

Rules Change Proposals

Difficulty value change:

Please vote for ONE of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

Option 1:

This proposal would modify the difficulty values to promote integrating more difficult skills into routines and will create greater separation between gymnasts of different ability levels. 'B' and higher skills will be granted added value, which results in the skill value table below:

A = 0.1
B = 0.3
C = 0.4
D = 0.5
E = 0.6

- This option would also remove the 0.1 bonus for circling 'B' skills on pommel horse
- This option would also add 0.1 bonus on high bar for turning skills into or out of giants, if performed without a single large deduction

Option 2:

No change to difficulty values

Option 3:

Go back to old book

Non-diagrammed 'A' skill change:

Please vote for ONE of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

Option 1:

Only 3 non-diagrammed 'A' skills for credit at JV and Varsity levels

Option 2:

No change—Unlimited non-diagrammed 'A' skills for credit at JV and Varsity levels

Option 1 passes

Option 2
Passes-- no change

Rules Change Proposals (continued)

- Regarding Freshmen compulsory on pommel horse.

Please vote for **ONE** of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

○ Option 1:

A maximum deduction of 0.3 for a fall or attempted circle on Frosh Mushroom.

Option 1 passes

○ Option 2:

Proposal: Additive Mushroom Scoring

Traditional Type – Current **Bold type – proposed.**

	Mushroom		Pommel Horse		Total	
Base Score	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.2	4.5	3.9

Specified Bonus	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	2.0	2.0
Virtuosity	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.0
Stick Bonus	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Maximum Score					7.0	7.0

Breakdown of scoring

- 1.7 base score vs. 2.3
- Specified Bonus is the same: 1.2
- 0.9 Virtuosity vs. 0.1
- 0.0 Stick bonus vs. 0.1
- On pommel horse 0.1 for virtuosity vs 0.2

Scoring

- 0.3 points for each attempted circle to support
- 0.2 points for each connected circle or circle connected into the dismount
- 0.2 for the ¼ turn flank dismount
- 0.2 for recognized counter rotation of the body per circle, maximum of 0.6
- 0.1 virtuosity for each circle done with 0.3 or less deduction.

○ Option 3:

No change to Freshmen Compulsory on pommel horse

Rules Change Proposals (continued)

Passes

- II.C.1.c: On still rings and horizontal bar, all multiple flipping and/or single or more twisting dismounts will receive 0.1 bonus if performed without a single large deduction. On parallel bars, all multiple (more than one) flipping and/or twisting dismounts will receive 0.1 bonus if performed without a single large deduction.

Circle one:

YES

NO

Passes

- Any FIG 'A' dismount preceded by a FIG 'A' skill on high bar will receive 0.1 bonus.

Circle one:

YES

NO

Passes

- Regarding Freshmen compulsory on p-bars. Replace SB #4 ("Swing forward to 'V' sit or Manna") with a new SB for back off dismount, which would be performed at the end of the routine, after what is currently SB #5 (Hold handstand). So the change would mean that the current SB #4 would be eliminated and the routine would now end with SB #4 (Hold handstand), followed by SB #5 (Back off).

Circle one:

YES

NO

Passes

- Regarding a judge's responsibility when start values are flashed: II Policies And Procedures, Section 2, Art. 2b. Add "It is the head judge's responsibility to verify the start value is displayed correctly."

Circle one:

YES

NO

Passes

- Regarding incorrect start value flashed: Chapter 2, Section I-J-i: Add "If a procedural error occurs and the incorrect start value is flashed that results in an inquiry, the correction will be noted and the inquiry will be marked 'void'. This voided inquiry will not count toward the two permitted inquiries."

Circle one:

YES

NO

IHSA Advisory Board proposals

Proposer: Frank Novakowski & Doug Foerch

Proposal: *Sectional seeding formula*

Passes

A. Sectional Host The IHSA Office will assign all schools entering the state series to one of five (5) Sectional complexes. On Tuesday, March __ the IHSA will determine the five (5) Sectional hosts based on the seeding information provided. Fifteen (15) Sectional team assignments will be made based on the seeds determined by the IHSA. The highest seeded non-hosting school will automatically go to the lowest seeded hosting school.

Possible scenarios based on this proposal:

Sectional A: Seeds 1, 10, 11		Sectional A: Seeds 1, 12, 13
Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 12		Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 14
Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 13	or	Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 15
Sectional D: Seeds 4, 7, 14		Sectional D: Seeds 10, 4, 7
Sectional E: Seeds 5, 6, 15		Sectional E: Seeds 11, 5, 6

The five (5) highest seeded teams in the state will have the first option to host if its principal has signed the “Sectional Host Consent Form” agreeing to host. If the highest seeded team cannot host, then the next highest seeded team in the assigned Sectional will host if its principal has signed the “Sectional Host Consent Form”. After the first ten teams are assigned to a Sectional host the team and individual state series assignments will be determined by the IHSA according to geographic location.

Circle one:

YES

NO

Proposer: Doug Foerch Proposal: *Amend Article V*

V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings

A. Sectional Meet Schedule:

Sectional meets will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, ~~afternoon~~, each in single session beginning at **6:30 p.m.** with the exception of the Saturday sessions with shall begin at **1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** All the events shall be conducted concurrently. The six (6) events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. Teams shall perform in Block Style, according to the provisions of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Managers Checklist furnished in this manual.

Passes

Circle one:

YES

NO

IHSA Advisory Board proposals (continued)

Proposer: Doug Foerch

Proposal: Make number of passes equal to number of medals awarded at state meet

Make the number of passes and number of medals that the IHSA gives out for teams at the state meet the same. Currently IHSA allow teams 25 passes but only gives out 20 medals.

A. State Final Passes:

1. Team Qualifiers:
 - a. State Final Passes: Team Qualifiers: One pass for each team member listed on the List of Participants (maximum of 25).

Passes

- X. AWARDS**
C. Team Awards

2. State Final: Trophies will be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet. In addition, **twenty-five (25)** team medallions shall be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet.

Circle one:

YES

NO

Proposer: Frank Novakowski

Proposal: *Fall Season for Boys Gymnastics*

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.

Fails

Season start date will be August 8, 2016 and the state series will be November 19, 2016.
Pros and cons contributed along with Bill Cordts, Blaise Blasko.

Pros

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, lacrosse, volleyball.

Cons:

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.

Circle one:

YES

NO

IHSA Advisory Board proposals (continued)

Proposer: Frank Novakowski

Proposal: *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:

- A. One week overlap with girls gymnastics.
 - 1. Start the season on Monday of week 33, February 13, 2017.
 - 2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 47, May 19-20, 2017.
- B. No overlap with girls gymnastics.
 - 1. Start the season on Monday of week 34, February 20, 2017.
 - 2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 48, May 26-27, 2017.

Pros:

- 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 12 week season spreads 15 meets over a longer time.
- 5. Going from an 11 week to 12 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

Cons:

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

Circle one:

Option A

Option B

No change

No change

IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions

Proposer: Chad Jaros

Proposal: *Require a quorum of voters to pass a constitutional amendment.*

Overview:

Passes

This is a proposal to modify Article IX, Section F of the constitution.

The primary change is to add a paragraph requiring a minimum number of eligible voters to be represented in order to take a binding vote on a constitutional amendment. An exception to the quorum requirement is granted to the two historically most attended meetings; May and December.

A minor grammatical mistake is also fixed in paragraph 4, changing 'discussing' to 'discussion'.

Rationale:

Most organizations have minimum requirements for attendance and voting on matters which can fundamentally alter how that organization functions. It seems prudent to require IHSGCA constitutional amendments to have a minimum number of eligible voting members represented in order to be adopted.

Though unlikely in practice, it is theoretically possible for a small number of members to pass one or more constitutional amendments at a meeting with low attendance. This change aims to prevent that scenario from being possible in the future.

Proposed Text:

F. The Constitution may be amended at any regular Association meeting or at a special meeting called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution.

1. Only Full/HOF members in good standing can submit a proposed Constitutional amendment(s).
2. The Secretary can only accept the written proposal under the proposer's name.
3. A proposed amendment must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for a vote, otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration, but in either case, no discussion of the proposal will be allowed at this time, only questions for the purpose of clarification.
4. At the next Association meeting, a debate on the proposal will take place, with changes if necessary by the one who proposed the amendment.
5. The proposed amendment shall be made available to all members of the Association before a vote is taken on the proposal.
6. At the next Association meeting (after paragraph 4) one pro and one con opinion will be allowed before voting takes place.

7. **A quorum of 20 members who are eligible to vote must be present or represented, including valid proxy votes, in order for a vote to take place on a proposal.**
 - a. **No quorum is required for a vote to take place at the December meeting or at the May meeting.**
 - b. **If no quorum is present, the pro and con discussion (see paragraph 6) and voting on the proposal may be postponed until the following meeting.**
8. It takes a 3/4 majority vote of the voting members present, or through proxy vote, and eligible to vote and pass any amendment.
9. For the actions of the Steering Committee and any reactions available by the membership towards the Steering Committee concerning amendments, see Article IX, Section D, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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Circle one:

YES

NO

IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions (continued)

Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz

Proposal: *It is being proposed that there be a one week grace period after notification is sent out to coaches or the interpretation is posted online before it goes into effect.*

Passes

Circle one:

YES

NO

Proposer: Greg Gebhardt

Proposal: *Amend Article III in the Constitution to include officials.*

Article III

Part. A. Full Membership

1. All boys' gymnastics coaches who are presently employed by an accredited high school in the state of Illinois and officials who are actively judging are eligible for Full Membership

a. They will have a voice in all Association matters.

b. They will have a vote in all Association matters.

c. They will have a vote in Hall of Fame matters.

d. They will pay annual dues by the second attended Association Meeting

4. A Full member must be present at two Association meetings prior to the May meetings.

a. If a full member is not present at two association meetings prior to the May meeting, he will lose his voting privileges on Association Matters.

6. Only a Full member can initiate a motion, proposal, resolution, amendment, rule change, or second the same.

Passes

Circle one:

YES

NO

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *All evening meets during the week shall start at 6:30.*

Fails

Circle one:

YES

NO

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Athletic Conferences that have scheduled meets on the third Wednesday of March and April shall reschedule that date to another day of the same week.*

Passes

Circle one:

YES

NO

IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions (continued)

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Amend Article VII Rules Committee*

D-1 One of the members shall be elected from the Rules Committee by the Rules Committee each year at the May Association meeting, as the Chairman with the primary responsibility for Section A.

Chairman of the Rules Committee shall be the IHSA Rules Interpreter.

D-2 The IHSA Rules Interpreter and the IHSA Head Clinician will be permanent members of the Rules Committee.

G-2a Five members receiving the highest total votes being elected on the odd calendar years.

Circle one:

YES

NO

Rules Interpretation Proposals—Please vote for ONE of the following options.

Circle your preferred choice:

Option 1:

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Boys gymnastics rule interpretations will not be made, for the current year after April 1st.*

Option 2:

Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz

Proposal: *It is being proposed that there be a cut-off date for new interpretations to go into effect during the current season. I propose the cut-off date to be two weeks before the start of the state series. Any new interpretations after that will not go into effect until the beginning of the next season.*

Option 3:

No change

Passes

Option 1
passes