

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2011

The IHSA Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Babbi Barreiro, Barrington; Vince Carter, Chicago (Von Steuben); Debbie Coffman, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Stan Eagleson, Breese (Central); Trent Eshleman, Paxton-Buckley-Loda; Colleen Finn-Henze, Lanark (Eastland); Chad Roseboom, Springfield (Southeast); Lawrence Thompson, Jr., Lockport (Twp.); Also in attendance were IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. NFHS Basketball Playing Rule Adoptions

Recommendation: The committee recommends the continued use of the following NFHS basketball playing rule adoptions:

- a. 14' coaches box
- b. 'Mercy Rule' during regular season tournaments
- c. Use of electronic media time outs at the boys' and girls' state finals
- d. Use of supplementary equipment to aid in game administration

Rationale: These four state association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Basketball Rules Book. These four adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since they have been generally accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Approved by consent

2. Tournament Structure

Recommendation: The committee recommends that the IHSA Board of Directors revisit and review Policy 19 (Grouping and Seeding the State Series) in the best interest in the integrity of the state tournament.

Rationale: The committee believes the current 4 class system in particular has a number of elements that could be modified to improve the over-all quality and administration of tournaments in the 4 class system sports. Among the specific items of concern for review in the committee's view include:

- a. Use of pre-determined regional hosts in lieu of playing at the site of the higher seed
- b. Use of different first level assignments within tournaments (regionals vs. sectional complex)
- c. On-line seeding meetings in lieu of face to face meetings
- d. The dates on which state series games are played.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed boys' and girls' state finals.

2. The committee also discussed the issue of how to handle situations where competing schools at the regional level are late to contests. The committee was reminded that in such cases, the protocol has been to have the tournament manager to contact the IHSA administrator in charge of the sport. The committee discussed the best manner to communicate to managers regarding how to address these types of situations. Consensus was to have IHSA staff to make sure that message is clearly communicated to managers through a variety of communications.
3. The committee discussed their desire to have IHSA staff to determine regional sites as soon as possible during the school year so that host schools for girls' regionals may alter their boys' playing schedule to possible allow for the girls' regional championship to be held on Friday during regional week.
4. The committee discussed the 3 Point Contest and brainstormed ideas on how the event can be managed to attempt to keep the length of each tournament night to a reasonable amount, which in turn would hopefully get students back to their homes at reasonable times.
5. The committee reviewed the minutes from the 2010 advisory committee meeting.
6. The committee reviewed the new by-laws that will take effect with the start of the 2011-12 school term, discussing at some length the revision to the coaching school by-law.
7. The committee discussed the possibility of a member school submitting a by-law proposal next school year that would create an "open period" outside of the basketball season that could allow coaches to have organized activity in their particular sport.
8. The committee discussed the multiplier and its effect on schools in Chicago.
9. The committee discussed the process for applying to host a regional or sectional tournament.
10. The committee discussed the process utilized in assigning officials during the state series.
11. The committee discussed the challenges encountered by schools hosting girls' regionals and the size of sectionals in class 4A.
12. The committee discussed the selection of host sites for super-sectional games.
13. The committee discussed the dates on which state series games are scheduled. In particular, the committee brainstormed on alternate dates for state series games that could create greater interest in particular contests/tournaments.
14. The committee reviewed a series of rules proposals submitted by Tom Hund, AD at Trenton (Wesclin) High School. While the committee didn't forward the proposals on to the Board for consideration to send to the NFHS, they did reach consensus that the points brought forward were worth continuing to note as points of emphasis with member schools and officials.
15. The committee heard a report on the IHSA's drug testing program.
16. The committee discussed the IHSA's new Return to Play Policy (RTP).
17. The committee thanked outgoing committee members Roseboom and Thompson for their service to the committee over their terms.