



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Indianapolis, IN

January 16, 2025 at 8 am ET

Executive Committee Present:

- Chairman Chad Gilbert
- Vice Chairman Brian Strong
- Stacy Adams
- Tom Black
- Jim Brown
- Martin Brown
- Larry Cochren
- Chris Conley
- Jeremy Dexter
- Jeff Doyle
- Kyle Duncan (remotely)
- Tom Finicle
- Tim Grove
- Jeff Hamstra
- Ryan Harrington
- Scott Kreiger
- Patti McCormack
- Kris Painter
- 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 Jane Schott
- Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland
- Director of Champions Together Brian Avery
- Director of Sport & HR Ashley Ernstberger
- Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer
- Technology Director Luke Morehead
- Director of Broadcasting Heath Shanahan
- Sports Information Director Jason Wille
- General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles

I. FOR ACTION

A. Consideration for Approval – Minutes from the December 11, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Stacy Adams. Approved 19-0.

B. Consideration for Approval – 2024-25 Boys Volleyball Alignment

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati presented the initial sectional groupings for this spring's Inaugural Boys Volleyball State Tournament Series. There are currently 144 schools who have indicated they will have a team participating this spring. As teams add and drop in the coming months, some sectionals are expected to be realigned.

Sectional host sites as well as regional and state finals information will be announced at a later date.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 19-0.

Tentative Sectionals

- 1. (9):** Calumet, Crown Point, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Illiana Christian, Lake Central, Lighthouse CPC, Munster
- 2. (9):** Andrean, Boone Grove, DeMotte Christian, Hebron, Hobart, Kankakee Valley, Merrillville, Portage, Valparaiso
- 3. (9):** Chesterton, Kouts, LaPorte, Michigan City, Morgan Township, South Central (Union Mills), Tri-Township, Washington Township, Westville
- 4. (10):** Elkhart, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, Northridge, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington, Warsaw Community
- 5. (10):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbia City, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Leo, Woodlan
- 6. (9):** Belmont, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Heritage, Homestead, Huntington North, New Haven, Norwell
- 7. (9):** Crawfordsville, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Jefferson, Lebanon, McCutcheon, North Putnam, Traders Point Christian, Tri-West Hendricks, Zionsville
- 8. (9):** Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Kokomo, Noblesville, Peru, Taylor, Westfield
- 9. (9):** Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, International School of Indiana, MTI School of Knowledge, North Central (Indianapolis), Park Tudor, Pike, University
- 10. (9):** Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, Irvington Preparatory Academy, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, New Castle, Victory College Prep, Warren Central

- 11. (9):** Christel House, Herron, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis George Washington Community, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Indianapolis Shortridge, Providence Cristo Rey, Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown
- 12. (9):** Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Center Grove, Covenant Christian (Indpls), Decatur Central, Monrovia, Mooresville, Plainfield
- 13. (8):** Beech Grove, Central Christian Academy, Franklin Central, Indianapolis Lutheran, New Palestine, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, Southport
- 14. (8):** Columbus East, Columbus North, Franklin Community, Greenwood Christian Academy, Greenwood Community, Morristown, Shelbyville, Whiteland Community
- 15. (8):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Martinsville, Mitchell, North Knox, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
- 16. (10):** Charlestown, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Madison Consolidated, New Albany, Rock Creek Academy, Scottsburg, Shawe Memorial, Silver Creek, Southwestern (Hanover)

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II. REPORTS

A. PPE Form and SMAC Update

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens provided an update on the Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (Physical) form which will be uploaded to the Association websites and forwarded to schools.

Faulkens submitted new guidelines approved by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) for Intra-Venous Fluid Administration during contests. These guidelines indicate that once a student receives this treatment, they will not be able to return to play.

Language will be crafted into a new by-law for the Board's consideration this spring.

B. Fall Sports Financial Reports

Commissioner Paul Neidig and the assistant commissioners spoke to the submitted financial reports for fall sports.

With regard to the soccer tournaments, consideration is being given to randomly drawing the regional opponents and scheduling pre-determined host sites for both the regional semifinals and championship rounds.

C. Officials for 2024-25 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott presented the list of 504 officials who have applied to work the 50th Annual IHSAA Girls Basketball State Tournament.

The Association has begun to drop interviews and game footage on its social media platforms from old state championship games and some of the individuals involved in celebration of the 50th state tournament.

D. Officials for 2024-25 Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati provided a list of officials who have applied to work this year’s swimming and diving state tournaments.

E. National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Paul Neidig summarized his recent trip to Bonita Springs, FL with other executive directors from state associations around the nation.

He reported on the several topics covered including transfer rules, school choice, and state legislatures.

F. Let’s Connect Meeting

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens, Technology Director Luke Morehead, and Broadcast Director Heath Shanahan reported on the various topics covered with their colleagues during the recent Let’s Connect meeting in Chicago, IL.

G. Transfers

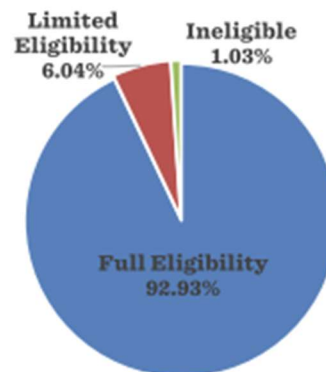
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided an update on the numbers of transfers that have been rules upon from the period of July 1, 2024 and January 9, 2025.

Student-Athlete Transfer Report

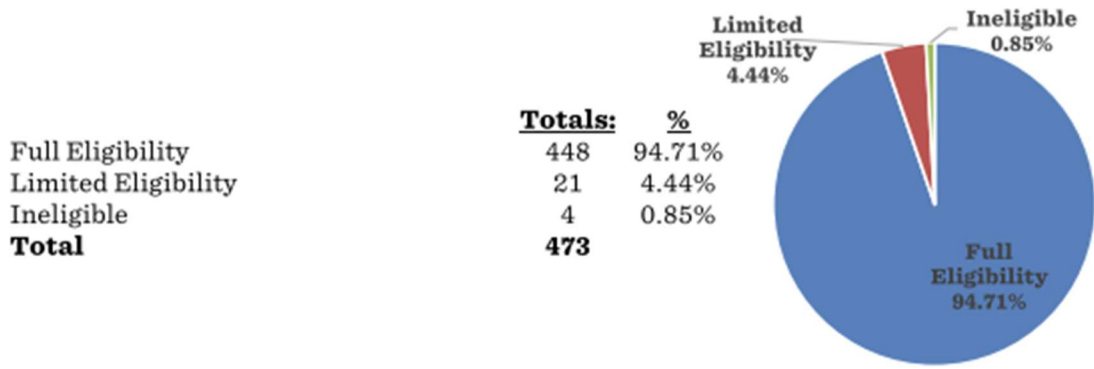


Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics

	Totals	%
Full Eligibility	2537	92.93%
Limited Eligibility	165	6.04%
Ineligible	28	1.03%
Total	2730	



J1 Visa Foreign Exchange Transfer Student-Athlete Eligibility Statistics



H. Officials

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided the current list of licensed officials by sport. There are currently 5,774 across all sports which is about 97% of those licensed a year ago at this time.

The Official’s Host School Contest Experience Survey. Over 90% of feedback received indicated excellent scores. Member schools are doing a great job providing safety and hospitality when contest officials are working games.

I. Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott shared a list of Exemplary Sportsmanship Reports received from November 4 through January 9, 2025.

She also explained a new sportsmanship / leadership program that was announced last month.

Those schools who have accumulated 100 points are recognized as “First Team All-Sportsmanship” and those with 95 points are recognized as “Honorable Mention All-Sportsmanship”. These scores are based solely on deductions so it will not reflect the ongoing total sportsmanship score for a school if the school engaged in activities to earn points through the sportsmanship program.

Each member school begins the school year with 100 points. Points may be accumulated through teams completing an online NFHS Sportsmanship Course, parental meetings, student attendance at fall principals’ meetings and other leadership opportunities and submitted exemplary sportsmanship reports to name a few.

Points are deducted by contest ejections of players, coaches, administrators, and fans.

J. Technology

Director of Technology Luke Morehead reported on the recent completion of audio/visual upgrades at the IHSAA office. Director Morehead also reported on recent updates to the myIHSAA portal and demonstrated how member schools can now track staff education for middle school coaches and coaches of non-IHSAA sports.

K. Corporate Partnerships & Sponsorships

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

L. Legal Update

General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association and recent Case Review Panel rulings.

M. Legislative Update

General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles and Commissioner Paul Neidig summarized the various House and Senate Bills listed below that are under consideration at the Statehouse related to the IHSAA and interscholastic athletics.

- HB 1041 - Student Eligibility in Interscholastic Sports
- HB 1064 - School Athletic Events
- HB 1136 - School Corporation Reorganization
- HB 1185 - Athletic Trainers
- HB 1201 - Education Matters
- HB 1338 - Employment and Vaccinations
- HB 1405 - Student Bullying and Abusive Behavior
- HB 1492 - Transfer For Extracurricular Reasons
- SB 143 - Parental Rights
- SB 167 - Seizure Training Requirements
- SB 350 - Automated External Defibrillator Requirements
- HB1405 - Student Bullying and Abusive Behavior

N. Digital Ticketing

Commissioner Paul Neidig explained the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has issued a recent ruling requiring that any digital ticket sale must be inclusive of fees.

The “Junk Fees Rule” requires businesses to disclose all mandatory fees for live event tickets and prohibits businesses from misstating the cost or fees of the tickets.

It's currently in a 120-day comment period which ends at the end of April.

O. Penalties Assessed

Brown County - Boys Basketball - Rule 15-2.1i (*A JV student athlete participated in a recreational league basketball game during the contest season*)

- The Brown County High School boys basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire boys basketball program to review IHSAA member-school by-law 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting, meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner Lewis.
- The administration of Brown County 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).

Career Academy - Boys Basketball - Rule 52-3c (*Two boys basketball student athletes participated in more than the allowable five (5) quarters in one session*)

- The Career Academy High School boys basketball 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 Ralph Johnson 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, Career Academy High School shall forfeit the contest if victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Career Academy 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).

Castle High School – Boys Swimming – Rule 3-10 (*A student athlete participated in practice and a contest without having a completed physical form on file*)

- The Castle High School boys swimming 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 Skyler Shinn 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 boys swimming program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athletes participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Castle 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 Harrison - Boys Basketball - Rule 19-3 (*A freshman student athlete participated in eight contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Evansville Harrison High School boys basketball 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 student-athlete involved in this violation was declared ineligible for further competition until a transfer report was completed and ruled upon.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Evansville Harrison 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).

Greenfield-Central - Boys Wrestling - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple JV matches without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Greenfield-Central High School boys wrestling 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 student-athlete involved in this violation was declared ineligible for further competition until a transfer report was completed and ruled upon.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athletes participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Greenfield-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).

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III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Spring Principals Meetings

District I

Tues. Apr. 15, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. ET
Fort Wayne Snider HS

District I

Wed. Apr. 16, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. CT
Hobart HS

District II

Thur. Apr. 17, 2025 -9:30 a.m. ET

Pendleton Heights HS

District III

Tues. Apr. 22, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. ET
Vincennes Lincoln HS

District III

Wed. Apr. 23, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. ET
Charlestown HS

District II

Thurs. Apr. 24, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. ET
Plainfield HS

B. Congratulations

- NIAAA Certifications for December
Kevin Bowers, CAA – Christian Academy of Indiana

C. Communications

- Letter from Laura Roeder – Class 1A Girls Volleyball Mental Attitude Recipient
- Trinity Lutheran High School

D. For the Good of the Order

- Board Retreat & NFHS Summer Meeting
- Reminder that potential by-law changes need to be submitted to the commissioner by March 1, 2025, to be considered for this year's BOD meeting.

E. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Jeff Doyle. Approved 19-0.

F. Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting: February 21, 2025