

SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met virtually on Thursday, May 5, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Jim Campbell, Coach, Port Byron (Riverdale); Ethan Levine, Coach, Chicago (F.W. Parker); Matt Hasquin, Coach, Piasa (Southwestern); Kirstin Murphy, Coach, Maple Park (Kaneland); Sean Airola, Assistant Principal, Orland Park (Sandburg); Evan Miles, AD/Coach, Farmer City (Blue Ridge); Ryan Ketchum, Principal, Breese (Central); Rob Grierson, Coordinator of Officials, Skokie. Others in attendance: Brad Fischer, Head Question Editor, Kraig Garber, IHSA Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. II.F – Dates and Sites

Recommendation: Adjust the state final date to be on Saturday of Week 37 of the IHSA Standardized Calendar as opposed to Friday of Week 37.

Rationale: Conducting the State Final on a Saturday does not require coaches, participants and host school student volunteers to miss a day of school in order to participate. Additionally, for many others, it may allow them to attend the State Final without having to take a day off of work. This also would provide qualifying teams an extra day to prepare for the State Final.

Approved by Consent

2. VI.E – Recommended Time Schedule

Recommendation: Make the following adjustments to the State Final time schedule:

8:00a.m.	Schools may begin to Check-In
9:15a.m. 9:00a.m.	Coaches/Captains/Moderators Meeting (optional)
9:30a.m. 9:15a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
10:00a.m.-10:50a.m.	First Round of Preliminary Pool Play
11:00a.m.-11:50a.m.	Second Round of Preliminary Pool Play
11:50a.m.-12:50p.m. 1:05p.m.	Break
1:00p.m.-1:50p.m. 1:15p.m.-2:05p.m.	Third Round of Preliminary Pool Play
2:10p.m.-3:00p.m. 2:25p.m.-3:15p.m.	Championship and Consolation Rounds
3:00p.m.-3:45p.m. 3:30p.m.-4:15p.m.	Awards Ceremony

Rationale: Now that Scholastic Bowl is being held at a new venue with competition locations a bit more spread out, it makes sense to adjust the State Final times in order to provide a more accurate schedule.

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3. VIII.I - Dress

Recommendation: Adjust the language regarding uniforms as follows:

Dress: All Scholastic Bowl teams must wear appropriate matching tops for competing in the state series. Matching tops shall be defined as being similar in style, color, and markings. ~~Members of the same gender must have similar tops, though males may wear slightly different tops than females.~~

1. Team competitors and coaches will appear in appropriate attire. Acceptable apparel will include, but not be limited to: school uniform, slacks, turtlenecks, sport shirts with collars, sport coats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts (analogous to hats, hoods shall not be worn during competition), sweaters, nice jeans, skirts and dresses.

2. Unacceptable apparel will include, but not be limited to: tank tops, cutoffs, short-shorts, clothing that advertise alcohol, drugs, or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or non-religious head gear, boxer-type shorts, spandex tights, ~~hooded sweatshirts~~ or pants worn below the hips.

Rationale: The committee feels that the language pertaining to gender in regard to uniforms is unnecessary, because the wording “similar in style, color, and markings” already permits this as an option. Additionally, the committee feels that it is acceptable for a team to compete in a school uniform that they are required to wear during the school day (even if the uniforms do not match). Lastly, the committee feels that hooded sweatshirts that are similar in color, style and markings are acceptable for teams to wear as long as the participants do not have the hood up during competition.

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Other items of discussion that did not receive action:

1. There was a discussion regarding the T&Cs recommended regional time schedule for Round 0.
2. The committee provided feedback about the new State Final venue (Heartland Community College) and ways to improve the experience for all at the State Final competition.
3. The committee discussed the Season Summary/Team Record Report Form in Schools Center and ways to enhance it to assist with the virtual seeding process.
4. In regard to Schools Center, there was a suggestion to add Scholastic Bowl Regionals to the list of sports and activities that a school is willing to host as a way to help secure hosts after the online sectional seeding process.
5. There was a discussion about the potential to move the Online Sectional Seeding Meeting date back to allow for schools to get more matches and tournaments under their belt before seeding.
6. There was a discussion about adjusting the question balance for the state series, specifically, increasing the number in the miscellaneous category from one to two. This would require reducing the number in another category by one; math was suggested and discussed.
7. The committee discussed the potential for allowing a scholastic bowl match to start with 3 players as opposed to 4 as a result of the difficulty securing enough players to compete at times.