

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Paul Neidig, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Ed Gilliland, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Debb Stevens, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; IT Director for Special Projects Ed Sullivan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jimmie Howell; motion passed 16-0.

Approve Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Proposals

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reviewed the following proposals presented last month by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association.

1. Amend the participation rule as follows, "the coaching staff may offer instruction and work directly with a maximum of two athletes at a time with a maximum number of three coaches working with two athletes at a time (this would mean a total of six athletes maximum can be receiving instruction from three coaches maximum in a 2:1 ratio at one time); and..."

A motion to table this proposal for further study was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 16-0.

2. No sectional tournament bracket shall be set up to create a competitive advantage for a particular team(s) through the blind draw format. Currently, a team in a 5 or 7 team sectional can draw a 'play-in' game and then have to face the bye team with the bye team's #1 pitcher and the winner of the 'play in' game will have to use their #2 pitcher.

A motion for approval was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion failed 2-14, with Dave Worland and Jimmie Howell in favor.

3. Make all sectionals have an even number of teams, if possible. The goal would be 6-team sectionals, but 4-team and 8-team sectionals might be necessary due to logistics.

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion failed 0-16.

Approve Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Softball Proposals

Assistant Commissioner Schludecker reviewed the proposals presented by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association for softball.

1. Change the IHSAA rule for maximum number of contests to, "Schools may schedule 28 games and no tournaments, 26 games and 1 tournament, 24 games and 2 tournaments, or 22 games and 3 tournaments. The maximum number of regular season contests in which an individual may participate, including those within a tournament, may not exceed 31 games."

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Richard Lance; motion failed 0-16.

2. Add the following to Game Ending Procedures: "Regular Season Tournaments may use a 90-minute time limit (no new inning would be started after 90 minutes)."

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion failed 0-15-1 with Jimmie Howell abstaining.

3. Add the following to Game Ending Procedures: "Schools may use a minimum 90-minute time limit from the first pitch of the contest for only junior varsity and/or freshmen softball games, if there is prior mutual consent."

A motion to table this proposal was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Victor Bush; motion approved 16-0.

Report on Officials for 2015-16 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of 528 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2015-16 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require 6 per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

Report on Officials for 2015-16 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of 479 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2015-16 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series. The application deadline is tomorrow (Jan. 15). The basketball tournament series will require 6 per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

Report on Officials for 2015-16 Wrestling State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of 147 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2015-16 Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level so we will have a full complement of available officials. The numbers of overall licensed wrestling officials appear to be growing.

Report on Officials for 2015-16 Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Schludecker provided a list of 59 possible starters, including 11 new officials, who have applied for the 2015-16 Swimming & Diving Tournament Series.

Report on Officials for 2015-16 Gymnastics State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of 2015-16 licensed gymnastics judges. There are currently 18 officials who have applied for the state tournament's six sectionals with a deadline of Feb. 5. A total of 73 schools are expected to participate in this year's state tournament.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on the transfers that have been ruled on for the 2015-16 school year including the following actions as of December 31, 2015:

	Total	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,986	84.14%
Limited Eligibility	250	7.04%
Temporarily Ineligible	297	8.37%
Ineligible	<u>16</u>	0.45%
Total	3,549	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of January 6, 2016 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2015-16	2014-15
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,612	2,968
Total Ejections	298	337
Ejections (Coaches)	29	31
Ejections (Players)	262	324
Ejections (Fans)	5	1

Financial Reports

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2015-16. Gate receipts at the sectional and regional levels were up overall due in part to favorable matchups and good weather overall. Distribution to schools at the sectional level was up significantly over last year's tournament.

Commissioner Cox presented the Fall Financial Report. Net revenue to the Association during the fall tournaments were up over 8% from last year with increases in football, boys soccer, girls soccer and volleyball.

Litigation Report

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

Legislative Update

Commissioner Cox gave an update on state legislation with respect to the high school athletics. There are four bills covering two topics being debated in the House and Senate including concussion/head injury and battery of sports officials.

Report on National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting he attended. Much of the conversation with fellow leaders from other states pertained to continued communication of the education-based athletics message, officials recruitment, attendance, sportsmanship and fan behavior.

Report on IHSAA Foundation

Commissioner Cox reported on the latest information involving the creation of the IHSAA Foundation including Milt Thompson, attorney and counsel with the law firm of Bleeke Dillon Crandall, who has accepted an invitation to become the eighth member of the Foundation Board of Directors. The Commissioner hopes to convene this group for the first time at the IHSAA Baseball State Finals in June.

Report on National Athletic Directors Conference

Assistant Commissioner Kaufman presented information regarding the sessions attended during the NIAA Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. Executive Committee chairman Paul Neidig became the 19th individual from Indiana history to receive an NFHS Citation during the conference.

Report on Corporate Partnership Developments

Assistant Commissioner Kaufman shared the latest information on the IHSAA's various corporate partnerships and potential partners.

Penalties Assessed

Blackford HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Assistant swimming coach provided instruction prior to completion of coach education courses*)

1. The Blackford High School swimming and diving program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. The IHSAA supports the actions of Athletic Director Tony Uggen and accepts the course of action taken in this matter.

Brown County HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys JV basketball player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Brown County High School boys basketball 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. 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 forfeited if Brown County was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Carroll (FW) HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys swimmer participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Carroll (Fort Wayne) High School boys' swimming and diving 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. 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 athletes participated in shall be rescored to remove any points scored by the ineligible athlete. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Cloverdale HS – Rule 60-6 (*Wrestler participated in interscholastic contests without an established weight loss plan*)

1. The Cloverdale High School wrestling program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Head Coach Christian Frye is reprimanded for committing this violation. The head coach holds the responsibility that each athlete meets all requirements of the Association's wrestling weight management plan.
3. The matches in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if the wrestler from Cloverdale was victorious and the scores of the meets shall be rescored removing his points. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.
4. The student shall be required to meet all standards of the IHSAA Weight Management Program for Wrestling in order to participate in the IHSAA tournament series in wrestling.

Fort Wayne Snider HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls basketball player participated in multiple games without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne Snider High School girls' basketball 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. 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 forfeited if Fort Wayne Snider was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Griffith HS – Rule 15-1.2a (*Two freshman boys' basketball players participated in a non-school sponsored league game during the authorized contest season*)

1. The Griffith High School boys' basketball 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. The IHSAA accepts the actions of Griffith High School in the suspension of these students for 365 days from the boys' basketball program and planned communications about this participation by-law in future coach and parent meetings.

Guerin Catholic HS – Rules 14-1 & 15-1.2c (*Freshman girls' basketball team scrimmaged a non-school team without licensed officials*)

1. The Guerin Catholic High School girls' basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. The IHSAA waives the penalty of \$500.00 as there was no intent to stage a contest as a matter of record. The girls' basketball coaching staff is strongly encouraged to review the by-laws with respect to contests and the use of licensed officials.

Hamilton Heights HS – Rule 15-2.2d (*Volunteer baseball coach provided private lessons to team members during the school year out of season*)

1. The Hamilton Heights High School baseball 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 Baseball Coach Matt Wallace is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

3. The IHSAA supports the corrective actions taken by Hamilton Heights High School in this matter.

Indianapolis Crispus Attucks HS – Rule 20-4 (*Boys' basketball coach provided instruction and open facility opportunities to two students who were not enrolled in the school – PROBATION*)

1. The Indianapolis Crispus Attucks boys' basketball program is placed on probation for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. 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. Future and similar violations by the school may result in suspension of the boys' basketball program from the IHSAA tournament series.
2. The IHSAA strongly supports the actions of the Indianapolis Crispus Attucks administration through the suspension of head coach Phil Washington for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year including the IHSAA tournament series in lieu of the boys' basketball team being removed from the 2015-16 IHSAA tournament series.

Lawrence North HS – Rule 60-6 (*Wrestler participated in multiple matches without a physician's clearance form to participate under the minimum 7% body fat*)

1. The Lawrence North High School wrestling program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Head Coach Brian Seltzer is reprimanded for committing this violation. The head coach holds the responsibility that each athlete meets all requirements of the Association's wrestling weight management plan.
3. The matches in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if the wrestler from Lawrence North was victorious and the scores of the meets shall be rescored removing his points. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Marion HS – Rule 52-3d (*Boys' basketball player participated in six quarters of play on successive days*)

1. The Marion High School boys' basketball 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. All six quarters shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athlete involved in this violation.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Kokomo High School shall be notified of this violation and if Marion was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Muncie Central HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' swimmer participated in an interscholastic meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Muncie Central High School boys' swimming and diving 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. 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 rescored by removing any points earned by the ineligible athlete. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Noblesville HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Volunteer boys' basketball coach provided instruction prior to completing mandatory coach education*)

1. The Noblesville High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. The IHSAA recognizes that Coach Ryan Sever has now completed his obligations with respect to coach education.

Wabash HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys JV basketball player participated in multiple contests while academically ineligible*)

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

Western Boone HS – Rule 15-2.3f (*Baseball coach provided instruction to baseball player at a clinic*)

1. The Western Boone High School baseball 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 Baseball Coach Cesar Barrientos is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Whiting HS – Rule 102-3c (*Girls' basketball player participated in more than five quarters in the same session*)

1. The Whiting High School girls' basketball 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. All six quarters shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athlete involved in this violation.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Calumet High School shall be notified of this violation and if Whiting was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Items for Discussion

1. Review dates for the 2016 Spring Area Principals Meetings
2. For the Good of the Order
 - IHSAA/IIAAA audio public service announcements which will be distributed to radio stations later this month
 - Princeton's Jackie Young could become the state's all-time leading scorer in girls basketball this evening at Wood Memorial. Sandra Walter and Jason Wille will attend.

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Don Gandy, seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 16-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8 am on Friday, February 19, 2016.

Paul Neidig, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner