

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 4, 2018

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Devon Radford, Boys Coach from Chicago (Mt. Carmel); Kenneth Lange, Girls Coach from Gurnee (Warren); Jeana Lietz, Principal, Oak Lawn (Community), Kevin Crandall, Athletic Director from Rochelle; and Marcus Barriger, Boys/Girls Coach from Belleville (East). Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.). Absent from the meeting was Lance Nagle, Boys Coach from Taylorville. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Modify: G. State Final Lane Assignments and Conditions

Recommendation: 1) **State Final Lane Conditions: It is required at the state finals, the bowling center put out a legal USBC House Shot to be approved by the IHSA. ~~This will be posted on the IHSA website prior to the tournament.~~ At the state finals, lanes will be oiled for round one (1) on Friday and Round three (3) on Saturday and at no other time.**

Rationale: After the last 2 years adjusting away from a house shot the committee felt it was important to stay true to the mission of the Association and use a house shot that would be fair to all participants. The shot will not be posted prior to the event, in order to give all schools, the same advantage to practice and learn the shot on Thursday and compete on Friday.

Approved

2. New: D. Cheering (reorder the rest of the section)

Recommendation: Bowlers shall not participate in any chanting, cheering, or noisemaking while on the approach.

Rationale: Bowlers are now initiating cheers on the approach and it is disrupting the flow of the game and the next bowler preparing to make their shot. It is turning into a purposeful distraction and a poor reflection in sportsmanship.

Approved

Administrative Recommendations:

1. Ladders

Recommendation: Hosts and host houses have the option to state that no ladders will be allowed in the facility during the state series. If ladders are not allowed hosts shall notify competing schools prior to the start of the event.

Rationale: The ladders spectators are using are becoming a safety issue. The committee felt that giving each host site the opportunity to make a decision based on their house set up would be the best way to ensure all spectators are kept safe if ladders are used.

Approved

2. State Final Oil Pattern

Recommendation:

The committee felt to stick with the language in the current Terms and Conditions to stay with a house shot. This will set the lanes condition standard as a house shot through the entire state series.

The committee recommends that whatever the current house shot is at the given center will be the shot for the state final tournament.

The shot will not be posted at any time prior to the event.

Rationale: This will make the state tournament consistent with the regionals and sectionals.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2017 Minutes.
 - a. Add information to form a games committee in the final reminder email that Stacey sends out prior to the regional/sectional tournaments.
 - b. Lee Kirshner has a scoring program called TournamentBowl.com, Lee is willing to help regional/sectional hosts to use this if they contact him. Stacey will work to see if we can sync up a program for regional and sectional scores to post. Vernon Hills and Warren also have options to look at. The idea would be to use a program like in golf where the school could post the information to their website.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
 - a. On the current LOP there is no spot to list the manager, is there any way to list a manager on the LOP so that person can enter the facility?
 - b. The girls pattern was good this year, it did break down different across the house, can we adjust the shot on 1 and 2 to make it play more like 7 and 8?
 - c. Stacey can look do different ways to randomize the state final draw on Friday.
 - d. Stacey and Ann will look to shift everything to the high end at the Cherry Bowl for Saturday's round.
3. The committee discussed the oil pattern for the boys and girls state finals.
 - a. The current oil pattern trend of moving toward a tougher modified house shot is eliminating our smaller programs who don't have the means or facilities to practice on harder shots prior to the state final.
4. The committee discussed limiting the number of fans per athlete. No further action was taken.
5. The committee discussed the size of ball carts and how they're allowed in the pit. Coaches are reminded to be conscientious of other schools in the pit area when bringing in their ball racks. No further action was taken.
6. The committee discussed setting a required number of lanes for a regional/sectional host. No set number was selected by the committee but hosts for regionals and sectionals should ensure they have at least one pair lanes in case of emergency. No further action was taken.
7. The committee discussed proper attire for the bowlers, too many bowlers in the pit area, and kids getting advice from parents. If another coach sees a player or team in question they should address the issue at the event with the rules committee at the given tournament. No further action was taken.
8. The committee discussed USBC sanctioning... coaches should contact their local USBC Youth Association to certify their entire season through sectionals to ensure the kids get rewarded for their honor scores. Stacey will put this information in the preseason online rules video.

9. The committee discussed Athletes with Disabilities and how to further promote bowling to schools across the state that may have interested bowlers. Mark Tubb from Mascoutah would like to promote a video. Stacey will work to get further information put together with Mark and Marcus to place in the all school mailing as well as on the AWD website and in the school center so schools know about the opportunities that are available for their students.
10. The committee discussed the season set up for boys and girls and how to move the girls season up or alternate the post season weeks to help those coaches out who coach both boys and girls. No further action was taken.
11. The committee discussed the center providing water for the bowlers or allow the bowlers to bring water in during the state series.
12. The committee discussed t-shirt sales at the regional/sectional sites and how to work with a licensed vendor. No further action was taken.
13. The committee thanked Lance Nagle, Kevin Crandall, and Marcus Barringer for their years of service.