IESA TRACK & FIELD

2006 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

June 7, 2006

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Tom Morse, LeRoy, Greg Moss, Kewanee Wethersfield, Bill Pavlich, Homer Glen Homer, Bob Robertson, Rantoul St. Malachy, Wendy Vogel, Metamora GS, and Shelly Wills, Carlinville; Official Jerry Catton, Henry; Administrator Roger Alvey, Peoria Limestone Walters. Craig Dahlquist, Peoria St. Mark and Cindy Quigley, Manteno, were not able to attend.

The IESA Track and Field Advisory Committee, in its meeting of June 7, 2006, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 9 meeting:

1. To adopt the following changes to the qualifying standards. Please see attached.

Passed.

Rationale: The Committee did discuss the rationale and philosophy of making changes to the standards. The Committee felt that the qualifying standards should be challenging and competitive. The Committee also felt the management of the meet should also be considered when making standard changes.

Defeated.

2. To adopt the following changes to the pole vault starting heights and qualifying standards. Please see attached.

Rationale: The Committee worked to standardize the starting heights and standards within the activity.

3. To make the following change to the State Track Meet time schedule.

Passed.

Friday Field Events: 12:30 p.m. Friday Running Events: 2:30 p.m. Saturday Lunch Break: 30 minutes

Rationale: The time changes would help with the length of the day. Also, the additional time would facilitate the inclusion of an awards presentation during the meet.

- 4. To make the following changes to the Exceptions to National Federation Rules:
 - a. At the state track meets, the pole vault shall be run in flights of 6 at the height.

Passed. Rationale: The Committee felt that this type of procedure would be easier to facilitate for the event judges and easier to follow for the athletes.

b. The number of finalists in all running events at the sectional level shall be determined by the number of available lanes. If the sectional track has eight lanes, then there should be eight finalists in all track events. The number of finalists for all field events will be 8. However, only six places are

Passed.

Rationale: The change will allow for all sectional field events to be conducted consistently state wide.

- 5. To add the following to the State Meet Saturday Schedule:
- a. An Oath of Athletes given by 1 8th grade girl and 1 8th grade boy that were champions the previous year.

Rationale: The Committee felt that this would be a nice addition to the meet and an honor for the chosen athletes.

6. To adopt the following policy for the State Track Meet:

Defeated.

- a. The IESA Activity Pass will allow administrators and staff to enter and park in the main lot with no charge.
- b. The Competitors Entrance will open 1 ½ hours prior to the start of the first event.

 Rationale: The parking allowance would accommodate those coaches who are traveling independent of the team bus. Opening the competitor entrance ½ hour earlier would allow more time for competitors to enter the facility and report for the first events.
 - 7. To make the following change to the Order of Events:

Passed.

a. Sectional and State:

Hurdles
100 M Dash
4x200 M Relay
4x100 M Relay
400 M Dash
200 M Dash

800 M Run 4x400 M Relay

Defeated.

b. Sectional: The boys running events would be run while the girls conduct their field events beginning with the 110 M Hurdles.

Rationale: By moving the 4x200 M Relay, we are providing the competing athletes with a greater amount of rest given our current athlete limitations. Athletes are not allowed to compete in the 4x100 and the 4x200. The Committee recommends moving the sectional boys hurdle races to the beginning of their running events. Currently, boys and girls are both running their hurdles races at the beginning of the meet.

8. To adopt the following policy for Sectional meets:

Passed.

a. For the 100 M Dash and the Hurdles, races will be run in preliminary rounds and then finals. No semifinal races will be run.

Rationale: The change will provide consistency in the running of the sectional meets statewide.

Passed.

b. To provide 5 ribbons for all relay teams at the sectional level.

Rationale: Teams may list 5 participants for each relay. All 5 members are considered to be participants, regardless of whether they run or not. The Committee felt that all 5 team members should receive a ribbon. Total cost is \$116.64.

9. To add to the Track and Field Terms and Conditions:

Passed.

a. For the Sectional and State meet, coaches will be required to complete the Pole Vault Weight Verification card. The verification card can be found on-line at iesa.org.

Rationale: The National Federation requires that all coaches verify their Pole Vaulter(s) are competing at a legal weight relative to the pole they are using for competition. The coaches' signature on the card indicates that the athlete(s) are in compliance.

The Committee would like the By-Laws Committee to re-evaluate the current age limitations.

Other items discussed by the Committee: State Final conditions, addition of the triple jump, parade of champions, age eligibility guidelines, helmet requirement for pole vault, pole vault scoring, pole vault equipment, FAT equipment, host facility requirements, rule meeting attendance, relay cards, on-line entry, access of coaches to restricted areas, additional classes of track.

Roger Alvey and Jerry Catton were thanked for all of their service to the Committee and to the participating members of the activity.

The next meeting is set for June 6, 2007.