

IHSGCA Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

April 14th, 2016



Call to order: 7:15

Attendance: Ryan Brown, Frank Novakowski, Zack Crandall, Mike Opsal, Erik Bostrom, Tim Hamman, Sam Zeman, Tom Huml, Bob Esposito, Eric Harima, David Calisch, Scott Phillips, Scott Hagel, Howard Rubin, Bruce Beiersdorf, Adrian Batista, Keith Mukai, Brandon Tucker, Blaise Blasko, Jay Sipek, Greg Gebhardt, Michael Costa, Gregg Didech

Total: 23

Current Balance:

11,972.66

State Meet:

- Fri.-Sat., May 13-14, 2016
- Hinsdale Central HS

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 pm- *Note New time- prior agendas mentioned 7pm, but is 6:30pm*
- Hoffman Estates HS
- Responsibilities for the Hosts of the Conference Meets:
 - 1) Make sure submitting schools Identify Seniors on their roster submissions- ***Please have conference host and scorer notate seniors on line ups***
 - 2) Announce the Conference All Star Team at the end of the meet
- Responsibilities for the Conference Reps:
 - 1) Meet with ALL COACHES AND GYMNASTS that qualified for the All-Star Meet (top 5 seniors on each event)
 - 2) Make sure all qualifiers will be able to compete.
 - 3) Find alternates for athletes that will not be able to attend the All-Star Meet
 - 4) Discuss the requirement that all gymnasts must be in attendance *with their school's coach* to participate. No Exceptions!

IHSA:

- Advisory committee meeting: All of our proposals were passed by the advisory committee, but still need to be approved by the principals. ***The proposals were making the times 6:30 instead of 7pm, allowing for 25 medals instead of 20 to match the list of participants, and seeding sectionals by score up to 15 places before doing geographically.***
 - Thanks to Tim Hamman and Scott Hagel for representing us so well on this committee.
- On March 22nd, the IHSA Board of Directors approved the following:
 - Guidelines for Adding and Deleting State Series Programs. Policy 14 now reads:
 - 14. Guidelines for Adding and Deleting State Series Programs
 - 1. The Board will entertain proposals to add a new state series when ten percent of the member schools engage in regularly scheduled competition in the sport or activity.
 - 2. When the minimum required participation level is demonstrated and proposals to add a new state series are considered, the Board shall (a) consider the growth potential of the sport or activity, (b) consider the equity

criteria included In the classification policy in determining whether to add the proposed new series, and (c) consider factors such as budgetary implications and official availability.

- **3. The Board will entertain recommendations from staff to consider deletion of an existing state series when less than ten percent of the member schools participate in the series and/or engage in regularly scheduled competition in the sport or activity.**
- **4. Annually, each state series that has less than ten percent of the member schools participating in the state series and/or engage in regularly scheduled competition in the sport or activity will be reviewed by the Board. The Board will then vote to either maintain each state series that has less than 10 percent participation or to remove the state series in a future year as determined by the board.**
 - <http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/928/March-2016-Board-Meeting-Recap.aspx>
- Tim and Scott asked Tracie about this at their advisory committee meeting last week. They were told that there is no intention to drop gymnastics at this time.
 - Scott recommends that we continue to monitor the IHSA Board meeting minutes for future decisions that could potentially impact gymnastics.
 - *If it does become an issue, we can reference Craig Anderson's comment that we want to expand the opportunities for athletes in schools, not limit them.*
 - *We are at 5%, and girls at 8% and it won't change much over time so we must pay attention.*
 - *Perhaps make it a monthly check that the steering committee looks over minutes to see if it pops up again on the agendas of the state.*
 - *Factors- like budget, involvement etc.- see below.*
- **It would be great to get more gymnasts, coaches, fans, parents, etc. to the sectional meets and the state meet in order to bring in more money and to show the IHSA that there is broad support for our sport in the state series.**
 - *We do not lose money for the state- the more people we can get it shows we are helping them out. Perhaps you bring underlevels on buses to sectionals, state, etc to not only support your team, but the IHSA, and it's good for kids to see anyhow. Hinsdale has made money and attendance has gone up being closer.*
 - *Our officials numbers are growing, team numbers are often as well. Get prior gymnasts to "register" just to be in system and show we have numbers. Get your assistants as well.*
 - *Make sure your AD is on board and there are no negative rumors going around.*

Process for Assigning Sectional Hosts:

- Discuss: Change sectional host assignment system?
 - Would it be better to assign sectional hosts prior to season beginning, as most other sports do, rather than based on scores?
 - *Some AD's do not care for hosting so last minute- blocking off 4 days in first part of May, and not know until a month before hand if they will host or not.*
 - *An advantage to us, it is a little more spread out, and now will be seeded more thoroughly, which helps. Perhaps we let it play out and see how the seeding works before asking to change it and assign early in fall.*
 - *If you can't get it because of scheduling issues, at least it is seeded and you should not land in a geographically packed sectional.*

Officials:

- Ranking officials
 - Be sure to rank your officials after each meet. This information is used to determine officials for the state series.
 - ***Please get online and do this, it affects our post season!***

Philanthropy:

- We are accepting applications for \$500 in scholarships from the Coaches Association. The deadline for this application is April 20th (prior to the April association meeting).
- The Brinkworth Scholarship applications are also being accepted at this time. The deadline for the Brinkworth is Wednesday, April 27th.
- All applications are on the [IHSGCA website](#).

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

- Monday, May 16th, 2016. Morava Center
- RSVP for golf outing on the [IHSGCA website](#)
- This year, the banquet will be for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and will also be the **formal coaches awards ceremony** for conference coaches of the year and state coach of the year. Winners will be announced at the state meet, but the actual certificates/awards will be handed out at the HOF banquet.
 - Please plan on attending this great event and encourage your assistant coaches to do so as well.
 - ***Encourage your coaches to attend, especially if you are one of the coaches getting an award so you are there to support one another.***
 - ***Also be there to see some of the history of the sport and this inductee and support the family that is attending.***
 - ***Try to get a golf group going too to keep the tradition going.***

Graduating Gymnast/Alumni email list

- We will be sending out a Google Form to collect personal (non-school) email addresses of graduating seniors so that we can continue to communicate important events/dates/announcements with them in the future.
 - ***This could help us recruit more judges and coaches in the future, and to get a better turnout at important meets, including the state series.***
- Please have your graduating seniors complete the information in the Google Form so that we can start to build a database of IHSA alumni gymnasts.
 - ***We then can use this list to send blasts to kids who have graduated- hey we need a coach, a judge, a cheering section at this next meet, etc. This clinic is coming up, please attend if you are in town or graduated, etc.***
 - ***Perhaps we send again, or ask when they are home from college for their school email as these students don't often check personal email.***

Nominations:

- *Executive board/secretary (1 position available)*
 - Zack Nominates **Chad Jaros**, Frank seconds
 - Erik Bostrom nominates **Ryan Dul**, Zack seconds
 - Ryan Brown nominates **Brandon Tucker**, Blaise seconds
- *Steering committee (5 positions available)*

- Erik Bostrom nominates **Eric Harima**, Brandon tucker seconds
- Sam Zeman nominates **Chad Jaros**, erik bostrom seconds
- Zack nominates **Frank N.**, Blaise seconds
- Ryan nom. **Dave Calisch**, Bob seconds
- Frank nom. **Ric Meyer**, Keith seconds
- Frank nom. **Greg Gebhardt.**, Tim H. seconds
- Frank nom. **Zack Crandall**, Greg seconds
- Zack nom. **Brandon Tucker**, Greg seconds
- *Hall of Fame committee (2 positions available)*
 - Howard Rubin nominates Bruce Beirsdorf (who respectfully declines),
 - Scott Phillips nominates **Howie Rubin**, erik seconds
 - Ryan Brown nom. **Frank N.**, greg seconds
 - Scott nominates **Blaise Blasko**, Howie seconds
 - Blaise nom. **Doug Foerch**, Zack seconds
- *Outstanding Press Coverage Award*
 - Frank nom. Chris walker, greg seconds
 - Zack non. Bill Stone, Adrian seconds

Important reminders:

- Senior Gymnast of the Year and IHSGCA Scholarship: Nominations due **prior to the April meeting.**
 - Please see [the IHSGCA website](#) for nomination forms.
 - Resumes for SGOY will be emailed to the association prior to the voting at the sectional meets.
 - Execs will send info to sectional hosts regarding eligible coaches for voting purposes
 - **Also hall of fame voting will take place**
 - **Must have paid and have attended 2 meetings to be eligible to vote.**
- List of Participants: Due Monday, April 18
 - Coaches should print out list to ensure that they have a backup for what the meet director has printed out. Sometimes the meet director may have a list that has been cut off and incorrectly think that eligible gymnasts are ineligible.
- The deadline for the Brinkworth is Wednesday, April 27th. Application is on [the IHSGCA website](#).
- **Rules proposals accepted at the May meeting**
 - **Until we know what the new book looks like, major rules changes may not make sense. Even if something was passed, it could potentially have to be an interp instead as the book will be finished beforehand.**
 - **Steering committee and voting could still decide something shouldn't pass, and we can always consult the proposer, who could withdraw their proposal.**
 - **Perhaps at this stage, consider refraining from proposing rules changes at the May meeting because of the new rules and book being worked on.**
 - **FIG is going to 4 element groups, where do we put the 0.5 that remains? Do we add it to the execution score, or to the difficulty, or somewhere else?**
 - **That is not up to FIG, but to us- start thinking about that dilemma so we can have a discussion at the May meeting for potential ideas.**
 - **The rules committee would like input on this decision from the association.**

Conference Reps:

Responsibilities include:

-Communication for each conference

***-Reports COY and Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet information to Secretary
(Erik Bostrom- ebostrom@d211.org)***

-Remind COY recipients to attend Hall of Fame Banquet on May 16th

- *CSL – Doug Foerch*
- *MSL East – Zack Crandall*
- *MSL West – Scott Hagel*
- *DVC – Greg Gebhardt*
- *WSC Gold – Mike Galfi*
- *WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski*
- *Independent – Lee Wood*
- *South Suburban – Peter Kallend*

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.

Calendar:

ASSOC: Wednesday, April 20th

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HOF: Monday, May 16th

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items:

- *Hopefully all printed their list of participants, and double checked it was in properly. Bring to sectionals to verify.*
- *Zack motions to adjourn, Ryan seconds. 8:12pm*