

Minutes of the 2018 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
May 24, 2018

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met in Lombard, on Thursday, May 24, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present were: Steve McWilliams (Barrington); Bill Salentine, Naperville (Central); Lauren Burel, LaGrange (Lyons); Robert Lindgren, Arlington Heights (Official); and Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Carlos Ceja, Chicago (Northside College Prep); Trish Betthausser, Lincolnshire (Stevenson).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VIII. A. 3) Rules of Play: Mercy Rule (boys and girls)

The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2019 season:

Recommendation: The Mercy Rule will be used in all regular season contests and regular season tournament games. A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter in which there is at least a 10-point differential score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:

- A team timeout
- An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
- 5-meter penalty
- An officials' timeout
- Clock adjustment
- After a goal

Note: The Mercy Rule will not be used during the Boys' or Girls' state series.

Rational: If a team has a 10-goal advantage at halftime or anytime in the second half, the clock will run continuously. This allows newer, developing teams to continue the game without stopping the clock.

Approved by Consent

Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that the IHSA staff continue to update the Water Polo manuals, State Qualifiers packet and Official's information for the 2019 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. Players should keep their caps on until the post-game handshake is completed for identification purposes.
3. Discussed concerns of when a neutral throw is called vs a possession arrow. The neutral throw is an advantage to the faster swimmer.
4. The committee expressed concerns about the lack of consistency of the shot clock reset by the table during the regular season. The shot clock timer must understand the definition of a "shot" prior to the contest so game interruptions, disagreements or issues are kept to a minimum regarding shot clock resets.

5. Discussed concerns about coaches not doing their “homework” before seeding teams and how to encourage coaches to prepare to seed teams. The committee discussed the use of the MaxPreps team rankings as a tool for coaches when seeding the tournament.
6. The committee complimented the Stevenson staff on the success of the fan seating arrangements for all teams and games at the 2018 State Finals.
7. The committee would like Sectional Hosts to allow players to conduct swim warm ups when available lanes are open.
8. Reviewed the new 2018-19 IHSA By-laws and the NFHS Rules Changes. The NFHS Rules book will be printed every other year beginning with the 2019 publication.
9. Next Meeting: May 23, 2019 near Naperville.