

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
**December 5, 2013**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, December 5, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Chris Curry, Boys Coach, Vernon Hills; Steve Locke, Athletic Director, Joliet (Central); Scott Daly, Athletic Director, Taylor Ridge (Rockridge); Matthew Gorski, Girls Coach, Clifton (Central); and Sue Ebetsch, official, Springfield. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran were also in attendance. Erin Galfer, Principal, Chicago (C. Academy); Michelle Hahn, Girls Coach, East Peoria were absent from the meeting.

**Terms and Conditions Recommendations:**

**1. 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 effectively a mirror image gym. If the gym is not effectively mirror image teams shall continue to switch benches. (Effectively 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.)

If the variations from one side of the net to the other offer no substantial difference in playing conditions, then the gym is considered a mirror image gym for this purpose. The mirror image decision must be determined by the Athletic Director of the home school prior to the start of the season. This information must be shared with all conference schools so that coaches know if the gym is mirror image or not prior to their arrival at the facility.

\*For example, if speakers in the ceiling supports are positioned slightly differently (as they are in Zion or Lake Forest) but are a great distance from the floor, the gym can be designated a mirror image (by the Athletic Department). Furthermore, if any perceived impediment is positioned where only the home team could be perceived as being impeded (such as in the case of the raised curtain above center court at Stevenson), the gym can be designated a mirror image (by the Athletic Department).

\*This would be voluntary to be adopted by the conference for in conference contests only. Schools would also like to be able to test this in their regular season tournaments when facilities allow.

**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.

**Died for lack of motion**

**2. Revise: Girls/ Boys XI. Officials A. Appointment and Fees: a. Regional Fee:**

**Recommendation:** In the preliminary, quarterfinal, semifinal, and final regional tournament, each R1 and R2 shall receive a fee of \$57.50 per match. Each line judge shall receive a fee of \$20.00 per match.

**Rationale:** With an increased emphasis being put on the use of line judges nationally for the entire season the committee felt this was a strong first step to be made by the association. It's becoming increasingly hard to find people to work the line who are impartial when the fee guaranteed by the host school is only \$10.00.

Approved

**3. Revise. Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules H. Assignment of Officials and Line Judges / Boys: XI. Officials A. Appointment and Fees 1. Tournament Officials:**

**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. It is recommended that the local manager hire a licensed official for the line judge position. Local officials' associations or assignors can be used to help find officials to fill these roles.

If a licensed official is not available, 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.

The IHSA will assign line judges for the sectional and super-sectional contests.

**Rationale:** With an increased emphasis being put on the use of line judges nationally for the entire season, the committee felt this was a strong first step to be made by the Association. This will also help officials gain experience as line judges prior to being assigned to the state finals as a line judge.

Approved

**4. Revise: Girls: IV. Host Financial Arrangements A. Host School Financial Arrangements 1-3 / Boys IV. Host Financial Arrangements A and B**

**Recommendation:** If the increase in line judge's pay is approved, the committee recommends that the board increase the host guarantee by \$10.00 per line judge per match that is officiated..

**Rationale:** This will allow schools to re-coup the money they are paying the officials to cover the fees for the entire contest crew.

Approved

## **General Items of Discussion:**

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently-completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments.
2. The committee reviewed 2012 Minutes.
3. The committee heard a report from Ron Hershback from Baden Sports.
4. The committee heard a report from representatives from the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
5. The committee heard a report from Chris Curry about the NSC pilot program to stay on same sides of the court for the entire match. Boys' season was extremely positive, still waiting for final feedback on girls' season, but as far as we know everything went very well. The administration for the schools loved it from a game management perspective. The AD with their head coach makes the decision if their home gym is mirror image or not and reported this to the conference schools, there is no decision or change made on game day. All conference schools are notified what gyms are mirror image or not prior to the start of the season.
6. The committee discussed moving the girls' volleyball regional schedule to play the championship on Friday night. Recommendation died for lack of motion.
7. The committee discussed eliminating the super sectional and moving that match to Friday of the state tournament. No action was taken.
8. The committee discussed moving the 3A/4A tournament to the north. No action was taken
9. The committee discussed pre-match protocol. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed adding a coach's box to the court markings. Stacey will advance this to the NFHS committee as a discussion topic.
11. The committee discussed rotating the class schedule for the state tournament. No action was taken.
12. The committee discussed using a running clock for the warm-up period. No action was taken.
13. The committee discussed extending the coach's box past the end line. Stacey will advance this to the NFHS committee as a discussion topic.
14. The committee heard a report from Julie Cochran at the IESA about their boys and girls programs.
15. The committee thanked Chris Curry and Scott Daly for their years of service.