# **IHSAA Executive Committee**

Thursday, January 13, 2022 Indianapolis, Indiana



#### **PRESENT**

**Executive Committee Members:** Chairman Victor Bush, Vice-Chairman Stacy Adams, Tom Black, Jim Brown, Chris Conley, Nathan Dean, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Tom Finicle, Chad Gilbert (virtually), Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, John Steinhilber (virtually), Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Dave Worland.

**Executive Staff Members:** Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Brian Lewis, Kerrie (Schludecker) Rosati, Sandra Walter; Attorney Katie Williams-Briles, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

#### **AGENDA**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

# 1) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL - DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting were recommended for approval.

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

# 2) APPROVAL OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE RICHARD G. LUGAR AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO IHSAA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman requested approval for Mildred M. Ball, retired assistant commissioner (1977-1997), to be honored as this year's recipient of the Richard G. Lugar Award.

Each year, the IHSAA selects a recipient from nominees who exemplify the highest standard of professional ethics, sportsmanship, moral character and carry the endorsement of their IHSAA member high school. This is one of the most prestigious awards the Indiana High School Athletic Association bestows each year. She will be honored during a presentation at the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals on Saturday, March 26.

In her role as assistant commissioner, Mrs. Ball had responsibility for the licensing and training of contest officials. She also administered the sports of girls gymnastics, girls and boys golf, girls and boys tennis, and girls and boys soccer.

In addition to her contributions to the IHSAA, Ball has been involved in several civic and professional endeavors locally and nationally. She served on the Gymnastics Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations and on the Equity Committee of the National Federation. She also served as the master of ceremonies at the National Federation's High School Hall of Fame induction banquet in 1994 and 1995.

She was president of the Indiana University Health, Physical Education and Recreation Alumni Association in 1995-96, and was a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association's Executive Council. She was president of the Indianapolis chapter of Links, Inc., in 1995-96 and is a past president of the Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Mrs. Ball is a 1953 graduate of Gary Roosevelt High School where she was a varsity cheerleader, president of the girls athletic association and voted the outstanding senior girl by the school's senior faculty advisors. She went on to earn a B.S. degree from Indiana University in 1960 and a M.S. degree from Purdue University in 1971. Prior to joining the IHSAA staff, Mrs. Ball was a teacher of physical education and dance at East Chicago Washington High School from 1960 to 1977.

Previous recipients of the Richard G. Lugar Award are:

2017 - Richard G. Lugar

2018 – Bob Gardner

2019 - Lee Lonzo

2020 - Barbara Wynne

2021 - Tony Cook

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

#### 3) SOFTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati presented the proposal from the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana (SCAI) from last month's Executive Committee meeting for a formal vote.

# **Proposal**

In a six-team sectional bracket, the teams that have a bye should play teams who have advanced from round one as in basketball and volleyball.

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Tom Finicle; motion approved 18-0.

Note: Other proposals brought forth by the baseball and softball coaches associations leadership during last month's meeting involve IHSAA by-laws changes. Those were voted on as part of an emergency session at the end of today's meeting (see vote results there).

# 4) 2021-22 TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on the general format, sites and other preliminary plans for the 2021-22 Boys and Girls Track & Field Tournament Series.

This year's tournament will see a return to Indiana University in Bloomington as host of the state finals. The IHSAA received and appreciates notification from Ben Davis High School that it would be happy to host these events again if it becomes necessary.

# Girls Sectionals: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1. **Highland (13):** 21st Century - **Gary**, Bowman Academy, Calumet, East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Highland, Illiana Christian, Lighthouse CPA, Munster

- 2. Lowell (9): Andrean, Crown Point, Hanover Central, Hobart, Lake Central, Lake Station Edison, Lowell, Merrillville, River Forest
- **3. Chesterton (10):** Chesterton, LaPorte, Michigan City, New Prairie, Portage, South Central (Union Mills), Valparaiso, Washington Township, Westville, Wheeler
- **4. Kankakee Valley (15):** Boone Grove, Covenant Christian (DeMotte), Hebron, Kankakee Valley, Knox, Kouts, LaCrosse, Morgan Township, North Judson-San Pierre, North Newton, Oregon-Davis, Rensselaer Central, South Newton, West Central, Winamac Community
- **5. Mishawaka (10):** Glenn, LaVille, Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Clay, South Bend Riley, South Bend St. Joseph, South Bend Washington
- **6. Bremen (11):** Bremen, Caston, Culver Academies, Culver Community, Manchester, North Miami, Plymouth, Rochester Community, Tippecanoe Valley, Triton, Whitko
- 7. Warsaw Community (13): Bethany Christian, Columbia City, Concord, Elkhart, Elkhart Christian Academy, Fairfield, Goshen, Jimtown, Lakeland Christian Academy, Northridge, NorthWood, Warsaw Community, Wawasee
- **8. Northwestern (13):** Eastern (Greentown), Kokomo, Lewis Cass, Logansport, Maconaquah, Madison-Grant, Northwestern, Peru, Pioneer, Taylor, Tipton, Tri-Central, Western
- **9. Benton Central (12):** Attica, Benton Central, Carroll (Flora), Covington, Delphi Community, Fountain Central, Frontier, North Vermillion, North White, Seeger, Tri-County, Twin Lakes
- 10. Harrison (West Lafayette) (12): Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Crawfordsville, Faith Christian, Frankfort, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Central Catholic, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, Rossville, West Lafayette
- **11. Hamilton Southeastern (11):** Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, Noblesville, Sheridan, University, Western Boone, Westfield
- **12. Zionsville (12):** Avon, Brownsburg, Cascade, Danville Community, Eminence, Monrovia, Mooresville, Plainfield, Southmont, Traders Point Christian, Tri-West Hendricks, Zionsville
- **13. East Noble (12)**: Angola, Central Noble, DeKalb, East Noble, Eastside, Fremont, Garrett, Hamilton, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, West Noble, Westview
- **14. Fort Wayne Northrop (12):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Churubusco, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, Lakewood Park Christian, Leo, Woodlan
- **15. New Haven (10):** Adams Central, Bellmont, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne Wayne, Heritage, Homestead, Huntington North, New Haven, South Adams
- **16.** Marion (14) @ Indiana Wesleyan University: Alexandria, Blackford, Bluffton, Eastbrook, Elwood Community, Frankton, Marion, Mississinewa, Northfield, Norwell, Oak Hill, Southern Wells, Southwood, Wabash
- **17. Delta (13):** Cowan, Delta, Jay County, Monroe Central, Muncie Burris, Muncie Central, Randolph Southern, Union (Modoc), Union City, Wapahani, Wes-Del, Winchester, Yorktown
- **18. Pendleton Heights (13):** Anderson, Anderson Preparatory Academy, Blue River Valley, Daleville, Eastern Hancock, Knightstown, Lapel, Lawrence North, Liberty Christian, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Castle, Pendleton Heights, Shenandoah
- **19.** Lawrence Central (12): Brebeuf Jesuit, Heritage Christian, Herron, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lawrence Central, North Central (Indianapolis), Park Tudor, Riverside, Tindley
- **20. Pike (15):** Ben Davis, Covenant Christian (Indianapolis), Decatur Central, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis George Washington, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Indianapolis Shortridge, Indiana Math & Science, International, Perry Meridian, Pike, Providence Cristo Rey, Speedway, Southport
- **21. New Palestine (13):** Beech Grove, Christel House Academy, Franklin Central, Greenfield-Central, Indianapolis Lutheran, Indianapolis Scecina, Morristown, New Palestine, Roncalli, Shelbyville, Triton Central, Victory College Prep, Warren Central
- **22. Franklin Community (12):** Center Grove, Columbus East, Columbus North, Edinburgh, Franklin Community, Greenwood Christian, Greenwood Community, Hauser, Indian Creek, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Waldron, Whiteland

- **23. Connersville (10):** Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Connersville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Richmond, Rushville, Seton Catholic, Tri, Union County
- **24. East Central (13):** Batesville, East Central, Franklin County, Greensburg, Jac-Cen-Del, Lawrenceburg, Milan, North Decatur, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, South Dearborn, South Decatur, South Ripley
- **25. Terre Haute South Vigo (14):** Clay City, Cloverdale, Greencastle, North Central (Farmersburg), North Putnam, Northview, Parke Heritage, Riverton Parke, South Putnam, South Vermillion, Sullivan, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo, West Vigo
- **26. Bloomington North (12):** Bloomfield, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brown County, Eastern Greene, Edgewood, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Linton-Stockton, Martinsville, Owen Valley, Shakamak, White River Valley
- **27. Seymour (13):** Bedford North Lawrence, Brownstown Central, Crothersville, Eastern (Pekin), Jennings County, Mitchell, Orleans, Paoli, Salem, Seymour, Springs Valley, Trinity Lutheran, West Washington
- **28. Jeffersonville (12):** Austin, Charlestown, Henryville, Jeffersonville, Madison, New Washington, Rock Creek Academy, Scottsburg, Shawe Memorial, Silver Creek, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County
- **29. Corydon Central (11):** Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Clarksville, Corydon Central, Crawford County, Floyd Central, Lanesville, New Albany, North Harrison, Providence, South Central (Elizabeth)
- **30. Perry Central (11):** Forest Park, Heritage Hills, Jasper, Loogootee, Northeast Dubois, Perry Central, Shoals, South Spencer, Southridge, Tell City
- **31. Princeton Community (13):** Barr-Reeve, Gibson Southern, North Daviess, North Knox, Pike Central, Princeton Community, South Knox, Tecumseh, Vincennes Lincoln, Vincennes Rivet, Washington, Washington Catholic, Wood Memorial
- **32. Mt. Vernon (13):** Boonville, Castle, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Day, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Memorial, Evansville North, Mt. Vernon, North Posey, Signature

# Girls Regionals: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

1. Portage

Sectional Host: Chesterton, Highland, Kankakee Valley, Lowell

2. Kokomo

Sectional Host: Bremen, Mishawaka, Warsaw Community, Northwestern

3. Lafayette Jefferson

Sectional Host: Benton Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Zionsville

4. Marion @ Indiana Wesleyan

Sectional Host: East Noble, Fort Wayne Northrop, Marion, New Haven

5. Ben Davis

Sectional Host: Pike, Delta, Lawrence Central, Pendleton Heights

6. Franklin Community

Sectional Host: Connersville, East Central, Franklin Community, New Palestine

7. Bloomington North

Sectional Host: Bloomington North, Jeffersonville, Seymour, Terre Haute South

8. Evansville Central

Sectional Host: Corydon Central, Mt. Vernon, Perry Central, Princeton Community

Girls State Finals: Friday, June 3, 2022

Indiana University – Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex: 1601 N. Fee Lane Bloomington, IN 47408

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Boys Sectionals: Thursday, May 19, 2022

- 1. **Highland (13):** 21st Century Gary, Bowman Academy, Calumet, East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Highland, Illiana Christian, Lighthouse CPA, Munster
- 2. Crown Point (9): Andrean, Crown Point, Hanover Central, Hobart, Lake Central, Lake Station Edison, Lowell, Merrillville, River Forest
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#### Boys Regionals: Thursday, May 26, 2022

1. Valparaiso

Sectional Host: Crown Point, Highland, Portage, Rensselaer Central

Goshen

Sectional Host: Goshen, Kokomo, Penn, Plymouth

3. Lafayette Jefferson

Sectional Host: Benton Central, Carmel, Plainfield, West Lafayette

4. Marion @ Indiana Wesleyan

Sectional Host: East Noble, Fort Wayne North Side, Marion, New Haven

5. Lawrence Central

Sectional Host: Lawrence Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Ben Davis

6. Greenfield-Central

Sectional Host: Columbus North, Connersville, East Central, Greenfield-Central

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Boys State Finals: Saturday, June 4, 2022

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A motion for approval was made by Brian Strong; seconded by Kye Denney; motion approved 18-0.

#### **REPORTS**

# 5) BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens led discussion on the proposals presented last month by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA).

Note: The proposals brought forth by the baseball and softball coaches associations leadership during last month's meeting involve IHSAA by-laws changes. Those were voted on as part of an emergency session at the end of today's meeting (see vote results there).

#### 6) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2021-22 GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a list of 506 basketball officials who have applied to work this year's Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

# 7) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2021-22 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis shared a list of the 584 officials who have applied to work this year's Boys Basketball State Tournament Series. The tournament requires six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

#### 8) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2021-22 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of 154 wrestling officials who have applied to work the Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

# 9) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2021-22 GIRLS & BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker provided a list of 60 applicants, a decrease of 3 from last year, to officiate the 2021-22 swimming and diving state tournaments.

# **10) RAY CROWE INITIATIVE**

Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on conversations with members of the National Crispus Attucks Alumni Association regarding the creation of the Ray Crowe Award.

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens reported that the criteria continues to be developed for the award and that he has also reached out to an awards company about a potential design. He expects to see a draft for the award next week. The national alumni group has expressed willingness to remain engaged and be a willing partner to this award.

# 11) NATIONAL FEDERATION WINTER MEETING

Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting he attended along with executive directors from every other state association around the nation.

He reported on the various topics covered including the NFHS Network and a new idea they are calling the NFHS Experience.

### 12) LET'S CONNECT CONFERENCE REPORT

Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens and Chris Kaufman summarized the various sessions - student services, technology, and media - conducted at the Let's Connect Conference on January 6-7 in Chicago.

#### 13) TRANSFERS

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2021-January 5, 2022, and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2021-22	Percent	2020-21	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,519	93.1%	1,905	91.2%
Limited Eligibility	171	6.3%	157	7.5%
Ineligible	17	0.6%	28	1.3%
Total	2,707		2,090	
Foreign Exchange Tran	nsfers			
	2021-22	Percent	2020-21	Percent
Full Eligibility	563	95.9%	120	97.6%
Limited Eligibility	15	2.6%	3	2.4%
Ineligible	9	1.5%	0	0.0%
Total	587		123	

## 14) SPORTSMANSHIP

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1, 2021-January 7, 2022, and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

The numbers of ejections in boys soccer listed below are unacceptable and will be addressed with the state coaches association as well as the Sportsmanship Task Force.

Five schools with poor sportsmanship scores will be appearing before the Executive Committee this summer on their plans for improvement.

	2021-22	2020-21	% Change
Exemplary Reports Filed	930	845	10%
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,621	2,681	-2%
Total Ejections	362	331	9%
Ejections (Administration)	0	1	-100%
Ejections (Coaches)	33	29	14%
Ejections (Fans)	30	33	-9%
Ejections (Players)	298	268	11%

Sport	<b>Athletes</b>	Coaches	Fans	Admin.	Totals
Boys Basketball	16	6	7	0	29
Girls Basketball	11	5	11	0	27
Football	107	7	3	0	117
Boys Soccer	131	13	6	0	150
Girls Soccer	23	3	2	0	28
Volleyball	0	0	1	0	1
Wrestling	10	0	0	0	10
Total	298	34	30	0	362

Level	Total
Freshmen/C	20
JV	38
Varsity	304
Total	362

#### **15) CONTEST OFFICIALS REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter shared the numbers of licensed contest officials by sport along with the license renewal rate in each from last year.

She updated the group on plans that would implement an officiating class into member schools curriculum during the second semester and next school year. The National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) is providing resources to support this effort nationwide.

A total of 170+ schools have indicated interest in doing so which would help with recruitment, licensing and retention.

Walter discussed the IHSAA policy on recognized officials assigners and proposed changes.

## **16) TECHNOLOGY**

Director of Technology Luke Morehead reported on the latest developments with the myIHSAA website including upcoming improvements for officials. Morehead also reported on a collaborative software development initiative with Butler University computer science students, and several opportunities for the IHSAA to accelerate technical advancements through cooperation with other state associations in the region.

#### 17) CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORSHIPS

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman shared the latest information on the IHSAA's various corporate partnerships and potential partners.

# 18) IHSAA FOUNDATION QUARTERLY REPORT

Foundation President Matt Wolfert provided a report on various items related to the IHSAA Foundation including a list of first-time donors this fiscal year, student leadership development, grant programs for member schools, official recruitment and retention, and the post-secondary scholarship program.

He also thanked member schools for contributing more than \$4,500 from the football sectionals last fall.

## 19) STATE LEGISLATURE & LITIGATION / IDOE CASE REVIEW PANEL REPORT

Commissioner Paul Neidig briefed the Committee on bills authored by legislators in the Indiana Statehouse.

Attorney Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association as well as results from the Case Review Panel at the Indiana Department of Education.

Commissioner Paul Neidig said he has received his first inquiry from a student-athlete about the new collegiate rule, Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) and its effect on high school athletics. Currently, IHSAA by-laws do not directly address NIL by name.

This topic will be discussed with legislators, and he asked Executive Committee members to ponder and research the topic.

#### 20) 2021 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens provided the final detailed financial report from this fall's state tournament series.

He noted that each participating school made an average of \$2,200. He thanked the member schools for attempting to keep sectional costs at a minimal level.

#### 21) FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FALL SPORTS

Commissioner Paul Neidig gave an overview of the fall sport financial reports he shared with Executive Committee members.

He noted that it was great to see crowds return to regular season and state tournament games which greatly helped the financial well-being of schools as well as the Association. The net gain for the combined fall state tournaments was the best it's been in the last four years.

#### 22) PENALTIES ASSESSED

Angola HS – Wrestling – Rule 60-6 (A student-athlete did not meet all provisions of the Member School Weight Management program)

- 1. The Angola High School wrestling program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- 2. Head Coach Russ Tingley is reprimanded for allowing this violation to be committed. The head coach holds the responsibility that each student-athlete meets all requirements of the Member School wrestling weight management plan.
- 3. While ineligible, the wrestling matches the student-athlete participated in shall be rescored to remove any individual and team points earned by the student-athlete and the team score shall be recalculated. The opposing member schools shall be notified of this violation.
- 4. Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

# 23) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A detailed report for IHSAAtv.org will be presented at the February Executive Committee meeting.
- The IHSAA Executive Committee summer retreat is scheduled for June 21-23 at a location to be determined.
- The IHSAA is still awaiting final enrollment numbers from the Indiana Department of Education for purposes of reclassification and realignment.
- Regrettably, Rae Ferriell-Woolpy of Richmond High School has resigned her position on the IHSAA Board of Directors for personal reasons. The IHSAA thanks her for her nine years of service and wishes her all the best.

# **24) COMMUNICATIONS**

• The commissioner received an email from Jay Berman who served as a former chief-of-staff to late Indiana Senator Birch Bayh. Bayh is considered the "Father of Title IX" after he authored the legislation now in its 50th year celebration since becoming federal law.

### **25) CONGRATULATIONS**

None

A motion to adjourn the January 13, 2022 meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jeff Doyle; motion approved 18-0.

The next meeting of the Executive (	Committee will be Friday, February 18, 2022
Victor Bush, Chairman	
Paul Neidig, Commissioner	

#### **EMERGENCY BY-LAW CHANGES TO RULES 51-3 AND 107-3**

Following today's Executive Committee meeting, the IHSAA Board of Directors conducted a separate emergency by-law hearing for two proposals listed below from the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA) and the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana (SCAI).

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**Executive Staff Members:** Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Brian Lewis, Kerrie (Schludecker) Rosati, Sandra Walter; Attorney Katie Williams-Briles, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

## Baseball Rule 51-3 (add the following language)

d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter) then it will not count towards their maximum number of games played. They are still subject to pitch count regulations and this designation cannot be used more than five (5) times per player during any regular season.

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

# Softball Rule 107-3 (add the following language)

d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter) then it will not count towards their maximum number of games played. This designation cannot be used more than five (5) times per player during any regular season.

A motion for approval was made by Kye Denney; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 18-0.

The above measures go into effect immediately for the 2021-22 baseball and softball seasons.

A motion to adjourn the Emergency Board of Directors meeting was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Tom Finicle; motion approved 18-0.