

2019 IESA CROSS COUNTRY ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

November 18, 2019

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Dave Stier (Official), Jake Norman (Pekin Broadmoor, Coach), Jason Palmer (Shelbyville Moulton, Coach), , John Darrow (Clarendon Hills Notre Dame, Coach), Sue Urban-Crowley (Chicago Old St. Mary's, Coach), Melissa Strickler (South Pekin, Coach), Rob Pacey (Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Coach), Shane Orlow (Freeport JHS, Coach). Not present was DeAndre Henderson (Normal Parkside, Administrator).

The IESA Cross Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting on November 18, 2019, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 31, 2020, meeting:

Recommendation 1- By-laws and Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

Current

Proposed The Sectional course should be made available to participating schools no less than one hour prior to the designated start time of the first race.

Rationale Participating schools may be new to the sectional course and have an expectation that they will be able to walk/tour the course prior to the meet to help their participants feel comfortable with the layout. Host schools who are hosting other meets or activities on the course prior to their first sectional race must take this recommendation in to consideration when requesting to host an IESA Sectional meet.

XCC T&C Host Instructions

IESA By-Law

Admin Vote 3-0 supporting

Board Action Passed

Recommendation 2- Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

Current Host schools will be able to request reimbursement of allowable expenses up to \$1000. To receive reimbursement, host schools must complete and return the Reimbursement Form with required documentation. Participating schools will not be assessed on a per-team basis to cover deficits of a sectional meet. There is no admission fee for spectators at the sectional meet.

Proposed Host schools will receive \$1000 to assist with the expenses of the sectional meet. Host schools will be sent \$1000 prior to the sectional meet from the IESA Office. Within seven days of the sectional meet, host schools must complete and return the Financial Report Form with required documentation. Participating schools will not be assessed on a per-team basis to cover deficits of a sectional meet. There is no admission fee for spectators at the sectional meet.

Rationale This would allow host schools to pay the race management or timing companies in a timely fashion.

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IESA By-Law

Admin Vote 3-0 supporting

Board Action Passed

Discussion Topics

1. Discussed moving the cross country state series earlier in the season. No recommendation was made.
2. Discussed increasing the state series roster size to 12. No recommendation was made.
3. Discussed the language regarding uniforms. Information regarding uniforms included in the NFHS Rulebook will also be included in the Terms and Conditions.

4. Reviewed the changes made to the Sectional awards- no team ribbons and individual medals. The feedback was positive regarding the changes made in 2018.
5. Discussed various advancement proposals- additional teams advancing in sectionals with state team placers in the previous year, developing a time standard for qualification. No recommendations were made. The Committee concluded that with such variation in courses a time standard would be impossible to develop. Also, the Committee acknowledged that the purpose of the state series is not to advance the fastest runners/teams, but to advance the fastest runners/teams from the geographic regions of the state.
6. The Committee will conduct a survey to gather information regarding alternate sectional days. See survey questions below. Survey will be accessed when entering 2020 Sectional Participants.
7. The Committee discussed future expansion possibilities for the activity. A four class system of the activity was discussed. A two class system with a regional, sectional and state level was also discussed. Splitting the three classes by a 40/30/30 percentage was discussed. No recommendation was made. The Committee felt that the current format is consistent and fair.
8. Discussed moving the State meet to a course that could accommodate more runners. There is concern regarding continued changes being made to the current course.
9. Discussed posting the complete results and final team standings prior to the awards ceremony at the state meet. No recommendations were made about changing the current procedure. The Committee would like to emphasize to those attending the state meet awards ceremony that they should exhibit proper etiquette and good sportsmanship and not leave the stands until the entire ceremony has concluded.
10. Discussion of host expenses and financial reimbursement. No recommendation was made. The Committee did not feel that an additional assessment by the host was needed or acceptable. They would like to continue to monitor the expense reports to see if adjustments need to be made to the total reimbursable amount.

Jake Norman, Shane Orlow and Dave Stier were thanked for their service to the Association, the Committee and the participating schools.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date
Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Survey

Q. Should Friday be offered as a possible Sectional meet date for hosts to select? Recommended start time for a Friday meet would be 3:00 p.m. Hosts would then have the option of selecting Friday or Saturday for their races.