

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 3, 2020

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met virtually, on Thursday, December 3, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Lisa Miller, Girls Coach at Chicago (University); Michelle Keenan, Boys/Girls Coach at Fox Lake (Grant); Tonya Grayson, Girls Coach at Newark; Jim Kann, Athletic Director and interim girls coach at Byron; Jane Stillman, Athletic Director at Champaign (Central); Gary Hickox, Girls Coach at Jacksonville; Josh Lane, Principal at Belleville (East); and Jackie Skryd, official, Naperville. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also present.

Terms and Conditions Recommendations

- I. None

Administrative Recommendation

- I. Recommendation: Seeding meetings, for all team bracketed sports, are held live online, hosted by the sectional host administrator (principal or AD). Coaches will turn in their season summary information online prior to the meeting which will then be made available to coaches for review, coaches will be expected to defend their position live during the virtual meeting to the entire sectional, and online seeding will open for coaches after the live virtual meeting concludes.

Rationale: When the Association went away from in person meetings, virtual meetings were not as prevalent as they are today. Moving to a virtual platform continues to be cost effective while allowing coaches to talk through their seasons, which has been greatly missed. This also gives coaches a chance to talk about any errors that may occur on their season summary form.

Died for Lack of Motion

- II. Recommendation: That for all team bracketed sports, strength of schedule be taken into consideration as one of the key components for seeding.

Rationale: Schools who enter tougher tournaments or play a tougher schedule are sometime punished over their record. In reality, many coaches take strength of opponents into consideration; therefore, it should be made a formal component of the seeding process. With the potential implementation of virtual seed meetings, coaches will have the opportunity to explain their schedule and their opponents.

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Items of Discussion

- I. The Committee reviewed the role of an Advisory Committee member and the process through which recommendation go.
- II. The Committee reviewed the 2019 minutes.
- III. The Committee asked that Stacey work to plan hosts in 3 year cycles. It becomes difficult in later rounds for hosts to find gym availability with basketball starting, this would give schools a heads up that they are a potential host site years out.

- IV. The Committee discussed the cost of line judges. Schools can offer other methods of payment outside of cash, such as volunteer hours, all sports pass, etc.
 - I. It was mentioned that it is different for officials to officiate with licensed line judges as opposed to student or parent line judges.
- V. The Committee discussed seeding and how to make this a smoother process with schools not knowing who people are or just looking at records and not opponents and level of play.
 - I. The Committee asked if we can include information about CPS tiers on seeding information so other schools know what division those teams are in. Schools outside of CPS never see teams play and don't know how to seed them without this information.
- VI. The Committee talked about the potential post season for upcoming boys and girls' seasons. Schools should leave the last week of their scheduled season open for a potential post season.
- VII. The Committee discussed how there will be an extreme lack of officials coming out of the shut down. If anyone is looking to join the officiating ranks or can be recruited, now is the time to start that process.
- VIII. The Committee recognized out-going committee members Gary Hickox and Jackie Skryd.