

IHSAA Executive Committee

Friday, March 22, 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Brian Strong, Vice Chairman Dave Worland, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Chris Conley, Nathan Dean, Jeff Doyle, Brent Duncan, 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 Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2019 meeting were recommended for approval.

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

Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association Proposals

The following rules proposals were submitted to the Executive Committee last month by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association (IHSTeCA) and considered for approval.

Proposal 1: Coaches should be allowed to coach outside the fence only between points at varsity, JV, and freshman levels of tennis and in all regular season matches, as long as the instruction is brief and does not disrupt the flow of the match. The limit of 20 seconds between points still applies.

A motion to approve was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by John Steinhilber; motion approved 17-0. This rule is effective immediately.

Proposal 2: In dual matches, junior varsity and freshman players should be allowed to play more than one time, regardless of the number of players on the other team. (The maximum limit should be two 8-game pro sets or three 6-game sets, or their equivalent.)

A motion to approve was made by Jeff Doyle; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 17-0. This rule is effective immediately.

Proposal 3: An admission charge of \$5 per person should be extended to IHSAA regionals in boys' and girls' tennis.

A motion to approve was made by Matt Martin; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 17-0. This rule will become effective with the 2019-20 school year.

Format Changes to IHSAA Golf Tournament Series Events

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported on the pace of play initiative along with a new video that has been sent to schools after being produced in collaboration with the Indiana Golf Coaches Association, the Indiana Golf Association and the Indiana PGA. Part of that initiative are the rules outlined below to be used for the first time during this spring's boys golf state tournament series.

IHSAA Boys Golf Tournament – Sectional Scoring (2019)

21.2 Maximum Score

21.2a Overview of Maximum Score

Maximum score is a form of stroke play where a player's score for a hole is capped at a maximum number of strokes set by the Committee, such as two times par, a fixed number or net double bogey. **Beginning in the Spring of 2019 (boys golf), the IHSAA will institute DOUBLE PAR as the maximum score for the sectional round only.**

The normal Rule for stroke play in Rules 1-20 apply, as modified by these specific Rules.

Rule 21.2 is written for:

- Scratch competitions, and
- Individual play, but can be adapted for competitions involving team competitions, as modified by Rule 24.

21.2b Scoring in Maximum Score

(1) **Player's Score on Hole.** A player's score for a hole is based on the player's number of strokes (including strokes made and penalty strokes), **except** that the player will get only the maximum score even if the actual score exceeds the maximum.

A player who does not hole out under the Rules for any reason gets the maximum score for the hole.

To help with pace of play, players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when their score has reached the maximum.

The hole is completed when the player holes out, chooses not to do so or when his or her score has reached the maximum

(2) **Score Entered for Each Hole.** To meet the requirements in Rule 3.3b for entering hole scores on the scorecard:

- **If Hole is Completed by Holing Out.**
 - ** When Score is Lower Than Maximum. The scorecard must show the actual score
 - ** When Score Is Same as or Higher Than Maximum. The scorecard must show either no score or any score at or above the maximum
- **If Hole is Completed Without Holing Out.** If the player does not hole out under the Rules, the scorecard must show either no score or any score at or above the maximum

The Committee is responsible for adjusting the player's score to the maximum for any hole where the scorecard shows either no score or any score above the maximum.

21.2c Penalties in Maximum Score

All penalties that apply in stroke play apply in Maximum Score, **except** that a player who breaches any of these four Rules is not disqualified but gets the **maximum score** for the hole where the breach happened:

- Failure to Hole out under Rule 3.3c.
- Failure to correct mistake of playing from outside the teeing area in starting a hole (see Rule 6.1b(2)).
- Failure to correct mistake of playing a wrong ball (see Rule 6.3c), or
- Failure to correct mistake of playing from wrong place when there is a serious breach (see Rule 14.7b).

If the player breaches any other Rule with a penalty of disqualification, the player is **disqualified**

21.2d Exception to Rule 11.2 in Maximum Score

Rule 11.2 does not apply in this situation:

If a player's ball in motion needs to be holed to score one lower than the maximum score on the hole and any person deliberately deflects or stops the ball at a time when there is no reasonable chance it can be holed, there is no penalty to that person and the player gets the maximum score on the hole.

21.2e When Round Ends in Maximum Score

A player's round ends when the player:

- Holes out on his or her final hole (including correction of a mistake, such as under Rule 6.1 or 14.7b), or
- Chooses not to hole out on the final hole or already will get the maximum score on the hole.

A motion to approve was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by Brent Duncan; motion approved 17-0. These rules are effective immediately.

Proposals from the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association

Representatives of the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association – Vice President Greg Ratliff of Edgewood High School, Secretary Sam Riesen of East Noble High School, and Executive Director J.D. Minch – appeared before the Executive Committee to present the following rules proposals.

Proposal 1: As long as a wrestler has weighed in at their allotted weight class as determined by the weight management system, it will be considered a qualifying weigh-in.

Proposal 2: Change the date of the two-pound growth allowance from January 1st to December 25th.

Proposal 3: To add girls wrestling as an IHSAA sport by the 2020-21 season.

No decisions were made but these proposals will be considered and voted upon at the April 29 Executive Committee meeting.

IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Commissioner Bobby Cox shared the list of recipients of the IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarships who will be honored as part of the Brady Sports Achievements Awards on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Crane Bay in Indianapolis. The recipients with biographies are:

Senior **Alyssa Brinkman** from Milan sits at the top of her class with a 4.258 GPA, all while receiving 12 varsity letters as an Indian. Brinkman is a four-year swimming and track & field letter winner, while also receiving a letter in soccer her sophomore year and a varsity letter in cross country her final three years. Outside of athletics and her schooling, Alyssa has been Class President for her grade every year and is largely involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and has earned multiple distinctions within the organization, such as FFA President the past two years. Most notably, Alyssa helped raise money for a classmate that was diagnosed with Leukemia, and they were fortunate enough to raise over \$200 for her classmate.

Josh Clemens of Hebron High School is a great example of a student-athlete, lettering in three different varsity sports while also leading his class with a 4.442 GPA. Clemens has received letters in basketball (2), track & field (3), and volleyball (3), and was also named captain of his basketball team this year. Josh participates in a wide array of school activities including, but not limited to, National Honors Society, Student Council, Academic Super Bowl, and Business Professionals of America. Finally, he serves his community by raising money to go out and buy Christmas presents for families who can't afford them and he helps run the "store" where they can shop free of charge.

Eastern Greene High School's **Sierra Ford** has displayed an excellent example of leadership during her tenure as a Thunderbird. She has participated in cross country, track & field, and cheerleading, receiving four varsity letters in cross country and track, and three in cheerleading. Sierra has held a captain position in each of her sports. In addition to sports, Ford has been involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Eastern Greene Community Leaders of America (EGCLA), Student Leadership, as well as leading her school's Pep Club. Sierra has volunteered with Project Lifesaver in Monroe County and her local fire department's Fire Corp, where she has helped train emergency personnel and provide water, towels, snacks, and meals to crews out on a scene. With a 4.272 GPA, Sierra sits third in her class.

A three-sport athlete and 10 varsity letter recipient **Nicholas Grieser** of New Castle High School is ranked second in his class of 226 students holding a 4.213 GPA. Awarded team captain for his football and basketball teams, Grieser also participated on the Trojan's Unified Track & Field Team. Nicholas was an active member of his school's Renaissance Team, National Honor Society, Athletic Council, and Peer Mentoring. For his community, Nicholas has served for the Day of Caring, Special Olympics Indiana and the Polar Plunge, Riley Children's Hospital's Dance Marathon, Ronald McDonald House, Christian Love Help Center, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS), and his local YMCA officiating youth basketball leagues.

Westview High School senior **Elijah Hales** is no stranger to the spotlight. As four-year captain of the Warrior's basketball team, he has led Westview to great team success including a final four appearance in the state tournament last year and a #1 preseason ranking before the 2019 season. Hales now holds Westview High School's single game, single season, and career assists record and is a member of the 1,000 career scoring club. Academically Elijah holds a 4.009 GPA and ranks fifth in his class. He is a member of his school's yearbook staff, and he participates in the Random Acts of Kindness Club and the School Chess Club.

In her class of 637 students, **Faye Jessup** of Brownsburg High School has accumulated an impressive GPA of 4.421, ranking her second among her peers. She is a three-year letter winner in both cross country and track & field and was awarded team captain for her cross country team. Arguably more notable than her athletics is Faye's position of leadership in her school activities. She serves as the student body president of Brownsburg's CHAINLink student government, secretary of the National Honors Society, and director of Rotary Relations for her school's Interact Club. Through these groups, she has served the community in many ways, such as fundraising for Riley Children's Hospital and Shop with a Bulldog, where they sponsor children and give them money to spend on their family members.

Emmah Keller sits alone at the top of her class of 358 students at Martinsville High School with a 4.459 GPA. As a three-year Mid-State All-Conference golfer, Keller received a varsity letter in each of her four years in golf while also participating in track & field for a year and leading the cheerleading squad. Emmah serves as the current Student Council President at Martinsville. Outside of school and athletics, Keller has served for the Martinsville Community Table, Relay for Life, Peer Tutoring, and also serving overseas in the Dominican Republic on mission trips helping run sports camps teaching kids the importance of a relationship with God in their life.

Through her positions as president of Beech Grove High School's senior class, Student Leadership Team, National Honors Society, and Spanish Honor Society, **Emily Leak** is an excellent leader for her school. While holding a 3.987 GPA, Emily has received 10 varsity letters in volleyball (2), swimming (4), and track & field (4) as a Hornet. Through the Student Leadership Team, Emily has been actively involved in Beech Grove's Riley Children's Hospital Dance Marathon, Special Olympics through Champions Together, and she has also helped organize a blood drive at her school.

As a recent recipient of Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award in Football Class 4A this past fall, **Tavehon McGarry** of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger showcases excellence in mental attitude, scholarship leadership, and athletic ability. TJ has lettered three times in both football and track & field. Besides athletics, McGarry thrives in the classroom ranking second in his class with a 4.614 cumulated GPA. After serving as vice-president in his junior year, he now serves as President of Dwenger's Student Council. He is a member of the National Honors Society, Spanish Club, as well as a BD Ambassador, where he serves and promotes Bishop Dwenger to their feeder schools, parents, and community. Tavehon has volunteered for many organizations serving a variety of tasks and was the recipient of the Mother Teresa Service Award in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Franklin Central High School's Senior Class Treasurer **Elise Miller** has been a member of the Key Club all four years of school, serving as the secretary her junior year and currently working as president in her senior year. She has also been the active president in her school's Thirst Project for the past two years and is a member of the National Honors Society. Athletically Miller has received varsity letters in swimming (4), cross country (2), and unified track & field (1). On top of athletics, Elise has also played trumpet in her school's most advanced concert band. Elise ranks 15th in her class of 604 students with a 4.315 GPA.

Eliza Mount of Scottsburg High School is the definition of a multi-sport athlete, receiving 12 varsity letters across five sports during her time as a Warriorette. She has competed in cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, and tennis. Eliza is also a member of her school’s math, science, and fine arts teams, serving as the captain of each. President of Student Council, and a member of the National Honors Society, she is actively involved in many school activities. Mount has also completed more than 100 hours of community service in the last year. Academically, Eliza ranks first in her class with a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA.

Jaxon Plant of North Montgomery High School stands at the top of his class with a GPA of 4.368. A four-year varsity tennis player and two-year varsity baseball player, Jaxon was the co-captain for his tennis team the past two years and will lead the baseball team this upcoming season. His position as vice-president of the senior class, as well as his membership in National Honors Society has led him to serve for his community such as entertaining nursing home residents, packing food boxes, making blankets for Riley Hospital patients, and many more. Jaxon was selected by North Montgomery to represent them last year as a Richard G. Lugar Young Leader.

Celia Robinson of Plymouth High School is ranked fourth out of 315 students with a 4.099 GPA. Cece has participated in soccer, basketball, and track & field all four years and has received 11 varsity letters. Robinson is actively involved in numerous school activities; such as the vice president of Leaders Eliminate Alcohol & Drugs (LEAD), secretary of National Honors Society, treasurer of Key Club, officer of Pep Club, and an executive member of the Mini Dance Marathon Committee. Most notably, Celia has served on the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee as well as president of Special Olympics, where she implemented the program and earned Plymouth the “Champions Together Unified School” banner, the first for the school.

Financial Reports

- Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented a financial report for both girls and boys swimming & diving tournament series.
- Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a financial report on the wrestling tournament series.
- Commissioner Bobby Cox spoke to the budget analysis by sport, the sports financial report and paid attendance report for all sports to this point in the school year.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the 2018-19 school year for the period between June 1, 2018 and March 15, 2019 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2018-19	Percent	2017-18	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,734	92.5%	2,483	91.9%
Limited Eligibility	210	7.1%	203	7.5%
Ineligible	13	0.4%	15	0.6%
Total	2,957		2,701	

Foreign Exchange Transfers

	2018-19	Percent
Full Eligibility	536	92.4%
Limited Eligibility	40	6.9%
Ineligible	4	0.7%
Total	580	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1, 2018 and March 13, 2019 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2018-19	2017-18	% Change
Exemplary Reports Filed	872	786	11%
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,860	3,262	-12%
Total Ejections	360	440	-18%
Ejections (Administration)	1	0	100%
Ejections (Coaches)	33	53	-38%
Ejections (Players)	293	364	-20%
Ejections (Fans)	33	23	43%

Technology Report

Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on recent improvements to the myIHSAA website including new contact search filters and text message reminders. Luke discussed plans for the myIHSAA website for the 2019-20 school year including a Reports library and online tournament financial reporting.

IHSAA Foundation Report

1. Dashboard Report as of 2/28/19
2. InSideOut Initiative Update
 - a. Final Meeting for 2018-19 the ISOI Cohort Members
 - i. April 30 at the Colts Pavilion - Implementation Teams will be invited
 - b. Jody/Joe on board with state-wide regional approach for year 3 rollout
 - c. We are proud that Indiana is a National Leader with the ISOI Program
1. Superintendent Additions to Foundation Board – Joining Board June 2019
 - a. As Reported Last Month - Adding 1 from all 3 IHSAA Districts for 2019-20 (2-Year Terms)
 - i. District 1 - Brandon Penrod (Whitko Community Schools)
 - ii. District 2 - Nikki Woodson (Washington Township Community Schools)
 - iii. District 3 - Tina Bennett (Clarksville Community Schools)

Legislative Report

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on recent activity in the state legislature and bills related to the IHSAA and high school athletics.

Penalties Assessed

Bedford North Lawrence HS – Rule 15-1.2g (*Boys’ basketball player participated in a non-school sponsored workout/scrimmage during the authorized contest season*)

1. The Bedford North Lawrence 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 shall be suspended for the next contest on the Bedford North Lawrence High School boys’ basketball schedule.
3. Head Coach Matt Seifers is commended for his efforts to inform the parents that a potential rules violation could occur if the student attended the event.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School – Rule 15-1.1 (*Two girls track and field athletes participated in a non-school sponsored meet without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School girls’ track and field 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 athletes involved in this violation are suspended for the next interscholastic contest on the Brebeuf Jesuit girls' track and field schedule.

Bremen HS – Rule 8-4a (*Boys' basketball patron was ejected from a contest*)

1. The Bremen 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. It is recognized that the patron was suspended from the next contest on the Bremen boys' basketball schedule and has apologized for his actions.

Bremen HS – Rule 15-2.5a (*Softball coach conducted excessive limited contact opportunities during a calendar week*)

1. The Bremen 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.
2. Head Coach Mike Huppert is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Edgewood HS – Rule 15-1.1a (*Two gymnasts participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Edgewood High School gymnastics 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. In lieu of suspension from the 2018-19 IHSAA gymnastics tournament series, both students shall be suspended from the first regularly scheduled meet on the 2019-20 Edgewood High School gymnastics schedule.

Homestead HS – Rule 3-10 (*Multiple boys' track and field athletes practiced without an approved physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Homestead boys' track and field 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. Head Coach Jeff Livensparger 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.
3. The students involved in this violation are declared ineligible until such time the students provide a fully completed pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.

Mississinewa HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*Girls' basketball coaching staff provided instruction to multiple players and junior high players on separate occasions outside the limited contact period*)

1. The Mississinewa High School girls' 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. Head Coach Omega Tandy is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Perry Meridian HS – Rule 3-10 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in multiple practices without an approved physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Perry Meridian boys' track and field 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. Head Coach Brett Andrews 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.
3. 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.

Terre Haute South Vigo HS – Rule 3-10 (*Girls swimmer participated in a contest without an approved physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Terre Haute South Vigo 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. Head Coach Emily Marrs 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.
3. 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.
4. Any points earned in competition by the ineligible athlete shall be removed and the contests be rescored accordingly. The opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. IHSAA Board of Directors Agenda
2. For the Good of the Order
 - IHSAA Streaming of Sectional Tournament Events
3. Communications:
 - Dennis Keithley, Lowell, IN
4. Congratulations:
 - Damon Bailey, NFHS National High School Hall of Fame inductee
 - Bob Gardner, NFHS National High School Hall of Fame inductee
 - Paul Neidig, North Posey High School Hall of Fame inductee
 - Brian Strong, Logansport, IIAAA District 1 Athletic Director of the Year

A motion to adjourn the March meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Tim Grove, seconded by Matt Martin; motion approved 17-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8 am on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Brian Strong, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner