

IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairwoman Debb Stevens, Vice-Chairman Jim Brown, Stacy Adams, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Brian Strong, 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, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Introductions of IHSAA Support Staff

With the start of the new school year, each member of the IHSAA Support Staff appeared before the Committee to introduce themselves and their role with the Association office.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were recommended for approval.

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

Approve New Applications for IHSAA Membership

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented applications that have been received from Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School East and Lighthouse Christian Academy of Bloomington seeking IHSAA membership. After review of each application, both schools will serve a four-year probationary membership period under a mentor from the IHSAA Executive Staff. Both schools may begin competing with other IHSAA member schools immediately and, pending approval at the end of the probationary period, be eligible for state tournament competition beginning in 2020-21.

A motion to approve the request was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion passed 18-0.

Approve Request from Indiana School for the Deaf

Commissioner Bobby 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 Jim Brown; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 18-0.

Conflict of Interest Statement

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

Approve Staff Attendance at Selected Meetings

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

- Midwest Officials' Summit at Valley Summit, ND on Sept. 18-20, 2016 (Asst. Commissioner Sandra Walter)
- NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference at Nashville, TN on Dec. 9-13, 2016 (Asst. Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker)
- NFHS Winter Meeting at Bonita Springs, FL on Jan. 3-6, 2017 (Commissioner Bobby Cox)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Chicago, IL on Jan. 5-6, 2017 (Asst. Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sports Information Director Jason Wille and Technology Director Luke Morehead)

A motion to approve the recommended participation in these workshops was made by Ed Gilliland, seconded by Richard Lance, motion passed 18-0.

Explanation of Policy Handbooks

Commissioner Bobby Cox discussed the information contained in the 2016-17 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

Powers and Duties and Commitments of the Executive Committee

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Chairwoman Debb Stevens reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers, duties and commitments of the Executive Committee.

Report on Catastrophic, General Liability, Excess Liability Insurance

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the 2016-17 Catastrophic, General Liability and Excess Liability coverages. Added coverage and a reduction in overall costs to the Association was reported including a 10% decrease in cost at a two-year guaranteed rate for catastrophic medical coverage.

Report on New Athletic Directors Workshop

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the IHSAA hosted the New Athletic Directors Workshop at the IHSAA Office on July 26, 2016 for 52 individuals.

Report on Student Advisory Committee Retreat

Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens and Kerrie Schludecker reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on July 30-31, 2016 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville. The retreat included the 18 members of this year's SAC (nine returning seniors, nine juniors). A lot of focus was included on their presentations for the upcoming Fall Principals Meetings and team-building activities.

Report on Fourth Annual Officials Summit

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the IHSAA Officials Summit which was held two days ago (July 14, 2016) at Clay Middle School in Carmel. Former professional basketball player and Washington, Ind. native Luke Zeller spoke to the group of more than 130 attendees. Attendance has remained steady during the four years of the event and consideration is being given to holding regional meetings around the state to reach more individuals and reduce the travel for potential attendees.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on the first year of the IHSAA Foundation which concluded last Saturday (August 13) with a golf outing at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel which also hosts the girls and boys state finals. Due to inclement weather, the outing to benefit the Foundation was reduced to nine holes. The event is expected to generate more than \$10,000 net revenue for the Foundation. The Association is working to secure the same date for next year with a possible earlier start time for next year's outing.

Cox reported on the Foundation assets and an investment account has been established with the appropriate paperwork and a conference call with Board members will be scheduled for October.

Chris Kaufman is working toward having a tent or kiosk at this year's football, basketball and wrestling and baseball state championship events to raise awareness and distribute information about the Foundation. Members of the Executive Committee, the Foundation Board as well as the Student Advisory Committee are asked to volunteer at those events to assist in those efforts.

Report on Findings of Baseball Pitch Count Committee

With the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) mandating in July that each state must establish a pitch count policy in baseball for the upcoming season, Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner provided a proposal formulated with the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association. The proposal included a scale showing the number of pitches thrown along with the required days of rest for varsity and sub-varsity contests along with reporting requirements and suggestions.

A copy of the pitch count proposal will be sent to member school administrators today and will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Fall Area Principals Meetings. It is expected that the Executive Committee will vote on the measure during the October 6, 2016 meeting.

2016 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 Phil Gardner reported the overall attendance for the tournament well exceeded expectations. State finals attendance improved by nearly 7,000 spectators from a year ago. A combination of favorable matchups, good weather and the Victory Field venue were cited. Live television viewers for the state finals also nearly doubled from 2015.
- **Boys Golf Tournament Report** – Poor weather caused multiple delays contributing to lower attendance at this year’s state finals at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The Association continues to be 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** – Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker reported weather issues forced postponements to Monday at a pair of semi-state sites. This year’s state finals enjoyed strong attendance despite hot and humid temperatures. The IHSAA is grateful to Ben Davis High School which was able to create misting stations at the venue allowing spectators to seek relief from the weather conditions.
- **Girls Tennis Tournament Report** – Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported that income at the state finals was down due to the event being forced indoors due to weather along with increased costs for using USTA officials.
- **Track & Field Tournament Reports** – Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens reported that at least half of the sectional sites took a loss or broke even due to bad weather that week. At the state finals, the boys high jump and pole vault was forced indoors due to conditions. He also mentioned the increasing cost in using scoring and timing equipment at the various levels of the state tournament.
- **Final Financial Reports for 2015-16** – Commissioner Bobby Cox reported that the IHSAA had above average sports year. Spring sport totals were up 16.3% from 2015; boys sports net revenue for the entire year improved 14.4% while girls sports went up 2.8% from last year. Net revenue finished up 11.0% for the entire year. The IHSAA returned nearly \$2.8 million to the member schools in 2015-16, an increase of 9.5% from a year ago. Total attendance for 2015-16 state tournaments exceeded 1.4 million, an increase of 6.9% over last year.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1-August 15, 2016.

Full Eligibility	1,100...	84.62%
Limited Eligibility	122.....	9.23%
Temporarily Ineligible	75.....	5.77%
Ineligible.....	3.....	0.23%
Total	1,300	

Litigation

Attorney Bob 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:

Columbus North HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*A student not enrolled at the school participated in a boys' soccer open facility program*)

1. The Columbus North 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. Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach Chris Morlock is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Carroll (Fort Wayne) HS – Rule 18-1 (*Academically ineligible golfer participated in multiple matches*)

1. The Carroll High School girls' 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. The student shall be declared ineligible until such time the student can meet academic eligibility standards.
3. The matches where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be rescored after removing any points earned by the ineligible athlete. All opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Culver Academies – Rule 7-1.4 (*Two softball coaches failed to complete mandatory coach education courses prior to providing instruction to students*)

1. The Culver Academy 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. Subsequent violations may be handled in a more severe manner.
2. Head Coach Randy Minas and Assistant Coach Dawn Brockey are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Hamilton HS – Volleyball Scrimmage Rules Violation (*Two players participated in the scrimmage with only three authorized days of practice completed*)

1. The Hamilton 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. Coaches Jessica Huffman, Taylor Fry and Athletic Director Justin Hoard are strongly encouraged to review all policies and procedures surrounding the controlled volleyball scrimmage.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*A football player participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead High School football 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 Chad Zolman and Freshman Coach Jeff Livensparger are 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.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*A volleyball player participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead 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. Head Coach Kent Mitchell and Junior Varsity Coach Ty Bianski are 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.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*Multiple boys' tennis players participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead High School boys' tennis 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 Kerry Mumma and Assistant Coach Jeff Stumpf are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSA 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 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 these 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.

Jeffersonville HS – Rule 54-4b (*Football team participated in full contact drills*)

1. The Jeffersonville High School football 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. 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.

Maconaquah HS – Rule 111-5 (*Volleyball coach scouted a controlled scrimmage of another school*)

1. The Maconaquah 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 Dave Hausner is reprimanded for permitting this violation to occur. A lack of attentiveness to the rules is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.

Mishawaka Marian HS – Rule 54-4a (*Football team was dressed in shoulder pads on the first day of authorized practice*)

1. The Mishawaka Marian High School football 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. 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.

Muncie Central HS – Rule 3-10 (*Two girls' soccer players participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Muncie Central High School girls' 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. Coach Angie Dildy is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSA 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 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 these 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.

Rensselaer Central HS – Rule 15-3.1b (*Student from another school participated in an open facility program*)

1. The Rensselaer Central 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 Don Doyle is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

South Bend Clay HS – Rule 15-3.1 (*Student from a different school participated in a boys' basketball open facility*)

1. The South Bend Clay 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 Delray Brooks is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

South Bend Clay HS – Rule 15-3.4 (*Volunteer baseball coach provided coaching to a player during the moratorium week*)

1. The South Bend Clay 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. Volunteer Coach Tony Cruz is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

South Bend Saint Joseph HS – Rule 54-4 (*Football team exceeded the total amount of practice time during the first day of authorized practice*)

1. The South Bend Saint Joseph High School football 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. 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.

Items for Discussion

1. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Bobby Cox
2. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in Reno, NV
3. Executive Committee State Tournament Assignments – Debb Stevens
4. Communications
5. Congratulations
 - Ed Gilliland, NFHS Citation
6. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 18-0.

The Executive Committee will conduct a workshop at the IHSAA headquarters on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9 am ET. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 8 am ET.

Debb Stevens, Chairwoman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner