

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2016

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met at Palatine High School, in Palatine, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Barb Barrows, Naperville (Neuqua Valley); Tim Hamman, Palatine (Fremd); Scott Hagel, Wauconda; Kim Hostman, Geneva; Gary Steiger, Palatine and Kathy Krebs, Crete. Also in attendance were IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry and Jerry Dobbs, Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director.

(GIRLS) TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 PARTICIPANTS 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:

1. (BOYS) X. AWARDS C. Team Awards

Recommendation: Make the number of passes and number of medals that the IHSA gives out for teams at the state meet the same. Currently IHSA allow teams 25 passes but only gives out 20 medals.

A. State Final Passes:

1. Team Qualifiers:

a. State Final Passes: Team Qualifiers: One pass for each team member listed on the List of Participants (maximum of 25).

2. State Final: Trophies will be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet. In addition, ~~twenty (20)~~ **twenty-five (25)** team medallions shall be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet.

Rationale: Aligns the number of passes a team can receive with the number of medals a team could receive.

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

Rational: 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.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process. 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 2015 advisory committee meeting. The committee shared positive feedback from judges and schools regarding the implementation of not allowing an individual gymnast to perform first or last twice on any event during finals for the girls state meet.
3. The committee discussed the Girl's State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed incorporating additional technology to flash digital scores at the State Meet for individual competitors on a projected screen instead of using the flashers on the floor.
4. The committee discussed the web-based TourneryWire Gymnastics scoring program that was supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State for both the Boys and Girls State Series. The committee reviewed the scoring program manual, checklist and conference call agendas. The committee recommended continuing the Regional and Sectional Manager conference calls, the committee reported that the calls were beneficial.
5. Tracie Henry shared the girl's gymnastics sectional host rotation chart with the committee through 2021-2022.
6. The committee discussed IHSA By-law 2.030 Cooperative Teams. Tracie Henry explained that By-laws were not an area where the committee could recommend change and that change must be proposed through the IHSA Legislative Commission.
7. Tracie Henry reviewed the by-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will affect Boys and Girls Gymnastics, specifically Proposals 6.
<http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/828/IHSA-Schools-Approve-3-By-Law-Amendments.aspx>
8. Tracie Henry discussed the new concussion education program for all interscholastic coaches, marching band directors, and licensed athletic officials, which is a requirement of the [Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act \(SB 7\)](#) and is now available in the IHSA Schools and Officials Center. The new concussion test must be completed by coaches and officials prior to September 1, 2016 and is valid for 2 years.
9. Tracie Henry informed the committee of recent IHSA Board discussions regarding IHSA Policy 14 Guidelines for Adding and Deleting State Series Programs.
10. Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the process for IHSA By-law 3.101 which prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season

11. The committee was in favor of editing the Boys Terms and Conditions by replacing “Long Horse Vault” with “Vault”.