

MINUTES OF THE 2014-15 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2015

The IHSA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 29, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Louis Adams, Chicago (Orr); Darnell Jones, Lindenhurst; Jeff Froelich, Dwight; Tanya Johnson, Zion (Z.-Benton); Stephanie Posey, Belleville (East); John Terry, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North); Dave Phelps, Mt. Sterling (Brown County). Also in attendance was IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Member absent was Heather Cassady, Dunlap.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None forwarded

THREE POINT SHOWDOWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None forwarded

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. STATE ADOPTIONS

Recommendations: The committee recommends the adoption of the following rules for the 2015-16 season:

- a. Mercy Rule: used only in regular season tournaments with no changes to the provisions of its use
- b. 14-foot Coaches Box
- c. State Final Time Outs: teams have full allotment to use during games
- d. Commemorative/Memorial patch: schools may wear one such patch on their jerseys provided it meets the requirements established by the NFHS.*

*added to committee's recommendation following notification from NFHS in late May

Rationale: These state adoptions are allowed for in accordance with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of 2014 Advisory Committee meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the new IHSA By-laws that will go into effect next year. Proposal 1: Allows the Board of Directors to approve international programs that do not appear on the list of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), and thereby confer eligibility to students in those programs. **Proposal 5:** Removes the mid-summer "dead week" provision that was approved last year. **Proposal 15:** Moves the date of the first contest of the Girls Tennis season four days earlier, to Thursday of Week 7.
3. The committee discussed the following current IHSA By-laws that cause issues for member schools:
 - A. Qualification of Coaches
 - B. Season Limitation
 - C. Open Gyms
 - D. Use of non-players during practice
 - E. Conditioning Programs
 - F. Independent Team Participation

The committee discussed that IHSA members school Administrators and Coaches are obligated to know the rules and have a responsibility to make sure they are enforced.

4. The committee discussed the recently-completed Boys and Girls State Finals tournaments.
5. The committee reviewed and discussed the Seeding Process:
 - a. The overall process works. IHSA Administrators should continue to follow the established protocol.
 - b. It's the responsibility of coaches to refer to the IHSA Basketball five-year calendar posted on the basketball webpages when scheduling future games.
 - c. Coaches have the ability to modify their Season Summary form prior to the established deadline. No more updates or changes are to be made after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.
 - d. When seeding, coaches should determine their seeds on the posted factors contained in the seed meeting information.
 - e. Strength of schedule is too difficult to quantify and is very subjective. Coaches currently have the opportunity to express their "strength of schedule" opinions in the Season Summary form "Coaches Comments" section.
 - f. Only the information submitted on the Season Summary form prior to deadline should be considered. The results of games played on Wednesday or Thursday nights during the seeding process shall not be considered to break a tie.
6. The potential tournament structure change beginning in 2015-16 for team bracketed sports was reviewed. If the BOD approves the AD Hoc committee proposal at the June meeting, then:
 1. In Class 1A (in soccer) and Class 1A and 2A (in other bracketed team sports), all state series shall begin with sub-sectionals. A sub-sectional is a grouping of two geographic Regionals.
 2. In Class 2A and 3A (in soccer) and Class 3A and 4A (in other bracketed team sports), all state series shall begin with Sectional Complexes. In Sectional groupings where excessive travel is a factor, geographic sub-sectionals may be used at the discretion of the IHSA Administrator.

Committee members were very supportive of this change.

7. The committee discussed the by-law proposals submitted by St. Rita High School:
 - a. Addressing season limitation for boys basketball
 - b. Recruiting of athletes: High school coaches cannot coach junior high AAU teams.
 - c. All star participation: Allow athletes to participate in all star games anytime during their careerThe committee was not supportive of the by-law proposals that will be submitted for consideration through the Legislative process.
8. The state of the Basketball Terms and Conditions were discussed. The committee thought the state series game time change approved last year worked well.
9. The Committee discussed the Terms and Conditions recommendation from St. Rita addressing Regional and Sectional Games Referee Assignments. The committee was not supportive of the proposal and stated that adults need to resolve their issues, work together and do not let personal feelings affect the game.
10. The committee emphasized the need for host managers to follow the Terms and Conditions when running a tournament and/or the Three-Point contest. Consistency among the host sites will alleviate issues that arise as a result of deviating from the rules as outlined.
11. Advisory Committee term expirations: Tanya Johnson, Darnell Jones and Stephanie Posey
12. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 26, 2016