

IHSAA Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Paul Neidig, Vice-Chairwoman Patti McCormack, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Nathan Dean, Ed Gilliland, Jimmie Howell, Debb Stevens, Deborah Watson, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Technology Director Luke Morehead, IT Director for Special Projects Ed Sullivan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion approved 13-0.

Emergency By-Law Amendment

Rule 19-5.1 (Transfer Option when Transfer with Change of Residence by Parent(s)/Guardian(s))

When a student's parents(s)/Guardian(s) make a Bona Fide change of residence to a New District or Territory, the student has the following options:

- a. the student may continue eligibility at his/her original school pursuant to rule C-19-2; or
- b. The student may transfer and attempt to obtain full eligibility at the Public School which Serves the Student's Residence, at the Charter School which Serves the Student's Residence, or at a Private School which Serves the Student's Residence, at any time prior to the 15th school day of the next ~~school year~~ semester or trimester; or (Note: a School does not 'serve' the residence of a student who Enrolls at that School under an open enrollment program or under a similar program)
- c. the student may transfer and attempt to obtain Limited Eligibility in any Public School or Private School which does not serve the student's area of residence.

A motion to approve was made by Mike Broughton; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 13-0. This amendment to Rule 19-5.1 is effective immediately.

Accept Resignation of Steve Cox and Janis Qualizza from IHSAA Board of Directors

Steve Cox, principal at Beech Grove High School and a member of the Board of Directors since 2008, submitted his resignation from the Board. Janis Qualizza, athletic director at Merrillville High School and a member of the Board of Directors whose 20 years of service is the longest in the history of the Association, submitted her resignation.

A motion to approve these two resignations with regret, was made by Dave Worland, seconded by Mike Whitten, motion approved 13-0.

Approve Request from Indiana School for the Deaf

Commissioner Cox presented a letter of special request from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The IHSAA By-Laws provide for special accommodations for the Indiana School for the Deaf.

A motion to approve the request was made by Deborah Watson; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion passed 13-0.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Commissioner Cox presented a Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed by the IHSAA Executive Committee members.

Approve Staff Attendance at Selected Meetings

Commissioner Cox requested permission to have representatives attend the conferences and workshops outlined below:

- NFHS Section IV Meeting at Boone, IA on Sept. 24 & 25, 2015 (Commissioner)
- NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference at Orlando, FL on Dec. 11-15, 2015 (Asst. Commissioner Kaufman)
- NFHS Winter Meeting at Kauai, HI on Jan. 3-6, 2016 (Commissioner)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Chicago, IL on Jan. 7 & 8, 2016 (Asst. Commissioners Faulkens, Kaufman, Schludecker, Sports Information Director Wille and Technology Director Morehead)

A motion to approve the recommended participation in these workshops was made by Debb Stevens, seconded by Jimmie Howell, motion passed 13-0.

Explanation of Policy Handbooks

Commissioner Cox discussed the information contained in the 2015-16 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

Commissioner Cox and Chairman Neidig reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers and duties of the Executive Committee.

Report on Catastrophic, General Liability, Excess Liability Insurance

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented the 2015-16 Catastrophic, General Liability and Excess Liability coverages. This year's quotation reflects a 9% reduction in the premium for general liability coverage.

Report on New Athletic Directors Workshop

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens reported that the IHSAA hosted the New Athletic Directors Workshop on July 21, 2015 for 55 individuals. By our count, there are a total of 82 new athletic directors in the 408 member schools starting this school year. Faulkens also reported that the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association will be conducting an additional session for the new athletic directors on Aug. 25.

Report on Student Advisory Committee Retreat

Assistant Commissioners Faulkens and Schludecker reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on Aug. 1-2, 2015 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville. The retreat included the 18 members of this year's SAC (nine returning seniors, nine juniors).

Report on Third Annual Officials Summit

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported on the IHSAA Officials Summit on July 18-19, 2015 at Zionsville Middle School. Attendance increased from the previous year and Dr. Chris Carr of Sport and Performance Psychology delivered the keynote address on "Sport Psychology to Enhance Officiating Performance". A new date for next year's Summit is under consideration.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Commissioner Cox reported on the plans to form the IHSAA Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) corporation, designed to provide funding to support scholarships, projects and initiatives which promote education-based athletics in Indiana and post-secondary educational opportunities for student-athletes.

2015 Spring Sport Financial Reports

The following reports were presented regarding the financial status of state tournaments conducted during the spring season.

- Baseball Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported the overall attendance improved by 4% over last year.
- Boys Golf Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Kaufman reported the IHSAA completed the first full year in our partnership with Prairie View Golf Club as the host of the state finals. The Association is grateful to the many courses around the state that have donated their facilities to be used as tournament host sites at the sectional and regional levels.
- Softball Tournament Report – Commissioner Cox reported expenses remained constant with net revenue improving by 2%.

- Girls Tennis Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Kaufman reported a number of host sites in earlier rounds have requested USTA officials due to hotly contested matches which has increased costs.
- Track & Field Tournament Reports – Assistant Commissioner Faulkens mentioned a change of format between sectional and regional caused some confusion for some. Overall attendance and revenue was down at the state finals seemingly due to the inclement weather experienced. The Association has also taken on a portion of the cost of temporary bleacher rentals at the state finals site in Bloomington.
- Final Financial Reports for 2014-15 – Commissioner Cox reported net revenue to the Association was down 8.6% overall for the 2014-15 school year.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of July 1-31, 2015.

Full Eligibility	403	85.6%
Limited Eligibility	46	9.8%
Temporarily Ineligible	22	4.7%
Ineligible	0	0%
Total	471		

Litigation

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

Member School Sportsmanship Program Presentations

As part of the IHSAA Sportsmanship Task Force that was created last year, a point system was installed to monitor acceptable levels of sportsmanship among member schools. The following schools fell below the expected level at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year and administrators from those schools appeared before the Committee to outline their plans for improvement.

- Lafayette Jefferson High School
- Lawrence Central High School
- Zionsville High School

Wrestling Dual Meet Exemption Presentation

Dr. Grant Nesbit, Director of Athletics & Wellness for MSD Lawrence Township, appeared before the Committee to petition for a waiver to Rule 60-2 (maximum 18 dual meets) and allow Lawrence North’s wrestling team to accept an invitation to the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association state duals tournament on Jan. 2, 2016.

Penalties Assessed

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

Decatur Central HS – Rule 3-10a (2) *(Four volleyball players participated in practice without signed pre-participation physical and consent forms on file)*

1. The Decatur Central High School volleyball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that an illegal act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Coach Dee Taylor 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 and/or an interscholastic contest.

South Putnam HS – Rule 15-1.2c *(Softball team scrimmaged middle school travel team consisting of non-feeder school students)*

1. The South Putnam High School softball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that an illegal act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Head Coach Roshia Sullivan is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Bobby Cox
2. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in New Orleans, LA
3. Executive Committee State Tournament Assignments – Paul Neidig
4. Communications:
 - Mildred Ball, Retired IHSAA Assistant Commissioner
 - Blake Ress, Commissioner Emeritus, IHSAA (2)
 - Jim Morris, Vice Chairman, Pacers Sports and Entertainment
5. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Deborah Watson; motion passed 13-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on Friday, October 9, 2015.

Paul Neidig, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner