

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 6, 2022

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met Virtually, on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Miguel Sanchez, Boys Coach from Niles (Notre Dame); Belinda Brunt-Blake, Girls Coach at Chicago (Kenwood); Doug Wagoner, Boys/Girls Coach from Hoopston (H. Area); and Rebecca Hoffman, Athletic Director from Machesney Park (Harlem). Absent from the meeting was Michael Gourley, Principal at Morris; Cierra Snyder, Boys and Girls Coach from Abingdon (A.-Avon); and Brandon McPherson, Boys Coach from Mt. Vernon. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) VIII. Tournament Rules E. The Game 1) Bowling Practice and Warm-ups: New b)

Recommendation: If a lane breakdown occurs during warm-ups, and no alternate lane is available, teams on the broken pair will receive additional warm-up time, no longer than 10 minutes. Time should be prorated based on the length of time of the breakdown and the length of time left in the warm-up.

Rationale: This recommendation should help hosts determine how much time is to be given for breakdowns during warm-ups so that additional time isn't gained, and play isn't delayed for the whole block.

2) VII. Advancement of Winners G. Regional/Sectional Individual Tie Breaker and K. State Final Individual Tie Breaker

Recommendation: The bowlers shall be placed in reverse order based on their final game score. The bowler with the highest final game score bowls last. Once bowlers are placed in order based on their scores, the odd number bowlers will bowl on the left lane and even number bowlers will bowl on the right lane of the predetermined pair.

Rationale: There was a roll off at girls' state finals this year, which brought to light the lack of direction on which bowler goes first. This language will clear up that question for regionals through the state finals.

3) VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: Girls lunch period on Saturday will be adjusted to 30 minutes.

Rationale: It has become apparent that the girls are ready to bowl before the 45 minutes lunch period is over. The girls are usually congregating in the pit areas ready to start warming up for the afternoon round. Adjusting to 30 minutes will mirror the boys time schedule as well as keep the girls day moving, which is what the athletes seem to be wanting.

4) VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 3) Electronic Devices:

Recommendation: Competitors and coaches are prohibited from playing music with or without headphones, using cell phones, electronic devices or any unusual equipment that might be distracting or assist a bowler in receiving outside coaching or instruction at any time

including during warmups. Players are also prohibited from wearing any SMART watch that can receive information at any time during warmups or competition. Any player caught wearing a SMART watch will receive a zero for the frame they are caught in and a zero in any subsequent frame until the watch is removed.

Coaches are allowed to electronic devices in the pit area (for example: for statistic taking purposes). Any videotaping or photographs taken can only be reviewed during the break between rounds. Competitors will not be allowed to use electronic devices during competition.

Rationale: The Committee feels players are consistently receiving information from outside coaches or parents during competition through their smart watches. There has been an attempt to curtail this over the past few years, to no avail. The only remaining option is to remove SMART watches completely and impose a penalty.

5) VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 6) Bowling Balls in Competition Area:

Recommendation: Bowlers are limited to no more than two bowling balls per competitor in the pit area. Any bowling ball in the pit area must be secured on a ball rack, on a ball cup, or be placed on the floor in a ball bag or cup. At no time can bowling balls be stored on tables or counters without a ball cup or be placed loose on the floor. Any additional ball would be required to be stored in a tote or on a ball rack adjacent to the pit area that is identified by the tournament management.

Rationale: The Committee feels this is another area that continues to be a problem that is ignored and has become a safety issue. Players put bowling balls on tabletops resting on thumb holes, but as soon as the table gets bumped into the balls roll. In the past there has been a ball roll off a table onto a player's foot. Teams should be allowed to bring in additional racks but are encouraged to check with the host school prior to the event. Stacey will put reminders in rules video, host checklists, etc.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2021 Minutes.
2. The Committee discussed the 2022 state series
3. The Committee discussed wheelchair bowling ball legality. The committee determined that USBC rules should be followed. If a ball has 3 finger holes drilled for the ball, bowlers will need to use all 3 finger holes.
4. The Committee discussed lane breakdowns during warmups. It was determined that the only teams who would get additional warmup time would be the teams on the lanes affected by the breakdown, not the entire block. This is consistent with the current language in the Terms and Conditions, as well as, current practice.
5. The Committee asked about the IHSA requirements before a sport/activity gets 4 team trophies. Stacey was able to confirm that only team bracketed sports gave out the 4 team trophies. Since bowling does not fall in that category for the IHSA they will remain with 3 team trophies like other like sports.

6. The Committee talked about Storm equipment not passing testing. Stacey will make a general statement in the preseason rules video reminding all coaches that all players equipment must meet USBC standards at the time of the event.
7. The Committee talked about post season assignments and how teams were spread out. Stacey showed the group her mapping program and discussed ways to cut the pie.
8. The committee thanked Miguel Sanchez and Doug Wagoner for their years of service.