

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Brian Strong, Vice Chairman Dave Worland, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Victor Bush, Chris Conley, Nathan Dean, Jeff Doyle, Brent Duncan, Chad Gilbert, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, John Steinhilber, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Paul Neidig, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Attorney Bob Baker, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were presented for approval.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Matt Martin; motion approved 17-0.

Proposals from the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (IATCCC)

Following last month's rules proposals from representatives of the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches and the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association, the Executive Committee made the following determination on each:

1. Change the IHSAA Track & Field tournament entry form to comply with the NFHS rule allowing athletes to be entered in four events (excluding relays), but only compete in four events (including relays).

A motion to approve this proposal was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by Tim Grove; motion approved 12-7 with Brian Strong, Chad Gilbert, Mike Whitten, Jeff Doyle, John Steinhilber, Jim Brown, and Victor Bush dissenting.

2. Change the current Boys Track & Field Sectional entry deadline from Week #45 Friday to Week #46 Monday.

A motion to approve this proposal was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Jim Brown; motion failed 0-19.

3. Change the current cross country state tournament from four semi-state sites with six teams and 10 individuals qualifying for a total of 24 teams and 40 individuals at state to five semi-state sites with five teams and 10 individuals qualifying for a total of 25 teams and 50 individuals.

A motion to approve this proposal was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion failed 0-19.

4. Award medals to the top 25 individuals in the IHSAA state championship cross country meet instead of the current 20 medals.

A motion to approve this proposal was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Brent Duncan; motion failed 0-19.

Report on Officials for 2018-19 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a list of 529 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2018-19 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

Report on Officials for 2018-19 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig presented a list of 531 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2018-19 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series though the deadline to apply is tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 11). The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

Neidig took the opportunity to note that since last month's report on the tournament, the boys sectional previously scheduled to be hosted by New Prairie has been moved to Jimtown due to ongoing construction.

Report on Officials for 2018-19 Wrestling State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of 149 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2018-19 Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

Report on Officials for 2018-19 Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker provided a list of 67 applicants, an increase of eight from last year, to officiate the 2018-19 swimming and diving state tournaments. She noted a collaboration between the IHSAA and Indiana Swimming which has helped increase the number of licensed swimming officials and applicants for the tournament.

Report on National Athletic Directors Conference

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens reported on his attendance at the recent NIAA Annual Conference on Dec. 14-18, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. He noted a tremendous representation of athletic directors from Indiana who attended the event. He is waiting for a final list of attendees from the NFHS but believes it exceeded 60 individuals.

Report on National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting he attended on Jan. 3-6, 2019 in New York City along with executive directors from every other state association.

He reported on the numerous topics covered including NCAA June Evaluation Events in men's basketball, concussion insurance, a USA Wrestling presentation on girls wrestling, NFHS national campaigns for athletic participation and officials recruitment, mental health issues and USA Football developmental model. Several roundtable sessions were also held.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the 2018-19 school year for the period between June 1, 2018 and January 8, 2019 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2018-19	Percent	2017-18	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,330	83.72%	2,792	83.94%
Limited Eligibility	218	7.83%	254	7.64%
Temporarily Ineligible	221	7.94%	264	7.94%
Ineligible	14	0.50%	16	0.48%
Total	2,783		3,326	

Foreign Exchange Transfers

	2018-19	Percent
Full Eligibility	489	91.92%
Limited Eligibility	39	7.33%
Ineligible	4	0.75%
Total	532	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1, 2018 and January 8, 2019 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2018-19	2017-18	% Change
Exemplary Reports Filed	550	617	-11%
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,510	2,771	-9%
Total Ejections	310	384	-19%
Ejections (Administration)	1	0	100%
Ejections (Coaches)	24	36	-33%
Ejections (Players)	270	334	-19%
Ejections (Fans)	15	14	7%

The Commissioner discussed the recent op-ed on adult behavior at athletic events titled, "Dear Mom and Dad: Cool It" from the NFHS and the positive feedback received so far from the membership, the media, and the general public. NFHS Executive Director Karissa Niehoff is also scheduled to discuss the topic on ABC's "Good Morning America".

Technology

Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on last month's information security awareness training completed by all IHSAA office staff. It was also reported that the myIHSAA project remains under budget as the final clean-up items are being completed.

IHSAA Foundation

President Matt Wolfert updated the Committee on the IHSAA Foundation.

1. Football Sectional Appeal
 - a. 182 School Donors in '18 vs. 172 in '17
 - b. 52 New Schools (8 Sectionals)
 - c. 42 Non-Renewals (6 Sectionals and some school closures)
2. InSideOut Initiative Update
 - a. Cohort 1 and 2 – Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, Marriott North – Indianapolis
 - b. Get Registered and Join Us
3. First Foundation Intern
 - a. Allie Ault - Started on January 7 – Western High School Grad, IU – Kokomo
 - b. Will Assist with Annual Fund Development and Prospecting
4. Dashboard Report
 - a. Year End Solicitation Campaign showed some mild success
 - b. 110 New Donors So Far, this fiscal year
 - c. 274 Member Schools have some form of lifetime giving (66%) – THANK YOU!
5. Continuing Work on a Strategic Plan for First Quarter 2019

Legislature

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on recent activity in the state legislature and bills which may affect the IHSAA.

Financial Reports

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2018 which again showed a significant decrease in revenue from last year during the critical weeks of sectional and regional play due to inclement weather in parts of the state. Revenue recovered during the semi-state and state finals weekends but not enough to offset the losses sustained during the earlier rounds.

Some members of the Executive Committee relayed concerns they have received about video streaming during the sectional rounds of the tournament and its effect on ticket revenue.

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented this year's Budget Analysis by Sport and the Fall Financial Reports. He indicated the football tournament net was up 10% but fell well short of what was budgeted due to a poor regional weekend. Cross country tournament expenses continue to increase with sites using expensive scoring and timing systems. And the volleyball state finals attendance was very good due to some great matchups in Muncie. He indicated that security, technology, and medical costs continue to increase across the board and we will continue to remind our hosts to be as efficient as possible and to contain their expenses.

Penalties Assessed

Angola HS – Rule 60-6 (*Wrestler participated in a match prior to completing a body fat assessment and establishing a weight management program*)

1. The Angola 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 Doug Smoker 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. Any matches that the ineligible wrestler participated in shall be forfeited and the scores refigured in each instance. All participating schools shall be notified of this violation.

Cowan HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*Limited contact program was conducted away from the high school facility*)

1. The Cowan 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 Randy O'Conner is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Fort Wayne South Side HS – Rule 9-13 (*Freshman boys' basketball coach hosted a shooting session on Sunday*)

1. The Fort Wayne South Side 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. Coach Collis Wallace is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.

Fort Wayne South Side HS – Rule 19-3 (*Three boys' basketball players participated in multiple contests without approved transfer reports on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne South Side 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 students are declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. The contests where the ineligible athletes participated in shall be forfeited if Fort Wayne South Side was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Goshen HS – Rule 102-3e (*Four girls' basketball players exceeded the eight-quarter limitation for play in a single day*)

1. The Goshen 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 12 quarters shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athletes involved in this violation.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Goshen High School shall forfeit the contest where the violation occurred. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Pike Central HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Former boys' basketball players participated in a practice with the current team*)

1. The Pike Central 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 Hunter Elliott is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. Participation with or against individuals not belonging to the school constitutes a game. Pike Central High School shall tally all interscholastic contests for the 2018-19 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 2019-20 schedule by one contest. The school shall submit to the IHSAA which game shall not be played if applicable.

Traders Point Christian HS – Rule 52-3d (*Boys' basketball player participated in six quarters in a single session*)

1. The Traders Point Christian 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, Traders Point Christian High School shall forfeit the varsity contest if victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Request from Trinity School of Greenlawn
2. For the Good of the Order
3. Communications:
 - James and Tamieka Franklin, Parents of James Franklin II.
4. Congratulations

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on Friday, February 15, 2019.

Brian Strong, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner