

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2022

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. *Committee members present were Greta Kringle, Chicago (Solorio); Tim Brieger, Elgin (St. Edward); Jose Villa, West Chicago (H.S.); Christin Pappas, La Salle (L.-Peru); Joshua Stone, Raymond (R.-Lincolnwood); Thomas Schaefer, Ottawa; and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Boys and Girls Section II Dates and Sites; V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding; VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules: (Girls Only)**

Recommendation: Adjust the 1A Girls Season to align with the Girls 2/3A season schedule. Play the 1A Semis on Thursday night and the Third-place game on Friday Morning. Play the Class 2A and 3A semifinal games on Friday. Then, play the Class 2A and 3A Third place games on Saturday morning, followed by the Class 1A-2A-3A Championship games.

Rationale: To accommodate for the inclement weather in the spring, spring break interruptions, Easter, 1A roster size, and park district facility issues, this will provide an additional week/weekend to make up postponed contests without playing on consecutive days. If the State Finals commence on Thursday, the Super-Sectionals will need to be moved from Tuesday to Monday night to allow adequate time for additional State Final preparations.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2022-23 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.

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2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends modifying State Adoption #8. If a Super-Sectional contest cannot be played due to inclement weather by Thursday of the State Final week, and there is an indoor facility available with a legal field, the Super-Sectional contest is to be moved to that site.

Rationale: Determining which team moves on to the State Finals by a coin flip is unfair. Playing in an indoor facility is an option and avoids having to flip a coin.

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3. Recommendation: The committee recommends modifying State Adoption #8. If a Super-Sectional contest cannot be played due to inclement weather by Thursday of the State Final week, then move the Super-Sectional game to a site near the state final site to play the game and determine an advancement.

Rationale: Avoids having to flip a coin.

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4. Recommendation: The committee recommends that substitutes not carry any additives (pinny, jacket, towel) onto the field.

Rationale: Players exiting the field may exit from anywhere. Often, when a substitute carries an item on the field to hand off to their exiting teammate, it is used as a stalling tactic.

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5. Recommendation: The committee recommends the team caution count continue for the 2022-23 seasons. Officials must continue to report all yellow cards given in a game, and the IHSA office will continue to track yellow card accumulations. The committee recommends updating the list of cautions awarded in the following categories that count towards the team accumulations.

Rationale: This updated list follows the NFHS rules book modification but emphasizes the unsportsmanlike behavior and fouls to give a more accurate view of the game.

Yellow Card Reason Towards Count

- A. entering or leaving the field of play without the permission of an official
- B. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game
- C. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent)
- D. any incidental use of vulgar or profane language
- E. any use of electronic communication devices with on-field players during play.
- F1. coaching outside the team area
- F2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc.)
- F3. holding a shirt, shorts, etc.
- F4. deliberate verbal attacks
- F5. encroachment
- F6. deliberate handball to stop the attack
- F7. deliberate tactical foul
- F8. faking an injury
- F9. simulating a foul
- F10. a player who displays reckless play
- F12. any delayed, excessive, or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game that prohibits a timely restart
- F13. a player (other than the goalkeeper within the goalkeeper's own penalty area) who deliberately handles the ball, attempting to prevent a goal, and the goal is scored
- F14. a player who commits a foul, attempting to DOGSO, and the goal is scored
- F15. a player who commits a foul against an opponent within the player's team penalty area in an attempt to play the ball that DOGSO by the opponent -- penalty kick awarded
- G. use of any tobacco products or electronic cigarettes at the game site during the period

of jurisdiction of the officials

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ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2021 meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2022 - 23 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 reducing the goal differential from 7, to 5 or 6, from which the running clock begins. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed the GoFan ticketing process and enjoys the convenience of using digital ticketing. School administrators do not need to track the cash nor make multiple trips to the bank. The additional convenience fee is not appreciated. They expressed that digital ticketing assisted in decreased waiting lines and moved the fans into the stadium smoothly.
6. The committee discussed the two proposed Terms and Conditions changes. There was no action on modifying how hosts sites are determined. There was also no action on pushing the seed meeting back a week since schools need time to arrange bus transportation, field access, and securing officials for Quarterfinal games.
7. The committee expressed support in finding ways to increase officials' ratings from coaches and believed the Officials Advisory Committee should discuss and recommend solutions.
8. The committee reviewed the NFHS penalty kick situation and questioned why the attacking team gets a second chance on a foul.
9. The IHSA thanks Greta Kringle and Tim Brieger for their service and contributions to the Soccer Advisory Committee.
10. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023