

IHSGCA Association Meeting Agenda (May 13th, 2014)



Attendance: Jeff Wronkiewicz, Pete Kallend, Annette Nocek, Frank Novakowski, Adrian Batista, Keith Mukai, Zack Crandall, David Calisch, Michael Costa, Howard Rubin, Erik Bostrom, Ryan B. Brown, Bill Watts, Greg Gebhardt, Richard Meyer, Brandon Tucker, Ryan Dul, Chad Jaros, Jeff Levin, Dave Donaldson, Gregg Didech, Blaise Blasko, Scott Phillips

Total: 23

Call to order: 7:10pm

Current Balance: \$13,236.37

Coaches' To-Do List:

- Continue to rate your officials through the full state series!

Judging:

- Final update and look ahead to next season
- At least one judge will be retiring and the current judges were very overloaded this year
 - We still need to get more judges for next year and need the newer judges to take on more meets
- Strategies to reduce the overall number of meets, such as turning more duals into tri-meets
 - Or Conferences could try to avoid meets on the same days
- Judges clinic next year—February 14th, 2015 @ Glenbrook South High School
- Dave Johnson—camp and/or clinic at Premier in Downers Grove, run by USAG judges + coaches this summer
 - 2 day camp
 - 1 day would be a clinic geared toward coaches—teach target skills for each event—in a classroom setting
 - 1 day would be a camp w/ a combo of judges and coaches from USAG world
 - Look for an email in the next few days regarding this, and possibly information will be distributed at the State meet this weekend

All-Star Meet Corporate Sponsorships:

- Update from RBB and Frank
 - Ryan has gotten back requests for sponsorship from 2 businesses
 - He will also open up to parents the opportunity to put a message in the program for \$25
 - Look for an email about asking parents about doing so
 - Athletico will also provide a couple of athletic trainers for the meet

Awards

- HOF and SGotY online voting complete
 - 28 responses last year, 27 responses this year
- Feedback on online voting?
 - In the past, voting was done at Sectional meets to boost turnout
 - This is a busy day for Sectional hosts and it is a significant extra duty to have to take care of the day of the Sectional
 - Possibility of emailing out resumes, and then doing the voting in person at the Sectional
 - This is something that should be revisited by the Steering Committee to determine a method to get better turnout

Philanthropy

- IHSGCA Scholarship winners
 - Hoffman Estates—Andres Cueva-Robles
 - GW—Tommy Berland

2015 IHSGCA Officer Voting

- Proxy ballots due via email before start of the meeting.
- Sportswriter of the year nominees:
 - Bill Stone—nominated by Orna, 2nd by Keith
 - Chris Walker—nominated by Frank, 2nd by Adrian
 - Jeff Vorva—nominated by Pete, 2nd by Jeff
- At-large COY nominees:
 - Josh Cimo, nominated by Frank, 2nd by Zack
 - Erik Bostrom, nominated by Howie, 2nd by Ryan Brown
- Election Results:
 - Secretary:
 - Ryan Brown
 - Treasurer:
 - Mike Opsal
 - Steering Committee:
 - Ryan Dul
 - Greg Gebhardt
 - Mike Galfi
 - Blaise Blasko
 - Brandon Tucker
 - HOF Committee:
 - Jeff Levin
 - Bob Esposito
 - Sportswriter:
 - Bill Stone

State Meet:

May 16-17, 2014. Hinsdale Central HS

- Needed:
 - Volunteers to work judges' tables
 - 6 needed
 - Announcer for the video streaming broadcast
 - Al Hirsch

- **Notes from Mark Wanner:**

- We are working to provide the best competition experience for the gymnasts and for the spectators. With your help this can be accomplished.
- Only the 5 competitors and coaches on the floor during the competition.
- No managers or video tapers.
- There will be extra mats around Horizontal Bar and Vault and HC team members to help move them. Please do not move mats from one event to another. If you need an extra mat let us know and we will provide it.
- We have 1 sting mat. If you are bringing a sting mat please keep it rolled up on your bench. Don't leave it on the competition floor. Space is tight on the floor.
- Vault boards will be kept in a hallway next to the vault and HC team members will bring you your board. Please assist them when you arrive as to what school should be marked on the board.
- The Warm up gym will be equipped with Spring floor, Ring tower, Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars. A coach must be present with their gymnast in the warm up gym.
- If you have any questions contact me mwanner@hinsdale86.org

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

Monday, May 19th, 2014. Morava Center

- Register for tee times on ihsgca.org!
 - Tee times begin at 3:30 pm
 - \$35 for nine holes
 - Banquet begins at 7:00 pm
- ****Please RSVP for the banquet!**
 - This will help us plan food order
 - Please RSVP by Thursday

Senior All-Star Meet:

Thursday, May 22nd, 6pm

Hoffman Estates

- Photo of Al Goodman for the program book?
- 6 judges have volunteered to judge the meet
 - New judges will have the opportunity to judge alongside them to get more practice

Conference Reps:

- Thank you for getting in the All-Star meet lineups and COY information!
- CSL – Brandon Tucker
- MSL East – Zack Crandall
- MSL West – Tim Hamman
- DVC – Greg Gebhardt
- WSC Gold – Jeff Wronkiewicz
- WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski
- Independent – Josh Cimo
- SWSC – Pete Kallend

New Proposals

- Due in writing to the Secretary (preferably via email) at or before the meeting
- Minor “off-book” changes for 2015 season
- IHSA-approved rulebook changes for 2016 season
- Gray area regarding role of Rules Committee this year. Their role is generally to clarify questions about rules, but over the past year they have played a significant role in the adoption of the new rules. The Rules Committee has tried to make a commitment to make minimal changes as the new rules play out over the first couple of years.
 - So, is it prudent to run specific rules changes by the R.C. first before putting it to a vote of the entire association and then sending it to the IHSA?
 - The R.C. feels that it is still very early to begin making changes. It is important to see how all of the rules work over the course of the first few years.
 - 30 teams were over 130 points at the Sectionals. Meets were a lot closer this year. So the new rules are being successful.
 - Rules are in place until 2016. The NFHS rules book has always been in place for three years. It can only be revised after that three-year period.
 - In the interim, the R.C. makes interpretations and answers questions about what those rules are. The RC never made *changes* to those rules because it doesn't have the power to do so.
 - The RC also does not have the authority to revise the underlevel rules either because it is now part of the NFHS rules book.
 - Thus, rule change proposals made now will be held until the 2017 revision.
 - Interpretations may be made by the RC at this time.
- Blaise: Formal procedure if an official is a no-show.
 - Proposal is to take the IHSA clarifications of the old NFHS book and put them in the new book.
- Keith: [Resolution for procedure for delivering routine listing sheets to judges.](#)
 - Discussion:
 - Is it necessary to make this a resolution, or can this just be done informally at meets?
 - This would be a good way to encourage judges to accept these sheets.
 - Hopefully next year judges will understand the rules better and the sheets will be unnecessary.

- There is no problem with a coach talking to a judge before the meet to let them know about an unusual skill they may be seeing.
 - Proposed by Keith, 2nd by Adrian
 - Vote: 14-3
 - resolution passes
 - Keith: [Feedback on possible resolution to ask officials to share their judging sheets at the end of regular season meets.](#)
 - Rationale:
 - Valuable way for new judges to learn about mistakes they made while judging.
 - JV coaches will benefit from seeing these sheets. JV coaches are much less likely to discuss routines/scoring with judges and thus less likely to make changes to routines that should be made.
 - Discussion:
 - Is it necessary to make this a resolution, or can this just be done informally at meets?
 - Judges never have a problem discussing routines with coaches
 - Sheets may be illegible
 - Will this open up the possibility of coaches detecting errors in judging and then contacting those judges?
 - Dave Johnson: In USAG, coaches are allowed to discuss routines with judges during the meet, as long as it doesn't disrupt the flow of the meet. If there is a break between rotations, then the judge will go up to a coach to discuss problems they saw. Coaches should have the opportunity to ask judges a question during the meet if time allows.
 - Blaise:
 - Terminate adding to the current "A" Value Skill List compiled by the IHSOCA Rules Committee and follow the NFHS Optional Judging and Rules Guideline C-2: Recognizable Gymnastics Skills.
 - Questions:
 - Anything currently on the "A" list must be given credit, but the judge may use his/her discretion in whether to award "A" credit to additional recognizable gymnastics skills.
 - C-2-a: Any recognizable gymnastics skill which is not listed in the FIG Code of Points, NGJA/USA Gymnastics Interpretations, High School Program Manual or Men's Junior Olympic Age Group Competition Program Update will receive an "A" value with no Element Group Credit.
 - This proposal will end adding skills to the "A" value skill list and allow judges to give value to gymnastics skills not on the list, such as, Healy in FX, Chris Kehr on HB, single leg cut travel on PH.
 - Blaise:

Change IHSA Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to read: Boys Gymnastics shall not practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Season start date will be August 11, 2014 and the state series will be November 22, 2014.

Pro's and con's contributed along with Bill Cordts.

Pro's

1. Summer camps become an important prelude to the fall sport season.
2. Safer for athletes because in physical shape for skill learning.
3. Longer season than we currently have.
4. 15 contests will be spread over a longer season.
5. Availability of officials will increase over a longer season.
6. We may not lose "snow bird" officials.
7. Decrease the conflict with USAG competitions making these athletes available for high school competition.
8. No conflict with spring break, prom and other end of school year activities.
9. Motivation for freshmen to join a sport is higher in fall.
10. No conflict with cheerleading.
11. No indoor male sport in the fall sport season.
12. Gain athletes from baseball, lacross, volleyball.

Con's:

1. Conflict with coaches that are currently coaching a fall sport. Lose coaches.
2. Availability of facility for state series.
3. Two week overlap with girls starting their practice.
4. Meet dates may have conflict with girls volleyball dates.
5. Contact with freshmen as a fall sport.
6. Lose athletes to football and soccer.

- Blaise:

Change Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to afford Boys Gymnastics the same number of actively competitive weeks as Girls Gymnastics by adjusting the start and end dates of the boys gymnastics season based on the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Two options to discuss:

A. One week overlap with girls gymnastics.

1. Start the season on Monday of week 33, February 16, 2015.
2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 47, May 30, 2015.

B. No overlap with girls gymnastics.

1. Start the season on Monday of week 34, February 23, 2015.
2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 48, June 6, 2015.

Pro:

1. Equity under Title IX by affording boys and girls gymnastics equal number of competitive weeks during the season.
2. Possible elimination of season overlap between boys and girls gymnastics.

3. Safety is increased by providing more effective learning progressions through scaffolding of gymnastics skills.
4. Going from an 11 week to 13week season spreads 15 meets over a longer time.
5. Going from an 11 week to 13 week season allows more availability of judges.
6. A longer season will decrease legal opposition to coaching techniques.
7. Reduces administrative conflicts with granting exceptions for USGA national competitions.
8. Illinois high school gymnastics becomes more compatible with the national gymnastics world

Con:

1. Facility availability.
2. Objection to longer work season.
3. Senior meet date.

- Jeff Wronkiewicz
 - 1) I propose we get rid of our rule/interpretation that on pommel horse, you have to do a circle before and after all double leg skills. In the FIG code of points, Article 11.2.2, paragraph 2a on page 57 clearly states "Unless otherwise indicated, all circle elements begin and end in front support." Furthermore, paragraph 2m on page 58 states "Unless otherwise indicated, each element is defined as occurring within one structure and ending when a new structure is initiated" and then it lists examples in parts i-vii on page 59. To my understanding, nowhere in these rules does it say that a "circle" must be done before and after each double leg skill. To further my point, something that probably nobody thought of is that a circle is a considered a double leg skill. So by our rule/interpretation, in order to get credit for a circle, you would have to do a circle before the circle and a circle after the circle. That is ridiculous!

 - 2) I propose that any skill/element listed in one element box be counted as only one element. For example, on rings a cross pull-out to L hold (2 seconds) is being counted as two skills/elements. However, page 21, Article 7.1, paragraph 2, of the FIG code of points states "... Each element is given a unique difficulty value and a unique Code Identification Number." A cross pull-out to L hold (2 seconds) has one unique difficulty value (C) and one unique Code Identification Number (81) on page 88. So why is it being counted as two elements?

 - This proposal should be made to the Rules Committee as an interpretation.

- Frank:

0.1 bonus for any Group 1 or Group 4 B value or higher skill on high bar.

- Dave:
 - High bar changes:
 - Cal-hop, immediate piro = A +0.1, no EG
 - Cal-hop, immediate endo = B +0.1, EG III
 - Freehip circle, immediate Higgins to elgrip = B +0.1, EG III
 - Endo, immediate piro = B +0.1, EG III
 - Freehip, immediate endo = B +0.1, EG III
 - Elgrip giant, hop piro to over grip = A + 0.1, EG IV

- These would be proposals that would have to wait until 2017

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

- Frank, Greg, Jeff and Blaise met with Juan Mendoza, director of Chicago Park District. He is interested in getting gymnastics teams in Chicago. Trying to reestablish a relationship with someone in the city. He is going to be meeting with some ADs in CPS to try to get some programs started in Chicago. Blaise and Frank are putting together a handbook about how to start a gymnastics program to help ease the process for interested CPS schools.

Motion to adjourn by Keith, 2nd by Adrian

Adjourned 9:09 pm