



**Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 5, 2014  
Minutes and Recommendations**

The following members were present for the meeting: Moderator: Jack Small, Chuck Cunningham; Coaches: Brenda Searby, Champaign Next Generation; Rosanne Corey, Maroa-Forsyth; Scott Larson, Willowbrook; Marian Cash, Paris Crestwood; Mark Grant, Petersburg PORTA JHS; and Administrator: Timothy Haupt, Barrington Station.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place. The IESA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee, in its meeting of June 5, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June, 2014 meeting:

**Recommendation #1: Add to the Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions and revise IESA By-Law 3.125**

Following the Scholastic Bowl regional online seeding procedure (Monday of Week 42), any scholastic bowl team that withdraws from the state series will result in the regional bracket being updated to reflect any potential changes to the seeds of the remaining schools.

**Rationale:** As it stands now, if a team withdraws from the state series after the online seeding procedure, the seeds as well as the format of the regional remain the same. Those who were scheduled to compete against the school(s) that withdrew would receive a win via forfeit. Allowing schools the opportunity to potentially advance in seeds while also reformatting the regional based on its new size serves as a way to ensure the tournament is conducted on par with all others regionals. It also guarantees that each school participating has the opportunity to compete in at least two matches during the regional tournament.

**Board Action - Approved**

**Recommendation #2: Revise in the Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions**

Five and six-team regionals for round-robin competition in pools are as follows:

	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>
<b>Pool A</b>	1-4	1-5	4-5	A Winner
	5-BYE	4-BYE	1-BYE	vs.
<b>Pool B</b>	2-3	2-3	2-3 (If Necessary)	B Winner

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	5-BYE	4-BYE	1-BYE	vs.
<b>Pool B</b>	2-3	2-6	3-6	B Winner
	6-BYE	3-BYE	2-BYE	

**Rationale:** Currently, seed #6 resides in Pool A in both five and six-team regionals, while team seed #5 is placed in Pool B within a six-team regional. Swapping seeds #5 and #6 keeps the tournament format in alignment with a traditional six seeded bracket; a layout in which most are familiar with. **Board Action - Approved**

**Recommendation #3: Add to the Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions**

Following a withdrawal within a three-team regional, the two remaining teams will take part in a best of three competition to determine the regional champion.

**Rationale:** This allows the remaining schools the opportunity to participate in at least two matches, rather than facing a "one and done" scenario to determine the regional champion. **Board Action - Approved**

**Recommendation #4: To change rule 5-1-1c2 of the IESA Scholastic Bowl Rule Book as follows:**

The first individual to press the response button within the 10 second time limit is eligible to answer if recognized by a moderator.

**Rationale:** Currently, a team has 15 seconds of time to press the response button when attempting to answer a question. In many instances, teams have experienced 15 seconds of silence as players sit disengaged waiting for the time to run out. Rarely do players submit the correct answer within the final five seconds of the 15 second time limit. Shortening the time limit to 10 seconds would help to maintain rhythm, while also adding additional excitement to the match. **Board Action - Approved**

**Recommendation #5: Approval of funds: Add to the Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions and revise IESA By-Law 5.43**

The addition of a third state finals match official designated to enforce communication and disciplinary rules. Payment to the "communication official" would be \$10.00 per match at the state finals.

**Rationale:** Appointing a third official whose lone responsibility would be to enforce match protocol would greatly benefit those participating, while also ensuring that the integrity of the match not be compromised. This would allow the moderator to focus more of their attention on the questions. **Board Action - Not Approved**

**Committee Discussion:**

- Rule Book
  - Format changes were discussed in regards to adapting characteristics of NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournaments) with no recommendations made.
  - Modify the format for how bonuses are read and rebounded one at a time with a maximum 10 second conference period for the controlling team.
    - \*2014-15 Survey Question - **Board Action - Not Recommended**
  - **Rule 5, Section 4 General Rules, Art.1** - Prompt for a first name when the last name given could be confused with another famous person with the same last name. The exception comes with presidents. Simply call the answer incorrect if the first and last names aren't given as the first answer.
  - **Rule 5, Section 4 General Rules, Art.6** - Ensure moderators are not prompting for units if not given initially with the number is calculated.
- Terms and Conditions
  - Competition room set-up was discussed with no recommendation made.
  - Shortening the scholastic bowl season was discussed with no recommendation made.
  - Capping the number of IESA scholastic bowl matches within a season was discussed with no recommendation made.
  - Tournament policies were reviewed:
    - **REMINDER** - In reference to five team, six team and pool A of seven team regionals: if two teams are scheduled to play in round three with neither team able to advance to round 4, the match can be called off pending both coaches' approval. Both coaches will then inform the host school that the match has been called off. **In this instance, the host school should enter both scores "0" online.**
- 2014 Scholastic Bowl Workshop
  - Date: October, 24, 2014
  - Theme - Superheroes
  - Price - \$50.00

**Points of Emphasis for 2014-15**

- Qualified scorers/timers
- New moderator interest
- Review regional format changes

**Pairings were drawn for the 2015 IESA Scholastic Bowl State Finals:**

<b>Class A</b>	
Pool A	<b>A, E, F, H</b>
Pool B	<b>B, C, D, G</b>
<b>Class AA</b>	
Pool A	<b>C, E, F, G</b>
Pool B	<b>A, B, D, H</b>

Marian Cash, Julie Quinn and Timothy Haupt were recognized for their service to the advisory committee and to the Association.

Next Meeting Date - Thursday, June 4 of 2015.