

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GIRLS BADMINTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2015

The IHSA Girls Badminton Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Kim Huelsman, Coach at Orland Park (Sandburg); Mike Obsuszt, 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). Absent was Jerry Cook, Principal at Elgin (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules D. State Final Substitutions:

Recommendation: Substitutions will not be allowed for singles players who qualify for the state final. A substitution for members of doubles team qualifying for the state finals may be made if the principal of the player's school certifies her injury, illness, or ineligibility. In order to be eligible to compete, the substitute must be on the list of participants and shall be a non-state qualifier.

Rationale: This will allow schools to use their non-state qualifier to be substituted on their doubles teams. It does not allow coaches to change their line-up (move a singles player to a doubles team and replace the singles player with a substitute). The committee felt coaches should have the option to select the next best player on their team even if that person was already a non-qualifier.

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2. Revise: III. On-line entries, withdrawal procedures, eligibility, affirmative action, and on-line List of Participants -- G. On-Line *List of Participants*:

Recommendation: Each school must complete the On-Line *List of Participants* by midnight on **Saturday, April 30, 2016**. If a school does not submit the On-Line *List of Participants* by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from the school are subject to sanctions which could include, but not be limited to, coaches or players being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the state series.

The *List of Participants* will provide the overall records of each singles player and each doubles team seeking consideration for sectional and state final seeding. Coaches whose player(s) are not requesting a consideration for a seeded position need only to complete the *List of Participants* indicating names of the players being entered into the tournament series.

The *List of Participants* is a school entry. Once the sectional seeds have been made in conjunction with the sectional draw, all positions are finalized and cannot be adjusted. There can be no substitutions or changes to the singles or doubles teams unless there is a case of injury, illness or ineligibility as certified by the principal of the player's school. Refer to "VIII. Tournament Rules" for substitutions and *List of Participants* entry information.

Rationale: The committee felt this will adjust the due date of the LOP's which will give coaches more time to view the LOP's prior to the sectional seeding meeting. This also removes old wording and clarifies that a school should not enter all possible doubles partners a player had. This creates confusion for other coaches and hosts school managers. Finally this recommendation makes it clear that once the sectional seeds have been made, the positions players are listed in are final and cannot be adjusted. There were claims of coaches adjusting their line up once it was determined what

sectional they were playing in. For example, a player from doubles team 2 cannot be substituted to doubles team 1. Players entered in singles cannot be moved out of singles to complete a doubles team.

This information will also be covered in the online rules video.

*If passed, V. Tournament assignments and seeding meetings A. List of Participants- Finals Entry Process needs to be updated with the correct dates and times.

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3. **Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Competitor Apparel:**

Recommendation: Competitor Apparel: All players shall appear in the universally accepted badminton clothing — blouse, shorts or badminton outfit and smooth rubber-soled or composition-soled shoes. Shorts/skirts must be a predominantly solid color. The only writing (screened or embroidered) shall be a school logo or name, not across the back of the short/skirt. Uniforms must be worn as the manufacturer intended. Hats may not be worn during competition. School approved uniforms must be worn during warm-ups and competition. **It is required that doubles partners wear uniform tops and bottoms of like color.** The Games Committee reserves the right to determine appropriateness of all uniforms and the language/messages printed on the uniforms. Unless a case of changing uniforms, all uniform inquiries must be made prior to the start of the second round of play each day of the state tournament.

Rationale: The committee felt this eliminates the person crying foul about a uniform issue at the end of the day when a player has been wearing the uniform all day long. If a uniform is illegal it should be dealt with immediately.

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4. **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. Schools can receive up to 4 coaches' passes. Coaches must be listed on the LOP to receive a coach's pass. Schools who qualify on odd number of players shall receive 1 courtesy pass for a female teammate to act as a warm-up partner. Schools who qualify only 1 doubles team, may request 2 additional passes to bring an additional doubles team to act as warm-up partners. This request must be made by **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9am.**

Rationale: The committee reviewed a recommendation that giving the school an option to bring an additional doubles team to help warm-up the qualifying doubles team. This recommendation only gives the school the option to make the request for the additional passes, it is not required.

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5. **Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules G. Warm- Up Time:**

Recommendation: A maximum of 10 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 5 minutes to warm-up.

A competitor must be allowed 10 minutes between matches at the sectional and state final tournament. A singles player or doubles team can be disqualified if she/they are not ready to play within 10 minutes. Her/their opponent (s) would win by default.

Rationale: The committee felt 15 minutes is an extremely long amount of time between matches and many players are ready to play prior to the end of their previously required 15 minutes of rest. This recommendation mirrors USAB rules.

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6. Revise: V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings I. State Final Tournament and State Final Draw:

Recommendation: On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, members of the IHSA Girls Badminton Seeding Committee will seed singles and doubles players and oversee the state final draw. The committee shall prepare a list of seeded singles players and doubles players based on information submitted online from the List of Participants Form. Up to 16 singles players and 16 doubles teams will be seeded and placed in the draw. The remainder of the draw, made by the computer, will place the winners of each sectional in one of the quarters making sure that players from the same school from the same sectional are placed in opposite halves of the draw. When there is a conflict, the next available line for 1st place players that is on the opposite bracket in a similar line will be used. In each quarter the sectional winner shall be paired with a 4th place finisher from a sectional. Additionally the 2nd place finisher in a sectional will be paired with a 3rd place finisher in a sectional. In the event of a seeded player not winning a sectional, the pairings will be adjusted in the quarter to ensure 1-4, 2-3 occurs. Refer to the IHSA School and Managers Manuals for more details.

Rationale: The committee felt it was time to allow more of the seeding process to go online. If the technology is available, the committee would like to begin using it.

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Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends to close the LOP's on Saturday at midnight and open to the coaches on Monday at 9am.

Rational: This will give the coaches the opportunity to review the LOP's from the schools in their sectional. In 2015, the LOP's weren't available until late afternoon, not giving coaches enough time to review the information prior to their seeding meeting.

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2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends updating the wording on the online List of Participants to clarify the instructions and add a drop box for coaches to input their desire for a state seed, if the girl qualifies.

Rationale: There was confusion at many sectionals over the wording on the current List of Participants; this recommendation helps to clarify who will be seeded and what is required to be filled out in order to receive that seed. This information will also be discussed in the online rules video prior to the start of the season to further clarify the information.

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3. **Recommendation:** Manual for Managers: (new page 38)- Once the top singles and doubles players are selected and set aside an anonymous vote will take place by the state seeding committee to determine the actual seed each player(s) receives. A list of potential players to be seeded will be typed and the seeding committee will have the opportunity to individually vote on each player. The highest and lowest seed each player receives will be thrown out and an average will be taken of the remaining seeds to determine the player(s) overall seed in the state tournament. This vote is final and once completed a players seed cannot be adjusted.

Rationale: The committee felt this will give the coaches making the draw the opportunity to vote on a player's seed based on their own research and opinion. This should help provide the committee with a little anonymity in the process since the vote will be done individually and anonymously then the average of the group taken to determine the seed.

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4. **Recommendation:** Update the Manual for Managers, page 37 - Guidelines to follow when completing the draw. Once the seeded players are selected, the computer will fill in the remaining bracket slots based on the criteria outlined on page 37 state final seeding online computer portion.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The Committee reviewed the 2014 Minutes.
2. The Committee discussed the State Finals.
3. The Committee discussed the seeding of the state final draw and the criteria used to select the seeds as well as the sectional seeding meeting and the format used.
4. The Committee discussed proper uniform attire. The Casebook wording will be updated to reflect current trends and lingo. No further action was taken.
5. The Committee discussed the sectional assignments and the 3 year rotation of groupings. While groups may not be identical from year to year they will be generally the same. No further action was taken.

6. The Committee discussed a Badminton Coaches' Association and starting a place for coaches to network. No action was taken.
7. The Committee discussed seeding the sectional complexes online. They asked that the coaching community be polled to see their opinion. Stacey will work on an online survey. No further action was taken.
8. The Committee discussed the LOP reminders emails to adjust the wording to make it not sound like the coach is past the due date. No further action was taken.
9. The Committee discussed IHSA by-law 3.100. Stacey will add this information to the online rules video. No further action was taken.
10. The Committee discussed volunteer coaches coaching club and lessons and how that applies with the IHSA by-laws. Stacey will add this information to the online rules video. No further action was taken.
11. The Committee discussed schools bringing alumni to practice and it not being allowed per the IHSA by-laws. Stacey will add this information to the online rules video. No further action was taken.
12. The Committee discussed the number of birds at each sectional. Stacey will inquire about getting 12 extra tubes to send out so that each sectional gets 5 tubes.
13. The Committee discussed Friday morning warm up slots and allowing schools on the court for an open warm up during the 7:45-8am time slot. No further action was taken.
14. The Committee discussed the amount of time it takes to start the medal matches. No further action was taken.
15. The Committee discussed beginning the sectionals at 3pm. No further action was taken.
16. The Committee discussed the start time of the coaches meeting. No further action was taken.
17. The Committee discussed adding additional sportsmanship points to the online rules video about yelling after points toward or through the net or disrupting play next to you and making sure a sporting handshake is given after matches. Stacey will add this information to the online rules video.
18. The Committee discussed the casebook and its relevance. No further action was taken.
19. The Committee discussed bringing a 5th place qualifier from each sectional to the state tournament. No further action was taken.
20. The Committee discussed a 4th place team trophy. No further action was taken.
21. The Committee thanked Kim Huelsman and Mike Obsuszt for their service to the committee.