

# 2023 IESA CROSS COUNTRY ADVISORY MEETING

## Minutes and Recommendations

November 15, 2023, via Zoom

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Executive Director), Corey Plotner (St. Joseph, Coach), Adam Thas (Bolingbrook Jane Addams, Coach), Marland Rachel (Official), Sue Urban-Crowley (Chicago Old St. Mary's, Coach), Janelle Meyers, Elmwood (Administrator), Evan Thorpe, Coach (Dixon Reagan), Jamie VanDongen, Coach (Manteno), and Jim Bartlett (Barrington Prairie, Coach). Also present were Jay Marshall (Coordinator of Officials) and Brad Henz (ShaZam Racing).

The IESA Cross Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting on November 15, 2023, discussed the following:

### Recommendation 1- Terms and Conditions

<b>Current</b>	All runners will start from a randomly assigned box. Box assignments will be given to the coach when they pick up their final packet on the day of the state meet. All individuals who qualify from a given sectional will all start from the same box.
<b>Proposed</b>	All runners will start from a randomly assigned box. <b>Schools with both a girls and a boys team will be assigned to the same box for each race.</b> Box assignments will be given to the coach when they pick up their final packet on the day of the state meet. All individuals who qualify from a given sectional will all start from the same box.
<b>Rationale</b>	This allows coaches and runners to review one race strategy.
<b>XCC T&amp;C</b>	H. State
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>Died for lack of a motion</b>

### Recommendation 2- By-laws and Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

<b>Current</b>	Host schools will receive \$1000 for allowable meet expenses. Host schools must complete and return the Financial Form with required documentation within 14 days of meet completion. Participating schools may not be assessed on a per-team basis to cover operating deficits of a sectional meet. There is no admission fee for spectators at the sectional meet
<b>Proposed</b>	Host schools will receive <b>\$1200</b> for allowable meet expenses. Host schools must complete and return the Financial Form with required documentation within 14 days of meet completion. Participating schools may not be assessed on a per-team basis to cover operating deficits of a sectional meet. There is no admission fee for spectators at the sectional meet
<b>Rationale</b>	With the majority of meets using a timing company, expenses are exceeding the stipend. Cost is an additional \$8,000.
<b>XCC T&amp;C</b>	X. A. Sectional Meet
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Admin Vote</b>	Fee would need to be raised to \$120 from \$110 to cover the increase. In favor pending fee discussion.
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>Approved with fee increase</b>

### Recommendation 3- Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

<b>Current</b>	Races are on a rotation schedule every year.
<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Races are to remain on a consistent schedule as follows:</b> 1A Girls followed by 1A Boys; 2A Girls followed by 2A Boys; 3A Girls followed by 3A Boys; 4A Girls followed by 4A Boys
<b>Rationale</b>	Allows for coaches to prepare consistently from year-to-year.
<b>XCC T&amp;C</b>	II. C. Time Schedule
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>Approved</b>

#### Recommendation 4- State Officials

<b>Current</b>	<b>State</b> Payment to staging clerks and umpires is \$30.00. Payment to state meet starters is \$45.00. Payment to Assistant Referees and Head Finish Judge is \$75 Payment to Head Umpire, and Head Clerk is \$80. Payment to state meet referee is \$100.00.
<b>Proposed</b>	<b>State</b> <b>Payment to staging clerks and umpires is \$40.00.</b> Payment to state meet starters is \$45.00. Payment to Assistant Referees and Head Finish Judge is \$75 Payment to Head Umpire, and Head Clerk is \$80. Payment to state meet referee is \$100.00.
<b>Rationale</b>	Rising travel expenses.
<b>XCC T&amp;C</b>	IX. C Payment
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Admin Vote</b>	Refer to Officials Committee
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>Approved</b>

#### Discussion Topics

1. The Committee reviewed the 2023 state series.
2. The Committee discussed the current season calendar. The Committee discussed the proposed calendar changes submitted by the Calendar AdHoc Committee. The Committee would like the season length and placement to remain the same. No recommendation.
3. The Committee discussed a proposal submitted by Newton Jasper Co. No recommendation.
4. The Committee discussed a sectional host rotation schedule. No recommendation.
5. The Committee discussed a recommendation to require chip timing. No recommendation.
6. The Committee discussed adding additional qualifiers to the state meet. No recommendation.
7. The Committee discussed several proposals to the State Meet time schedule (new location, alternation between girls and boys, two day meet). No recommendation.
8. The Committee discussed allowing packet pick-up on Friday. No recommendation.

#### Points of Emphasis

1. Runner etiquette
2. Eligibility

**Sue Urban-Crowley was thanked for her contributions and service to the Committee and membership.**

#### Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (in person)