

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 15, 2016**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity; Tom Koonce, Metamora, GS; Derek Miller, Yorkville; John Mulholland, LaGrange St. Francis; Lisa Martin, Mahomet-Seymour; Melissa Strickler, South Pekin; Administrator, Jennifer McCoy, Normal Parkside; and IHSA Official, David Mitchell, Peoria

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 15, 2016, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 20, 2017, meeting:

1. To add as an exception to NFHS rule 8-3-3 the following: Video review of all runners at the state meet will determine the place of each runner. **Rationale: Currently, only the top 25 individuals in each race are reviewed. The NFHS rule indicates when bib transponders are used that the order recorded by the transponder is official. To that end, IESA did not view video for all runners because the NFHS rule indicates that the transponder finish is what should be used. If approved, results may be adjusted if the video shows a runner finishing before another runner but the transponder and corresponding time indicates differently. In essence, the meet referee (or designated meet official) will review video for all runners and adjust places and times if needed. NOT APPROVED, JANUARY 20, 2017**

Other items discussed:

**A checklist for officials to review before confirming results will be developed.

**When sectional hosts announce the top 10 individual placers and the top 3 teams who advance to the state meet, they should introduce the top 3 teams first and then the top 10 individuals.

**The committee had suggestions for Normal Parkside (state host) regarding course markings. They would like to see the entire course marked with a white line, better directional flags, a well-defined starting line and one mile marker.

**There was a brief discussion on classification and the possibility of splitting classes based on a 40% (Class 1A); 30% (class 2A); 30% (class 3A) split. This was discussed in detail last year by the committee and there was no support once again to change the current method of determining classes.

**Reviewed the earlier final entry deadline date and how the earlier date made the state series more manageable.

**Reviewed the Class 3A boys state results and the scoring problems encountered.

**Discussed the possibility of changing the starting times for the state meet. For instance, moving the class 3A races to the morning and the 1A races to the afternoon. There was no recommendation to do so.

This was the final meeting for David Mitchell, Derek Miller, John Mullholland, Jeff Kyle, and Tom Koonce.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 13, 2017.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2016

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Melissa Strickler, South Pekin**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2015**
- 3. Discussion Topics:**
 - a. 3A state scoring problems/allow teams to see final results**
 - b. State Course map**
 - c. Class Split**
- 4. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Last meeting for David, Derek, John, Jeff and Tom**
- 6. Next year's dates:**
 - Sectionals: Saturday, October 7, 2017**
 - State: Saturday, October 14, 2017**
 - Advisory Meeting Date: November 13, 2017 (Monday)**

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 13, 2015**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity; Tom Koonce, Metamora, GS; Derek Miller, Yorkville; John Mulholland, LaGrange St. Francis; Lisa Martin, Mahomet-Seymour; Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside; and IHSA Official, David Mitchell, Peoria

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 13, 2015, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 22, 2016, meeting:

2. To move the final entry deadline from August 26 to August 1. **Rationale: Several of the 38 new schools that entered the state series this year submitted their entry after the sectional assignments had already been distributed. When schools enter the state series after the assignments have been posted, they have to be assigned to a sectional. These schools mistakenly believe they will be assigned to the sectional closest to their location. That is not always the case as sectionals need to have as close to an equal number of schools assigned as possible since the advancement formula is the same for each sectional---the top 3 teams and the next 5 individuals. If one sectional has 18 teams assigned to it and one only has 12, it is obviously more difficult to advance to the state meet as a team if a sectional has 18 schools to it. Additionally, waiting until all entries have been received to split the schools into three classes will result in a more accurate classification split. (Board Action--PASSED)**

Other items discussed:

The majority of the discussion centered on the growth of the activity. As mentioned previously, 38 new schools entered the activity this year. In the past four years, we have added 88 schools to the state series. Various suggestions were received from participating schools concerning ways to handle the growth. However, the biggest variable in making any changes is we have no idea if the growth will continue. Should the number of schools hold steady, then the current set-up can be maintained. There was very little support for a four class system. Some schools had written to the Association asking that their sectional assignment be placed into an easier sectional and/or closer to where a given sectional is held. It was explained that zero consideration is ever given to the perceived strength of one sectional over another when making sectional assignments. Further, because the number of schools assigned to a given sectional has to be as close to the same as possible, there may be occasions where a given school may have to travel a bit more even though there is a sectional that is closer to where they are assigned. The possibility of putting the smallest 40% enrollment wise of the schools in Class 1A; the next 30% of the schools in Class 2A and the largest 30% of the schools in 3A was discussed but did not receive much support. That type of split would put approximately 23 more schools in Class 1A which would end up with about 18 schools assigned to each sectional. The possibility of having three classes with 9 sectionals was discussed; three classes with 10 sectionals; Class 1A with 12 sectionals with just two teams from each sectional advancing but classes 2A and 3A remaining with 8 sectionals was reviewed. The possibility of adding a regional before the sectional was looked at. If a regional was added, it would have to be held before the sectional which would eliminate one week from the season. The state date cannot be moved back a week because of the conflict with IHSA regionals. There were a couple of state course layout suggestions that were shared with Mr. Clark. He will look into those suggestions and perhaps a change might be made to the course that would safely allow additional runners in the state meet. The possibility of adding a multiplier to private schools was discussed but Mr. Endsley explained that a change like this would have to be applied to all sports and there is no Board of Director support to add a multiplier to private schools. With some IESA member school enrollments of less than 30, a multiplier of 6.0 or even 7.0 would still keep some schools in Class 1A. The IHSA multiplier for private school is 1.65.

After all the discussion, the committee is not making any recommendations to change the set-up for 2016 given that the by-laws of the Association allow for extra sectionals to be added if needed. Mr. Endsley explained that if the number of schools entering the state series would reach 360, each class would have nine sectionals instead of eight.

Because of the nature of the discussions regarding the growth of the activity, Jeff Kyle and Tom Koonce will

remain on the committee to discuss the issue again at next year's meeting.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 14, 2016.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2015

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 5. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Lisa Martin, Mahomet-Seymour**
- 6. Review Committee Recommendations from 2014**
- 7. Discussion Topics:**
 - a. Correspondence from coaches--almost all of this relates to the growth of the activity and how to deal with the growth**
- 8. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Last meeting for Jeff and Tom**
- 7. Next year's dates:**
 - Sectionals: Saturday, October 8, 2016**
 - State: Saturday, October 15, 2016**
 - Advisory Meeting Date: November 14, 2016 (Monday)**

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 14, 2014**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; Todd Ehlert, Geneseo; Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity; Tom Koonce, Metamora, GS; Derek Miller, Yorkville; John Mulholland, LaGrange St. Francis; Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside; and IHSA Official, David Mitchell, Peoria

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 14, 2014, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 23, 2015, meeting:

3. To add to the Terms and Conditions that sectional host schools shall hold a meeting of all coaches prior to the awards ceremony at which time the final results for both the individuals and the teams will be shared. Coaches will then be able to ask questions if they believe there is an error in either the team scores or for an individual who is not accounted. **Rationale: There were several instances this year where there were errors in the scoring which resulted in the wrong teams being announced that would advance to the state meet. By requiring the host schools to get all of the coaches together and review the sectional results before conducting the awards ceremony, hopefully any errors will be caught and can be corrected before the individuals and teams that will be advancing to the state are announced. The goal obviously is to have accurate results and announce correctly the teams and individuals who will be advancing. APPROVED**

4. To change the exception listed in By-Law 4.034 regarding the finish line for cross country meets to read as follows: "The finish line for the state meet shall be at the mouth of the chute. At the state final meet, computer scoring shall be used. The computer tag will be attached to the bib number. Essentially the chip is used as a timing device. The NFHS Track and Field and Cross-Country Rules Book allows for this scoring method. The finish line area shall be set-up in accordance with National Federation rules. The finish line for all races, both regular season and state series, shall be at the mouth of the chute which is at least 15 ft. wide." [9-1-3] **Rationale: Technically, this is not an exception to the NFHS rules as the rules already state that the finish line is at the mouth of the funnel and 15 feet wide. However, our rules currently say that the local managers of regular season meets shall determine the finish area for their meets which in essence allows schools to have the finish line of a meet at the neck of the chute. Approving this change insures that all meets, regular season and state series meets, change their finish line to the mouth of the chute which is in accordance with NFHS rules and is much safer for the runners. APPROVED**

Other items discussed:

**The possible addition of a 7th grade state series. There was no support by any committee member to add a separate 7th grade state series. The coaches felt that if there was a 7th grade state series and if they had a strong 7th grade runner, they would put that runner in the 8th grade state series thus making the 7th grade state series have the feel of a B team. In addition, having a 7th grade state series would add 6 races to the state meet making 12 races in one day. Few, if any, of the class 1A schools would be able to field both a 7th grade and an 8th grade team. There was no recommendation to add a 7th grade state series.

**The possibility of allowing coaches to stand in front of the fence at the start line was discussed. There was no support to allow coaches to do so. Coaches will be required to stand behind the fence at the starting line once they are asked to move by the meet referee.

**Normal Parkside was commended for hosting the state meet. There were a couple of layout suggestions that will be shared with the Parkside administration.

**Team photos and sales were discussed. Mr. Endsley will work with the photography company to facilitate the taking of team pictures for squads who practice on the course on Friday preceding the state meet.

Todd Ehlert and Kelly Fox were recognized for their service on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 13, 2015.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2014

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 9. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---David Mitchell, Peoria; Derek Miller, Yorkville; John Mulholland, LaGrange St. Francis**
- 10. Review Committee Recommendations from 2013**
- 11. Discussion Topics:**
 - a. Addition of a 7th grade state series**
 - b. Parkside communications with Town of Normal**
 - c. Requiring regular season meets to finish at the mouth of the chute**
 - d. Problems with sectional host scoring--post results before announcing results.**
 - e. State meet needs/desires**
 - f. Coaches stand behind box but in front of snow fence (Monticello)**
- 12. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Last meeting for Kelly and Todd**
- 8. Next year's dates:**
 - Sectionals: Saturday, October 10, 2015**
 - State: Saturday, October 17, 2015**
 - Advisory Meeting Date: November 13, 2015**

October 14, 2015

Mrs. Lisa Martin, Coach
Mahomet-Seymour JHS
201 W. State St. Box 560
Mahomet, IL 61853

Dear Lisa:

This letter will confirm your appointment as a member of our Cross Country Advisory Committee.

There are a total of eight committee members. There are six coaches, an administrator from a member school, and an IHSA licensed official. If at any time while you are a committee member, your school no longer participates in IESA cross country or if you no longer coach cross country, you must submit your resignation. Your three-year term will expire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact me at least 5 days before the meeting if there is a topic you want placed on the agenda.

One meeting annually will be scheduled unless our committee business necessitates additional meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held at the IESA Office in Bloomington on Friday, November 13, 2015. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The address of the IESA Office is 1015 Maple Hill Rd. As a committee member, your mileage and meals will be paid. Round trip mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of .30 per mile. Lunch will be served at the IESA Office. Please contact me if you need directions to the office.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the committee. Please call me if you have any questions regarding your appointment.

Sincerely,

Steve Endsley
Executive Director

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Mitchell, Peoria, IHSA Official
Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity, Coach
Derek Miller, Yorkville, Coach
John Mullholland, LaGrange, Coach
Tom Koonce, Metamora, Coach
Lisa Martin, Mahomet-Seymour, Coach
Mike Clark, Normal Parkside, Administrator
One Coach to be named

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 15, 2013**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg; Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; Todd Ehlert, Geneseo; Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity; and Tom Koonce, Metamora, GS

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 15, 2013, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 24, 2014, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.035 so that trophies are awarded to the top four teams in each class at the state meet. **Rationale: Currently, just the top three teams receive trophies which was changed from four teams receiving trophies at state to three teams when the third class was added in 2012. In 2002, we had approximately 160 total schools in cross country so there were 80 schools in each class. We were giving four team trophies in each class. In 2013, we had 291 schools participating (approximately 97 schools in each class) and we are only giving three team trophies in each class. The committee believes the growth of the activity warrants a 4th place team trophy given that there was a time when there were fewer schools in each class and four state trophies were awarded. Board Action--Approved**
2. To change By-Law 4.035 so the first place finisher in each sectional received a medal and runners placing 2-10 at each sectional receive a ribbon. **Rationale: Currently, runners in places 1-10 at each sectional receive a ribbon. For many years, the committee recommended that the top 10 at each sectional receive a medal instead of a ribbon. Each year, the IESA Board did not approve the recommendation. Due to the growth of the activity, the committee feels a medal is an appropriate award for the runner who finishes in first place at the sectional. Board Action--Approved**

Other items discussed:

**The overlap between the girls basketball and cross country seasons. This issue has been discussed many times in prior years by the committee. No changes or recommendations to the current calendar will be made.

**The possibility of having a state qualifying time (similar to track qualifying standards) was discussed. After discussion, there was no recommendation made mainly due to the differences in courses throughout the state.

**Normal Parkside was commended for hosting the state meet. There were a couple of layout suggestions (fencing near the start line, rope near first turn) that will be shared with the Parkside administration.

**T-shirt sales and photography sales were also discussed with suggestions for improving each. More signage is needed for the photography sales inside the Parkside gymnasium and additional personnel at the awards site. If t-shirts are sold at awards site in future years, more personnel would be needed at that site.

The committee was informed that the cups of water that have been made available to the runners finishing each race will not be available starting next year.

Pat Hernandez and Peggy Luther were recognized for their service on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 14, 2014.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2013

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

13. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Jeff Kyle, Tolono Unity; Tom Koonce, Metamora GS

14. Review Committee Recommendations from 2012

15. Discussion Topics:

- a. Awards--4th place team award--Jeff Kyle**
- b. Shortening the season--Overlap between girls basketball and cross country**
- c. Qualifying time for state--Todd Ehlert**
- d. Jan Marks--Problems with vendors at awards ceremony**
- e. State meet needs/desires**
- f. Heat policy for regular season meets**

16. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Peggy and Pat

9. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 11, 2014

State: Saturday, October 18, 2014

Advisory Meeting Date: November 14, 2014

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 9, 2012**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jeff Obert, Liberty; Kent Probst, Teutopolis; Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg; Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; Todd Ehlert, Geneseo; Dave Facker, Official; and Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 9, 2012, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 18, 2013, meeting:

3. To list on the Host interest Form and to instruct all sectional host schools that the suggested start time of the sectional is 10:00 a.m. with the earliest that a sectional may start is 9:00 a.m. **Rationale: Because some hosts cannot host until the course is available thereby making a mandated start time impossible, the committee felt a recommended start time was appropriate. There have been host schools that have had to wait until 3:00 p.m. to host because of course availability and hosts who have had to start as early as 9:00 a.m. because they needed to complete the sectional so a high school meet could be held on the course at the same time. A required start time as opposed to a recommended start time could mean that a school that was willing to host would not be able to do so if they must start at the mandated starting time.**
4. To change By-Law 4.033 so the number of sectionals is determined by the number of state series entries. **Rationale: When the advisory committee recommended the change to the 3 class system, it was determined that each class would have 7 sectionals based on the number of entries from the prior year which was 258. As it turned out, there were 276 entries this year which caused some sectionals to have 14 schools assigned to them which is just about the maximum number that should be assigned to a sectional. Rather than make a recommendation for a specific number of sectionals which then becomes an absolute because that number is approved by the Board and given that the number of entries could change by a significant number each year, the committee believes it is best to determine the number of sectionals when the actual number of entries is final. The most there would be in 2013 is 9 sectionals per class with 8 per class being the likely number.**
5. To set the following time schedule for the state races: Girls 1A-- 9:30; Boys 1A--10:15; Girls 2A--11:00; Boys 2A--11:45; Girls 3A--12:30; Boys 3A--1:15. **Rationale: This year's bad weather had one positive--we can easily run all six races 45 minutes apart without there being any need to put some "extra" time between the classes. This change will have no consequences at all and will allow the entire day to be done just a bit sooner than the old time schedule.**

Several items were discussed without the need for official action by the IESA Board of Directors. It was decided that if the parent volunteer group from Parkside would want to sell concessions at Normal West and Normal West would allow it, that concessions can be sold. The same would hold true for the selling of t-shirts and merchandise at Normal West. If CubbyHole wants to sell at the awards site, then they can do so. Sectional hosts must have some type of video back-up at the sectional meet and should post results at the site after the sectional site for all schools to check accuracy of sectional results. Committee members are to send to the IESA Office the names of chip timing companies they are aware of and then Mr. Endsley will contact those companies to see if they are interested in providing their services to sectional hosts.

Jeff Obert, Kent Probst, Mike Clark, and Dave Facker were all recognized for their service on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 15, 2013.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 9, 2012

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

17. Welcome and Introductions—New Member---Todd Ehlert, Geneseo

18. Review Committee Recommendations from 2011

19. Discussion Topics:

- a. Back-up timing at sectionals/clock at sectionals
- b. Shortening the season
- c. Chip timing required at sectionals
- d. Mandated starting time at sectionals depending on travel
- e. Three tiered state series?
- f. Changes to the number of sectionals?---see below
- g. Shuttle to West? T-shirt sales at West?

20. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Jeff, Kent, Mike, & Dave

10. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 12, 2013

State: Saturday, October 19, 2013 (NOT SAME DATE AS ISU HOMECOMING!)

Advisory Meeting Date: November 15, 2013

Class 1A

Sectional A--10 schools

5 girls teams
9 boys teams

Sectional B--13 schools

11 girls teams
11 boys teams

Sectional C--11 schools

8 girls teams
9 boys teams

Sectional D--13 schools

10 girls teams
12 boys teams

Sectional E--13 schools

11 girls teams
11 boys teams

Sectional F--13 schools

9 girls teams
9 boys teams

Class 2A

Sectional A--13 schools

10 girls teams
12 boys teams

Sectional B--14 schools

13 girls teams
14 boys teams

Sectional C--14 schools

12 girls teams
13 boys teams

Sectional D--12 schools

12 girls teams
9 boys teams

Sectional E--12 schools

12 girls teams
12 boys teams

Sectional F--12 schools

9 girls teams
11 boys teams

Class 3A

Sectional A--14 schools

10 girls teams
12 boys teams

Sectional B--14 schools

14 girls teams
14 boys teams

Sectional C--13 schools

13 girls teams
13 boys teams

Sectional D--14 schools

13 girls teams
14 boys teams

Sectional E--13 schools

12 girls teams
13 boys teams

Sectional F--12 schools

12 girls teams
10 boys teams

Sectional G--14 schools
9 girls teams
9 boys teams

Sectional G--11 schools
6 girls teams
9 boys teams

Sectional G--12 schools
10 girls teams
10 boys teams

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
May 30, 2012**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jan Marks, Germantown Hills; Jeff Obert, Liberty; Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg; Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; Dave Facker, Official; and Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of May 30, 2012, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its June 15, 2012, meeting:

Due to the increase in the number of schools that have entered the state cross country series, to make the following changes to By-Laws 4.031, 4.033, and 4.035:

- 3 classes
- Approximately 260 schools
- 87 schools in Class 1A--enrollment 13-187
- 87 schools in Class 2A--enrollment 188-441
- 86 schools in Class 3A--enrollment 443-963
- 7 sectionals in each class/approximately 12 schools in each sectional
- Top 3 teams plus the top 5 individuals advance to state
- 21 teams/35 individuals in each state race
- 6 state races/182 total runners per race/1092 total runners at state
- Class 1A Girls race time 9:30 a.m.
- Class 1A Boys race time 10:15 a.m.
- Class 2A Girls Race time 11:15 a.m.
- Class 2A Boys Race time 12 noon
- Class 3A Girls Race time 1:00 p.m.
- Class 3A Boys Race time 1:45 p.m.
- 3 awards ceremonies 11:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & 3:15 p.m.--to be held at Normal West H.S.

Our current set-up is as follows:

- 2 classes
- Approximately 260 schools
- 130 schools in Class A--enrollment 13-287
- 130 schools in Class AA--enrollment 288-963
- 10 sectionals in each class/approximately 13-14 schools in each sectional
- Top 3 teams plus top 5 individuals advance to state
- 30 teams/50 individuals in each race
- 4 state races/ 260 total runners per race/1040 total runners at state
- Class A Girls race time 10:00 a.m.
- Class A Boys race time 10:45 a.m.
- Class AA Girls Race time 11:45 a.m.
- Class AA Boys Race time 12:30 p.m.
- 2 awards ceremonies 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

If the above changes are approved, there would be a few changes to the number of awards with the biggest change being recommended is that only the top 3 teams at state would receive a trophy

instead of the current top four teams in each class. There would be 18 total team trophies at state compared to the 16 that are now awarded. At the sectional level, the change would result in 126 total sectional plaques being awarded instead of the 120 sectional plaques that are now awarded. The top 10 individuals at each sectional would still receive ribbons and the top 25 individuals at each state race would still receive medals as they do now. However due to the restructuring, the total number of individual sectional ribbons would increase 20 from 400 to 420 and the total number of team sectional ribbons would increase 270 from 1200 to 1470.

The total number of state individual medals would increase by 50 from 100 to 150 and the total number of team state medal would increase by 30 from 240 to 270. The approximate cost for all additional awards is \$775.

Rationale for change: The advantages for adding a 3rd class far outweigh the cost of adding the additional class. The single biggest reason the possible addition of a 3rd class was discussed is that the growth of the sport has led to more runners participating at the state meet and the state course has become unsafe. Four years ago, we had 224 schools enter the state series. This past year, we had 257 schools. The way we have handled the growth was to simply add sectionals so the sectionals did not become too large. This was fine to do as long as the state course could handle the extra runners. We have now reached the point where 260 runners per race is simply not safe and the course is too crowded for the runners. This recommendation addresses several items. First and foremost, it reduces the number of runners per race by almost 80 runners--from 260 per race to 182 runners per race. Yet, the total number of runners will actually increase by 52. That will allow us to go to our merchandise supplier and ask for additional t-shirt revenue since we are sending more runners to the meet which will negate the additional award cost detailed above. Further, it is our intent to move the awards ceremony from Normal Parkside to Normal West High School. This accomplishes several things. The selling of merchandise can now take place in the gymnasium of Parkside JHS. This gives the CubbyHole much more room and will alleviate the congestion that now takes place between them and the sale of concessions. It also gives the opportunity to use the entire Parkside gymnasium for the taking of the team pictures which should speed up that process which has been a problem for some teams in the past. Moving the awards ceremony to the high school will mean that more people will park at the high school which alleviates some of the parking congestion in and around Parkside. There will be less congestion overall which will provide a more safe environment for athletes and fans both inside and outside, less lines for restrooms, a better spectator event, etc.

IESA Cross Country

Discussion on Expansion of Classes

Current

2 classes
Approximately 260 schools
130 schools in Class A--enrollment 13-287
130 schools in Class AA--enrollment 288-963
10 sectionals in each class/approximately 13 schools in each

sectional

Top 3 teams plus top 5 individuals advance to state
30 teams/50 individuals in each race
260 total runners per race/1040 total runners
Class A Girls race time 10:00 a.m.
Class A Boys race time 10:45 a.m.
Class AA Girls Race time 11:45 a.m.
Class AA Boys Race time 12:30 p.m.
2 awards ceremonies 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Proposals

2 classes
Approximately 260 schools
130 schools in Class A--enrollment 13-287
130 schools in Class AA--enrollment 288-963
12 sectionals in each class/approximately 11 schools in each

sectional

Top 2 teams plus the top 5 individuals advance to state
24 teams/65 individuals
4 races/233 total runners per race/932 total runners
Class A Girls race time 10:00 a.m.
Class A Boys race time 10:45 a.m.
Class AA Girls Race time 11:45 a.m.
Class AA Boys Race time 12:30 p.m.
2 awards ceremonies 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

2 classes
Approximately 260 schools
130 schools in Class A--enrollment 13-287
130 schools in Class AA--enrollment 288-963
13 sectionals in each class/approximately 10 schools in each

sectional

Top 2 teams plus the top 5 individuals advance to state
26 teams/65 individuals in each race
4 races/247 total runners per race/988 total runners
Class A Girls race time 10:00 a.m.
Class A Boys race time 10:45 a.m.
Class AA Girls Race time 11:45 a.m.
Class AA Boys Race time 12:30 p.m.
2 awards ceremonies 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

3 classes
Approximately 260 schools
87 schools in Class 1A--enrollment 13-187

87 schools in Class 2A--enrollment 188-441
86 schools in Class 3A--enrollment 443-963
8 sectionals in each class/approximately 10 or 11 schools in
each sectional

Top 2 teams plus the top 7 individuals advance to state
16 teams/56 individuals in each race
6 races/168 total runners per race/1008 total runners
Class 1A Girls race time 9:30 a.m.
Class 1A Boys race time 10:15 a.m.
Class 2A Girls Race time 11:00 a.m.
Class 2A Boys Race time 11:45 p.m.
Class 3A Girls Race time 12:30 p.m.
Class 3A Boys Race time 1:15 p.m.
3 awards ceremonies 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

3 classes

Approximately 260 schools

87 schools in Class 1A--enrollment 13-187
87 schools in Class 2A--enrollment 188-441
86 schools in Class 3A--enrollment 443-963
7 sectionals in each class/approximately 12 schools in each
sectional

Top 3 teams plus the top 5 individuals advance to state
21 teams/35 individuals in each race
6 races/182 total runners per race/1092 total runners
Class 1A Girls race time 9:30 a.m.
Class 1A Boys race time 10:15 a.m.
Class 2A Girls Race time 11:00 a.m.
Class 2A Boys Race time 11:45 p.m.
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sectional

Top 3 teams plus the top 7 individuals advance to state
21 teams/49 individuals in each race
6 races/196 total runners per race/1176 total runners
Class 1A Girls race time 9:30 a.m.
Class 1A Boys race time 10:15 a.m.
Class 2A Girls Race time 11:00 a.m.
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**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 10, 2011**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Jan Marks, Germantown Hills; Steve Shaffer, Mt. Prospect Lincoln; Jeff Obert, Liberty; Kent Probst, Teutopolis; Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg; Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; and Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 10, 2011, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 20, 2012, meeting:

1. To make an exception to NFHS rule 9-4-4 (a) which would read as follows: "Within the first 100 meters when a competitor falls due to contact with another competitor, a race may be recalled, by firing the starting device, if the official determines the contact was more than incidental". **Rationale: Current wording says the race shall be recalled when a runner falls in the first 100 meters. The truth is a race is rarely, if ever, recalled when a runner falls in the first 100 meters despite the rule that says it shall be recalled because of the mass confusion that follows. The new wording gives flexibility to the race starter if a runner falls.**
2. To make an exception to NFHS rule 9-6-3 (a) which would read as follows: Jewelry and unapproved adornment shall not be worn by competitors. **Rationale: Current wording does not include the words "unapproved adornment". Runners are starting to wear lapel type pins and promotional items that some don't consider to be jewelry when in fact that is exactly what those items are. Adding this wording helps race officials to enforce the intent of the rule.**
3. That each sectional host receive \$100 to help offset expenses. **Rationale: Currently, a sectional host receives no money from the Association for hosting the sectional meet. There are currently 20 sectional hosts. To our knowledge, only one host actually assesses the participating schools for the expenses of the sectional meet. Most sectional hosts simply absorb the costs of the sectional meet. Hosts have expenses of bib numbers, safety pins, chalk or paint to mark the course, generally a computer person for results. At the very minimum, the \$100 would help offset those expenses. With 20 hosts, this would cost the Association \$2000.**
4. To exclude cross country from By-Law 3.131. **Rationale: The By-Law currently says that state series hosts may not make their gymnasium or playing fields available to the visiting teams for practice sessions. In cross country, it is common practice for teams to travel to the sectional site to practice on the course before the sectional meet and for the state cross country meet, the course has teams practicing on it all week long leading up to the state meet especially on Friday when there are conservatively, 30 schools on the course Friday afternoon. Teams practice on a course so they know the layout prior to the running of the race. If a sectional meet is on school property, the school should be contacted by the visiting team to receive permission. For sectional meets held at public parks, it is basically impossible to prevent schools from practicing in a public park.**
5. To change the current exception that sectional hosts will determine the finish area for the sectional meet to read that sectional hosts that do not use a chip scoring and timing system must have their finish line at the mouth of the chute in accordance with 9-1-3 (d). **Rationale: Some hosts still have their finish line at the neck of the chute. While this was the standard practice of a chute set-up for many years (and is still done at some sites today), for safety reasons it is better to require the finish at the mouth of the chute.**
6. To add line item on the financial report for the expense of a trainer. **Rationale: With the number of people in attendance at a sectional meet, a host school should have a trainer on site. Adding a line item on the financial report will help draw attention to the need for a trainer on site.**

The biggest item that was discussed was the possibility of adding a third class due to the increased number of entries. The committee was given a listing of the schools entered in the state series with their enrollments. They were asked to review the numbers and get back to Mr. Endsley with ideas on how a 3 class system would be set-up. The committee will then reconvene and develop a recommendation for a 3 class system that would be implemented in the fall of 2012. However, as it stands now, no changes to the 2 class system are being recommended to the IESA Board. The committee discussed several items without taking any official action or making any recommendations. Correspondence was presented concerning the sectional meet date that conflicted with Yom Kippur. The committee

would like for the National Anthem to be sung sooner so run outs can be conducted without interruption. They asked that the photography company who takes team pictures be on site on Friday prior to the state meet to take pictures of the teams in attendance that day. They also would like to see an additional photographer on site on Saturday to help with the long lines that have been forming as teams wait to get their picture taken. Mr. Endsley will work on these items with the photography company. A mandatory number of practices that an individual would have to participate in before he/she could run in an actual meet was discussed. After discussion there was no recommendation forthcoming. The IESA Office will attempt to get all of the sectional results (not just those individuals and teams who advance to the state meet) from each sectional host and post those results on the IESA website. A link will also be posted on the IESA website asking for volunteers at the state meet. All committee members heard positive remarks concerning the distribution of the timing chips at packet pick up. The committee expressed appreciation to the CubbyHole for being on site to sell merchandise on both Friday and Saturday of the state meet. The committee expresses its thanks to Normal Parkside for their efforts in hosting the state meet.

Steve Schaefer and Jan Marks were recognized for their service on the committee.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee was set for Friday, November 9, 2012.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 10, 2011

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

21. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg

22. Review Committee Recommendations from 2010

23. Discussion Topics:

- a. Yom Kippur conflict at sectionals in 2011--see letters**
- b. Chip Distribution---Any problems or recommendations**
- c. Fence needed instead of chalk line for parents behind starting line?**
- d. Suggestions from Dave Facker--These items mainly deal with Mike Clark and course set-up**
- e. Letter from PBL Dad**
- f. Letter from Mt. Morris Rahn Coach--Recommendation from Dave Facker about exception on recalling race and jewelry**
- g. Recommend a trainer or EMT be on site at sectionals**
- h. By-Law 3.131---Does this make sense for cross country?**
- i. Can we charge for admission to awards ceremony? Pass the hat? Donations?**

24. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Steve and Jan

11. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 6, 2012

State: Saturday, October 13, 2012 (NOT SAME DATE AS ISU HOMECOMING!)

Advisory Meeting Date: November 9, 2012

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES
November 12, 2010**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Dave Frintner, Arlington Hts. South; Jan Marks, Germantown Hills; Steve Shaffer, Mt. Prospect Lincoln; Jeff Obert, Liberty; Kent Probst, Teutopolis; Administrator, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside; and IHSA Official Dave Facker, East Peoria.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 12, 2010, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 2011, meeting:

1. That the timing chips will be distributed with the packets when coaches arrive rather than distributed at the start line. **Rationale: The timing chips have been distributed at the start line since we started using them mainly to insure that the chips were attached correctly and the thought that there would be less chance to lose one of the chips if they were distributed just before a given race. Some schools then have very little time between receiving the chips, attaching them to the shoes, and warming-up before the runners are called the starting line. Now that schools are more accustomed to wearing chips, distributing them in advance will help alleviate some of the problems that have been caused by receiving them at the starting line. More importantly, coaches will be able to distribute the chips to their runners at their discretion, utilize parental help, and if weather is a factor, could distribute them in a dry area.**
2. To add the following to the Terms and Conditions: No school may organize or participate in any type of organized race on the IESA state cross country course prior to all of the state races being completed. Any school that organizes or participates in an organized race on the IESA state cross country course prior to all of the state races being completed shall be ineligible to participate in the IESA state series the following year. **Rationale: There are a couple of schools that have been organizing and participating in a race on the IESA state course immediately preceding the beginning of the Girls Class A meet. The "race" has been held for runners who are a part of the school's team but did not qualify for the state meet to give them the experience of running the state course. This has caused confusion for meet officials that see this race going on before the start of the actual races, parents and spectators that have no idea what is going on, potential injury for the runners participating in this race, and increased liability for the Association. Further, the state meet should be for the runners who have qualified for the state meet. If schools want to conduct some type of competition for their runners who have not qualified, they should run the course on Thursday or Friday preceding the state meet or after the final race of the day.**
3. Due to the continued growth of the activity, to add one additional sectional to each class. **Rationale: This would increase the total number of runners in each race at the state meet from 234 to 260. It will reduce the number of teams assigned to each sectional making sectional hosting responsibilities more manageable with fewer teams assigned to the sectional.**
4. To give medals to the top 3 finishers and continue to give ribbons to those who place 4-10 at each sectional. **Rationale: The committee feels that this is a fair compromise to the continual request for medals at the sectional level. Rather than making the same request as in past years---that the top 10 runners all receive a medal, their recommendation is that just the top 3 receive a medal. They are fully cognizant that medals are not given at the track sectionals but they want the Board to know that ribbons are usually given at track invitationals as awards and therefore when sectional track ribbons are given, that is accepted more readily. However, all committee members indicated that ribbons are never given as awards for regular season invitationals so when a ribbon is given at sectional, it is deemed to be a lesser award. The committee is not trying to be difficult with the request for cross country sectional medals...rather they want the Board to know that they have offered a compromise and hope it is received as their willingness to work with the Board to achieve something they believe is needed.**

Items discussed that do not need Board approval included additional markings in front of and in back of the start line to help identifying starting boxes and a "Parent/Coaches" Line where they would have to stand during final instructions; using rope to help contain the crowd rather than the yellow caution tape which has a tendency to break in the wind, and using an IESA student to sing the National Anthem. There was concern expressed about the wait time for merchandise. Mr. Endsley will work in conjunction with The CubbyHole and Parkside to figure out a plan to help alleviate the wait that some experienced this year. The committee expresses its thanks to Normal Parkside for their efforts in hosting the state meet.

Diane Stateman and Dave Fritner were recognized for their service on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for Thursday, November 10, 2011.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 2010

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

25. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Jeff Obert, Liberty; Kent Probst, Teutopolis, Mike Clark, Normal Parkside; Dave Facker, East Peoria

26. Review Committee Recommendations from 2010

27. State Meet results--Mile Splits

28. Discussion Topics:

- a. Chip Distribution**
- b. Switching of Time schedule--We talk about this every year because I get requests every year**
- c. Organized runs by schools prior to the races**
- d. The growth of the activity--how do we handle?/Sectional Sites**
- e. State meet review—start line set-up concerns from Dave Facker, Jeff Obert**

29. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Diane and Dave

12. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 8, 2011

State: Saturday, October 15, 2011 (same date as ISU Homecoming and IHSA state golf--again!)

Advisory Meeting Date: November 10, 2011

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 12, 2009

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Steve Huber, Elmwood, Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda; Dave Frintner, Arlington Hts. South; Jan Marks, Germantown Hills; and Steve Shaffer, Mt. Prospect Lincoln; and IHSA Officials, Owen Fuller, Marseilles and Geza Ehrentreu, Rockford.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 13, 2009, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its January 22, 2010, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.035 so that the top 10 individuals at sectionals receive medals instead of ribbons.

Rationale: While the committee is fully aware that this recommendation has been presented to the Board of Directors many times, they respectfully submit it once again for consideration. Simply put, it is a priority of the committee and they believe that the top 10 individuals who advance to the state cross country meet deserve a medal, especially when every invitational meet distributes medals to their placers and not ribbons.

The committee was informed of a scoring error in the girls Class A race that eventually led to the switching of the 2nd and 3rd place teams. Mr. Endsley will contact the company providing the chip scoring system to insure a video review of the races is conducted. Mile splits were not called out although there was a clock set up showing the time. The mile split time will be read aloud in future years. A request from a school to switch the time schedule every other year so Class A schools would run later and Class AA schools would run earlier did not receive any support from the committee. Therefore, the time schedule will not change. The committee requests that the box assignments are either written on the outside of the team packet or a separate sheet is included in the team packet listing the starting box assignment. The assignments are already listed in the program all coaches receive. Discussion was held about the photograph taken of all teams upon check-in. Mr. Endsley will work with the photographer to streamline that process. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the distribution of the chips. While there are many coaches who would like to receive the chips at check-in, the committee was in favor of distributing the chips at the starting line. This method provides for less error and reduces the possibility of losing chips prior to the start of a race. A new coaches information packet was discussed. The committee would like to see the top 25 individuals posted in a second location. Finally, a reminder will be sent to all schools that while runners can certainly run the course prior to the races, there is not to be any type of organized race on the course prior to the state races. A group of runners apparently held a race before the start of the girls Class A race with parents of those runners telling officials to get out of the way, runners to get out of the way, etc. leading people to believe an actual race was being conducted. The finish line area will be closed off and roped off prior to the start of the races. Once again the committee was very appreciative of the job Normal Parkside did organizing the state meet.

Mike Brehm and Steve Huber were recognized for their service to the committee.

The date of the next meeting was set for November 12, 2010.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 2009

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

30. Welcome and Introductions—New Members---Steve Shaffer, Mt. Prospect Lincoln; Jan Marks, Germantown Hills; Returning Member, Geza Ehrentreu

31. Review Committee Recommendations from 2008

32. State Meet results--Discrepancy in the Girls Class A results

33. Discussion Topics:

a. Mile Splits

b. Switching of Time schedule--We talk about this every year because I get requests every year--maybe we should switch every other year...but not until 2011 because there may be some schools that have reserved rooms who won't need them and vice versa.

c. Concerns from Coaches that contacted Jan Marks--see attached

d. The growth of the activity--how do we handle?/Sectional Sites

e. State meet review—finish line set-up

34. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Mike and Steve H.

13. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 9, 2010

State: Saturday, October 16, 2010 (same date as ISU Homecoming and IHSA state golf--again!)

Advisory Meeting Date: November 12, 2010

**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 14, 2008**

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Steve Huber, Elmwood, Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda; and Dave Frintner, Arlington Hts. South; Paula Sereleas, Ass't Principal, Frankfort Summit Hill; and IHSA Official, Owen Fuller, Marseilles. Also in attendance was Joe Buresh, Board of Director Liaison and Steve Destri, meet manager for the IESA state meet.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 14, 2008, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 2009, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.033 so that there are 9 Class A sectionals and 9 Class AA sectionals. **Rationale: Presently, there are 8 Class A sectionals and 9 Class AA sectionals. Due to the growth of the activity, having only 8 Class A sectionals means that there are 15 schools assigned to a sectional. Most Class AA sectionals have 12-13 schools assigned.**
2. To change By-Law 4.033 so that in the event the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th place overall individual finisher is not on a qualifying team, such 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th place individual finisher shall advance from the sectional to the state final meet. **Rationale: Currently the top three teams and the top 5 individuals not one of those three teams advances to the state meet. Approving this recommendation will insure that any individual who places in the top 10 at the sectional will advance to the state meet.**
3. To change By-Law 4.033 so that no changes can be made to the sectional entry form after 12 noon on Wednesday preceding the sectional. **Rationale: Currently coaches can change the sectional entry form up until the race itself. This becomes a difficult situation for the host school when changes are made the day of the meet. If approved, coaches may list up to 10 runners and then seven of those 10 may run in the sectional. Without the change, a runner who is not even listed on the form could be substituted the day of the meet.**
4. To change By-Law 4.035 so that the top 10 individuals receive medals instead of ribbons. **Rationale: This recommendation continues to be a priority for the committee. While they understand this has not been approved by the Board when it has been recommended before, they ask that you consider this once again. They acknowledge it would be an additional cost for 40 medals and an even greater cost if sectional track placers were to receive medals. However, the committee continues to reason that perception is reality. Almost every cross country invitational awards medals to the placers. Few, if any, track invitationals award medals for the placers. Almost all give ribbons to the placers. To that end, it is perceived that IESA is giving away a lesser award when a ribbon is given to the top 10 sectional cross country individuals. Since track invites almost exclusively award ribbons, when ribbons are awarded for IESA sectional track, it does not surprise people. Ribbons for cross country does surprise people.**

The committee was very appreciative of the job Normal Parkside did organizing the state meet. The chip scoring system has been extremely well received. They would like to see one mile splits for the runners at state. The committee inquired about the possibility of the sectional results being posted on Saturday rather than the Monday after the sectional meets. Mr. Endsley will work with Craig Johnson on trying to accomplish this. The main goal when posting the sectional results online is that the results are as accurate as possible and not to post names/schools that are inaccurate. They also asked if the coaches meeting prior to the start of the races could be moved away from the start line and perhaps held near the softball bleachers. There was discussion about switching the starting times for the Class A and Class AA schools but no recommendation to make the switch. The committee reviewed an email about making a slight change to the finish area and that will be incorporated into next year's meet.

Linda Brown and Nick D'Alfonso were recognized for their service to the committee.

The date of the next meeting was set for November 13, 2009.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2008

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

35. Welcome and Introductions—New Members—Joe Buresh, Board of Directors Liaison, Annawan; Dave Frintner, Coach, Arlington Hts. South; Paula Sereleas, Administrator, Frankfort Summit Hill; Owen Fuller, IHSA Official, Marseilles

36. Review Committee Recommendations from 2007

37. Discussion Topics:

- a. New coaching education mandate**
- b. Should we add an additional Class A sectional/extra qualifiers?**
- c. Time schedule A/AA**
- d. Entry deadline—Mike Brehm**
- e. State meet review—finish line set-up**

38. Any other items from the committee

5. Last meeting for Linda and Nick

14. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 10, 2009

State: Saturday, October 17, 2009 (same date as ISU Homecoming and IHSA state golf)

Advisory Meeting Date: November 13, 2009



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

November 9, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Steve Huber, Elmwood, and Steve Chapman, Edwardsville Liberty. Also in attendance was Steve Destri, meet manager for the IESA state meet.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 9, 2007, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 18, 2008, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.035 so that the top 3 teams in each sectional receive a plaque. **Rationale: Currently, only the top 2 teams receive a plaque but the top three teams advance to state meaning that one team (3rd place) does not receive any awards. Four years ago, when the top three teams advanced to state and were all receiving awards, the committee recommended that only the first place team in each sectional receive a plaque and individual awards. When that recommendation was presented to the Board, the Board decided to modify the recommendation by giving awards to the top two teams in each sectional with the third place team still advancing but not receiving any awards. Given that the number of teams participating in the cross-country has grown by nearly 50 schools in four years and the negative P.R. and ill feelings that are created when the third place team advances but walks away with nothing from the sectional, the committee is recommending all three teams that advance to the state receive plaques. The committee believes more harm than good is done by giving two teams awards and letting one walk with nothing than giving one team an award and letting two walk with nothing. To that end, they want all three teams that advance to receive awards. As it stands now, the third place team is left with negative feelings. Approximate cost to the association for the additional plaques would be \$1377.**

2. To make another change to By-Law 4.035 so the top 10 individuals at the sectional meet receive a medal. **Rationale: Currently the top 10 individuals receive a ribbon. According to the committee, the IESA sectional meet is the only meet all year long where the top individuals in varsity invitational meets receive ribbons and not a medal. In the committee's eyes, it is hard to understand how an invitational meet is able to award medals but the sectional meet gives ribbons. From a P.R. perspective, this is viewed as less than desirable. Approximate cost for medals instead of ribbons would be \$750.**

The committee discussed establishing a mandated start time for sectional meets but did not make a recommendation to do so. At least one current sectional host does not start their sectional meet until the afternoon because that is when their course becomes available to them. Regular season invitational meet hosts will be contacted so a complete listing of those meets can be posted on the IESA website.

The state meet was discussed in great detail. The computer chips that were used by the contestants were extremely well received. The committee is appreciative of the IESA Board of Directors commitment to use the chips. It made for faster, more accurate scoring, allowed a smoother finish to the races, and gave all competitors a chance to finish the race at the finish line since there was no backup of runners. Most everyone is in agreement that they would like to receive the chips sooner than they received them this year. The possibility of adding additional clerks to the starting line to facilitate the distribution of the chips was discussed. That issue will be discussed with the meet officials and Mercury Sports Group.

Other items discussed were the parking issue in and around the Parkside area and a request to have two photographers available to take team photos to expedite that process. The committee extended its thanks to Normal Parkside and Steve Destri for their continued excellence as a host of the state meet.

The next meeting of the committee was set for November 14, 2008.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 9, 2007
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2006**
- 3. Discussion Topics:**
 - a. 3rd place awards at sectional**
 - b. Standard starting time for sectionals?**
 - c. Complete list of invitationals to post on IESA website**
 - d. A 7th grade race?**
 - e. State meet review**
- 4. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Next year's dates:**

Sectionals: Saturday, October 11, 2008

State: Saturday, October 18, 2008

Advisory Meeting Date: November 14, 2008



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

November 9, 2006

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Craig Carr; Coaches Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, and Steve Huber, Elmwood. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as the head official at the 2006 meet, Steve Destri, meet manager for the IESA state meet, and Mr. Jerry Riebling, President of Mercury Sports Group, who presented information on chip scoring.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 9, 2006, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 2007, meeting:

1. To add the following statement to By-Law 4.0324:

"Schools must submit their Sectional Entry Form online by 12 noon on the Wednesday preceding the sectional meet. Teams without official entries submitted by that date shall be disqualified from sectional competition."

Rationale: This is similar language to the wrestling and track By-Laws. Host schools need these entry forms to prepare for their sectional meet. By requiring that it be submitted, responsibility rests with the school to insure compliance. Technology has made it very easy to complete the form. Completion of the form is not a difficult or demanding task.

2. To change By-Law 4.0325 so that there are eight Class A sectionals and nine Class AA sectionals. **Rationale: Currently, there are seven sectionals in each class. The number of schools that entered cross-country this year grew by 18 compared to last year. We have grown by 40 schools in four years. In some cases, the sectional meets had 15-16 teams assigned. This is simply too big for most schools to host. By adding sectionals, it will reduce the number of teams assigned to each sectional, hopefully making it more manageable for the host schools. Since Class A usually has fewer full teams than Class AA, the Class A coaches on the committee felt that eight sectionals would be better than going to nine as is being recommended for Class AA. Almost every Class AA team fields a full team. No changes are being recommended to the number of teams and/or individuals that qualify for the state meet. Those would remain at the top three teams and the top 5 individuals not on one of the three teams. If the above recommendation is passed the Class A meets would each have 208 runners and the Class AA meets would each have 234 runners. Currently each race has 182 runners.**
3. If recommendation #2 is passed, the committee recommends working with Mercury Sports Group to implement a chip scoring system. See enclosed proposals. The difference in the proposals has to do with an official time being given to the coaches in the results at the one mile mark. **Rationale: With over 200 runners in each race, it is becoming increasingly difficult to use the traditional chute system to accurately score the meet. Technology today allows "chips" to be used which in turn allows the runners to simply run through a finish line without having to worry about fitting through a chute and keeping the runners in order. Perhaps the biggest question is how to pay for the cost of the chip system.**

Exec. Dir. Note: Would the Board consider raising the cost of the cross-country entry fee \$5 to help offset this cost? By doing so, almost \$2000 of additional money would be generated. There is some precedent for doing something like this that I can explain to the Board during the meeting

4. To place all five individual qualifiers from a given sectional in the same starting box with the runners who finished 1, 2, 3 in the front of the box and places 4 and 5 in the back of the box. **Currently, we assign four runners to each box. Rationale: If recommendation #2 is approved, we will need additional starting boxes. Maxwell Park, with the current course layout, cannot accommodate too many more starting boxes. However, they will be able to accommodate the proposed increase. By having all the individual qualifiers in one box, it puts these runners on par with the teams who advance. Since a team that advances generally has 7 runners, they are not able to put**

all of their runners directly on the starting line. Some runners have to be behind their teammates because the starting boxes are only wide enough to accommodate 4 runners.

Discussion was held regarding assessments by the host school; the overlap between the cross-country and girls basketball season; move the risers for the awards assembly to the center of the basketball court to allow more room; and the feasibility of a fence behind the starting line to keep spectators from the starting box area.

The next meeting of the committee is set for November 1, 2007



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 3, 2005

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Jerry Birkey; Coaches Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, and Steve Huber, Elmwood. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as the head official at the 2005 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 3, 2005, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 20, 2006, meeting:

1. To list the following requirements/recommendations for hosting a sectional meet:

Requirements:

A course length of 3200 meters that can safely hold 75-90 runners in a single race.

Recommend the following: a starting area that is large enough to accommodate 12-14 teams (roughly 50-60' wide); a running width throughout the course of 10-15 ft.; adequate parking and restrooms; concessions for spectators; water for participants; some type of camera at the finish line; clock for runners to see; a lead and/or trail golf cart. Note: These are recommended items in order to host. **Rationale: Currently, we list no requirements or recommendations for hosting a sectional cross-country meet. This would at least list some things for the host to consider when deciding whether to host a sectional meet.**

Several items were discussed without any recommendations being made. The placement of the number on the jersey was discussed. Instructions will be added to the team packet informing the coaches where to place the number. The committee would like for the state host to lengthen the starting line if possible and to use some rope or other restraining device for the crowd at the top of the hill near the start line. According to the committee, some of the railroad ties that are part of the Frisbee golf course on the race course could have caused some problems. This will be addressed with the state host. Information will be included in the team packet that coaches are to report to the starting line 20 minutes before the race for final instructions from the meet referee. The committee also requests that the top 25 individuals be posted after they become official so those who need to return for the awards assembly will know to report. It was mentioned that a higher quality sound system would be beneficial for all involved. Mike Brehm mentioned he had been contacted by a coach concerning the conflict of seasons. A short discussion ensued explaining the current seasons and steps that have been taken to reduce the overlap in softball and girls basketball. It was acknowledged that there is some overlap in cross-country with other sports but no recommendation for any change was discussed. The committee agreed that the season length for IESA cross-country was appropriate. No recommendation is being made to change the starting times of the race. Race times will remain as is. No changes will be made to the number of sectionals, to the number of awards that are distributed, or to the number of runners who advance to the state meet.

The next meeting of the committee is set for November 2, 2006

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 3, 2005
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2004**
- 3. Discussion Topics:**
 - a. Pontiac sectional situation**
 - b. Items from schools—some are legitimate, others are a bit “out-there”**
 - c. Any interest in adding an additional sectional?**
 - d. State meet review**
- 4. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Next year’s dates:**

Sectionals: Saturday, October 7, 2006

State: Saturday, October 14, 2006

Advisory Meeting Date: November 2, 2006



**ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 4, 2004**

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Ron Ervin; Coaches Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, and Steve Huber, Elmwood. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as assistant referee at the 2004 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 4, 2004, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 2005, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.0332 so it reads as follows: "The finish line for the state meet shall be at the mouth of the chute. The chute shall be set-up in accordance with National Federation rules and may have up to three finishing chutes. The local managers of regular season meets and sectional contests shall determine the finish area for their meets." **Rationale: With the additional IHSA licensed officials that now work our meet, the committee feels that a finish at the mouth of the chute is now feasible and is a safer and better finish for the state meet.**

Several items were discussed without any recommendations being made. The sectional set-ups were discussed, a review of the classification system took place including a discussion as to whether a change was needed for the cross-country activity. It was mentioned that the all sectional officials should start the sectional with the same commands that are used at the state meet.

Mike Brehm and Diane Stateman were recognized for their service to the advisory committee. Linda Brown and Nick D'Alfonso will each serve one additional year on the committee.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2004

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2003
3. Discussion Topics:
 - a. Review Sectional set-ups---in certain areas, still difficult to secure a host; Any problems with Sectional Entry Form only available on web?
 - b. Classification split---Currently the highest of any activity. Discussion on keeping it as or recommending a change
 - c. State Meet Discussion---Possibility of double chute; keep race times as is; awards ceremony; team photos; results availability; crowd control
4. Any other items from the committee
5. Next year's dates:

Sectionals: Saturday, October 8
State: Saturday, October 15
Advisory Meeting Date: November 3, 2005
6. Would like for Mike or Linda to serve one more year for Class A coach. Also, would like for Nick or Diane to serve one more year for Class AA coach.

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 6, 2003

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Dana Isackson; Administrator, Coaches Nathan Culbertson, Bloomington JHS; Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; and Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda . Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as assistant referee at the 2003 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December November 6, 2003, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 2004, meeting:

1. For the IESA to provide a NFHS Track & Field rule book to all schools entered in the state series. Approximate cost would be \$350.00 **Rationale:** Included in the track rule book are the rules for cross-country. Cross-Country is the only sport where the IESA does not provide a rule book to the schools entered in an activity.
2. To increase the number of sectionals in each class to seven. **Rationale:** Currently there are six sectionals in each class. This results in up to 16 teams assigned to a sectional. An additional sectional will decrease the number of teams assigned to a sectional making it more manageable for the host school. (By-Law 4.0325)
3. If recommendation #2 is passed, to reduce the number of individuals that qualify for the state meet from the top seven who are not a member of one of the first three teams, to the top five. **Rationale:** The committee feels that by adding a sectional and having 21 teams instead of 18 teams in each race at the finals, the top five is an adequate number of individuals qualifying from each sectional. If recommendations #2 and #3 are approved, there will be 14 more runners in each race--which would increase the total number of runners at the meet to 728 (182 runners in 4 different races). (By-Law 4.0325)
4. To change By-Laws 4.0342 and 4.0343 so that a plaque and individual ribbons are given to just the first place team at each sectional. Currently, plaques and individual ribbons are given to the top three teams at each sectional. **Rationale:** The majority of the committee feels as though too many awards are given at the sectional level.
5. To change By-Law 4.0343 so the top 10 individuals at each sectional receive a medal instead of a ribbon. **Rationale:** The committee would like some of the money savings that would be realized if recommendation #4 is approved, to help offset the cost of medals for the top 10. Since so many invitational meets give medals as awards, a ribbon that is given to a state qualifiers seems like "less" of an award.
6. To develop a cross-country manual to be given to all schools that includes specific instructions on how to host a sectional meet. **Rationale:** Hopefully, a manual will help to alleviate some problems that occur on cross-country rule interpretations and educate coaches about the activity.

The committee discussed alternating the time schedule so that one year the Class A races would be held first followed by the Class AA and the next year the Class AA would go first followed by the Class A races. Because the majority of the Class AA schools are from the Chicago area, the committee felt it was better to not alternate the races.

The committee was asked to send a copy of their schedule to the IESA Office.

Nate Culbertson was recognized for his service to the committee.

AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 6, 2003

10:30 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2002**
- 3. Discussion Topics:**
 - c. Explanation of situation at Class AA sectional—we need to add something in Terms and Conditions that decision of meet starter is final**
 - d. Development of a cross-country manual**
 - e. Include instructions to sectional hosts about stating box assignments**
 - f. Chip scoring**
 - g. Assignment of sectionals**
- 4. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Next year's dates:**

Regionals: Saturday, October 9

State: Saturday, October 16

Advisory Meeting Date: November 4, 2004

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
December 12, 2002

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Dana Isackson; Administrator, Troy Mitchell, Lockport Homer; Coaches Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; Nathan Culbertson, Bloomington JHS; Linda Brown, Petersburg PORTA; Nick D'Alfonso, East Peoria Central, Diane Stateman, Lemont Old Quarry; and Mike Brehm, Paxton-Buckley-Loda. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as assistant referee at the 2002 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 12, 2002, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 24, 2003, meeting:

1. To add to By-Law 4.0324 and to the Terms and Conditions a statement that if a school runs more than seven individuals in the sectional race that all runners from that school in that race will be disqualified and may not advance to the state meet. **Rationale: Only seven runners from a school are allowed to run in the sectional meet. In the past two years, we have had two cases where a school ran more than seven runners. Although the penalty of disqualification is severe, the majority of the committee felt that it was the correct penalty.**
2. To switch the team and individual medals so the current medal that is given to the top 25 individuals becomes the team medal and the current medal that is given to the top teams becomes the medal given to the top 25 individuals. Also, to award 15 team medals instead of 10 that are currently given. **Rationale: In most other sports, there are more medals given to the team winner than there are number of people listed on the entry form. For example there are 15 basketball players listed and we give 23 medals to the top four teams. By giving 15 medals instead of 10, this allows for the coach, assistant coach, principal, etc. to receive a medal. The switching of the team and individual medals is being recommended so in case a school wants to order more team medals they can do so. The current team medal is a custom-made medal and because of that no additional team medals can be ordered. The current top 25 medal which would become the team medals is a stock medal and therefore if a school wanted to order more than 15, they would then be able to do so.**
3. With 2003 being the 25 year anniversary of the boys cross-country state series and 2004 being the 25 year anniversary of the girls cross-country state series, to develop a program that would recognize all 25 of the boys individual champions at the 2003 awards ceremony and all 25 of the girls individual champions at the 2004 awards ceremony.
4. To increase the amount paid to the starter of the cross-country sectional races from \$25 to \$35.

Other items discussed by the committee without any recommendations included the sectional assignments, the number of teams that advance from sectional to state, the need for Port-A-Potties at the state meet, including the location of the starting boxes on the course diagram given to schools, wider starting boxes, the new uniform rules recently adopted by the IHSA, and the purchase of 6' flags to help with markings on the course. Mr. Ehrentreu updated the committee on the use of shoelace chips to help with scoring and the finish line back-up.

Kelly Fox and Troy Mitchell were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting was set for November 6, 2003.

**AGENDA FOR IESA CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 12, 2002
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2001**
- 3. Discussion Topics:**
 - h. What if a team runs more than 7 in the sectional...how to handle disqualifications?**
 - i. More than 10 team medals?**
 - j. Some type of 25 year recognition ceremony for former champions?**
 - k. Geza to lead discussion on State Meet perspective from Officials and update on chip usage.**
 - l. Starting box assignments----when to do, how to do?**
- 4. Any other items from the committee**
- 5. Next year's dates:**

Regionals: Saturday, October 11
State: Saturday, October 18
Advisory Meeting Date: November 6, 2003

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
December 13, 2001

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Sue Silvey; Administrator, Troy Mitchell, Lockport Homer; Coaches Steve Oldham, Arlington Hts. South; Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion; and Nathan Culbertson, Bloomington JHS. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as assistant referee at the 2001 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 13, 2001, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 18, 2002, meeting:

1. For the IESA Office to assign an IHSA licensed official to each sectional and to pay each official \$25.
2. To award medals to the top 10 finishers at each sectional. Currently the top 10 finishers receive ribbons. Approximate cost \$540.
3. To name an honorary meet official for the state meet. Similar to the Grand Marshal used at the state wrestling meet, this person would be recognized with a plaque and during the awards ceremony.

The committee watched a video of the NCAA Division III cross-country meet where the runners wore a chip attached to their shoestrings. This allowed the runners to finish at a finish line instead of the neck of a chute eliminating any back-up in the chute area. The committee wants to continue to look into the possibility of utilizing this type of system.

It was also mentioned to include the top three teams in the sectional results page that is part of the program sold at the state meet.

The date of next year's meeting was set for October 30, 2002.

Steve Oldham was recognized for his service to the committee.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 13, 2001

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 2000**
- 3. Discussion Topics**
 - 1. New National Federation rule regarding jewelry**
 - 2. Suggestions from Shorewood Troy (see enclosed letter)**
 - 3. Assignment of licensed official to each sectional**
 - 4. Correspondence from Quincy parents concerning sectional @ Jacksonville**
 - 5. State meet discussion**
- 4. Any other items of discussion from committee**
- 5. Other business**
 - A. 2002 State Series Dates--Sectionals--Saturday, October 12, 2002; State--Saturday October 19, 2002.**
 - B. Next Year's Meeting--October 30, 2002**
 - C. Recognition of Steve**

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 1, 2000

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Sue Silvey; Administrator, Troy Mitchell, Lockport Homer; Coaches Barry Henderson, South Pekin; Steve Oldham, Arlington Hts. South; and Kelly Fox, Mt. Zion. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as assistant referee at the 2000 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also Past President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 1, 2000, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 2001, meeting:

1. To add as By-Law 4.0335 an exception to the National Federation rules to read as follows: "Uniforms may be taped or knotted when done for the purpose of allowing a better fitting uniform."
2. To change By-Law 4.0342 so that the third place team in each sectional receives a plaque. Currently only the top two teams in each sectional receive a plaque but the top three teams receive team ribbons. By adding the 3rd place plaque, the top three teams would receive both plaques and ribbons. Approximate cost to add 24 plaques would be \$840.00.

Several additional items were discussed: The committee discussed the possibility of switching the Class A and Class AA starting times at the state meet. It was decided to leave the times as is and not to recommend a change. The committee was informed of problems with schools reporting correct enrollment figures, received correspondence from Mahomet-Seymour and Georgetown Mary Miller. They were informed of parental concerns from Springfield Grant concerning the sectional. Mr. Ehrentreu made several suggestions concerning the improvement of the meet from the officials perspective. Those will be discussed with the state host.

Barry Henderson was recognized for his service to the committee. The next meeting of the cross-country advisory committee was set for Wednesday, October 31, 2001.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 1, 2000

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review Committee Recommendations from 1999
3. Discussion Topics

Need to add an exception to Federation rule on taping and knotting of uniform

Problems with A/AA split and schools reporting correct enrollment figures

Correspondence from Mahomet-Seymour

Springfield Grant problem at sectional

Letter from Jack Hardy, Georgetown Mary Miller

Team Awards--Plaques to 1st and 2nd place teams at sectional; Ribbons to top 3 teams?

State meet discussion

- a. Box assignments need to be done on Friday
- b. Course set-up on Friday
- c. Fencing--particularly around finish area
- d. Course should be mowed
- e. Properly marked according to Federation
- f. Higher flags
- g. Other items from officials perspective--Geza to lead discussion

4. Any other items of discussion from committee

5. Other business

2001 State Series Dates--Sectionals--Saturday, October 6, 2001; State--Saturday October 13, 2001.

Next Year's Meeting--October 31, 2001

Recognition of Barry

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
November 3, 1999

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Sue Silvey; Coaches John McDannald, St. Joseph; Rick Smith, Franklin; Barry Henderson, South Pekin; Erin Buchanan, River Forest Roosevelt; and Steve Oldham, Arlington Hts. South. Also in attendance was Mr. Geza Ehrentreu who served as starter for the 1998 meet and assistant starter and head finish judge at the 1999 meet. Mr. Ehrentreu is also President of the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Officials Association.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 3, 1999, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 2000, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.0325 so that there are six Class A sectionals and six Class AA sectionals instead of the 5 that are currently held. The change is necessary due to the growth of the activity. We had 14 more schools entered in cross-country this year compared to last year. This will necessitate an additional 8 sectional plaques and 40 additional ribbons. If passed, there will be an additional 28 runners in each of the four races.
2. To change By-Law 4.0325 so that all teams tied for the last qualifying spot will advance to the state final.

Several additional items were discussed: The committee would like for a set of risers to be available for the awards assembly. To help keep interest in the awards ceremony, they want the 25th place girl introduced first, followed by the 25th place boy, 24th place girl, 24th place boy, etc. Mr. Ehrentreu made several suggestions concerning the improvement of the meet from the officials perspective. Those will be discussed with the state host.

Erin Buchanan and John McDannald were recognized for their service to the committee. The next meeting of the cross-country advisory committee was set for Wednesday, November 1, 2000.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 3, 1999

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 1998**
- 3. Discussion Topics**
 - A. Review Classification (Barry Henderson)**
 - B. State Meet Awards Assembly**
 - C. Review State meet (Geza to lead discussion)**
- 4. Any other items of discussion from committee**
- 5. Other business**
 - C. 2000 State Series Dates--Sectionals--Saturday, October 7, 2000; State--Saturday October 14, 2000.**
 - D. Next Year's Meeting--November 1, 2000**
 - E. Recognition of Erin & John**

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 17, 1999

10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Review Committee Recommendations from 1997**
- 3. Discussion Topics**
 - D. Sectional Date Change for 1998**
 - E. Review Letter from State Starter**
 - F. State Meet Awards Assembly**
 - G. Review State Financial Report**
- 4. Any other items of discussion from committee**
- 5. Other business**
- 6. 1999 State Series Dates--Sectionals--Saturday, October 9, 1999; State--Saturday October 16, 1999.**

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
February 17, 1999

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Sue Silvey; Coaches John McDannald Rick Smith, and Barry Henderson. Erin Effinger attended a meeting that was scheduled for January 11 but had to be canceled due to weather.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of February 17, 1999, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its April 16, 1999, meeting:

1. To change the starting time of the Class A girls race from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the Class A boys race from 11:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The Class A awards assembly will start at 1:00 p.m.
2. To change the Class AA girls race from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the Class AA boys race from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. The Class AA awards assembly will start at 2:30 p.m.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: This will allow 45 minutes between each race instead of the 30 minutes we have now. The additional time will allow the starter more time to get prepared as well as the runners for the next race to practice a bit more. The two different awards assemblies will allow fans to get home earlier.

3. To award a second place team plaque at sectional. Currently only the first place team receives a plaque. First, second and third place team members receive ribbons.

Several items were discussed, most notably a letter that was received from this year's starter concerning meet management and suggestions for the future operation of the meet. Several of those suggestions will be incorporated into future meets.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 17, 1997
10:00 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Review Committee Recommendations from 1996**
3. **Discussion Topics**

T-Shirt Sales at Sectional
Sectional Date Change for 1998
State Meet Awards Assembly
Review State Financial Report

4. **Any other items of discussion from committee**
5. **Other business**

1998 State Series Dates--Sectionals--Saturday, October 10, 1998; State--Saturday October 17, 1998.
Recognition of Steve Destri

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
December 17, 1997

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Ron Schramm; Coaches Steve Destri, John McDannald and Rick Smith.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 17, 1997, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 23, 1998, meeting:

1. To insure qualified medical personnel is present at the meet.
2. To conduct the awards ceremony as follows: Introductions of the top 25 Class A Girls, followed by the introduction of the top 25 Class A Boys, top 25 Class AA girls, and then the top 25 Class AA Boys. Team awards would be conducted as follows: 4th place Class A girls; 4th place Class A boys; 4th place Class AA girls, and 4th place Class AA boys. Then the third place teams for each class, then 2nd place teams and then the first place teams will be introduced. The team members who ran in the meet of each squad that placed will be introduced.

The changes made to the layout of the course were discussed. Many positive comments were received about the new layout. In addition, the new set-up with two classes was very successful. The 1997 state meet was run under ideal weather conditions and was very successful.

Steve Destri was recognized for his service to the committee.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 3, 1996
12 noon, IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of Advisory Committee
3. Discussion topics
 - A. Review Sectional set-up
 - B. Split cross-country by school size?
 - C. T-Shirt sales at Sectional
4. State Meet--Met with Steve Destri and Dave Bollman, Assistant Principal, @ Parkside on 11-
 - A. Problems with chute--how to correct?
 - B. Possible change of course layout?
5. Review 1996 state financial report
6. Any other items of discussion from committee
7. Other business
 - A. 1997-- State Series dates--Sectionals--Tuesday, October 14; State--Saturday, October 18
 - B. Last meeting for Eric & Marke--Suggestions for replacements?

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS
December 3, 1996

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Ron Schramm; Coaches Steve Destri, Eric Willard, Erin Effinger, John McDannald, and Dave Chandler.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 3, 1996, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 24, 1997, meeting:

1. Beginning in 1997, to change the date of the sectional meet from Tuesday of week 15 on the standardized calendar to Saturday of week 14. Sectional starting time for the girls race shall be 10:30 a.m. Rationale: With the change, there will be one week between the sectional and state meet. One problem--There is one member school with an invitational already scheduled on this Saturday for 1997.

2. Beginning in 1997, to split cross-country into Class A & Class AA based on enrollment. Four state races would be held--Class A Girls, Class A Boys, Class AA Girls, and Class AA Boys. There would be five Class A sectionals and five Class AA sectionals, with the top 3 teams and top 7 individuals from each sectional advancing to the state. There would be a maximum of 140 individuals in each of the four state races.

Team awards for the sectionals would include only a first place plaque to the winning team (as opposed to the two plaques that are currently given to the top two teams) and 10 team ribbons to the individuals of the top three teams. Individual awards for the sectional would remain ribbons for the top 10 finishers. Team awards for the state meet would be trophies for the top four teams in each Class (four sets of trophies as opposed to the two sets we now have) and team medals to the individuals of the top four teams in each class. Individual awards for the state meet would be medals to the top 25 finishers in each Class.

State meet schedule would be: Class A girls race--10:30 a.m. Class A Boys race--11:00 a.m. Class AA girls race--11:30 a.m. Class AA boys race--12 noon. Awards presentation would start approximately 2:00 p.m.

If the above recommendation is passed, several By-Laws will be changed. For editing purposes, I have only listed the recommendation and not attempted to change the By-Law wording at this point in time.

3. To Change By-Law 4.0332 so that a single chute is used at the state meet and not a double chute. Rationale: If recommendation #2 is passed, there will be fewer runners in each race thus making the finish more manageable. The double chute was passed last year and had less than desirable results this year.

Discussion took place on additional schools entering the state series, course markings, and possible help for the state meet by area colleges and the Peoria Striders or a Bloomington/Normal running club. There was considerable discussion concerning the state meet. Members of the committee will work with Steve Destri to work on the layout of the state course.

Marke Clark and Eric Willard were recognized for their service to the committee.

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

November 8, 1995

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison Mike Schmidt; Coaches Steve Destri, David Dinkheller, Eric Willard, Mark Clarke, Bob Spear; and Administrator Jeff Libowitz. Mr. Gatrell, Chairman, was also in attendance.

Due to a mixup on dates, new committee member Dave Chandler, Chrisman, was not present. Mr. Gatrell presented updated copies of 1979-1995 state cross-country results to all members.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of November 8, 1995, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 19, 1996, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.0332 which reads: "The finish line shall be at the "neck" of a rope funnel leading into a rope chute rather than at the mouth of the chute. The chute shall be 30 inches wide and at least 100 feet long. [9-1-3] to read: **"The finish line shall be at the "neck" of a rope funnel leading into a rope chute rather than at the mouth of the chute. The chute shall be 30 inches wide and at least 100 feet long. A double chute shall be used for the state meet. [9-1-3]**

2. At the state meet, recording of results shall not be done until the runners reach the end of the chute.

3. Due to the increased number of teams in 1995 and anticipated continued growth in the number of cross-country entries, to add a tenth sectional meet for 1996. This would increase the state meet by a maximum of 21 girls and 21 boys.

4. That the cross-country state meet be hosted by a member school registered for that activity. *Ex. Director's Note: Priority is probably better here. If no registered school will host, this would still leave the IESA Office with possible contacts with non-participating schools to serve as the host.*

5. That a representative of the state Cross-Country Advisory Committee help lay out the 3200 meter course for the state meet prior to September 15 so that a course diagram may be included in the cross-country packet. *Ex. Director's Note: The committee felt strongly that changes need to be made in the present starting line arrangement with the numbers involved and in a relocation of the course if held at Maxwell Park in Normal.*

6. That "Official" ribbons be supplied by IESA for recognized workers and necessary volunteers around the finish line area at the state meet.

7. To add as By-Law 4.0344: "Ten individual awards will be presented to competitors only from the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in the state final competition."

8. To change the state meet awards presentation time from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

9. To add as By-Law 4.0345: "A participant ribbon shall be presented to each state meet participant and placed in the team packets."

10. That a videotape be made at the finish line of both girls' and boys' state meet races to facilitate scoring problems and placing of contestants which might arise.

Dave Dinkheller, Bob Spear, and Jeff Libowitz were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled at the IESA Office at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 6, 1996.

October 21, 2014

Mr. Derek Miller, Coach
Hickory Creek Middle School
855 W. Hawley
Frankfort, IL 60423

Dear Peggy:

This letter will confirm your appointment as a member of our Cross Country Advisory Committee.

There are a total of eight committee members. There are six coaches, an administrator from a member school, and an IHSA licensed official. If at any time while you are a committee member, your school no longer participates in IESA cross country or if you no longer coach cross country, you must submit your resignation. Your three-year term will expire at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact me at least 5 days before the meeting if there is a topic you want placed on the agenda.

One meeting annually will be scheduled unless our committee business necessitates additional meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held at the IESA Office in Bloomington on Friday, November 9, 2012. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The address of the IESA Office is 1015 Maple Hill Rd. As a committee member, your mileage and meals will be paid. Round trip mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of .30 per mile. Lunch will be served at the IESA Office. Please contact me if you need directions to the office.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the committee. Please call me if you have any questions regarding your appointment.

Sincerely,

Steve Endsley
Executive Director

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steve Shaffer, Mt. Prospect Lincoln, Coach
Jan Marks, Germantown Hills, Coach
Jeff Obert, Liberty, Coach
Kent Probst, Teutopolis, Coach
Peggy Luther, Frankfort Hickory Creek, Coach
Mike Clark, Normal Parkside, Administrator
Dave Facker, East Peoria, IHSA Official
Pat Hernandez, Mundelein Carl Sandburg

November 5, 1993

Mr. Jeff Libowitz, Assistant Principal
Central Jr. High School
410 McCarthy Road
Lemont, IL 60439

Dear Jeff:

This letter will confirm your appointment as a member of our newly-established Cross-Country Advisory Committee. Your appointment shall be for the 1993-94 and 1994-95 school years. You will have voting privileges on the committee as one of the eight committee members. Besides you as the administrator, there will also be six cross-country coaches. In addition, Mr. Bill Reising, Superintendent at South Pekin and a member of our Board of Directors, will be a non-voting committee member who serves as the liaison with the Board. If at any time while you are a committee member, your school no longer participates in IESA cross-country, or if you are no longer an administrator at a member school, you must submit your resignation.

One meeting annually will be scheduled unless our committee business necessitates additional meetings. Our first meeting will be held at the IESA Office, 1015 Maple Hill Road in Bloomington at 12 noon, Tuesday, December 14, 1993. I will send a reminder and directions to you later. As a committee member, your mileage and meals will be paid. Round-trip mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of 26 cents per mile.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding your appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Endsley
Assistant Executive Director

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Reising, South Pekin, Board of Directors Liaison
Sally Cadagin, Springfield Grant, Coach
Mark Clark, Shorewood Troy, Coach
David Dinkheller, Liberty, Coach
Bob Spear, Prospect Heights MacArthur, Coach
Eric Willard, Delavan, Coach
Sue Zartler, Chatham Glenwood, Coach
Jeff Libowitz, Lemont Central, Administrator

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 14, 1993
12 noon, IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review role of Advisory Committee
3. Discussion topics
 - A. Review exceptions to National Federation cross-country rules.
 - B. Team and individual awards presentation at state meet
 - C. Payment for starter at state meet
 - D. Clerk of the Course computer scoring program
4. Review 1993 state financial report
5. Any other items of discussion from committee
6. Other business
 - A. Determine committee length of service

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
December 14, 1993

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Bill Reising; Coaches David Dinkheller, Eric Willard, Sue Zartler, Sally Cadagin, Mark Clarke, Bob Spear; and Administrator, Mr. Jeff Libowitz.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 14, 1993, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 21, 1994, meeting:

1. To change the starting time of the meet from 1:00 p.m. to an 11:00 a.m. starting time for the girls and an 11:45 a.m. approximate starting time for the boys.
2. To conduct a formalized individual and team award presentation. This would be held at a school near the meet site at an announced time. More information will be explained at the Board meeting.
3. To change By-Law 7.634 which reads: "Ribbons will be presented to the top ten individuals at regional cross-country meets and to sixteenth through twenty-fifth places at the state cross-country meet. Medals will be presented to the first through fifteenth places at the state cross-country meet" to read: "Ribbons will be presented to the top ten individuals at regional cross-country meets. Each runner in the state cross-country meet shall receive a participant ribbon. Medals will be awarded to the first through twenty-fifth places in each race at the state cross-country meet."
4. To add as an approved expense on the state cross-country financial report form a starter's fee of \$25.00
5. To change By-Law 5.721 which reads: "Full teams shall consist of a minimum of five to a maximum of seven students whose names appear on the current Certification List. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of regional meet" to read: "Full teams shall consist of a minimum of five to a maximum of seven students whose names appear on the current Certification List. No changes may be made to the Regional Entry form after the regional meet.

6. To add as By-Law 5.724: "A maximum of 10 runners may be listed on the Regional Entry form. Up to seven of the 10 may run in the Regionals. For purposes of advancement, teams shall be considered to consist of those runners who participated in the Regional. However, any runner whose name appears on the Regional Entry form, may be used as a substitute at the state final provided the runner remains eligible for the meet."

Several items were discussed without any formal action. Included in the discussion were emergency personnel at the state site, an explanation of the uniform rule, unofficial results handed to the runners as they finish at the state meet, and larger medals for the top 25 individuals.

We were informed by Springfield Grant that they will not be able to host the state meet for the next several years as the high schools in their area will be running their conference meet at Lincoln Park the same day as our meet.

Lots were drawn to determine committee length of service. Serving two-year terms (expiring in 1994-95 school year) will be Sue Zartler and Sally Cadagin; serving three-year terms (expiring in the 1995-96 school year will be Bob Spear and David Dinkheller; and serving four-year terms (expiring in 1996-97 school year) will be Mark Clark and Eric Willard. Mr Libowitz's term expires at the end of the 1995-96 school year.

AGENDA FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 2, 1994

10 a.m., IESA Office, Bloomington

1. Welcome and Introductions--new committee members--Mike Schmidt, Milford; Steve Destri, Normal Parkside
2. Review role of Advisory Committee
3. Review Board action on recommendations from 12-14-93
4. Discussion Items
 - A. Possible addition of more runners @ state meet
 - B. Should distance of regional and state meet change from 3200 meters to 2 miles?
 - C. Finish line procedures @ state meet
 - D. Regionals will now be called sectionals
 - E. Any other items from committee
5. Review 1994 financial report
6. Last meeting for Sue

CROSS-COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

December 2, 1994

The following members were present for the meeting: Board Member Liaison, Mr. Mike Schmidt; Coaches David Dinkheller, Eric Willard, Sue Zartler, Steve Destri, Bob Spear, Mark Clarke; and Administrator, Mr. Jeff Libowitz.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place.

The IESA Cross-Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting of December 2, 1994, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 20, 1995, meeting:

1. To increase the number of sectionals from eight to nine.
2. To change By-Law 4.0325 which reads "The first and second-place sectional teams plus the top five individuals not on the first or second-place teams shall advance to state level competition, to read: "The first and second-place sectional teams plus the top **seven** individuals not on the first or second place teams shall advance to state level competition."

Rationale for the above two recommendations stems mainly from the increase in cross country entries. There were 18 new schools entered in the state series this year. If the above two recommendations are passed, approximately 74 more individuals will participate in the state meet (37 boys & 37 girls).

3. To add as By-Law 4.0344: "Twelve individual awards will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in the state final competition."

Rationale for the above recommendation: In the team sports of baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball individual awards are given to the top four teams in each activity. In cross-country, even though individual awards are given to the top 25 individuals, no awards are given to the team members of the top four teams. In track, the only way one can contribute to team points is to place in an event for which an individual receives a medal. In wrestling, it is rare for a wrestler to contribute to team scoring without placing and receiving a medal. In cross-country, if an individual does not finish in the top 25 but the team finishes in the top four, that individual does not take home any award. Unlike wrestling and track where there are both individual and team honors, everyone on the cross-country team contributes to the team score in some way. Cross-country, more so than wrestling and track, is both a team and an individual sport. Approximate additional cost to the Association --\$110.00, which could be offset by additional T-shirt money, if recommendations #1 & 2 are passed.

Other items discussed by the committee concerned the set-up of the state meet and the awards ceremony. Those items will be discussed with the state host.

Sue Zartler was recognized for her service to the committee.