

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2021

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met virtually on Thursday, April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Greta Kringle, Chicago (Solario); Tim Brieger, Elgin (St. Edward); Jose Villa, West Chicago (H.S.); Christin Pappas, LaSalle (L. – Peru); Marty Ruberry, Kankakee (Bishop McNamara); Joshua Stone, Raymond (R. – Lincolnwood); Rodney Winslow, Troy (Triad); Thomas Schafer, Official (Ottawa) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section VIII. D. Team Roster and F. Players in Team Uniform:

Recommendation: Increase the number of bench personal to 33 from 30.

Rationale: To allow for additional school personnel, managers and staff program members to sit on the bench during State Series Contests

Died for Lack of Motion

2. Boys and Girls Section VIII. C. Tournament Officials

Recommendation: The host school must obtain 2 or 3 Officials for the Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Quarterfinal games. All other tournament officials will be assigned through the IHSA Office.

Rationale: This would allow host administrators the option of securing 2 rather than 3 officials for the Regional Quarterfinal boys or girls game. The committee preference is for 3 officials to work each game but understands the scheduling difficulty.

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Recommendation: The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions as well as any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2021-22 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. Daily Yellow and Red Card count updated on IHSA School Tracker

Recommendation: The committee recommends running yellow and red card counts posted on the school tracker under soccer.

Rationale: Implementing a “yellow and red card count” visible on the school tracker will assist in the accuracy and responsiveness of the coach and administrator. The committee thought a process similar to the “pitch count” except the soccer count tracks the officials’ reports submitted on their school.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2020 soccer advisory committee meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2020 - 2021 school year 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 current overtime procedure without forwarding a recommendation. The group exchanged the pros and cons of golden goal, playing 2 - 5 minute periods then golden goal during the next 2 – 5 minute periods.
5. The committee shared about the excessive negative behavior exhibited during the 2021 Boys' season. Officials and coaches expressed concerns regarding the uptick in negative behavior increase since the consequence of sitting out the state series was removed. Also, some schools that were close to the 25 yellow card limit were the same schools that came close to that limit in the past few years. The committee surmised that those programs with a high number of yellow cards issued are dealing with a systemic behavioral issue. Should the limit be lowered?
6. The committee discussed an increase in Regional-round officials fees to a level that lower than a regular season contest. The soccer representative on the Officials Advisory Committee will be asked to bring that topic to their agenda.
7. The committee expressed support for a virtual ‘pre-seed meeting’ prior to the actual seed meeting in soccer. This virtual gathering of coaches would allow Sectional Complex or Sub-Sectional coaches to share thoughts and comments in advance of the seeding vote. Coaches would still be expected to complete all necessary pre-seeding information online through the IHSA Schools Center. This meeting would allow an additional opportunity to share information before seeding occurs. IHSA staff will continue discussing this as a possibility for team sports to implement as early as the 2021-22 school year.
8. The committee reviewed the NFHS penalty kick situation and questioned why the attacking team gets a second chance on a foul.
9. Discussed why the goalkeeper must come off the field when the official stops the clock to check on that player and he or she are not injured. It is an NFHS rule.

10. The IHSA thanks Marty Ruberry for his service and contribution to the Soccer Advisory Committee.
11. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2022