

Minutes of the 2013 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
May 24, 2013

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in Naperville, on Friday, May 23, 2013, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Committee Members present were: Jim Cortez, Chicago (Walter Payton College Prep); Karen Desruisseaux, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central); Laurie Jakubczak, Chicago (Mother McAuley); Scott Kopecky, Buffalo Grove; Gordon Sisson, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Matt Turner, (Official) Naperville and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VI. A. 4) Game Sites: (boys and girls)

Recommendation: The preliminary game site must be held in at least a 6 lane deep/shallow pool at a minimum.

Rationale: Any school hosting a state series preliminary game must have a pool that meets the minimum NFHS Pool Dimensions as stated in Rule 1-4 on page 90 in the NFHS Rules Book.

Approved by Consent

2. Item VIII. A. 3) Rules of Play: Mercy Rule (boys and girls)

Recommendation: If a team has a ten-goal advantage at half time or anytime in the second half, the clock will run continuously if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches.

Rationale: Allows newer, developing teams to continue the game without stopping the clock and extending the contest.

Approved with the following amendment:

If a team has a ten-goal advantage at half time or anytime in the second half, the clock will run continuously. ~~if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches.~~ For state series only.

Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommended the IHSA staff continue to update the Water Polo manuals, winners' packet and officials' information for the 2014 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. The committee recommended that any regular season games played in a 4 lane, 20 yard pool should not be counted towards a team's record on the Season Summary form.
3. The committee discussed issues with the Baden Balls becoming too smooth to use in the pool for practices and games after only one season.
4. The committee discussed the possibility to create a video for coaches and officials showing the standards for a 5 meter call and kick outs. They also thought new coaches and officials need more information and face-to-face time.
5. The committee discussed a reminder for qualifying schools there is not a pass gate list at the State Finals. They also questioned if wristbands should be worn by administrators and coaches during the finals.
6. The committee suggested that all officials should be reminded to show signals clearly when making a call. This will help in communicating with coaches, teams, bench and fans during the game
7. The committee questioned whether regular season games should be played when there are not visible shot clocks or game clocks available for the contest.

8. The committee inquired about assignors being made aware of ratings given to officials during the season. This may help assignors pair up officials to serve as mentors.
9. The committee discussed the need for teams to designate a head coach for each game and not allow two coaches to serve as the “head coach” for a game.
10. The committee would like an interpretations regarding: A. Playing off the bottom of the pool; B. Defending off the bottom of the pool and C. Penalties for flagrant misconduct and misconduct.
11. The committee thanked Deborah Boniface, Mike Cashman, Tim Daniel and Lenny DePasquale for their service.
12. Next Meeting: May 30, 2014 in Naperville