

# IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Indianapolis, Indiana



## PRESENT

**Executive Committee Members:** Chairman Matt Martin, Vice-Chairman Nathan Dean, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Victor Bush, Chris Conley, Jeff Doyle, Brent Duncan, Chad Gilbert, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Patti McCormack, John Steinhilber, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland.

**Executive Staff Members:** 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.

## **Introduction of Spring Intern**

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman introduced Logan Green who is serving as a sports administration intern in the IHSAA Office during the spring semester. Green is a Huntington North High School graduate and just earned his degree in Sports Marketing and Management from Indiana University last month.

## FOR ACTION

### 1) MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting were recommended for approval.

*A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.*

### 2) PROPOSALS FROM INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION (IHSBCA)

Following last month's rules proposals from representatives of the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association, the Executive Committee considered and voted on each of the following proposals below.

Proposal #1: change IHSAA by law 15-2.4 to include the changes shaded below.

#### **15-2.4 Conditioning Program**

~~During the School Year Out-of-Season, a student who participates in Individual Sports and in Team Sports may participate in a Conditioning Program; a Conditioning Program is a program which occurs in a School's gymnasium, playing field or other School facility and is designed for and limited to activities which promote physical fitness and exclude game drills. Examples of permissible activities are weight lifting, running and aerobic exercising. The limitations on participation by, and contact with, a student in Team and Individual Sports, During the School Year, Out-of-Season, do not apply to a student's participation in a Conditioning Program.~~

~~During the School Year Out-of-Season, a student who participates in the Team Sport of baseball may throw a baseball as a part of a conditioning program (beginning M—WK26).~~

*Proposal #1 above, originally rescinded by the coaches association and listed with strikethrough, was discussed at length by the Committee members. A motion to table this proposal in order to further study the language used and potential placement within the by-laws was made by Tim Grove, seconded by Mike Whitten; motion approved 19-0.*

**Proposal #2: change the IHSAA by-laws 15-2.4 and 15-2.5 to include the changes shaded below.**

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**15-2.5 Limited Contact Program**

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Team or Individual Sports may participate in a Limited Contact Program; a Limited Contact Program is a program in which the use of the School's gymnasium, playing field or other school facilities is open only to students who attends the School, or a Feeder School of the School sponsoring the program, is open to all such students and participation is on a voluntary basis.

- a. Limited Contact Program sessions for Team and Individual Sports may be conducted a maximum of Two (2) times per week for a maximum of Two (2) hours per session.
- b. At a Limited Contact Program session, a Member School Team Sports coach may supervise the programs, communicate with students, offer instruction and work directly with all out-of-season athletes, may use all equipment related to the sports, i.e. balls, goals, nets, etc., except that in football no protective equipment such as a helmet, shoulder pads, padding or a girdle may be use, provided that:
  - (1.) the program must be open to all students of the member School;
  - (2.) attendance and participation must be voluntary and not required by the member School coach for membership on a particular sports team, and
  - (3.) participation in a Limited Contact Program session by a student is limited to the following periods of time;

<b>Limited Contact Program</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Fall Season	Monday of Week 9	Saturday of Week 15
Winter Season	Monday of Week 23	Saturday of Week 31
Spring Season	Monday of Week 40	Saturday of Week 45

- c. Exception: Students in Sports who participate in a Limited Contact Program which immediately precedes that Sports' season may continue to participate in the Limited Contact Program until that Sports' first official practice date, i.e. a girls basketball player participating in the Fall Season Limited Contact Program may continue participation in the Limited Contact Program until the first official practice day for girls basketball.

Beginning on M- WK33 and continuing to M - WK37 (official practice starting date), the Team Sport of baseball will be allowed 1 additional day per week (2-hour max.) for the specific purpose of throwing bullpens ... bullpens are defined as a pitcher, catcher, and the use of a pitching mound(s). No other baseball activities will be performed during this additional 1 day/ week time period.

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion failed 0-19.***

**Proposal #3: the IHSBCA requests that the length of the baseball season be extended by one week.**

### **Proposed Season Length**

11 Weeks (sectional tournament starts on Memorial Day and concludes the following Saturday; the 4-week tourney finishes the weekend after Father's Day).

<b>Year</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>State Finals</b>
2021	5/31	6/20	6/25-26
2022	5/30	6/19	6/24-25
2023	5/29	6/18	6/23-24
2024	5/27	6/16	6/21-22

***A motion for approval was made by Stacy Adams; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion failed 0-19.***

### **Proposal #4: change the IHSAA by-laws 15-3.1 to include the changes shaded below.**

A School, and players from the School's baseball program, may participate in Baseball Activities under the following standards:

- a. Schools may sponsor up to Ten (10) Baseball Activity Days (a day when a School's baseball coaching staff coaches Two (2) or more players from the School's baseball team engaged in Baseball Activities) during the Summer.
- b. A School's Baseball Activity Days may include up to Four (4) Baseball Competition Days (a day when a School's baseball coaching staff takes Two (2) or more players from a School's baseball team to either Practice with or compete against One (1) or more players from another School or program).
- c. Prior to the first day of Summer, a School's baseball coaching staff must designate to the School's athletic director or the principal the specific Baseball Activity Days and the Baseball Competition Days in which the baseball program plans to participate.

***A motion for approval was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Chris Conley; motion approved 18-1 with Jeff Doyle opposed.***

### **Proposal #5: the IHSBCA requests that each tournament host site (sectional through state finals) have a person designated to track the pitch count for both teams in each scheduled contest.**

This position will keep written or digital records and communicate with the coaches and umpires each inning to confirm pitch counts for both teams. This position will also mandate (through the umpire / crew chief) the removal of a pitcher once their pitch count limit has been exhausted.

The head coach will certify the availability of each pitcher prior to the start of each tournament level; records will be kept throughout the tournament to track pitch counts; ensure proper rest is observed; and, at no time, allow an ineligible pitcher to enter the game or remain in the game. These records will be available to member school head coaches, athletic directors, principals, and IHSAA personnel upon request.

***A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Martin Brown; motion approved 15-4 with Chris Conley, Chad Gilbert, Victor Bush and Ed Gilliland opposed.***

## **REPORTS**

### **3) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2019-20 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a list of 456 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2019-20 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

#### **4) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2019-20 BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig presented a list of 557 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2019-20 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

#### **5) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2019-20 WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of 150 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2019-20 Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

#### **6) REPORT ON OFFICIALS FOR 2019-20 GIRLS & BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker provided a list of 73 applicants, an increase of 11 from last year, to officiate the 2019-20 swimming and diving state tournaments. She noted the IHSAA is in the second year of a collaboration with Indiana Swimming which has helped increase the number of licensed swimming officials and applicants for the tournament.

#### **7) REPORT ON NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on his attendance at the recent NIAA/NFHS Annual Conference on Dec. 13-17, 2019 in National Harbor, MD. He named several athletic directors from around the state who attended and mentioned that Mooresville HS athletic director Mike Mossbrucker received the Bruce Whitehead Distinguished Service Award.

Among the several seminars available, he highlighted one on “Unconscious Bias” in the workplace, in sport, and in our personal lives along with another on “Managing Adult and Fan Behavior”.

#### **8) REPORT ON NATIONAL FEDERATION WINTER MEETING**

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on the National Federation’s Winter Meeting he attended on Jan. 3-6, 2020 in Austin, TX along with executive directors from every other state association.

He reported on the numerous topics covered including bringing together sports medicine advisory committees with state boards of health; numerous discussions on mental health among high school students and student-athletes; as well as athletic trainers.

He also mentioned that USA Football is now promoting the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) as the voice for high school football and that rule support and jurisdiction comes from the NFHS.

The topic of holding national championship high school events was also discussed again. Some parts of the country have expressed interest but the Midwestern state associations are primarily opposed to the idea for a number of reasons.

Several roundtable sessions were also held.

#### **9) REPORT ON PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORSHIPS**

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

**10) TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2019-Jan. 10, 2020 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago. Future consideration will be given to sharing the numbers of F1 and J1 Visas being issued as well.

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	2,537	90.2%	2,330	83.7%
Limited Eligibility	254	9.0%	218	7.8%
Temporarily Ineligible	--	--	221	7.9%
Ineligible	21	0.8%	14	0.5%
Total	2,812		2,783	

**Foreign Exchange Transfers**

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	539	96.8%	489	91.9%
Limited Eligibility	11	2.0%	39	7.3%
Ineligible	7	1.2%	4	0.8%
Total	557		532	

**11) SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1-Dec. 3, 2019 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Exemplary Reports Filed	797	587	36%
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,845	2,622	9%
Total Ejections	348	311	12%
Ejections (Administration)	1	1	0%
Ejections (Coaches)	31	24	29%
Ejections (Players)	275	271	1%
Ejections (Fans)	41	15	173%

**12) TECHNOLOGY**

Technology Director Luke Morehead demonstrated the new myIHSAA Tournament Financial Reporting feature. All tournament hosts will submit their financial reports via the myIHSAA website going forward.

**13) IHSAA FOUNDATION**

Foundation President Matt Wolfert provided the following report on various items:

1. Fiscal Year Donor Dashboard Review
  - a. As of 12/31/19 the Annual Fund is basically even but last year had received \$21,200 in IHSAA Members School Penalty money already.
  - b. As previously reported, penalty money will come in June this year and going forward
  - c. Total Net Revenue as of 12/31/19 is \$108,049 vs. \$47,258 on 12/31/18
  - d. Happy to report we have almost 100 new donors on 12/31/19 vs. last year.

- e. Annual Fund. Really using that terminology now with donors and prospects.
  - f. Working on Lybunts (donors who donated in the last year but not this year)
  - g. Working on renewing our Annual Fund Donors
2. Football Sectional Appeal Report
    - a. Thank you to the member schools for participating!
    - b. \$8,245.83 Donated in 2019 by Member Schools (\$7,450 in 2018)
    - c. IHSAA to Match the \$8,245.83
    - d. 227 of 318 Football Schools (71%) ... Up from 57% in 2018
    - e. 36 of 48 Sectionals (75%) ... Up from 58% in 2018
    - f. 26 First Time Donors in 2019
    - g. 41 Schools Donated in 2018 but not in 2019
      - i. We are reaching out to let them know they can still contribute individually and the donation will be matched by the IHSAA
  3. InSideOut Initiative Update
    - a. Happy to Announce ISOI Regional Training via Zoom Meeting for ADs and Assistant ADs
    - b. 8 Locations Around the State - Monday, February 24 (10a-12:30p EST)
    - c. Host School Locations
      - i. Merrillville
      - ii. Goshen
      - iii. Fort Wayne Canterbury
      - iv. Harrison (West Lafayette)
      - v. Fishers
      - vi. Mooresville
      - vii. Evansville Career Center
      - viii. Jeffersonville
    - d. I encourage each IHSAA Executive Committee member to attend the one closest to you
    - e. We are thrilled to finally bring this training to every corner of the state so that all 412 member school are within at least an hour to a location.
  4. IHSAA Foundation Lifetime School Donation Report
    - a. Mid-Year Report (12/31/19) was distributed and discussed
    - b. Shows Current Fiscal Year and Lifetime Giving
    - c. For your information and review - This is confidential and for internal use only.
  5. Speaking Engagements
    - a. Spoke at Evansville Rotary Club in December
    - b. Booked for Muncie Rotary in March
    - c. Booked for Fishers Rotary in April
    - d. Working on others
    - e. Please let me know if you have an engagement for me
  6. Mason Stanley, IHSAA Foundation Intern, Started 1/2/20
    - a. Assisting with Annual Fund and Prospecting

#### **14) LITIGATION**

Attorney Robert Baker updated the Executive Committee on the current status of pending litigation against the Association.

#### **15) FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT & FALL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2019. Attendance for this year was just short of average for the last six years but still led to a very successful six weeks overall. He thanked financial managers across the state for their diligence in keeping expenses down as much as possible. He also expects the new

financial reporting feature soon to be available on myIHSAA to be extremely helpful and more efficient going forward for athletic directors.

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented this year's Budget Analysis by Sport and the Fall Financial Reports.

He indicated the football tournament net was up 13.9% from a year ago and well exceeded what had been budgeted.

A look at the school distribution line indicates that more than \$900,000 has been returned to member schools to this point in the school year, which is up 25.2% over this point last year.

Paid attendance was up at every level of this year's football tournament from a year ago and 5% overall. Good matchups and good weather are always key to the football tournament attendance.

## **16) PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Boone Grove HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' basketball player participated in two contests while academically ineligible*)

1. The Boone Grove High School 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 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 contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Boone Grove was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Boone Grove HS – Rule 18-1 (*Wrestler participated in multiple meets while academically ineligible*)

1. The Boone Grove 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. Any points earned by the ineligible athlete shall be removed and the team scores refigured. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Columbus East HS – Rule 15-1.2a (*Boys' basketball players participated in multiple non-school sponsored games during the authorized contest season*)

1. The Columbus East 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. Student athlete Brayden Griffin is suspended for the next four contests on the Columbus East boys' basketball schedule.
3. Student athlete Devon Tekulve is suspended for the next contest on the Columbus East boys' basketball schedule.

Culver Academies – Rule 15-1.1 (*Boys' swimmer participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Culver Academies boys' swimming and diving 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 student athlete involved in this violation is suspended for the next two interscholastic contests on the Culver Academies boys' swimming and diving schedule.

Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger HS – Rule 15-1.1 (*Girls' swimmer participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School girls' swimming and diving 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 student athlete involved in this violation is suspended for the next interscholastic contest on the Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger girls' swimming and diving schedule.

Fort Wayne Wayne HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' basketball player participated in a contest without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne Wayne High School 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 student is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. The contest where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Fort Wayne Wayne High School was victorious. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Goshen HS – Rule 14-1 (*Boys' basketball team conducted a quarter of interscholastic competition without licensed officials*)

1. The Goshen 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. The Goshen High School Athletic Department shall remit \$125.00 to the IHSAA for this infraction. This represents  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the stated penalty of \$500.00 within the by-laws.
3. The student athletes that participated in this violation shall have this quarter of participation count toward their total quarters for the season. The opposing school shall be notified of this contingency.

Hanover Central HS – Rule 15-1.1 (*Wrestler participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Hanover Central 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. The student athlete involved in this violation is suspended for the next interscholastic contest on the Hanover Central High School wrestling schedule.

South Putnam HS – Rule 18-1 (*Freshman boys' basketball player participated in multiple contests while academically ineligible*)

1. The South Putnam 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. The student is ineligible until such time the student may become academically eligible.
3. The interscholastic contests in which this ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if South Putnam was victorious. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Terre Haute North Vigo HS – Rule 15-1.2a (*Three boys' basketball players participated in a non-school sponsored game during the authorized contest season*)

1. The Terre Haute North Vigo 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. Student athletes Jasiah Rainey, Dylan Major and Mahki Johnson are suspended for the next contest on the Terre Haute North Vigo High School boys' basketball schedule.

Valparaiso HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' swimmer participated in two interscholastic meets while academically ineligible*)

1. The Valparaiso High School boys' swimming and diving 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. Any points earned by the ineligible athlete shall be removed and the team scores refigured. The opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**



## **17) COMMUNICATIONS**

## **18) CONGRATULATIONS**

- Bloomington South's J.R. Holmes has been named Boys Basketball Coach of the Year by the NFHS Coaches Association. [News Release](#)

## **19) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Commissioner Bobby Cox offered a brief report on State House legislation related to high school sports.
- Commissioner Bobby Cox announced his retirement effective Aug. 1, 2020. [News Release](#)
- New physical forms for 2020-21 will be posted to myIHSAA.org and IHSAA.org tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 17).

***A motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 19-0.***

*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Friday, February 21, 2020.*

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Matt Martin, Chairman

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Bobby Cox, Commissioner