

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 2020

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met virtually via a Zoom Meeting, on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Sandra Coughlin, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South); Zack Crandall, Arlington Heights; John Grundke, LaGrange (Lyons); Elizabeth Gray, Wheaton; Andy Morreale, (DeKalb); and Frank Novakowski, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West). Also, in attendance were: Girls' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director Jerry Dobbs; Boys' Gymnastics State Finals Meet Director Steve Lacni; IHSA Girls' Gymnastics Head Clinician Kathy Krebs and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (BOYS) Terms and Conditions. C. State Final Meet: Two Session State Meet. VI.C.1 & VI.C.2

Recommendation: 1. ~~Team Individual Preliminary~~/All-Around Championship

Session 1 Individual Prelims/All Around Finals: Individual preliminary and all-around finals. All ranked and at-large qualifiers for the all-around in all 6 individual events will compete Friday at 5:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the meet the top 5 in the all-around competition will be awarded and the top ten finishers on each event will advance to the finals, Session 2.

Session 2: Individual Finals/ Team Championship: Team Finals and Individual Finals: The top 10 event finishers from Session 1 and the top 8 teams from the sectionals. Competition at 11:30 a.m. The top 8 teams will be grouped together.

Rationale: Allows athletes more rest time between competitions. Creates a better competition environment and more efficient State Final. Elimination of Saturday night session also reduces end of the year school conflicts. Two officials per event will be assigned each session.

Approved by Consent

2. (GIRLS) XI. OFFICIALS 3) State Final:

Recommendation: a. 17-9 judges shall be assigned to the preliminary session at the State Final.

Rational: Moving to a 2-judge panel per event is consistent with how gymnasts are judged throughout the season. The current state final prelim scoring system drops the high and low score and averages the two in the middle, the change in prelim assignments would average the scores received from the two assigned judges. This recommendation also will allow for more space on the competition floor.

Approved by Consent

3. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES F. Time Schedules 3. State Final Meet

Recommendation: b. ~~2:00~~ **6:00 p.m.**: Parade of Competitors followed by all events in this order: Alternating Vaulting and Uneven Bars; Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

Rational: The current time is in the middle of the day. By moving the time later in the evening kids and other audience members will not have as many conflicts with extra curriculars.

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4. (GIRLS) VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES 2. Sectional to State Team Advancement

Recommendation: Increase number teams advancing to the State Meet from 8 to 10 teams. In addition, the state final manager shall survey the results of the sectionals and determine the ~~four (4)~~ **six (6) additional** teams that complied the highest raw team score without winning a sectional meet.

Rational: Creates more opportunity for teams and gymnasts to be a part of the State Final Experience.

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5. (GIRLS) VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS 3. State Final Meet Individual Preliminaries to Finals

Recommendation: **The top 15 individual scores on each event in the preliminary round will advance to the final competition.**

Rational: Creates more opportunity for teams and gymnasts to be a part of the final round competition. Currently, only the top 10 individual scores compete in finals.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) Scoresheet

Recommendation: Edit the Illinois specific scoresheet to include more detail and professional formatting.

Rational: The information added to the scoresheet will provide coaches with clearer understanding to educate themselves and their gymnasts on the judges scoring.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process with the committee. IHSA Advisory Committees communicate information about their area of interest to the Board of Directors and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The recommendations are reviewed by the IHSA staff and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2019 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girls' State Meet at Palatine. The committee discussed the digital ticket process and moving away from presale tickets for qualifying schools, the change was favorable.
4. Tracie Henry reported that 2027 people attended the Girls' Gymnastics State Final at Palatine High School in 2020. This was an increase of 672 tickets sold compared to 2019. The average 5-year attendance at the Girls' Gymnastics State Meet is 1608 and the 2020 ticket sales was 419 tickets above the average attendance mark. Tracie Henry complimented and thanked the IHSGGCA for assisting in marketing the meet and all the Boys Gymnastics teams and coaches that came out to support the girls state meet.
5. The committee reviewed three additional proposals from the IHSGGCA but the proposals did not receive support from the committee.
6. The committee discussed the web based TourneyWire Gymnastics scoring program that is supplied by the IHSA and used at Regionals, Sectionals and State for both the Boys and Girls State Series. Ben Stewart decreased the refresh rate so scores would flash sooner when using the program for live scoring at the girls' individual finals.
7. Tracie Henry informed the committee that new concussion course required for coaches and officials can be taken for credit after July 1, 2020.
8. Tracie Henry reported that by cutting back on non-essential tournament staff and audio-visual projection significant financial expenses were saved at the Girls' Gymnastics State Final.
9. Tracie Henry thanked out-going members John Grundke, Andy Morreale, and Frank Novakowski for their service to the committee.