

MINUTES OF THE 2018-19 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23, 2019

The IHSA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Gary DeCesare, Chicago (St. Rita); Lance Huber, Carpentersville (Dundee-Crown); Matthew Shoaff, Bethany (Okaw Valley); J.R. Boudouris, Rochester (H.S); Kevin Wolff, Carmi (C.-White County) and Todd Reichert, Quincy. Also in attendance: Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Joe Kilbride, Lisle (Benet Academy) and Megan McCracken-Delp, Rock Island (Alleman)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section VI. C. 1 a) 2) (new) Tournament Structure and Time Schedule Sessions: Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Regional Tournaments:

Recommendation: All Regional schedules include one day off between the semifinal games and the final game.

Rationale: This schedule ensures each team has an opportunity to prepare and rest prior to the Regional final.

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2. Boys and Girls Section VI. C. a) 3) (new) Tournament Structure and Time Schedule Sessions: Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Regional Tournaments:

Recommendation: The committee recommends the Regional play-in or quarterfinal game be played at the higher seed team.

Rationale: Potential to reduce travel and creates less of a burden to the host school. If the schools in the play-in game chose not to host, then the pre-determined Regional site must host the game. If the pre-determined Regional site does not host the quarterfinal game, then the host guarantee will be reduced.

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3. Boys and Girls Section V. E. Note: (new) and V. F. Note: (new)

Recommendation: The committee recommends if a school does not seed, that school will not have the opportunity to host a state series game for 3 years.

Rationale: Each school entering the state series has the responsibility to complete the Season Summary form and seed each team in the Sub-Sectional or sectional. Non participation negatively affects the seeding process and is unfair to those schools who do seed.

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4. Boys and Girls Section V. D. Note: (new)

Recommendation: The committee recommends limiting the Coach's Comments box in the Season Summary Form to 200 characters.

Rationale: This limit helps keep comments concise and to the point. Comments should focus on the coach's own team, highlight significant issues within their own team and mention results of common opponents.

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THREE POINT SHOWDOWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section IV. A. 2) Access to Facility:

Recommendation: The committee recommends there are no limit to the number of fans who wish to support their 3-point shooter.

Rationale: Since the 3-pt contest is open to all fans, there should be not be a limit to the number of fans watching the contest prior to the game. After the contest, if a fan does not have a ticket to the game, that fan must leave the facility.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. State Adoptions

Recommendations: The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2019-20 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: will be used in all regular season contests, regular season tournament games **and through the Super-Sectional level in the IHSA State Series contests.** A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter in which there is at least a 30-point score differential. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:
 - A team timeout
 - An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
 - The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
 - An officials' timeout
 - Correctable error situation.

Note: The Mercy Rule will not be used during the Boys' or Girls' State Final contests.

- b. 28' Coaches Box

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of 2018 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the new IHSA By-laws that will go into effect for the 2019-20 school year.
3. The committee discussed how to incorporate the MaxPreps rankings as a tool for coaches to use when seeding the tournament.
4. The committee discussed the behaviors of teams which led to termination of games during regular and post season contests. They also discussed the possibility of teams shaking hands prior to the game when emotions are not running high, in place of shaking hands after the game.

5. The committee discussed the 6-6-4 and the 4-6-6 tournament structure change options that the IHSA Board of Directors has asked for feedback on from the membership. If the tournament structure were to change, the Basketball Advisory Committee prefers the 6-6-4 model. The committee prefers to keep the 3rd place game and play that game on the same night as the semifinal contests. They do realize that it's sometimes difficult for teams to fully get over their semi-final loss. The team still has a chance to end the season with a win.
6. The committee discussed expanding the roster size from 15 to 18 dressed players. No action was taken since coaches can make changes to the roster for every game during the state series. If a coach has 15 players in uniform, there are 7 additional bench personnel seats to be used by coaches and managers.
7. The committee reviewed the option to add a line item for "Security" to the host financial reports. This is to remind hosts administrators that the host school is responsible for arranging security during contests and the cost is a part of the host guarantee. Participating schools that bring their own security should work with and defer to the host school security protocols.
8. The committee requests the IHSA administrators review the facility survey seating capacity question and possibly break down the categories even further.
9. The committee reviewed the 2019-20 NFHS rule proposals. At the time of the meeting, the NFHS had not released the proposals passed. Committee members discussed some current NFHS rules: uniforms, halves vs quarters shot clock. The committee asked if a NFHS proposal can be made to extend the coaches box towards the score table. This will help coaches "coach" during the first half of the game.
10. Committee members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the top four seeds hosting the Regional games vs pre-determined sites. Some members were concerned with "seeding manipulation" if hosting a Regional was on the line.
11. The committee discussed assignment of officials for state series competitions.
12. The Committee thanked the following members for their service as their terms expired: Gary DeCesare, Megan McCracken-Delp and Matthew Shoaff.
13. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, April 15, 2020