

Minutes of the 2014 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
May 30, 2014

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in Naperville, on Friday, May 30, 2014, 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; Matt Turner, (Official) Naperville and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Gordon Sisson, Arlington Heights (Hersey).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item V. C. Seeding: (boys and girls)

Recommendation: Push back the seed meeting one week.

Rationale: Allows teams to play more games, especially against Sectional opponents.

Approved by Consent

2. Item VI. A. Note 1 Tournament Structure and Time Schedule: (boys and girls)

Recommendation: Sectional Finals are to begin no earlier than 10am and no later than 4pm.

Rationale: Adjusting the time from the current 11am to 6pm time frame may help teams avoid conflicts with end of the school year activities.

Approved by Consent

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

Recommendation: Do not allow the mercy rule to be in effect for the state series.

Rationale: The mercy rule is not used during the regular season. Discontinuing the use of the mercy rule during the state series allows teams to continue playing the game in a consistent manner throughout the season.

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Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommended that the IHSA staff continue to update the Water Polo manual, winners' packet and official's information for the 2015 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. The committee still prefers online seed meeting but would like the ability to refute/clarify comments other coaches make on their Season Summary form.
3. The committee stated that coaches were not able to review how each Sectional coach voted.
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 likes the new by-law where all head coaches must watch the rules video. The committee encourages all coaches to view the rules video as a part of furthering their education and knowledge of the sport.

6. The committee requested that additional bleachers be placed on the deck during the State Final for competing teams to sit during warm ups.
7. The committee discussed the need for consistent application of the rules, especially playing off of the bottom and advantage.
8. The committee wants to know if assignors can be made aware of ratings given to officials during the season. This may help assignors pair up seasoned officials to serve as mentors to new officials.
9. The committee recommended that any regular season games played in a 4 lane, 20-yard pool should not be counted towards a teams' record on the Season Summary form. If a team plays a lot of games in such a pool, then the coach should note it in the "Comments" section of the Season Summary form.
10. The committee reviewed the NFHS Soft or Padded Headgear in Non-Helmeted Sports Position Statement. The committee discussed the use of padded headbands which are not allowed during competition.
11. The committee thanked Laurie Jakubczak, Scott Kopecky and Matt Turner for their service.
12. Next Meeting: May 29, 2015 in Naperville.