

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2023

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met online, on Thursday, May 18, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Rachael Nicholas, Coach at Chicago (Taft); Kendall Griffin, Athletic Director at Park Ridge (Maine East); Erin Harris, Coach at McHenry; Paul Kelly, Principal at Elk Grove Village (E.G.); Scott Llorens, coach at Lombard (Glenbard East); and Hannah Walus, coach at Lockport (Twp.). Absent from the meeting was Katie Maley, Coach at Hinsdale (Central). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** VIII. Tournament Rules D. State Final Substitutions: Substitutions will not be allowed for singles players who qualify for the state final. If a doubles team, qualifying for the state finals, has certified injury, illness, or ineligibility of one of the players by the principal or official representative of the player's school, the alternate team from that sectional shall advance.

**Rationale:** The committee felt this provides clarity about how to handle the alternate matches if a player in a doubles team goes down.

#### **Died for Lack of Motion**

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends moving to the Yonex ACL30 bird.

**Rationale:** Wilson is moving out of the Badminton world so the Committee was tasked to recommend a new bird for the state series. The Yonex ACL30 bird is a well constructed bird that is fairly priced when compared to the Wilson Pro 80s.

#### **Approved by Consent**

### Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** Update all LOP seeding information to say that "all players on the LOP need a complete match history in order to be seeded as a team or individual"

**Rationale:** The current wording is ambiguous and leaves questions about who is getting seeded and who isn't.

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2. **Recommendation:** All coaches are able to participate in the sectional seeding (group of 16) breakdown. Teams without a complete match history will not be able to get a top 16 seed in the complex. Only coaches with complete match histories filled out for players should speak to their players seasons once teams breakout into their sectional groups.

**Rationale:** The committee feels this wording is needed to help coaches understand how to fill out the LOP and who participates in seeding.

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3. **Recommendation:** The Committee discussed a casebook change to Equipment and Clothing: Tops - Bare midriff tops are not allowed. The uniform top must hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing erect and upright. Spaghetti strap tops are not allowed.

**Rationale:** The proposed change allows for the athletes to wear the razorback shirts that many IHSA tennis teams wear. They are very tasteful and only show the athlete's shoulder.

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4. **Recommendation:** Strike on page 22 of the manual: Individuals entered in the state series will be assigned to the sectional with the least number of teams. If all sectionals have the same number of teams, individuals will be assigned based on the sectional assignment structure.

**Rationale:** This update brings old wording in the Manual aligned with what is in the Terms and Conditions.

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### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The Committee reviewed 2022 Minutes.
2. The Committee reviewed the 2023 State Finals.
  - a. Our first year at DeKalb was a huge success.
  - b. The committee talked about bringing back some sort of physical program, even if it was just for the teams in their team packets.
  - c. The committee talked about bringing back the flip scorecards on each court throughout the tournament. Stacey is going to look into finding enough flip scorecards for the 16 courts. Scott said the coaches association might be able to help secure some flip scorecards.
  - d. The hype video played prior to the medal matches was excellent and a highlight of the weekend.
3. The Committee discussed Terms and Conditions Section VIII. Q. remove section since we don't use flip score charts anymore. No further action was taken as the Advisory Committee would like to start using flip cards again.
4. The Committee discussed Terms and Conditions Section V. J. the singles state alternate but remove the doubles state alternate. Doubles state alternates are not needed since a player can be replaced by a teammate. No further action as taken as the Advisory Committee altered the wording to the State Final Substitution clause.
5. The Committee discussed having sectional hosts upload the brackets for the IHSA website. This will provide coaches or fans looking for results a bigger picture of the overall sectional.
  - a. The committee also discussed making the alternates part of the winner's report
6. The Committee discussed serving starting point be at the waistline or the belly button, as opposed to the 1.15 meters noted in the USAB Rule Book. Stacey will make note in the pre-season rules video.

7. The Committee discussed the online rules video to remove the slides that reference IHSA officials, add in more information about the LOP's and the rules of badminton such as where to find them.
  - a. The committee wants to make sure coaches know that they should list more than their top 6 players on the roster so that if they need to make a substitution, they can easily pull from the roster to the participant list.
8. The Committee discussed coaches passes and possibly adjusting the number of passes each team qualifying for state gets.
9. The Committee discussed apple watches being considered electronic devices. Stacey will put a reminder in the rules video.
10. The Committee discussed the 11 break and how it's in the rules of badminton, so even during the regular season it should be allowed for players to take their break.
11. The Committee thanked Rachael Nicholas and Paul Kelly for their years of service.