

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 20, 2013

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 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.); Tim Carlson, Principal from Sycamore, and Sean Hay, Boys/Girls Coach from Collinsville. Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Todd Moeller, Athletic Director from O'Fallon (H.S.) and Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.) and Girls' Tournament Managers: Ann Buja from The Cherry Bowl and John Anderson from The Cherry Bowl. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VIII. Tournament Rules. B. 3) Electronic devices

Recommendation: Coaches are allowed to use electronic devices in the pit area. Any videotaping or photographs taken can only be reviewed during the break between rounds. Competitors will not be allowed to use electronic devices during competition.

Rationale: Coaches are using more and more applications to keep track of statistics and performance. The committee felt this was ok as long as the students were not using these devices during competition and there was no instant replay used with video and photography.

Approved

2. V. Tournament Assignments B. Individual Entries/ VIII. Tournament Rules A. 3) Individual Entries

Recommendation: Schools may enter individuals to compete in the state series. Any school with 5 or more players must compete for team honors and the school must have participated in six (6) varsity contests prior to the state series. A school must enter their list of participants for individual entries by January 21, 2014 and February 4, 2014. Individuals competing for individual honors are not required to have competed in six (6) contests. A school can enter no more than 4 individuals for individual honors. (Additional sections of the Terms and Conditions will be updated as necessary to reflect this change.)

Rationale: Grow the sport, gives more kids the opportunity to participate and represent their school.

(If passed, Section V will need to be reordered to include the new B.)

Approved

3. Tournament Structure. Boys (if passed the Terms and Conditions will have to be reworked to accommodate the change)

Recommendation: The IHSA will assign the teams to four sectional sites and 16 regional sites around the state.

Regionals:

Within each of the four sectional complexes, there would be four regional sites (16 total regional sites around the state). Each regional would have 11-12 teams. Four teams would advance to sectionals, along with the top 10 individuals not associated with an advancing team.

Sectionals:

Each sectional would consist of 16 teams and 40 individuals, needing 24 total lanes. Six teams would advance to the state finals, along with the top 7 individuals not associated with an advancing team. In addition, 2 at-large individuals would also have to be selected from the 4 sectional sites.

Rationale: There are a number of drawbacks with the present 12 sectional site system:

#1: With the present system, sectional sites have reached a size where up to 15 teams compete in a single sectional. With that many teams in a sectional site, most have little chance of advancing as a team or having an individual qualify. With little or no chance of advancing, some schools are electing not to participate at all. By adding regional sites, schools will have a higher chance to qualify as a team or have an individual qualify to the sectional level of competition, and the school's bowling program can celebrate a success not possible before. Additionally, regional championship plaques and medals will be awarded that are not awarded under the present situation. Many of these awards will go to schools that have little chance of ever earning an award under the present qualifying format.

#2: With regional sites needing fewer lanes, many smaller houses around the state will now be large enough to host a regional. Presently, with up to 16 teams at a sectional, smaller centers are unable to host **any** level of state qualifying.

#3: Furthermore, with more regional sites around the state, travel distances and costs will be reduced for most schools for the first level of competition. (Yes, travel distances will be increased at the sectional level, but only for schools advancing).

Approved

4. **Tournament Structure. Girls** (if passed the Terms and Conditions will have to be reworked to accommodate the change)

Recommendation: The IHSA will assign the teams to 6 sectional sites and 18 regional sites around the state.

Regionals:

Within each of the 6 sectional complexes, there would be three regional sites (18 total regional sites around the state). Each regional would have 12-13 teams. Four teams would advance to sectionals, along with the top 10 individuals not associated with an advancing team.

Sectionals:

Each sectional would consist of 12 teams and 30 individuals, needing 18 total lanes. Four teams would advance to the state finals, along with the top 5 individuals not associated with an advancing team. No at-large individuals would have to be selected.

Rationale: There are a number of drawbacks with the present 12 sectional site system:

#1: With the present system, sectional sites have reached a size where up to 20 teams compete in a single sectional. With that many teams in a sectional site, most have little chance of advancing as a team or having an individual qualify. With little or no chance of advancing, some schools are electing not to participate at all. By adding regional sites, schools will have a higher chance to qualify as a team or have an individual qualify to the sectional level of competition, and the school's bowling program can celebrate a success not possible before. Additionally, regional championship plaques and medals will be awarded that are not awarded under the present situation. Many of these awards will go to schools that have little chance of ever earning an award under the present qualifying format.

#2: With regional sites needing fewer lanes, many smaller houses around the state will now be large enough to host a regional. Presently, with up to 20 teams at a sectional, smaller centers are unable to host any level of state qualifying.

#3: Furthermore, with more regional sites around the state, travel distances and costs will be reduced for most schools for the first level of competition. (Yes, travel distances will be increased at the sectional level, but only for schools advancing).

Approved

5. VIII. Tournament Rules F. 3) Sectional Lane Rotations

Recommendation: Host school must follow the lane rotations that are laid out in the Manager's Manual.

Rationale: Allows the IHSA administrator to correct the rotations without asking for a new recommendation every year. The actual rotation is only adjusted for 18 and 14 team lane rotations to prevent schools from bowling next to each other more than once.

Approved

6. VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: Add coaches meeting back into the girl's time schedule for Saturday. Saturday's schedule will be as follows:

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Door open for competitors in the Bowling Chair Class and their coaches ONLY
- 8:30 a.m. Doors open for 2nd day qualifying teams, individuals and their coaches.
- 8:45 a.m. Coaches meeting/ Doors open to the general public.
- 9:00 a.m. Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. Warm up for Round 3 and Bowling Chair Class
- 9:30 a.m. Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals) and Bowling Chair Class

Rationale: Necessary for information sharing

Approved

7. VIII. Tournament Rules C. The Competition Area 1) Players in Competition Area:

Recommendation: Eight (8) players from a team will be allowed in the competition area. The penalty for players exceeding the eight (8) player participants rule will be for the first offense – 10 pin team deductions, the second offense – 50 pin team deductions, the third offense – 100 pin team deductions and the fourth offense is team disqualification. No warning shall be made prior to the assessment of the penalty.

Rationale: All students will now feel part of the team, not disconnected. This will also help coaches keep track of all 8 kids.

Approved

8. II. Dates and Sites B. Girls Sectionals and E. Girls State Finals

Recommendation: The committee recommends adjusting the dates to reflect the season adjustment approved through the legislative process.

B. Girls Sectionals: Girl's sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday February 15, 2014, at twelve (12) sites.

E. Girls State Final: The Girls State Final tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 21-22, 2014 in Rockford at The Cherry Bowl. The Cherry Bowl will serve as the host.

Rationale: This will ensure the season ends on the actual last day instead of having an additional week after the state final.

Approved

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** Add lane rotations to the Manager's Manual.

Rational: They had typically just been posted online; this will ensure the managers receive them as part of their management packets.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2012 Minutes
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals. They asked for a definitive role to be established for the rules committee.
3. The committee discussed practice times at the state finals. Stacey will work with the state final sites on establishing longer practice times.
4. The committee discussed a re-rack rule. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed lane breakdowns and warm-up shots. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed starting the individuals on the edge of the block for the state tournament.
7. The committee discussed the oil pattern at the Boys State Final. No action was taken.
8. The committee thanked Peter Dougherty for his years of service.