

MINUTES OF THE IHSA GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 26, 2025

The IHSA Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Art Ostrow, Darien (Hinsdale South); Denise Caton, Vernon Hills; Dr. Jennifer Tyrell, LaGrange (Lyons); Lynne Paver, Big Rock. Also, in attendance were IHSA Girls' Gymnastics Head Clinician Kathy Krebs and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

NONE

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2024 advisory committee meeting. The committee reflected that all changes made in 2024 were favorable including: moving the seeding deadline to allow one additional week for teams to compete for a seed score, holding rotations at all meets within the state series and the additional warm-up time of two full minutes per competitor at state.
3. Tracie Henry shared IHSA updates including the [nine amendment proposals](#) that were passed during the annual amendment referendum process; including the reduction of summer contact days from 25 to 20 days. Tracie communicated IHSA By-law 3.101 regarding non-school competition and shared that IHSA is following HB 3037, *Let Kids Play Act*.
4. The committee discussed the gymnastics season and State Meet at Palatine High School. The feedback the committee shared was athletes, coaches, officials, and teams appreciate competing at Palatine and find the meet to be memorable. The IHSGGCA coaches association submitted a list of preferred equipment requests for the State Meet at Palatine. The preferences include a newer set of bars and firmer 4 inch and 8 inch mats if possible on vault, bars and beam. Tracie confirmed with the Meet Referee that all equipment used in 2025 was legal and met NFHS Rules. The committee determined the proposal submitted included preferences and requests versus requirements.
5. The committee reviewed the total number of team entries into the IHSA girls gymnastics state series and the increasing number of co-op entries. Tracie shared IHSA [By-law 2.030 COOPERATIVE TEAM SPONSORSHIP](#) with the committee. A proposal from IHSGGCA was submitted to the committee to relegate all co-ops into the same sectional site. Tracie communicated that all gymnastics teams are assigned to a sectional site location by following [IHSA Policy 18. GROUPING AND SEEDING STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES](#). Assigning only co-op teams into their own sectional site would violate Policy 18.

6. The committee reviewed the TourneyWire software program and technology utilized throughout the gymnastics state series. The re-organized State Finals link with orders and results was favorable.
7. The committee reviewed the number of officials licensed in girls' gymnastics and the current number of teams competing in the state series. There were 53 licensed girls gymnastics officials in Illinois and 62 girls gymnastics team entries into the IHSA State Series. Tracie shared [IHSA Policy 14. GUIDELINES FOR ADDING AND DELETING STATE SERIES PROGRAMS](#) and discussed state series modifications if teams entries continue below 62 teams.
8. Tracie Henry will work with the State Final host site on a option to allow athletes to adjust and test their bar settings when a head or assistant coach is present allowing tap swings only on the equipment. A possible option on the time schedule, with confirmation from the host site, would be 10:15-10:50AM.
9. Tracie Henry thanked official Lynne Paver for her commitment to girls gymnastics and service on the IHSA Advisory Committee.