

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES

April 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Crosse. Members present: Tracy Dailey, Derek Sonderland, Kylee Boettcher, Greg Groen, Bruce Dall, Janel Burgess, Jason Alons. Chuck Brittain attended as supervisor of officials for the IGHS AU. Absent: Jamie Smith. Attending from the State Office: Gary Ross

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

Motion by Groen, Burgess second to approve April 21, 2021 Basketball Advisory Committee minutes as filed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ross informed Committee there were 4 players and 4 coaches ejected during the 2021-22 season.

Question was asked if teams should continue shaking hands after a game. Ross feels shaking hands is an important part of sportsmanship, and feels this practice should be continued. Committee concurred.

Currently neutral sites are used in Regional final games for classes 1A, 2A and 3A, with classes 4A and 5A playing at the higher ranked team's home site. Ross asked for feedback regarding classes 1A, 2A and 3A playing at the higher ranked team's home site. Committee was divided into groups to study pinned maps which showed 2020, 2021 and 2022 Regional final opponents and sites. Data was presented from these years showing gym capacity, driving distances and spectator admissions. After studying the maps and analyzing data, feedback was given. Dailey stated the biggest challenge in 1A was inadequate seating capacities. Crosse stated the challenges in Class 3A are with district wrestling and speech contests, but wondered if neutral sites could host double-headers for a better atmosphere. Sonderland has played a double-header at a neutral site in a larger facility where there was a large crowd with a great atmosphere. Dall stated the importance of routine for a team, and playing on a Saturday is not consistent with the usual Tuesday/Friday routine. Burgess feels the challenge of hosting in a small school at a neutral site would be in securing workers, and many gymnasiums would be unable to host a regional final crowd. Burgess stated fans still follow a team to a neutral site in Class 1A.

When asked for advantages of playing at the higher rated team's site, Committee stated it is good to reward a team for their play throughout the year and teams have earned the right to host by their play throughout the season. Some larger schools do not travel well, even though the "away" game is just 20 minutes away. Dailey/Groen has played at the higher rated team's home facility, and though it wasn't her home crowd, the game was still exciting and something to fight for.

After lengthy discussion Committee felt Classes 1A and 2A need a larger gym for bigger and better atmospheres, so agreed to keep their regional final at neutral sites. In addition, Classes 1A and 2A games occur during the week in which there are more neutral sites available to host. Also, Classes 1A and 2A regional final events are more community events

in which the schools enjoy playing at a neutral site for a community event. **Crosse motion for Class 3A to play their regional final game at the higher-ranked team's home site. The gym must have at adequate seating capacity to host a Regional final. The IGHSAU shall use their discretion if a site does not meet the capacity needs of the game, or if travel is deemed excessive. Second by Groen and passed 6-1, with Burgess casting the "no" vote.**

Dall asked about the possibility of increasing the travel party to 25 for post-season play, and to add an additional number to those in uniform (18). Ross reminded Committee of the numbers allowed in our various sports, and informed Committee the IGHSAU is current studying numbers and awards (bag tags, medals, travelling parties, Farm Bureau basketballs, pink shirts, etc.) allowed in all sports. Dall felt comfortable that IGHSAU management would look at this data to develop a consistent policy.

A survey was sent to state participating coaches, athletic directors and players regarding their experience at the State Tournament. Crosse felt the organization was exceptional and felt the IGHSAU was very welcoming to their players, administrators and spectators. Discussed some negativity by Wells Fargo Arena staff after the last game of the evening, and some concern with parking. The IGHSAU will discuss these issues with Wells Fargo staff.

The shot clock will be implemented for the 2022-23 season. Shot clock guidelines provided from NFHS were distributed to Committee. The IGHSAU realizes there will be "growing pains" with this new ruling, but confident this will be managed. Ross stated the Joint Board Committee Board members from the IGHSAU and IHSAA as well as the IHSAA Advisory Committee will meet soon to discuss and implement new rulings on the shot clock. The IGHSAU will send instructional information/videos on proper usage prior to this summer. After discussion related to the shot clock, the advisory committee felt a couple of changes from the NFHS suggestions would assist in the transition with the shot clock: the NFHS suggestions the shot clock should be reset to 20 seconds when the shot clock is under 20 seconds on an intentionally kicked ball. This was the only time in which the shot clock would be reset – not to 35. Discussion felt that treating this situation like a deflected ball – no reset – would make the application easier and more effective. A second clarification was to have the shot clock -even when the continuous clock is in effect.

Brittain stated the process of selecting post-season officials, and informed Committee 25 observers were used to help in this process. Dailey stated some confusion with officials and coaches and of the inconsistency related to discussing calls and what is allowed. Brittain stressed the importance of effectively communicating with coaches and officials, and when an official has "had enough" and knowing what their limit is.

Alons stated he has dissected many state tournament game films to help officials improve their skills. Brittain will be taking video clips from this year's basketball tournament and break down situations which will help educate officials who will be participating in clinics.

Committee was reminded of the importance of coaches and athletic directors contacting Brittain to let him know of an official who looks promising and needs to be evaluated. The shortage of officials at all levels and ways to promote new officials was discussed. Alons stated it is important for officials to start at the lower levels, and to have veteran officials mentor new officials. Also discussed were sportsmanship videos, accountability for unruly

spectators, berating officials, etc.

Brittain reminded Committee of the importance of filling out the official's recommendation forms, found on Bound. Groen stated the importance of rating officials after each game as it can be confusing if this is done at the end of the season. Some officials use official's cards with photos on the back, which makes it easier for coaches/ADs to recognize officials.

Boettcher addressed concerns regarding Bound on programming and wondered about the consistency of using different devices. Also of concern is having fixed columns/headings and to see players' cumulative stats. Eslinger stated he will be meeting with Bound to discuss suggested improvements and to make program(s) more compatible.

Uploading game film to Bound was discussed, but Committee stated most schools use Hudl. All acknowledge the expense of Hudl, but if is purchased for other sports, is more effective process than using Bound. If a school is unable to get game film via Hudl, Bound, Youtube, contact should be made with the coach/AD to acquire game film. Eslinger stated the topic of uploading a video will be discussed at his upcoming meeting with Bound.

Briefly discussed some schools not having a coaching box designated on the floor. Often a coaching box is not marked, due to older floors and facility structures, but Alons stated these need to be marked. Ross will remind coaches/ADs in a memo that coaching boxes should be visibly marked for both home and visiting teams – the home and visiting coaching boxes should be relative to the center court.

Sonderland asked the IGHS AU to consider allowing additional dates to work with kids on skills session (shooting technique, etc) due to the addition of the shot clock. Discussed with no action taken.

Sonderland expressed concern regarding participating numbers in the sport of basketball. Discussed at length the importance of multi-sport athletes and the concern with non-school sports. Committee expressed ways in which participation numbers could increase. Crosse suggested the IGHS AU could promote the sport of basketball with free tickets for young teams at the girls' state tournament, and recognizing them at one of the half-times.

Committee wishes to express their appreciation to Groen, Dall, Smith and Alons for their years of service on the Advisory Committee as their terms have expired.

The date for the 2023 Basketball Advisory Committee Meeting is April 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Heidi Reed
Recorder