

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Cross Country Advisory Committee
December 4, 2024**

The IHSA B/G Cross Country Advisory Committee met virtually on December 4, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Eric Simpson, AD, Chicago (Marist); Ryan Hollister, Coach, Hampshire; Kevin Gummerson, Coach, Minooka; Charlie Helton, Coach Carlinville; Morgan Keck, Coach Breese (Central); David Mitchell, Coordinator of Officials, Peoria; Others in attendance: Brien Dunphy, Meet Manager, Peoria (H.S.); Kraig Garber, IHSA, Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

V.D – State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation: Each year, the schedule will alternate the gender that will race first for each class. For example, this year, the girls ran the first race followed by the boys for their respective class, and if this recommendation were to be approved, next year, the boys would run the first race followed by the girls for their respective class.

Rationale: Provides both genders an equal opportunity to experience the advantages and/or disadvantages of racing first or last each year.

Died for Lack of Motion

The Cross-Country Advisory committee reviewed and discussed the following topics which were submitted by representatives of member schools and officials. These topics received no committee action to advance.

1. The committee discussed Athletic.net and the Coaches Data Form and ways to improve use of these tools.
2. The committee discussed a rising issue with 1A team withdrawals following the release of state series assignments and potential solutions to this.
3. The committee discussed a proposal to allow for the flexibility of regionals or sectionals to be conducted on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday of weeks 16 and 17.
4. The committee discussed a proposal to allow for one 1A sectional to be held on a Friday afternoon as part of a religious accommodation.
5. The committee discussed the order in which awards are distributed (individual followed by team) at the awards ceremony.
6. The committee discussed school vehicle parking at Detweiller Park.
7. The committee discussed questions concerning Classification (Board Policy 17) and how the policy is set up.