

IHSGCA Association Agenda (April 15th, 2015)

Attendance: Eric Liva, Dan Fenton, Jarrod Amolsch, Sam Zeman, Frank Novakowski, Zack Crandall, Jeff Levin, Doug Foerch, Gregg Didech, Jason Orna, Alex Banasiak, Jeff Wronkiewicz, Annette Nocek, Chad Jaros, Steve Merena, Brandon Tucker, Peter Kallend, Adrian Batista, Tim Hamman (Total = 19)



Call to Order: 7:11 pm by Frank N.

Current Balance: \$13,153.97

Comments/Corrections of Previous Minutes: none

Coaches' To-Do List:

Rate your officials

- It is very important to do this
- The IHSA wants to see ratings that are up to date

List of participants due to the IHSA: 4pm on Monday, April 20th

- Can put up to 25 guys on list

Keep a copy and print it out for Sectionals

- This helps to ensure that all guys are eligible who should be

2016/2017 rules proposals accepted at the May meeting

Discussion in November, voting in December, proposed to IHSA for approval in April

- Discussion of potential proposals:
 - Any full twist or more = 0.1 bonus
 - High bar—Any turn into/out of giants = 0.1 bonus
 - Floor + High bar—Any full twisting laid out salto = 0.1 bonus
 - Keep element groups, but take values from old code
 - Lower execution (5.5) and add to difficulty
 - Would help to separate kids and reward difficult skills
 - Simplify exceptions + interpretations through bonuses
 - Revert to old rule book
 - Rationale for changes:
 - Safety—teaching skills that high school gymnasts can execute correctly and safely
 - This code is through USAG
 - High school + club programs can work together more closely
 - Cleaner gymnastics
 - current code will not change until 2017
 - the IHSA will not be very receptive to changing our entire book again
 - but it is still possible to make changes through bonuses to award difficulty
 - Attempt to avoid changing values by doing changes through bonus?

IHSA Advisory Board update:

- Tim Hamman

Approved proposal:

Alternates for state—notify IHSA by Thursday before 4 pm if a state qualifier will not compete. The next place finisher(s) will be pulled up and entered into the meet.

- Approved by advisory board, but not by principals
 - So this is not currently in effect
- It was proposed and approved by advisory board again, also proposed by girls
 - So there is still hope that it may pass the principals this time

Discussion items:

Sectional seeding formula

- IHSA seeds Sectional hosts, but after that it is geographic—so seeds don't play significant role in Sectional assignments
- Tracie suggested that we propose a change to the Terms & Conditions:
 - Assign top 5 schools as hosts according to seeds, then also assign the next 10 schools according to seeds, then do the rest geographically
 - Tracie supports this idea to use seeds for more of the Sectional assignments, so it would very likely pass
- This would have to be proposed at the May meeting as a rules change
- Discussion ensued regarding wording of potential proposals:
 - 1-5 in different sectionals and 6-10 in different sectionals
 - put 5 and 6 in same sectional
 - spread out seeds as much as possible
 - this could help with individuals too, because right now it is far easier to make it as a “ranked” qualifier at some sectionals than others
 - Frank will pull out past proposal to examine its wording
 - The highest seeded non-hosting school will automatically go to the lowest seeded hosting school

Sectional start times

- Girls start at 6:00 pm, so this may be something we want to consider—6:00 or 6:30 start time?
 - A 6:30 sectional start time would mean the warm-ups would begin at 5:00
 - This could be especially beneficial for Wed. and Thurs. sectionals so that kids are not getting home as late on a school night
 - A potential issue could be set up time and travel time
 - This could lead to teams/kids arriving late or missing part of warm-ups

Reminder: **12** minute warm-up block to be shared at sectional and state meets

- NOTE: the correct warm-up time is *12 minutes*

HOF:

The Hall of Fame Wall

- Goal is to have it completed by HOF banquet (5/18)

Constitutional Proposals:

Frank: Clause to exempt HOF members from paying for clinic
III. A. Full Membership

2. All Full members, and one guest per member, will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, exclusive of the winter clinic.
- III. B. Associate Membership
 2. All Associate members and one guest will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, exclusive of the winter clinic.
- III. D. Hall of Fame Membership
 2. Hall of Fame members and one guest will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, including the winter clinic.

- Voting will be in May for this proposal

Frank: HOF nominations due at February meeting

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Criteria:

5. All resumes will be submitted to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee prior to the February association meeting for screening, with a majority vote by the Selection Committee needed to approve the nominees of the membership.

- The HOF committee never met before February anyway and February meeting is better attended
- Voting will be in May for this proposal

Philanthropy:

We are accepting applications for scholarships from the IHSGCA. The deadline for this application is May 4th.

- NOTE: previously the deadline announced for this was this meeting, but it is actually **May 4th**

The type of gymnast to nominate:

A gymnast that wouldn't be nominated for SGOY or for the Brinkworth, but is a good high school gymnast and good all-around kid.

A focus on character

An unsung hero of the team

Has a financial need

The Brinkworth Scholarship applications are also being accepted at this time. The deadline for the Brinkworth is Saturday, April 25th. Both applications are on the website at ihsgca.org

Awards:

Senior Gymnast of the Year nominations were due online prior to tonight's meeting

Members must have paid their dues and attended at least 2 meetings prior to May meeting in order to be eligible to vote.

- SGOY and HOF voting are done at sectionals
- Execs will send info to sectional hosts regarding eligible coaches for voting purposes

2015 Officer Nominations:

Secretary

- Erik Bostrom; Zack nominates, Frank seconds
- Jason Orna; Frank nominates, Adrian seconds

Steering Committee: 5

- Chad Jaros; Frank nominates, Zack seconds
- Alex Banasiak; Sam nominates, Frank seconds
- Adrian Batista; Brandon nominates, Frank seconds

- Mike Galfi; Frank nominates, Adrian seconds
- Ryan Dul; Frank nominates, Brandon seconds
- Brandon Tucker; Zack nominates, Adrian seconds
- Scott Hagel; Doug nominates, Alex seconds
- Dave Calisch; Frank nominates, Brandon seconds
- Frank Novakowski; Zack nominates, Adrian seconds

Rules Committee: 6

- Scott Hagel; Zack nominates, Jeff Levin seconds
- Chad Jaros; Frank nominates, Brandon seconds
- Jeff Wronkowitz; Adrian nominates, Brandon seconds
- Keith Mukai; Adrian nominates, Brandon seconds
- Jarrod Amolsch; Sam nominates, Eric seconds
- Blaise Blasko; Frank nominates, Jeff seconds
- Frank Novakowski; Jeff nominates, Adrian nominates
- Greg Didech; Doug nominates, Jeff seconds
- Tim Hamman; Frank nominates, Jeff seconds

HOF Committee: 2

- Steve Kafka; Frank nominates, Sam seconds
- Bill Watts; Frank nominates, Jason seconds
- Dave Donaldson; Frank nominates, Brandon seconds
- Vic Avigliano; Frank nominates, Jason seconds
- Scott Philips; Frank nominates, Jason seconds

Conference and Sectional meets:

Conference and Sectional hosts should display start values.

Rules on inquiries can be found in the IHSA rules book:

8. Inquiries: At championship meets, two written inquiries are permitted. A third inquiry is permitted if one of the first two inquiries is upheld.
 1. The inquiry may only pertain to difficulty, element group requirements and bonus. A 0.5 deduction shall be taken for any illegal inquiry.
 2. The inquiry shall be submitted no later than seven minutes after all scores are recorded in that rotation.
 3. The inquiry shall be given to the meet director/meet referee, who will give all legal inquiries to the event judges for review. The judges may consult with the meet referee, however, there shall be no video review.
 4. Decision of the judges at the conclusion of the inquiry is final.
 5. If a second inquiry does not result in a score correction, a 0.5 deduction shall be taken from the team score. If there is no team affiliation in the competition, the deduction will be taken from the individual's score on that event.
 6. When more than one inquiry is submitted on a given event, the coach shall receive the outcome of the first inquiry and must then inform the official whether to proceed or withdraw the subsequent inquiry.

Conference Reps:

Conference reps are responsible for identifying top 5 senior finishers for their conference and notifying those seniors of their qualification to the All-Star Meet.

Conference reps should ask those seniors if they are able to compete in meet and determine any alternates that may be necessary.

Conference hosts should have coaches specify year in school if possible when submitting lineups to make this process simpler.

- CSL – **Adrian Batista**
- MSL East – **Zack Crandall**
- MSL West – **Mike Opsal**
- DVC – **Greg Gebhardt**
- WSC Gold – **Jeff Wronkiewicz**
- WSC Silver – **Frank Novakowski**
- Independent – **Erik Liva**
- South Suburban – **Peter Kallend**

State Meet:

May 15-16, 2015 – Hinsdale Central HS

If you are available to assist with the state meet, please contact Mark Wanner:

mwanner@hinsdale86.org

- Jarrod A. suggested “Beyond the Scores”
 - Texas used it for their high school meet
 - It can have the kids’ pictures and school logos along with scores projected
 - Cost = \$1 per kid

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

Monday, May 18th

Golf: Old Orchard, tee times start at 3:30pm

Banquet: Morava Center (Prospect Heights Park District)

Please RSVP for the golf outing on the IHSGCA website

There are no HOF inductees this year

- Even though there are no inductees, there will still be the end of season IHSGCA banquet where new president takes over and state awards are provided to coaches

Senior All-Star Meet:

Thursday, May 21st, 7pm

Hoffman Estates HS

- Need to find judges for this meet

Frank motions to adjourn; Adrian seconded

Meeting adjourned: 8:26 pm

New Business/Additional Items:

April training session – judges’ perspective

- Greg Didech:
 - FX
 - don't dismount w/ Arabian
 - if dismount with back flip, must have another back tumbling skill to ensure getting both EGs
 - whip back should be to another skill, so if don't do anything after a whip, it may be awarded just a bad layout
 - tucked front fulls must bend at the hips
 - PH
 - leg cut to HS as dismount is no credit, must circle into it
 - Start in front support, end in front support
 - Scissor travel and scissor ½ travel are in same box
 - Don't repeat skill
 - SR
 - Straddle L to L or L to straddle L is extra swing (-0.2) and they are in the same box so can't receive credit for both
 - Kip cross and kip L cross are in the same box, so don't do both
 - There is an A press to HS
 - 0.3 deduction is common for straight arm press
 - back w/ half tucked is not a skill, should be laid out
 - some judges may give B credit, some may not
 - V
 - There is no round off vault in the code
 - 1.0 if feet don't hit first on landing—no opportunity to repeat vault
 - PB
 - Lots of well constructed routines
 - Extra swings into front uprises and moys to underarm
 - Moy to underarm is non-diagrammed so can't do empty swing into it
 - HB
 - Ugly voronins
 - Have a list of start values w/ routines written out
 - Makes inquiries easier