

IESA Scholastic Bowl

2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

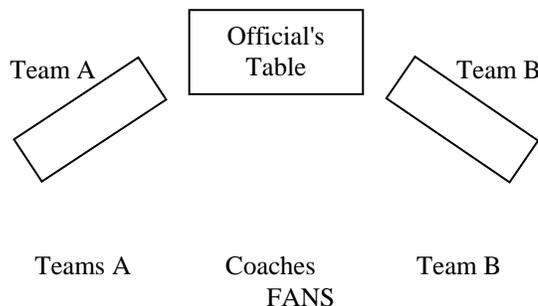
June 2, 2011

The following members were present for the meeting: Fred Lamkey, Board Liason; Jack Small, moderator; Ann Sullivan, moderator; Gerri Gueldenhaar, Flanagan; Jared Ploger; Bolingbrook Jane Addams; Suzanne Pettyjohn, Rochester; Amy Mercer, Sparland Midland; and Alison Wirth, Paris Mayo.

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 2, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 17, 2011 meeting:

To Add to Terms and Conditions:

RECOMMENDATION: The Moderator's Table will be between the competitor's tables facing the fans. Coaches will be seated in the first row with remaining team members. The coaches will be in the middle facing the moderators table. Fans will be seated behind the extra team members' row.



Rationale: To assist the moderator, scorer, and timer with monitoring extra team members, coaches, and fans for illegal communication.

RECOMMENDATION: Assignment and Advancement of Teams

Teams will be assigned to one of thirty two regional tournaments in a given class. The IESA administrator in charge of the activity will have authority to reorganize regional assignments after assignments are posted due to schools dropping from the activity.

Rationale: Scholastic Bowl had 28 schools drop after the sectional assignments were posted. Allowing the IESA administrator to be able to reformat regional assignments within a sectional will help alleviate 5-team regional tournaments whenever possible.

RECOMMENDATION: Regional Seeding Procedures

Each participating school will receive online seeding instructions in January. This will contain the Scholastic Bowl Entry Center password and website address for entering your team's record and regional entry form roster. Each school will be required to enter their team roster, "A" team schedule and results by Monday of week 42. A school must have a minimum of 3 matches scheduled by the regional date to participate in the regional tournament.

Note: No school will be permitted to participate in the regional tournament without completing this online seeding step by the deadline.

Following this step, the computer will tabulate the records and the IESA will view all results and confirm seeds online.

Rationale: With the high turnover of scholastic bowl coaches in the state there is a lot of confusion to seeding. With this new seeding process each school would simply have to enter the information they already know (schedule and results) and then the computer would tabulate the results. The computer would look at winning percentage and then at number of wins to determine results. This would help differentiate between teams with 1-0 record and 7-0 record etc.

The following recommendations are changes in the IESA Rule Book:

RECOMMENDATION: 1-3-1 Forty Four (44) match questions shall be a combination of 24 toss-up questions and 20 bonus questions consisting of four parts which are rebounding.

Rationale: To help shorten the length of a round of play.

Recommendation: 1-2-1a During the State Series the first half shall consist of 12 toss-up questions and accompanying bonus questions.

Recommendation: 1-3-2 Question Categories

a. Science (5 toss-ups, 4 bonus): Earth Science, General Science, Life Science, Physical Science, Health

b. Math (5 toss-ups, 4 bonus): Algebra, Computers, General Math, Geometry

c. Social Studies (5 toss-ups, 4 bonus): Civics, Economics, Current Events, Geography, History

d. Language Arts (5 toss-ups, 4 bonus): Grammar, Literature, Vocabulary, Spelling (wordswill come from the Scripps-Howard List)

e. Fine Arts (2 toss-ups, 2 bonus): Art, Dance, Drama, Music

f. Miscellaneous (2 toss-ups, 2 bonus): Agriculture, Consumer & Family Science, Industrial Technology, Physical Fitness, Movies, Popular Music, Sports, Television

Rationale: Changes made for new for shorter questions format.

Recommendation: 2-1-3a Paper must be clean. Bonus numbers and lines are permitted on the paper, but no other writing.

Rationale: clears up the true meaning of the rule to alleviate confusion on what kind of numbers can be on the paper.

Recommendation: 3-2-1b Make sure no contestants are chewing gum or eating during a match.

Recommendation: 3-2-3d The moderator will verify the score by initialing the score sheet at the completion of the match.

Rationale: Cleans up wording

Recommendation: 5-2-1 Bonus questions shall consist of four parts

Recommendation: 7-1-2f Using your communication device.

Rationale: clears language to included texting, calling, web surfing, etc.

Recommendation: 5-2-2b₁ All answers must be given in numerical order.

Rationale: There were some concerns that teams were answering out of order causing confusion for the moderator and using this as a strategy to confuse their opponent.

Recommendation: Rule 6 Timeouts

6-1-1c Each team will have 1 team timeout per half.

6-1-2c Each team has 1 clarification time-out per match

6-1-4 Tiebreakers Timeouts

a. Each team gets one timeout for the tiebreaker series.

Rationale: Clearly defines number of timeouts and adds a tiebreaker series timeout for each team.

POE

1. Room Set-up
2. Match Length
3. Numbered Paper
4. Sportsmanship

Additional Items Discussed

1. 2011 Fall Workshop was discussed and the committee came up with some great suggestions of topics.
2. Casebook Scenarios:
The committee asked that scenarios be added for the following rules:
6-1-2, 5-2-2a, 5-2-1a
3. A moderator Evaluation tool will be developed for coaches to use during the IESA State Series.
4. Schools combining A&B team schedules for online seeding was discussed. The IESA will continue to communicate that the A team schedule should be the only schedule added for online seeding purposes.
5. The committee looked at the following rule changes but took no action at this time.
 - a. Asking 1 part of the bonus at a time.
 - b. Reducing the toss-up time from 15-10 seconds.
 - c. Changing the tiebreaker procedure.
6. The committee discussed changing the start time of the state tournament, but left this up to the IESA as it is contingent on the host site.
7. The committee once again looked at the dates of the State tournament series, but made no recommendations for changes.
8. Questions Galore

Pairings were drawn for the 2011 state finals.

Class A

Pool A **A, B, D, G**

Pool B **C, E, F, H**

Class AA

Pool A **B, C, E, G**

Pool B **A, D, F, H**

Recognition of Service: Gerri Gueldenhaar has completed her three year commitment to the Advisory Committee. Her dedication to the activity and the IESA is greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting May 31, 2012