

**Advisory Committee Recommendations
February 11, 2019, Board Meeting
Consent Items**

Boys/Girls Cross Country

No Consent Items

Boys Football

No Consent Items

Boys/Girls Golf

1. Section VIII. Tournament Rules M. Circle 10 Scoring

Recommendation: add 'any state series competition' to the current rule (remove 'regional' from current)

Rationale: The committee believes it makes sense to add the sectional round to tournaments where the Circle 10 can be utilized. Using the Circle 10 may also help with tournament management and keep players from acting in an unsportsmanlike manner during the remainder of their round. Additionally, the committee would encourage schools to develop some kind of local rule that they could use during regular season play to help keep matches or tournaments moving along.

2. VIII. Tournament Rules N. Measuring Devices

Recommendation: Players or coaches may use USGA-approved measuring devices during state series competitions to obtain distance information. If, during a state series competition, a player or coach uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player or coach is in violation of Rule USGA 14-3 and subject to the appropriate penalties. Distance-measuring devices include range finders (such as Bushnell units), laser devices (such as Laser Link), and GPS-based systems (such as SkyCaddie, Callaway, or Garmin). Any stand-alone device (like a smartwatch) of any of these types is permitted under this Local Rule adopted by the IHSA, as long as the device meets the other, previously-mentioned criteria.

During IHSA state series competitions, the use of cell phones is prohibited, unless the local committee (rules or games) determines that the player's use of the cell phone was an emergency. Players found using cell phones for any other reason will be considered to have violated USGA Rule 8-1 (Advice) and be penalized according to the rule.

Rationale: Cell phone use during play continues to be a struggle to address. As the variety and cost of distance-measuring devices has dropped, and coupled with the fact that players can share information with competitors without penalty during a golf match, prohibiting the use of cell phones during (except in emergency situations) will make for easier administration by event managers. The committee even suggests that players keep their phones out of view when in playing.

6. XI. Officials

Recommendation:

~~**A. Tournament Rules Committee:** Each regional and sectional manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a tournament committee of at least three (3) participating coaches. The decision(s) of the tournament committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the USGA Rules of Golf. Neither the IHSA Office nor the Board of Directors will review tournament committee decisions whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.~~

BA. Rules Committee:

1. Each regional and sectional manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a tournament committee of at least three (3) participating coaches. The committee members must be available at all times during the tournament.
2. The decision(s) of the tournament committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the USGA Rules of Golf. Neither the IHSA Office nor the Board of Directors will review tournament committee decisions whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.
3. Rulings may only be made by a majority of committee members. However, in complex cases, the committee as a whole should be consulted.
4. It is often advisable for members of the committee to be on the golf course during the tournament in order to be more available to the contestants.

5. At least one member of the committee should be stationed at the scorer table.
6. The State Final rules committee shall be comprised of PGA/LPGA/USGA bona fide rules officials.

CB. Games Committee: For each regional and sectional and the girls' state finals, the local manager or IHSA staff shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) coaches from participating schools in addition to him/herself. This group may be the same as the Rules Committee. This committee has the authority to resolve any situations that arise during the tournament, including, but not limited to, matters of golf rules, conduct, or pace of play. The decision of the committee is final, and once the awards are presented, the tournament results shall stand.

C. Games Committee (Boys' State Finals only): IHSA shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) coaches from participating schools, in addition to any other tournament manager or management staff. This group may be the same as the Rules Committee. This committee has the authority to resolve any situations that arise during the tournament, including, but not limited to, conduct, or pace of play. The decision of the committee is final, and once the awards are presented, the tournament results shall stand.

Rationale: general cleaning up of duplicate language and clarifying the role of the Games Committee at the Boys' Golf State Finals (as it relates to 'matters of golf rules', the CDGA will be responsible for those decisions at the boys' state finals tournaments).

7. VIII. D. Playing Conditions

Recommendation:

1. During all state series tournaments, players shall play the ball as it lies unless otherwise provided in the USGA's Rules of Golf.
2. In case of bad weather or unsatisfactory playing conditions, the rules committee shall have the authority to determine if that tournament shall be played under provisions established by the USGA Rule 33-8.

Rationale: This change provides clearer language for uniform application across all tournament. If approved, additional materials will be developed and shared with schools in advance of the 2019 season to explain these procedures.

8. VIII. K. Pace of Play/Monitoring

Recommendation: During the IHSA state series, players' pace of play will be monitored by the Games Committee. Players who fail to meet the predetermined pace of play times for the regional, sectional, and state finals courses maybe subject to penalty for slow play. Tournament managers will establish the pace of play times for each tournament and provide them in advance to competitors. The Games Committee will be responsible for player warnings and observing groups as needed to determine which player will be penalized. The IHSA Pace of Play Policy, located in the Schools' Manual, shall be used in implementing this initiative.

Rationale: This change better clarifies which committee is responsible for monitoring slow play. In many cases only one committee will be needed, but at the boys' state finals, a Games Committee which shall not consist of any CDGA officials, shall oversee slow play.

Boys/Girls Tennis

1. VI-C-1 Tournament Structure and Time Schedules – State Final

Recommendation: Thursday the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of the main draw and 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of the back draw will be played.

Friday the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the main draw and the 4th, 5th, 6th rounds of the back draw will be played.

Saturday the final round of the main draw and the semi and final rounds of the back draw will be played.

Rationale: By playing three rounds in the main draw on Thursday, tournament management has the flexibility to adjust later in the tournament due to weather issues. This also allows tournament management to establish a set time for play of the championship matches.

Boys/Girls Volleyball

3. Revise: Girls VIII. Tournament Rules I. Gym Set Up: Boys VIII. Tournament Rules D. Warm-up Time

Recommendation: The committee recommends that the gym must be made available at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match. Teams can take the court no sooner than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of said match.

Rationale: It seems as if teams are arriving earlier and earlier for post season competition and in many cases arriving before the host is ready with the gym set up. This recommendation will give both the visiting schools and the host school some guidelines in terms of court availability.

Administrative Recommendations:

2. Recommendation: The committee recommends that there be a check box put on the hosting form for hosts to indicate that event personnel will be present at the end of the match to ensure that all officials, especially the R1 on the stand, get off the court safely. An announcement will also be put in the required PA announcements notifying fans that they should stay in their seats until the officials have cleared the court.

Rationale: There were a few situations this year where fans rushed the court at the end of the match to celebrate the victory with their team and the R1 was literally stuck on the stand. Ensuring that hosts are available to escort the officials off the court will ensure a safe environment for all.

3. Recommendation: The committee recommends that all schools put in an attack line extension. The extensions are marked with a solid, interrupted, 2-inch (5cm) wide line outside the court with an 8-inch (20cm) break and 6-inch (15cm) lines repeated five times for a total length of 70 inches (1.75m). The committee recommends that schools use painters tape as that is a material that will not require floors to be repainted nor will the painters tape damage floor finishes.

Rationale: At higher level of play, especially with boys, attacking from the back row near the sideline is a key part of the game. Skilled athletes routinely attack from near the attack line and often outside of the court. Without the attack line extensions, the referee must guess whether the player leaped from behind the non-existent extension. Adding extension lines would eliminate this.

4. Recommendation: The committee recommends the IHSA review the bench official compensation for the boys and girls state tournament.

Rationale: Currently we have approximately 7 bench officials working at least 12 hours a day for \$50. The bench officials are an integral part of the tournament and their compensation should reflect the time and effort they put in.

Sports Medicine

No Consent Items

Sportsmanship

1. Recommendation: The Committee recommends that members schools use the attached four sportsmanship statements during announcements and in print.

Rationale: All four announcements can be announced during contests.

2. Recommendation: Create a DWR! Twitter account.

Rationale: Provide weekly tips for administrators, parents, students, coaches and fans. Include links to stories and informative articles.

Student Advisory Committee

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