

**MINUTES OF THE 2021-22 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 26, 2022**

The IHSA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee met virtually on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, beginning at 10 a.m. Committee members present were Kristi Faulkner, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West); Beth Doetch, Poplar Grove (North Boone); Matt Long, Camp Point (Central); Keisha Newell, Chicago (Mother McAuley); Jim Parker, Rockford (East); Lee Bennett, Centralia (H.S.); and Cabrina Williams-Leneau, Gurnee. Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Committee member Rodney Walker, Decatur (Eisenhower) was unable to attend.

**Terms and Conditions Recommendations**

1. Girls' and Boys' Terms and Conditions VI. B. 5 Tournament Structure and Time Schedule  
Recommendation: The committee recommends playing the State Final games in the following sequence using a time schedule for each day to be determined by IHSA staff:  
Thursday        Semi-finals in Class 1A, 2A, 3A  
Friday            Consolation games in Class 1A, 2A, 3A, the Class 1A championship, and the Class 4A semi-finals  
Saturday        Consolation game in Class 4A, and the championship games in Class 2A, 3A, and 4A

RATIONALE: The committee believes the State Final experience should be at least two days for each school. This revision in the sequence of games would allow for this while keeping Saturday primarily as a Championship Day.

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2. Girls' Terms and Conditions VI. B and C and IX. K  
Boys' Terms and Conditions VI. B and C  
Recommendation: The committee recommends adjusting the amount of time for warm-up for all state series games to 18 minutes.

RATIONALE: Adding three more minutes to pre-game warm-ups in the state series will allow players to get acclimated to the various settings, particularly as the tournament advances past the Regional level. In many instances, schools may not be familiar with the Sectional, Super-Sectional, or State Final venues, and providing a few more minutes for warm-up will help players and teams while not unduly impacting the overall administration of any tournament.

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**Administrative Recommendations**

**3-Point Contest**

Recommendation: The committee recommends moving the preliminaries of the 3-point contest to the Wednesday prior to the start of the State Finals at a time (late afternoon/early evening) to be determined by the IHSA staff. The committee also recommends advancing four (4) shooters from each Sectional to the State Finals preliminary round.

RATIONALE: Moving the preliminary round competition from Saturday to Wednesday opens up the playing schedule, particularly on Saturday of the State Finals, and will allow tournament management to handle the incoming crowd for the first session on Saturday. Additionally, by moving the preliminary round contest to Wednesday, the committee believes bringing 32 shooters per class is appropriate and will be manageable for contest officials.

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### State Adoptions

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2022-23 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: A Mercy Rule will be used in all regular-season contests, regular-season tournament games, and through the Super-Sectional level in the IHSA State Series. A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter in which there is at least a 30-point differential score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:
  - i. A team timeout
  - ii. An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
  - iii. The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
  - iv. An officials' timeout
  - v. Correctable error situation

NOTE: The Mercy Rule will not be during the Girls' or Boys' State Final contests.

- b. 28' Coaches Box

RATIONALE: These adoptions are allowed for through the NFHS Basketball Rules Book. These two adoptions are identical to the same adoptions used in interscholastic basketball over previous years in Illinois, and the committee believes it is prudent to continue their use.

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### Discussion Items

1. The committee reviewed the minutes from last year's meeting.
2. The committee reviewed new by-laws approved earlier this school year by IHSA member schools, noting that the proposals approved by the membership this year will not have any impact on basketball.
3. The committee discussed new rules from the NFHS that will begin next season. It is expected that only one formal Rules change (concerning hair adornments) will be instituted next season.
4. The committee discussed the new state series format used this year for the first time in both Girls' and Boys' basketball. During the discussion, the following topics were reviewed/mentioned:
  - a. Some schools, particularly in the northern part of the state in Class 4A would prefer to seed as Sectional Complexes and not as Sub-Sectionals.
  - b. Some schools would like to see the higher-seeded team host all Regional games. The committee did acknowledge, though, that the variance in sites around the state could make this difficult and/or impractical in some parts of the state. The committee also

expressed their desire to have sites selected to host post-season tournaments be vetted to the extent possible to make sure their facility is capable of hosting a Regional tournament.

- c. The committee shared concerns about the process used to distribute seeded teams in the current policy, a practice which can sometimes create a perceived imbalance in the seeds of teams assigned to Regional tournaments.
  - d. The committee discussed their belief that consolation games played on the same day as semi-final games can be tough for schools, especially for teams that play in the last semi-final contest. The limited time to recover from those games can negatively impact the experience for players and the performance of the team. The committee believes that if the consolation game is to remain, allowing teams an appropriate amount of time to properly prepare to play is necessary for that contest.
  - e. In discussing the 3-point contest, the committee made the following observations:
    - i. At the Boys' tournament, fans who were coming to attend the first championship session had to wait outside in inclement weather until the contest was completed and the doors opened for the State Farm Center. This hampered the experience of those in that situation.
    - ii. The committee wondered if the administration of the contest would be better if the preliminaries and finals were held as a part of one round of shooting in lieu of narrowing the field to a final four who then shoot off a second time to determine a class champion.
    - iii. The committee questioned if the contest has maybe run its course and can be a distraction for coaches.
    - iv. The committee discussed a proposal that would allow participants to shoot at alternate sites if weather restricts a participant from traveling to the original site. The committee took no action on this matter.
  - f. The committee suggested the IHSA may want to rethink the posted starting times for State Final games to better reflect when those games will start.
5. The committee discussed, and ultimately made a recommendation for adjusting warm-up times for state series contests.
  6. The committee discussed the officials' shortage, and the pay schools are offering officials for their efforts. Attracting new officials continues to be a vexing situation and developing ways to get former players or community members to realize the importance of giving back to sports is extremely challenging. Efforts such as the IHSA's newest 'Officiating 101' clinic are noble and will hopefully generate more interest in the avocation. One suggestion was to have IHSA or local associations increase their presence at local tournaments, whether in the summer or during the regular season.
  7. IHSA staff shared results with the committee from surveying coaches, administrators, and officials this year about the implementation of the shot clock. Ultimately, the results seem to indicate the easing into the shot clock era seems to make sense for the membership and will allow schools the opportunity to plan as necessary for its inevitable adoption. The committee recognizes the dynamics of the game and how it's played will change as the shot clock's use is increased, but the committee believes the phasing-in approach is likely the best path to follow. The committee is comfortable with using at least the 2022-23 season as one for experimentation with the 35-second shot clock during regular season tournaments and shootouts. Additionally, IHSA staff indicated that they have had discussions with scoreboard manufacturers to determine if any kind of partnership can be forged to help reduce school costs. As more information on this is available, it will be shared with the membership.

8. The committee discussed a proposal to use a third-party platform, like Max Preps, to determine the seeds for schools entering the post-season. The committee expressed their preference to leaving the seeding responsibility to coaches, who have more knowledge of the teams and their seasons. The committee also didn't favor conducting a virtual meeting prior to seeding currently, although they did ask IHSA staff to survey coaches at the conclusion of next season to get their input on this.
9. The committee thanked outgoing members Keisha Newell and Rodney Walker for their service to the committee.