

SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met virtually on Thursday, May 2, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Ethan Levine, Coach, Chicago (F.W. Parker); Brad Frey, Coach, Johnsburg; Nevagay Abel, Coach, Rockford (Auburn); Evan Miles, AD/Coach, Farmer City (Blue Ridge); Brant Trimpe, Coach, Williamsville; Rob Grierson, Coordinator of Officials, Skokie. Others in attendance: Brad Fischer, Head Question Editor, Kraig Garber, IHSA Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: At the State Final, in addition to the 1st and 3rd place matches, the remaining four teams in each class that are not playing in those matches would play in a 5th or 7th place match as determined by their records in pool play. Team trophies and medals would still only be awarded to those teams placing 1st – 4th place.

Rationale: The committee feels that following pool play, all teams that advanced to the State Final should be allowed to play the last match along with those teams playing for 1st and 3rd place. The appropriate number of moderators needed are still present at the tournament, the questions for that round are established, and the rooms are available. It could also encourage more teams to remain to watch the awards ceremony. This would give all teams that advanced to the State Final the ability to experience a complete State Final experience.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Name Adam Silverman as the IHSA Head Writer/Editor of the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Series questions for the 2025 State Series.

Rationale: Adam served as part of the writing team that Brad Fischer assembled over the last four years, and his share of the questions that he has been responsible for writing has grown significantly over those years. For the 2024 State Series, Adam had written as much as 70% of the State Series questions. During his time writing scholastic bowl questions for the IHSA, the IHSA State Series Question Survey has shown a very positive response much to Adam's credit.

Approved by Consent

Other items of discussion that did not receive action:

1. Brad Fischer shared feedback from the 2024 IHSA State Series Questions Survey.
2. The committee discussed the State Final schedule. Specifically, they discussed ways to minimize delays at lunch in an effort to keep the event on schedule.
3. The committee discussed the potential for State Series questions to be made available and sold to National tournament directors following the IHSA State Series.