

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 5, 2011**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Julie Bergstrom, Aurora (Waubonsie Valley); Neil Curran, Chicago (F.W. Parker); Jeff Faulkenberg, Troy (Triad); John Rumley, Glasford (Illini Bluffs); Gary Stephens, Official (Decatur); Paul Vignocchi, Northbrook (Glenbrook North) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance were Val Walker, Normal (Community West) and Conan Dalton Rock Island (H.S.).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Boys Section VI. Starting Times**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the start time for games on the Saturday of ACT Testing during the IHSA state series begin no earlier than 3pm and not later than 7pm.

**Rationale:** The October ACT test is important for student-athletes who need this score for college applications. Pushing back the start time of all games will give a student-athlete the opportunity to take the test and compete in the game.

Approved by consent

**2. Boys and Girls Section VIII. B. (3) Kicking Procedure for Tiebreaker Kicks**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the goalkeeper start with both feet on the line and only move laterally when the whistle sounds.

**Rationale:** During the regular season goalkeepers are only able to move laterally during tiebreaker kicks. Allowing the goalkeepers to move in any direction when the whistle sounds during the IHSA state series is a disadvantage to both teams as well as the individual keepers. Changing the rule will put Illinois in line with boarding states.

Approved by consent

**3. Boys and Girls Section VIII. B. Resolution of Tie Games**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that if the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game is tied at the end of regulation, the tie is broken by proceeding straight to Penalty Kicks--following the current procedure in the soccer Terms and Conditions.

**Rationale:** Going straight to PK's in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game will: 1) keep the tournament schedule intact 2) insure that the championship game is not severely delayed 3) determine a winner for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place and 4) maximize tournament coverage in the media by ending prior to deadline.

Approved by consent

**STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Red Card Count:**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends all hard red cards received by a player and/or coach is tracked by the school and IHSA. Recipients of the hard red card will have the following consequences. 1<sup>st</sup> hard red = 1 game suspension (current practice); 2<sup>nd</sup> hard red card = 2 game suspension for recipient; 3<sup>rd</sup> hard red card = 3 game suspension for recipient etc. The hard red card(s) count accumulated during the regular will continue through the state series.

**Rationale:** The committee reviewed the yellow and red card reports from the past three years. The yellow card reports have created a tangible data which coaches can use in addressing their teams. The committee was concerned

regarding the rise of multiple hard red cards that players and teams are receiving. In order to reduce the dangerous play, which may result in serious injury, the consequences listed above is to deter the behavior.

### Approved by consent

2. The committee approved the current State Association Adoptions, as well as, needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser.

### **ITEMS for BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee requests the Board of Directors to review Policy #19, Grouping and Seeding, and allow the top four seeds to host the regional games in team-bracketed sports. By hosting, the top teams are rewarded for their regular season play and there will be less manipulation of the seeding process if sites are not pre-determined. Another option the committee wishes the Board to review is bringing back the sub-sectional assignments instead of assigned regionals. Travel will still be limited and the top teams will be divided between two regionals.
2. The committee requests the Board of Directors to review the officials reimbursement policy from “travel over 70 miles round trip @ \$.30” to “travel over 50 miles round trip @ \$.35” in order to offset the out-of-pocket expenses while traveling to games.
3. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2010 meeting.
4. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser.
5. The committee discussed the on-line seeding process. They are happy with the electronic process of seeding but have some concerns regarding the Season Summary Form (SSF). Currently coaches are able to write comments on the SSF. Other coaches in the sectional/regional may access all of the SSF’s on Wednesday when the link is open. Some coaches write only the needed information about their team to help other coaches make informed decision on seeding. Other coaches use the comment sectional to “seed” the tournament and give their opinion on how people should vote. The committee would like time to read the comments and have an opportunity to address the information. The committee questioned whether or not IHSA staff should screen comments before posting them online.
6. Reviewed the new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2011-12 school year. The committee recommends that the officials should use the nine Official Soccer Signals in the book.
7. The committee reviewed and discussed the correspondence submitted by Tony Kees regarding tournament structure. The committee reviewed and created a recommendation based on the correspondence received from Collinsville High School regarding the start time for games on the Saturday of ACT testing. The committee discussed the idea of substitutions not being allowed during the last 5 minutes of a game. The committee discussed if a team is substituting players to waste time, the official may stop the clock under current rules.
8. The committee discussed the IHSA’s new Return to Play Policy (RTP).
9. The committee heard a report on the IHSA’s drug testing program.
10. The committee discussed the Baden soccer contract as well as their experience using the ball during practices and games.
11. The committee reviewed the yellow card report from the boys and girls seasons. The committee reviewed the boy’s 2010 team card totals. The highest number of yellow cards reported on a school was 51 and the highest number of red

cards on a school was 10. The committee reviewed the girl's 2010 team card totals. The highest number of yellow cards reported on a school was 15 and the highest number of red cards on a school was 5.

12. The committee thanked Julie Bergstrom, John Rumley and Gary Stephens for their three years of service.

13. Next meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2012.