

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2022

The IHSA Boys/Girls Volleyball Advisory Committee met virtually, on Thursday, December 1, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Lisa Miller, Girls Coach at Chicago (University); Jim Kann, Coach/Athletic Director, Byron; Tim Kerr, Girls Coach, Augusta (Southeastern); Josh Lane, Principal, Belleville (East); Ellen Yopchick, Girls Coach at Burbank (St. Laurence); Stan Bergman, Girls Coach at Mahomet (M.-Seymour); and Tarah Dickerson, Official from Chicago. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also present. Absent was Michelle Keenan Boys/Girls Coach from Fox Lake (Grant).

Terms and Conditions Recommendations:

1. Revise: V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETING New E. Virtual Sectional Coaches Meeting reorder the rest

Recommendation: **Virtual Sectional Coaches Meeting** – Sectional managers will host a virtual meeting the day prior to the online seeding. Coaches will have the opportunity to update the entire sectional on their season.

Rationale: The Committee hopes this will give coaches the opportunity to understand more about a team they may not have seen play all season before they seed them.

Approved by Consent

2. Revise: XI. Officials 1) Regional Fee

Recommendation: In the preliminary, quarterfinal, semifinal and final regional tournaments, each Referee and Umpire shall receive a fee of \$65.00 per match. Officials will be paid by IHSA via ArbiterPay. Line judges shall receive a minimum of \$32.50 per match worked, to be paid by the host school.

Rationale: The Committee recognized that it is getting harder and harder for regional hosts to find quality line judges for the \$20 reimbursement fee. They believe that most schools use licensed officials now as the game as continued to develop and grow. Moving to the \$32.50 per match worked will adjust regional line judges to bring them closer in line with sectionals and super sectionals.

Died for Lack of Motion

State Association Adoptions

1. All remain the same.

Administrative Recommendations:

- 1. Recommendation-** The Committee recommends that hosts work with all teams at the regional/sectionals to ensure that the teams from the first match have time to clear the bench before the teams for the second match.

Rationale- Coaches and teams for the second matches have been rushing benches before the first teams even have a chance to clear their bags and equipment. Stacey will put a reminder in the rules video as well as in the host information.

Approved by Consent

- 2. Recommendation-** The Committee recommends that Freshman and JV players be allowed to help with varsity warm-ups. Only the 22 personnel on the roster may be on the court actually warming up, but freshman and JV players may shag balls to ensure that the warm-up moves smoothly. Coaches of the school these players come from need to ensure that they players are properly equipped.

Rationale- This point of emphasis will be put on the rules video to hopefully provide some clarity on who can help with warm-ups and who is responsible.

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 white volleyballs and the difference between those and the R/W/B volleyballs from previous years. Not only was the look different but the touch and feel of the ball. The Committee wants to ensure that the R/W/B volleyball is used moving forward.
 - b. The committee talked about the IVCA All-State, coach and official of the year presentations. They talked about how nominations were made and reviewed. It was reported that the IVCA hopes to work with IADA to grow more members.
 - c. The committee appreciated the Veteran's Day tributes that took place at the State Finals.
2. The committee talked about sectional groupings. They would like the Board of Directors to review the Grouping and Seeding Policy. The Committee would like to see the Board of Directors update the Policy to allow 3A and 4A sectional groupings be put into sectional complexes when it geographically makes sense.
 - a. It was reported that the 2022-23 school year is the last year in the current map grouping. Stacey will rework the maps for the 2023-24 school year.

3. The committee discussed the seeding process. It was reported that volleyball had 96% participation in seeding. It was reported that when seeding oddities turn up, they are reviewed by the IHSA and thrown out in order to maintain the seeding integrity.
4. The committee talked about accountability for coaches who don't seed and the possibility of putting teams on probation after year one then fining the program after year 2.
5. The committee talked about the official's ratings sheets and the wording. Are we asking coaches questions the right way that makes sense to coaches.
6. The committee discussed if officials can rate host schools for post season contests. This would not be a rating of a coach only the gym, setup, host, etc. This would be an online form where located where the officials find their assignments. The hope is to start this in the boys 2023 season.
7. The committee discussed updating wording in a media guide, where reporters can and can't be during play. Stacey will work with Matt Troha on this idea.
8. The committee thanked Lisa Miller, Michelle Keenan, Jim Kann, and Josh Lane for their years of service.