

IESA GOLF

2014 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 15, 2014

The following members were present for the meeting: Bonnie Holloway, Mt. Zion; Steve Meyer, Shorewood Troy; Jessica Weber, Champaign Franklin; Eric Hadden, Normal Kingsley; Gary Brunner, Pontiac St. Mary's; Dane Busker, Freeport Carl Sandburg; Honorary members: Sarah Cordis-Tournament Manager, Kyle Meger-Kellogg Golf Pro

The IESA Golf Advisory Committee, in its meeting on October 15, 2014, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 2015 meeting.

State Final Changes:

1. Recommendation- Bylaw 4.181 APPROVED

To add a sectional qualifier for the girls' golf tournament. The number of sectionals will be determined by the number of entries. : Sectional Date- Saturday of week 10. September 12, 2015. Rain date Monday of week 11 Monday, September 14, 2015. State Tee times posted by Thursday the week of the state tournament.

Exact bylaw wording: The Association shall conduct a golf competition for boys and girls. The boys and girls division shall consist of a sectional level of play and a state final level of play. The sectionals will be held on the Saturday of week 9 and the state competition will be held on the Saturday of week 10 in the IESA Standardized calendar. Note: 2015, 2016, and 2017 the sectional date will be Saturday of week 10 and state will be Saturday of week 11.

Rationale: With the waiting list for girls' golf this year, the advisory committee felt it was time to add a level to the girls' state series. These dates would correspond with the boys' sectional dates.

Terms and Conditions Changes: **ALL APPROVED**

Recommendation- Roster entry deadline is Friday of Week 9, Sept. 4th, 2015. *Bylaw 4.183*

This form must be submitted by Friday, September 4, 2015. Failure to submit the form by the deadline will cause students from the school to be ineligible to compete in the state tournament.

Rationale: This will make both Roster Record deadlines the same for both boys and girls golf.

The Final entry deadline for both boys and girls will be Monday of Week 5. Aug. 3, 2015.

Rationale: Bring both the entry deadlines in line.

Recommendation: Terms and Conditions Sectional Tournament Section II Tournament Dates and Site. *Bylaw 4.183* Tournament Limitations

With the objective of bringing 72 golfers to the state tournament, the top 24 boys and girls will qualify out of sectionals if there are three sectionals. At the discretion of the IESA Golf Administrator, sectional sites may be added or decreased and the number of qualifiers changed.

Rationale: This gives the golf administrator some flexibility based on the number of golfers signed up to participate when securing and assigning host courses.

Recommendations: Terms and Conditions Section IV Entries, Entry Fees, and Eligibility.

Participants shall be responsible to pay their own greens fees for sectional tournaments in addition to any practice round(s) they schedule including State Final practice round(s). The IESA will be responsible for Saturday state tournament greens fees.

Rationale: Helps explain the entry fee and greens fees to participating schools.

Substitutes: A school with golfers entered in the state series may replace one or more of the golfers on the roster form submitted to the IESA Office. The information about the substitute must be submitted to the IESA Office no later than noon Wednesday preceding the sectional and state tournaments. *Substitutes after the Wednesday Roster deadline can be made at the course. Tee time changes will be made by the course golf professional at the sectional site if necessary. After the conclusion of sectional play, no changes may be made to the rosters.*

Rationale: This stays consistent with other regional entry form guidelines which allow a team or individual to be changed before the first level of play has been conducted.

Recommendations: To add to the terms and conditions Section V Tournament Policies:

Per USGA rules, a player is prohibited from using a caddie during the state series.

Rationale: By adding this to the terms and conditions it will hopefully make more coaches aware that the individual participant must carry their bag or pull their own golf cart.

For the entire state series, the coach will be allowed to coach anywhere on the course except the putting green. Coaches must wait until the last player on the green putts out before communication takes place on the next hole. Coaches must not delay teeing off on the next hole.

Rationale: To give more support and encouragement to middle school golfers and to come more in line with the IHSA golf coaching rule.

Recommendations: Terms and Conditions Awards Section VII. Awards:

For awards at sectional and state, ties for first (1st) place shall be broken by a sudden death playoff. All players tied for 1st place will compete in a hole by hole playoff until all but one player is eliminated. Ties shall not be broken for any other individual places.

Rationale: Removing the matching scorecard ties from places 2-10 will permit all those individuals in these places to receive the same ribbon/medal for the same score.

A medal will be given to the top golfer at each sectional site. Ribbons will be awarded to places 2-10 at each sectional site in boys/girls individual competition. *Bylaw 4.185*

Rationale: This section now includes girls golfers with the passing of a sectional for girls.

Other Items discussed by the Committee:

- The Peoria Park Districts hosting of the tournament and what a great job they did was discussed.
- Friday Night Registration Activities changing the time from 6-8pm for schools travelling further to get there after school.
- Observers: Sectional observers were discussed and sectional courses will continue to ask for an observer when the students check in at the 1st tee. Schools are required to provide an observer per the IESA current Terms and Conditions.
- Circle 12/10 rule were both discussed and no changes were made at this time.
- Tee Time order was discussed and no changes were made.
- Entry Fee was discussed.
- Team Competition was discussed but no changes were made at this time.
- The Peoria Park District mentioned they will have a drone video available on their website of the entire course.

The IESA would like to give special thanks and recognition to Bonnie Holloway, Mt. Zion for her contributions to the advisory committee and junior high school golf.

Date of the next meeting: October 14, 2015

Administrative Responsibilities:

1. Add section about "alternates" to activity update. Changes being made to Rosters and sectional hosts giving last minute substitutions to the IESA after sectional play.
2. Look at numbers, costs and logistics of a team tournament for committee to review in 2015.
3. Change Registration time and coaches meeting in 2015. 6-8 registration with a coaches meeting at 7pm.
4. Add to Assistant Starters script a section about no caddies. USGA 6-4 Rule.

Awards thoughts:

- A leader board to better distinguish the top 10 at the end of the event would help parents decide whether they need to stay.
- Moving to another location for the girls presentation might speed things along and move people away from the scoring area too. It is very difficult for you to be in 6 places at once I know. Try to make it easier on yourself. As long as the player kids a prize the parents are happy.