

MINUTES OF THE 2015-16 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 26, 2016

The IHSA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Jeff Froelich, Dwight; Michael Sitter, Elgin (H.S.); John Terry, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North); Dave Phelps, Mt. Sterling (Brown Co.); Chelsea Buher, (Lawrenceville), and Richard Fisher, Sugar Grove. Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Members absent were Louis Adams, Chicago (Orr) and Heather Cassady, Dunlap.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section VI. B. 4) Tournament Structure and Time Schedule

Recommendation: The committee recommends moving the State Final start times of the sessions for Boys' and Girls' Basketball to 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. This would move the start of the first game in each session to 11:12 a.m. (approx.) and 5:42 p.m. The second game in each session would then begin approximately 30 minutes following the completion of the first game

Rationale: Adjusting the start times 1 hour earlier will allow the last game of the day to conclude at a more reasonable time for participants, fans and volunteers.

Approved

2. Boys Section VI. C. 2) a) Sessions: Class 2A and 4A Regional Championship

Recommendation: In the event that a Class 2A or 4A boys team is playing in a Regional final and their Girls' team is playing in the State semifinals at Redbird Arena on the same night, the Boys' Regional final will be moved to the following day (excluding Sunday) and begin at 12:00 p.m. If the pre-assigned host site cannot host on the next day, a neutral, agreed-upon site will be found after consulting with the involved schools.

Rationale: This change will allow the affected schools' administrators, staff, family and students the ability to support the teams at both the State Finals and the Regional championship game.

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THREE POINT SHOWDOWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None forwarded

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. STATE ADOPTIONS

Recommendations: The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2016-17 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: used only in regular season tournaments with no changes to the provisions of its use
- b. 14' Coaches Box
- c. State Final Time Outs: teams have full allotment to use during games

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of 2015 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the new IHSA By-laws that will go into effect next year.
3. The committee discussed the following current IHSA By-laws that cause issues for member schools:
 - A. Conditioning Programs may occur year-round and cannot be sport specific unless during the 25-day contact period.
 - B. High School Coaches are not able to schedule individual off season workouts with their high school players.
 - C. Open Gyms: School Board Policy will dictate
4. The committee reviewed the recently completed 2016 State Finals. The committee inquired about the attendance at the Boys' tournament. IHSA staff indicated that early reports show the attendance for the Boys' 3A/4A tournaments was up from last year, but the 1A/2A attendance was down slightly. From a review of the numbers, State Final attendance is generally tied to those schools that qualify for the State Finals. When competing schools with fan bases that follow their teams qualify, attendance is up. When the reverse is the case, attendance tends to decline.
5. The committee discussed the use of Sub-Sectionals, particularly in 3A/4A. The committee reviewed various pieces of correspondence that were received by IHSA staff during the season. Committee members were encouraged to reach out to IHSA staff or Board of Directors if they have concerns or questions about the assigning policy and the use of Sectionals and Sub-Sectionals.
6. In reviewing correspondence, the committee expressed the following thoughts:
 - A. online seeding is working
 - B. using the top 2 seeds as hosts could create scheduling issues at some schools
 - C. assigning schools to Regional tournaments in Sub-Sectionals based on true seeds would likely be preferred
 - D. having pre-determined Regional sites is more preferred from a planning perspective
7. The committee reviewed a correspondence that requested having the higher seed host Regional quarterfinals instead of the pre-assigned host school. After thoughtful discussion, the committee did not make any recommendation on this matter.

8. The committee discussed the potential interest and need for a shot clock in high school basketball. IHSA staff shared with the committee options available to the association at this time, which include: not adopting a clock, ask the NFHS to experiment using the shot clock or submit a rules proposal to the NFHS.
9. The committee discussed their concern about the aging population of high school basketball officials and what the IHSA can do to increase their numbers. Working with the Association's Sportsmanship and Student Advisory Committees to reiterate the importance of expected fan behaviors was mentioned as one strategy that could help this situation.
10. Advisory Committee term expirations: Louis Adams, Heather Cassady, and Jeff Froelich.
11. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 25, 2017.