

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 28, 2010**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Julie Bergstrom Aurora (Waubonsie Valley); Norm Hillner, Roselle (Lake Park); Jim Montgomery, Waterloo (Gibault); Mike Moses, Chicago (University); John Rumley, Glasford (Illini Bluffs); Gary Stephens, Official (Decatur) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance were Val Walker, Normal (Community West) and Conan Dalton Rock Island (H.S.)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Boys and Girls Section VI. Starting Times**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the start time for a single game on a non-lighted field to begin no earlier than 4:00pm.

**Rationale:** Allows teams to travel to a site without leaving school too early. More fans may attend and more officials are available to work the later the game begins.

Approved

**2. Boys and Girls Section VI. Starting Times**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the start time for double headers on a lighted field to begin the first contest no earlier than 4:30pm.

**Rationale:** Allows teams to travel to a site without leaving school too early. More fans may attend and more officials are available to work the later the game begins.

Approved

**3. Boys and Girls Section VI. B. 3) State Final Tournaments**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the 2A and 3A championship games are played during the second session. Rotate the schedule so each class has an opportunity to play the last game of the night every other year. Play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place games during the afternoon session.

**Rationale:** Playing the championship games in the second session on Saturday night will create a championship atmosphere and draw more fans.

No Action Taken

**4. Boys and Girls Section VII. A. and B. Advancement of Winners**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends eight teams advance to the state finals in all classes.

**Rationale:** Advancing 24 teams vs. 12 teams to the state finals gives more teams and players an opportunity to make it to state.

No Action Taken

**5. Boys and Girls Section V. C. Season Summary Form**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends schools that fail to submit a season summary form by the deadline are placed on probation the first offense. The same school that fails to submit the season summary a second time is immediately suspended from the state series.

**Rationale:** A coach is currently responsible to attend a rules meeting each year prior to the season. If the coach fails to attend then there is a consequence. The seed meeting is a very important part of the season as teams prepare for the state series. It is the responsibility of each coach complete the season summary form for their team to assist the other coaches to seed the regional or sectional accurately. There is no penalty if the coach submits the season summary form but does not participate in the seed meeting.

No Action Taken

## 6. Boys and Girls Section V. C. Season Summary Form

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends coaches complete the season summary form for regular season games and regular season tournaments in chronological order.

**Rationale:** Reviewing the season summary form in chronological order allows coaches to view a team's whole season as played instead of reviewing results in different columns then trying to figure out another teams schedule and results. The IHSA staff will make the necessary changes to the form.

## 6. Boys and Girls Section VIII. B. Resolution of Tie Games

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends if the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game is tied at the end of regulation the tie is broken by proceeding straight to PK's following the current procedure in the soccer terms and conditions.

**Rationale:** Going straight to PK's in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game will keep the tournament schedule intact, the championship game is not severely delayed, a winner is determined for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, maximizes tournament coverage in the media by ending prior to deadline.

No Action Needed

## STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 1. Regular season non-conference contest over time procedure:

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends that once a regular season game begins and playing overtime has not been discussed or agreed upon then playing overtime or PK's is not an option to determine a winner.

**Rationale:** The committee discussed the lack of consistency in regular season, non-conference game, overtime procedures. If the coaches do not or cannot agree to an overtime procedure before the contest begins then the above procedure should be used.

Approved

### 2. Coaches e-mails:

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends all coaches who redeem credit for attending a rules meeting must also types in their e-mail address.

**Rationale:** This will enable the IHSA to have up to date information in order to send information to the coaches.

No Action Taken

## ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from their 2009 meeting.
2. The committee discussed the numerous opportunities to play all levels of the state series at member high schools with turf fields that meet NFHS standards and have the facilities to support the IHSA tournament needs.

3. The committee discussed the need for officials to set and start the clock for pre-game warm ups so everyone knows the correct time. During the contest the middle official must decide which clock is used as official game time between the scoreboard or the official's watch. Host schools need to alert the officials if the scoreboard does not have a horn to signal when the clock hits 0:00.
4. The committee reviewed the NFHS Soccer Rules Changes for the 2010-11 season. The committee discussed the new home uniform rule which goes into effect in August of 2012. Schools will be notified of a waiver process prior to that season. The committee also recommends that officials keep using the current hand signals to communicate with coaches, players and fans.
5. The committee reviewed the game time of the Class 1A Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place game. The committee discussed starting the session earlier so teams can travel home and not spend another night in a hotel. The committee wishes to survey all 1A schools to review their feedback.
6. The committee discussed the assignment process for state series officials. IHSA staff reviewed the assigning process and philosophy used in making those assignments. The committee heard a report from IHSA staff about changes next year for officials ratings. Certified officials are able to submit a top 15 lists and rate other officials more than once in a season.
7. The IHSA staff presented an overview of the performance-enhancing drug testing plan and its implementation during the 2010-11 school year. The current law states all coaches recognized by a school must complete the coaches ed program, which is available through the Schools Center. Schools/coaches will be required to distribute the banned drug classes list to players and make sure they have a completed consent form on file before allowing anyone to participate (play or practice). During the 2010-2011 school year testing will occur throughout the entire school year.
8. The committee recommends goal keepers are allowed to stay in the game if they are attended to on the field after an injury. If the goal keeper is cleared to continue to play he/she does not need to leave the game until the next legal substitution occurs.
9. The committee reviewed the length of the 1A season since it is shorten by 1 week and is sometimes difficult to play all the games due to inclement weather, spring break and Easter.
10. The committee discussed the Baden soccer contract as well as their experience using the ball during practices and games.
11. The committee reviewed the yellow card report from the boys and girls seasons. The committee reviewed the boy's yellow card team totals. The highest number of yellow cards reported on a school was 45 and the highest number of red cards on a school was 7.
12. The committee thanked Norm Hilner and Mike Moses for their three years of service.
13. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2010.