

**Minutes of the Boys / Girls Cross Country Advisory Committee
November 29, 2012**

The IHSA B/G Cross Country Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Thursday, November 29, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Jon Gordon, Chicago (Northside Prep.); Dan Iverson, Naperville North H.S.; Owen Fuller, Coordinator of Officials, Marseilles; Mike Garcia, Springfield (Lanphier) H.S.; Evan Thorpe, Dixon H.S.; Dan Vosnos, Algonguin (Jacobs); Clint Turner, Mt. Vernon H.S.; Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Chris Perry, Meet Manager, Peoria.; Brien Dunphy, Peoria H.S. Athletic Director; Matt Grimm, Peoria H.S.; Andy Preuss, Glenbard South H.S. (ITCCCA North); Jerry Parsons (ICA), Normal, ; John Polka, Oak Park (Fenwick); Geza Ehrentru, Rockford.

I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VII. A – Advancement of winners

Recommendation:

Advancement from regional to sectional:

In class 1A shall be the first seven (7) teams and five (5) individuals not members of the first seven 7 placing teams will advance to the sectional competition at the site to which they were assigned.

In classes 2A and 3A shall be the first six (6) teams and five (5) individuals not members of the first six (6) placing teams will advance to the sectional competition at the site to which they were assigned.

Rationale:

There is an opinion by some that since the implementation of three classes in cross country that the regional level of competition has not been competitive. With some regional sites having only 8 or 9 schools assigned and in several instances only 5 actual teams competing, it takes very little to qualify on to the sectional level of the state series. However, this is not the situation across all classes nor is it true across the entire State. It is not logistically practical to eliminate the regional level of competition due to the lack of appropriate facilities required to conduct meets the size of IHSA sectional meets. One option could be to reduce the number of teams allowed to qualify from any regional meet from 7 teams to 6 teams. This option was seriously considered last year but no action was taken at that time as the committee preferred to wait and collect more data and consider the question again at this year's advisory meeting.

Motion and Second

Committee Vote: 4 - YES 3 – NO

Approved

II. ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to explore methods of making easier the task of reporting results from regional and sectional hosts to the IHSA. The committee was informed that the technology required to make the suggested changes to ease the work of host meet managers is being explored by Mr. Johnson at the IHSA office. The IHSA staff is open to changes but such changes will only be possible in the near future with the help of those already proficient in the use of current technology and hy-tek software. The IHSA is very interested in acquiring the necessary technology and expertise to allow the use of more common methods of team entry and reporting of results.

III. ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The committee reviewed and discussed all comments and suggestions sent to Ron McGraw. Many ideas were discussed and considered during the meeting. All items that received a motion and a second from our group were voted on by the committee members.

Review topics for discussion submitted by sectional hosts and others

- A. Revise the State Series to increase the number of 1A sectionals by one.

- B. Reduce the congestion at the starting line (both in front and behind) to help schools with their run outs.

- C. Keep the final results of the state final meets a secret until they are revealed at the awards area.

- D. The IHSA clothing vendor ran out of t-shirts for a 2A patron.

- E. Increase the stipends for host schools to off-set the cost of chip timing being used at meets.

IV. Other

- A. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.