

Advisory Committee Consent Items

June 13, 2016

Boys/Girls Basketball

1. Boys and Girls Section VI. B. 4) Tournament Structure and Time Schedule

Recommendation: The committee recommends moving the State Final start times of the sessions for Boys' and Girls' Basketball to 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. This would move the start of the first game in each session to 11:12 a.m. (approx.) and 5:42 p.m. The second game in each session would then begin approximately 30 minutes following the completion of the first game.

Rationale: Adjusting the start times 1 hour earlier will allow the last game of the day to conclude at a more reasonable time for participants, fans and volunteers.

Three-Point Showdown Recommendations

No Recommendations Forwarded

Administrative Recommendation:

1. State Adoptions

Recommendation: The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2016-17 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: used only in regular season tournaments with no changes to the provisions of its use
- b. 14' Coaches Box
- c. State Final Time Outs: teams have full allotment to use during games

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

Boys/Girls Bowling

1. Revise: VII. Advancement of Winners (NEW) F. (reorder section VII.)

Recommendation: Regional/Sectional Individual Advancement Alternates- If an individual bowler from a given regional or sectional cannot participate in the sectional or state final, as certified by the high school principal or AD, the next eligible bowler from the regional or sectional will advance in that place. The principal or AD from the high school of the bowler withdrawing from the competition MUST notify the IHSA in writing by 4:15pm on the Tuesday prior to the next level of competition. The IHSA will notify the new advancing individual by 8:30 am Wednesday morning. After the stated deadlines have passed no alternate bowler will be filled for the open position.

Rationale: This gives bowlers the opportunity to advance when another bowler is unable to compete through the state series.

2. Update: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 4) Ball Certification

Recommendation: Remove "Bowling ball certification should be done prior to the state series competition." And "Note- A charge of \$4.00 per bowling ball will be assessed bowlers at the state final to certify a bowling ball."

Rationale: This wording caused confusion among coaches who felt they still needed to find a certification form on the IHSA website.

3. Revise: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: Adjust the boys and girls state final start time to 9 am. Adjust the girls Friday's lunch period to 45 minutes.

The time schedule to start the day would be as follows:

7:30 a.m. Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches.

8:00 a.m. Doors open to the general public

8:15 a.m. Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)

8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

8:45 a.m. Warm up for Round 1

9:00 a.m. First Round

Rationale: Coach would like to see the state finals start more along the times of the regional/sectionals and recommend 9 am as the start time. This adjustment also assists coaches who are traveling to get on the road sooner during the winter when weather could become an issue and have more daylight to drive in. The current hour lunch period is too long, the girls have plenty of time to eat and be prepared to bowl again within the 45 minute time period.

4. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform (New) 6 (reorder remaining)

Recommendation: Bowling balls in competition area -- Bowlers are limited to no more than 2 bowling balls per competitor in the pit area. Any additional ball would be required to be stored in a tote or on a ball rack adjacent to the pit area that is identified by the tournament management.

Rationale: This should help eliminate the equipment issues that are occurring in the pit areas. Players are traditionally loading the area with too many bowling balls that aren't being used and are just clogging up space. Bowling balls are also being stored unsafely. By limiting the number of bowling balls to 2 per player should help with storage and space issues. Coaches are reminded to help their players use safe storage options such as ball cups, ball carts, etc. to keep the pit area safe and organized.

5. Revise: VII. Advancement of Winners F. Regional/Sectional Individual Tie Breaker and J. State Final Individual Tie Breaker

Recommendation: Adjust the wording so that tie breakers take place on a neutral pair of lanes.

Rationale: Last year at the girls state finals a roll-off took place and the girls were on opposite ends of the house creating confusion as to when the practice ball was rolled and when the competition ball was rolled. Moving the players on neutral pairs of lanes will allow the players to know when each other are rolling, use the same oil, and give spectators the opportunity to watch both player compete

Competitive Cheerleading

Administrative Recommendation:

1. Develop an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the scoresheet; the rubric categories and ranges; and deductions sheet. This information will be solidified and ready to present at the July officials conference.

Dance

1. VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES A. Competition Guidelines

Recommendation: VIII. A 6. Apparel can be manipulated as long as it is attached. Apparel can be removed and discarded.

Rationale: This recommendation clarifies how apparel can be manipulated and when it becomes a prop. This information was previously communicated in the online rules meetings, however, adding it to the Terms and Conditions makes it more accessible for coaches.

2. VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

Recommendation: A. A. The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place teams in each dance competition division from the Sectional shall advance to the state final and compete in the division in which they qualified. The top ~~ten~~ **twelve** teams in each division will advance to Saturday's finals competition.

Rationale: Allows more teams the State Final experience to advance to Saturday's finals. Allows a potential team who misses an execution or receives a deduction the opportunity to advance to finals, if their score falls within the top twelve.

Administrative Recommendation:

Recommendation: MISSED SKILL = -1.0 per infraction.

Examples include: missed tumbling skill, missed pom pass, missed rubber band skill, incomplete lift/stunt, missed/dropped partner lift/stall, etc.

Rationale: Performer readiness must be achieved before the addition of tricks/lifts/tumbling/etc. can be added to a competitive dance performance. Skills that are included in a competitive dance performance need to be executed properly to insure dancer safety. Clarifies a specific deduction for teams with missed execution versus leaving it up to official's abstract assessment of a team's overall visual effect on the scoresheet.

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| <i>Boys/Girls Gymnastics</i> |
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1. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES F. Time Schedules: 3. State Final Meet:

Recommendation: - Change the start time for the state meet to 2:00pm on Friday. Change the start time on Saturday to 2:00pm.

Rationale: The suggested times above would allow participating athletes more rest after Friday's prelims and the afternoon performance times are more manageable for the Palatine staff. Afternoon times may allow more fans and spectators to watch gymnasts instead of the late evening start.

2. (GIRLS) V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS C. Seeding Policies:

Recommendation: One of the three team scores that are used for seeding purposes must be from a meet with a 2-judge panel on each event.

Rationale: One judge panels may not reflect a team score free from subjectivity. In addition, a 2-judge panel will assist less experienced judges to be mentored if paired with an experienced judge in preparation for future state meet assignments.

3. (GIRLS) V. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION and ONLINE LIST of PARTICPANTS G. On-line List of Participants/Substitutions:

Recommendation: Change the list of participants date from Monday of Week 30 to Monday of Week 29.

Rationale: The current date only allows two days to compile the data to enter into the online TourneyWire scoring program. Moving the date one week earlier will allow the IHSA to get the information to hosts prior to the Friday before Regionals beginning.

(GIRLS) Administrative Recommendations:

4. Gymnastics Manual for Managers- Regionals-Regional Rotation Procedures pgs. 27-28

Recommendation: Change the wording in the meet managers manual to state that if a school has two or less individuals competing in the regional meet that the meet run on a four team rotation. The individuals will be added to either the host team or the lowest seed rotation. If a school has more than two individuals competing, then the regional should run on a five team rotation.

Rationale: Currently an individual is listed as a fifth team creating longer, less efficient regional meets.

(BOYS) Terms and Conditions Recommendations:

2. (BOYS) Article V. V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings

Recommendation: A. Sectional Meet Schedule: Sectional meets will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, each in single session beginning at ~~7:00 p.m.~~ **6:30 p.m.** with the exception of the Saturday sessions with shall begin at ~~7:00 p.m. and 2 p.m.~~ **1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** All the events shall be conducted concurrently. The six (6) events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. Teams shall perform in Block Style, according to the provisions of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Managers Checklist furnished in this manual.

Rationale: Starting meets an additional 30 minutes earlier will allow teams to get back to their schools earlier.

3. (BOYS) VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules A. Sectional Host.

Recommendation: When the first seeded team in a sectional declines to host the sectional at their school, then the next seeded team in that sectional has the opportunity. The Sectional team assignments will be based on the seeds determined by the coaches; with the assignments to be as follows.

- Sectional A: Seeds 1, 10, 11
- Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 12
- Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 13
- Sectional D: Seeds 4, 7, 14
- Sectional E: Seeds 5, 6, 15

After the first fifteen teams are assigned to a Sectional by seed, the rest of the team and individual state series assignments will be determined by the IHSA according to geographic location.

Rationale: Seed the top 15 teams by highest score instead of only seeding those teams that have a facility to host.

4. (BOYS) IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES A. State Final Passes 1. Team Qualifiers

Recommendation: Add: e. One pass for a manager as listed on the IHSA List of Participants

Rationale: Currently individuals are allowed a manager pass but teams are not.

5. (Boys) XI. OFFICIALS A. Judges Appointment and Fees

Recommendation: **Delete:** The Superior Judge will be the same at each sectional.

Rationale: Will assist less experienced judges to be given opportunities to be in a place to increase experience.

Boys/Girls Soccer

1. Boys and Girls Section VI. C. Starting Times

Recommendation: The committee recommends for contest on lighted fields to begin no earlier than 4:00pm

Rationale: The option to begin a contest on a lighted fields at 4:00pm is consistent with the practice of games beginning at 4:00pm on a non-lighted field.

Administrative Recommendation:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2016-17 seasons.

Rationale: The State Association adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Boys/Girls Swimming

1. Item VII-B – State Swim Qualifying Standards

Recommendation: To adopt the following qualifying standards. Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boy's and Girls State Finals will be determined in the following manner. The Qualifying Standards for each individual swimming event will be calculated by determining the 30th place time from all sectionals. Then that time will be used to obtain an average of the last FIVE years average times in each event. In relay events the same process will be implemented but the 24th sectional place time will be used to make the calculations. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 16-17 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2017

200 Medley Relay 1:37.33
200 Free 1:44.48
200 IM 1:57.99
50 Free :21.86
100 Butterfly :52.44
100 Free :47.72
500 Free 4:45.38
200 Free Relay 1:27.79
100 Back :53.47
100 Breast 1:00.00
400 Free Relay 3:13.35

GIRLS STANDARDS 2016

200 Medley Relay 1:48.88
200 Free 1:55.10
200 IM 2:09.84
50 Free :24.46
100 Butterfly :58.23
100 Free :53.08
500 Free 5:09.87 (Existing Time)
200 Free Relay 1:38.44
100 Back :58.81
100 Breast 1:07.07
400 Free Relay 3:35.73

Rationale: The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. We will use the five year average. Other associations and swim organizations use a method similar to the objective method proposed in this system. Using an objective system should be easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. If necessary in the future, the system is adjustable by using a different average sectional time or a different average (i.e. 4 years). The Assistant Executive Director working with the swimming and diving advisory committee has reserved the right to make changes if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain.

2. Seed meetings will be conducted electronically Terms and Conditions Item V- C

Recommendation: Eliminate the seed meeting - no need to meet, the entries can be sent back to the coaches for verification by the meet manager, all can be done electronically. This includes the selection of the coaches that will serve on the sectional dive judging panel (VIII-F).

First Draft of Timeline (including current proposed edits):

9 AM – Wednesday of IHSA Sectional Week

- Listed team entries sent to teams from meet hosts. Each team is permitted to only see the team that they entered into the meet, not any other team.
- A list of eligible dive coaches who have expressed an interest to serve on sectional dive panel will be sent to each individual team from the meet host.

While each team will only receive verification of their entries, the Meet Referee should be given a complete, preliminary heat sheet at this time with all entries as submitted on the LOP as well as the eligible diving coaches for the judging panel.

6 PM – Wednesday of IHSA Sectional Week

- Each individual team needs to submit any and all corrections back to meet host and meet referee.
- Each eligible team submits vote to the host for dive panel. This is the only time to vote for a dive panel. Failure to vote will be viewed as having forfeited the right to vote for this IHSA sectional.

8 PM – Wednesday of IHSA Sectional Week

- Full heat sheet with corrections sent to each team (*and Meet Referee*) by meet host.
- Bullet point reminders and site specific information from meet referee sent to each individual team from meet host

9 AM – Thursday of IHSA Sectional Week

- Any egregious errors on the meet host part need to be addressed with meet host, meet referee, and individual teams.

Rationale: There is no need for coaches to travel to attend a seed meeting. Many times this travel is significant and costly. This process can be accomplished electronically. The details defining the actual process is being worked on by committee members and will be posted in the near future.

3. State finals diving competition will be judged only by IHSA officials. Terms and Conditions Item VIII - G

Recommendation: Only IHSA licensed officials will be eligible for consideration to serve as judges for the state final diving competition.

REVISE this current section to read (changes shown in RED):

At the State Final meet, the IHSA Office shall assign all officials, including a Referee, Starter, Diving Referee, Head Timer, Head Finish Judge and Coordinator of Officials as well as two panels of seven (7) diving judges. The first diving panel shall judge rounds 1, 2 and 3 in the preliminaries and rounds 6, 7 and 8 in the semifinals and shall be comprised of *seven (7) IHSA officials*. The second diving panel shall judge round 4 and 5 in the preliminaries and rounds 9, 10 and 11 in the finals and shall be comprised of *seven (7) IHSA officials*.

Note 1: To be eligible for appointment to the diving panels at the State Final meet, IHSA officials must have attained the Certified (C) level within the IHSA promotional system.

Note 2: To be eligible for appointment to the diving panels at the State Final meet, IHSA officials must have attended a Level 2 clinic within the preceding one (1) year.

Notes 3 and 4 above are eliminated and REPLACED with the following notes:

REVISED Text (Continued):

Note 3: To be eligible for appointment to a diving panel at the State Final meet, the IHSA official must have viewed BOTH the annual rules presentation video AND the separate diving judging video (first available for the 2015-16 school year.)

Note 4: The six (6) assigned Head Officials for the State Final Meet (Coordinator of Officials, Meet Referee, Starter, Diving Referee, Head Timer and Head Finish Judge) shall NOT serve on a State Final judging panel.

Rationale: In recent years, selection of coaches to the diving panels has become increasingly problematic. Often, there are only 7-8 coaches who make themselves available to judge in the first place for 7 available positions, forcing the IHSA to accept whoever has volunteered.

1. More and more, coaches who have volunteered to judge end up having qualifiers in the meet, which renders them ineligible to serve on a panel. This puts the IHSA in an even tighter predicament because they must then recruit coaches to judge. The timeframe in which to accomplish this is very narrow (24-36 hours) and interrupts other important State Final preparations occurring at that time.
2. At the 2015 Girl's State Final, several of the coaches assigned to both Panels 1 and 2 were observed not deducting the appropriate points for visible flaws during the execution of dives. This is despite a new requirement for 2015-16 that coaches view a separate diving rules video to be eligible to judge. Because the IHSA can now document that training was received, the only possible conclusion to draw is that coaches are choosing not to apply the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules and instead are judging to United States Diving (USD) guidelines.
3. At the 2015 Girl's State Final, a coach was delayed by the weather conditions and had not arrived when the final session was ready to begin. While the delay was certainly understandable, a substitution was needed at the last minute. The only coaches available were those that had divers in the final session or those who had had their divers eliminated the preceding day. Because the T&C does not allow coaches with divers in the meet to judge (even if their diver had already been eliminated,) an official was summoned to replace the coach on the panel.
4. Officials selected for the judging panels would be required to have attained the Certified status within the IHSA promotional system and have attended a Level 2 training clinic within the past year. This would ensure that those officials selected to judge have attained a promotional status that requires a minimum number of years of service, above-average exam scores and an above-average composite score of coaches' ratings over an extended period of time. It would also ensure that they have attended a training clinic with the most recent information on judging techniques, rule applications and criteria to apply when awarding a score.

Under no circumstances shall an IHSA diving official who also coaches (either at the club or high school level) serve on the panel if a diver from his/her affiliated club or his/her affiliated school(s) has advanced to the State Final.

5. Using only Certified officials on the State Final judging panels in the future and increasing the number of officials needed in this capacity from 7 to 14, if this recommendation is approved would provide an additional incentive for all officials at the Registered (X) and Recognized (R) levels to strive for promotion within the Official's Department. The time, clinic, education and training requirements necessary would, over time, enhance the collective abilities of more officials statewide.

In the event that there ever exists an inadequate number of Certified officials to complete two panels of seven judges as described above, the IHSA Assistant Executive Director for Swimming & Diving retains the ability to assign Recognized (R) level officials only after all eligible and available Certified level officials have been exhausted.

4. Revise the rounds of diving judged by each panel. Terms and Conditions Item VIII- G

Recommendation: Adjust the rounds judged by dive panels as seen below:

Existing Rule: Judging panel 1 judges rounds 1, 2, 3 and 6, 7,8 while panel 2 judges rounds 4, 5 and 9, 10, 11.

Change Proposed: Panel 1 judges rounds 1, 2 and 6, 7, 8 and panel 2 judges rounds 3, 4, 5 and 9, 10, 11.

Rationale: Currently panel 1 judges 192 dives at the state meet. Panel 2 judges 132 dives at the state meet. That is a 60 dive disparity. With the proposed change, panel 1 would judge 144 dives while panel 2 would judge 180 dives. This is only a difference of 36 dives. This evens out the weight one panel has over the other. This also would allow a panel that is heavy with coaches to judge the higher number of dives rather than a panel heavy with officials. After many talks with Mike Hutton, it is my belief that Mike tries to put the strongest coaches he has available to him on panel 2 for a good Saturday event. While this is sound logic, the stronger panel is currently judging less of the meet. This may also help in bringing coaches out to the state meet to judge knowing they can play a larger role in the outcome of the competition and give Mike Hutton more options when choosing a panel.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. On the IHSA swimming and diving List of Participants online page, include a summary of the regulations regarding allowable changes to entries during the seed meeting process.
2. Develop a power point/video presentation providing common instructions for sectional swimming/diving hosts and meet referees. This production will become available for review by referees, managers and coaches in the weeks prior to the state series. This presentation will become far more important if the electronic seed meeting proposal is adopted by the IHSA Board of Directors. This is because the opportunity for the meet referee to review protocols for conducting the sectional meet with coaches attending the seed meeting would no longer be possible.

Boys/Girls Tennis – Second Meeting – Feb. 25, 2016

1. Recommendation: Article I. School Classification

Competition in the IHSA Tennis Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

A. The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30, of the preceding school year. Non-boundary schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

B. For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1. For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.
2. For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.
3. For three-year high schools, one third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.
4. For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

C. Schools participating in tennis operating under the two-class system shall be classified as follows:

1. Schools with enrollments of X,XXX and below will be Class A.
2. Schools with enrollments X,XXX and above will be Class AA.
3. Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Rationale: The new 2-Class tournament format calls for further explanation of classifications as related to tennis.

2. Recommendation: Article II. Dates

A. Sectional Tournaments: Class A and AA sectional tournaments will be held on (Saturday, October 15 or Saturday, May 21) at various locations around the state. There will be 16 sites for Class A and 16 Sites for Class AA. In order to complete the tournament on Saturday, the local manager may, at his/her discretion if the number of entries warrant, elect to begin tournament play on Friday afternoon (after school hours). If the local manager wishes to begin the competition on Friday before 4:00 p.m., written consent of the Principal from each participating school is required. Sectional managers will send to the principals from participating schools the IHSA Tennis Request for Earlier Starting Time Form for their approval. This document is downloadable in the Forms section of the Tennis Manual for Managers.

Rationale: Clarification for dates due to the new 2-class structure.

3. Recommendation: Article V.C.2 State Final Seeding

The Committee shall prepare a list of no more than 16 seeded singles players and doubles teams based on information submitted on-line by coaches prior to the sectional seeding meetings and received by the IHSA Office. A draw of 64 will be used for both singles and doubles play. United States Tennis Association rules shall be followed in assigning seeded entries in the proper positions in the brackets, except that effort shall be made to place winners and runners-up from the same Sectional and players from the same school in opposite halves of the bracket. This may not always hold true for third and fourth place Sectional qualifiers.

Rationale: Due to the number of qualifiers in each division changing, the number of seeded players should correlate.

4. Recommendation: Article VI.B.1.a State Final Time Schedule

a. On Thursday, (October 22 or May 26), the 1st and 2nd championship rounds and the 1st and 2nd rounds of the consolation feed-in will be played. On Friday, (October 23 or May 27), the 3rd and quarterfinal championship rounds and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds of the consolation feed-in will be played. On Saturday, (October 24 or May 28), the semifinal and final championship rounds and the quarter, semi and final consolation feed-in rounds will be played.

Rationale: This format will limit athletes' maximum number of matches to three in any given day.

5. Recommendation: Article VI.B.1.b State Final Time Schedule

a. All singles and doubles entries shall participate in the first round of competition beginning Thursday, (October 22 or May 26), at 9:00 a.m.

Rationale: This will allow for safe drop off and supervision of athletes at sites. This will decrease issues with tardiness due to traffic.

6. Recommendation: Article VIII.G. Games Committee

The State Final Manager shall determine the Games Committee for the State Final Tournament. The Games Committee shall have discretionary authority to line judge when necessary and to assign point penalties and/or eject players for unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with the Tennis Code of Conduct. These member's names will be published in the state final program.

Rationale: There are times that there is a need for a line judge for matches. Adding this as a possible duty helps clarify their role.

7. Recommendation: Article IX.A. Tournament Policies

Delete IX. A "At the State Final, school packets, which include state final passes, may be picked up Wednesday, May 25, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Hersey High School and after 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, May 26, at Tournament Central located at Hersey High School."

Rationale: It addressed in other areas of the terms and conditions and therefore repetitive.

Administrative Recommendation:

2. Discussed the need for two seeding committees, one for each class. It was recommended that one state final manager run each seed meeting as these meetings are simultaneously conducted at the IHSA office after the Sectional Tournaments.

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| <i>Boys Wrestling</i> |
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2. V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings: 3) Individual State Final Pairings

Recommendation: Adjust the criteria language in calculating seed points to allow points to be awarded for returning place winners as a Champion, 2nd or 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th, from ANY weight class the previous year as opposed to THAT weight class. This will eliminate the current point criteria of "Returning place winner at any weight class" and "Returning state champion at any weight class." (8 – 0)

Rationale: The committee believes the present criteria would provide incentive for wrestlers to remain at their previous year's weight class to maximize seed points which in many cases is not in the best interest of wrestlers. Allowing maximum points for a wrestler's previous state final advancement no matter what weight class the wrestler wrestled is in the best interest of wrestlers.

7. XI. Officials B. Dual Team

Recommendation: Allow dual team sectional hosts to determine on their hosting request form an option to add two additional officials to their dual team sectional at the expense of the host school. (8 – 0)

Rationale: The committee recommends this opportunity to allow for dual team sectionals to be wrestled with two officials per mat similarly to how the state dual team and individual tournaments are officiated.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. Girls Wrestling

Recommendation: Allow schools to identify their participation numbers in girls wrestling under the emerging sports listing. Allow schools to indicate the number of girls wrestling at their school when completing the sports participation survey on-line.

Rationale: The committee recognizes an increase in the number of girls wrestling in Illinois. The committee believes knowledge of the participation level state wide will help determine the potential of a future state series for girls wrestling.

2. Coaches Meeting at the Individual State Tournament

Recommendation: Conduct an individual state final tournament coaches meeting during weigh-ins on Thursday from 11:30am – 11:45am.

Rationale: The committee believes there is time available during the weigh-ins for the coordinator of officials and/or IHSA wrestling administrator to inform coaches of expectations for the tournament.

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| <i>Athletes With Disabilities – February 10, 2016</i> |
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1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the association offer state series competitions for students with physical disabilities in boys' and girls' bowling, boys' and girls' swimming and diving, boys' and girls' track and field, and the summer Road Race.

Rationale: The committee believes that these offerings continue to be appropriate events for the association to conduct for students with physical disabilities. Through the previous years of offering programs to member schools, the participation levels of each warrants their continued existence, in the eyes of the committee.

Chess

1. Section V-B. Pairing Procedures

Recommendation: Add an article describing how the halves of the field are divided into groups during the seeding process.

Rationale: The entire section was rewritten last year and this fundamental procedure was overlooked.

2. Section VI-D. Equipment

Recommendation: Require all games to be played with a digital clock. Suggest that digital clocks with time delay are "preferred".

Rationale: Analog clocks are outmoded. Digital clocks with time delay are affordable and widely available.

3. Introduction of Sectional Tournaments in 2018

Recommendation: The committee approved the introduction of sectional qualifying tournaments starting in 2018. Many details remain to be determined and many sections of the Terms and Conditions need to be developed over the course of the next year. In the meantime, the committee recommends that the Board approve the following general framework for the new state series:

The State Final will have a field of about 100 up to a maximum of 128 teams. The state final tournament schedule will remain the same.

Sectionals will be held on Saturday of Week 30 (Jan. 27, 2018), two weeks prior to the state finals in Peoria. With the current number of entries it is anticipated that the IHSA will organize seven or eight sectionals of 20 to 24 teams apiece. A smaller sectional may be organized to accommodate the southernmost teams, where excessive travel might otherwise be a concern. The playing schedule at each sectional will be similar to first day of the state finals, with four rounds of play at a time control 55 minutes with 5-second delay. Teams scoring 2.0 points (or more) in the four rounds of the sectional will advance to the state tournament.

Sectional championship plaques will be awarded to all teams with perfect scores (there are likely to be two) or, if no team has a perfect score, to the highest scoring team as determined by the tie-break system. Individual performance medals will be awarded to undefeated players on Boards 1 to 3 and players with perfect scores on Boards 4 to 8.

It was recommended to implement this change in 2018 rather than 2017, because many of the existing conference tournaments are held on the weekend proposed for sectional play. It is anticipated that some of those tournaments may dissolve and the host school will host a sectional instead. In any case, long-term planning is necessary. If the Board approves the change, work will begin immediately on securing hosts for 2018.

Rationale: The state final venue has become increasingly crowded over the past few years. Since 2008, when the tournament moved to ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center, the number of participating teams has risen from 118 to 146, and further growth is anticipated in the years to come. The IHSA team chess tournament has been an all-comers event for a very long time, but as the ballroom neared capacity it became clear that a long-term plan was needed. In the IHSA system, qualifying tournaments ("sectionals") are the traditional method of narrowing the field for the state finals. Non-traditional methods were investigated and discussed, but none adequately addressed the issue of long-term growth. The addition of sectionals envisions a day when 300 or more IHSA member schools field teams.

**1. VIII. Tournament Rules
C. Special Rules and Limitations
6. Equipment**

Recommendation: Erase final sentence: "Recording devices are..."

Rationale: New Recording device section recommended below

**2. VII. Tournament Rules
C. Special Rules and Limitations
7. Create New 7**

Recommendation: Create new 7. To read:

7. Recording Devices: Any device with the ability to record is permitted, however, the internet capabilities on the device must be disabled per rule VIII-C-8.

If approved, this change would create New 7 moving current 7. *Online Access* to 8.

Rationale: Clarifies what devices are allowable for recording, the protocol for recording devices with internet capabilities and makes information easier to find.

**3. VIII. Tournament Rules
C. Special Rules and Limitations
7. Online Access**

Recommendation: Erase text that reads "unless directed by the contest prompt". End sentence with period and add new sentence to read: "Violation of this rule will result in a disqualification."

Rationale: There are no instances currently where prompts would direct competitors to use internet access. If Proposal #2 is approved, allowing internet capable devices as recorders, it becomes more important to stress the penalty for using the internet on one of these devices.

**4. VIII. Tournament Rules
C. Special Rules and Limitations
VIII-4. & 8. & 10. & 11. & 13. & 16. & 17. & aside language after 17 & C-6**

Recommendation: In each instance where the phrase "Students are permitted to use an AP Stylebook and dictionaries." Add in parenthesis at the end of each instance the following language: "(non-electronic format only)."

Rationale: With more schools using online or app versions of these items, this helps create consistency that these versions are prohibited per the contest rules.

**6. VIII. Tournament Rules
A. Categories
2. Broadcast News**

Recommendation: Add following language to the category description: "The students MP3 file must be transferred to a blank flash drive provided by the competitor and submitted for judging."

Rationale: This information is stated in the prompt annually, but should appear in the Terms & Conditions.

7. VIII. Tournament Rules

A. Categories

1. Photo Story Telling

Recommendation: Add following language to the category description: “No previous pictures are allowed on the memory card.”

Rationale: This information is stated in the prompt annually, but should appear in the Terms & Conditions.

8. VII. Tournament Rules

A. Categories

10. Copy Editing

Recommendation: Add following language to the category description: “All marks must be made in pencil.”

Rationale: Judges have asked for this change to make judging easier, as well as for student/adviser to be able to tell more clearly which marks have been made by the student and by the judge.

9. VIII. Tournament Rules

A. Categories

8. Yearbook Caption Writing

Recommendation: Replace following language into category description:

Old: “and must fit within a caption...”

New: “and must fit within a provided caption box that meets the prompts requirements for text size, font and spacing.”

Rationale: Confirms that the category will be held on a computer with a provided text box, and that the prompt will provide the font and text size, which cannot be changed.

10. III. On-Line Entries Withdrawal Procedures...

E. Online List of Participants

Recommendation: Add language that reads: The IHSA will provide advisers notice of a five-day window approximately three weeks before the Sectional where they can access the List of Participants to make changes.

Rationale: The initial deadline is important for getting ballpark numbers to help evenly distribute schools to their Sectional sites. However, many substitutions occur closer to the Sectional date, and allowing the schools access again would allow them to provide up-to-date info and take this burden off the Sectional hosts.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. Changes to Judges Sheets

Recommendation: Lines on each Standard of Excellence checklist will be eliminated and more space for feedback on each item provided. Sheets will also be adjusted for singular judge signature if other proposal passes.

Rationale: The lines next to the checklist creates the appearance of the need for a ranking provided for each Standard, when that was not the intent, but rather a guideline to accompany the subjective judging process, which often creates confusion among advisers and competitors.

2. Change to Yearbook Caption Writing Judges Sheet

Recommendation: Add Standard of Excellence that reads: “Does caption conform to caption box size, text size, and font requested in the prompt?”

Rationale: If this language is added to the T&Cs and prompt per the previous proposals, then it is imperative that it be judged as well.

3. Changes to Prompts

Recommendation: The following will be changed on all applicable prompts:

- a) Add Terms & Conditions description of each event to each event prompt.
- b) Clarify in upper righthand box that students should write only school code and not the school name, name or anything else.
- c) Add disclaimer to prompts in events that can potentially have live press conferences, that students should use information provided in press conference, and not change it to reflect the fake prompt town/school.

Rationale: These changes will make expectations clearer for competitors.

4. Prompt Policy

Recommendation: The IHSA will make the Sectional prompts available each year at the conclusion of the State Final tournament. The IHSA will attempt to update the Sectional prompts based on changes made by the advisory committee that year prior to posting.

Rationale: This provides updated information for schools to use to practice and prepare for the State Series, while also providing the State Finals to be available to be edited and reused in upcoming years.

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| <i>Music Solo/Ensemble</i> |
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1) III.D.2.a.3

Recommendation: Delete. ~~A student shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of two instrumental and two vocal ensemble events not counting choirs.~~

Rationale: Caused confusion regarding the number of events a student could enter.

2) VIII.A.1 Solo Events Entries Note 2 and 3

Recommendation: Delete Note 2 and 3. ~~Note 2: If a school enters the total maximum of twenty (20) vocal, twenty (20) string and thirty five (35) wind/percussion solos, it will have utilized its entire maximum of seventy five (75) entry positions. Note 3: Local Managers shall accept and/or schools may enter “non-sweepstakes” or “comments only” entries in excess of the maximum number of seventy five (75) solo entries per school as space and time allows.~~

Rationale: This information was redundant.

3) VIII. A.4 Scores

Recommendation: Each soloist shall supply the judge with one score of his/her selection, with the measures numbered. Failure to supply such a score shall result in the contestant's rating being automatically lowered by one step. Unpublished works, including student compositions, are not allowed. Public domain or digital printed music is allowed provided the director lists the exact internet address for their score and provides proof of purchase (if applicable). A copy of the score is required and should be made available to the contest manager and judges. Photocopied music, other than previously mentioned, may be provided to judges only in an “emergency...”

Rationale: Clarification was need on appropriate scores and the policies regarding those scores.

4) **VIII.B.2.a Entries Note 2:**

Recommendation: Delete Note 2 and renumber accordingly. ~~“NOTE 2: Local Managers shall accept and/or schools may enter “non-sweepstakes” or “comments only” entries in excess of the maximum number of sixty-four (64) ensemble entries per school as space and time allows.”~~

Rationale: This information was redundant.

5) **VIII.B.8.25 Random Instrumentation:**

Recommendation: Any ensemble of 2-8 instrumentalists that does not fall into any other event. No improvisation will be permitted, unless indicated by the score.

Rationale: Although jazz ensembles are not recommended, if improvisation is indicated by the score then it is permitted.

6) **VIII.B.9 Madrigal Singing:**

Recommendation: Delete “mixed”. “The general rules in Article VIII-B shall apply to Madrigal Singing, except that a Madrigal group shall be composed of a ~~mixed~~ group of not less than eight nor more than twenty performers...”

Rationale: Literature exists for treble and bass groups, therefore madrigal categories should not be restricted to only mixed ensembles.

7) **VIII.B.10. Chamber Choir:**

Recommendation: Delete “mixed”. “The general rules in Article VIII-B shall apply to Chamber Choir, except that the group shall be composed of a ~~mixed~~ group of not less than eight nor more than twenty singers...”

Rationale: Literature exists for treble and bass groups, therefore chamber categories should not be restricted to only mixed ensembles.

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| <i>Music Organizational</i> |
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1) **VIII.A. Number of Participants**

Recommendation: No individual student may participate in more than one (1) organization in instrumental event on the same instrument. Students may perform in any vocal event of which they are actively enrolled. Organizations shall be limited to the following enrollment of participants:

Rationale: Clarification regarding the number of instrumental events a student may participate on the same instrument.

2) **VIII.A. NOTE**

Recommendation: Add “above the maximum”. “Groups that fall below the minimum or above the maximum numbers may still perform and receive comments only...”

Rationale: Clarification regarding the process if the limits for events are not maintained.

3) **XI.B. Duties of Judges**

Recommendation: Delete verbiage. In the organization events in which three (3) judges are used, the judges shall not confer with each other in reaching decisions on the ratings to be awarded. ~~The local manager of each Organization Contest shall provide one cassette recorder per contest room. Schools desiring taped critiques shall furnish one (1) cassette tape for each taped critique desired to the host school at the time final entries are made. The manager will not provide the tapes for recording. In no case will the IHSA assume any responsibility or liability for equipment used in this method of evaluation.~~

Rationale: Providing recorded critiques should be at the discretion of the local manager. They may provide critiques if they have appropriate technology to do so, but it is no longer a requirement.

Athletic Officials

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends a change in the girls gymnastics officials pay for the state preliminary round to \$152.50. (13 – 0 – 0)

Rationale: The committee believe this change will bring the pay for the gymnastics officials closer to the amount paid when the two sessions were dropped to one session. This would bring reasonableness to the amount of officiating (routines and time) that is comparable to other levels of assignment.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends approval of an IHSA State Final Lodging Allowance for Girls Gymnastics such that a one night allowance is provided to state prelim and finals officials when travel exceeds 70 miles. The allowance would consist of an IHSA approved hotel night stay or maximum \$60 per night reimbursement.

Rationale: Currently Girls Gymnastics is conducted over two days with no hotel accommodations provided to the state final officials. While a number of officials are in close proximity to the state host site, there remain a number of officials who have significant round trip mileage and traffic to cover for this event.

5. **Recommendation:** The committee made a recommendation to adjust the base fee for officials fees to \$160 for the next 3 year period.

Rationale: The committee believes this is a fair increase to establish for the upcoming three year period.

7. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the language below be inserted in the officials' handbook:

U.S. Military Veterans Patch

IHSA Licensed officials have the opportunity to send in a copy of their DD214 form to the IHSA in order to receive a complimentary U.S. Veterans patch. The patch will be worn on the right arm sleeve by officials, just below the area designated for the display of the United State flag.

Rationale: This is present requirements for veterans to be recognized.

Scholastic Bowl

- III. **Recommendation:** Allow a match to begin with 4 or 5 players but allow a match to continue with any number of players if circumstances cause a school to lose players after the match begins. The rules currently allow for this to occur if necessary.

Rationale: The committee feels a team should not be forced to forfeit if they appear for competition with a legal team but unforeseen circumstances (i.e., not feeling well), would cause a team to lose a player(s) during the day's competition.

VI. Rule 4-I-1f (Appeals to the Moderator)

Currently Reads:

"Only the Moderator or his/her designee may leave the room to do research or to consult with anyone outside the room."

Recommendation:

4-I-1f. Only the Moderator or his/her designee may leave the room to do research or to consult with anyone outside the room. Coaches may consult with non-officials, including subject-area experts, who are in the room, and may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to access a website and share findings with officials, but may not consult with non-officials not in the room.

Rationale: As Internet access has become ubiquitous websites have become an excellent source for information to aid in an appeal. While smart phones/tablets/computers have been used for this purpose in recent years, this rule change makes such action explicitly permitted. While consulting with a non-official subject-area expert in the room (parent, spectator) is also explicitly permitted, this rule limits such consultation to those who are in the room. Involving non-official experts not present could be awkward for officials and the opposing head coach.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Writers and editors would need to produce 1 additional round. Hosts would need to schedule one additional round and the Association earmark pay for officials for up to one additional round per Sectional.

Administrative Recommendation:

1. **Question Source:** State Series Question Sets for the 16-17 season will be written using the same process as in recent years. Sister John has agreed to serve as the head editor for one more season.

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| <i>Speech Debate</i> |
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a. IV.B- Judges Fees

Recommendation: Judges hired by the IHSA shall be paid a flat fee of \$250.00 for Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Congressional and Public Forum Debate at the State Final Tournament. However, if a judge is late for a round or misses an assignment, the flat fee will be rescinded and the judge will be paid \$10.00 per round actually judged. Any judge who drives more than 70 miles round trip to the site of the State Final Contest shall be reimbursed a travel allowance of \$.30 per mile in excess of 70 miles round trip. Reimbursement shall be directly from the IHSA office upon the judges' submission of a travel report form to be provided by the IHSA to the contest manager. Any school that hires a judge will pay \$250 for the first judge; an additional \$350 for the second judge; and an additional \$450 for any other judges.

Rationale: This year the tournament was handicapped in terms of the number of judges available to run the tournament, because several schools used the tournament as a way to save money by hiring their judges through IHSA. Currently IHSA will hire judges for schools that cannot find judges for the cost of \$200 per judge for two days. That money is then paid to the judge. However, schools typically pay their own judges \$300-\$400 for two days of judging. They find that the IHSA cost will save money, and rely on IHSA to hire the judges for them.

c. VIII.A.5. Tournament Rules Policy Debate

Recommendation: It will be attempted to allow every debater to debate each side of the question at least two times in the preliminary rounds.

Rationale: There are five rounds of debate not six. Debating at least two times during the preliminary rounds is adequate and allows for a timely flow of the tournament schedule. This change reflects current practices.

d. VIII.A.5. Matching of Teams and Drawing Procedures

Recommendation: ADD (a), change current lettering accordingly and add (f):
(a) The State Final Manager will create a list of all judges, as posted by coaches in

Joy of Tournaments. Judge changes at registration will not be reflected. Each team will be given the opportunity to strike judges for the duration of the preliminary rounds, based upon the judge pool.

(f) At the start of each elimination round, a list of possible judges for each round will be created by IHSA. A head coach or assistant coach from each team in the round will have 5 minutes to strike one judge from the list for that round.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions.

e. VIII.B.1. Tournament Rules Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Definition

Recommendation: Delete- “Debate is audience oriented, meaning that people should be able to follow the clash of ideas without taking a flow sheet.”

Rationale: This statement directly contradicts rule B.6.b.b., that requires judges to be specifically trained and flow.

f. VIII.B.2. Debate Subject

Recommendation: The topic for the IHSA Lincoln-Douglas debate series will be the March topic of the National Speech and Debate Association (speechanddebate.org). Wording of this topic will be posted online at www.ihsa.org.

Rationale: The NFL changed its name to the NSDA.

g. VIII.B.5. Matching Contestants and Drawing Procedures

Recommendation: **ADD** (a), change current lettering accordingly and add (d):

(a) The State Final Manager will create a list of all judges, as posted by coaches in Joy of Tournaments. Judge changes at registration will not be reflected. Each team will be given the opportunity to strike judges for the duration of the preliminary rounds, based upon the judge pool.

(d) At the start of each elimination round, a list of possible judges for each round will be created by IHSA. A head coach or assistant coach from each team in the round will have 5 minutes to strike one judge from the list for that round.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions.

h. VIII.B.6. Judging

Recommendation: Add as (f): Judges in any round must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in that round. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts of interest prior to the start of competition.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions.

i. VIII.C.4.c.1. Order of Events

Recommendation: Add an (a) and (b) after current sentence:

(a) A school that registers 1-6 debaters are required to provide one (1) qualified judge for the preliminary sessions through the finals.

(b) A school that registers 7-10 debaters are required to provide two (2) qualified judges for the preliminary through final round.

Rationale: Added to clarify the current practice of the number of judges need per debater.

j. VIII.C.4.c.7. Order of Events

Recommendation: Add these statements before the current sentence: When more than one speaker seeks the floor, the presiding officer must follow precedence. First, recognize students who have not spoken during the session. Next, recognize students who have spoken fewer times.

Rationale: Added for clarification. Precedence and how to follow it in IHSA Congressional Debate is not defined currently, which has led to coach, judge, and participant confusion. This addition reflects the process we currently follow.

k. VIII.C.4.d.1. General Rules

Recommendation: Add these statements after the current sentence: A participant may speak on the same side of the same legislation twice – if precedence and regency allow it to occur. Judges may evaluate this second speech as they would any other by asking the question: “does it advance debate?”

Rationale: Added for clarification. We currently follow this practice; however, every year, judges and coaches are confused and/or concerned as to whether or not it is acceptable.

l. VIII.C.4.e. Judge Rules

Recommendation: Add as (1) and renumber accordingly: Judges in any round must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in that round. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts of interest prior to the start of competition.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions.

m. VIII.C.4.

Recommendation: Add as (f)

Chambers are “closed chambers”- no debater can leave the chamber unless the chamber recesses or adjourns. Student should ask permission to leave and enter the chamber when it is in session (use parliamentary procedure to move to a point of personal privilege to use the restroom). However, no debater should interrupt a speaker who is addressing the chamber.

Rationale: We currently follow this process in order to maintain decorum and to prevent students from roaming the tournament site unsupervised; however, it is necessary to allow students to use the facilities during a three-hour session if the majority of the competitors do not consent to a recess (break) in debate.

n. VIII.C.5.a.1. Semi-final Congress

Recommendation: Add this sentence after the current sentence: “Presiding Officer (PO) scores do not count toward high-point speaker advancement.”

Rationale: Added for clarification. We currently follow this process because PO scores are not speaker scores, and POs can already break to semis by winning Best PO.

o. VIII.D.2. Debate Subject

Recommendation: The topic for the IHSA Public Forum debate series will be the March topic of the National Speech and Debate Association (speechanddebate.org). Wording of this topic will be posted online at www.ihsa.org.

Rationale: The NFL changed its name to the NSDA.

p. VIII.D.5. Matching of Teams and Drawing Procedures

Recommendation: ADD (a), change current lettering accordingly and add (d):

(a) The State Final Manager will create a list of all judges, as posted by coaches in Joy of Tournaments. Judge changes at registration will not be reflected. Each team will be given the opportunity to strike judges for the duration of the preliminary rounds, based upon the judge pool.

(d) At the start of each elimination round, a list of possible judges for each round will be created by IHSA. A head coach or assistant coach from each team in the round will have 5 minutes to strike one judge from the list for that round.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions.

q. VIII.D.8. Judging

Recommendation: Add as (j): Judges in any round must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in that round. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts of interest prior to the start of competition.

Rationale: This is common practice and should be reflected in the terms and conditions. It is already in the Policy terms and conditions.

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| Speech Individual Events |
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a. VIII.F.10.a. Alternate Qualifier Advancement

Recommendation: In the event a qualified student is, for any reason, unable to advance to the succeeding contest, and provided the IHSA Office is notified by the principal of the qualifier's school at least one day prior to the succeeding contest, the highest-placing contestant from the qualifier's last qualifying contest in the same event that has not yet been offered the opportunity to advance shall be designated as the alternate(s), their coach and tournament manager shall be notified by the IHSA, and they shall be permitted to advance.

Rationale: Provides clarification regarding the process of contacting alternate qualifier.

b. "Special Event" Performance in the Round 2.a.

Recommendation: Except for music and sound effects, all performance elements, including off stage dialogue, must be within the 16-foot circle.

Rationale: Provides clarification regarding what elements must be done in the circle.

c. "Special Event" Performance in the Round 2.d.

Recommendation: d. Performance groups may only use 10 standard chairs (not folding ones) and 2 tables which will be provided by the host school. The tables should be standard; it is suggested that the table be approximately 30" x 40". If a table meeting these approximate dimensions is not available, managers should specify the dimensions and any other specifics of the table to be used, to competing schools, prior to the start of the tournament. Schools will not be allowed to bring additional tables, chairs, stools, set pieces, etc.

Rationale: Clarification on the size of table that is recommended and the procedure to communicate the specifications of the table if table of the recommending specifications is not available.

d. "Special Event" Performance in the Round 2.f.

Recommendation: Move (f) to (b) and re-letter accordingly. No performance elements ~~including sound effects~~ should occur in the aisles.

Rationale: Clarification on what can and cannot be performed outside of the circle, in the outer perimeter and aisles.

e. "Special Event" Performance in the Round- 7 Judging

Recommendation: Add the following and change current lettering accordingly

Judging: Each Performance in the Round will perform only once.

(a) At the Regional Tournament, a panel of three judges shall be used to determine the winners. The three judges' rankings shall be tabulated. The entry whose total of rankings is lowest is the winner; the entry with the second lowest total is second, etc. The top four finishers in each Regional and ties shall advance to Sectional.

(b) At the Sectional Tournament, a panel of five judges shall be used to determine the winners. The five judges' rankings shall be tabulated. The highest ranking and the lowest ranking shall be discarded for each entry, and only the three (3) intermediate rankings for each entry shall be considered in determining its final standing. The entry with the lowest total of intermediate rankings is the winner of the event; the next lowest is second, etc., through the listings. The top three in each Sectional shall advance to the State Tournament.

Rationale: Clarification as to the manner in which rankings are determined for both Regionals and Sectionals.

f. "Special Event" Performance in the Round -8 Ties

Recommendation: If a tie occurs during Sectionals, the tied entries shall be separated from all other entries and assigned relative rankings. If there is still a tie, then the ranks assigned by all five (5) judges will be considered, and the entry with the lowest total of five rankings will be declared the winner.

Rationale: With the five judge structure, ties must be broken for advancement in Performance in the Round for consistency with Group Interpretation and Drama events that utilize a similar judging structure.

g. Dramatic/Humorous Duet Acting (DDA/HDA)

Recommendation: Use of Script, Props, and Visual Aids During Performance: It is recommended that a table, with four legs, approximately 30 inches by 48 inches and two chairs be provided. If a table meeting these approximate dimensions is not available, managers should specify the dimensions and any other specifics of the table to be used, to competing schools, prior to the start of the tournament. Schools will not be allowed to bring additional tables, chairs, stools, set pieces, etc. Performers are not allowed to stand on the tables and chairs at any time for liability reasons. A script may not be held. No lights, staging, costumes, makeup, sound effects, etc., will be permitted.

Rationale: Clarification on the size of table that is recommended and the procedure to communicate the specifications of the table if table of the recommending specifications is not available.

h. Prose Reading (PR)

Recommendation: Material: Material must be prose literature. Sources of material include cuttings from novels, short stories, biographies, nonfiction, letters and diaries. Use of dramatic literature is not permitted. The cuttings must contain less than 50% dialogue. Each contestant will prepare one (1) selection. Selections for this event may be chosen from any source deemed appropriate but must come from printed, published sources. Compilations are permissible. The material should be in keeping with acceptable standards for good literature

Rationale: Clarification regarding appropriate material for this event.

Speech Drama/Group Interpretation

a. XI.G Judging

Recommendation: Hired judges should be experienced and at least 25 years of age.

Rationale: Clarifies the qualification for State Series judges.

Sportsmanship

- 1. Recommendation:** Distribute the modified Do What's Right! rubric to all schools seasonally so Administrators and Coaches can educate, share, and instruct players, parents and fans of the expected behavior at every contest. Also include these in state final packets and any other information sent to competing schools.

Rationale: Ensures that the DWR! Program and Expectations are understood by school personnel, parents and students in an organized manner prior to the start of each season.

- 3. Recommendation:** Present an overview of the DWR! Program, the Student Leadership Conference, the Student Section Showdown and the Student Advisory Committee at the IPA New Administrator Academy in July.

Rationale: To assist new Administrators in learning about the DWR! Program as well as the different opportunities for their students to participate in, and to help create or enhance positive internal and external recognition for their school.

- 4. Recommendation:** Present an overview of the DWR! Program, the Student Leadership Conference, the Student Section Showdown and the Student Advisory Committee at the May, 2017 IADA Conference.

Rationale: To assist Administrators in learning about the DWR! Program as well as the different opportunities for their students to participate in, and to help create or enhance positive internal and external recognition for their school.

Sports Medicine

Administrative Recommendations

1. Continuation of the IHSA PES Testing Program

Recommendation: The committee recommends the continuation of the IHSA PES Testing Program.

Rationale: The committee believes the PES Testing Program is still an important initiative and continues to serve an important role in helping student-athletes make good decisions regarding their training for interscholastic sports.

2. Specific Guidelines for Managing Heat and Heat Illness

Recommendation: The committee recommends the adoption of specific guidelines for managing heat and heat illness. ([Managing Heat and Heat Illness guidelines link](#))

Rationale: Knowing that heat-related illness or injury is preventable, the committee believes that adopting the following guidelines for all IHSA state series events is appropriate. Implementation of these guidelines should not create an undue burden on managers and will follow similar procedures member schools are using for practices and regular season contests. If approved, these guidelines would be posted in all IHSA sport-specific manuals for managers, replacing the current section entitled, "Prevention of Heat Illness Guidelines."

Student Advisory Committee

Administrative Recommendations:

February 7th Meeting: No Recommendations Were Brought Forward At This Time.

April 10th Meeting:

- 1. Recommendation:** The committee recommends to host the annual Student Advisory Committee retreat on July 31 and August 1, 2016.

Rationale: During the retreat, members will have time to meet with each other outside of the IHSA office, prepare for the Student Leadership Conference, record PSA's, and start to build our team and bond before the school year begins. The retreat will also serve as the first scheduled meeting for the 2016-17 committee members.

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the SAC host another statewide Leadership Conference in September of 2017.

Rationale: To continue to offer IHSA member school students the opportunity to attend a statewide leadership conference conducted by the SAC.

Illinois Advisory Council on Player Safety

No Recommendations Forwarded

Athletic Administrators

No Recommendations Forwarded

Activities Directors

No Recommendations Forwarded