

Minutes of the Boys/Girls Cross Country Advisory Committee
December 1, 2021

The IHSA B/G Cross Country Advisory Committee met virtually on December 1, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Robell McMiller, Coach, Chicago (De La Salle); Suzanne Curry, Coach, Vernon Hills; Mark Luttrell, Coach, Tinley Park (Andrew); Kelly Fox, Coach, Mt. Zion (H.S); Rob Horn, Principal, Virden (North Mac); Brad Pfeiffer, Coach, Belleville (East); Jon Polka, Official, Huntley; Others in attendance, Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials, Rockford; Brien Dunphy, Meet Manager, Peoria (H.S.); Kraig Garber, IHSA, Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

III.I Athletic.net Regional/Sectional Online List of Participant (LOP) Declarations

Recommendation: If a school does not submit the Regional/Sectional Online List of Participants by the deadline, the IHSA administrator for Cross Country may permit late LOP entries with a \$100 penalty fee. The IHSA administrator for Cross Country may waive the \$100 penalty fee for extenuating circumstances. Other penalties for failing to complete the Online List of Participant declarations by the deadline could include, but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to coach and/or athletes being ruled ineligible to compete in the state series. Schools that do not submit their Online List of Participant declarations by the deadline and are consequently ruled ineligible to compete in the state series will be withdrawn from the state series. A \$100.00 penalty fee will be assessed for failure to withdraw before the LOP deadline, and the school will be locked out from entering through the School's Center during the next school term.

Rationale: The committee feels that late List of Participant entries impact and disrupt meet management tasks. These disruptions can lead to unintended consequences such as clerical issues, and worse, meet scoring errors. Late LOP entry requests are a frequent enough occurrence that the committee felt that additional accountability measures (such as the \$100 penalty) are warranted.

VIII.P Posting of Regional/Sectional/State Results

Recommendation: Posting of Regional/Sectional/State Results: Regional/Sectional/~~State~~ race results will not be posted by meet management or their designee until the results have been evaluated and approved (signed) by the IHSA meet referee. For all levels of the state series, a period of not less than 15 minutes will be provided for coaches' review of official results after posting and prior to going to the awards stand.

Rationale: The committee feels that the technological capabilities at the State Final meet warrants the posting of unofficial results. On the contrary, the committee believes that posting of unofficial results should not be utilized at lower levels (Regional/Sectional) of the state series since all sites are different and don't have the same capabilities. This recommendation does not change the 15-minute coaches' review period of official results before the awards ceremony at all levels of the state series.

The Cross-Country Advisory committee reviewed and discussed the following topics which were submitted by state series hosts and others. None of these items advanced beyond this committee.

1. The IHSA administrator for Cross Country reviewed the new NFHS rules for Cross Country that will be implemented in 2022.
2. The committee supports the use of Athletic.net for the State Series. The committee provided feedback regarding the advantages and ways to improve the association's use of Athletic.net.
3. The committee discussed concerns with athletes cutting out sections of the "IHSA Cross Country State Final" orange fencing. This will be a coaches' meeting topic at next year's State Final Coaches' Meeting.
4. There was a discussion on the posting of the Host Site Rotation on the IHSA website.
5. There was a discussion regarding host site selection and addressing concerns with host sites.
6. Information was provided on how state series assignments are determined.
7. There was a discussion on pets at cross country state series sites.
8. The committee discussed creating a provision that would allow the IHSA to assign one certified official as opposed to two at an IHSA Regional if there is a lack of available officials. A similar provision exists for track and field.