

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 29, 2012**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, November 29, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Chris Curry, Boys Coach, Vernon Hills; Dan Hardwick, Athletic Director, Wheaton (St. Francis); Katy Hasson, Principal, Taylor Ridge (Rockridge); Erin Leichty, Girls Coach, Casey (C.-Westfield); Sanlin, Boys Coach, Belleville (Althoff), and Sue Ebetsch, official, Springfield. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran were also in attendance. Michelle Hahn, Girls Coach, East Peoria and Erin Galfer, Principal, Chicago (C. Academy) were absent from the meeting.

**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 2-6-6 with both teams sharing the first 2 minutes, the first 6 minutes will be the home team on the entire court, the second 6 minutes will be the visiting team on the entire 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 committee heard feedback from the coaches that there was too much switching with last year's 2-3-3-3-3. By changing to the 2-6-6 this keeps the time the same but cuts down the number of switches and clock resets through the warm-up period.

**Approved**

**2. Revise: Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules G. Assignment of Officials and Line Judges/ Boys: XI. Officials C. Line Judges**

**Recommendation:** The R1 and R2 for all tournament series matches including the preliminary match will be assigned by the IHSA 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 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 **MAY** use flags.

**Rationale:** The committee heard feedback across the state asking for the opportunity to use flags. Flags will not be required for the school to purchase; officials can bring their own when working a state series match.

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.

Rejected

4. **Revise: Boys: VIII. E. Official Ball**

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

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## 6. **Add Girls- Section VIII. G. Warm-Up Time / Boys- Section VIII. E. Warm-Up Time**

**Recommendation:** When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own side of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, where their opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents. Where possible, teams should only enter, jog, or warm-up on their own half of the court.

**Rationale:** The committee felt this would help the match start off on the right foot in terms of sportsmanship. This recommendation stems from a NFHS basketball point of emphasis.

\*\*If approved this would require section VIII to be reordered in the Terms and Conditions

Approved

### **Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends to add on the host request sheet that schools have the opportunity to select the time.

**Rationale:** Schools didn't seem to realize this was a possibility after the format change made last year. This will help AD's realize they can make adjustments on the schedule of their night.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends adding a line to the Manual for Managers about consistency in hosting between guests and home team in terms of music with announcements, etc.

**Rationale:** While the expectation is that all hosts are trying to create a neutral environment during the IHSA state series, this isn't always the case. By adding the

wording to the manual for managers there is extra emphasis on the idea of creating a welcoming setting.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee asks that the board review the assignment policy and Chicago-land box.

**Rationale:** The committee received feedback from coaches in the Chicago-land area that there are times when only 1 or 2 schools are outside the box causing schools to be placed in assigned regionals.

4. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends Officials Advisory Committee review the old Pass it On program to potentially revamp and implement. They asked that Stacey sit in on the Officials Advisory Committee to review the Volleyball Advisory Committee's ideas.

**Rationale:** The committee felt this would be a potential way to get new officials involved and excited about the opportunity to someday work at the state tournament.

5. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends electronic document or online survey to review post season sites for officials and for coaches.

**Rationale:** The committee felt this would be an easy way to relay feed back to the IHSA office about the experience had at a host site for both coaches and officials.

#### **General Items of Discussion:**

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently-completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments.
  - a. Coach from Libertyville compared girls and boys state finals
2. The committee reviewed 2011 Minutes
  - a. Asked that the minutes on the website indicate when the recommendations are IHSA Board of Directors approved
  - b. The committee asked that we add the time options for the regional on the host request sheet.
3. The committee discussed moving the girls' volleyball regional championship match to Friday night.
4. The committee discussed the USAV net rules.
5. The committee discussed the dissatisfaction with the Baden volleyballs, especially last year in the boys' volleyball state series.
6. The committee discussed quality of officiating in some area of the state and how to encourage more officials to stick with the profession.

7. The committee discussed assigning line judges for the state series.
8. The committee discussed the standing coaches' box.
9. The committee thanked Dan Hardwick and Erin Leichty for their years of service.