are due to 8:00 pm the day after season summary forms are due.

**Rationale:** Currently the season summary form is due by 10am on a set day with seeding beginning at 11am the same day and ending at 12:01pm the following day. During the 2011 Girls' Volleyball season, seeding participation was extremely poor, the committee felt that giving coaches extra time to seed might help increase participation.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee requests that the Board of Directors allow line judges to use flags during the regular season. This would give coaches and officials an opportunity to see how they like having flags and report back to the Association.

**Rational:** Many officials already have flags from officiating other levels and would like to use them at the high school level as well. Allowing flags to be used during the regular season

#### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed 2011 Minutes
2. The committee discussed the girls regional scheduling from 2011, moving the regional championship, avoiding three matches in one calendar week, and allowing the host to pick what night they wanted to play their regionals. No action was taken.
3. The committee discussed expanding the tournament to run over three days with no super sectionals and bringing 8 teams to state. No action was taken.
4. The committee discussed moving the 3A/4A state tournament to a location in Northern Illinois. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed reducing game three of a match to 15 points. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed the state series time schedule starting each match 21 minutes after the previous match. No action was taken.
7. The committee discussed the assignments of teams to regionals and seeding in all classes of sectionals. No action was taken.
8. The committee discussed televising the girls' state tournament matches. No action was taken.
9. The committee discussed Volley for the Cure and legal uniforms. The committee asks that the IHSA emphasize the requirements for legal uniforms in the pre-season rules video.
10. The committee discussed the decline in sportsmanship for fans (students and parents). They asked Stacey to report issues to the Sportsmanship Advisory Committee.

11. The committee discussed how to ensure shaggers were properly equipped during warm-ups. They asked that an additional reminder be placed in the pre-season rules video and that Stacey investigate how other states are doing with this rule.
12. The committee heard a report from representatives from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for a Cure about this year's Volley for a Cure promotion. In four years approximately \$850,000 have been raised to benefit the Komen Foundation.
13. The committee discussed the ruling on hair feathers and the response to it from the 2011 season. No action was taken.
14. The committee thanked Tony Phelps, Melinda Bond, and Barb Crist for their years of service.

S:Stacey/Volleyball/2011 Volleyball Adv Comm Minutes