

Minutes of the 2016-17 Speech Advisory Committee
April 4, 2017

The IHSA Speech Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Lorenzo Nunez, IE Coach, Chicago (Mt. Carmel), Division 1; Brian Voss, Debate Coach, Libertyville, Division 2; Tom Witting, Activities Director, Burbank (Reavis), IE & Drama/GI Coach, Division 3; Marisa Romanelli, Drama Coach, Kewanee (H.S.), Division 4; Ed Jodlowski, Principal, Stanford (Olympia), IE & Drama/GI Coach, Division 5; Jennifer Keith, Drama/GI Coach, Lincoln, Division 6; and Adam Jenkins, IE Coach, Belleville (West), Division 7. Pat Wozny, State Final Drama/GI Manager; Jan Heiteen, State Final IE Manager; T.J. Kahriman, ICTA Representative; and Ben Stewart, SpeechWire, were also in attendance. Laine McGraw, State Final Debate Manager, Orland Park (Sandburg), was unable to attend. Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director, conducted the meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Debate

a. Item IV. Host Financial Arrangements B. Judges Fees

Recommendation: Judges hired by the IHSA shall be paid a flat fee of \$250.00... Reimbursement shall be directly from the IHSA office upon the judges' submission of a travel report form to be provided by the IHSA to the contest manager. ~~Any school that hires a judge will pay \$250 for the first judge; an additional \$350 for the second judge; and an additional \$450 for any other judges.~~

Rationale: By allowing schools the opportunity to "buy out" their judging requirements, the state final manager struggled to find enough qualified debate judges to work at the final. Debate, by nature, is a self-adjudicating activity and debate coaches must be responsible for securing the number of required judges as aligned by their number of entries.

Approved

b. Item VIII. Tournament Rules A. Policy Debate 6. Judging

Recommendation:

b. Judges for Policy Debate shall be in the second year removed from an Illinois high school. Schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in the entry program, Joy of Tournaments, and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools. Judges who competed for an out-of-state high school must be high school graduates. All judges should have judged at a minimum of two tournaments on the current resolution. Each participating school shall provide a coach-judge for each team entered in the State Final. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries shall be subject to disqualification of one Policy team per missing judge. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee for each round missed.

Rationale: Policy debate events would benefit by allowing the opportunity for first year out judges to be able to judge in PRELIMINARY ROUNDS only in addition to the required judges. This will allow students an opportunity to remain active in debate after they graduate. It will also potentially open the judge pool.

Approved

c. Item VIII. Tournament Rules B. Lincoln Douglas 6. c. Judging

Recommendation:

(add c and adjust letters accordingly)

c. All individuals used to fulfill a school's judging requirements must have graduated from high school over one year prior to the date of competition and meet one of the following criteria:

- a. 1. Debated at least five tournaments at the Varsity level in the entered division.
- b. 2. Judged at least 10 Varsity rounds in Illinois in the entered division.
- ~~3. In general,~~ Judges should be specifically trained for the division they are judging in and are expected to take careful "flows"/notes of arguments made throughout the debate.

d. In addition, schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in Joy of Tournaments and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction.

e. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools.

~~f. Schools that are unable to meet the judging requirements can hire a qualified judge through the IHSA Tournament Director.~~ Coaches are responsible for verifying that their judges meet the criteria. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries shall be subject to disqualification of ~~one (1)~~ two (2) Lincoln-Douglas contestants per missing judge. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee per round missed.

g. Each judge shall complete. . .

h. Judges are ~~not prohibited from oral critiques and/or to disclosure of their decisions to~~ debaters. All judges, including those who are school coaches, shall be available for all rounds including all elimination rounds.

i. Judges shall not converse with anyone, other than the debaters themselves...

j. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts...

k. Judges in any out-round must be at least four years removed...

Rationale: This recommendation addresses the need to begin training future judges and not allow schools the opportunity to "buy out" their judging assignments. Additionally, by not allowing disclosure and oral critiques the tournament schedule can be expedited.

Approved

d. Item VIII. Tournament Rules C. Congressional Debate e. Judge Rules 1).

Recommendation:

e. Judge Rules:

~~1) Judges in any round must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in that round.~~ Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts of interest prior to the start of competition.

Rationale: By removing the language that judges must be at least four years removed from any affiliation with a team in the round, more judges are eligible to be assigned to a round of competition. This opens the judging pool.

Approved

e. Item VIII. Tournament Rules D. Public Forum 8. Judging

Recommendation:

(add d and adjust letters accordingly)

a. Two (2) judges shall...

b. Each participating school...

c. Schools which fail to provide the required number of judges in accordance with their entries, shall be subject to disqualification of ~~(4)~~ two (2) Public Forum teams per missing judge. Judges must not be affiliated with the teams they are judging. All individuals used to fulfill a school's judging requirements must have graduated from high school over one year prior to the date of competition and meet one of the following criteria:

1. Debated at least five tournaments. . .

2. Judged at least 10 . . .

3. ~~In general,~~ Judges should be specifically trained for the division they are judging in and are expected to take careful "flows"/notes of arguments made throughout the debate.

d. Schools may bring first year out debaters as judges IN ADDITION to the required number of judges for each school. Coaches must note first year out judges in Joy of Tournaments and these judges will not be used in out-rounds. Schools which fail to note first year out judges will be forced to eliminate one (1) debate team per infraction.

e. First year out debaters will be listed separately on the strike list and will be free strikes for all schools.

~~f. Schools that are unable to meet judging requirements can hire a qualified judge through the HSA Tournament Director.~~ Coaches are responsible for verifying that their judges meet the criteria. Schools whose judges miss individual rounds shall be assessed a \$30.00 fee per round missed.

g. Each judge shall complete the ballot indicating. . .

h. The judge shall rate each. . .

i. Judges shall not ~~reveal~~ disclose their decisions ~~to anyone prior to the announcement of results by the contest manager.~~ All judges, including those who are school coaches, shall be available for all rounds including the elimination rounds.

j. Judges shall not converse. . .

k. Schools with teams in elimination. . . .

l. Judges are expected to notify the contest manager of any conflicts. . . .

m. Judges in any out-round must be at least four years.

Rationale: These changes align with the Lincoln Douglas Debate changes numbering and remove hired judges and disclosure of decisions.

Approved

f. Item X. AWARDS

Recommendation: Trophies and team medallions shall be awarded to the Policy, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas and Congressional debate teams finishing first overall based on points earned throughout the tournament in the four debate categories. In Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Congressional and Public Forum Debate, medallions shall be given to the individual champions and runners up and the top ten (10) ranking speakers in each event after the preliminary rounds and in Policy, Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum all other contestants who qualify for the octa-final, quarter-final, semi-final or final rounds. In Congressional Debate, all qualifiers for the Super Congress will receive medallions. The Best Legislation in Congress will receive an award.

Rationale: The awarding of team sweepstakes earned in each debate categories aligns with other IHSA awards sets.

Approved

DEBATE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Reviewed awards – Discussed submitting a recommendation that addressed equity with the awards presented at state debate.
2. Discussed the elimination of oral critiques (disclosure) in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate
3. Examined and adjusted time schedule that placed the coaches meeting at 3pm and awards at 6:30pm
4. Discussed the use of Electronic Ballots in Policy Debate

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

II. Individual Events

a. Item VI. F. Regional/Sectional Time Schedule

Recommendation: Regional/Sectional Time Schedule: Following is ~~a suggested~~ the time schedule for Regional and Sectional contests. Local managers, with the ~~majority~~ approval of their contest committees, may alter this schedule in the event the number of contestants entered does not require ~~both Preliminary and Final~~ Rounds in ~~all~~ an event, or ~~if necessary~~ to meet judging needs. ~~during the contest day. Local managers, with the majority approval of the contest committee, may seek approval of the IHSA administrator, to alter the state time of the schedule due to unique travel situations.~~ Prep packets must be used at their designated times. All scheduled revisions must be submitted to the IHSA.

Rationale: Due to the sensitivity of limited prep material, rounds must start at the same time across the state and the prep material must be used for the appropriate designated time per round. Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Radio Speaking prep material cannot be

compromised if the state series time schedule and prep material is used consistently across all tournament sites.

Approved

b. Item VIII. A. 6. Tournament Rules - Material

Recommendation: ~~If a school is entering Impromptu, a coach may submit a list of suggested topics in each category (Quotations, Proverbs, and Phrases). Please send your topics to the IHSA office no later than November 1, 2016. Earlier topics will be accepted.~~

Rationale: Antiquated language – School have not been submitting topics. The IHSA office can generate impromptu topics.

Approved

c. Item XI. B. Judging

Recommendation: Selection: Local managers, in conjunction with their contest committees, are urged to select judges from the list of preferred judges supplied by the IHSA Office and to employ those who are located as near the contest center as possible. Also, coaches from participating schools must be available throughout each contest for judging assignments. Judges for the State Final will be selected by the State Contest Committee. ~~Tournament workers and Contest Committee personnel, assigned to work with the tabulation of results, should not be used as judges, except in emergency situations and with the approval of the Contest Committee.~~

Rationale: Because of the use of electronic scoring (SpeechWire), this language is antiquated and does not reflect current practice.

Approved

Item Extemporaneous Speaking

Recommendation: Presentation: Drawing of topics: contestants shall draw topics per their order of speaking at intervals to provide each contestant ~~45~~ 30 minutes of preparation time.

*Note: Item VI. F. & G Tournament time schedule will be adjusted to reflect 30 min. prep time.

Rationale: By changing the rules for Extemporaneous Speaking to thirty (30) minutes preparation for a six-minute speech, we are aligning extemporaneous speaking with other national rule sets. Additionally, thirty minutes is sufficient time to prepare to answer the question completely.

Approved

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Reviewed concerns and recommendations from the ICTA conference
2. Discussed publication verification & self-publication guidelines – Reviewed NSDA info page
3. Discussed Regional/Sectional tournament balance/number of entries
4. Examined balancing PIR entries
5. Reviewed a change to the state series time schedule – needs to be done when new venue contract is negotiated
6. Discussed role of publication committee
7. Examined an update to the FAQ section
8. Discussed judges' database, ratings, training
9. Discussed coaches training/education
10. Discussed the need to clarify rules that don't exist (movement in HI, etc...)
11. Discussed the development of a survey to examine events to be added and deleted (Duo, POI, Radio, etc...)
12. Developed a sub group to examine possible adjustments to Radio Speaking

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

III. Drama/Group Interpretation

a. Item X. A. Awards

Recommendation: Sectional: A plaque shall be awarded to the first-place winner in both Drama and Group Interpretation. Medals shall be awarded to the students that are selected by the judges as part of the All-Sectional Cast.

Rationale: Students receive medals in speech when advancing from regional to sectional to state. This recommendation would be in alignment with other sports and activities that honor advancing students.

Died for Lack of Motion

DRAMA/ GROUP INTERPRETATION DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Clarified publication of plays. Per IHSA approval, scripts of actors' equity productions can be used for competition.
2. Discussed adding crew member names in GI
3. Discussed concerns with judging
4. Reviewed the use of rubric descriptors
5. Examined the use of narration in GI
6. Reviewed programs and website to see if runners-up were listed