

## IHSA Boys and Girls Golf Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee met in person at the IHSA office in Bloomington on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10am. Present at the meeting was Matt Gallie from Freeport, David Gilmer from Chicago (Jones), Greg Dennis from Normal (University), Brad Kerkman from DeKalb, Neil Alexander from Lincoln, and Courtney Poole from Benton, Kurt Gibson and Stacey Lambert from the IHSA were also present. Absent was James Grzetich from Joliet (Central).

### Terms and Conditions Recommendations:

#### 1) Update: VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

##### **Recommendation:** C) Pairing Procedures:

1) During the entire state series, 'wave' groupings that pair competitors from teams into team groups and individual qualifiers into individual groups will be used. Threesomes will be used whenever possible, although foursomes can be used as necessary. No group shall have two or more players from the same school.

a. In regionals, tournament managers will verify the team pairings based on the team's iWanamaker iWR. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired with other individual entries based on their 18-hole average score reported on the List of Participants Form. In all regional tournaments, the team pairings will send off the best teams (higher seeds) in the first wave. Coaches with team entries have 24 hours from the time the regional pairing sheet is sent by the regional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or Athletic Director.

b. In sectionals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective regional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their regional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the sectional pairing sheet is sent by the sectional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.

c. For the first day of the state finals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective sectional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their sectional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the state final pairing sheet is posted to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.

d. After the first day of competition at the state finals, the field will be reduced to the top 8 teams (and ties) and the top 40 individuals (and ties) not on the top 8 teams. For the final day of the state finals, pairings will be made based on scores shot during the first day of the state finals, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Coaches of advancing teams have until 9pm Friday evening to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.

e. At all levels of the state series, team members will be seeded based on their iWanamaker iWR. Coaches will have until the aforementioned times to make any adjustments to their 1-6 orders.

f. Players on qualifying teams disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct violation will be allowed to play in the final round if his/her team advances to the final round and paired in the final player spot for his/her team. Individual qualifiers disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct violation will not be allowed to play in the final round.

g. For Wave pairings at the regional level and the second day of the state finals, if two or more teams with the same scores or Team iWR, the following criteria will be used by managers to put those tied schools into the correct Wave grouping using the following:

i) Regional:

- random selection

ii) Day 2 of the state finals:

- 5<sup>th</sup> player score (a team without a 5<sup>th</sup> player will lose to a team with a 5<sup>th</sup> player)

- 6<sup>th</sup> player score (a team without a 6<sup>th</sup> player will lose to a team with a 6<sup>th</sup> player)

- random selection

**Rationale:** Using the iWannamaker iWR will help all managers with using iWannamaker set up their events. This will also give coaches the freedom to adjust the order of their lineups where before it was based on their average and previous round.

2) Remove: VII. Advancement of Winners; D. Day 1 to Day 2 of the State Finals-

**Recommendation:** ~~D) Day 1 to Day 2 of the State Finals — 1) Members of the top eight (8) teams (and ties) after Day 1 of the State Finals will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals. 2) The top 40 individual scores (and ties) of all remaining players not on one of the top eight teams will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals. 3) All players who play on both days of the State Finals are eligible for individual honors.~~

**Rationale:** The Committee feels that with the adjustment of advancers from the regional to sectional and sectional to state solves the problem that the Cut was implemented to fix. This also gives all players the opportunity to participate on both days of the State Finals.

3) Adjust: III. On-line Entries, Withdrawal Procedures, Eligibility, Affirmative Action and On-line List of Participants F) List of Participants/Substitutions:

Each school must enter the names of their 5 eligible starting players on the List of Participants form found in the Schools Center on the IHSA web site. No more than five (5) participants from a school may play in the regional, sectional or state final. No alternate names are required. Team substitutions are allowed with any eligible golfer up to the designated time listed in Section VI. of these Terms and Conditions regional, sectional or state final tournament. In addition, team

substitutions may be made on Saturday's final round of the state tournament up to the designated time listed in Section VI. of these Terms and Conditions. Substitutions are not allowed for individuals who are not a part of a team and who advance in the state series. Coaches with teams or individuals must complete the List of Participants prior to September 25, 2024. The regional manager will be able to view the rosters of the teams competing in their tournament on-line after September 26<sup>th</sup> to set up tee times for the regional tournament. Sectional managers will be able to view their respective qualifiers through the online winner reports.

**Modified Recommendation:** Each school must enter the names of their 6 eligible starting players on the List of Participants form found in the Schools Center on the IHSA web site. No more than six (6) participants from a school may play in the regional or sectional. At the State Final the team roster will be five (5) golfers as selected by the team coach. No alternate names are required. Team substitutions are allowed with any eligible golfer up to the designated time listed in Section VI. of these Terms and Conditions regional, sectional or state final tournament. In addition, team substitutions may be made on Saturday's final round of the state tournament up to the designated time listed in Section VI. of these Terms and Conditions. Substitutions are not allowed for individuals who are not a part of a team and who advance in the state series. Coaches with teams or individuals must complete the List of Participants prior to September 25, 2024. The regional manager will be able to view the rosters of the teams competing in their tournament on-line after September 26<sup>th</sup> to set up tee times for the regional tournament. Sectional managers will be able to view their respective qualifiers through the online winner reports.

**Rationale:** This adjustment is proposed to help alleviate congestion on the course at the state final. The intent is that not only will this help the pace of play like we see now on Saturday after the reduction of the field, but it will also help provide a smoother round for all participants for both days of the state final.

4) Adjust: VII. Advancement of Winners C)

**Recommendation:**

C) Sectional to State Final Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class 1A/2A Girls: Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 7 best scoring individuals and ties that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the sectional to the state final tournament.

**Rationale:** This adjustment is proposed to help alleviate congestion on the course at the state final. The intent is that not only will this help the pace of play like we see now on Saturday after the reduction of the field, but it will also help provide a smoother round for all participants for both days of the state final.

5) Adjust: II Dates and Sites A) Regionals and Sectionals

**Recommendation:** Boys' Class 1A, 2A and 3A regional tournaments will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at various locations around the state. Girls' Class 1A and 2A regional tournaments will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at various locations around the state. Boys' and girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024. The host schools will be announced on the IHSA boys' and girls' golf website ([www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org))

**Rationale:** This adjustment will ensure that girls regionals are moved to avoid the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

#### **Administrative Recommendations:**

**Recommendation:** Parent Code of Conduct

A) Spectators shall remain on cart paths or in the rough approximately 15 yards from the players at all times including the practice areas which include the driving range, putting green and chipping area. Parents/fans should not be on the tee box or the green at anytime during the round.

B) There can be no communication between players and spectators, unless the communication can be made at a distance where other players, coaches, spectators can hear the communication, without disrupting other players, for the duration of the event.

This information will be placed in the online rules video as well as in the pre-season graphic.

**Rationale:** This adjustment will provide some additional clarity to parents/fans as to where they can stand as well as the types of conversations that are appropriate between parents/fans and players during the round.

#### **General Items of Discussion:**

- 1) The Committee reviewed the minutes from the 2022 Meeting
- 2) The Committee discussed putting an iWanamaker tutorial in the rules video. IHSA Staff will do this for 2024.
- 3) The Committee discussed pace of play. They felt the information in the rules video was helpful. They talked about how pin placement and coaches having the ability to walk the course prior to the round helps with pace of play- is this always possible?
- 4) The Committee discussed Breach of Contract during the state series. The Committee felt that if you're an advancing player and if you opt not to participate, having taken the place of another player, the individual player should be punished by either ineligibility from the next post season or ineligibility for the next round of the state series in that sport. The Committee did feel that the \$100 Breach of Contract is too low. There is a way to indicate on iWannamaker that the player "did not play" so that it shows up on their player profile.
- 5) The Committee discussed that at a sectional if 4 or more players from the same team advance they can continue to play as a team... this was an intriguing idea for the Committee to discuss, they want to continue to think about it and talk about it as a group to see if they can iron out the details. This recommendation was tabled at this time.

- 6) The Committee discussed creating a Pace of Play video that all players need to watch. IHSA Staff will work with the Committee to create a video to provide to the coaches.
- 7) The Committee talked about doing another coaches survey, they would like to see another one set up for coaches to provide feedback. IHSA staff will work on this to be sent out after the holidays.
- 8) The Committee thanked Brad Kerkman for his years of service.