

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 4, 2018

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Committee members participating were: John Grundke, LaGrange (Lyons); Scott Hagel, Wauconda; Andy Morreale, (DeKalb); Frank Novakowski, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West); Gary Steiger, Palatine (H.S.); and Kathy Krebs, Crete. Also in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director Jerry Dobbs.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULE, F. Time Schedule

Recommendation: -Change to read: **3. State Final Meet b. 2:00 p.m.:** Parade of Competitors followed by all events in this order: **Alternating** Vaulting and Uneven Bars, **alternating** Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

Rational: Creates a more efficient meet and allows more time for judges to score each performance. Creates more continual action for the spectators.

Approved

2. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULE

Recommendation: Add **E Order of Performance 2. State Final: a. Preliminaries. Once the random draw occurs for the first rotation create 3 groups. Groups will perform within their rotation: 1, 2, 3; 2, 3, 1; 3, 1, 2; 1, 2, 3.**

Rationale: Creates an equitable performance order within each rotation group. Prevents a team from performing last on an event then first on an event in the next rotation.

Approved

3. (GIRLS) V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS, C: Seeding Policies

Recommendation: Delete the following: ~~**3. One of the three team scores that are used for seeding purposes must be from a meet with a 2 judge panel on each event.**~~

Rationale: The committee believes that the 2-judge panel is not accomplishing its intended objectives. The Terms and Conditions mandate that a score from a 2-judge panel must be used. If a team has an injury or an ill gymnast not competing they could receive their lowest score and per the Seeding policy are forced to use it, thus altering the seeds.

Approved

4. (BOYS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULE, C. State Final Meet: 1. Team/All-Around Championship

Recommendation: Change time to read: 1. The state final team championship will be held in a single session on Friday, May 11, beginning at ~~6:00 p.m.~~ **5:00 p.m.**

Rationale: By moving the meet up one hour it will allow additional rest time for gymnasts who return on Saturday to perform at individual preliminaries.

Approved

5. (BOYS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULE

Recommendation: Add **A. Sectional Meet Schedule:** Sectional meets ~~will be~~ **can be** conducted on **Monday, Tuesday**, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoon and Saturday evening, each in a single session beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday sessions which shall begin at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Rational: Allows more availability options for host schools.

Approved

**6. (BOYS) X. AWARDS B. State Final
(GIRLS) X AWARDS C. State Final**

Recommendation: Increase number of individual medallions awarded to the following:
In addition, individual medallions shall be awarded to the winners of the first ~~five (5)~~ **ten 10** places in each individual event and All-Around and to the members of the first, second and third place teams.

Rational: The committee believes that placing in the top 10 as an individual is worthy of medal recognition. This change would align the number of individuals receiving medals in gymnastics with other individual sports.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) Scoresheet

Recommendation: Revise the NFHS scoresheet to an Illinois specific scoresheet evaluation tool.

Rational: The scoresheet will provide a more streamlined efficient use of the categories used to evaluate a routine.

Approved

EDITORIAL RECOMMENDATION:

1. (Girls) Edit E. Order of Performance

Recommendation: 1. Regional/Sectional: When a conflict in two events occurs with the order of performance for a competitor will be dropped by the ~~Chief Judge/Meet Referee~~ in the second event three or four competitors down in the order of performance.

Rationale: The change in language reflects current practice.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2017 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girl's State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed the time change that occurred in 2016 for Saturday's Individual Finals. The Coaches and Palatine High School like the earlier start time for finals.
4. Tracie Henry informed the committee that 2018 is the first year the Boys Gymnastics State Series will be hosted by Hoffman Estates High School.
5. The committee discussed the possibility of marketing the Girls Gymnastics State Meet to the Boys Gymnastics teams and the Boys Gymnastics State Meet to the Girls Gymnastics teams to increase attendance. Tracie Henry is taking that feedback back to the IHSA to review.
6. Tracie Henry informed the group about the current officials rating system through the IHSA Schools Center. The system now allows coaches to rate officials on the same day on multiple events. Coaches are encouraged to rate judges on as many events as possible and to provide comments when rating judges as well.
7. Tracie Henry discussed the new concussion education program for all interscholastic coaches, marching band directors, and licensed athletic officials, which is a requirement of the [Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act \(SB 7\)](#), and will be available in the IHSA Schools and Officials Center on August 1, 2018. Coaches will be required to review the new concussion education program for the 2018-2019 school year.
8. The committee discussed the web-based TourneyWire Gymnastics scoring program that was supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State for both the Boys and Girls State Series. The committee recommended continuing the Regional and Sectional Manager conference calls, the committee reported that the calls were beneficial but suggested that it be optional for hosts to participate. The live scoring component for boys and girls received positive feedback.

9. Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the process for IHSA By-law 3.101 which prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season.
http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/2017-18/2017-18_Non-School_Competition_Participation_Request.pdf
10. Tracie Henry recognized Gary Steiger and Scott Hagel for their service to the committee.