

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2018

The IHSA Boys and Girls Golf Advisory Committee met via conference call, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Committee members participating were: Brian Glorioso, Chicago (St. Patrick); Melissa Mason, Palos Hills (Stagg); Brent Rademacher, Bismarck (B.-Henning); Mark Longo, Quincy (Notre Dame); and Laurie Glass, Metropolis (Massac County). IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert were also in attendance. Members not in attendance were: Ann Christiansen, Huntley; and Brad Sweet, Machesney Park (Harlem).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES C. PAIRING PROCEDURES d.

Recommendation: - After the first day of competition at the state finals, the field will be reduced to the top 8 teams (and ties) and the top 24 individuals (and ties) not on the top 8 teams. For the final day of the state finals, pairings will be made on the scores shot during the first day of the state finals.

Approved

2. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES H. STATE FINAL COMPETITION

Recommendation: If State Final play begins on Friday, but the opening round is cancelled (not suspended) that day because of weather, scores made on Friday will not be counted, and Saturday's round will be the first and final round for the state tournament. *When the first day is cancelled or suspended due to weather or some other reason, no cut will be made.* If, on the other hand, the opening round is completed on Friday and play cannot occur or is cancelled on Saturday, the State Championship will be determined on the basis of the scores posted on Friday.

Approved

3. VIII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS D. DAY 1 TO DAY 2 OF THE STATE FINALS [NEW; other sections will be re-lettered]

Recommendation:

- a. Members of the top eight (8) teams (and ties) after Day 1 of the State Finals will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals.
- b. The top 24 individual scores (and ties) of all remaining players not on one of the top eight teams will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals.
- c. All players who play on Day 2 of the State Finals are eligible for individual honors.

Rationale: This series of recommendations would reduce the field for day 2 of the state finals by an approximate one-third. This modest reduction would still allow all qualifiers to have a memorable State Final experience, would improve the pace of play for Saturday's round, and would ensure more time to complete the round if weather becomes an obstacle. After 10 years in two-class (for girls) and three-class (for boys), a growing disparity in scores between the top 2/3 and bottom 1/3 in all tournaments is occurring, making the event increasingly difficult for players. This proposal, while

breaking with a long-standing tradition, would, for the reasons explained above, create a better experience for participants and still allow, as mentioned, all qualifiers one day of play at the state finals. And in the event, weather or some other unforeseen circumstance prevents the first day from being completed, no reduction will be made and all players will play on the second day.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed a revised proposal first discussed at their December 2017 meeting. The proposal would reduce the field at the boys' and girls' state finals after Day 1 by 1/3. After 10 years in multiple class golf, a growing disparity in scores between the top and bottom of each class is occurring, and this disparity is beginning to negatively impact the event. While cognizant of the break with long-standing tradition this proposal brings, the committee believes the data supports making this modest adjustment to the field after the first day of the state finals.