

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
December 4, 2014

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, December 4, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Casey Feeney, Boys Coach at Chicago (Payton); Yun Chen, Boys Coach at Gurnee (Warren); Steve Locke, Athletic Director, at Joliet (Central); Josh Landon, Athletic Director/Girls Coach at Cissna Park; Erin Legendre, Girls Coach at Red Bud; and Sue Ebetsch, official, Springfield. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran were also in attendance. Denise Aughenbaugh, Principal at Mendota was absent from the meeting.

Terms and Conditions Recommendations:

- 1. Revise. Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules -- D. Team Roster and Personnel: Boys: VIII. Tournament Rules -- C. Team Roster and Personnel (Remove F. and reorder the section)**

Recommendation: In each of the tournaments, a participating school shall not have more than eighteen (18) eligible players on the roster, in team uniform playing or warming up. The 18 players listed on the team's roster are eligible to compete in a match. The roster of players may change from match to match in the state series. No more than 25 coaches, players, support personnel may be in the team bench area.

Rationale: This would give 2 back up players per player on the court. This would also allow the coaches to reward players who play and dress the entire season with an opportunity to join the varsity roster for the post season and potentially eliminate the need for coaches to cut down their roster at the start of regionals. It also allows an even number of players for warm-up.

Died for Lack of Motion

- 2. Revise: Girls VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules -- B. Time Schedule -- 4. State Final Time Schedule (Friday session two only)**

Recommendation: Adjust the 3A-4A Semifinals Session Two to start a half hour earlier.
Session 2 Semifinals

Match 5 Class 3A 4:00 – 5:00pm,
Match 6 Class 3A approx. 5:30- 6:30pm
Match 7 Class 4A approx. 7:00- 8:00pm
Match 8 Class 4A approx. 8:30- 9:30pm

Rationale: This should help the later matches start a little earlier Friday night helping teams get out of the area earlier than 10:30 or 11:00 pm.

Approved

3. **Revise: Girls VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules -- B. Time Schedule -- 4. State Final Time Schedule**

(If recommendation 2 is approved the time schedule listed below will need to be updated.)

Recommendation: The order of classes within the sessions will flip flop every other year starting in 2016 as follows:

2015:

Session 1 Semifinals

Match 1 Class 1A 9:00-10:00 am
Match 2 Class 1A 10:30-11:30 am
Match 3 Class 2A 12:00-1:00 pm
Match 4 Class 2A 1:30-2:30 pm

Session 2 Semifinals

Match 5 Class 3A 4:30-5:30 pm
Match 6 Class 3A 6:00-7:00 pm
Match 7 Class 4A 7:30-8:30 pm
Match 8 Class 4A 9:00-10:00 pm

Session 3 Consolation and Championships

Match 9 1A Consolation 9:00-10:00 am
Match 10 1A Championship 10:30-11:30 am Award Ceremony Immediately after Match 10
Match 11 2A Consolation 12:25-1:25 pm
Match 12 2A Championship 1:55-2:55 pm
Award Ceremony Immediately after Match 12

Session 4 Consolation and Championships

Match 13 3A Consolation 4:00-5:00 pm
Match 14 3A Championship 5:30-6:30 pm
Award Ceremony Immediately after Match 14
Match 15 4A Consolation 7:25-8:25 pm
Match 16 4A Championship 8:55-9:55 pm
Award Ceremony Immediately after Match 16

2016:

Session 1 Semifinals

Match 1 Class 2A 9:00-10:00 am
Match 2 Class 2A 10:30-11:30 am
Match 3 Class 1A 12:00-1:00 pm
Match 4 Class 1A 1:30-2:30 pm

Session 2 Semifinals

Match 5 Class 4A 4:30-5:30 pm
Match 6 Class 4A 6:00-7:00 pm
Match 7 Class 3A 7:30-8:30 pm
Match 8 Class 3A 9:00-10:00 pm

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Rationale: Keeping 4A at the 9:00 pm time slot prevents people from coming. It also cost the 4A teams more money as they have to spend money on hotel rooms for Saturday night, possibly pay for another night of transportation and meals all day on Saturday. It would also be nice for the 1A schools fan buses to have the opportunity to not have to leave as early for the first 1A match.

Died for Lack of Motion

General Items of Discussion:

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently-completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments.
 - a. Asked for Board of Directors representation for medal presentation at the boys' state final.
 - b. Liked how teams lined up on the end lines for introductions at the girls' state final.
 - c. Talked about playing girls' super sectionals Monday or Tuesday instead of Saturday after sectionals. No motion was brought forward.
2. The committee reviewed 2013 Minutes.
3. The committee discussed playing super sectional at a college or local college to help give kids the opportunity to play in a big facility and to ensure schools participate on a neutral court. Stacey will work with host schools to establish a college or junior college host opportunities.
4. The committee discussed moving the boys' tournament to a college or university. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed moving the regional championship to Friday night. The committee took into consideration giving the host the option to choose Thursday or Friday, but ultimately decided that moving the championship to Friday could cause more issues for hosts as well as for teams competing on Fridays when all other teams in the sectional compete on Thursday. The committee felt this would give some teams an unfair advantage to scout. No motion was brought forward.
6. The committee discussed changing the warm-up time order so the visiting team goes first. The committee felt that in certain situations where a visiting team is running late or has bus issues giving the home team the court first helps the late arriving visiting team prepare for their first warm-up time. No motion was brought forward.
7. The committee discussed adopting best 3 out of 5 for the state. Several bordering states play 3 out of 5; the committee considered bringing that to Illinois and what the ramifications would be. Would players burn out quicker or have increased overuse injuries? Would school budgets have to be increased to cover increased officials fees, longer nights for school personnel, etc.? What would the impact be on players spending more time on the road on school nights? No motion was brought forward.
8. The committee discussed hotels room selection at the girls' state finals. They asked for one school from each class to be placed at each hotel. Stacey will work with the Bloomington-Normal CVB for the 2016 state tournament.

9. The committee discussed online seeding. It was reported that the IHSA Board of Directors is reviewing this further. The committee discussed the possibility of going back to face to face meetings; they liked when coaches actually discussed their season as opposed to just reviewing the records when determining seeds.
 - a. The committee discussed as a punishment for schools that do not complete their seeding the coach has to sit out the first match of the regional.
 - b. The committee recommends using text messages to contact coaches along with emails; Stacey will look into this further.
10. The committee discussed the girls' state finals time schedule and how to notify people of an early start time for those watching the online live streaming. Notify online announcers about earlier start time, update IHSA website about earlier start time, Facebook and twitter updates, update the principal and AD so they can use their school notification system to update fans of a time change and see if we can update the NFHS Network page. Stacey will implement all applicable changes for the 2015 girls' state finals.
11. The committee discussed the NFHS network and the pay per-view streaming. Is it possible for school to pay for a general use code for the year? Some AD's are purchasing and getting the code and then posting it on their website. No action was taken.
12. The committee discussed line judges' assignment at regional and paying them more than the \$20 reimbursed fee. The committee discussed how they, as hosts, find line judges for the regional. No action was taken.
13. The committee discussed line judges being adopted by the state for the regular season. The committee felt that in all areas of the state requiring line judges wasn't feasible, but would like to see conferences adopt line judges at the local level. They did not feel that a line judge always had to be a paid official, schools could offer them a season sports pass, apparel, or a reduction in an activity fee for a parent.
 - a. It was recommended to put a webinar together with the head clinician to train line judges and that line judges should not be younger than 18.
 - b. The committee recommended that first year officials contact schools and offer to line judge, opportunity to get their foot in the door as well as gain experience.
 - c. Stacey will make this a point of emphasis for the regular season rule video for 2015-16
14. The committee discussed the assignment of line judges for the sectional, super sectional and state finals. The committee recommended asking regional hosts to notify the IHSA who they used as line judges at the regional so that would increase the pool of officials to select from for the sectional.
15. The committee asked that officials have the opportunity to sign up just to line judge through their official's center.

The committee thanked Sue Ebetsch for her years of service.