

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 1, 2015

The IHSA Baseball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on, September 1, 2015, beginning at 10:00a.m. Committee members present were; Brett Bildstein, Chicago (Lake View); Sean Bieterman, Aurora (Central Catholic); Anthony Manville, Plainfield (East); John Staab, Champaign (Central); Joshua Stone, Raymond (Lincolnwood); Jesse Bugger, Troy (Triad); Dustin Carter, Official; and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Todd Hopkins, Ottawa (Marquette) was not in attendance.

The Minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item II. Dates and Sites A. and B.

Recommendation: When regional pre-lim or quarterfinal games are designated to the site of the highest seed and the facility doesn't warrant hosting an IHSA Regional game, allow the host school to find an alternative location for the game either at their opponent's site or the regional host as possibilities.

Rational: The committee believes some direction to schools who are assigned hosting responsibilities may be helpful when a field is not available or the field is not playable.

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. State Adoption to Rule 4-2-2:** The committee recommends the IHSA approve the following game ending procedures:
 - a.** The game shall end when the visiting team is behind by 15 or more runs after 2 ½ innings, or after the 3rd inning, if either team is 15 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.
 - b.** The game shall end when the vising team is behind by 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings, or after the fifth inning, if either team is 10 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.

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ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed the changes to IHSA Policy 18 allowing for Class 1A and 2A, along with Class 3A and 4A outside the Chicago Suburban area to be seeded as sub-sectionals.
2. The committee discussed the umpire game fees at the regional level.
3. The committee talked about the open gym by-law, summer team participation and contact of coaches with players during the school year. The discussion included use of off-site training sites for baseball teams during the winter months.
4. The committee spoke about pitching limits and the NFHS Overuse Injury Symposium.
5. The committee discussed the minimum number of games played to be eligible for the post season to be increased from six (6) to ten (10). This is a provision in by-law 3.054 and would require a by-law recommendation to amend.
6. The committee recognized the outgoing members of the baseball advisory committee: Jesse Bugger, Troy (Triad); and John Staab, Champaign (Central).