

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Cross Country Advisory Committee
December 5, 2018**

The IHSA B/G Cross Country Advisory Committee met at the IHSA office in Bloomington, Illinois, on December 5, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Dan Daly, Coach, Chicago (Latin); Shari Hayes, A.D., St. Charles North (H.S.); Chris Baldwin, Coach, Oak Park (O.P. – River Forest H.S.); Dan Gray, Coach, Peoria (Notre Dame H.S.); Victoria McDonald, Principal, Robinson (H.S.); Harold Landon, Coach, Jersey Community (H.S.); Conrad Widdersheim, A.D., New Athens (H.S.); Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials, Rockford; Others in attendance, Mike Stokes, (ITCCCA); John Polka, Oak Park; Matt Haffner, St. Ignatius (H.S.); Brien Dunphy, Meet Manager, Peoria H.S.; Jerry Riebling, State Final Scorer; Kraig Garber, IHSA, Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VII.A&B – Advancement of Winners

a. Regional to Sectional:

In Class 1A the first seven (7) placing teams and the first five (5) runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition at the site to which they are assigned. In addition, in the event the 6th or 7th ~~or 8th~~ place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such 6th or 7th ~~or 8th~~ place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

In Classes 2A and 3A the first six (6) placing teams and the first five (5) runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition at the site to which they are assigned. In addition, in the event the 6th or 7th ~~or 8th~~ place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such 6th or 7th ~~or 8th~~ place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

X.A – Regional Awards

1) Individual: Medals will be awarded to the first ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) placing runners.

Rationale: The current policy allows for eight (8) potential individual competitors to advance from Regionals to Sectionals. However, in the event that this occurs, only five of those competitors receive medals per the Terms and Conditions. This change would allow for up to seven (7) competitors to advance from Regionals to Sectionals while ensuring that all of those who advance receive a medal. This would also make awarding those who advance from Regionals to Sectionals consistent with that of awarding those who advance from Sectionals to the State Final.

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2. VII.B – Advancement of Winners

Sectional to State Final:

The first ~~five (5)~~ six (6) placing teams ... will advance to the State Final meet.

Rationale: There have been cases in very competitive Sectional meets where the 4th or 5th place teams have finished in the top 10 teams at the State Final meet. This one team increase would ensure that more strong teams from competitive Sectional meets get a chance to run at the State Final meet. The State Final site could accommodate such an increase in teams.

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The Cross Country Advisory committee reviewed and discussed the following topics which were submitted by state series hosts and others. None of these items advanced beyond this committee.

1. The potential for eliminating Regionals or reducing the number of Regional meets was discussed at length. The committee expressed a desire to seek feedback from the membership regarding this.
2. There was a discussion regarding the IHSA season limitations outlined in the By-laws.
3. The committee discussed whether a contingency plan should be considered in the event, that for any reason, Detweiller Park is unusable for the State Meet.
4. The committee discussed whether hip numbers will still be necessary. The TSO expressed that they are still relevant and helpful in the review process.
5. The committee discussed some circumstances regarding parking at Detweiller Park during the State Final meet.
6. The committee discussed the possibility of seeding the State Final meet to determine box assignments instead of the random draw for box assignments. Members of the committee were interested in getting more information regarding this.
7. The committee discussed the IHSA policy for determining if a sport or activity will award three team trophies or four team trophies at State Final events.
8. The committee discussed the potential of allowing State Series meets to be conducted on days other than Saturday.
9. It was brought to the committee's attention that next year will mark the 50th State Final meet to be hosted by Peoria High School at Detweiller Park.