

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2016

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Joseph Hohrein Jr, Boys and Girls Coach from Chicago (DePaul College Prep); Patty Lange, Girls Coach From Marengo; Mike Strode, Athletic Director from Romeoville; Kevin Crandall, Athletic Director from Rochelle; Jill Heick, Girls Coach from Decatur (MacArthur); Lance Nagle, Boys Coach from Taylorville; and Marcus Barriger, Boys/Girls Coach from Belleville (East). Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Todd Moeller, Athletic Director from O'Fallon (H.S.) and Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.) and Girls' Tournament Manager: Ann Buja from The Cherry Bowl. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Revise: VII. Advancement of Winners (NEW) F. (reorder section VII.)

Recommendation: Regional/Sectional Individual Advancement Alternates- If an individual bowler from a given regional or sectional cannot participate in the sectional or state final, as certified by the high school principal or AD, the next eligible bowler from the regional or sectional will advance in that place. The principal or AD from the high school of the bowler withdrawing from the competition MUST notify the IHSA in writing by 4:15pm on the Tuesday prior to the next level of competition. The IHSA will notify the new advancing individual by 8:30 am Wednesday morning. After the stated deadlines have passed no alternate bowler will be filled for the open position.

Rationale: This gives bowlers the opportunity to advance when another bowler is unable to compete through the state series.

Approved

2. Update: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 4) Ball Certification

Recommendation: Remove "Bowling ball certification should be done prior to the state series competition." And "Note- A charge of \$4.00 per bowling ball will be assessed bowlers at the state final to certify a bowling ball."

Rationale: This wording caused confusion among coaches who felt they still needed to find a certification form on the IHSA website.

Approved

3. Revise: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: Adjust the boys and girls state final start time to 9 am. Adjust the girls Friday's lunch period to 45 minutes.

The time schedule to start the day would be as follows:

7:30 a.m. Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches.

8:00 a.m. Doors open to the general public

8:15 a.m. Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)

8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

8:45 a.m. Warm up for Round 1

9:00 a.m. First Round

Rationale: Coach would like to see the state finals start more along the times of the regional/sectionals and recommend 9 am as the start time. This adjustment also assists coaches who are traveling to get on the road sooner during the winter when weather could become an issue and have more daylight to drive in. The current hour lunch period is too long, the girls have plenty of time to eat and be prepared to bowl again within the 45 minute time period.

Approved

4. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform (New) 6 (reorder remaining)

Recommendation: Bowling balls in competition area -- Bowlers are limited to no more than 2 bowling balls per competitor in the pit area. Any additional ball would be required to be stored in a tote or on a ball rack adjacent to the pit area that is identified by the tournament management.

Rationale: This should help eliminate the equipment issues that are occurring in the pit areas. Players are traditionally loading the area with too many bowling balls that aren't being used and are just clogging up space. Bowling balls are also being stored unsafely. By limiting the number of bowling balls to 2 per player should help with storage and space issues. Coaches are reminded to help their players use safe storage options such as ball cups, ball carts, etc. to keep the pit area safe and organized.

Approved

5. Revise: VII. Advancement of Winners F. Regional/Sectional Individual Tie Breaker and J. State Final Individual Tie Breaker

Recommendation: Adjust the wording so that tie breakers take place on a neutral pair of lanes.

Rationale: Last year at the girls state finals a roll-off took place and the girls were on opposite ends of the house creating confusion as to when the practice ball was rolled and when the competition ball was rolled. Moving the players on neutral pairs of lanes will allow the players to know when each other are rolling, use the same oil, and give spectators the opportunity to watch both player compete

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the 2015 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
 - a. They talked about boys and girls state tournament sites.
 - b. They talked about how regional and sectional groupings are made and the IHSA Board policy.
 - c. They talked about the possibility of moving to two classes. Stacey reported the number of schools needed to enter was 350. We are currently at 231 for girls and 205 for boys.
3. The committee discussed the bowling ball certification and the lack of the form for the 2015-16 season. They also discussed the method of removing a bowling ball from competition. Wording was updated for the Terms and Conditions but no further action was taken.
4. The committee discussed parent coaching and private coaching during the season. The committee felt that coaches should work with their school administration to deal with trouble parents. The committee recommends that an additional note is put in the online rules video as well as information put in the tournament manager packet to announce to fans during the state series. Coaches and conferences can adopt this for the regular season as they see fit.

5. The committee discussed the substitution rule and the ability to add subs throughout the game and allowing a sub for the 10th frame fill ball. No further action was taken.
6. The committee discussed the state final oil pattern. Stacey is working with Kegel, the oil and lane machine company, on the oil pattern. The pattern will be produced by Kegel, independent of the state final host sites. No pattern will be posted prior to the state final. The shot will be put out for the first time on Thursday, so that all bowlers will have the same opportunity to practice on the pattern.
7. The committee discussed competition dates and increasing the number. The number of competition dates is really affecting the small schools who are looking to compete. Small schools who are not part of a conference are having a hard time filling their schedule or even competing without driving incredible distances. This would give those small schools the opportunity to increase their participation during the season. A Rockford area school is looking to put together a recommendation to the Legislative Commission for the October, 2016 meeting.
8. The committee discussed adjusting the state series format so that the boys and girls state series alternated week by week and the state finals ended one week apart. The rationale was to help coaches who coached both the boys and girls teams and were splitting time between the boys post season and the end of the girls regular season. No further action was taken.
9. The committee discussed hosting and how centers and get their name on the list. Interested parties will contact Stacey via email about hosting. No further action was taken.
10. The committee thanked Jill Heick for her years of service.