



## Board Meeting Briefs: April 30, 2018

### Seeding consideration for state wrestling; postseason news in swimming, soccer, tennis

**BOONE, Iowa** – The Iowa High School Athletic Association’s 2019 state dual team wrestling tournament will feature brackets built in a new way, and bigger changes could be on the way for the traditional tournament.

In Monday’s Board of Control meeting at IHSAA offices in Boone, a wrestling advisory committee recommendation to allow coaches of state qualifying teams to seed the dual team tournament was unanimously approved. Similar pre-tournament ranking systems have been approved and utilized in baseball and basketball. Submissions from the eight qualifiers per class will replace prior policy that used Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association rankings to determine state dual team tournament seeds.

“I think the move to seed the state dual team tournament helps make wrestling consistent with other sports, and with a method that has proven to be effective in building competitive brackets,” IHSAA wrestling administrator Lewie Curtis said Monday.

The larger potential change is a recommendation from the advisory committee to seed the top eight wrestlers in each weight class for the state traditional tournament using TrackWrestling’s online formula. A similar recommendation was placed before the Board of Control in 2017 with less advisory committee support, but the annual committee meeting earlier this month produced a unified proposal to seed wrestlers No. 1 to No. 8 in each 16-person bracket, then use a random draw to place the remaining eight wrestlers.

The Board decided to table the recommendation until June’s meeting to allow for further discussion and research on the seeding process. Approximately 30 states use TrackWrestling to provide state tournament seeding. The IHSAA’s current state tournament bracketing uses a random draw that pairs district champions with district runners-up.

### Swimming postseason adjustments approved

The Board of Control unanimously approved two recommendations from the swimming advisory committee on Monday. The first will have the IHSAA wait to release district swimming assignments until Week 28 of the NFHS calendar (Jan. 7, 2019) to more equitably distribute teams. The second institutes an alternate spot for individual swimmers who hold the 25<sup>th</sup>-placed qualifying time out of districts, allowing them to compete if the IHSAA is notified by noon on the Friday before the state meet that a qualified individual cannot compete.

### Soccer substates take shape

Classifications and substate assignments for soccer were approved by the Board of Control on Monday morning. Substate brackets and sites will be announced next week, with postseason games set for May 21, May 23, and substate finals on May 26.

[Class 3A](#)

| [Class 2A](#)

| [Class 1A](#)

### Tennis postseason sites selected

District and substate tennis assignments were approved Monday for Class 2A and Class 1A meets. District meets will host singles and doubles competition, while substate events are set for team duals. A full listing of postseason sites and assignments, along with meet information, can be found [HERE](#).

### Unified Activities Calendar set

Schedules in the Unified Activities Calendar for the 2018-19 school year were approved Monday following a meeting earlier this month between officials from the IHSAA, IGHSAU, Iowa High School Music Association, and Iowa High School Speech Association. The approved dates with associated NFHS weeks can be viewed [HERE](#).

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