

# MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 2018

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Mike Moore, Official (Park Ridge); Rich Grady, Deerfield (H.S.); Seger Larson, Oregon; Mark Heiderscheid, Edwardsville (H.S.); Heather Greer, Pleasant Plains; Carlos Villanueva, Hillside (Proviso West) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance Dr. Kevin Gallick, Chicago (Washington).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. None forwarded.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions as well as any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2018-19 seasons.

**Rationale:** The state association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

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2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the following modification to the yellow card count:

- a. The team caution count continues for the 2018-19 seasons.
- b. Officials must continue to report **all** caution given in a game.
- c. The IHSA office will continue to track yellow card team and individual accumulations.
- d. Only cautions awarded in the following categories will count towards the team accumulations:
  - B. Persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game
  - C. Objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent)
  - D. Incidental use of vulgar or profane language
  - H. Unsportsmanlike behavior
  - F2. Unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick etc.)
  - F3. Holding a shirt, short etc.
  - F4. Deliberate verbal attacks
  - F7. Deliberate tactical foul
  - F10. Reckless play
  - H. Unsportsmanlike behavior

**Rationale:** The committee recommends continuing the caution count but to emphasize the unsportsmanlike behavior and fouls that teams need to be accountable for throughout the season. The other cautionable offenses (i.e. illegal uniform, coaching outside the team area etc.) will still be reported and still count towards the individual limitation as with the infractions listed above.

Over the past 4 seasons the number of cautions in the categories listed above have been greater than the other categories as shown in the information below.

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Yellow Card Reason		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
SOB	A. entering or leaving the field of play without the permission of an official	12	8	8	16
SOB	B. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game	160	204	194	194
SOB	C. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent)	547	619	622	675
SOB	D. incidental use of vulgar or profane language	88	115	132	99
SOB	F1. coaching outside the team area	2	7	7	6
SOB	F10. reckless play	747	981	1046	1072
SOB	F11. wearing illegal equipment	25	33	41	49
SOB	F12. excessive or prolonged act that prohibits a timely restart of the game	35	28	35	33
SOB	F2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc)	160	174	168	239
SOB	F3. holding a shirt, short, etc.	85	118	115	114
SOB	F4. deliberate verbal attacks	16	24	18	24
SOB	F5. encroachment	91	123	99	97
SOB	F6. deliberate handball to stop the attack	20	20	18	12
SOB	F7. deliberate tactical foul	331	312	380	371
SOB	F8. faking an injury	0	2	2	1
SOB	F9. simulating a foul	9	15	10	19
SOB	G. use of tobacco products at the game site during the jurisdiction of the officials	0	0	1	0
SOB	H. unsportsmanlike behavior	604	703	664	734
SOB	I. other -- as specified in box below	28	25	26	27
SOG	A. entering or leaving the field of play without the permission of an official	5	1	8	3
SOG	B. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game	47	76	58	44
SOG	C. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent)	160	159	185	111
SOG	D. incidental use of vulgar or profane language	19	24	14	18
SOG	F1. coaching outside the team area	1	4	1	1
SOG	F10. reckless play	198	273	291	191
SOG	F11. wearing illegal equipment	23	30	35	26
SOG	F12. excessive or prolonged act that prohibits a timely restart of the game	11	3	8	3
SOG	F2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc)	30	33	21	20
SOG	F3. holding a shirt, short, etc.	17	27	17	28
SOG	F4. deliberate verbal attacks	5	3	1	4
SOG	F5. encroachment	23	24	24	14
SOG	F6. deliberate handball to stop the attack	8	9	5	2
SOG	F7. deliberate tactical foul	86	86	81	69
SOG	F9. simulating a foul	0	4	0	2
SOG	G. use of tobacco products at the game site during the jurisdiction of the officials	1	0	0	0
SOG	H. unsportsmanlike behavior	135	166	162	119
SOG	I. other -- as specified in box below	13	15	13	13

**3. Recommendation:** The committee recommends that coaches have access to review the yellow and red card count through the IHSA Schools Center.

**Rationale:** Easier access by the coach will assist with accuracy and accountability.

Approved

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION and GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2017 meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2018 -19 school year were reviewed. The minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee on Classification were reviewed.
3. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser.
4. The committee discussed IHSA By-Law 3.107. Soccer Coaches recognized by a high school (volunteer or stipend) may not coach more than 5 total students from their school on a non-school team out side of the 25-contact day period. The number of teams a recognized coach is working with does not matter, the total number of students is 5. This rule and interpretation has not changed in many years and there are different limitations in different sports.
5. The committee discussed their concerns when the Certified Trainer rushes on the field to check on a player before beckoned by the official. Sometimes a player needs a moment before continuing to play and the official does not beckon the Trainer immediately. Coaches are concerned that when a Certified Trainer runs onto the field to a player, that player must then leave the game per NFHS rule. The committee is requesting that the Certified Trainer, as per the SMAC, wait a moment before running on the field.
6. The committee discussed the seeding process and how to encourage coaches to be better informed for accurate seeds. The committee thought every coach needs to be more accountable when seeding for the tournament, and there should be a consequence to coaches/schools who do not submit a season summary form or complete the seeding process. A brief discussion followed re if the seed meeting should be moved closer to the start date.
7. The committee shared concerns on games held on grass fields that are not in good condition or on narrow fields. The committee also discussed a Super-Sectional host site in Chicago.
8. The committee discussed the need for all NFHS and IHSA rules or state association adoptions to be consistently applied and followed by officials, coaches and players. Officials cannot disregard some rules and not others during the regular and post season games. When that occurs, confusion and needless issues arise.
9. The committee discussed the pros and cons of pushing back the start and end date of girls' soccer.
10. The Committee requested the IHSA collect statistics on overtime games. Specifically, if the team winning in overtime was the first team to score and at what point in the overtime did the winning team score.
11. The Committee discussed the mercy rule and found that the current state association adoption does not need to be modified.
12. The committee discussed how multiple governing bodies require coaches and officials to complete the concussion education course. Is it possible for SMAC to recognize other concussion education curriculum so an individual only must pass one time and renew one time?

13. The committee reviewed the yellow and red card reports from the boys' and girls' seasons. The following highlight the discussion items:
- a. There is a concern that the officials do not report all cautions awarded.
  - b. The committee stresses that if an official does not report a caution or ejection to the School Center, the school is responsible for contacting the IHSA, report the card and ensure all IHSA rules are followed.
  - c. It is not the official's responsibility to "bury" cards during the regular season and post season games because of the card count. The committee felt that officials must award the appropriate card anytime during any game when warranted.
  - d. Coaches are not to "update" officials regarding the team or individual yellow card count.
  - e. Coaches need to control the behavior of the players and adults representing their school during the games.
  - f. Officials need to officiate the game as intended and do not worry about the caution count
  - g. Officials are asked to submit a special report under "other" to inform that school's administrator of the situation(s) that did not warrant a card, but does need to be addressed

14. Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019