

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2014

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Kim Huelsman, Coach at Orland Park (Sandburg), Mike Obsutz, Athletic Director at Barrington, Matt Wrobel, Coach at Elk Grove Village (E.G.), Cyndi Dyrkacz, Coach at Burbank (Reavis), and Ben Hussey, Coach at Roselle (Lake Park). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Add: VIII. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules C. Thursday Open Warm-Up (Reorder)

Recommendation: Thursday warm-up times will be open warm ups. Schools are allowed a maximum of 45 minutes for warm-up time total. Additional time is allowed if court space is available and teams are not waiting. Teams will be given appropriate court space based on the number of qualifiers they have for the State Final. (1-2 players= half court, 3-4 players= full court, 5-6 players = a court and a half).

Rationale: Some abuse has taken place with coaches using too much court space or taking too long, this should help address the issue. With this in place, if coaches aren't willing to work together a more structured time schedule may have to be put into place.

Approved by Consent

2. Add: V. Tournament Assignment and Seeding Meetings. A. List of Participants

Recommendation: All coaches will be able to access the LOPs after the entry deadline but prior to the seeding meeting via the IHSA School Center. (last sentence of paragraph A)

Rationale: Coaches were not aware this information was available for their viewing. This should also be put in the online rules video and in the Manual for Schools.

Approved by Consent

3. Add: V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings. H. Making the Sectional Draw. 2) (reorder 3-7)

Recommendation: A school's entry in singles and doubles, regardless of their position rank, should be considered for a seed.

Rational: There was concern that some athletes were not being considered for a seed based on their ranking; this should add clarity to the sectional draw. This should also be added to Manual for Managers on page 16.

Approved by Consent

4. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules G. Warm up Time:

Recommendation: A maximum of 5 minutes warm up shall be allowed prior to the beginning of a match for only the first round match at Sectional and State Final tournaments. In all subsequent matches for the tournament, competitors will continue to have a maximum of 3 minutes to warm up. A competitor must be allowed a minimum of 15 minutes between matches at the Sectional and State Final tournaments. A singles player or doubles team can be disqualified if she/they are not ready to play within 15 minutes. Her/their opponent(s) would win by default.

Rationale: The Committee felt that even with players' warm-up blocks being up to 2 hours prior to the start of their first match; virtually all competitors were done with their pre-match warm up at or before the 5 minute mark. All other matches will continue to have no more than 3 minutes for warm-ups. All other references in Manuals will be updated to reflect this change.

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5. Revise: IX. Tournament Policies A. State Final Passes:

Recommendation: If a school has 1 qualifying individual they shall receive 2 coaches passes, if a school has 1 qualifying doubles team they shall receive 2 coaches passes. This will be done for each qualifying group. Schools can receive up to 4 coaches passes. Coaches must also be listed on the List of Participants to receive a coach's pass.

Rationale: The current wording is ambiguous, this defines more clearly who shall receive a pass and how many passes each school will receive based upon the number of participants.

Approved by Consent

6. Revise: XI. Officials A. State Final Appointment and Fees 5.

Recommendation: Licensed Official Fee: Three licensed officials shall be hired for each day. When they are not officiating a semifinal or final match, they shall act as rovers. The licensed officials are responsible for USAB rules.

Rationale: The Terms and Conditions currently call for 4 officials, this is impossible to find and not the current practice. This also clarifies that officials cover the USAB rules.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends updating the birds to the Wilson 80's. The cost difference between the Team 60's and the 80's is not great and the 80's are of a quality that will hold up better. The committee also recommends supplying the sectionals with 6 tubes of birds as 4 is not enough, especially in the sectionals with more teams. In some sectionals hosts are requesting that schools bring birds with them.

*It is to be noted that schools should be humidifying shuttles prior to sectional competition.

Rationale: The Team 80's were used in the past, but it was found that the Team 60's were a little cheaper. Schools are now reporting that they are actually going through more Team 60's due to the quality of the birds than they did with Team 80's which is essentially increasing costs.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Update Manual for Manager's page 17 to say 2 coaches from each sectional complex meeting are to serve the state finals games committee instead of 3 coaches from each sectional complex meeting are to serve. The Badminton Terms and Conditions call for 2.

Rationale: Wording needs to be updated to show consistency between the Manual and Terms and Conditions.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** Update Casebook III. The Game, 5A to say:
5A. Continuous play is defined as not exceeding 2 minutes between the first and second game, and not exceeding 2 minutes between the second and third game in a match or taking more than 5 seconds between points.

Rationale: Currently there is discrepancy between the Casebook and the Terms and Conditions; this update brings the two inline

Approved

4. **Recommendation:** Update Casebook III. The Game, 3A to reflect what is stated in the Terms and Conditions:
3A: In the event of equipment breakage or equipment difficulty, a player must be able to play within 5 minutes, or her/their opponent(s) will win by default.

Rationale: Currently there is discrepancy between the Casebook and the Terms and Conditions; this update brings the two inline.

Approved

5. **Recommendation:** Casebook IV. The Serve. Remove introduction paragraphs; update to state: USAB service rules will be used.

Rationale: The committee felt the USBA service rules are more clearly written and also something players are used to. Since we already use USBA rules it was time to get the IHSA service rules in line with the USAB Rule Book.

Approved

6. **Recommendation:** Casebook IV. The Serve. 2A. Update to say:
2A. A legal serve must be contacted below the lowest rib (which is below an imaginary line from crest to crest of serving players). The intent of the service rule is that the server does not gain an unfair advantage.

Rationale: This removes the old wording and is up to date with what the USAB rules state.

Approved

7. **Recommendation:** Casebook IV. The Serve 4A. Update to say:
4A. You look at the angle of the racquet, the ready stance, the hand movement, and the point of contact.

Rationale: This removes the old wording and is up to date with what the USAB rules state

Approved

8. **Recommendation:** Casebook V. Terms and Conditions 3A. Remove: “It may also be someone who does not appear on the LOP.”

Rationale: Currently there is discrepancy between the Casebook and the Terms and Conditions; this update brings the two inline

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed 2013 Minutes.
2. The Committee discussed the State Finals
 - a. Announce less, no need to announce the results of matches, only call matches on the court and on deck matches. The small gym is very loud and announcements tend to run together. The also asked for no results to be announced after a match is complete.
 - b. Adjust the viewing chairs so that there is a walk way behind the viewing area. Area of concern is between courts 5 and 10.
 - c. The Committee discussed the birds used at the State Tournament.
3. The Committee asked about listing a place for badminton suppliers on the IHSA website. Due to sponsorships, this action could not be taken. It was recommended that through starting a Coaches’ Association this kind of information could be passed along to the new and experienced coaches.

4. The Committee discussed a Badminton Coaches' Association and starting a place for coaches to network. No action was taken.
5. The Committee discussed that when entering the sectional results making the names a drop down menu of entrants so coaches don't have to type out each name and allowing for coaches to enter all 3 sets. When listing the advancing names or schools, the Committee felt making that a link that leads to the match by match results would be helpful to find results for players.
6. The Committee discussed JV birds and if there was a specific ruling on white or yellow. This is a conference issue that the Terms and Conditions do not govern. No action was taken.
7. The Committee the sectional assignments and the IHSA Grouping and Seeding Policy. Current IHSA policy calls for schools to be placed geographically and not based upon historical or current success. The IHSA policy would allow for sectional complexes to be redrawn every 3 years. No further action was taken
8. The Committee discussed 1 playing 4 and 2 playing 3 in the state final draw. No action was taken.
9. The Committee discussed the bye system currently in place. No action was taken.
10. The Committee discussed a way to copy and paste the brackets from the Manuals into an interactive document that coaches can type.
11. The Committee discussed to add on LOP instructions to put your own ranking in the comments box. Coaches didn't understand where to put this since last year this was a different box.
12. The Committee discussed reopening the LOPs for coaches to add their sectional results after the LOPs were closed or the IHSA enter the sectional results for state seeding meeting.
13. The Committee discussed moving the seeding meeting back up north. It was requested that more notice would be given to the members of the seeding committee on the meeting date and location. No action was taken.
14. The Committee discussed how the Team Academic Achievement Award wasn't listed in the program.
15. The Committee discussed the games committee wearing a different colored shirt or having some sort of distinguishing mark.
16. The Committee discussed talking with the officials about taking breaks and texting. No action was taken.
17. The committee discussed uniforms. No action was taken.
18. The committee discussed court assignments for round 1. Court assignments are not guaranteed based upon match number. Match number 1 could be set on court 13 if necessary. No action was taken.
19. The committee discussed noting in the online rules video that the morning warm-up assignments for Friday will be posted on the IHSA website.

20. The Committee discussed the state final seeding of the doubles bracket and why the seeding committee came to the decision to only seed the top 4.
21. The Committee discussed expanding the field of participants at the State Final so that the Top 5 from each sectional in singles and doubles would advance. This was tabled for further research and discussion.
22. The Committee discussed changing the coaching limitations so that coaches would be able to coach at any point during the match. This was tabled for further research and discussion.
23. The Committee discussed the state final seeding committee process and the possibility of someone watching the cards after the seeds are announced as drawn. It was determined a picture would be taken if the committee walks away from the cards to ensure no cards are moved without the consensus of the group.