

MINUTES OF THE 2012-13 BOYS/ GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2013

The IHSA Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 18, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Debbie Coffman, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Colleen Finn-Henze, Lanark (Eastland); Sam Knox, Lincoln; Scott Maupin, Peotone; Stephanie Posey, Belleville (East); and Darnell Jones, Lindenhurst. Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Members absent were: Tanya Johnson, Zion-Benton and Vince Carter, Chicago (Von Steuben).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. ITEM VI. SECTION B. TIME SCHEDULES 1) Single-Game Session Time Schedule

Recommendation: The committee recommends starting all single-game sessions in the Boys' and Girls' state series at 7:00 p.m.

Rationale: Adjusting the start time of single game sessions will allow participants and fans to return home earlier. On championship night, it will help reduce the amount of time between the end of the 3-point contest and the start of the championship game. Many schools are already starting varsity games at 7:00 p.m. during the regular season so this change will mirror their accustomed schedule.

Approved

2. ITEM V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings

Recommendation: The committee recommends moving back the Season Summary/Seeding process in Girls' Class 1A/2A and 3A/4A, and Boys' Class 1A/2A and Class 3A/4A by one week. In 2014, the seeding schedule would be as follows:

Girls' 1A/2A January 30, 2014
Girls' 3A/4A February 6, 2014
Boys' 1A/2A February 13, 2014
Boys' 3A/4A February 20, 2014

Rationale:

- a. The online seeding system is a much faster process than the previous in-person meetings.
- b. This will give teams a chance to play more games to be considered in the seeding process.
- c. Many teams play significant games after the seeding deadline.

Approved

THREE-POINT SHOWDOWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. ITEM VII. SECTION A. Three-Point Shooting 10)

Recommendation: There will be a time limit of forty-five (45) seconds per shooter each regular round. There will be a time limit of thirty (30) seconds per shooter each tiebreaker round. In the event a ball becomes lodged in the basket support **or net** during a contestant's shooting round, the clock shall be stopped, the ball removed, and then the clock will be restarted, allowing the shooter to complete his/her round.

Rationale: This change will clarify procedures for local tournament managers to follow in the event a ball is to become stuck in the net during the competition.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. STATE ADOPTIONS

Recommendations: The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2013-14 season:

- a. **Mercy Rule:** The Mercy Rule would be used in all contests (regular and post-season).
- b. 14' Coaches Box
- c. Reduction in the number of time-outs at the State Finals.

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

2. STATE ADOPTIONS

Recommendations: The committee recommended the continued adoption of the following rules for the 2013-14 season:

- a. **Mercy Rule:** Regular season tournaments only. If the above does not pass then there would be no other changes to previous adoptions.
- b. 14' Coaches Box
- c. Reduction in the number of time-outs at the State Finals.

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

Approved Option 2

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the various processes for change of by-laws, policies, and terms and conditions within the association.
2. The committee discussed the national playing rules proposals recently considered by the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. At this point, there have been no decisions made by the NFHS relative to any changes. Once those are announced, those rules changes will be posted for member schools to see in the IHSA Schools Center.
3. The committee reviewed the new IHSA By-laws that will go into effect for the 2013-14 school term.
4. The committee reviewed the minutes from the 2012 meeting.
5. The committee discussed the recently-completed Boys' and Girls' State Finals. The committee shared their concern over the behavior displayed in the Boys' Class 2A state championship game. The committee recognized that administrators and coaches have a pivotal role in providing the necessary leadership to ensure all participants conduct themselves appropriately in interscholastic contests. It is anticipated that conduct/sportsmanship and enforcement of rules will be emphasized for the 2013-14 season. The committee discussed the possibility of drafting a form for schools to sign prior to playing in the state series. This form will acknowledge the school's agreement to behave appropriately during contests.
6. The committee discussed the role and function of the Sportsmanship Committee at the State Finals. The committee was encouraged to have conferences in their area sign up for the Association's 'Do What's Right!' program.
7. The committee discussed the importance of positive behavior and constructive communication between officials and coaches. As they represent the only adults on the court, the players and fans naturally consider them as role models to lead by example.
8. The committee discussed Gary DeCesare's proposal to rotate officiating crews during the state series but took no action on it. Gary is the head varsity boys' basketball coach at Chicago (St. Rita)
9. The committee discussed the seeding process and believes that teams are better served with a Sectional or Sub-Sectional format instead of assigned Regionals as is in place for some of the schools.
10. The committee reviewed the Baden contract and its status. The committee was reminded that the current agreement is in place until the conclusion of the 2013-14 school year.
11. The committee discussed the 4-class system, its pro's and con's, and how to bring any concerns to the IHSA Board of Directors.
12. The committee discussed a concern brought to a committee member's attention that non-boundary schools are at an advantage due to their composition.
13. The committee discussed two potential by-law proposals. One would deal with a reduction of contact days, and the other would alter the start of the basketball season.
13. The committee discussed the philosophy behind assigning State Final officials. The committee shared their view that there shouldn't be any limit, formal or informal, to the number of trips an official can make to the State Finals.
14. The committee discussed how the Top 15 List is used in the assignment of officials in the post-season.
15. The committee discussed the possibility of providing photos of officials to schools when they log into their School Center to rate officials following a contest.