

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - CONSENT ITEMS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 16, 2024**

**BOYS BASEBALL**

1. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**
2. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**
3. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

**GIRLS BADMINTON**

1. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**
2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that players be limited to 2 injury timeouts with a total injury time of 15 minutes. The current language is ambiguous and would allow a player to take unlimited timeouts for an unlimited amount of time.  
**Rationale:** The committee feels that this will ensure a match is not delayed unnecessarily or that games aren't being played to allow player rest or additional coaching time.
3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that all sectionals will be played on Thursday, with no hosting options for Friday or Saturday.  
**Rationale:** The committee feels this one solid date will allow coaches to know for sure which players are able to participate prior to the seeding meeting. This should cut down on the need for substitutions and allow hosts to know in advance what day to reserve for their opportunity to host.
4. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**
5. **Recommendation:** Casebook The Game 8Q: Can an official step in to officiate without being called? 8A. Yes. The state final tournament has roving officials who are instructed to make calls on serves, lines (if the official is 100% certain), sportsmanship, etc.  
9Q: In the event of a line call dispute, what do players do? 9A: The player(s) on the side of the court that the bird landed make the call. Line judges can be called to work the remainder of the match.  
**Rationale:** There was a line call at the state tournament that would have benefited from this clarifying wording. It also would have been helpful to have 9Q & A added no matter how the ruling went. 9Q & A is the USAB wording but putting it in the IHSA casebook makes it easier to reference.

**Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that on Saturday morning the first 8 matches of singles should be placed on every other court with the outside courts being avoided, followed by the first 8 matches of doubles.  
**Rationale:** The committee recommends using every other court to avoid interference with matches on neighboring courts. They also feel there is a definite advantage on the outside courts which could be avoided by using the middle courts.
2. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that officials should fill out forms after every call to a court for a ruling or when they make a ruling on their own.  
**Rationale:** The committee feels this will help produce a paper trail for all officials knowing which players they've already warned, which coaches they've talked to and followed up with after a ruling has been made.
3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends cleaning up the sectional brackets and a scoring system with points earned per round as well as drop downs for the next match. There is also need for an additional bracket to be drawn for when a sectional has one individual singles player. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place alternate match also needs to be added to the brackets.  
**Rationale:** This will ensure that all sectionals are being scored correctly and that a bracket is available for each host. Stacey is going to send the old brackets to the committee for review.
4. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the IHSA clarify which Yonex shuttle is going to be used for the state series. There are multiple speeds that the Yonex ACL30 comes in. The committee recommends using the speed 2 bird.  
**Rationale:** This update will ensure that all coaches know what bird is being used for the post season. Stacey will get this information from Yonex and post it for the coaches. The Committee also recommended contacting distributors to ensure that a good supply of the selected birds are available for schools to purchase.

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

1. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

2. **Non-Consent – See Board Agenda**

### **Administrative Recommendation:**

1. Remove the option for regional host schools to request a third official.

**Rationale:** Having the third official as an option passed down to host schools causes inconsistency in crews across the state at the regional level. All sites need to be assigned the same number of umpires. The committee discussed adding a third umpire to all regional games but the majority of games in the regular season are played with two umpires which mirrors the recommended 2-person crew assignment at the regional level.

## BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE

1. **Recommendations: Item II. Dates & Sites D) State Final Tournament:**

Boys ~~& Girls~~ Semifinals: Thursday of Week 48

~~Girls Semifinals: Friday of Week 48~~

Boys/Girls Finals: Saturday of Week 48

The five-year schedule for the State Final Tournament in Week 48 is as follows:

2025 June 5 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 7 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2026 June 4 (Girls 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Boys 5 p.m., 7 pm) and June 6 (Girls 10 a.m., Noon & Boys 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2027 June 3 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 5 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2028 June 1 (Girls 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Boys 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 3 (Girls 10 a.m., Noon & Boys 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2029 May 31 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) June 2 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

C) State Final Playing Schedule/Start Times: All State Final contests will be played at Hinsdale (Central). The time schedule for the series ~~Saturday's finals~~ will rotate each year. The schedules below are for state finals in even and odd years.

### State Final Schedule - EVEN YEARS

Thursday - Session 1 - Games 1 - 4

GLAX Semifinal #1 5 ~~1~~ p.m.

GLAX Semifinal #2 7 ~~3~~ p.m.

BLAX Semifinal #1 5 p.m.

BLAX Semifinal #2 7 p.m.

Saturday - Session 2 – Games 1-4

GLAX 3/4 Game 10 a.m.

GLAX Championship Noon

BLAX 3/4 Game 3 p.m.

BLAX Championship 5 p.m.

### State Final Schedule - ODD YEARS

Thursday - Session 1 - Games 1 - 4

BLAX Semifinal #1 5 ~~1~~ p.m.

BLAX Semifinal #2 7 ~~3~~ p.m.

GLAX Semifinal #1 5 p.m.

GLAX Semifinal #2 7 p.m.

Saturday - Session 2 – Games 1-4

BLAX 3/4 Game 10 a.m.

BLAX Championship Noon

GLAX 3/4 Game 3 p.m.

GLAX Championship 5 p.m.

**Rationale:** Both genders would benefit from having Friday off to rest/recover and plan for the Saturday games. The schedule in its current state disadvantages the girls' teams by not allowing them the rest/recovery and game-planning afforded to the boys' teams with having Friday off but also severely disadvantages the girls' team that must play late on Friday and then again early on Saturday morning in even years of the current rotation. The State Final host site, Hinsdale Central can accommodate four games on Thursday and 4 games on Saturday and by eliminating a third day, work schedule and staffing needs are easier to fill with two days of state final tournament play.

## BOYS/GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### 1. Item VII- C: IHSA State Series T&F Qualifying Standards:

**Recommendation:** To adopt the qualifying standards below for the 2025 season:

2024-2025 Proposed IHSA State Qualifying Standards						
Event	1A Girls	1A Boys	2A Girls	2A Boys	3A Girls	3A Boys
LJ	5.00m (16-5)	6.35m (20-10)	5.10m (16-9)	6.47m (21-3)	5.43m (17-10)	6.80m (22-4)
PV	2.76m (9-1)	3.70m (12-2)	2.97m (9-9)	3.88m (12-9)	3.20m (10-6)	4.16m (13-8)
HJ	1.52m (5-0)	1.85m (6-1)	1.54m (5-1)	1.87m (6-2)	1.57m (5-2)	1.93m (6-4)
SP	10.79m (35-5)	14.37m (47-2)	10.66m (35-0)	14.88m (48-10)	11.17m (36-8)	15.82m (51-11)
TJ	10.18m (33-5)	12.54m (41-2)	10.56m (34-8)	12.95m (42-6)	11.09m (36-5)	13.48m (44-3)
DISC	33.45m (109-9)	43.05m (141-3)	33.42m (109-8)	44.42m (145-9)	35.20m (115-6)	47.09m (154-6)
4 X 800	10:35.51	8:33.28	10:14.34	8:20.60	9:39.14	7:59.23
4 X 100	:52.12	:44.33	:50.59	:43.51	:48.92	:42.62
3200	12:26.55	10:12.64	11:47.44	9:57.04	11:11.19	9:27.68
100 HH 110 HH	:16.86	:16.26	:16.62	:15.61	:15.48	:15.26
100	:12.95	:11.24	:12.64	:11.05	:12.42	:10.94
800	2:28.15	2:01.53	2:25.12	2:00.71	2:18.94	1:57.40
4 X 200	1:51.76	1:33.09	1:48.87	1:31.33	1:44.81	1:29.72
400	1:01.94	:51.92	1:00.75	:51.17	:59.38	:50.44
300 LH 300 IH	:49.72	:42.73	:48.74	:41.55	:46.88	:40.40
1600	5:36.90	4:37.35	5:24.58	4:32.20	5:11.78	4:21.89
200	:26.96	:23.03	:26.29	:22.59	:25.56	:22.30
4 X 400	4:19.68	3:33.66	4:13.85	3:30.40	4:05.32	3:24.94

**Rationale:** When determining event standards, the past process of using a five year average of 21<sup>st</sup> place from all sectionals for 1A & 3A, and a five year average of 16<sup>th</sup> place from all sectionals for 2A was followed when possible. However, as a result of some analysis of qualifier projections using past years, there were some cases where the system was adjusted by using a different average sectional time/distance/height (i.e. 18<sup>th</sup> place instead of 21<sup>st</sup> place), or by using a different average number of years (i.e.: 4 years instead of 5 years), or simply by maintaining the prior year's standard. The Assistant Executive Director working with the Track & Field advisory committee has reserved the right to make these types of adjustments if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet.

### 2. VI. IHSA State Final Time Schedule

**Recommendation:** Move the High Jump preliminary starting time back 30 minutes for all classes. All other preliminary field event start times would remain the same.

**Rationale:** This will help reduce conflicts with the athletes who are both Long Jump and High Jump qualifiers. This impacts a handful of athletes but causes anxious/concerned athletes and coaches every year.

#### **Administrative Recommendations:**

- Recommendation:** Adjust the State Final Throws Schedule in the program as follows (rationale provided within proposal):  
Thursday Class 1A

Shot put currently says Flight 3 will follow on the first available ring. The committee is proposing to change this to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in West Ring) following a 15-minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This alleviates confusion for spectators and competitors as to which ring the top flight will throw out of.

Weigh-in and inspection is currently scheduled for 10:00 am and 10:45 am. The committee is proposing to change that to 10:00 am and 10:40 am

**Rationale:** This provides the same 40-minute window that classes 2A and 3A receive.

For Discus, the schedule currently says Flight 3 will follow on the first available ring. The committee would like this changed to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in South Ring) following a 20-minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposal and rationale for the shot put.  
Friday Class 2A

The committee proposes to change the shot put verbiage to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in East Ring) following a 15-minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposal and rationale for the shot put for class 1A.

For Flights 1 & 2, the schedule currently says that warm-up is at 8:40 am. The committee would like that changed to 8:45 am.

**Rationale:** All Flights should receive the same amount of warm-up time.

For Discus, change the wording in the schedule to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in North Ring) following a 20-minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposal and rationale for the class 1A discus.

Friday Class 3A - The committee proposes to change the shot put verbiage to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in West Ring) following a 15 minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposal and rationale for the shot put for class 1A and 2A.

Change Flights 1 & 2 warm-up from 12:40 to 12:45 pm.

**Rationale:** All Flights should receive the same amount of warm-up time.

For Discus, change weigh-in and inspection to 12:00 pm - 12:40 pm.

**Rationale:** This would allow competition to begin at 1:00 pm instead of 1:05 pm.

For Discus, change the wording in the schedule to "Flight 3 will follow Flight 2 (in South Ring) following a 20-minute warm-up."

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposal and rationale for the class 1A & 2A discus.

For Discus, change the weigh-in and inspection to 1:40 pm - 2:20 pm.

**Rationale:** This maintains a consistent 40 minute window for weigh-ins for all classes.

Saturday Finals

For Shot Put, change 3A first available ring to 3A (West Ring) (following a 15 minute warm-up)

**Rationale:** This alleviates confusion for spectators and competitors as to which ring the top flight will throw out of.

For Class 3A weigh-ins for Shot Put, change the time from between 9:40 am and 10:00 am to between 9:50 am and 10:30 am.

**Rationale:** This adjustment will help avoid weigh-ins happening at the same time as the 1A and 2A finalists are passing through the same area.

For the 3A Discus scheduled start time, change to 3A (South Ring) (following a 20- minute warm-up).

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the proposed change on the preliminary days.

For the 3A Discus weigh-ins, change the time to 12:15pm - 12:45pm.

**Rationale:** This is consistent with the change for 3A preliminary weigh-ins.

**Recommendation:** Adjust the State Final Pole Vault Schedule as Follows:

Thursday – 1A Pole Vault Prelims

Weigh-In and Check Poles: 9:15am

Warmups: 10:00am

1A Prelims: 11:00am

Flight 1 on South Runway

Flight 2 on North Runway

Friday – 2A Pole Vault Prelims

Weigh-In and Check Poles: 7:15am

Warmups: 8:00am

2A Prelims: 9:00am

Flight 1 on South Runway

Flight 2 on North Runway

Friday – 3A Pole Vault Prelims  
 Weigh-In and Check Poles: 10:45am  
 Warmups: 11:30am  
 3A Prelims: 12:30pm  
     Flight 1 on South Runway  
     Flight 2 on North Runway  
 Saturday, May 27 – FINALS 1A, 2A, 3A  
 Finals 1A and 2A: 10:00am  
 Warmups: 9:00am  
     1A on South Runway  
     2A on North Runway  
 Finals 3A: First available runway

In the schedule, there currently a scheduled time to check poles on Saturday before the Finals. This is not necessary. Event officials can check poles on the runway if needed. Therefore, add a statement in the time schedule that if needed, poles and weight can be checked. Poles would be checked on the runway and athletes’ weight could be checked in the tent.

**Rationale:** Currently, the Weigh In / Check Poles times start at the same time as when the pits are opened up for warmups. Weigh In / Check Poles need to be 45 minutes before the time runways are opened for warmups.

## BOYS/GIRLS WATER POLO

### 1. Item VI. A. 1) Playing Schedules (Boys and Girls)

**Recommendation:** Return to the 2019 Sectional Schedule format, where all Sectional contests are played Monday to Saturday of Week 45. Preliminary games are played on Monday or Tuesday. Four Semifinal contests are played on Wednesday, and four Semifinal contests are played on Thursday. Both Boys' and Girls' Semifinals are played on Friday, and the respective Sectional Final games are played on Saturday. A sample of the 2025 schedule is attached below.

**Rationale:** Returns to “original” format after attempting to address previously raised concerns. Allows for another week and weekend for practice or games. Eases the prom conflict.

### 2. Item VI. A. Note 1 Tournament Structure and Time Schedule (Boys and Girls)

**Recommendation:** Modify the Sectional Quarterfinal and Semifinal start times to 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 pm on school days. Sites with three (3) games scheduled in a night must play at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

**Rationale:** With the implementation of the Mercy Rule, many games end early. This time schedule allows the competing teams and their fans to be prepared to play. It may also shorten the night for competing teams and the host schools on a weeknight.

### 3. Item VI. A. Note 7 Tournament Structure and Time Schedule (Boys and Girls)

**Recommendation:** Allow Sectional Managers to adjust the bracket order for schools when a conflict arises. All schools must agree to the switch and the IHSA must be notified prior to the game date.

**Rationale:** Update the T’s and C’s to reflect what is already in practice.

### 4. Item VIII. I. Goal Judges (Boys and Girls)

**Recommendation:** Schools can use IHSA licensed officials, adults at least 21 years of age, or school staff members to work as Goal Judges.

**Rationale:** Gives Sectional Managers more flexibility in securing Goal Judges.

## BASS FISHING

### 1. Section VIII P. Coaching

**Recommendation:** The captain/coach of the boat may make suggestions but may not fish in any respect, including tying lures, netting fish, and handling fish or gear. However, if a team has only one participant on the boat, the captain/coach may net the fish if asked by the participant. **In the event an angler catches a non-target species, such as a muskie, northern pike, walleye, gar, bowfin, or catfish, the coach may assist the student in removing the lure from the fish to prevent injury.** The captain/coach or team participants can operate the electric motor. A boat captain must be an employee of the district or be a board approved bass fishing captain.

**Rationale:** The committee believes that coaches should be allowed to assist the student angler in removing a lure from a non-target species to prevent injury to the student. Specifically, species of fish that have sharp teeth or barbs that protrude from their bodies.

**ATHLETIC OFFICIALS**

**Recommendation #1**

The committee recommended the following changes to the uniform worn by girls' lacrosse officials:

- SHIRT: One inch vertically striped black and white shirt, long or short sleeve, with a black collar. Shirt must be worn tucked in. Both officials to wear the same length.
- PANTS: Solid black long pants, kilt/skort, or shorts. No sweatpants or warm-up pants.
- JACKET: One inch vertically striped black and white jacket or solid black jacket.
- HEAD GEAR: Solid-black ball cap, visor or knit cap. May have IHSA logo on cap.
- SHOES: All black with black laces.
- SOCKS: All socks must be solid black.
- UNDERGARMENTS: All visible undergarments must be solid black.
- GLOVES: All gloves must be solid black, if worn.
- EQUIPMENT: Black whistle, yellow penalty flag, penalty cards-green, yellow, and red, coin
- Required IHSA patches must be properly worn
- Girls lacrosse officials may wear a watch for time keeping purposes, no other jewelry should be worn.

**Rationale:** The committee believes these adjustments (see yellow highlights) are necessary to provide more clarity to girls' lacrosse officials in regard to their uniform. The committee believes that it is acceptable for the girls' lacrosse official's uniform to have some differences from the boys' lacrosse official's uniform since the games are different. The committee also believes that the culture of the two games allows for these subtle variations and will not impose any undue financial burdens on any official who is licensed in both sports. In fact, it is the general belief of the committee that those 'dual' officials are already in possession of the accepted uniform items.

**Recommendation #2**

The committee recommends approving the following grant requests from officials' associations:

Association	Grant Area*	Amount Requested
AOA	Education	\$ 500.00
Chicagoland Conf. Umpire's Assoc.	Education, Mentor Program	\$ 500.00
Comp. Cheer Off. Of Illinois	Education	\$ 100.00
Fox Valley Football Officials	Equipment	\$ 317.46
Fox Valley Officials Association	Equipment	\$ 500.00
IDOA	Education, Mentor Program	\$ 279.00
IHSGGJA	Recruiting, Education, Mentor Program	\$ 500.00
MIBTonline.com	Equipment	\$ 500.00
Midwest Officials Association	Recruiting	\$ 500.00
NOA	Recruiting, Education, Mentor Program	\$ 300.00
NW Illinois VB Officials Association	Education	\$ 500.00
Twin Rivers Officials Association	Education	\$ 400.00
UMPS Baseball Training	Education, Equipment	\$ 500.00
WBOA	Education	\$ 500.00
Total		\$ 5,896.46

**Rationale:** The IHSA and IESA have partnered for years to make funds available to local officials' associations around the state so that the efforts of associations used in recruiting, training/educating, or mentoring can be supported. Associations can request grants up to \$500. Those approved must turn in receipts for the agreed to purchase(s) prior to June 30, 2025, to receive payment from the IHSA.

**DO WHAT'S RIGHT - SPORTSMANSHIP**

*No Recommendations Forwarded.*

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation #1:** Move the date when the first-level tournament (currently the sectional) brackets are drawn to the Tuesday prior to the first-level tournament, and designate the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday prior to the first-level tournament as the dates when preliminary rounds may be played online if necessary.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, K. Tournament Assignments and Seeding

1. Bracket assignments for the first-level tournament in each game of the state series will be a random draw. For individual games, participants from the same school will be assigned to opposite halves of the bracket. First-level tournament brackets will be drawn and posted publicly on the ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday before the first-level tournament of the state series.

II. DATES AND SITES, A. Individual Tournament Series Dates and Sites

1. The sectional tournament shall be on Saturday of Week 42 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. In the event that the number of entries in a given game requires preliminary rounds to be played, those shall be played ~~during Weeks 41 and~~ on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of Week 42 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar ~~based on a schedule determined by the IHSA Office.~~ Participating schools will schedule a date and time to play the online match. If the schools involved cannot agree on a date and time to play, the IHSA office will determine when the match will be played. Tournament sites and school assignments will be posted online.

**Rationale:** Depending on the number of participants in a sectional and the number of available gaming devices at the sectional site, it may be necessary to play preliminary round matches online before the sectional date to ensure that the tournament can be completed on Saturday of Week 42. Moving the date when brackets are drawn one day earlier provides additional flexibility for schools to schedule online matches when necessary.

**Recommendation #2:** Modify the state finals schedule to allow for continuous play in all games, which includes removal of the scheduled one-hour lunch break in the current schedule.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES, C. Time Schedules

2. **State Final:** The state final shall be a one-day event using the following schedule:  
 7:45-8:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in  
 8:30-8:45 a.m. Coaches Meeting  
 8:45-9:00 a.m. Final instructions to teams by coaches  
 9:00 a.m. Preliminary round competition in ~~Individual and Small Group~~ all games begins  
~~Noon 1:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK~~

Play will be continuous through Competition Finals ~~begins after Lunch Break~~  
~~Individual Game (championship match)~~  
~~Small Group Game #1 (championship match)~~  
~~Small Group Game #2 (championship match)~~  
~~Team Game (championship match)~~  
 Awards after conclusion of final championship match

**Rationale:** As more games have been added to the state series and with more schools participating, the length of the state final tournament has extended into the evening hours in the past couple of years. Natural breaks for participants occur in between rounds of the tournament as there are not enough devices to have all participants playing simultaneously. Participants can eat lunch during their breaks between rounds, which would allow for continuous play to keep the tournament progressing.

**Recommendation #3:** Add language that prescribes who can provide coaching and when coaching is permitted during matches.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES, L. Coaching

During matches, only individuals wearing an official coach's pass are permitted to provide coaching and instruction to participants according to the times outlined in the rules of each event.

**Rationale:** Each event has its own specified times when coaching is permitted. Adding this language to the terms and conditions specifies who can provide coaching and references that the allotted periods for coaching in each event are prescribed in their respective sets of rules.

**RULES RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Rocket League**

**Recommendation #1:** Breaks no longer than ~~10~~ 5 minutes will occur after every two (2) matches in any match played in a Best of 5 or greater format. During breaks, coaches can meet with players to analyze film, discuss, and substitute/coach players.

**Rationale:** Each individual Rocket League game is set for 5 minutes. A 10-minute break is nearly equivalent to the amount of time it takes to play 2 games. Reducing the break length to 5 minutes will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate.  
 Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles

**Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles**

**Recommendation #1:** Player 1 (P1) and 2 (P2) will be determined by ~~Rock, Paper, Scissors~~ a coin toss. ~~Both players stand back to back and throw on three.~~ The winning player can choose to be P1 or P2.

**Rationale:** Conducting a coin toss is more consistent with procedures in other events like Rocket League and EA Sports FC.

**Recommendation #2:** Players have up to ~~2 minutes~~ 1 minute between games to strategize with coach(es) and/or teammate(s) before play resumes.

**Rationale:** Reducing the coaching and strategizing period to 1 minute will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate. There are no teammates in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles.

**Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Crew Battle**

**Recommendation #1:** Game Settings – Stock and time are set to 3 stock and ~~6~~ 5 minutes.

**Rationale:** Reducing the time settings will be consistent with rules of the Illinois High School Esports Association, and it will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate.

**Recommendation #2:** Team 1 (T1) and 2 (T2) will be determined by ~~Rock, Paper, Scissors~~ a coin toss. ~~Both teams will elect a captain that will stand back to back and throw on three. The captains' coaches will determine the winner.~~ The winning team can choose to be T1 or T2.

**Rationale:** Conducting a coin toss is more consistent with procedures of other events like Rocket League and EA Sports FC.

**Recommendation #3:** Coaches and crew have up to ~~2 minutes~~ 1 minute between games to strategize before play resumes.

**Rationale:** Reducing the coaching and strategizing period to 1 minute will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate.

**EA Sports FC**

**Recommendation #1:** Game Settings – Injuries: ~~On~~ Off

**Rationale:** Injuries during gameplay is outside of the control of the participants.

**Recommendation #2:** Coach Interactions – Coaches are not allowed to contact players unless during the following specified times:

- Before a game begins
- Halftime for up to 1 minute
- After the 2<sup>nd</sup> half if extra time is needed for up to 1 minute
- After the match is completed

**Rationale:** Adding this language will define a set amount of time for coaching to occur in the middle of a match. Defining an amount of time for coaching will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate.

**Mario Kart 8 Deluxe**

**Recommendation #1:** Coaching – Coaches are not allowed to contact players unless during the specified times:

- Before a race
- Between races for up to 1 minute
- After a race

**Rationale:** Adding this language will define a set amount of time for coaching to occur in the middle of a match. Defining an amount of time for coaching will help keep the tournament progressing at an appropriate rate.

**EA Sports Madden NFL**

**Recommendation:** See separate document for proposed Madden NFL game rules.

**Rationale:** The rules were developed using rules adopted by the National Junior College Athletics Association Esports organization and current IHSA rules for EA Sports FC as references. Note that gameplay under these proposed rules will be observed this fall and winter, and modifications may be suggested prior to the 2025 state series.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS

No Recommendations Forwarded

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No Recommendations Forwarded.