

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 2019

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Committee members participating were: Sandra Coughlin, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South); Zack Crandall, Arlington Heights; John Grundke, LaGrange (Lyons); Kathy Krebs, Crete ; Andy Morreale, (DeKalb); and Frank Novakowski, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West). Also, in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director Jerry Dobbs.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (BOYS) Terms and Conditions. G. Individual State Meet- Order of Performance

Recommendation: Change conflict to read: The order of performance for the individual finals shall be made according to a random draw. Conflicts on events shall be handled at the time of the competition and the individual with a conflict shall be dropped ~~5~~ **6** positions.

Rationale: Allows for additional rest for the competitor that is competing in multiple events in finals. At no time during the regular season or State Series, would an athlete compete with less rest than 6 positions.

Approved by Consent

2. (BOYS) Administrative Recommendation: Boys Gymnastics Manual State Meet Warm Up Schedule Individuals pg. 20

Recommendation: Session 2: Individual Competition- A maximum of ~~15~~ **12** minutes for each rotation will be provided if necessary, one minute per competitor. ~~When a Bye is listed this will be an open warm up. Time will be reduced depending on the number of sectional qualifiers.~~

Rationale: Allows athletes who competed on Friday additional rest time Saturday morning. Athletes would start their warm-up closer to competition time and the allotted time for warm-up would be the same amount granted at Sectionals.

Approved by Consent

3. (GIRLS) IX TOURNAMENT POLICIES A. Presale Tickets:

Recommendation: Each school advancing a team to the State Final team competition will receive an allotment of 100 single-session tickets for each session and 50 season tickets (including a single-session tickets for each session at the single-session ticket price multiplied by three) for sale in advance. Each of the four schools qualifying ranked teams for the State Final meet shall receive an additional allotment of 50 single-session tickets for advance sale. **Digital tickets will be available for sale online at: www.ihsa.org**

Rationale: Teams are not selling the allotments. It is now more convenient to purchase tickets online.

Approved by Consent

4. (GIRLS) Terms and Conditions. VI Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: A. Regional and Sectional Assignments: The IHSA Office will assign all schools entering the state series to one of four (4) Sectional complexes. At the Sectional Seeding Meetings, the teams will be assigned to a Regional, and the Regional sites will be **predetermined after the Sectional Seeding Meetings on a geographical basis and willingness to host. Each Sectional will contain four regional sites.** The seed number and the school's ability to host at their school will determine the first choice of hosting a regional rather than the highest seeded team in a regional. ~~When the first seeded team in a regional declines to host the regional at their school, then the next seeded team in a regional has the opportunity.~~ The Regional team assignments will be based on the seeds determined by the coaches, with the assignments to be as follows:

- Regional A: Seeds 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24
- Regional B: Seeds 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23
- Regional C: Seeds 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22
- Regional D: Seeds 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21

In cases where a conflict rises with pre-determined hosts and seeds, the IHSA administrator can make an adjustment. Seeds will be posted online on the IHSA website for 24 hours to verify accuracy; once assignments are made seeds will be final.

Rationale: Allows more time and notice for Athletic Administrators to schedule their facilities and plan for hosting and staffing girls' regionals.

Approved by Consent

**5. (BOYS) X. AWARDS B. State Final
(GIRLS) X AWARDS C. State Final**

Recommendation: Increase number of individual medallions awarded to the following:
In addition, individual medallions shall be awarded to the winners of the first ~~five (5)~~ **ten (10)** places in each individual event and All-Around and to the members of the first, second and third place teams.

Rational: The committee believes that placing in the top 10 as an individual is worthy of medal recognition. This change would align the number of individuals receiving medals in gymnastics with other individual sports.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) Scoresheet

Recommendation: Edit the Illinois specific scoresheet to include additional details for event requirements.

Rational: The information added to the scoresheet will provide coaches with needed feedback to educate themselves and their gymnasts.

Approved by Consent

2. (Girls) Manual for Schools and Managers

Recommendation: 1. Regional/Sectional/State Final. Warm-up rotations must follow competition order.

Rationale: Creates equity in the warm-up rotation and allows for equal rest for all athletes.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2018 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girl's State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed format change that occurred in 2019 for Saturday's Individual Finals alternating vaulting and uneven bars followed by balance beam and floor, the change was favorable.

4. The committee discussed the Boy's State Meet at Hoffman Estates High School. The meet was well organized and managed by Hoffman Estates. The feedback for improving the State Meet was to have student gymnasts attending on Friday or Saturday who are not competing come into the venue early by purchasing digital tickets. It was recommended to look for options to improve the competition equipment.
5. The committee discussed marketing the Girls Gymnastics State Meet to the Boys Gymnastics teams and the Boys Gymnastics State Meet to the Girls Gymnastics teams to increase attendance. The committee also discussed working with the coaches associations to market the State Meet to alumni.
6. Tracie Henry informed the group about the current officials rating system through the IHSA Schools Center. The system now allows coaches to rate officials on the same day on multiple events. Coaches are encouraged to rate judges on as many events as possible and to provide comments when rating judges as well.
8. The committee discussed the web-based TourneyWire Gymnastics scoring program that is supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State for both the Boys and Girls State Series. The committee recommended talking with Ben Stewart to see if there is a way to decrease the refresh rate so scores would flash sooner when using the program for live scoring at the State Meets.
9. Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the process for IHSA By-law 3.101 which prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season. Non-school participation requests can only be accessed by school administrators through the IHSA Schools Center website.
10. The committee discussed adding a couple of slides to the online rules video that address IHSA Policy 18. Grouping and Seeding the State Tournament Series: The Geographic Principal of IHSA State Tournaments Series.
10. The committee discussed the seating of officials, specifically at the girl's state meet. Judges will be seated together on opposite sides at each event in pairs, when space at the venue allows.
11. The committee reviewed the NFHS Rules book language for exhibition performances allowed at meets. It was discussed that exhibition gymnasts scores cannot count towards seeding.