

## **MINUTES OF THE 2020-21 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 28, 2021**

The IHSA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. Committee members present were: Kristi Faulkner, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West); Lance Huber, Carpentersville (Dundee-Crown); Matt Long, Camp Point (Central); Keisha Newell, Chicago (Mother McAuley); Jim Parker, Rockford (East); Todd Reichert, Quincy and Kevin Wolff, Carmi (C.-White County). Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Committee member Rodney Walker, Decatur (Eisenhower) was unable to attend.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

None brought forward

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **State Adoptions**

**Recommendations:** The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2021-22 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: will be used in all regular season contest, regular season tournament games and through the Super-Sectional level in the IHSA State Series. A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter in which there is at least a 30-point differential score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:
  - A team timeout
  - An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
  - The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
  - An officials' timeout
  - Correctable error situation

NOTE: The Mercy Rule will not be during the Girls' or Boys' State Final contests.

- b. 28' Coaches Box

Approved by Consent

### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. The committee reviewed the minutes from the 2020 meeting.
2. The committee discussed the truncated 2020-21 season. Committee members expressed their appreciation for the ability to have a season, but also shared disappointment in not being able to have a state series, even though many states around Illinois were able to conduct more normal seasons.
3. The committee discussed the rules proposals recently reviewed by the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. IHSA staff indicated that mid-May is the expected time-frame for announcement of any new rules for the 2021-22 season. One of the rules proposals reviewed by the national rules committee would establish, if approved by the NFHS Board of Directors, a shot clock in high school basketball. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the shot clock. A few of the questions asked included:

- How many teams will be positively impacted if the shot clock is implemented?
- What is the effect on programs when a shot clock eliminates a coach's game plan or game strategy?
- How will school administrators staff, train and pay personnel to run the shot clock for every game?
- How will a shot clock dictate a team's style of play?
- What are School Administrator's concerns with implementing a shot clock?
- How will implementing a shot clock affect high school officials?

IHSA staff shared with the committee feedback gleaned from questionnaires distributed by the IHSA and the IBCA over the past few years. However, those only reflect feedback from coaches. Administrative input will need to be a part of the discussion before any decision is made by the IHSA Board of Directors if/when the potential use of a shot clock is allowed in high school basketball. Implementation of a shot clock will come with costs for equipment/installation and staffing to run the shot clock, and it will be necessary to consider that during future discussions.

4. The committee reviewed the IHSA Basketball Terms and Conditions but made no recommendations to change or edit those.
5. The committee expressed support for having some kind of virtual 'pre-seeding meeting' a few days before actual seeding occurs in basketball. This virtual gathering of coaches would allow sectional complex or sub-sectional complex coaches to share thoughts and comments in advance of seeding. Coaches would still be expected to complete all necessary pre-seeding information online through the IHSA Schools Center. This possible meeting would simply allow for another opportunity to share before seeding occurs. IHSA staff will continue discussing this as a possibility for team sports to implement as soon as the 2021-22 school year.
6. The committee reviewed the 3 Point Terms and Conditions but made no recommendations to edit or change those. IHSA staff provided an over-view of the expected competition at the state finals beginning next school year when each gender conducts their state finals over one, not two, weekends.
7. The committee discussed state series venues, particularly as it relates to double-headers and the delay for starting the second game when the venue is emptied after the first game.
8. The committee discussed ways to help recruit and retain officials in light of the growing shortage of those nationally. The committee recognized the challenge new officials face in terms of start up costs, working games, and dealing with sportsmanship issues from players, coaches, and fans. Among the ideas suggested to help grow the number of officials included:
  - a. Reducing or waiving first-time registration fees
  - b. Developing courses for community colleges or universities to use in possible conjunction with intra-mural programs
  - c. Looking to expand options through reciprocity with other states
  - d. Developing courses for high schools to offer students to get them a license with limited or no cost
  - e. Working with school administrators and coaches to curb the often unsporting behaviors that drive newer officials out of various games
9. The committee thanked out-going members Huber, Reichert, and Wolff for their service.
10. The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022.