

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 9, 2015**

The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Troy McAllister, Chicago (Phillips); Bob Pieper, Northbrook (Glenbrook North); Matt Fisher, Wheaton (North); Nat Zunkel, Aledo (Mercer County); Dick Duval, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden); Bill Lapp, Minonk (Fieldcrest); Brian Short, Breese (Central); Robert Ybarra, Official-Montgomery; and Assistant Executive Director, Craig Anderson.

The Minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. V. A. 4) Pairings**

**Recommendation:** Eliminate a – e in this section.

**Rationale:** The change in IHSA Policy 18 allows existing language to determine the host for semi-final games without this section.

Approved by Consent

**2. V. A. 4) Pairings**

**Recommendation:** Semi-final host will be the higher seeded team.

**Rationale:** The committee recommends that at this level of the tournament the hosting opportunity should be to the higher seeded team.

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**Recommendation:** Add additional language: Failure of schools to meet this scheduling requirement will necessitate: a.) A change in the date and or time to meet the requirement or b.) A change in the game location to a neutral/opponent's site to meet the requirement or c.) The home team will forfeit the contest.

**Rationale:** The committee recommends this additional language to set some guidelines when schools choose not to follow the terms and conditions regarding starting their Saturday week 9 game no later than 1:00pm.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the changes to Policy 13 regarding limitations in “Live” contact remain the same for another year before making changes to the policy.

**Rationale:** The committee believes football coaches and players will be better served by allowing the adjustment to the practice restriction play out for another year with additional data collection before making changes.

Approved

## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the submitted by-law amendment proposal regarding football. The committee does not support the proposal as it was written and is generally satisfied with the current play-off design.
2. The committee discussed the standardization of play-off games date/time determination. The committee recommended maintaining language as written in the terms and conditions as to how game dates and times are determined.
3. The committee discussed weekly game quarter limitations and provided some feedback to the discussion of the sports medicine advisory committee.
4. The committee discussed the helmet coming off during live ball play increasing.
5. The committee discussed the idea of establishing districts in football.
6. The committee discussed the public vs. non-boundaried team competitions and successes in the post season.
7. The committee discussed the referee mechanics of Line Judge and Head Linesman assignments during a contest. The committee discussed the option of having these assignments reversed by each half of a game.
8. The committee discussed the length of games increasing.
9. The committee discussed the acclimatization of players during the preseason and the possibilities of waiving the dead week for football and/or adjusting the acclimatization policy according to a heat/humidity factor.
10. The committee discussed the adjustment of the acclimatization policy allowing the one hour walk through to occur before or after practice without the 2 hour break.

- 11.** The committee discussed the general concern with conference realignment and the many by-law amendment proposals that have been made in recent years. The committee discussed the possibility of future Football town meetings that might be held in varied locations across the state to see if a resolution to concerns might be accomplished by the membership.
- 12.** The committee recognized outgoing committee members Matt Fisher, Wheaton (North); and Dick Duval, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden).
- 13.** Meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm.