

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 3, 2019

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Kenneth Lange, Girls Coach from Gurnee (Warren); Jeana Lietz, Principal, Oak Lawn (Community), Shane Tucker, Athletic Director from Biggsville (West Central); Jim Braet, Girls Coach, Rock Island (H.S.) and Rob Baser, Girls Coach from Decatur (Eisenhower). Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Ann Buja from Rockford, Todd Moeller, Athletic Director from O'Fallon, and Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.). Absent from the meeting was Devon Radford, Boys Coach from Chicago (Mt. Carmel) and Brad Goewey, Athletic Director from Centralia. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Modify: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 5. Bowling Ball Alteration:

Recommendation: In accordance with USA Interscholastic Bowling Rules, bowlers are allowed to alter the surface of the ball during warm-ups and between rounds by using abrasives such as sandpaper, scotch brights, liquid abrasive, and polishing machines. During play, bowlers will be limited to following current USBC rules in terms of ball cleaning. Abrasives and polishing machines are prohibited.

Rationale: With the upcoming changes to USBC Rules the committee feel that this wording change will ensure that the Terms and Conditions are up to date and stay up to date.

Stacey will put a link under Resources on both the boys and girls page to the specific rule about ball cleaners and polishes.

Approved by Consent

2. Modify: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 1) Uniforms:

Recommendation: All competitors shall appear in appropriate matching tops and bottoms for their schools bowling uniform. All players, team and individual, and coaches shall conform to the dress code provisions. Slacks, shorts, turtlenecks, sports shirts with collars, T-shirts with a commercially lettered school name and logo, nice jeans and/or skirts are acceptable team apparel. Unacceptable apparel includes but is not limited to tank tops, cut offs, T-shirts that advertised alcohol, drugs or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear and/or boxer type shorts, and lettering or graphics across the back of the pants.

Rationale: The Committee feels it is time for the individual bowlers to wear a uniform with the school name or insignia on it. This will ensure that all bowlers are able to be easily identified during competition.

Approved by Consent

3. Modify: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 2) Regional/Sectional Seeding Information:

Recommendation: At the regionals and sectionals, teams will not be seeded. Regional participants will be placed in their lanes based on luck of the draw. Sectional participants will be placed on their lanes based on their finish in the regional by using the chart in the Manual for Schools and Hosts. In the Bowling Chair Class, individuals will be assigned their lanes for the entire post season based on the luck of the draw.

Rationale: The Committee felt that this wording need to be updated to reinforce that hosts need to use the chart in the manual for sectional lane assignments.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. 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 a USBC house shot be used 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 by Consent

2. Host Check List

Recommendation:

The committee recommends that a spot be added on the host check list to ensure a USBC rule book is present at all post season events.

Rationale: The committee felt this recommendation, will ensure that hosts don't assume a book will be present only to find one isn't available until it is needed. Stacey will also update the link to the rules book online to reflect the upcoming USBC Rules changes.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed 2018 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
 - a. It was reported that the lane block adjustments were a welcome change.
 - b. The 2 day pass and digital ticketing has also really helped with crowd control when entering the facility.

3. The committee discussed putting together a slide for the rules video for first year coaches coming to the state finals. There are a lot of things to remember and the committee felt this would be one more way to help folks navigate the time between sectionals and state. Some preliminary ideas for the slide are:
 - i. Schedule your practice times with the facility
 - ii. Oil pattern will not be posted, but will be down for practice on Thursday
 - iii. Notify parents/fans about digital ticket/ 2 day pass
 - iv. All bowling balls must be certified prior to event (there is no form)
4. The committee discussed selecting a neutral, centrally located state final site. Stacey reviewed the request for proposal process with the committee. No further action was taken.
5. The committee discussed the size of ball carts and how many bowling balls a team would need to compete comfortably. No further action was taken.
6. The committee discussed the USBC rule change in regard to ball cleaning during play. The rule change will go into effect in August 2019. No further action was taken.
7. The committee discussed team managers and the lack of a pass list at the state finals. No further action was taken.
8. The committee discussed the cost for sectionals per game. Stacey will start tracking the amount across the state for further discussion.
9. The committee discussed the time schedule for the girls bowling state final. No further action was taken.
10. The committee thanked Rob Baser and Kenneth Lange for their years of service.