

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2016

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Matt Wrobel, Coach at Elk Grove Village (E.G.), Cyndi Dyrkacz, Coach at Burbank (Reavis), Ben Hussey, Coach at Roselle (Lake Park), Scott Freischlag, Coach at Oswego (H.S.) and John Grundke, AD at LaGrange (Lyons). Absent was Jerry Cook, Principal at Elgin (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Revise: IV. Host Financial Arrangements

Recommendation: ADD: If admission is not charged, the host shall forfeit the guarantee.

Rationale: This brings the badminton terms and conditions in line with other IHSA sports, requiring admission to be taken in order for the host to receive a guarantee.

Approved by Consent

2. Revise: III. On-line entries, withdrawal procedures, eligibility, affirmative action, and on-line list of participants G. On-Line *List of Participants*:

Recommendation:

The *List of Participants* will provide the overall records of each singles player and each doubles team seeking consideration for sectional and state final seeding. Coaches whose player(s) are not requesting a consideration for a seeded position need only to complete the *List of Participants* indicating names of the players being entered into the tournament series.

The *List of Participants* is a school entry. Once the sectional seeds have been made in conjunction with the sectional draw, all positions are finalized and cannot be adjusted. There can be no substitutions or changes to the singles or doubles teams unless there is a case of injury, illness or ineligibility as certified by the principal of the player's school. Refer to "VIII. Tournament Rules" for substitutions and *List of Participants* entry information.

Rationale: This removes old wording and clarifies that a school should not enter all possible doubles partners a player had. This creates confusion for other coaches and hosts school managers. Finally, this recommendation makes it clear that once the sectional seeds have been made, the positions players are listed in are final and cannot be adjusted. There were claims of coaches adjusting their line up once it was determined what sectional they were playing in. For example, a player from doubles team 2 cannot be substituted to doubles team 1. Players entered in singles cannot be moved out of singles to complete a doubles team.

This information will also be covered in the online rules video.

Approved by Consent

3. **Revise: V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings I. State Final Tournament and State Final Draw**

Recommendation: On Tuesday of Week 45, members of the IHSA Girls Badminton Seeding Committee will seed singles and doubles players and oversee the state final draw. The Committee shall prepare a list of seeded singles players and doubles teams based on information submitted online from List of Participants Form. Up to 16 singles players and 16 doubles teams will be seeded. The remainder of the draw, made by the computer, will place:

Teammates have to be on opposite halves (allows them to not meet until the finals of the back draw or the main draw)

Sectional mates have to be on different quarters (allows them to not meet until the semifinals of the back draw or the main draw)

First place sectional champ doesn't play any seeded player in the first round

All other players will be filled in randomly

Rationale: The committee felt this will greatly simplify the process, it makes it more efficient, it takes the human element out of the process and allows for an equally random possibility of a good/bad draw for all singles players and doubles teams. This recommendation brings badminton in line with tennis, a like sport, and by simplifying the process it allows the computer program to function and still maintains the criteria of the draw.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** Add: Casebook III. The Game- Q- Is video review allowed to make a final ruling on a court?

A- Video review is not allowed to make any rulings. If a situation arises, where players cannot agree on a call, they should call for an official or a rules committee member to come to the court and make a determination.

Rational: This clarifies any misconceptions about the use of video review in IHSA sports and activities.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation:** Update the LOP to only allow 1 and 2 singles to be entered and 1 and 2 doubles to be entered. Coaches should not enter players or teams that will not be participating during the state series.

Rationale: Currently coaches are adding 4 singles and 4 doubles teams, which causes confusions at the sectional complex meeting, the sectional additional reminders for coaches to understand to include all alternates on roster and the remind coaches that once you select your #1 and #2 players on the LOP there is no substitution unless certified by the school principal as noted in these terms and conditions and the IHSA is contacted. Without the certification and IHSA contact the player will not show up in the sectional winner's report.

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3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends further instructions for how the anonymous voting is to take place at the state final seeding committee:

The committee selects the nominations for seeded players.

The players get bunched in rank order 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16.

The committee then votes on the kids 1-4, and selects their seeded positions.

The committee then votes on the 5-8 group on who is removed from the group and repeats the process for 9-12 and 13-16 until there are only 16 seeded players left.

Rationale: There was confusion at the 2016 meeting as to how the voting was to take place, this recommendation spells out the steps of the process.

Approved by Consent

4. **Recommendation:** In the event that we need lines persons at the state tournament, it is recommended that the Games Committee Members be on call to serve in this capacity (when they are not directly coaching their team on the court). When the needs for linespersons arise, an announcement would be made requesting available members of the Games Committee, who on not on the court coaching, to report to the court where linespersons are needed.

Rationale: This would guarantee a quicker response for 2 linespersons from the pool of existing Games Committee Members.

- If approved this information will be placed on the Games Committee Member sign up form, each Games Committee Member will also receive a lanyard that identifies them in case their Games Committee shirt is being worn under a team jacket.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2015 Minutes.
 - a. The Committee recommends putting some kind of clarifying remarks on the minutes to explain where a recommendation died or to clarify that “no action taken” means. The “no action taken” phrase simply means that the committee, after discussing an item, didn’t make a recommendation for the item to advance to the Athletic Director’s Advisory Committee.
2. The Committee discussed the State Finals.
 - a. They talked about the flip chart volunteers and phone use. It is important to remember that the flip chart folks are volunteers and many times they are using their phones to time the warm ups. It is also important to note that the flip chart score is not the official match score.
 - b. A note will be made for the coaches meeting as well as to the spectators that the flip chart is not the official score.
 - c. The committee recommended to bring back the big brackets that are posted in the lobby or finding some way to project or display the brackets digitally.
 - d. The committee recommended adding the school name to the online brackets so fans could more easily follow where schools are playing.

3. The Committee discussed the use of the Wilson birds at the State Finals. Wilson is the comprehensive ball sponsor for the IHSA and as long as the contract is in place, no new birds can be used in the IHSA State Series.
 - a. Stacey is working with Wilson to increase the number of tubes schools receive for the sectional, but the current number of tubes is part of the comprehensive contract.
 - b. Stacey is going to work with Wilson to see about testing out the 100's and research the price difference.
 - c. Stacey will put instructions in the sectional complex host information to explain the distribution of the birds and that the school with 6 teams gets an extra tube if available
4. The Committee discussed LOP release time as early as possible on Monday. No further action was taken.
5. The Committee discussed sectional complex release dates. Prior to NEXT year, 2017-18 the sectional complexes will be redone. No further action was taken.
6. The Committee discussed posting an excel spreadsheet on the girls badminton page of the sectional brackets for coaches to use as the sectional host. A bracket will be posted prior to the 2017 state series.
7. The Committee discussed the online rules video and how to "spice it up" with new information for coaches. Stacey will continue to work with a few coaches this fall to add to the online rules video.
8. The Committee discussed uniforms and writing on the back of the jerseys. No further action was taken.
9. The Committee discussed moving the state final seeding meeting to a location in the south suburbs. The recommendation has been taken under advisement.
10. The Committee discussed only seeding 8 singles and 8 doubles. The committee made no motion to approve this recommendation.
11. The Committee discussed the sectional complex groups in the terms and conditions and the manual. It was determined that the number 25 represented the individual entry.
12. The Committee thanked Cyndi Dyrkacz and Matt Wrobel for their service to the committee.