

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 26, 2023

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA office on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:00 am. Committee members present were Fareeda Shabazz Anderson, Chicago (Payton); Pepejon Chavez, Lincolnshire (Stevenson); Jose Villa, West Chicago (H.S.); Christin Pappas, La Salle (L.-Peru); Jeremy Davis, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Joshua Stone, Raymond (R.-Lincolnwood); Lori Yates, Roxana; Thomas Schaefer, Ottawa; and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Boys and Girls Section II Dates and Sites; Section V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding; Section VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules:

Recommendation: Adjust the 1A Boys and Girls seasons to align with the Boys and Girls 2/3A season schedule. Play the 1A State semifinal games on Thursday night and the 1A Third place game on Friday Morning. Play the Class 2A and 3A semifinal games on Friday, and play the Class 2A and 3A Third place games on Saturday morning. Play the Class 1A-2A-3A Championship games beginning on Saturday afternoon. The recommended schedule is attached.

Rationale:

- a. 1A, 2A and 3A all start the same day in terms of contests, but 1A loses upwards of 10 days game days, not counting Sunday, with the start of their State Tournament a week early.
- b. Conferences are often a mix of 1A, 2A and 3A teams in soccer, forcing many programs to play more non-conference contests for competitive balance, seeding purposes for Regionals, and more local teams (in the case of VERY spread-out Conferences) So programs are left with a choice to schedule fewer games and potentially hurt your seeding and success overall, or play as many as possible and risk players' health.
- c. It is not uncommon for 1A teams to play 3-4 games in a week due to shorter the shorter season, inclement weather, and facility issues. This decreases practice time, recovery time and puts a strain on the health and safety of the players (especially with smaller rosters). This occurs even for schools that chose not to play 25 games.
- d. 1A programs are forced to abandon scheduled, non-conference games with schools as the season progresses due to fewer "make-up days/open dates" available. (10 fewer days of the season). Games have been abandoned with other teams to make up Conference games, which hurts both programs as well.
- e. 1A schools often do not have access to resources to have facilities in line with the larger schools (i.e., turf). This makes it harder for the 1A schools to hold games, especially early in the Spring season, thereby shortening the number of days available to play their games.
- f. Currently, in the Spring, Class A girls have 47 days to get in games (not counting Sundays). If you take away 6 for Spring Break (Most 1A's cannot field enough players over Spring Break to play given a smaller roster/program size), subtract 2 days for Easter Weekend (many of the 1A schools are faith-based and do not allow games over Easter), and 2 days for Prom (again, roster size issues) leaves 37 days for 25 games. That does not factor in the missed games during the first week or two of March due to weather and lack of turf fields.

Approved by Board of Directors

2. Boys and Girls Section IX. Tournament Policies, F. Artificial Noisemakers: (Modified)

Recommendation All artificial and mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from all state series events. Cheerleaders may use megaphones during the post season at any site.

Rationale: Clarifies the current wording to indicate when artificial noisemakers are allowed or not allowed during the post season.

Approved by Consent

3. Boys and Girls Section IX Tournament Policies, Article P - Security: (New)

Recommendation: Post season hosts must provide dedicated personnel to be on-site during the game and to be available to escort officials to their vehicles or locker room after the contest has concluded.

Rationale: This is in the "Schools Responsibility Towards Hosting Officials" but should be reiterated in the Terms and Conditions as more and more officials are being approached after the game by fans of the losing team that are not happy. Situations have occurred when no one from the host site to assist with escorting the officials after the game and they were verbally abused by fans as they left the site.

Approved by Consent

4. Boys and Girls Section V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding, C. Season Summary Form; D. Class 1A Seeding; E. Class 2A and 3A Seeding and H. Announcement of Pairings:

Recommendation: Shift the Season Summary Form Due Dates, Seeding Meeting Dates and the pairing release dates back.

Boys

Monday Week 14: Season Summary Form due by 10:00 am

Monday Week 14: On-line Seeding begins at Noon

Tuesday Week 14: On-line Seeding ends at Noon

Wednesday Week 14: Class 1A, 2A and 3A Pairings are released

Girls

Monday Week 44: Season Summary Form due by 10:00 am

Monday Week 44: On-line Seeding begins at Noon

Tuesday Week 44: On-line Seeding ends at Noon

Wednesday Week 44: Class 1A, 2A and 3A Pairings are released

Rationale: Allows for more completed games to be considered for the seed meeting. Allows additional time for rescheduling contests to also be recorded.

Died for Lack of Motion

5. Boys and Girls Section IX. Tournament Policies; 3) State Final Tournament; XI. 5) and 6) State Final Tournament Officials:

Recommendation: Allow the IHSA staff to adjust the appointment of the State Final Soccer Officials.

Rationale: If recommendation #1 is approved IHSA staff will need to modify State Final Officials assignments.

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** New State Association Adoption # 11. Terminate the game after it becomes a 9-goal differential at halftime or in the second half.

Rationale: No player wants to be on the field on the losing end of a double-digit loss. Playing at least 40 minutes allows the trailing team to have some practice time however in reality the trailing team is not getting to touch the ball very much as the other team will play keep away.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the continued use of the current Soccer State Association Adoptions and any needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser for 2023-24 seasons.

Rationale: The State Association Adoptions are in accordance with provisions set forth in the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The adoptions have been in place in Illinois for years, and the committee favors their continued use since the rules have been accepted and successfully administered over the years.

Approved by Consent

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed minutes from the 2022 meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2023 - 24 school year were reviewed.
3. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and needed editorial changes to be made by Beth Sauser.
4. The committee discussed reducing the goal differential from 7, to 5 or 6, from which the running clock begins. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed submitting rules proposals to the NFHS: a. Stopping the clock when the leading team substitutes in the last 5 minutes if the 2nd half of overtime. b. Not stopping the clock when in the last 5 minutes of the second half when the leading team substitutes after the time has already been cut in half due to goal differential.
6. The committee discussed If a player receives 3 yellow cards in the postseason, they need to sit out a game. This is for players who started the tournament with a "clean slate" at the conclusion of the regular season. No action was taken.
7. The committee discussed players cutting their socks. Cut socks are permitted as long as the socks are continuous in color. White for visiting teams and dark for the home team.
8. The committee discussed reminding hosts and coaches that all regular season games, tournaments, or shootouts follow IHSA State Association Adoption # **12. Regular Season Overtime:** Once a regular season game begins, and over time has not been discussed or agreed upon in the event of a tie score, there is no opportunity to play overtime or go to PK's to determine a winner. (Be cognizant of standing conference rules.) If options 2-5 occur, then one team will receive a win and the other team a loss .

Options to determine regular season games ending in a tie in regulation:

1. No OT – game ends in a tie.
2. Up to 2 – 10-minute periods playing both OTs to the end. If still tied, the game is recorded as a tie.
3. Up to 2 – 10-minute periods playing with golden goal. If still tied, the game is recorded as a

tie.

4. Up to 2 – 10-minute periods and PK's. The game is recorded as a win or a loss for the competing teams.
5. Straight to PK's. The game is recorded as a win or a loss for the competing teams.
9. The committee discussed changing the overtime during tournament play to sudden goal victory (golden goal) instead of playing the two full ten-minute periods. No action was taken.
10. The committee expressed support for the Officials Advisory Committee to discuss increasing officials' fees, mileage reimbursement policy and keeping the officials promotion portal open all year.
11. The committee discussed hosting the boys soccer state finals at a college stadium.
12. The IHSA thanks Jose Villa, Christin Pappas, Josh Stone and Tom Schaefer for their service and contributions to the Soccer Advisory Committee.
13. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Boys - Proposed

Boys Soccer (Class 1A, 2A & 3A)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Season Starts (Mon. Week 6)	Aug. 7	Aug. 12	Aug. 11	Aug. 10
1st contest May be Held (Mon. Week 8)	Aug. 21	Aug. 26	Aug. 25	Aug. 24
On-Line Season Summary Form Deadline (Wed. 10:00 am. Week 13)	Sept. 27	Oct. 2	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
On-Line Team Seeding Deadline (Thurs. Noon Week 13)	Sept. 28	Oct. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 1
1A Regional Quarterfinals (Tue.-Wed. Week 15)	Oct. 10-11	Oct. 15-14	Oct. 14-15	Oct. 13-14
1A Regional Semifinals (Fri.-Sat. Week 15)	Oct. 13-14	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 17-18	Oct. 16-17
2A/3A Regional Quarterfinals (Fri. - Sat. Week 15)	Oct. 13-14	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 17-18	Oct. 16-17
1A Regional Finals (Tues.-Wed. Week 16)	Oct. 17-18	Oct. 22-23	Oct. 21-22	Oct. 20-21
2A/3A Regional Semifinals (Tues.-Wed. Week 16)	Oct. 17-18	Oct. 22-23	Oct. 21-22	Oct. 20-21
2A/3A Regional Finals (Fri. & Sat. Week 16)	Oct. 20-21	Oct. 25-26	Oct. 24-25	Oct. 23-24
1A Sectional Semifinals (Fri.-Sat. Week 16)	Oct. 20-21	Oct. 25-26	Oct. 24-25	Oct. 23-24
1A Sectional Finals (Tues.-Wed. Week 17)	Oct. 24-25	Oct. 29-30	Oct. 28-29	Oct. 27-28
2A/3A Sectional Semifinals (Tues.-Wed. Week 17)	Oct. 24-25	Oct. 29-30	Oct. 28-29	Oct. 27-28
2A/3A Sectional Finals (Fri.-Sat. Week 17)	Oct. 27-28	Nov. 1-2	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Oct. 30-31
1A Super-Sectional Finals (Sat. Week 17)	Oct. 28	Nov. 2	Nov. 1	Oct. 31
2A/3A Super-Sectionals (Tues. Week 18)	Oct. 31	Nov. 5	Nov. 4	Nov. 3
1A State Final (Fri.-Sat. Week 18)	Nov. 2-4	Nov. 7-9	Nov. 6-8	Nov. 5-7
2A/3A State Final (Fri.-Sat. Week 18)	Nov. 3-4	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 7-8	Nov. 6-7
Season Ends (Sat. Week 18)	Nov. 4	Nov. 9	Nov. 8	Nov. 7

Note: 1A SS on Saturday due to the Thursday State Semifinal contests

State Final Schedule:

Thursday	5:00 pm and 7:00 pm	1A Semifinals
Friday	11:00 am	1A 3 rd Place Game
Friday	1:00 pm and 3:00 pm	2A Semifinal games
Friday	5:00 pm and 7:00 pm	3A Semifinal games
Saturday	10:00 am	2A 3 rd Place Game
Saturday	11:45 am	3A 3 rd Place Game
Saturday	2:30 pm	1A Championship Game
Saturday	4:30 pm	2A Championship Game
Saturday	6:30 pm	3A Championship Game

Girls - Proposed

Girls Soccer (Class 1A, 2A & 3A)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Season Starts (Mon. Week 35)	Feb. 26	Mar. 3	Mar. 2	Mar. 1
1st contest May be Held (Mon. Week 37)	Mar. 11	Mar. 17	Mar. 16	Mar. 15
On-Line Season Summary Form Deadline (Wed. 10:00 am. Week 43)	Apr. 24	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 28
On-Line Team Seeding Deadline (Thurs. 12:00 Noon Week 43)	Apr. 25	May 1	Apr. 30	Apr. 29
1A Regional Quarterfinals (Tue.-Wed. Week 45)	May 7-8	May 13-14	May 12-13	May 12-13
1A Regional Semifinals (Fri.-Sat. Week 45)	May 10-11	May 16-17	May 15-16	May 14-15
2A/3A Regional Quarterfinals (Fri.-Sat. Week 45)	May 10-11	May 16-17	May 15-16	May 14-15
1A Regional Finals (Tues.-Wed. Week 46)	May 14-15	May 20-21	May 19-20	May 18-19
2A/3A Regional Semifinals (Tues.-Wed. Week 46)	May 14-15	May 20-21	May 19-20	May 18-19
2A/3A Regional Finals (Fri.-Sat. Week 46)	May 17-18	May 23-24	May 22-23	May 21-22
1A Sectional Semifinals (Fri.-Sat. Week 46)	May 17-18	May 23-24	May 22-23	May 21-22
1A Sectional Finals (Tues.-Wed. Week 47)	May 21-22	May 27-28	May 26-27	May 25-26
2A/3A Sectional Semifinals (Tues.-Wed. Week 47)	May 21-22	May 27-28	May 26-27	May 25-26
2A/3A Sectional Finals (Fri.-Sat. Week 47)	May 24-25	May 30-31	May 29-30	May 28-29
1A Super-Sectional Finals (Sat. Week 47)	May 25	May 31	May 30	May 29
2A/3A Super-Sectionals (Tues. Week 48)	May 28	June 3	June 2	June 1
1A State Final (Thur.-Fri.-Sat. Week 48)	May 30-June 1	June 6-7	June 5-6	June 4-5
2A/3A State Final (Fri.-Sat. Week 48)	May 30-June 1	June 6-7	June 5-6	June 4-5
Season Ends (Sat. Week 48)	June 1	June 7	June 6	June 5

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Saturday	11:45 am	3A 3 rd Place Game
Saturday	2:30 pm	1A Championship Game
Saturday	4:30 pm	2A Championship Game
Saturday	6:30 pm	3A Championship Game