

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS AND GIRLS GYMNASTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 5, 2023

The IHSA Boys and Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members participating were: Dr. Karen Ritter, Skokie (Niles West); Keith Mukai, Des Plaines; Carlos Fuentes, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West); Lynne Paver, Big Rock; Steve Lacni, Hoffman Estates (H.S.); and Greg Gebhardt, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South). Also, in attendance were: IHSA Girls' Gymnastics Head Clinician Kathy Krebs and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (GIRLS) VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS 2. Sectional to State Team Advancement

Recommendation: Increase the number of 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 compiled the highest raw team score without winning a sectional meet.

Rational: Creates more opportunity for teams and gymnasts to be a part of the final round competition. If this recommendation is approved, a 20-minute break will be added for the judges after the second rotation to the State Meet time schedule for Session 1- Individual Event Preliminaries and All- Around Finals.

Died for Lack of Motion

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 2022 advisory committee meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Girls & Boys' Gymnastics seasons. The overall feedback the committee shared is that athletes, coaches, officials, and teams found the two recommendations that passed last year to be favorable. The approved recommendations were: dropping a gymnast 4 positions in the final's performance for girls and holding Friday's warm-up rotations for girls.
4. The committee reviewed modifying the girls gymnastics season limitations to limit overlapping season limits with the boys season. Tracie communicated the process for submitting a change to the IHSA By-laws. Members of the committee are going to work through their Official Representative to author an amendment proposal for the [Legislative Commission](#).
5. The committee discussed warm-up time at the girls gymnastics finals on Friday. Each gymnast is allowed 2 minutes, but the 2 minutes includes setting mats, bars, and boards. Therefore, coaches need to plan for gymnasts to receive 1 ½ minutes of warm-up on the equipment.
6. The committee discussed D. Open Scoring, in the girls gymnastics terms and conditions and supported removing the antiquated language.

7. The committee reviewed the number of officials licensed in both boys and girls' gymnastics and discussed initiatives to increase licensing.
8. The committee discussed the changes to IHSA Policy 14. Guidelines for Adding and Deleting State Series Programs. The committee members all shared their support and advocacy for the continuation of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics State Series. All committee members shared in open discussion, the positive impacts from participation in the IHSA Boys Gymnastics State Series.
9. Tracie Henry thanked out-going members: Carlos Fuentes, Steve Lacni and Greg Gebhardt.