

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2015

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Barb Barrows, Naperville (Neuqua Valley); Tim Hamman, Palatine (Fremd); Kim Hostman, Geneva; and Kathy Krebs, Crete. Also in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Dan Jones, Boys' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director. Not in attendance was committee member Greg Didech, Barrington and Dr. Brian Waterman, LaGrange (Lyons).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (BOYS) VII. Advancement of Winners - A. Individual Advancement - 1. Event Qualifiers

Recommendation: At the State Meet, there shall be one (1) alternate (replacement athlete), per event, including all-around, determined from the next highest at-large qualifying score from all sectionals. In the event of a tie for the alternative score, all athletes with the next highest at-large qualifying score shall advance as alternates. The IHSA must be informed of any scratches by 6:00 p.m. the evening before the team competition, so that alternates may be notified prior to the state meet. All scratches must call the IHSA Office.

Rationale: Allows the opportunity for an additional athlete to have the State Final experience if a gymnast gets injured leading up to the State meet.

Died for Lack of Motion

2. (GIRLS) VII. Advancement of Winners - A. Individual Advancement - 2. Sectionals to State Individual Advancement.

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3. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES E. Order of Performance 1. Regional/Sectional, 2. State Final: a. Preliminaries, b. Event Finals.

Recommendation: The random lot shall not allow an individual gymnast to perform first or last twice on any event.

Rationale: Creates equity and fairness to competitors. Aligns Terms and Conditions language with the NFHS Girls Gymnastics Rules Book.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process. 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 2014 advisory committee meeting. The committee shared positive feedback from judges and schools regarding the implementation of last year's proposals; beginning the Girls Gymnastics Regional and Sectionals at 6:00 p.m. and competing Regionals and Sectionals Monday-Thursday.
3. The committee heard a report from Dan Jones the Boys' State Finals Manager. The committee discussed the transition to Hinsdale (Central). Dan discussed implementing a new technology and a way to project meet results for fans in attendance at the upcoming 2015 meeting. Tracie Henry reported an increase in attendance 2012-2013 at Lincoln Way East was 922 and 2013-2014 at Hinsdale (Central) was 1444.
4. The committee discussed the Girl's State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed moving the competitor seating and incorporating additional technology to flash scores at the State Meet. The committee discussed having live results online that can be tracked by smart phones for fans that are not at the meet. Tracie Henry reported an increase in meet attendance 2013-2014 was 1675 and 2014-2015 was 1737.
5. The committee discussed the web-based TourneryWire 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 reviewed the scoring program manual, checklist and conference call agendas. The committee recommended continuing the Regional and Sectional Manager conference calls, the committee reported that the calls were beneficial.

6. The committee discussed a proposal to start the IHSA Girls Gymnastics State Final preliminaries at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and open doors at 12:30 p.m. The committee wanted feedback from Palatine High School to see if this schedule modification would be feasible with their District school day schedule. The committee also was concerned that the daytime schedule could decrease fan attendance. The proposal did not receive support from the committee.
7. The committee discussed a suggestion to move competitor seating at the Girls State Meet. The committee did not support the suggestion. They wanted to keep the competitors close to the competition floor and leave upper balcony seating for patrons.
8. The committee discussed beginning the boy's gymnastics sectionals at 6:30 p.m. instead of the current time of 7:00 p.m. The committee reviewed the boy's gymnastics seeding policies and sectional hosts. It was discussed that the 1 & 10, 2 & 9, 3 & 6, 4 & 7 and 5 & 6 teams be seeded together and all other teams would be assigned by geography. The discussion will be proposed to the IHSGCA to receive additional feedback.
9. Tracie Henry reviewed the by-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will affect Boys and Girls Gymnastics, specifically Proposals 1 & 5.
<http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/530/Text-of-Amendment-Proposals-Announced--UPDATED-11-20-14.aspx>
10. The committee discussed Individuals being a 5th team for the rotations at the Girls Regionals. The committee felt that there are not enough Individuals to support this change.
10. Tracie Henry thanked Dr. Brian Waterman and Gregg Didech for their three year term of service on the committee.