

# IHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Indianapolis, Indiana – October 2, 2014

## **PRESENT**

Chairperson Tim Grove, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Deborah Watson, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland, Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Sandy Searcy, Sandra Walter, Directors Ed Sullivan, Jason Wille, and Attorney Bob Baker.

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion for approval was made by Don Gandy; seconded by Dave Worland; motion passed 18-0.

## APPROVE BASKETBALL STUDY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS TO TOURNAMENT SERIES FORMATS

Commissioner Cox requested for the proposal to be tabled until the November Executive Committee meeting. A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Geoff Penrod; motion passed 18-0.

# REPORT ON CHAIR OFFICIALS FOR THE BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Kaufman presented a list of tennis chair officials eligible for possible use in the boys' tennis tournament series. The tournament requires the use of 8 officials for the semi-finals on Friday evening, and 9 chair officials for the state finals on Saturday.

## REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of 46 cross country starters eligible for the Cross Country Tournament Series. The tournament requires the use of 32 officials.

# REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR THE SOCCER TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of soccer officials eligible for the soccer tournament series. The soccer tournament series requires 336 officials and 420 applied, which is a slight improvement over last year.

## REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Searcy submitted the names of 197 volleyball officials who have applied to work the volleyball tournament series. The volleyball tournament series requires 128 officials at the sectional level.

#### REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of 167 football crews eligible for the Football Tournament Series. The football tournament requires 146 crews for the first round of sectional play.

#### REPORTS ON PROBATIONARY MEMBERS OF THE IHSAA

Assistant Commissioners Faulkens, Gardner, Kaufman, Searcy, and Walter submitted reports regarding probationary members of the IHSAA:

Christel House Academy - Assistant Commissioner Walter

Gambold Preparatory Magnet - Robert Faulkens

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology – Assistant Commissioner Gardner

Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter - Assistant Commissioner Searcy

Providence Cristo Rey - Assistant Commissioner Kaufman

Smith Academy for Excellence - Assistant Commissioner Gardner

South Bend Career Academy - Assistant Commissioner Faulkens

Traders Point Christian Academy - Sandra Walter

## PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on the preliminary plans for the 2014-15 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. The Executive Committee will approve the tournament series host sites during the November meeting.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported on the preliminary plans for the 2014-15 Girls Basketball Tournament Series. The Executive Committee will approve the tournament series host sites during the November meeting.

#### REPORT ON MARKETING AND PROMOTION STRATEGIES

David Cranfill and Ira Maher, from the 360 Group, presented strategies for the 2014-15 school year – New Initiatives include -

- 1. IHSAA Annual Report
- 2. The Face of Sportsmanship campaign Mirror clings, PSA Video, sportsmanship post cards, and posters are contained in the sportsmanship kit. This message will be integrated throughout the state championship venues which will strengthen the message.
- Mental Attitude Award Program Corporate Partner Recognition. Several mental attitude award winners will be photographed and placed on billboards. The award winners will be interviewed as well.
- 4. Corporate Sponsor Program A web site will be created for those that wish to establish a corporate relationship with the IHSAA.

## **INVESTMENT REPORT**

Mark Stoltz, financial advisor from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, presented a report regarding the Association's investments.

## **REPORT ON CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS**

Assistant Commissioner Kaufman submitted a report regarding current and new corporate sponsors.

# REPORT ON NFHS SECTION IV MEETING

Commissioner Cox submitted an account of topics discussed during the 2014 Section IV meeting held in Stevens Point Wisconsin on September 17-19. Commissioner Cox reported that All of Section IV states are facing the same challenges. The group discussed the general trend of insurance premiums. Indiana offers the only Catastrophic Plan to student athletes in Section IV. They discussed the sanctioning of interstate events, foreign students, injury rates and prevention.

#### **REPORT ON MIDWEST OFFICIALS' SUMMIT**

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported on topics discussed during the 2014 Midwest Officials' Summit held in East Lansing, Michigan. The group discussed suspensions and ejections, recruitment and retention, official education, social media, Arbiter Sports, Assigners, and finally, video editing and training tools.

## REPORT FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Technology Director Ed Sullivan and Executive Committee Mike Whitten presented a report on the activities of the Technology Committee.

#### **TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the 2014-15 school year. This report included the following actions as of September 30, 2014:

Full Eligibility	2079	85.91%
Limited Eligibility	177	7.31%
Temp. Ineligible	157	6.49%
Ineligible	7	0.29%
Total	2420	

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported the Association has received over 125 ejection reports from officials working contests this fall. The new online sporting behavior reports have improved the reporting process for both officials and member schools.

# **LITIGATION**

Attorney Robert Baker updated the Executive Committee on the current status of pending litigation against the Association.

#### **PENALTIES ASSESSED**

The following penalties were assessed for various violations of the IHSAA By-Laws:

Ben Davis High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 111-4 (JV Volleyball player participated in more than five sets in a single day against the same school).

- 1. The Ben Davis High School volleyball program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Carl Lucas is reprimanded for permitting this violation to occur.
- 3. In accordance with rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, Lawrence North High School must be notified that this violation occurred and the match in which the maximum number of sets was exceeded must be forfeited if Ben Davis was victorious.

Bowman Leadership Academy – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Varsity football player participated in two games without an approved transfer report on file*).

- 1. The Bowman Leadership Academy football program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.

3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Bowman was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Bremen High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Girls' soccer player participated in two matches without an approved foreign exchange student eligibility request on file*).

- 1. The Bremen High School girls' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved foreign exchange student eligibility report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Bremen was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Chesterton High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 54-3.1b (*Three football players participated in six quarters during the same week*).

- 1. The Chesterton High School football program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coaches Andrew Prater and David Milligan are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The IHSAA accepts and supports the one game suspension of Coach Prater and additional corrective measures exercised in this matter.
- 3. All quarters played shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athletes involved in this violation.
- 4. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Munster High School shall be notified of this violation and if Chesterton was victorious, the game shall be forfeited.

Christian Academy of Indiana – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Boys' soccer player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*)

- 1. The Christian Academy of Indiana boys' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Christian Academy of Indiana was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Decatur Central High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 18-1 (*Boys' soccer player participated in a match while academically ineligible*).

- 1. The Decatur Central High School boys' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student may become academically eligible.
- 3. The interscholastic contest in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Decatur Central was victorious. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.

Eastern (Pekin) High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 3-10 (*Girls' golfer participated in a match without a completed pre-participation physical and consent form on file at the school*).

- 1. The Eastern High School girls' golf program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Michael McBride is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student athletes prior to their participation in a practice, let alone an interscholastic competition.

3. The match where the ineligible athlete participated shall be rescored after removing the score of the ineligible athlete. Eastern High School shall notify Clarksville High School of this violation.

Evansville Reitz Memorial High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 20-4 (*Athletic Director met with prospective student athlete prior to enrollment in the school – PROBATION*).

- 1. The Evansville Reitz Memorial High School girls' basketball program is placed on probation for the 2014-15 season. This probation is a severe type of warning. It is official notice that serious violations have occurred, are a matter of record and future, similar incidents will not be tolerated.
- 2. Athletic Director Bruce Dockery is reprimanded for allowing this unacceptable violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not a valid reason for a rules violation.
- 3. The administration of Evansville Reitz Memorial is encouraged to conduct a thorough review of the provisions of Rule 20 to eliminate any further violations in this area.

Fountain Central High School– Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 54-4 (Football team practiced with full gear one day earlier than permitted by rule).

- 1. The Fountain Central High School football program is issued a warning.
- 2. Rule 54-4 has been amended to promote the health and safety of student athletes participating in the sport of football and strict adherence of these provisions is expected.

Griffith High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (Girls' soccer player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file).

- 1. The Griffith High School girls' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Griffith was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Indianapolis Scecina Memorial High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (JV volleyball player participated in three matches without an approved transfer report on file).

- 1. The Indianapolis Scecina Memorial High School volleyball program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. Head Coach Brian Hawkins is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.
- 4. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Scecina was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

LaPorte High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 19-3 (*Boys' cross country runner participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer report on file*).

- 1. The LaPorte High School boys' cross country program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be rescored after removing the ineligible athlete's scores and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Lawrence Central High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 3-10 (Girls' soccer player participated in four halves in a single session).

- 1. The Lawrence Central boys' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Joe Weber is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student athletes prior to their participation in a practice, let alone an interscholastic competition.
- 3. The matches where the ineligible athletes participated shall be forfeited if Lawrence Central was victorious and all schools be made aware of this violation.

Leo High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (Boys' cross country runner participated in two JV meets without an approved transfer on file).

- 1. The Leo High School South boys' cross country program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be rescored after removing the ineligible athlete's scores and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Martinsville High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.1a (*Girls' golfer participated in a non-school match without an approved waiver*).

- 1. The Martinsville High School girls' golf program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student shall be suspended for next five golf matches on the current Martinsville High School schedule.

McCutcheon High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (Boys' soccer player participated in two JV contests without an approved foreign exchange report on file).

- 1. The McCutcheon High School boys' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved foreign exchange student eligibility report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if McCutcheon was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Monroe Central High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (*Boys' basketball coach held a players meeting on a Sunday*).

- 1. The Monroe Central High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Tom Byrum is reprimanded for this violation.
- 3. It is understood that Coach Tom Byrum has resigned his position with Monroe Central High School.

Muncie Central High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (Two boys' tennis players participated in a practice with an assistant coach on Sunday).

- 1. The Muncie Central High School boys' tennis program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Ben Bryan is reprimanded for this violation.

New Haven High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 4-1 (Boys' soccer player participated in multiple matches while 20 years of age).

1. The New Haven High School boys' soccer program is issued a warning.

- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition.
- 3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, the schools against whom the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if New Haven was victorious. The participating schools involved with this violation shall be notified.

Peru High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (Volleyball player participated in a match without an approved transfer report on file).

- 1. The Peru High School volleyball program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. Head Coach Bob Cruikshank is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.
- 4. The contest in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Peru was victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Seymour High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 54-3.1b (Football player participated in six quarters during the same week).

- 1. The Seymour High School football program is issued a warning.
- 2. Head Coach Josh Shattuck and JV Coach Jason Lutz are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.
- 3. All quarters played shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athletes involved in this violation.
- 4. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Floyd Central High School shall be notified of this violation and if Seymour was victorious, the game shall be forfeited.

South Bend Adams High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (Girl's golf coach provided instruction to a player on a Sunday).

- 1. The South Bend Adams High School girls' golf program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Andrew Kern is reprimanded for this violation.
- 3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the corrective actions of South Bend Adams High School as appropriate measures in this matter.

South Spencer High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Girls' cross country runner participated in multiple races without an approved transfer report on file*).

- 1. The South Spencer High School girls' cross country program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be rescored after removing the ineligible athlete's scores and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Wawasee High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 18-1 (Girls' golfer participated in a golf match while academically ineligible).

- 1. The Wawasee High School girls' golf program is issued a warning.
- 2. The interscholastic contest in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be rescored after removing the scores of the ineligible athlete. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

West Vigo High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (Girls' soccer provided instruction to two players on a Sunday).

- 1. The West Vigo girls' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. Coach Allison Walters is reprimanded for this violation
- 3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the disciplinary action taken with Coach Walters.

Westville High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 18-1 (Boys' soccer player participated in multiple matches while academically ineligible).

- 1. The Westville High School boys' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student may become academically eligible.
- 3. The interscholastic contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Westville was victorious. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Westville High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Girls' soccer player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*).

- 1. The Westville High School girls' soccer program is issued a warning.
- 2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
- 3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Westville was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Wheeler High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 50-1 (Boys tennis player participated in two matches before completing 10 separate days of practice).

- 1. The Wheeler High School boys' tennis program is issued a warning.
- 2. In accordance with Rule 3-9.5b, the ineligible athlete shall be disqualified and the events rescored to reflect a forfeiture of the matches where the ineligible athlete participated. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation and the subsequent rescoring of these matches. The student athlete remains ineligible until 10 separate days of practice under the direct supervision of the boys' tennis coaching staff is accomplished.
- 3. Head Coach Mike Rosta is severely reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The provision of 10 separate days of practice speaks to the health and safety of student athletes. A defiance of the established rules of this Association is unacceptable. Future acts of defiance will be dealt with in harsh manner.
- 3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the disciplinary action taken by Wheeler High School with Head Coach Mike Rosta.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Reactions to Fall Area Principal Meetings
- 2. Reactions to Sessions Conducted for Student Athletes
- 3. Communications:
  - Marion County Superintendents with response from the Commissioner
- 4. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the October meeting of the Executive Committee was made by Mike Broughton; seconded by Jim Brown; motion passed 18-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014.

	Chairperson
Tim Grove	
	Commissioner
Bobby Cox	