

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2019

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Dr. Kevin Gallick, Chicago (Washington); Rich Grady, Deerfield (H.S.); Carlos Villanueva, Hillside (Proviso West); Seger Larson, Oregon; Heather Greer, Pleasant Plains; Mark Heiderscheid, Edwardsville (H.S.); Mike Moore, Official (Park Ridge) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance Marty Ruberry, Kankakee (Bishop McNamara).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section VIII. B. 1 a) Resolution of Tie Games:

Recommendation: Eliminate the coins toss between end of the first round (best of five kicks) and the beginning of the second round (sudden-victory kicks) of the tie-breaker

Rationale: The current procedure often creates confusion for officials, players, and coaches. There is often a delay during the tie-breaker when the officials must again gather the captains from each team after the first set of five kicks. Allowing for just one coin toss prior to the start of kicks from the mark will allow the procedure to continue without interruption, and remove the delay created by the second coin toss.

Approved by Consent

2. Boys and Girls Section VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, D. Team Roster; and F. Players in Team Uniform:

Recommendation: An injured player, who has been declared medically unable to play, shall not be dressed in the team uniform. The injured player may sit in the team area during a contest if roster limitations are not exceeded.

Rationale: This would ensure that an injured player, who has not been cleared medically, does not enter a game which may expose the player to potential further injury.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2019-20 seasons.

Rationale: The state association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Approved by Consent

2. 9. Straight Red Card Count:

Recommendation: The committee recommends the creation of a drop-down menu for officials reporting red cards using the NFHS rules 8-2 a., b., c, d.1-4, e. f. and g.

Rationale: The committee wishes to review the individual breakdown of red cards reported during each season.

Approved by Consent

3. 4. B. (new) Official's Jurisdiction:

Recommendation: At the conclusion of the game, the officials shall convene at a location on the field away from the handshake procession. It is preferred that this location be predetermined, however, the location can be changed as circumstances dictate. Officials will remain on the field in a position to observe the handshake procession but shall maintain such a distance so that they are not directly involved.

Rationale: The conclusion of postseason games can be dramatic for many participants. Having the officials go to a designated area away from the handshake procession will ensure that participants do not have an opportunity to negatively engage the officials so soon after the conclusion of the game. Participants will still have an opportunity to shake hands with the officials; however, this encounter will be separate from the post-game handshake. This will allow for a "cooling off" period for participants who may be inclined to direct negative comments at the officials immediately after the conclusion of the game.

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ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2018 meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2019 -20 school year were reviewed. The minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee on Classification were reviewed.
3. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser.
4. The committee discussed the seeding process and how to encourage coaches to be better informed for accurate seeds. The committee thought every coach needs to be more accountable when seeding for the tournament and there should be a consequence to coaches/schools who do not submit a season summary form or complete the seeding process. A brief discussion was had if the seed meeting should be moved closer to the start date.
5. The committee shared concerns on games held on grass fields that are not in good condition or on narrow fields. Also, they noted that hosts with lighted fields are encouraged to host.
6. The committee discussed the IHSA Grouping and Seeding Policy regarding Sectional and Sub-Sectional assignments.

7. The committee also discussed potential Super-Sectional host sites in Chicago. The committee also discussed the process in choosing the state final sites.
8. The committee reviewed the rules regarding participation in ID Camps and non-school team tryouts.
9. The committee discussed the pros and cons of adjusting the current overtime procedure (two ten-minute overtime periods) to different suggested formats. The committee thinks more feedback is needed from coaches.
10. The committee discussed the need for all NFHS and IHSA rules or state association adoptions to be consistently applied and followed by officials, coaches and players. Officials cannot disregard some rules and not others during the regular and post season games. When that occurs, confusion and needless issues arise.
11. The committee discussed the pros and cons of pushing back the start and end date of girls' soccer since it's difficult to start playing games in March. This would involve moving the 2/3A State Final to the same weekend as the Softball and Baseball 3/4A State Finals. The 2020 season will be a week later due to the calendar rolling. Is NCC available? A by-law proposal must be submitted by an Administrator from a member school to go through the legislative process.
12. The NFHS rule states that visiting teams must wear white jersey and socks and the home team must wear dark jerseys and socks.
13. The committee discussed how multiple governing bodies require coaches and officials to complete concussion education course. Is it possible for SMAC to recognize other concussion education curriculums so an individual must only pass one time and renew one time?
14. Next meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2020