

Minutes of the 2023 IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting
June 6, 2023

The IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am. Committee *Members present were Angelo Espinoza, Chicago (Whitney Young); Megan Brownley, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Everado Leon, Des Plaines (Maine West); Fred Gafrick, Bartlett (Official); Tim Dalton representing Abir Othman, Tinley Park (Andrew) and Asst. Executive Director Beth Sauser.*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VI. A. 1) Playing Schedules (Boys and Girls)

Recommendation: Move all eight Quarterfinal contests (four Boys and four Girls) to Saturday of week 44 to be played at the eight Sectional sites.

Boys and Girls Preliminary games will remain on Thursday and Friday of Week 44. All four Semifinal contests will continue to follow the schedule of four contests on Friday, and the two Finals on Saturday, of week 45.

Rationale: This modification will address the host school facility availability, worker schedules, after-school transportation issues, concerns regarding weeknight contests during AP testing, semester finals, and other academic demands. This will encourage a tournament atmosphere.

Approved by Consent

2. Item II. C. State Final Tournament

Recommendation: Move the state final to FMC.

Rationale: Neutral site, 3-sided seating may allow for increased attendance. A local high school host is needed to host. Increase the session ticket price to offset additional rental fees.

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Items of General Discussion and Administrative Recommendations:

1. The committee recommended the IHSA staff continue to update the Water Polo manuals, State Qualifiers packet and Official's information for the 2024 Boys and Girls seasons.
2. Reviewed the 2023-24 IHSA New By-laws.
3. Reviewed the NFHS 2022-24 Water Polo Rules Changes.
4. The committee discussed fans behavior towards officials needs to be addressed when it occurs.
5. The committee discussed the need to raise officials game fees.
6. The Committee thanked Everado Leon, Fred Gafrick, and Abir Othman for their service.
7. Next Virtual Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2024