

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 5, 2017

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Committee members participating were: Barb Barrows, Naperville (Neuqua Valley); Tim Hamman, Palatine (Fremd); Scott Hagel, Wauconda; Gary Steiger, Palatine (H.S.); and Kathy Krebs, Crete. Also in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director Jerry Dobbs. Not in attendance was Kim Hostman, Geneva.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

Recommendation: -Add **H. State Series Dress Code** Coach's Professional Attire – (Violators will be asked to leave the field of play) The following coach's professional attire is required at all competitive sessions, scheduled warm-up sessions and event training sessions.

1. Closed toe shoes, no sandals.
2. Slacks, warm-up pants, hemmed "dress" shorts, skirts and dresses. No denim or "cargo style" – defined as having large flap pockets with a button or snap closure on the front and/or side of the thigh.
3. Collared shirts with slacks or dress shorts, a collared shirt with warm up pants. Note: a team "T-shirt" will be allowed at meets prior to conference and championship meets.
4. No hats.
5. No backpacks while spotting.
6. Coaches are permitted to wear their team T-shirt at meets during the regular season, up to but not including the Conference Championship meet at the end of the season.

Rational: Outlines proper and appropriate attire for competing coaches.

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2. (GIRLS) IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES B. State Final Passes: 1. Team qualifiers

Recommendation: Add **e. Only the five competitors that are competing on that event are allowed in the corrals at the State Final.**

Rationale: Teams have not been cooperative with State Final management in following the current practice. Too many gymnasts on the competition floor impedes with the judges' visibility and event access for competitors and state final management.

Approved

3. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES B. Base Scoring

Recommendation: For the regional, sectional and state final meets, the judges shall do pre-meet base scoring by using DVD's furnished by the IHSA Office.

Rationale: The IHSA will communicate to host sites what technology is needed for the base scoring meeting when they send out the scoring program information to all host schools. DVD's are becoming outdated and many schools no longer have this technology available.

Approved

4. (GIRLS) VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES C. Equipment

Recommendation: 1. At the regional and sectional levels, schools will be permitted to use their own sting mats and safety collars. Sting Mats/Safety Collars: At the state meet, schools will not be permitted to use sting mats ~~and safety collars~~ other than those provided by the state meet hosts.

Rationale: Many teams currently bring their safety collars to the state finals. For safety purposes, teams are more comfortable with the safety collars they use throughout the season than those provided by the state meet host.

Approved

5. (BOYS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

Recommendation: Add A. **Sectional Host Seeds will be posted on the IHSA website for 48 hours to verify accuracy; once assignments are made seeds will be final.**

Rational: Seeding information is submitted by coaches and posting scores online will allow coaches the opportunity to verify the scores and contact the IHSA Office with any discrepancies before hosts are confirmed and assignments are posted.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) Judges placement at the State Finals

Recommendation: At the State Final judges will be seated together on opposite sides of each event, in pairs.

Rational: This will allow for a more functional competition floor and efficient meet.

Approved

2. (BOYS) Edit the Team Seeding Information

Recommendation: Seeding Policy 2. The average of one half of team's total meets that has the 3 scores criterial will be used. **If there is an odd number of meets, then the team will average one meet above one-half. (For example, a team that competes in five meets will average three. A team that competes in four meets will average two. A team that competes in two meets will take the top score).**

Rationale: The additional language will provide clarity for the coaches regarding the seeding process.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2016 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girl's State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed incorporating the competitor number on the score that is flashed on the projection screen for each competing gymnast. The committee also discussed having a designated volunteer operating a computer with the TourneyWire software where a coach could check a gymnast's score throughout the meet.
4. Tracie Henry informed the committee that 2017 is the last year that Hinsdale (Central) High School will be hosting the Boys State Meet. Schools that are interested in hosting the Boys State Meet in 2018 and beyond are asked to have their athletic director express their interest to Tracie (thenry@ihsa.org) via email by May 5, 2017.
5. The committee discussed the requirement for girl's teams to have a score from a 2-judge panel on each event for seeding. The committee acknowledged that is difficult for some schools to find a meet with a 2-judge panel prior to seeding. However, the committee thought it was important to try the change for one more year prior to revising the policy.
6. The committee discussed the possibility of having a discounted ticket price for schools that wanted to allow their JV teams to attend the Boys and Girls State Finals. Tracie Henry is taking that feedback back to the IHSA to review.
7. The committee discussed the concerns from coaches regarding the current format for evaluating judges. In the current format, coaches can only select one event for the judge. Often at competitions, a judge will judge 2-3 events, but there is no way to indicate that in the current format. The committee discussed if there is was a way to allow for coaches to check multiple events for a judge per evaluation. Tracie Henry informed the group the current rating system only allows one rating per day, per judge. However, the coach could login to the Schools Center the following

day and rate the judge again on a different event. Coaches are encouraged to provide comments when rating judges as well.

8. The committee discussed the option of allowing each competitor 2 minutes of warm-up time at the State Meet. Host management estimated the warm-ups would need to begin about an hour earlier to accommodate for the additional warm-up time per competitor. The committee was not in favor of beginning warm-up time an hour earlier; warm-ups are currently conducted from 11:30 a.m.- 1:45 p.m.
9. The committee also reviewed proposals from the IHSGGCA regarding allowing a 15-minute touch warm-up at the halfway point at regional meets. The committee believed that the additional warm-up time was not necessary at the regional level. The IHSGGCA also submitted a proposal to increase the number of meets required from 6 to 8. Tracie Henry informed the committee that this was IHSA By-law 3.054 and would have to go through the Legislative Commission process.
10. Tracie Henry reviewed the By-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will affect Boys and Girls Gymnastics, specifically Proposal 8, which allows open gyms at off-site facilities used during athletic seasons. Currently the By-Law restricts open gyms to on-site facilities.
<http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/1153/IHSA-Schools-Approve-8-By-Law-Amendments.aspx>
11. Tracie Henry discussed the last year's concussion education program for all interscholastic coaches, marching band directors, and licensed athletic officials, which is a requirement of the [Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act \(SB 7\)](#) available in the IHSA Schools and Officials Center. The test is only required for a new coaches or officials. Officials and coaches that completed the test last year do not have any additional requirements this year.
12. The committee discussed the web-based TourneryWire Gymnastics scoring program that was supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State for both the Boys and Girls State Series. The committee recommended continuing the Regional and Sectional Manager conference calls, the committee reported that the calls were beneficial but suggested that it be optional for hosts to participate.
13. Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the process for IHSA By-law 3.101 which prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season
14. Tracie Henry recognized Kimberly Hostman, Tim Hamman, and Barb Barrows for their service to the committee.