

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 18, 2011

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Terri Kimura, Coach, Glenview (Glenbrook South); Edee Madsen, Coach, Deerfield; Therese McLaughlin, Athletic Director, Calumet City (Thornton Fractional North); Kathy Colclasure, Coach, Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais); Robert Nolting, Principal, Tinley Park (Andrew); and Scott Freischlag, Coach, Oswego (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Add VIII. F.**

Recommendation: Shorts/skirts must be a predominantly solid color. The only writing (screened or embroidered) shall be a school logo or name, not across the back of the short/skirt.

Rationale: The committee felt the current uniform wording lacked direction in this area and needed to be made stronger. They felt that wording across the back of shorts/skirts didn't seem like an appropriate way to represent one's school at the state finals.

Approved

2. **Revise Case Book. III The Game 3A.**

Recommendation: In the event of equipment breakage or equipment difficulty, a player must be able to play within 5 minutes or her/their opponent(s) will win by default.

Rationale: The current answer to 3Q doesn't match the Terms and Conditions. By revising 3A the Terms and Conditions and the Case Book are now consistent.

Approved

3. **Revise Case Book IV. The Serve 6A.**

Recommendation: A service court error has been made when a player has served or received out of turn or has served or received from the wrong service court. If a service court error is discovered, the error shall be corrected and the existing score shall stand.

Rationale: The current answer to 6A doesn't match the USAB Rule Book. By making this change we'll be consistent on our rules.

Approved

4. **Add: IX.A. State Final Passes**

Recommendation: Teams who qualify an odd number of players shall receive 1 courtesy pass for a female teammate to act as a warm-up partner.

Rationale: Currently teammates who travel with the team to act as the warm-up partner for the competitors must pay to enter the facility on Friday and Saturday. These players are brought as part of the team and the Committee feels they should be treated like a teammate not a fan.

Approved

5. **Add: VI. C: State Final Warm-Ups Friday**

Recommendation: Friday warm up times will be scheduled by the IHSA prior to the State Final. This will be done through a randomized lottery draw. Coaches will be notified of their warm up time through a link on the IHSA Badminton page as well as in their team packets when they pick them up Thursday night. Teams will be given appropriate court space based on the number of qualifiers they have for the State Final. (1-2 players = half court, 3-4 players = full court, 5-6 players = court and a half) Warm up times will be in 20 minute time blocks starting at 8:25 am using the 13 main courts, the field house courts will be used as open warm up on a first come basis. There will be an open warm up time from 7:45-8:05 am. The IHSA reserves the right to use the 8:05 to 8:25 am time slot if a 5th warm up block is needed based on the number of competitors. Warm ups will still end at 9:45 am.

Rationale: The committee felt that with this proposal coaches will now know when their warm-up time is and there would no longer be a race for teams to get to EIU to sign up on the first come first serve basis. This would also allow students to stay in school longer on Thursday before traveling to EIU for the State Finals.

Approved

6. **Revise: VI. D. State Final Time Schedule**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the following schedule be approved for the state finals:

Thursday, May 12, 2011

3:00 – 8:00 pm Hit-A-Round for Teams and Individuals and Team Packet Distribution
(In accordance with IHSA by-laws, schools may only practice or hit around within their own team.)

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30 am Doors Open to Officials, IHSA, Workers and Teams

7:30-9:30 am School Packet Distribution

7:45 am Doors open to all Competitors and Coaches

7:45-8:05 am Open Warm up on all courts and field house courts

8:05-8:25 am Warm Up Block (if needed, IHSA will notify coaches if this time slot is an open warm up period)

8:25- 8:45 am Warm up Block 1 (52 athletes)

8:45-9:05 am Warm up Block 2 (52 athletes)

9:05-9:25 am Warm up Block 3 (52 athletes)

9:25-9:45 am Warm up Block 4 (52 athletes)

8:30 am Coaches Meeting

10:00 am Opening Ceremony SRC

10:00 am Matches begin for singles and doubles (Round 1, 2, 3) SRC

Winner Bracket through Match # 88
Consolation Bracket through Match # 104

Saturday, May 14, 2011

8:00 am Doors Open to Officials, IHSA and Workers
8:30–9:20 am Warm-ups open to all
9:00-9:15 am Officials and Coaches Meeting Lantz Club Room
9:30 am Quarterfinals in Winner’s Bracket – Singles #105-108 SRC
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Singles #109-112 (8 courts) SRC
10:10 am Quarterfinals in Winner’s Bracket – Doubles #105-108 SRC
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Doubles #109-112 (8 courts) SRC
11:00 am Quarterfinals in Consolation Bracket for Singles/Doubles (8 courts) #113-116 SRC
Noon Semi-finals for Singles/Doubles — #117-120 (8 courts) SRC
Reset Facility for Finals
1:00 pm Finals for Singles – Matches #121-123 (3 courts) SRC
1:30 pm Finals for Doubles – Matches #121-123 (3 courts) SRC
2:00 pm Awards Ceremony Following Conclusion of Play SRC

Rationale: This proposed time schedule outlines the adjustment made from the previous recommendation.

Approved

7. **Add: VIII. J. 1. c**

Recommendation: The penalty for violation of the illegal coaching is a 2 point team deduction. The second offense is a 4 point team deduction and the third offense is a disqualification and ejection of the violating coach.

Rationale: Currently in the Terms and Conditions there is no posted violation for illegal coaching in the section that speaks to it, the violation is only found in the Code of Conduct. The committee feels this addition will strengthen the statement already in the terms and conditions about illegal coaching.

Approved

8. **Revise: VIII. J. 2**

Recommendation: 2) Coaching IS allowed:

- a) By two coaches/players during a 60 second break when the leading score reaches 11 points and a time out is called by one of the competitors. Additionally multiple coaches (2) are allowed between the 2 minute interval of each game.
- b) The penalty for violation of the **multiple** coaching rule is a 1 game point deduction. The second offense is a 3 game point deduction and the third offense is a disqualification and ejection of the violating coach.

Rationale: When reviewing this section of the Terms and Conditions the committee noticed that there were some errors in the numbering. They suggested the recommendation to clean up the section and make it read easier. Adding the word multiple to b) also helps to clarify the specific penalty b) is referring to.

Approved

9. **Add: V. J. State Final Back Draw**

Recommendation: If teammates meet up in the back draw the Tournament Director would manually manipulate the back draw by placing the player that came from the front draw into the corresponding line on the opposite half of the back draw to avoid teammates eliminating each other.

Rational: The committee felt that with our current practice teammates are at times eliminating each other, taking away opportunities for schools to earn overall team points. They feel that a back draw manipulation by the Tournament Director can eradicate this problem and allow teammates to avoid knocking each other out until the medal matches.

Not Approved

10. **Item, Code of Conduct**

Recommendation: It is recommended that Self Abuse be an offense under the *Profane and Obscene Language or Gestures* category. Self-abuse shall be defined as self-inflicted abuse with or without a racket which could leave a mark or welt. The first offense shall be a warning. The second offense shall be a 1 game point deduction. The third offense shall be a 3 game point deduction.

Rationale: Coaches are concerned about a trend in which players are hitting themselves with their racket during play enough so that there are bruises and welts. Coaches see this as a safety concern and feel that if there are consequences for it that it will raise awareness and be more easily addressed.

Not Approved

11. **Revise/ Add: XI. A. 2.**

Recommendation: Games Committee: At the State Final Tournament, 12 games Committee Members will be provided for the matches both days. The Games Committee members will volunteer to serve at their sectional seeding meeting. Games Committee members need to be willing and able to stay for the entire tournament, they need to remove

themselves from cases involving their team, and they will make calls for violations of these Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct. The Games Committee members need to familiarize themselves with the Terms and Conditions, Manager's Manual, Code of Conduct and the Badminton Case Book. If a Games Committee ruling situation arises it should be handled immediately and penalties assessed at the time of the infraction.

Rationale: The current Terms and Conditions talk about roving officials, which aren't used. The Committee recommends that the roving officials section be changed to Games Committee and the information be updated to give an accurate job description.

Approved

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee requests that the Manager's Manual be updated on page 25, under C. Seeding to say: Zero, two, or four players are to be seeded in the singles.

Rational: This will make the Manager's Manual consistent with the wording in the Terms and Conditions.

2. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding to the Manager's Manual on page 25 under C. Seeding to state: "A sectional redraw shall be required by the sectional manager when there is a lineup change to a seeded player(s). A redraw will not be made for a lineup change that involves a non-seeded player. Coaches need to have discussion about seeding a team with no record and all coaches need to be in agreement with that team receiving a seed or not. The sectional draw is to have the top seeds receive the bye."

Rationale: The Committee felt that adding this information to the sectional draw directions page will help eliminate confusion or missed instructions.

3. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding the Games Committee job description from the Terms and Conditions to page 24 in the Manager's Manual.

Rationale: The Committee felt that this will ensure that all coaches who sign up will understand what they're agreeing to and what their duties are as a Games Committee member.

4. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding to the Manager's Manual on page 14 the last sentence of the group vote paragraph: "Pass on your own seed where your school should fall in the four school grouping and continue to the next number."

Rationale: The Committee feels adding this wording will help clear up any confusion for coaches doing the seeding when they come up to one of their own players.

5. **Recommendation:** The Committee asked that the IHSA re-open the LOP's during the sectional tournament. The coaches would like the opportunity to enter the sectional outcome for those players they want seeded. This would only remain open until 12:01 am Sunday after the sectional tournament; if a coach doesn't enter the information that player will not be seeded.

Rationale: The Committee felt this would help with the state final seeding process

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2010 Minutes.
2. The Committee discussed the state final site and tournament.
3. The Committee discussed the Rules Video for next year to add some additional information on proper serving form, pictures of proper uniforms, similarly of double partners uniforms, Games Committee Job Description, illegal coaching, and proper player and coach etiquette. No action was taken.
4. The Committee discussed the Wilson birds. Asked IHSA to look into the price difference between the Wilson 60's and Wilson 80's.
5. The Committee discussed NIU as a possible State Final host site. We are currently in a new agreement with EIU. No action was taken.
6. The Committee discussed having a racket stringer at the state finals. Recommendation was made for IHSA to look into it further.
7. The Committee discussed the Opening Ceremonies. They asked that next year the teams walk in front of the stage and for the tournament management to position someone in the back of the gym to signal when the last teams have finished their walk before starting the national anthem.
8. The Committee discussed the first round of competition. They asked that next year all matches are on the court and all on deck matches are called prior to any warm-up starting. This year some first round matches were half over before the last first round matches had been called.
9. The Committee discussed that the warm-up time in the Terms and Conditions is listed at 5 minutes. No action was taken.
10. The Committee discussed asking the Sectional Managers to use the Manager's Note to explain why matches are defaulted at sectionals, or why upsets occur. This will help with the state final seeding. They ask that the IHSA make a note to remind the Sectional Managers to do this.
11. The Committee discussed the announcements at the State Finals. They asked that the announcer only announce the name of the school, the match number and court and not use the player's names. They also asked that results are no longer announced when a match is complete. They felt the announcements were overwhelming at times.
12. The Committee discussed walk-overs in sectionals. With our current practice if you beat another competitor and then lose and meet up with her/them in the consolation bracket, and lose to them you have a 1-1 tie.... How do we break that tie? The Committee asked the IHSA to survey the coaches to see what people thought about breaking the tie.

13. The Committee discussed the ruling on if you forget to switch sides at 11 and you get to 29-29 can you switch? Players can switch as soon as the mistake is discovered. No action was taken.
14. The Committee discussed the fact that the game is losing some of its traditional etiquette, honor, and integrity. i.e. tossing the bird nicely to opponents, showing courtesy and respect to opponents as players and coaches. They asked that the IHSA include this in the rules video next year.
15. The Committee thanked Therese McLaughlin for her years of service.