

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2012

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Peter Dougherty, Boys Coach from Chicago (St. Patrick); Dave Raila, Girls Coach from Plainfield (South); Al Nordman, Boys and Girls Coach from Oregon; Gary Ade, Athletic Director, Pana (H.S.); and Kirk Martin, Boys and Girls Coach from Cahokia (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance. Absent from the meeting was Tim Carlson, Principal from Sycamore.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Add: II. Dates and Sites D. State Finals:

Recommendation: The boys state final site and the girls state final site will alternate locations starting with the 2013-14 season (or as soon as can be reasonably implemented with host site approval).

Rationale: Gives boys and girls the opportunity to play on both ends of the state, allowing teams and fans the opportunity to attend without extreme travel.

No Action Taken

2. Reorder: II Dates and Sites:

Recommendation: If recommendation 1 is approved current D becomes E and E becomes F.

No Action Taken

3. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 3) Sectional Lane Rotation:

Recommendation: For the initial 3 game block all bowlers will rotate one pair of lanes after each game. The bowlers starting on the even numbered lanes will rotate one pair of lanes to the right. The bowlers starting on the odd lanes will rotate one pair of lanes to the left. Prior to the start of the 2nd 3 game block the bowlers who started on the even pair of lanes will rotate 2 pairs to the right for the initial game of the block, and moving 1 pair of lanes after each subsequent game. For teams who started on odd numbered lanes they will continue to rotate 1 pair to the left.

Rationale: This would insure a team not having to bowl ANY team, or vacant team, twice during the event. Under the current rotation in a 16- team field currently every team will bowl 2 teams twice. In an 18 team field every team will bowl 1 team twice. This gives teams the opportunity to cross with the maximum number of teams. It also eliminates the need for "Special" scenarios or "uneven" field sizes as no team would face the vacant team more than once. With this change, teams will bowl 6 different schools regardless of the field size.

Approved By Consent

4. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 4) Open Lane at Sectionals:

Recommendation: If recommendation 3 is approved – Once bowling begins, the team competing on an open lane will have its lead off bowler wait until the last bowler on the team has completed his/her frame to being bowling. Pacer teams are not allowed.

Rationale: Approval of recommendation number 3 will require the approval of 4 for wording sake.

Approved By Consent

5. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 2) Sectional Seeding Information:

Recommendation: At the sectionals, teams will not be seeded. The draw shall take place at the Sectional site with each coach drawing their lane assignment as they arrive at the facility.

Rationale: Most coaches arrive with their teams, well ahead of the majority of fans. If the coach draws when they arrive at the center, assignments can be posted immediately as teams arrive, so most fans will know where to go upon their arrival while keeping the integrity of the blind draw intact.

No Action Taken

6. **Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 1) Sectional Lane Conditions:**

Recommendation: 1) Sectional Lane Conditions: It is required at the sectionals, the lanes be oiled with a house leagues/ house shot condition.

Rationale: The current wording combines the information for the sectional and state final and is not true of the current practice. This brings the terms and conditions in line with what is currently going on at the state finals.

Approved By Consent

7. **Add: VIII. Tournament Rules G. Lane Assignments and Conditions 1) State Final Lane Conditions:**

Recommendation: It is required at the state finals the bowling center put out a legal USBC House Shot to be approved by the IHSA. This will be posted on the IHSA website prior to the tournament. At the state finals, lanes will be oiled for round one (1) on Friday and Round three (3) on Saturday and at no other time.

Rationale: The current wording combines the information for the sectional and state final and is not true of the current practice. This brings the terms and conditions in line with what is currently going on at the state finals.

Approved By Consent

8. **Add: VII. Advancement of Winners G. State Final Team Tie Breaker:**

Recommendation: In case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Teams will be allowed in the first tiebreaker, one practice ball per lane with no re-racks. Teams will begin their 9th frame tiebreaker on the same lane they competed on in their last game. The open substitution rule will apply to all tiebreakers. The best score shall advance.

Rationale: There is currently no wording to clarify the team tie breaker at the state tournament. We now will have a rule in place so that if a team tie occurs a process is in place.

Approved By Consent

9. **Add: VII. Advancement of Winners H. State Final Individual Tie Breaker:**

Recommendation: In the case of a tie for the last individual qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. The individuals involved in the tie breaker will begin their roll-off on the lane the player finished. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Individuals in the first tiebreaker will be allowed one (1) practice ball per lane.

Rationale: There is currently no wording to clarify the individual tie breaker at the state tournament. With this we will have a process in place in case an individual tie occurs.

Approved By Consent

10. **Revise: Reorder current G and H to become I and J:**

Recommendation: If recommendation 9 is approved.

11. **Revise: X. Awards, B. State Final, 1) Individual Awards:**

Recommendation: 1) Individual Awards: A medallion will be awarded to the twelve places in the state final individual competition who score the highest total pin fall count (round one score added to round two score added to round three score added to round four score). A tie will be broken for 1st place. (See the State Final Individual Tie Breaker)

Rationale: This will create wording clarification as to when a tie breaker will be used for award presentation at the state finals.

Approved By Consent

12. Revise: X. Awards, B. State Final, 2) Team Awards:

Recommendation: 2) Team Awards: A trophy will be presented to the first, second, and third place school winners. Medallions will be presented to the first, second, and third place team members. In addition, a Principals medallion and an Athletic Directors medallion will be presented to the first, second, and third place teams. A tie will be broken for 1st place. (See the State Final Team Tie Breaker)

Rationale: This will create wording clarification as to when a tie breaker will be used for award presentation at the state finals.

Approved By Consent

13. Revise II. A-E Add II F: *For implementation in the 2013-14 season*

Recommendation:

- A. Boy's Regionals: Boy's regional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 28
- B. Boy's Sectionals: Boy's sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 29
- C. Boy's State Final: The Boy's State Final Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday of Week 30 at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon. O'Fallon High School will serve as the host.
- D. Girl's Regionals: Girls' regional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 31
- E. Girl's Sectionals: Girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 32
- F. Girls' State Final: The Girls' State Final Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday of Week 33 at Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

Rationale: The committee feels that this allows for equitable of regionals for the boys and girls programs.

No Action Taken

14. Add: V. B. Regional Tournament Structure Girls: *For implementation in the 2013-14 season*

Recommendation: It is recommended that the girls' tournament structure have 18 regionals feeding into 6 sectionals, each sectional would have 3 regionals. Four teams and 10 individuals would advance from regionals to sectionals, giving each sectional 12 teams and 30 individuals competing for the state finals. Four teams and 5 individuals would advance from each sectional to state. There would be no at-large individuals for girls' under this format.

Rationale: Over 220 girls' teams entered the state series this year. The average size of a sectional was 18 teams. This is making hosting more difficult as some houses aren't big enough to handle that number of teams. We also have houses using every lane available in order to host leaving no option if a lane breaks down. Adding a regional level will make sectionals more manageable for our host schools and bowling houses.

No Action Taken

15. Add: V. C. Regional Tournament Structure Boys: *For implementation in the 2013-14 season*

Recommendation: It is recommended that the boys' tournament structure have 16 regionals feeding into 4 sectionals, each sectional would have 4 regionals. Four teams and 10 individuals would advance from regionals to sectionals, giving each sectional 16 teams and 40 individuals competing for the state finals. Six teams and 7 individuals would advance from each sectional to state. We would use at-large individuals with this proposal.

Rationale: Over 180 boys' teams entered the state series this year. The average size of a sectional was 14 teams. As boys' bowling continues to grow it makes hosting more difficult as some houses aren't big enough to handle that number of teams. Adding a regional level will make sectionals more manageable for our host schools and bowling houses.

No Action Taken

16. VII. Advancement of Winners, E. Individual At-large Qualifiers:

Recommendation: To determine the at-large individual qualifiers, only the third place individual finisher at each sectional should be considered as possible at-large qualifiers. The third place finishers with the “fewest pins behind the second individual qualifier within their sectional” would advance to the state finals

Rationale: Finishing in second place individually is better than finishing in third place at sectionals, since a second place finish guarantees a trip to the state finals. Similarly, finishing in third place should be better than finishing in fourth place, but this is not the case presently. It is now possible for a bowler who finished in fourth place in one sectional to advance to the state finals instead of a bowler who finished in third place in another sectional. This proposal closes that loophole by guaranteeing that only those individuals finishing in third place can advance to the state finals.

The present system also names 72 bowlers as possible at-large qualifiers, and selects just 6 bowlers to advance to the state finals. The other were given some hope on Saturday, and must sit around for two days, only to be denied on the following Monday. By implementing this proposal's method, only one extra bowler from each sectional would be reported as a possible at-large qualifier, and the other five bowlers at each sectional would know for certain that their season was over, which is better than being denied two days later.

This method would also reduce the number of names that each sectional manager has to report, as well as the number of individuals the IHSA must consider to select the final at-large individual qualifiers.

No Action Taken

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that for score cards for individuals the coach keeping the score card needs to write in the lane total for all individuals on the lane.

Rational: The committee feels that this recommendation helps provide another check to ensure that the scores turned in for individuals are correct.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends we inform the sectional managers, in the managers' manual, that if there is a lane breakdown during warm-ups the school will get the full 15 minutes to warm up.

Rationale: The committee feels this could help prevent questions that arise in case of a breakdown.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the IHSA add to the Managers Manual: Spacer lanes are allowed to be used at sectionals. They are strictly optional, to be used at the discretion of the sectional hosts.

Rationale: This gives managers the option in writing, where some felt they couldn't use spacer lanes because they weren't told they were legal.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2012 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
3. The committee discussed standardizing oil patterns for all levels. It was discussed that not all centers have the technology to lay down the same shot and even if the same shot is placed, the house conditions are so different it still wouldn't be the same conditions across the state. No action was taken.
4. The committee discussed the use of electronic devices in the pit area. They asked that more emphasis was placed in the rules video to tighten regulations on the use of electronic devices. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed SMART Fund tournaments and bowlers competing in outside money tournaments. They asked that the IHSA continue to place emphasis on the rules video about out of season tournaments. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed allowing a team manager into the tournaments for free; they felt coaches had enough options with the passes provided. No action was taken.

7. The committee discussed the IHSA assigning process. No action was taken.
8. The committee discussed how the IHSA selects host sites. No action was taken.
9. The committee discussed parents coaching. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed slow play of teams and how to maintain the pace of play through the tournament. No action was taken.
11. The committee thanked Kirk Martin for his years of service.