

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2021

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met online, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Rachael Nicholas, Coach at Chicago (Taft); Nicole Frye, Coach at Lake Forest (H.S.); Eve Muir-Wilson, Coach at Park Ridge (Maine South); Jill Albright, Coach at Oswego (East); Rachel Fassl, Coach at Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); and Paul Kelly, Principal at Elk Grove Village (E.G.). Michael Strode, Athletic Director at Romeoville (H.S.) was absent. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Recommendation: V. Tournament Assignments and Seedings Meetings D. Sectional Assignments:

Following the seeding of teams at the sectional complex meeting, schools will be assigned to a sectional based on each team's seeds. Each team will be placed in a sectional based on the following structure.

Sectional A will be assigned these seeded teams: 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24;

Sectional B will be assigned these seeded teams: 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23;

Sectional C will be assigned these seeded teams: 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22;

Sectional D will be assigned these seeded teams: 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21

Individual entries should be seeded fairly based on the individual's caliber/ experience. (For example, an individual entry could be seeded as a team with just 1 standout player.)

Rationale: The Committee feels this language will give guidance to sectional seed meetings as to how to place individual entries in the sectional seeding matrix. Prior to these updates there has been confusion over the language in the Terms and Conditions and Manuals.

Approved by Consent

2. Recommendation: V. Tournament Assignments and Seedings Meetings J. State Final Alternates:

If an individual single or one doubles team from a given sectional cannot participate, due to injury, illness, or ineligibility in the state final, as certified by the high school principal or athletic director, the next eligible individual single or one doubles team from that sectional will advance in that place (no reseeding of the bracket will take place). In order to have a late withdraw penalty waived, the principal or athletic director from the high school of the player(s) withdrawing from the competition **MUST** notify the IHSA in writing by 4:15 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Badminton State Final. The IHSA will notify the new advancing participants by 8:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. After the stated deadlines have passed, no alternate participants will be filled for the open position.

Rationale: The Committee feels this wording, as found in other like sports, will give us the best opportunity to have a full bracket at the start of the state final competition. Any player added to competition will fill the same spot that the player removed came from, no reseeding will take place.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** Casebook I. Equipment and Clothing

Q: Are players allowed to compete or warm-up with an electronic device or a remote wireless device?

A: No, unless the student has a pre-approved medical device with an IHSA approval note. An IHSA approval note can be received.

Rationale: Players are trying to come to the court with air pods in for warm-ups. The Terms and Conditions state a player must be ready to compete when they step on the court for warm-ups, this will provide further clarification.

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2. **Recommendation:** Edit Casebook IV. The Serve

2Q: At what point should the shuttle be contacted by the server to make the serve legal?

2A. A legal serve must be contacted below waist (belly button). The intent of the service rule is that the server does not gain an unfair advantage.

4Q: What do you look for in an illegal serve?

4A. You look at the angle of the racket, the ready stance, the hand movement, and the point of contact. The shuttle must move in an upward trajectory.

Rationale: The Committee feels that updating these 2 questions and answers in the Case Book will help to define where to judge a legal serve on the body and what to look for.

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3. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that if an individual player has no high school match history, the coach is required to type a narrative in the coach's comment box on the LOP detailing the player's experience and caliber.

Rationale: The Committee felt that this wording being added to the LOP would provide clarification to the individual entry's coach as well as provide the seeding committees with much needed information about the player.

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4. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding language in the Manual on pages 21, 24, and 27 to reflect the new language in Terms and Conditions #1: Individual entries should be seeded fairly based on the individual's caliber/ experience. (For example, an individual entry could be seeded as a team with just 1 standout player.) An update to the language in the first paragraph on page 26 will also be necessary, to say: The first is to seed fairly all teams/individual in the sectional complex, based on the information provided by the coach, whether a coach is in attendance at this meeting or not.

Rationale: This update will bring the Manual in line with the information in the Terms and Conditions.

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5. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends removing the individual entry location marker in the chart on page 22 of the Manual and on the Assignments on page 31 of the Manual.

Rationale: This update will bring the Manual in line with the information in the Terms and Conditions.

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6. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding a bracket placement for the 5/6 match in sectionals to determine who is the State Final Alternate (if needed). Zero points will be awarded for this match. Sectional brackets on page 35, 36, 37. as well as updating the chart on page 40 to reflect the State Final Alternate Match.

Rationale: This update will bring the Manual in line with the information in the Terms and Conditions.

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7. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding Zero Points for the Alternate State Final Match in the box on page 38 of the manual.

Rationale: This will provide further clarity about the State Final Alternate Match

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8. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends adding a line on the Winner's Report for a manager to enter the state final alternate match winner for singles and doubles in.

Rationale: This will provide schools a way to communicate the possible alternates with the IHSA office

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2020 Minutes.
2. The Committee reviewed the 2021 State Finals.
3. The Committee discussed the serving rule. Stacey is going to send the serving PDF to the committee for review. Once edited, Stacey will post it on the IHSA Badminton page, put information in the rules video about its availability, and send a link to all Badminton Coaches at the start of the 2022 season.
4. The Committee discussed coaches training and when it is appropriate to coach/talk to players and a reminder for new coaches to review the posted information as well as the online rules video. Stacey will put a reference in the rules video.
5. The Committee talked about sportsmanship amongst coaches and players.

6. The Committee talked about LOP training. This would include how to fill out the LOP, what information is required, and how this impacts seeding. Stacey will work with the committee to set up an educational video along with verbiage edits to the LOP to help clarify what information coaches should submit.
7. The Committee talked about individual sectional seeding.
8. The Committee talked about playing singles and doubles in a single day. The committee felt it was good for the given year, but overall agreed it was best to keep the traditional tournament as it was. The Committee asked Stacey to conduct a survey with the coaches, for a change in the 2023 season, to see if it would be beneficial to bring the top 24 to Saturday so that players are able to rest after a long day of playing.
9. The Committee talked about the concussion test with sport specific questions about football and soccer. Stacey will take this to SMAC for further discussion.
10. The Committee thanked Nicole Frye for her years of service.