

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES

April 22, 2020

Meeting was called to order via zoom by Chairperson Melissa Crosse. Members present: Kristin Meyer, Thad Streit, Nicole Goodwin, Jerry Hulsing, Greg Groen, Bruce Dall, Jamie Smith, Jason Alons. Chuck Brittain attended as supervisor of officials for the IGHSAU. Attending from the State Office: Gary Ross, Jean Berger and Jason Eslinger.

Members were introduced and an explanation of Advisory Committee's purpose was given.

Motion by Streit, Hulsing second to approve April 17, 2019 Basketball Advisory Committee minutes as filed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ejections-Ross informed Committee there were eight players and five coaches ejected during the 2019-20 season.

Regular season items-Meyer stated some coaches would like to have the option of playing out-of-state games over the winter break. Ross stated at this time the IGHSAU and IHSAA does not allow games or tournaments from December 24-January 1.

Basketball rules-Ross informed Committee of "Rivalry Saturday" at Coe College (sponsored by the CR Gazette and Maquoketa Valley). Eight games occurred with teams from different classes from different parts of the state. This event utilized a 35-second shot clock and played a 5-foul rule with reset. A survey was sent to participating coaches asking for feedback on the experimental playing format and favorable comments were given.

Ross informed Committee the National Federation rules do not mandate the shot clock. In addition, the current NFHS rules do not allow the option of using a shot clock at each state level without losing voting privileges. The Committee was informed this decision would have to be consistent with the IHSAA. Committee acknowledges adding a shot clock would be an additional expense and to properly train someone for this would be difficult. Hulsing is not in favor of implementing a shot clock as he feels it would not come into play with his team's game style. Hulsing wondered how teams would handle a shot clock when they struggle with ball handling and could make bad teams worse. Streit is not in favor of a shot clock as his school would have to purchase two shot clocks and recruit and train two people. Streit stated the majority of coaches in his area are not in favor of a shot clock. Groan's team loved playing with a shot clock at "Rivalry Saturday". Meyer also expressed her support of implementing the shot clock. Goodwin liked playing with a shot clock (when they played a team from South Dakota) and stated it's dependent on the game situation. Dall feels it depends on the type of team you have...some years he would utilize it more often than others. Alons feels it would definitely change the end of a quarter and would put more coaching into it and force teams to play. Berger suggested Committee members discuss this with their conference coaches to get more feedback, and the IGHSAU will discuss this more with both coaches and officials. In addition, the IGHSAU would be willing to possibly allow more of these "experimental opportunities". Information received from the NFHS after the Advisory Committee Meeting stated that the option of states implementing the shot clock was not approved.

Committee was in favor of implementing the 5-foul reset rule. Management will visit with the IHSAA on whether this implementation of the 5-foul reset rule at the end of each quarter would be dependent upon having the shot clock or if this could be implemented without the shot clock.

Committee discussed the possibility of implementing playing with 18-minute halves. Meyer stated her team has played out-of-state and prefers 18-minute halves. Meyer felt her players did not miss having the quarter break, allowed for more substitutions and gave more time on the clock. Meyer feels the increase in minutes could potentially increase the amount of playing time per game for players, which could also increase participation.

Post-season film exchange-Groen asked about coaches' post-season film exchange and suggested using Hudl. The 5A coaches currently use Hudl and all concur it works very well. Most Committee members currently use Hudl, so if mandated, it should be a smooth transition. Hulsing stated an area school does not purchase HUDL as they share in football, so the cost would be too great for just one sport. The cost of Hudl is a barrier for some schools. Ross suggested to place this topic on a survey to see the number of schools who utilize Hudl and the reason behind not using it. After discussion **Dall motions that HUDL (in a pool) be mandated for all schools. Streit second and unanimously approved.** Groen stated his conference requires film be inputted by noon the next day. Committee agrees to this suggested deadline. Management will work on communication with coaches and ADs on process to implement if incorporated.

Officials/coaches/captains meeting-The pre-game conference with coaches and team captains was discussed. Currently the head coach and team captain(s) meet in front of the scorer's table at some point during warm-ups. Alons feels this is a congested area and could be moved to the center circle. Also discussed if coaches need to be included in this meeting. Brittain feels this gives officials a good rapport with team captains. Streit agrees the scorer's table is a congested area and feels the coaches are not needed in the meeting. Currently officials greet team captains, ask coaches if players are properly equipped, discuss any gym issues and ask for the administrator in charge. Suggestion was made the captains (only) and officials meet in the center circle, followed by officials walking over to each coach for introduction and to ask for concerns. Also discussed having the pre-game conference at a consistent time. Committee felt the pre-game conference could be done prior to warm-ups so not to disrupt the flow of warm-ups. Brittain shared similar discussion that occurred with the Boys' Basketball Advisory Committee. Following the two meetings, Brittain recommended that the current Coach/Athlete/Official pre-game meeting to occur at the 12-minute mark of the warm-up period.

Officials' game film review-Alons asked about a consistent protocol for officials obtaining game film to help them improve their game. Committee feels it is admissible for officials to contact coaches for their Hudl link so they can view their game. In the pre-season meeting/memorandum the IGHS AU will inform coaches officials may be contacting them for their Hudl link and reasons behind this.

Post-season-Committee was asked if the highest remaining seed in classes 1A-3A should host their regional final. Committee concurs some 1A, 2A and possibly 3A schools may not meet the minimum seating requirements to host a regional final. Ross informed Committee

the IGHSAU look at ratings, geography, and seating capacity when establishing pairings. Streit feels seating capacity is extremely important. Crosse feels a neutral site can make for a fun atmosphere. Smith feels the higher seed should be rewarded with hosting throughout the tournament. Meyer wondered if it would be beneficial to eliminate the neutral site as it would be better for one team to host at home. Goodwin feels a neutral site is good, as long as they know ahead of time to set up workers. Brittain stated neutral sites work great from an officiating standpoint. Ross stated the difficulty behind securing neutral sites when a neutral team is still playing (boys or girls). Committee supports the current process of splitting power teams and feels the pairings process is preferred. Classes 4A and 5A will continue to play regional games at the higher seeded site. Whenever possible, Classes 1A, 2A, and 3A will play at the higher seeded site (unless distance or seating capacity requires a move), and regional finals (1A, 2A, 3A) will remain at neutral sites.

Playing double-headers was discussed, but Ross stated most prefer a single game due to time schedule and more schools being able to host.

Committee discussed Saturday starting times. This year an earlier start time of 5:00 p.m. was allowed as opposed to the 7 p.m. start time in previous years. Meyer prefers the earlier starting time – spectators get home earlier and it makes for an early evening. Dall and Smith concur. Cross stated with district wrestling the same day she is usually able to make it to both, but understands not every school is able to. Committee agrees to leave game times at 5:00 if possible. Management will look at different pros and cons and make a decision regarding the starting times for the Saturday games.

Moving the 1A and 2A Regional finals to Wednesday opened up a lot of facilities for regional final games and didn't force teams to practice on Sunday prior to the regional final. Goodwin felt there were great crowds and liked playing on Wednesday. Streit liked the extra time between semi-finals and finals.

Committee briefly discussed the release date of regional games. The only concern from a couple schools with a later release date is the difficulty in scheduling workers for host schools. The majority concur that schools plan for hosting these rounds in advance. Everyone concur the current release date is preferred.

State tournament feedback-Committee was asked for feedback regarding their state tournament experience. Dall stated advancing the team on the court and cutting down the net was a great addition. Crosse felt the player videos was fun for communities to watch. Groen feels the players' corner is a great place for teams to hang out between games. Everyone concur it was a great experience.

Committee was asked for feedback regarding non-participating teams coming to watch the tournament. Meyer wondered if the IGHSAU would allow some teams (both junior high and high school) discounted tickets to come watch. Coaches stated it is usually unexcused absences, coaches taking personal days and no bussing that is making it difficult for some teams to come watch. Committee feels making the tournament an educational experience (coaches forum, field trip) would help. Ross informed Committee the IGHSAU is already working on ideas for an educational experience at the Hall of Pride. All coaches acknowledge bringing teams to watch games adds incentive for their players to make it to state. Management will continue to look at ways in which students and coaches can be given

the opportunity to be part of the state tournament experience.

Officials feedback-Brittain feels the interaction between coaches and officials has improved over the years and mutual respect has increased. Goodwin feels the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association has also helped with promoting this relationship amongst member schools.

Ross informed Committee the IGHSAU (Chuck Brittain and other officials) will be working on taking clips from games and have officials watch videos from Hudl to interpret calls and improve in officiating techniques at the pre-season basketball official's clinics. Brittain emphasized that continuing to make this studying of clips as a priority at these clinics is important in the official's continued improvement.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Committee asked IGHSAU for any guidance, suggestions, healthy options, etc. to keep kids engaged in basketball (or athletics in general) or personal health to pass on any information they deem would be beneficial for coaches and players.

Committee wishes to express their appreciation to Hulsing for his years of service on the Advisory Committee as his term has expired.

The date for the 2021 Basketball Advisory Committee Meeting is April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Heidi Reed
Recorder