

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 3, 2015**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, December 3, 2015, 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; Denise Aughenbaugh, Principal at Mendota; Jennifer McDonald, Girls Coach at New Berlin; and Julie Terstriep, official, Industry. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert, IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran, and Head Volleyball Clinician Barb Maue were also in attendance.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Add. Girls: VIII. Tournament Rules -- F. Warm-up Time:  
Revise: Boys: VIII. Tournament Rules -- D. Warm-up Time:**

**Recommendation:** All warm-up apparel (jackets, pants, shirts, shorts, etc.) must be removed by both teams by the conclusion of the 2 minute warm-up period. Warm-up apparel is not required to be worn by a team or to have a number on it.

**Rationale:** There is a constant battle between officials checking the roster and the teammates wanting to keep their warm-up tops/bottoms on. This recommendation attempts to find a middle ground between the officials checking the roster as part of their pre-match duties and players wanting to wear their warm-up apparel. This recommendation also does not require number to be worn on the warm-up top or bottoms in an attempt to save schools money in printing and purchasing warm up apparel.

Approved by Consent

- 2. Revise: Girls: II. Dates and Sites -- C. Class 1A-4A Super-Sectionals:  
Recommendation was made from the News Media Advisory Committee**

**Recommendation:**  
Move the Girls Volleyball Super-Sectional dates from Saturday to the Monday prior to the State Finals.

**Rationale:** The Saturday of Girls Volleyball Super-Sectionals is also the day of the Cross Country State Finals, Boys Soccer State Finals and second round of the IHSA Football Playoffs. Most media sacrifice covering volleyball as a result of the busy schedule. Girls Volleyball is the only IHSA sport that plays Super-Sectionals on Saturdays and, historically, plays shorter contests than sports like basketball that play weeknight Super-Sectionals. Moving these Super-Sectionals

to Monday would put volleyball in line with other sports and put the games, student-athletes and sports in the spotlight.

**Recommendation did not pass**

The Volleyball Advisory Committee reviewed this proposal as it was written from the News Media Advisory Committee. The Volleyball Advisory Committee felt that playing on Saturday was the best option for the coaches and the players preparing for their Super-Sectional as well as the State Finals. The committee felt that playing on Saturday kept students (participants and fans) in school another day. It gave the team the opportunity to practice and prepare for the Super-Sectional, as not all schools would allow a Sunday practice prior to a Monday game. It also gave the coaching staff, participants and fans the opportunity to plan and prepare for the upcoming weekend at state.

**Recommendation did not pass**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Provide a team autograph volleyball for the Boys Volleyball Final Four teams as is provided for the Girls Volleyball Final Four teams.

Approved by Consent

**STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS:**

**Recommendation:** The Committee Recommends an Association wide adoption of the use of line judges for all regular season varsity matches. Line judges must be trained. Host schools are responsible for providing the line judges. The host school may determine who they select (parents, players, licensed officials, volunteers, etc.). Line judges do not have to be paid positions

**Rationale:** As the speed of the game continues to increase, officials find an increasing importance in having line judges available to help spot touches, line calls, etc. Line judges are used throughout the state series and are an imperative part of the officiating crew. This recommendation will take volleyball in Illinois to the next level, the level that some neighboring states are at.

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. Talked about the Boys Volleyball State Final venue and the feasibility of moving to a University.
  - b. Talked about adjusting the Super-Sectional match times. Died for lack of motion

2. The committee reviewed 2014 Minutes.
3. The committee heard a presentation from a Susan G. Komen Memorial representative about the success of Volley for the Cure.
4. The committee discussed dressing up to 18 players on the boys' roster and adjusting the bench personnel number to 25. Died for lack of motion.
5. The committee discussed adjusting the boys; volleyball post season calendar to avoid playing on Memorial Day. Died for lack of motion.
6. The committee discussed line judges and their payment. Stacey reported that an ad-hoc committee is being formed to review the Association's finances and line judge payments should be reviewed at this time. No further action was taken.
7. The committee discussed moving the regional quarterfinal match to the site of the higher seed. Died for lack of motion.
8. The committee discussed USAV net rule and how any adoption would take an NFHS rule change. No further action was taken.
9. The committee discussed online seeding. It was reported that the IHSA Board of Directors is reviewing this further.
  - a. The committee discussed as a consequence for schools that do not complete their seeding that the coach has to sit out the first match of the regional and the AD or coach's immediate supervisor must coach the match.
  - b. The committee asked if they could have access to enter their season summary information and/or their stats all season long; Stacey will look into this further.
10. The committee discussed post season structure for volleyball and possible changes. Post season structure is an IHSA Board Policy and not available for the advisory committee to adjust. No further action was taken.
11. The committee discussed the use of warm-up time between sets, how roster and line-up cards were turned in, and the use of the timer during the pre-match warm up. No action was taken.

The committee thanked Steve Locke and Josh Landon for their years of service.