

Minutes of the 2011 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
May 27, 2011

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in Naperville, on Friday, May 27, 2011 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Committee members present were: Deborah Boniface, Orland Park (Sandburg); Mike Cashman, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep); Laurie Jakubczak, Chicago (Mother McAuley); David Lieberman, Glenview (Glenbrook South); Perry Korbakis, (Official) Crestwood. Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser was also in attendance. Tim Daniel, Hoffman Estates (Conant) and Lenny Depasquale, Aurora (Metea Valley) did not attend.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VIII. D. State Final Water Polo Balls: (Boys and Girls)

Recommendation: Beginning with the 2012 tournament, each Sectional site receives 5 Baden balls for the Girls Sectional games and 5 Baden balls for the Boys Sectional games.

Rationale: Currently each host site receives 3 Girls and 3 Boys game balls. Supplying each site with 2 more Girls and 2 more Boys game balls will help officials with counter attack and keep the flow of the game moving without too many interruptions when the balls fly out of the pool.

Not Approved

2. Item VI. A. 1 Saturday Sectional Final Starting Times: (Boys and Girls)

Recommendation: Allow the Saturday Sectional Final games to begin no earlier than 11:00am and 6:00pm.

Rationale: Moving the start time ahead by an hour may help ease the scheduling of games.

Approved

Items of Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** During regular season contests, if a team is leading by 15 or more at the end of the 3rd quarter, then a running clock shall occur during the 4th quarter.

Rationale: It is impossible for a team to come back from a 15-goal deficit. A running clock may ease frustration for the team, enables coaches to substitute as well as instruct players in game situations.

Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that the IHSA staff update the Water Polo manual, winners' packet and officials' information for the 2012 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. The committee reviewed the State Final table and exclusion board personnel performance. They suggested designating someone as a "runner" between the table and board.
3. The committee discussed the online seeding process and how the lack of participation by coaches could negatively affect the final seeds.
4. The committee requests the program deadline for schools qualifying for the state tournament be pushed back to Sunday at 10am.

5. The committee reviewed the online rules video and thought questions placed during various times in the presentation will compel officials and coaches to watch the rules meeting from beginning to end.
6. Sectional hosts are asked to remind the fans of state qualifying teams of the cost of admission for each session.
7. The committee discussed using a release letter similar to the one the NCAA uses.
8. The committee discussed all deep facilities for Sectionals, as well as, the process to determine the host site for Sectional and State tournaments.
9. Schools hosting a Boys and Girls team do not prefer their teams assigned to different Sectionals.
10. Officials need to maintain a level of professionalism prior to the game when talking with coaches.
11. The committee reviewed feedback from coaches regarding the Baden ball.
12. Next Meeting: May 25, 2012 in Naperville.