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Soccer adds state tournament rest days starting in 2020; winter postseason updates

BOONE, Iowa - The IHSAA state soccer tournament at Cownie Soccer Complex will feature a new schedule format starting in 2020, capping the Board of Control's Thursday morning meeting. The proposal recommended by the soccer advisory committee and passed Thursday inserts rest days between rounds, preserves the current length of the regular and postseason, and offers scheduling flexibility for future years.

"We believe this will be an excellent change when it comes to the health, safety, and performance of the student-athletes participating in state soccer, especially when the heat and humidity may be higher than they have played in all season," IHSAA executive director Alan Beste said. "The staff at Des Moines Parks and Recreation has expressed its support for this plan, and we are excited to continue showcasing Iowa high school soccer at Cownie Soccer Complex."

After advisory committee recommendation and IHSAA administrative backing, the approved schedule goes as follows:

June 1-5, 2020—Quarterfinals: Monday, June 1; Semifinals: Wednesday, June 3; Finals: Friday, June 5.

June 1-5, 2021—Quarterfinals: Tuesday, June 1; Semifinals: Thursday, June 3; Finals: Friday, June 5.

The three-day state tournament format will be unchanged for the 2019 event. It is set for May 30-June 1 across four fields at Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines.

Other soccer adjustments approved by the Board of Control: 1. Moving the first date for jamborees to the first date of practice to encourage preseason preparation; 2. Increasing postseason travel party size for teams from 27 to 31; 3. Classification restructuring starting in the 2020 season, putting the largest 48 schools in Class 3A, the next largest 56 schools in Class 2A, and remaining schools in Class 1A. Past seasons and the 2019 schedule will include 48 teams in 3A, 48 teams in 2A, and the remainder in 1A.

Winter postseason manuals approved

The postseason manuals for the 2019 basketball and wrestling tournaments were approved by the Board of Control on Thursday. The manuals contain postseason policy, seeding and assignment procedures, as well as host site, ticket, and financial information. Postseason information is included in seasonal manuals for bowling and swimming and was previously approved.

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Class 2A tennis contract extended to 2022

Cedar Rapids will keep the IHSAA's Class 2A singles and doubles state tennis tournament for 2021 and 2022 thanks to a contract extension approved Thursday. Veterans Memorial Tennis Center remains the outdoor site with Westfield Tennis Center and Coe College providing indoor amenities.

Director of finance Sandra Anderson retiring

Anderson has been IHSAA director of finance since 2003, and was ticket manager for state basketball and wrestling from 1989 to 2003.

"Sandi has been extremely committed to the Athletic Association and has been wonderful to work with," Beste said. "Her guidance in financial matters was always well thought out. While we will miss Sandi's steady hand in our accounting office, we also know she has certainly earned the opportunity to spend more time with her family."

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