

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BASS FISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2014

The IHSA Bass Fishing Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Darren Gates, Macon (Meridian); Erik Lachel, Huntley; Mike Mulligan, Chicago (Taft), Gary Payne, Farina (South Central); Robert Pritchett, (Ashland (A-C Central); and Lisa Watson, Galena. Also in attendance were Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director; and Dan Stephenson, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Not present was Andy Lutzenkirchen, Naperville (Central).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VIII. Tournament Rules W.

Recommendation: Each tournament manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself), a tournament committee of at least three (3) participating coaches or school administrators. Competing schools can only bring to the tournament committee potential violations of these Terms and Conditions for consideration. Potential violations must be reported prior to the conclusion of weigh-ins on the day in question and must be made in writing. The decision(s) of the tournament committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the IHSA Bass Fishing Terms and Conditions. Neither the IHSA Office nor the Board of Directors will review tournament committee decisions, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

Rationale: While such issues haven't been prevalent in the past, the committee believes having a more defined appeals process will clarify procedures for schools. If approved, IHSA staff will create an [appeals form](#) that can be utilized for this process.

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed and reviewed the minutes of the 2013 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the 2013 state series. Among the specific items mentioned relative to the state series included:
 - The committee thought the boat check process was good at the state finals. However, the committee wondered how and when a good time would be to check in those few boats that don't trailer in on pre-fish day. IHSA staff will work with tournament administration to see about how this process can be improved.
 - The committee suggested that IHSA staff make the lake evacuation presentation covered at the pre-tournament banquet available through the IHSA website prior to the state finals for review by coaches and anglers.
 - The committee thought the placement of the boat number decals on the motors worked well.

3. The committee discussed the possibility of having the IHSA Board of Directors consider putting out the state finals location to bid when the current contract with Carlyle Lake expires after the 2015-16 school year. The committee recognized the quality efforts made by the city of Carlyle in putting on the state finals. However, the southern location of the site continues to provide challenges to those schools having to travel. The committee wondered if a more centralized location might offer more for attendees to do as well as reduce travel for schools.
4. Out-going committee members Gates, Mulligan, and Payne were recognized and thanked for their service to the association for the past three years.