

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
**February 23, 2011**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Peter Dougherty, Boys Coach, Chicago (St. Patrick); Tim Cruz, Athletic Director, Decatur (MacArthur); Kirk Martin Boys/Girls Coach, Cahokia (H.S.); Beth Miller, Girls Coach, Fox Lake (Grant); Ron Lear, Girls Coach, Plainfield (North).

Guests in attendance were Carol Floros, girls state final manager; John Anderson, Cherry Bowl; Todd Moeller, boys state final manager; and Mike Imes, St. Clair Bowl.

IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert and IESA Administrative Specialist Pat Bodame were also in attendance.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Revise VIII. F. 1**

**Recommendation:** It is required that at the sectionals, the lanes be oiled with a house league/ house shot condition.

**Rationale:** The committee felt that current wording says recommended use of house shot. Lead to disputes this year with schools wanting to use a middle of the road pattern which many bowlers don't have access to practice on.

Approved by consent

2. **Revise II. A-E Add II F**

**Recommendation:**

- A. Boy's Regionals: Boy's regional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 28
- B. Boy's Sectionals: Boy's sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 29
- C. Boy's State Final: The Boy's State Final Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday of Week 30 at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon. O'Fallon High School will serve as the host.
- D. Girl's Regionals: Girls' regional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 31
- E. Girl's Sectionals: Girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday of Week 32
- F. Girls' State Final: The Girls' State Final Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday of Week 33 at Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

With this proposal the committee recommends moving the girls' season back a week. Girl's teams would be allowed to start practice on Monday of Week 20 with the first contest being allowed on Friday of Week 21.

**Rationale:** The committee feels that moving the girls' season back a week will be imperative for the regional/sectional setup. By leaving the girls' state finals where they are it forces

coaches to choose between coaching their boys' team at state or their girls' team at regionals as many schools have one coach for both programs.

Tabled

3. **Add: V. B. Regional Tournament Structure Girls**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the girls' tournament structure have 18 regionals feeding into 6 sectionals, each sectional would have 3 regionals. Four teams and 10 individuals would advance from regionals to sectionals, giving each sectional 12 teams and 30 individuals competing for the state finals. Four teams and 5 individuals would advance from each sectional to state. There would be no at-large individuals for girls' under this format.

**Rationale:** Over 220 girls' teams entered the state series this year. The average size of a sectional was 18 teams. This is making hosting more difficult as some houses aren't big enough to handle that number of teams. We also have houses using every lane available in order to host leaving no option if a lane breaks down. Adding a regional level will make sectionals more manageable for our host schools and bowling houses.

Tabled

4. **Add: V. C. Regional Tournament Structure Boys**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the boys' tournament structure have 16 regionals feeding into 8 sectionals, each sectional would have 2 regionals. Four teams and 10 individuals would advance from regionals to sectionals, giving each sectional 8 teams and 20 individuals competing for the state finals. Three teams and 3 individuals would advance from each sectional to state. We would use at-large individuals with this proposal.

**Rationale:** Over 180 boys' teams entered the state series this year. The average size of a sectional was 14 teams. As boys' bowling continues to grow it makes hosting more difficult as some houses aren't big enough to handle that number of teams. Adding a regional level will make sectionals more manageable for our host schools and bowling houses.

Tabled

5. **Revise: VII. E. Individual At-Large Qualifiers**

**Recommendation:** To determine the 6 individual At-Large Qualifiers, only the 12 third place finishers should be considered as possible at-large qualifiers. Then, from those 12 individuals, the 6 with the "fewest pins behind the second place individual qualifier within their sectional" would be used to select the individuals to advance to the state finals.

**Rationale:** The committee felt that with this proposal the at-large process would give a better geographic representation by not allowing 1 sectional to potentially have multiple qualifiers. This would also eliminate making the students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> place wait all weekend to find out if they're going to state or not.

Please note that if the girls' regional/sectional proposal gets approved there will be no at-large qualifiers for girls bowling.

No action taken

6. **Revise: VII. B. 1. Uniforms:**

**Recommendation:** Unacceptable team apparel includes but is not limited to tank tops, cut offs, t-shirts that advertised alcohol, drugs, or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear, boxer type shorts, and lettering or graphics across the back of pants.

**Rationale:** The committee felt that lettering or graphics across the rear of pants doesn't seem an appropriate way to represent one's school at the state finals.

Approved by consent

7. **Revise: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the following time schedule be approved for the state finals:

Boys State Final Saturday Time Schedule:

**Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Doors open for 2nd day qualifying teams, individuals and their coaches.  
8:45 a.m. Doors open to the general public  
9:00 a.m. Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)  
9:15 a.m. Introductions  
9:30 a.m. Warm up for Round 3  
9:45 a.m. Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals)  
12:15-12:45 p.m. 30 minute lunch period  
12:45 p.m. Warm up for Round 4  
1:00 p.m. approx. Fourth round (12 teams and 30 individuals)  
4:00 p.m. approx. Awards ceremony (immediately following round 4)

The Girls State Final Saturday Time Schedule:

**Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Doors open for 2nd day qualifying teams, individuals and their coaches.  
8:45 a.m. Doors open to the general public  
9:00 a.m. Introductions  
9:15 a.m. Warm up for Round 3  
9:30 a.m. Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals)  
12:55-1:00 p.m. 45 minute lunch period  
1:00-1:15 p.m. Warm up for Round 4  
1:15 p.m. approx. Fourth Round (12 teams and 30 individuals)  
4:00 p.m. approx. Awards ceremony (immediately following round 4)

**Rationale:** The committee felt that with this time schedule both Friday and Saturday will start at the same time which makes sense for everyone involved. In 2011 we had parents waiting at the door on Saturday at Friday's start time, not understanding that Saturday started later; this should help alleviate some of that confusion. It was also recommended that the girls' lunch on Saturday be cut down to 45 minutes. In 2011 we were waiting around to start the 4<sup>th</sup> round because lunch was scheduled for an hour.

Approved by consent

8. **Revise: VIII. F. 2 Sectional Seeding Information**

**Recommendation:** At the sectionals, teams will not be seeded. Teams will be placed in their lanes based on the luck of the draw. The draw shall take place no earlier than 1 hour prior to the start of the sectional with each head coach drawing their lane assignment.

**Rationale:** The committee discussed this item last year and this year there were still draw issues. Schools would have lanes assigned prior to the arrival of the teams which some felt was unfair and gave the host school an advantage. Each coach drawing their own lane should make this a more fair process for everyone.

No action taken

9. **Revise: III. F. List of Participants**

**Recommendation:** Each school must complete the List of Participants through their school center by the deadline date. Managers will be able to access the List of Participants for all entries in their sectional through the School Center on the IHSA website following this deadline. The List of Participants will include the five (5) bowlers competing and the three (3) subs the school is allowed to use through the state series. The List of Participants is a final entry. No additions, substitutions or changes will be permitted unless team substitutions are made in accordance with these Terms and Conditions and approved by the IHSA. The original List of Participants shall apply to each level of the state series.

**Rational:** The committee felt that the current list of participant policy makes the list a moot point because subs can be made at any time for anyone and the students don't have to come from the submitted list. This change will bring bowling in line with other sports and make the list of participants more useful since the names will be finalized.

No action taken

**Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee requests that the live leader board program not be updated until all scores are in for that round. They ask if there could be a button on the program so that users would have to manually refresh the scrolling leader board.

**Rational:** The committee feels that the scrolling leader board can be distracting to participants. It can also be misleading when people don't pay attention to what game teams or individuals are on when looking at the scrolling board.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends adding a clause to the managers' manual about practice time for an uneven sectional. Wording would be: During practice time your first bowler cannot bowl on the second lane until the fifth bowler is done.

**Rationale:** The committee felt that this eliminate the situation where the team bowling next to the open lane is practicing on both lanes during the given practice time. When teams do that they give their participants more practice opportunities.

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends whenever possible regionals and sectionals can't be hosted at the state final site.

**Rational:** The committee felt that in allowing schools to host at the state final site, it gives those teams competing there an unfair advantage. They understand sometimes it's not possible but to use the state final site, they just ask it be avoided when possible.

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed 2010 Minutes
2. The committee discussed the state final sites and tournaments. We had a record breaking crowd at Cherry Bowl this year by approximately 100 people. The committee asked that Cherry Bowl move the semis in the back parking lot for the state final weekend, John Anderson said this was possible. They also discussed the use of the hanging screens at Cherry Bowl, it was reported that the year they used them coaches complained they were a distraction to the bowlers.
3. The committee discussed the idea of centrally located state final sites and the idea of alternating the boys and girls sites. No action was taken
4. The committee discussed switching the Girls' Bowling state final weekend with Girls' Gymnastics. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed allowing schools to enter individual participants into the state series. After much consideration it was decided that by allowing schools to enter individuals we could have an odd number of participants on lanes and that could give bowlers an unfair advantage due to speed of play and oil break down. The committee asked the IHSA to see if any research could be done on what kind of numbers we'd be expecting. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed the Damage of Property clause. No action was taken.
7. The committee discussed the cost of lane fees at sectionals. They asked that the IHSA put a line on the host request form so that schools can enter the cost of their facility.
8. The committee discussed allowing coaches to walk down the lane to check the oil pattern. It was determined this doesn't give an advantage. No action was taken.
9. The committee discussed the problem with parents coaching their kids or using hand signals to relay information. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed the cheering policy. No action was taken.
11. The committee asked that the IHSA try to find hosts earlier to help out the bowling houses and their league schedules.
12. The committee thanked Beth Miller, Tim Cruz, and Ron Lear for their years of service.

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