

# **MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 24, 2024**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee met at the IHSA office on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 10:00 am. Committee members present were Pepejon Chavez, Lincolnshire (Stevenson); Jennifer Belmonte, Darien (Hinsdale South); Gary Griffin, Rockford (East); Jeremy Davis, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Tim Johnson, Carlinville; Lori Yates, Roxana; William Niemeyer, Bartlett; and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Fareeda Shabazz, Chicago (Payton).

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **1. Boys and Girls Section V Tournament Assignments and Seeding**

**Recommendation:** When a coach logs into the IHSA Schools Center to seed, use the MaxPreps generated ranking as a “default” list. A coach can move teams and review the other coaches' comments before submitting their seeds.

**Rationale:** The use of the coach's comments and the MaxPreps rankings is designed to help each coach make an informed seeding decision. Note: The IHSA must gather more information to determine how this may work.

### **2. Boys and Girls Section V Tournament Assignments and Seeding**

**Recommendation:** Default to MaxPreps if a coach does not seed.

**Rationale:** If a coach does not seed, MaxPreps rankings are automatically used, so there are no blank columns in the seeding matrix. This will also help when a coach is unavailable to seed, and other school personnel who are not knowledgeable in the sport submit the seeds on behalf of the head coach. Note: The IHSA must gather more information to determine how this may work.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Recommendation:** modify State Association Adoption # 3. Add to the end of item 2. “or if younger, supervised by adults.”

**Rationale:** Adoption 2 currently states, “Runners should be at least Junior High age.” If adults are supervising the younger kids to keep them focused, this may help teams secure more runners.

- 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 2024-25 seasons.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed the minutes from the 2023 meeting.
2. The new IHSA By-laws and NFHS rules for the 2024 - 25 school year were reviewed.
3. The committee reviewed and discussed the new NFHS Soccer Rules for 2024-25.
4. The committee reviewed the current Terms and Conditions and directed Beth Sauser to make any needed editorial changes, to include the State Final start times, after discussions with the State Final Managers.

5. The committee discussed if a running clock should occur when the goal differential of 7 takes place.  
No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed the new Boys and Girls State Series tournament format. The Committee will review the format at the 2025 meeting to see if any modifications are needed once the Girls teams experience the current schedule.
7. The committee discussed the need for players to be ready to play when the clock reaches 0:00 before the game, and again at halftime. Team huddles are to occur during the warmup time. The same premise also applies after the National anthem and/or introductions.
8. The committee discussed players cutting their socks. Cut socks are permitted if the socks are continuous in color. White is for visiting teams, and dark is for the home team. Socks cannot be cut anywhere on the front of the shin.
9. The committee reviewed and discussed correspondence and the Terms and Conditions proposal from Athletic Administrators. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed using the golden goal or sudden victory during overtime. It was determined that with this procedure, weather may give one team a distinct advantage, whereas two 10-minute overtimes allows both teams to experience similar conditions. No action was taken.
11. The committee discussed State Association Adoption #8 Caution Count at length. The committee reviewed team card counts and averages since 2014 and yellow card reasons since 2014. The committee noted that sports are an extension of the classroom and teams must be held to a standard. Constructive communication between the adults on the field, players to officials, and player to player is necessary, and is encouraged to be a point of emphasis, so that the gameplay is the focal point. No action was taken.
12. The committee discussed rating officials and post-season assignments. The committee also heard about the IHSA Officials Department and ad hoc committee's work on both topics.
13. The IHSA thanked Jeremy Davis for his service and contributions to the Soccer Advisory Committee.
14. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025