

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 29, 2018**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, November 29, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Nancy Lill, Girls Coach at Arlington Hts. (Hersey); Seth Schoonover, Athletic Director, at Yorkville; Monica Burkholder, Principal at Lanark (Eastland); Christine Konopasek, Girls Coach at Normal (Community); Gary Hickox, Girls Coach at Jacksonville; Jason Batty, Boys Coach at Edwardsville (Metro-East Lutheran); and Jackie Skryd, official, Naperville. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert, was also in attendance.

**Terms and Conditions Recommendations:**

**1. Revise: Girls VIII. Tournament Rules F. Warm-up Time:  
Boys VIII. Tournament Rules D. Warm-up Time:**

**Recommendation:** After the 2 minute shared warmup, when the home team is awarded the court for their 6 minutes of hitting and serving, the court should be theirs exclusively. The visiting team will not be permitted to be on the court peppering or ball handling. It is suggested that during this time, as a gesture of good sportsmanship, that they shag balls for the hitting team, and for that gesture to be returned when the court changes hands.

Host administration would be responsible for notifying schools of use during the regular season.

**Rationale:** Not only does this reinforce the spirit of good sportsmanship, it reduces the potential for injury, conflict and interruption. The value of having the opponents on the floor ball handling does not equal the value of the previously mentioned positive benefits.

This Recommendation also ties in with the NFHS review of warm-ups. High School RIO data would indicate that most injuries in high school volleyball come during the warm-up period when teams are hitting into each other.

**Died for Lack of Motion**

**2. Revise: Girls XI. Officials: A. 1, 2, 3, 4  
Boys XI. Officials: A. 1, a, b, c, d**

**Recommendation:** For volleyball post season line judge pay:

Regional	\$40.00 per match
Sectional	\$50.00 per match
Super Sectional	\$70.00 per match
State Finals	\$90.00 per match

This is the rate to pay and schools are not encouraged to pay above this rate. ArbiterPay will be used to pay the line judges, starting at Sectionals.

**Rationale:** We all want to give the athletes regardless of the sport the best of the best and a great experience. There are many fantastic line judges across the state of Illinois who will not make themselves available to work because of the pay of \$20.00. Line judging is a great way to get the younger up and coming officials who are the future of our sports involved but the pay does not encourage them to work.

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**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.

Approved by Consent

**Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that high school conference experiment with line judges as needed, but especially for meaningful conference matches. The committee recommends that line judges be adults unless the school can use members of the opposite gender's volleyball team at their school. The IHSA will produce a free volleyball line judge webinar that will be available for all potential line judges to take prior to working a match. Conference can adopt rule that would require each school to provide one line judge.

**Rationale:** The committee feels now is the time to start using line judges in all matches but understand that this is not always feasible. They hope that this recommendation encourages schools to start experimenting with line judges for high profile matches during the regular season.

Approved by Board of Directors

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.

Approved by Consent

**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.

Approved by Consent

**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.

Approved by Consent

### **General Items of Discussion:**

1. The committee heard reports on both the recently-completed girls' and boys' state final tournaments.
  - a. The committee talked about looking for a collegiate host site for boys volleyball.
  - b. The committee talked about getting boys volleyball started in Central Illinois.
2. The committee reviewed 2017 Minutes.
3. The committee discussed the ability to rate officials as line judges. Stacey will check with Scott to see if this is possible. No further action was taken.
4. The committee discussed the ruling on arm guards that came out from the NFHS during the girls season. Stacey will work to receive further clarification.

5. The committee discussed distributing the Advisory Committee minutes to official's association presidents. Stacey will send a note to the presidents letting them know when minutes are posted.
6. The committee discussed asking coaches to turn their roster in immediately following the coin toss. The NFHS rule book states 10 minutes prior to the start of the match time, undoubtedly the coach who hasn't turned their roster in is on the court warming up. While this cannot be an official rule change, Stacey will make it a point of emphasis for the pre-season rules video.
7. The committee discussed libero jerseys, as this is an NFHS rule, no further action was taken.
8. The committee discussed official's stands. Stacey asks that officials who encounter unsafe official's stands fill out a special report.
9. The committee discussed marketing pieces to entice new officials. Stacey reminded the group that each school gets 2 free official's registrations to use for graduating seniors. No further action was taken.
10. The committee discussed consistency with ball handling calls. Stacey will work to have a "consistency in ball handling" general session at the summer official's conference. Stacey will also work with the Rules Interpreters to put together a few slides for the preseason online rules video.
11. The committee discussed the NFHS survey and how different states send those out to different groups.
12. The committee discussed host sites not having legal NFHS volleyballs or volleyballs with air in them available for teams to warm up with for the IHSA post season. Schools who experience such host sites are encouraged to contact the IHSA

The committee thanked Seth Schoonover and Christine Konopasek for their years of service.