

IHSAA Executive Committee

Friday, March 25, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Paul Neidig, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Patti McCormack, 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 Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jimmie Howell; motion passed 18-0.

Approval of Indiana Football Coaches Association Proposals

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens reviewed the football proposal submitted last month by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

1. Addendum to IHSAA Rule 54-4d (5) to read: "Following the first contest date, teams will be allowed two days of contact greater than Level 3 during practice while wearing full protective equipment."

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion passed 18-0.

Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Proposals

Marty Johnson and Tom Beach, representing the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, presented the following proposals:

15-3.3A. Basketball

"A School's basketball coaching staff may take 2 or more players from a School's basketball team to either practice or compete against one or more players from another school or basketball organization starting on the Tuesday following Memorial Day and concluding on the last day of June. Coaches will be able to continue working with their athletes (other than competitions as described) ending on the day before Monday of week 5."

No decision was made but this proposal will be considered at the Board of Directors meeting in May.

IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Scholarship Recipients

Commissioner Cox reported on the IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Scholarship recipients in conjunction with the Brady Sports Achievement Awards to be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom on April 14, 2016. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be guests of the IHSAA at this event.

Delta High School's **Nicholas Bantz** ranks first in his class of 189, while carrying a 4.3 GPA. Upon graduation, he will have already earned 43 college credit hours through the Delta dual credit program. He has earned a total of four varsity letters, two in baseball and two in tennis, while being named academic all-conference in both sports. Nicholas has been very involved at Delta, serving as the president of National Honor Society, vice president of the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, and the treasurer of Student Council. Away from school, he has interned for two semesters at Family Vision Care optometry, while volunteering at The Gathering Church Children's Ministry. Nicholas is the son of Rick and Carol Bantz.

Alex Galle of Columbus East is ranked second in his graduating class of 364 with a 4.21 GPA. While at Columbus East, Alex has earned six varsity letters participating in tennis, basketball, and track. He was a captain in both basketball and tennis, and was selected as an Academic All-State member in tennis. Alex is also a member of National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, and attended the IHSAA Student Leadership Conference. Outside of school, Alex facilitates discussions about moral and social issues with middle school students as a member of his youth ministry.

group at St. Bartholomew Church, and also volunteers at the humane society and thrift store. Alex is the son of Jamie Galle.

A two-sport athlete, **Keegan Biddle** ranks first in his class of 94 at Eastside High School. While working exceedingly hard for his 4.0 GPA, Keegan has earned varsity letters in cross country and track and field, serving as captain in both sports. He has served as the president of both the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is also the leader of the "Bread of Life: Project Korah." Through Grabill Missionary Church, Keegan has been on multiple mission trips, completed service projects, and served as a youth intern. He is the son of Matt and Angela Biddle.

Southmont's **Aaron Cox** will graduate at the top of his class of 99 with a 4.218 GPA. Outside of the classroom, Aaron was a two-sport varsity athlete, compiling varsity letters in baseball and tennis. He is the captain of his baseball team, and has earned multiple awards for his work in tennis. Aaron has served as the class president and president of the National Honor Society, while also being a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Council. Aaron's eye-opening service work includes the creation of an event called "Strike-Out Skin Cancer" which he chaired during his junior year, where he was able to get a rival school to participate in collecting sunscreen for the local food pantry. The son of Chris and Nancy Cox, Aaron will attend the University of Notre Dame.

Andrew Griffin of Avon High School has excelled not only in athletics, but also academically. He is ranked tenth in his class of 685 with a 5.147 GPA, while being a two-time national qualifier in DECA. As a three-sport athlete, Andrew has earned nine varsity letters while earning countless awards in football. He has held multiple leadership positions on and off the court, serving as both president of the Student-Athletic Council and senior captain of the football and basketball teams. Furthermore, Andrew is an active member at Saint Susana Catholic Church, leading in youth ministry and helping freshman and sophomores complete their Confirmation. The son of Clark and Julie Griffin, Andrew plans on attending Princeton University.

A three-sport athlete, **Chelsea Huppert** ranks third in her graduating class of 118 at Bremen High School with a 4.06 GPA. Chelsea has participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball, earning 12 varsity letters and several awards and honors. She has served as a team captain seven times during her athletic career. A member of numerous clubs, Chelsea serves as the secretary of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Key Club. Chelsea has played an integral role in implementing both the "#BHS Lions Cup" and "Powder Puff Volleyball" to the Bremen's athletics department. She volunteers as a scribe for the Bremen Food Pantry and the Adopt-A-Friend program, as well as seasonally cleaning local parks. Chelsea is the daughter of Mike and Beth Huppert.

Jeb King of Franklin Central High School ranks second in his class of 610, graduating with a 4.377 GPA. A varsity letterman in cross country and track and field, Jeb has been involved in many student leadership roles during his time at Franklin Central. The Senior Class president and Student Council vice-president has led fundraising for prom and homecoming expenses, as well as leading the plans to build homecoming floats. Jeb is the Franklin Central radio operations manager and music director, as well as a proud member of National Honor Society. An Eagle Scout, Jeb raised \$3,000 to build four raised bed gardens at Franklin Township Middle School West for students in the Comprehensive Intervention Program. He is the son of Donald and Beth King.

Westview's **Maria McCoy** owns a 4.06 GPA, and she will graduate at the top of her class of 99. A two-sport varsity athlete and seven-letter winner in volleyball and basketball, she has won several athletic awards at Westview, such as basketball MVP and ICGSA Volleyball Academic All-State. This past season, she earned her place in Westview Basketball's 1,000 point club. Maria has also been an active member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, and a two-year editor of the Yearbook. She has spent her summers volunteering at Westview youth basketball and volleyball camps, and organized the school food drive through the school's National Honor Society chapter. She is the daughter of Michael and Nikole McCoy.

A three-sport athlete, **Amberlyn Pride** is ranked at the top of her graduating class of 56 students at Tecumseh High School with a GPA of 4.0. Amberlyn has participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball, earning 12 varsity letters and several awards and honors. Not only has she shined in the classroom and as an athlete, Amberlyn is also involved with multiple school organizations. She serves as Secretary of the Student Council, President of the National Honor Society,

and 4-H Club President. Her main volunteer efforts go toward the Ronald McDonald House, donating fleece blankets and Build-A-Bears to the children. She is the daughter of Steven and Lana Pride.

Hannah Stoffel of Huntington North High School is ranked sixth in her graduating class of 357 and carries a 4.16 GPA. The captain of her cross country, basketball, and track teams, Hannah has earned 12 varsity letters during her athletic career and has also won multiple honors for her talents. Not only is Hannah an outstanding student and athlete, she also serves as a member of National Honor Society, Student Athletic Board and Student Advisory Council. Her volunteer work is extensive, having worked with the Special Olympics, as well as doing mission work through her church. The daughter of Annette Stoffel, Hannah will attend Indiana University next fall.

Fishers' **Halie Szilagyi** has excelled beyond the playing field during her tenure in school. While serving as captain of the track team, Halie is also a member of the Fishers' cross country team and will be graduating this year with a 4.871 GPA. In addition to athletics, she has been very active at Fishers as a member of the Marching Band, National Honor Society, and French Honors Society. Her work goes beyond the classroom and playing field, though, as she organized the Fishers High School College and Career Academy's grand opening. The daughter of Kathleen and Michael Szilagyi, Halie will serve as valedictorian at the Fishers graduation ceremony.

Jessica VandenBoom of Norwell High School has excelled not only in athletics, but also academically. She is ranked first in her class of 194 with a 4.0 GPA. As a two-sport athlete, Jessica has earned eight letters and was also named the captain of her soccer team. She holds multiple leadership positions off the field, serving as the president of the National Honor Society and Vice Chair of the Riley Dance Marathon Committee. Jessica has volunteered with her church, serving as an Upwards Basketball coach and middle school Sunday school teacher at Zanesville United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Tina and Robert VandenBoom.

Kate White has earned a total of 12 varsity letters during her career at Fort Wayne Canterbury High School. A letter winner on the girls cross country, soccer, track, and swim teams, Megan has won multiple awards and honors, including a State Championship as a member of the soccer team. In addition to her athletic involvement, Kate was a leader of the Environment Club, the Champions Together group, and was also her school's newspaper editor. Outside of school, Kate volunteers as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, is a Relay for Life participant, and assists with various events for Key Club. Kate is the daughter of Dr. Eric White and Nancy White.

Corporate Sponsorship Update

Assistant Commissioner Kaufman provided a report on the Association's current corporate sponsorships. He reported that Sharp Business Systems has renewed with the IHSAA for an additional two years. The IHSAA has also entered into a three-year partnership with Indiana Careers in Construction Association, which offers construction apprenticeship training program throughout the state. Their website is www.builttosucceed.org. A four-minute video was shown to the Committee which will also air on Fox Sports Indiana between games during tomorrow's IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2015-16 school year. This report included the following actions as of February 29, 2016:

Full eligibility	3,211	84.01%
Limited eligibility	266	6.96%
Temporarily ineligible	329	8.61%
Ineligible	<u>16</u>	.42%
Total transfers	3,822	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of March 25, 2016 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2015-16	2014-15
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,889	2,979
Total Ejections	329	344
Ejections (Coaches)	37	44
Ejections (Players)	284	299
Ejections (Fans)	6	1
Ejections (Administration)	2	--

Financial Reports

1. Assistant Commissioner Schludecker presented a financial report for both girls and boys swimming & diving tournament series.
2. Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a financial report on the wrestling tournament series.
3. Commissioner Cox indicated that all three of the above state tournaments had exceeded budgeted expectations this winter.

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:

Blackford HS – Rule 3-10 (Boys’ golfer participated in two practices without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file)

1. The Blackford High School boys’ golf 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 Dale Cunningham 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 student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time this student participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary

Center Grove HS – Rule 3-10 (Multiple baseball players participated in practices without approved pre-participation physical and consent forms on file)

1. The Center Grove 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. Coach Keith Hatfield is reprimanded for allowing these violations 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.
3. The students involved in this violation are declared ineligible until such time the students provide a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time the students participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.
4. The IHSAA supports the suspension of Head Coach Keith Hatfield as an appropriate measure in this matter.

Columbus North HS – Rule 3-10 (Boys’ track and field athlete participated in practices and an interscholastic meet without an approved pre-participation form on file)

1. The Columbus North High School boys' track and field 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 Lou Sipe 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 student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time this student participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.
4. Any points scored by the student in the interscholastic event shall be removed and the team scores refigured if a score was kept.

Culver Community HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Wrestling coach did not complete mandatory coach education requirements*)

1. The Culver Community 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. The IHSAA recognizes that Coach Chris Prendergast has now completed his obligations with respect to coach education.

Culver Community HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' basketball player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Culver Community 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 Culver Community was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Fort Wayne Bishop Luers HS – Rule 3-9 (*Boys' basketball player participated in a contest immediately after being ejected for unsporting behavior*)

1. Athletic Director Rick Brown and Head Boys' Basketball Coach JJ Foster are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
2. Bishop Luers student Sydney Curry is suspended for the boys' basketball contest between Bishop Luers and Huntington North on February 26, 2016.
3. The boys' basketball contest between Bishop Luers and New Haven on Monday, February 22, 2016 shall be forfeited.

Fort Wayne Northrop HS – Rule 3-10 (*Several boys and girls track and field athletes participated in practices without completed pre-participation physicals and consent forms on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne Northrop High School boys' and girls' track and field programs are 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. Coaches Fred Blanks and Terry Milton are reprimanded for allowing these violations 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.
3. The students involved in this violation are declared ineligible until such time the students provide a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time the students participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.

Griffith HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Wrestling coach did not complete mandatory coach education requirements*)

1. The Griffith 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. The IHSAA recognizes that Coach Dan Bedoy has now completed his obligations with respect to coach education.

Hammond Morton HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Wrestling coach did not complete mandatory coach education requirements*)

1. The Hammond Morton 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. The IHSAA recognizes that Coach Kevin Persely has now completed his obligations with respect to coach education.

Harrison (West Lafayette) HS – Rule 3-10 (*Three boys' golfers participated in practice without approved pre-participation physicals and consent forms on file*)

1. The Harrison High School boys' golf 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 Dave Schneider is reprimanded for allowing these violations 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.
3. The students involved in this violation are declared ineligible until such time the students provide a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time the students participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.

Harrison (West Lafayette) HS – Rule 3-10 (*Baseball player participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Harrison 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. Coach Pat Lowery is reprimanded for allowing these violations 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.
3. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time the student participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.

Indian Creek HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Wrestling coach did not complete mandatory coach education requirements*)

1. The Indian Creek 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. The IHSAA recognizes that Coaches Pat Dowly and Brent Mosconi have now completed their obligations with respect to coach education.

Indianapolis Crispus Attucks HS – Rule 9-18b (*Boys' basketball assistant coach videotaped a contest not involving his school*)

1. The Indianapolis Crispus Attucks High School boys' basketball program and administration are reminded that the program is still on probation for previous violations of IHSAA by-laws. This warning shall serve as a final admonishment of the boys' basketball program. Further violations shall be dealt with in a more severe manner.
2. Assistant Coach Terrell Franklin is reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the member school's suspension of Assistant Coach Terrell Franklin for the initial game of the IHSAA boys' basketball tournament series.

Leo HS – Rule 15-1.1d (*Boys track and field alumni practiced with current team*)

1. The Leo High School boys' track and field 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 Ryan Waybright is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.

Munster HS – Rule 7-1.4 (*Wrestling coach did not complete mandatory coach education requirements*)

1. The Munster 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. The IHSAA recognizes that Coach Mike Crary has now completed his obligations with respect to coach education.

Penn HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*Baseball team conducted an open facility program in a non-school owned facility*)

1. The Penn 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 Greg Dikos is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Plainfield HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' track athlete participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Plainfield High School boys' track and field 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 shall be declared ineligible until such time the student can meet academic eligibility standards.
3. The meet where the ineligible athlete participated in is recognized and acknowledged as an event where team scores and/or individual scores were not recorded.

Princeton Community HS – Rule 15-2.2c (*Softball coach provided coaching to current softball players during the school year out of season*)

1. The Princeton Community 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 Brian Modafari is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Seton Catholic HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' soccer player participated the entire season without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Seton Catholic High School boys' soccer 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 Seton Catholic was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Sullivan HS – Rule 9-13 (*Boys' track coaches conducted a Sunday workout*)

1. The Sullivan High School boys' track and field 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 Steve Hollis is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.

Warsaw HS – Rule 3-9.5 (*Girls' track athlete with limited eligibility participated in a varsity track and field event*)

1. The Warsaw Community High School girls' track 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 Scott Erba is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Students with limited eligibility are not permitted to participate in varsity events for any purpose.
3. It is recognized by the IHSAA that no individual and/or team scores were collected and calculated.

White River Valley HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Boys basketball alumni practiced with current team*)

1. The White River Valley 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. Head Coach Joe Pigg is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. By definition, participation with or against students not belonging to the school constitutes a game. White River Valley shall tally all interscholastic contests for the 2015-16 school year and if the school played in 22 or more

contests prior to the IHSAA tournament series for boys' basketball, the school shall reduce their 2016-17 schedule by one contest. The school shall submit to the IHSAA which game shall not be played if applicable.

Winamac Community HS – Rule 19-3 (*Volleyball player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Winamac Community 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. 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 Winamac was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. IHSAA Board of Directors Agenda
2. For Good of the Order
3. Communications
 - a. Jacob Covaciu, Merrillville High School, Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award winner
4. Congratulations
 - a. Ed Gilliland, LaPorte High School, NFHS Citation Award Nominee

A motion to adjourn the March meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Jim Brown, seconded by Tim Grove; motion approved 18-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8 am on Monday, May 2, 2016 following the IHSAA Board of Directors meeting.

Paul Neidig, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner