

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Ed Gilliland, Vice-Chairman Charlie Martin, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Jeff Doyle, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Paul Neidig, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Attorney Bob Baker, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 3, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Strong; seconded by Don Gandy; motion passed 18-0.

Emergency By-Law Amendment – Rule 17-8.1

The following are proposed amendments to Rule 17-8.1 to (i) exclude the use the waiver provision of rule 17-8.1 to obtain a waiver of the one/two game suspensions and the other requirements of rule 8-4, and (ii) clarify that Contest Official’s decisions are final and binding and are also not subject to waiver under rule 17-8.1.

17-8.1 General Waiver of an IHSAA rule

Except with respect to rules 4, 8-4, 12 and 18, and Contest Officials’ decisions, the Commissioner, his designee, the Review Committee or Case Review Panel shall have the authority to set aside the effect of any rule and grant a general waiver when the affected party establishes, by clear and convincing evidence, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner, his designee, the Review Committee or the Case Review Committee, that all of the following conditions are met:

- a. Strict enforcement of the rule in the particular case will not serve to accomplish the primary purposes of the rule;
- b. The spirit or reason for the rule will not be offended or compromised by a waiver;
- c. Unless waived, an undue harm or burden will be suffered by the affected party from enforcement of the rule; and
- d. When a student eligibility waiver is requested, a hardship condition, as defined in rule 17-8.3 exists.

A motion to approve the emergency by-law amendment was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Steve Cox; motion passed 18-0. This amendment becomes effective immediately and will be formally ratified by the Board of Directors at its Monday, April 30, 2018 meeting.

Certify the 2017 Board of Directors Election Results

Commissioner Cox presented the results of the Board of Directors elections that were conducted on December 1-10, 2017, for certification.

DISTRICT I, CLASS 2A

John Steinhilber, Athletic Director, Hebron High School 63

- John Steinhilber elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

DISTRICT I, CLASS 4A

Ed Gilliland, Athletic Director, LaPorte High School 66

- Ed Gilliland re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

DISTRICT II, CLASS 1A

Martin Brown, Athletic Director, North Vermillion High School 81
➤ Martin Brown elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

DISTRICT II, CLASS 3A

Bryce Barton, Athletic Director, Crawfordsville High School 30
Chris Conley, Principal, Delta High School 33
Steve Cox, Director of Transportation, Beech Grove City Schools 25
➤ Chris Conley elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

DISTRICT III, CLASS 2A

Darin Farris, Principal, Eastern (Pekin) High School 25
Tim Grove, Superintendent, South Knox School Corporation 29
Brian Lewis, Athletic Director, Monrovia High School 18
John Prifogle, Athletic Director, Milan High School 25
➤ Tim Grove re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

DISTRICT III, CLASS 4A

Brent Duncan, Athletic Director, Connersville High School 51
Richard Lance, Assistant Principal, Castle High School 42
➤ Brent Duncan elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2018

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, URBAN SEAT

Marcus Clayton, Athletic Director, Warren Central High School 31
Chad Gilbert, Athletic Director, Charlestown High School 71
Andy Owen, Director of Athletics, Evansville Vanderburgh Schools 39
➤ Chad Gilbert elected to complete the existing term vacated by Paul Neidig.
Term expires on June 30, 2019.

A motion to certify the 2017 Board of Directors elections was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Mike Broughton; motion passed 18-0.

Christmas Bonus for Support Staff

Commissioner Bobby Cox requested that members of the support staff receive a Christmas bonus as they have in past years.

A motion to approve the Christmas bonuses for support staff members was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Charlie Martin; motion passed 18-0.

Appoint Screening Committee for IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Applications

Commissioner Bobby Cox asked the Executive Committee to establish a screening committee for the 2018 IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship. The following members volunteered to represent their respective districts on the committee: Stacy Adams, David Amor - District I; Victor Bush, Jim Brown - District II; Mike Broughton, Jeff Doyle - District III.

Winter Tournament Host Site Updates

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on updates to three boys basketball sectional host sites as New Haven will now host Sectional 22, Norwell will host Sectional 23 and Lebanon will host Sectional 25.

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported that Regional 5 in girls basketball will be hosted by Columbus North this year in its rotation with Bedford North Lawrence.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the 2017-18 school year for the period between June 1, 2017 and December 7, 2017 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2017-18	Percent	2016-17	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,769	84.11%	2,655	83.36%
Limited Eligibility	250	7.59%	255	8.01%
Temporarily Ineligible	259	7.87%	252	7.91%
Ineligible	14	0.43%	12	0.38%
Total	3,292		3,185	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1, 2017 and December 6, 2017 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2017-18	2016-17
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,595	2,623
Total Ejections	355	302
Ejections (Administration)	0	0
Ejections (Coaches)	28	26
Ejections (Players)	314	268
Ejections (Fans)	13	8

Technology

Information Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the progress of the project to rebuild the IHSAA.net website. The project is about 30% complete and is on track to roll out to officials and their associations April 1 with athletic directors and their staffs to follow in the fall.

Athletic directors have asked whether the IHSAA will steer members towards a specific officials assignment software vendor. The IHSAA plans to support all vendors equally to ensure they each have the same opportunity to compete for members' business. The IHSAA will continue to post tournament official assignments to Arbiter since all members will have free Arbiter login accounts for the foreseeable future.

Sponsorship

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported that the IHSAA and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance have agreed to a [three-year extension](#) to its current agreement as sponsor of the IHSAA Champions Network. He also briefed the Executive Committee on other possible renewals and prospective new sponsorships.

IHSAA Foundation

Foundation President Matt Wolfert shared the embedded video on the IHSAAFoundation.org website and spoke about the positive and promising conversations he's had with school administrators around the state.

Wolfert also appeared recently [in a television segment](#) on *Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick* promoting the Foundation, Habitudes and the InSideOut Coaching initiative.

The IHSAA Foundation also maintains a Twitter handle - [@IHSAAFoundation](https://twitter.com/IHSAAFoundation).

He was also pleased to report that the IHSAA Foundation received contributions from 25 football sectionals (159 schools) from their tournament revenue this fall. A lengthy discussion ensued with the Committee about expanding that opportunity to the boys and girls basketball sectional tournaments.

A motion to approve adding an optional contribution line for the Foundation to the boys and girls basketball sectional financial reports was made by Mike Broughton; seconded by Brian Strong; motion passed 18-0.

Financial Reports on Selected Fall Sports

The following reports were presented regarding the financial status of sports conducted during the fall sports season.

- **Girls Golf:** Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman was pleased to report that the Noblesville Sectional (Harbour Trees Golf Club) and Lapel Regional (Edgewood Golf Course) each submitted zero-cost proposals.
- **Boys Tennis:** Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman indicated that requests for USTA officials at earlier rounds of the tournament have increased among the highly-competitive programs. The Association benefited from overall good weather and good attendance at the various levels of this year's tournament.
- **Boys and Girls Cross Country:** Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported this is the second year the Association has charged admission at the various levels of the state tournament which has turned the sport from a deficit sport to one of profit. There are still concerns at some locations related to parking challenges but only two sectionals operated at a deficit this fall (one less from last year). Neidig thanked the workers at the state finals in Terre Haute as their operation ran much smoother this year. He indicated he will form a committee after the first of the year to revisit the current cross country alignment. He also said some new cross country courses are becoming available along with some schools that have expressed an interest in hosting in the future.
- **Boys and Girls Soccer:** Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported that adding a third class to both sports came at a significant cost financially even though that change reduced the total number of sectional sites. Inclement weather also contributed that opening weekend with matches having to be rescheduled. The new one-day regional format seemed to be favorably received though a couple sites had to move into the next week due to inclement weather. The new semi-state format was also well-received with three games at one site and revenue increased significantly. The move from a one-day state finals event to a two-day format was painful financially-speaking with matches being played Friday at Butler University and Saturday matches at IUPUI with each school having a conflict on the opposite day preventing a single host site. IUPUI has assured the IHSAA that Carroll Stadium will be available both days next fall.
- **Volleyball:** Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker reported on the excitement of this year's state tournament but that, financially, the sport didn't do very well overall. The change in formats at the regional and semi-state rounds were a factor. At the state finals, income increased from last year mainly due to a \$2 increase in admission price but that attendance was down significantly. She received several positive comments about the new tournament format including starting the sectionals a week earlier than in previous years making it a four-week tournament.

Commissioner Bobby Cox directed attention to the budget analysis and attendance information he shared for fall sport tournaments. Overall, this year's state tournaments are significantly down financially when compared to last year's banner fall season.

The football financial report is still being completed and will be presented at the Committee's January meeting.

Litigation

Attorney Robert Baker updated the Executive Committee on the current status of pending litigation against the Association and decisions of the Case Review Panel at the Indiana Department of Education.

Penalties Assessed

Andrean HS – Rule 15-2-2c (*Volleyball player received a private lesson from a member of the coaching staff*)

1. The Andrean 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 Liam Flaherty is reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Cloverdale HS – Rule 3-10 (*Two junior varsity girls' basketball players participated in practices and contests without an approved physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Cloverdale 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. Head Coach Matthew Langdon 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.
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.
4. The contests in which the ineligible athletes participated in shall be forfeited if Cloverdale was victorious. All opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

East Chicago Central HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' soccer player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The East Chicago Central High School girls' soccer 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 student is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. Any contests where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if East Chicago Central High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

East Chicago Central HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' basketball player participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The East Chicago Central 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 student is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. Any contests where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if East Chicago Central High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Eastbrook HS – Rule 18-1 (*Wrestler participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Eastbrook 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 student athlete involved in this violation shall be declared ineligible immediately. The student may gain academic eligibility at the next certification date of the school.
3. The meets that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to reflect the removal of any points scored by the ineligible student. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Garrett HS – Rule 15-2.2a (*Eight boys' soccer players participated together on a non-school sponsored team*)

1. The Garrett 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 students involved in this violation shall all be suspended one (1) game on the 2018-19 Garrett High School boys' soccer schedule. These suspensions may be spread out over the first four contests on the schedule.

Hammond Morton HS – Rule 102-3 (*Girls' basketball player participated in more than five quarters in a single session*)

1. The Hammond Morton 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, Lowell High School shall be notified of this violation and if Hammond Morton was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Heritage HS – Rule 9-18b (*Assistant boys' basketball coach videotaped an opponent's scrimmage*)

1. The Heritage 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 Beery Singrey and Assistant Coach Brad Kiess are reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*Multiple wrestlers practiced without a completed pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead High School wrestling 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 Nathan DeVaux 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 Physical and Consent Form" be complete in every detail and 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.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*Boys' basketball player practiced without a completed pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead 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 Chris Johnson 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 Physical and Consent Form" be complete in every detail and 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.

Homestead HS – Rule 19-3 (*Junior varsity football player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Homestead High School football 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 student is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. Any contests where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Homestead High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Logansport HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Two alumnae practiced with the girls' basketball team*)

1. The Logansport 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. Head Coach Meranda Cooper is reprimanded for the commission of this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. In lieu of removing a game from the Logansport girls' basketball schedule, the IHSAA supports the suspension of Head Coach Meranda Cooper from the scheduled Nov. 29, 2017 contest.

Richmond HS – Rule 15-2.2 (*Six freshman football players received instruction from members of the high school coaching staff in a non-school sponsored tournament*)

1. The Richmond 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. Coaches Abe Tawfeek, Maurice Hibbler and Travon Cordova are reprimanded for these violations. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. It is understood that the Richmond High School administration will continue its efforts to educate the coaching staff of IHSAA by-laws and policies.

Richmond HS – Rule 54-3.1 (*Football player exceeded the allowable number of quarters of participation in a week*)

1. The Richmond 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. Coach Abe Tawfeek is reprimanded for this violation. A limitation of quarters for players is necessary for the health and safety of the participant.
3. It is understood that the contest where the violation occurred was lost by Richmond. Nevertheless, the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Communications
 - Sue Ann Gilroy, St. Vincent Foundation
 - Ann Hannan, Riley Cheer Guild
 - To the National Federation of State High School Associations (from the Commissioner)
2. Congratulations
 - John Evers, Castle High School (Retired), Induction into the NIAAA Hall of Fame
3. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the December 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 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Ed Gilliland, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner