



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Indianapolis, IN
March 29, 2024 at 8 am ET

Members Present:

Chairman Chris Conley, Vice Chairman Tom Black, Stacy Adams (virtually), Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Larry Cochren, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Kyle Duncan, Chad Gilbert, Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Joe Herrmann, Patti McCormack (virtually), Kris Painter, Brian Strong, Paul Voigt.

Executive Staff Present:

Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman, Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis, Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati, Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland, Director of Champions Together Brian Avery, Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcasting Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles (virtually).

I. FOR ACTION

A. Consideration for Approval – Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Brian Strong. Approved 17-0.

B. Roman Smith resignation

A letter of resignation was presented by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf Executive Committee member Roman Smith of NorthWood HS who is leaving his position at his school.

His replacement for the District 1, Class 3A seat will be part of next December's annual Board of Directors election.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Approved 17-0.

C. NFHS Summer Meeting

Commissioner Paul Neidig shared the schedule for the NFHS Summer Meeting scheduled for June 27 - July 2, 2024 in Boston, MA.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Hamstra and motion seconded by Kris Painter. Approved 17-0.

II. REPORTS

A. Transfers

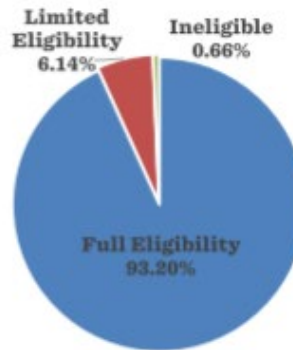
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on the number of transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2023 – March 21, 2024.

Student-Athlete Transfer Report



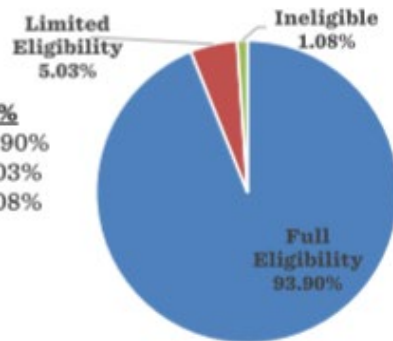
Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics

	Totals	%
Full Eligibility	2960	93.20%
Limited Eligibility	195	6.14%
Ineligible	21	0.66%
Total	3176	



J1 Visa Foreign Exchange Transfer Student-Athlete Eligibility Statistics

	Totals:	%
Full Eligibility	523	93.90%
Limited Eligibility	28	5.03%
Ineligible	6	1.08%
Total	557	



B. Officials

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis shared a list of the number of licensed officials by sport which have held fairly steady throughout the year. License renewals for the 2024-25 school year begin Monday, April 1 through July 31.

He also reminded the group of the adjusted the tournament official assigning policies where an official becomes regional eligible also becomes state eligible at that time.

He also shared the tournament officials survey on host schools.

C. Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer provided the list of Exemplary Sporting Reports received which outnumber the latest list of Ejection Reports.

D. Technology

Director of Technology Luke Morehead demonstrated the software system for reclassification and realignment as well as upcoming improvements to assist member schools in tracking accreditation of coaches.

E. Foundation

Assistant Commissioner and Foundation President, Chris Kaufman, announced the first annual IHSAA Foundation Impact Awards, to be held on May 7, 2024 at Gridiron Hall at the Indianapolis Colts Complex. This event is designed to celebrate, recognize, and honor IHSAA Foundation Scholarship Recipients, graduating Student Advisory Committee members, and other honorees.

Foundation Director, Trip Lukemeyer, gave an update on fundraising. The Foundation's recent Year End Campaign raised over \$30,000 in donations. Three grant proposals worth over \$8,000 in which the Foundation proposed on behalf of member schools to community foundations were accepted, awarding seat licenses to those member schools for the Officiating 101 program. Additionally, Trip mentioned that the Foundation will be awarding over \$90,000 to member schools through Scholarships and Grants this year.

F. Champions Network

Commissioner Paul Neidig presented the video broadcast rights fees collected at the sectional level for football, girls basketball and boys basketball, 100 percent of which will be returned to the member schools within each sectional.

Broadcast Director Heath Shanahan reported on the ongoing project to digitize older IHSAA state championship events for archival purposes.

G. Legal Report

General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association.

H. Student Leadership Update

Assistant Commissioners Kerrie Rosati and Robert Faulkens reported on upcoming events involving student leadership.

One of Indiana's own student advisory committee members, Charlie Hasenour of Forest Park High School, is also a member of the NFHS Student Advisory Council and Rosati reported on his experience of attending one of those recent meetings and interacting with other student-athletes from around the country.

Rosati reported on a partnership that has helped secure the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as the host of the annual Student Leadership Conference on Friday, July 26, 2024. That is also the date of the annual IHSAA Foundation Golf Outing at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Faulkens said that the Student Advisory Committee will meet at the FFA Camp in Trafalgar, Ind. on August 3-4.

Student Advisory Committee interviews for next year's group will be conducted on April 14.

I. Penalties Assessed

Eastern Greene – Baseball – Rule 3-10b (*A student-athlete participated in a meet without a completed physical form on file*)

- The Eastern Greene High School baseball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Christopher Shelton has been reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the baseball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Eastern Greene High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Evansville Central – Boys track & field – Rule 3-10b & Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in a meet without a completed physical form on file. Another student-athlete participated without a transfer on file*)

- The Evansville Central High School boys track and field program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated. Head Coach Kindell Wilson is reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys track & field program and may include further

sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.

- The student-athletes involved in this violation were declared ineligible for further competition until all rule deficiencies were corrected and ruled upon.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Evansville Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Madison-Grant - Baseball – Rule 3-10b (*A student-athlete participated in a meet without a completed physical form on file*)

- The Madison-Grant High School baseball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach John Walters is reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the baseball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Madison-Grant High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

North Central (Indianapolis)– Boys swimming & diving – Rule 50-4 (*A student-athlete did not meet the minimum requirement for participation in the IHSAA Tournament Series*)

- The North Central High School boys swimming & diving program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school By-Law violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- The administration of North Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school By-Law violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

North White – Girls track & field – Rule 61-1(c) (*A student-athlete participated in more than four (4) events during a track and field contest*)

- The North White girls track & field program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the student-athlete participated shall be re-scored to remove any team points earned by the student-athlete and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of North White High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Spring Principals Meetings

- District I - Tues. Apr. 16, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. ET, Fort Wayne Snider HS
- District II - Wed. Apr. 17, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. ET, Pendleton Heights HS
- District III - Thur. Apr. 18, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. ET, Vincennes Lincoln HS
- District I - Mon. Apr. 22, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. CT, Hobart HS
- District III - Tues. Apr. 23, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. ET, Charlestown HS
- District II - Wed. Apr. 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. ET, Plainfield HS

B. June Board & Staff Retreat – June 18-20, 2024, Michigan City, IN

C. For the Good of the Order

- The Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the Class 2A state championship game tomorrow to long-time contest official Kevin Lewis.
- Realignment committee meetings will be held on April 15th.
- Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens spoke to the recent football tournament proposal from the coaches association (IFCA) which was presented to the athletic administrators association (IIAAA).
- An online zoom meeting with the Board of Directors will be scheduled prior to the Spring Principal Meetings.
- The IHSAA office will be leasing a portion of its outer parking lot to a company for storage of trailers that will be doing work on US 31 in the coming months. The money will be added to the IHSAA Foundation.
- Digital ticketing discussion on issues that have worked and those that have not worked this school year.
- On Sunday, April 14 at 2 pm ET, a Celebration of Life will be held at Ben Davis High School in honor of Priscilla Dillow, former athletic director and first elected female to the IHSAA Board of Directors.

D. Communications

- Letter from Explore Evansville which helped host the Wrestling State Finals at Ford Center in February.
- Letter from a patron about state tournament seeding
- Letter from homeschool student

E. Congratulations

- Heath Shanahan, Broadcast Operations Director - West Central Indiana Radio/TV Partner in CTE (Career and Technical Education) award recipient

F. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 17-0.

G. Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 (Following the Annual Meeting of IHSAA Board of Directors on Monday, April 29th at 1:00 p.m.)