

IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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 Broadcasts Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Chris Conley; motion approved 17-0.

New Applications for IHSAA Membership

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented applications received from five schools seeking IHSAA membership.

Dugger Union High School, Dugger

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 17-0.

Evansville Christian School

A motion for approval was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by John Steinhilber; motion approved 16-0-1 with Mike Whitten abstaining.

Illiana Christian High School, Dyer

A motion for approval was made by Dave Worland; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion approved 17-0.

Riverside High School, Indianapolis

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jeff Doyle; motion approved 17-0.

Steel City Academy, Gary

A motion for approval was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by Matt Martin; motion failed 0-17. The school did not meet the minimum requirement of one sport for each gender in each of the three seasons.

Dugger Union, Evansville Christian and Illiana Christian were each approved for a four-year provisional membership period under a mentor from the IHSAA Executive Staff. The schools may begin competing with other IHSAA member schools immediately and, pending approval at the end of the four-year provisional period, be eligible for state tournament competition beginning in 2022-23. Riverside, which is splitting off from a current member school (Herron High School) is, by rule, granted full membership and immediate tournament eligibility.

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 for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 17-0.

Approve Unified Sports® Flag Football Tournament Alignment

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the sectional assignments and format of the Inaugural IHSAA Unified® Sports Flag Football State Tournament. It is anticipated that 32 or more schools will register for the tournament series. The following represents the format proposed for the Unified® Sports Flag Football tournament.

Sectional 1	Sectional 2	Sectional 3	Sectional 4	Sectional 5	Sectional 6	Sectional 7	Sectional 8
Bowman Academy	Goshen	Carroll (FW)	Blackford	McCutcheon	Ben Davis	Bedford North Lawrence	Evansville Central
Griffith	Tippecanoe Valley	Central Noble	Fishers	Harrison (WL)	Carmel	Madison Consolidated	Evansville F.J. Reitz
Lake Central	Warsaw	East Noble	Marion	West Lafayette	Howe Academy	Mooresville	Floyd Central
LaVille	Wawasee	Fort Wayne North Side	Mississinewa	Zionsville	Warren Central	Scottsburg	Jasper
			Noblesville				

Bold Face Indicates Sectional Host

Sectionals – Saturday, September 29, 2018 (4-6 Schools Per Site, 8 Sites)

Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Game 3 – Sectional Championship Game – Played ½ hour after conclusion of first round games.

[For Sectionals with 5 or 6 schools, semifinal games to be played ½ hour after conclusion of first round followed by sectional championship game ½ hour after conclusion of semifinal games]

Regionals – Saturday, October 6, 2018 (16 Schools, 4 Sites – Even Numbered Sectional Winner Host)

Sectional 1 vs. Sectional 2

Sectional 3 vs. Sectional 4

Sectional 5 vs. Sectional 6

Sectional 7 vs. Sectional 8

State Semi-Finals and State Championship – Saturday, October 13, 2018 (4 Schools, Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center, 7001 W. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46254)

Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously beginning at 4 p.m. Award finalists' medals.

Game 3 – State Championship game played ½ hour after conclusion of games 1 & 2. Award State Championship and State Runner Up Medals and Trophies.

A motion for approval was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Martin Brown; motion approved 18-0.

Approve State Finals Ticket Package Option for Member Schools

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a proposal to offer discounted state finals tickets to IHSAA member school teams in specific sports. The tickets would be made available at a significant cost savings and via the new myIHSAA website. A communication will be sent to the membership in the coming weeks in advance of those events.

A motion for approval was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 18-0.

Approve Modifications to Allowances for Center Schools and Participating Schools

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented a chart outlining increases in allowances to host schools at the regional and semi-state levels of various state tournaments.

A motion for approval was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by Brent Duncan; motion approved 19-0.

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 Lincoln, NE on Sept. 16-18, 2018 (Asst. Commissioner Sandra Walter)
- NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference at San Antonio, TX on Dec. 14-18, 2018 (Asst. Commissioner Robert Faulkens)
- NFHS Winter Meeting at New York, NY on Jan. 3-6, 2019 (Commissioner Bobby Cox)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Chicago, IL on Jan. 3 & 4, 2019 (Asst. Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sports Information Director Jason Wille and Technology Director Luke Morehead)

A motion for approval was made by Stacy Adams; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.

Report on Insurance Matters

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig updated the Committee on the transition of health benefits to another agent of record for IHSAA office staff and reported a reduction in cost.

Explanation and Collection of Conflict of Interest Statements

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

Explanation of Policy Handbooks

Commissioner Bobby Cox discussed the information contained in the 2018-19 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

Review Powers, Duties and Commitments of the Executive Committee

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Chairman Brian Strong reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers, duties and commitments of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Summer Meeting Attendance Qualifications and Policy

Chairman Brian Strong introduced a new policy outlining commitments and criteria to be met by Executive Committee members in order to attend the NFHS Summer Meeting.

Report on IHSAA/IIAAA Athletic Directors Workshop

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the second of three workshops for new athletic directors scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 23 at the IHSAA office.

Report on Student Advisory Committee Retreat

Assistant Commissioners Kerrie Schludecker and Robert Faulkens reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on July 28-29, 2018 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville. The retreat included the 18 members of this year's SAC (nine returning seniors, nine juniors) and was a chance for new members to meet the returning members, review

commitments and expectations for the coming school year and discuss the mission of the IHSAA and education-based athletics.

IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award

Sports Information Director Jason Wille presented a list of nominees and qualifications for potential recipients of this year's IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Awards.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Foundation President Matt Wolfert reported the following:

1. Financial Review
 - a. Dashboard 16-17 vs. 17-18
 - b. Statement of Financial Position – 6/30/18
 - c. 16—17 Income/Expense Comparison Statement
2. Golf Outing
 - a. Dinner Program Sample
 - b. Thank You to All Participants and Sponsors
 - c. 2-Year Golf Outing P&L
 - i. \$17.5K in '17 vs. \$26K in '18
 - d. Congrats to Team Gilliland
3. Lifetime Member School Donations Report Review
 - a. 229 of 410 Schools Donated last year
4. ISOI Event Tomorrow
 - a. Cohort 1 Continues – 50 of 63 Registered
 - b. Cohort 2 Begins – 80 Registered
5. Strategic Plan This Fall
6. IRS Letter of Determination Received – Good to Go
7. New Website will roll out in the next few weeks.
8. Thank you for a great first year! Looking forward to year 2!

Sportsmanship Presentations

As part of the IHSAA Sportsmanship Task Force, a point system is used to monitor acceptable levels of sportsmanship among member schools. The following schools fell below the expected level at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year and administrators from the schools below appeared before the Committee to outline their plans for improvement.

- Wapahani High School
- Hammond Clark High School

2018 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 Robert Faulkens provided a report on this year's baseball tournament where rain was a factor at both the regional and semi-state levels while heat was a factor during our two days at the state finals. He also noted that the 2019 state finals will have to be played at Victory Field on the Monday and Tuesday (June 17-18, 2019) following the normal weekend of the state finals due to scheduling conflicts between the Indianapolis Indians and the International League.
- Boys Golf Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman briefed the Committee on the golf tournament and discussed attempts at keeping expenditures down at the various host sites.

- Softball Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker said that semi-state attendance was up significantly from a year ago. She also reported on the state finals held at Purdue’s Bittinger Stadium for the first time and detailed on what went well and areas we need to improve.
- Girls Tennis Tournament Report – Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported on the expenses incurred at the various levels of the tournament. He also reported that more hosts are requesting a USTA official and an athletic trainer to be on site during their events.
- Track & Field Tournament Reports – Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig explained that expenses were down and profit was up overall for this year’s tournaments. He also discussed businesses that are offering their scoring and timing services at various host sites. He praised the continued efforts of our partners at Indiana University in hosting the state finals each year.
- Final Financial Reports for 2017-18 – Commissioner Bobby Cox reported that within the budget analysis, spring sport totals were down 3% from a year ago and 13.4% overall for the year mainly due to poor weather during last fall’s state tournament run. A look at the financial reports showed a 7.2% decrease in gross income, 13.4% decrease in net income and an 11% decrease in school distribution. This information will be shared at the Fall Area Principals Meetings that begin next month.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1-August 15, 2018 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2018-19	Percent	2017-18	Percent
Full Eligibility	1,304	86.7%	1,325	85.2%
Limited Eligibility	102	6.78%	142	0.09%
Temporarily Ineligible	87	5.78%	84	0.05%
Ineligible	11	0.73%	4	0.002%
Total	1,504		1,555	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on the final numbers of unsporting behavior reports received from member schools for the 2017-18 school year and also demonstrated where sportsmanship scorecard information may be found on the new myIHSAA website.

A total of 44 schools met every requirement of good sportsmanship as set by the Sportsmanship Task Force and she will communicate with those schools in getting banners to them and schedule honorary presentations for this fall.

She requested that member schools continue to report to the Association any exemplary sportsmanship behavior witnessed during the school year.

Technology

Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the status of the new myIHSAA website. Member schools have begun using the site, and new features are being announced every 1-2 weeks. Luke and Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter held several live training sessions across the state last week which were well-received. Online training webinars will be scheduled in the next few weeks. The project remains within budget and is on track for completion in the next 2-3 months.

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:

Avon HS – Rule 19-3 (*JV baseball player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

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

Blackford HS – Rule 3-10(2) (*Boys' soccer player participated in practice with an incomplete pre-participation physical and consent form*)

- The Blackford 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.
- Head Coach Brad Batman 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.
- The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a fully completed pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.

Boone Grove HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' soccer player participated in a contest without an approved transfer report on file*)

- The Boone Grove 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.
- The student is declared ineligible until a completed foreign exchange student eligibility report is submitted and ruled upon.
- The contest where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Boone Grove was victorious. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Chesterton HS – Rule 15-2.2 (*Seven boys' soccer players participated together in a soccer showcase*)

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

Homestead HS – Rule 15-1.1a (*Girls' golfer participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

- The Homestead 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.
- Student athlete Kailey Behrens is suspended for one interscholastic contest on the Homestead High School girls' golf schedule.
- Head Coach Jeffrey Jehl is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Huntington North HS – Rule 15-3 (*Football coach required Saturday conditioning sessions for missed summer conditioning opportunities*)

- The Huntington North 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.

- Head Coach Rick Burnau is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Lapel HS – Rule 15-1.1a (*Girls' golfer participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

- The Lapel 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.
- Student athlete Lauren Lutz is suspended for one interscholastic contest on the Lapel High School girls' golf schedule.

Maconaquah HS – Rule 15-3.4 (*Boys' cross-country coach had contact with a team member during the moratorium week*)

- The Maconaquah High School boys' cross-country 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.
- Head Coach Chris Edgington is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Westville HS – Rule 15-3.4 (*Softball coach exchanged text messages with player during the moratorium week*)

- The Westville 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.
- Head Coach Mark Dineen is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Bobby Cox
2. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in Chicago, IL
3. Executive Committee State Tournament Assignments – Brian Strong
4. Communications:
 - Andrew Kline, Covington Community High School
 - Karmen Koch, Huntington North High School
5. Congratulations:
 - Luke Morehead, Indianapolis Business Journal and TechPoint's CTO of the Year Honoree
6. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jeff Doyle; motion approved 19-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on Thursday, September 13, 2018 for the annual Board/Staff Workshop.

Brian Strong, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner