

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 26, 2014

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: 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 Joseph Hohrein, Jr., Boys and Girls Coach from Chicago (Gordon Tech). 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 Andersen from The Cherry Bowl. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance. Absent from the meeting was Sean Hay, Boys and Girls Coach from Collinsville and Jill Heick, Girls Coach from Decatur (MacArthur).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VIII. 4) Ball Certification

Recommendation: Bowling ball certification should be done prior to the beginning of the state series competition starting with regionals. All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications. At the end of the first and second rounds of state finals a random number of balls shall be selected through a blind draw and tested. Any bowling ball that does not meet the specifications will be removed from the state final competition until the ball meets the legal specifications. If it is shown that the bowler had prior knowledge of violating the specifications, the bowler shall be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rationale: We have long required bowling balls to be certified but there was never any checks put in place to confirm that a ball was certified. While it is expected for balls to be certified through the state series, there is not always a way to check at the regional and sectional level due to the difference in houses used. This recommendation will give the state final manager a way to ensure balls are being properly certified.

Died for lack of motion

2. V. E. Regional/ Sectional Tournament Structure: 3)

Recommendation: Regional/Sectional tournaments shall start no earlier than 9 am with the coaches meeting no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 1pm.

Rationale: With the change in the state series format, some schools are now traveling farther in the sectional for their competition. This recommendation will ensure that there is some travel time in the morning for those schools that can't stay overnight.

Approved

3. Athletes with Disabilities

Recommendation: Students in wheel chairs may bowl with a specialized ball without the use of a ramp and still be eligible in the athletes with disabilities division.

Rationale: This recommendation comes as an update to the recommendation made by the Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee. The bowling advisory committee did not want to see a group of wheel chair bound students be excluded from the State Series because they are able to bowl without a ramp.

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4. VIII. E. 6) Shot Clock

Recommendation: A student has 30 seconds from the time the pin setter arm goes up to start the delivery of their ball. This would only be implemented if a situation occurs where a team or individual takes an exorbitant amount of time. The shot clock would not be used in case of a lane break down or some unforeseen incident that the student athlete cannot control. A member of the games committee would keep the clock. The tournament manager would determine whether or not the team or individual gets placed on the shot clock. Putting a team or individual on the clock would be the only warning the team or individual would get.

Penalty for violation of the shot clock would be:

- 1st - A zero on the ball that went over the shot clock time
- 2nd - A zero for the frame
- 3rd - A zero for the game

Rationale: There have been several cases in the state series where one or two bowlers are holding up the entire block and essentially the round. This takes away from the experience all the students have and at times the outcome of the day.

Approved

5. VIII. Tournament Rules, D. Conduct, 1)

Recommendation: Conduct of Coaches and Players: The captain and the coach shall be the official representatives of their team in all communications with the scorers and the tournament officials. The coach(es), the **eight (8)** bowlers participating in a round and the official scorer (if used) are the only persons authorized to be in the area immediately surrounding the scorers' table. Unsportsmanlike conduct of bowlers, scorekeepers, coaches or fans shall be in violation of By-laws 3.141, 6.011 and 6.012.

Rationale: We now allow all 8 bowlers in the pit with the coaches.

Approved

6. E. The Game, 1) Bowling Practice and Warm-ups, a)

Recommendation: In an uneven **Regional:** During practice time your first bowler cannot bowl on the second land until the fifth bowler is done.

Rationale: The wording needed to be updated to reflect that regionals are now uneven not sectionals.

Approved

7. F. Lane Assignments and Conditions, 4) Open Lane at Regional

Recommendation: Once bowling begins, the team competing on an open lane will have its lead off bowler wait until the last bowler on the team has completed his/her frame to begin bowling. Pacer teams are not allowed.

Rationale: The word sectional needs to be removed from the title since open lanes will not exist at sectionals.

Approved

8. IX. Tournament Policies: X. Awards, A. Regional, 2) Team Awards

Recommendation: A plaque will be presented to the winning school in each **regional**.

Rationale: Regional needed to replace sectional since the description was for the regional.

Approved

9. XI. Officials, A. Scorekeeper

Recommendation: Each participating school team shall furnish its own scorekeeper at the **regional** and sectional tournaments if the house does not have automatic scoring.

Rationale: The section needed to be updated to include the regional as well as the sectional.

Approved

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommended a feedback form placed in the school center to review the state series.

Rationale: This recommendation was in response to coaches feeling they needed a way to voice their opinions on the state final host sites and how the event was ran.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends updating the Boys and Girls Sectional lane rotations in the manual and allowing them to be pre-draw prior to the schools arrival at the center so schools will know their lane rotations.

Rationale: With the change in the state final structure it has become necessary to update the rotations used in the manual to reflect the number of teams and individuals that participate.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends updating the Boys and Girls Regional lane rotations in the manual to inset the proposed template for schools to use. If situations change managers can contact the IHSA for further direction.

Rationale: With the change in the state final structure it has become necessary to update the rotations used in the manual to reflect the possible team and individual combinations

4. **Recommendation:** Reorder section X. Awards

Rationale: The reorder needed to be done when regionals were inserted into the section.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2013 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
3. The committee discussed bringing food into bowling centers. The committee asked that a reminder be put in the manual to communicate the center's rules with visiting coaches. Host schools can even go as far as sending out a pre-order form for the lunch options at their centers or list nearby food options for schools to select from. No further action was taken.
4. The committee discussed the first year of regionals and individual entries. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed the crowding of the approach. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed using different houses for regionals and sectionals. No action was taken.
7. The committee discussed state final practice and making it clear in the manual that school approved coaches must be at the approved state final practice with the coaches.
8. The committee discussed more promotion of the state series. No action was taken.
9. The committee discussed uniform standards and the use of jeans as part of the uniform. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed reserving practice times for sectionals. No action was taken.
11. The committee discussed loud cheering and unruly spectators. They asked for a note to the tournament managers to review the DWR! Sportsmanship Policy prior to their event, so that they can prepare for spectators and fans prior to their arrival. No further action was taken.
12. The committee discussed the start of the girls' season. With this being a by-law change a recommendation will need to come to the Legislative Commission.
13. The committee discussed the penalty for outside coaching by parents/private coaches. Additional emphasis will be placed in the rules video about coaching and the use of private coaches. Emphasis on private coaches not being able to participate in the practice round.
14. The committee discussed USBC approved cleaners.
15. The committee discussed the recommendations made by the Athletes with Disability Advisory Committee. They supported the recommendations.
16. The committee thanked Tim Carlson, Dave Raila, and Al Nordman for their years of service.

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