

IHSAA Executive Committee

Monday, April 30, 2018

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Ed Gilliland, Vice Chairman Charlie Martin, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Jeff Doyle, Don Gandy, Chad Gilbert, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy; Dave Worland, Director-Elect Chris Conley, Director-Elect Brent Duncan, Director-Elect John Steinhilber; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Paul Neidig, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Attorney Bob Baker, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting were recommended for approval.

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

Approval of Unified Sports® Flag Football as a Sponsored Sport

Last month, Commissioner Bobby Cox presented information to the Executive Committee about the possibility of offering a state tournament in Unified Flag Football beginning in the fall (2018). The tournament, in partnership with Special Olympics Indiana, would combine students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team for sports training and competition, similar to Unified Track & Field, which is now in its fifth year of sponsorship. The tournament would be limited to the first 64 teams that commit to fielding a team with each receiving a “start-up grant” of equipment and financial assistance from Special Olympics Indiana.

Proposed season dates are as follows:

First practice: July 30

Regular season: Aug. 11-Sept. 22

Sectionals: Saturday, Sept. 29

Regionals: Saturday, Oct. 6

Semi-States: Saturday, Oct. 13

State Finals: Saturday, Oct. 20 (four teams, 1 site)

The commissioner provided details to school administrators during the Spring Area Principals Meetings earlier this month and the initiative received near-unanimous approval in straw votes taken at those meetings. Originally anticipating a maximum of 32 teams, a strong response during the spring meetings has prompted expansion to the first 64 teams to sign up.

A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Don Gandy; motion approved 19-0.

Review Status of Gymnastics as an IHSAA Sponsored Sport

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the status of gymnastics as an IHSAA sport. Per Rule 1-4 of the IHSAA By-Laws, sports that do not maintain at least 25% participation of the member schools will be reviewed annually for purposes of determining future tournament and recognition status. She also presented a proposed alignment for 2018-19 of schools competing in six sectionals and three regionals prior to the state finals.

She indicated that one new school has indicated they will have a team in 2018-19 and that overall numbers of individuals has slightly increased as well.

Ball State University has notified the Association that Worthen Arena is not available on the date of next year's state finals (March 9, 2019) but that Noblesville High School has agreed to host the event.

A motion to continue IHSAA sponsorship of girls gymnastics and move the 2019 state finals to Noblesville High School was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Mike Broughton; motion approved 19-0.

2017-18 Boys, Girls, Unified Track & Field Tournament Officials

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig presented a list of track and field starters who have applied to work the boys, girls and unified tournaments.

2017-18 Girls Tennis Chair Officials

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman presented a list of USTA officials who may work at the 2018 girls tennis state finals.

2017-18 Baseball Tournament Umpires

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of more than 250 baseball umpires who have applied to work the 2018 baseball tournament series. One hundred ninety-two (192) will be assigned to the sectional tournaments.

2017-18 Softball Tournament Umpires

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented a list of more than 233 softball umpires who have applied to work the 2018 softball tournament series. One hundred forty-one (141) are needed for the sectional rounds.

Transfer Report

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on the transfers that have been ruled on for the 2017-18 school year including the following actions as of April 22, 2018 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2017-18	Percent	2016-17	Percent
Full Eligibility	3,530	83.97%	3,619	83.1%
Limited Eligibility	325	7.73%	355	8.15%
Temporarily Ineligible	325	7.73%	358	8.22%
Ineligible	22	0.52%	23	0.53%
Total	4,204		4,355	

Sportsmanship Report

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of April 18, 2018 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2017-18	2016-17
Unsporting Reports Filed	3,272	3,141
Non-Ejections	2,819	2,767
Total Ejections	453	374
Ejections (Players)	370	318
Ejections (Coaches)	59	45
Ejections (Fans)	24	11
Ejections (Administration)	0	0

Financial Reports on Selected Winter Sports

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on attendance and finances for the 2017-18 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. He was very pleased with the overall attendance, the atmosphere at games around the state and the quality of play he witnessed.

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on attendance and finances for the 2017-18 Girls Basketball Tournament Series. She indicated that overall tournament attendance was down significantly from a year ago including the first session of the state finals. The second session of the state finals drew nearly 10,000 spectators, the most since 2009.

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter provided the Executive Committee with the annual attendance and financial report for the 2017-18 Gymnastics Tournament Series. Overall tournament attendance jumped 9.8% from last year and the state finals was web-streamed by IHSAAtv.org for the first time.

Commissioner Bobby Cox then provided an analysis of the budget by each winter sport.

Technology Report

Information Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the status of the new myIHSAA website. The website has been released to all IHSAA officials, and to date approximately 2,000 have either registered as new officials or have renewed their licenses. The website has also been released to schools for the purpose of registering for the 2018 Student Leadership Conference, and over 100 students have been registered so far. The project remains within budget, and is on track for a general release to member schools on or around July 1. Several online sneak peek webinars will be available to schools just ahead of the summer break, with additional pre-recorded and live training available when school resumes after the break.

Report on NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Attorney Bob Baker attended the two-day event in which a variety of legal issues were shared amongst state associations executive directors and association attorneys.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Foundation President Matt Wolfert reported the following:

1. Inside Out Coaching Initiative (ISOI) Cohort 1 List – Includes Habitudes for Athletes Pilot Schools
 - a. Monday, May 21 – Group to Meet at IHSAA Office
 - b. Cohort 2 Planning for 2018-19 in May
2. Member School Donation Report
 - a. Distributed & Reviewed ... Total Donations nearly \$20,000 and 227 of 410 member schools (55%)
 - b. Thank You to All!!
3. Foundation Newsletter
 - a. New Name: *The Advocate*
 - b. Championship Season Newsletter – 3 Times per year
 - c. Spring Newsletter – Out Tomorrow (5/1/18)
4. Golf Outing – July 27, 2018
 - a. Encourage you all to bring a team and be a hole sponsor
 - b. Registration will go out in May on myIHSAA

Litigation Report

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

Penalties Assessed

Attica HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Attica High School boys' track and field 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 meet that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to reflect the removal of any points scored by the ineligible student. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Cascade HS – Rule 3-10 (*Baseball player participated in multiple contests without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Cascade High School baseball 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 Ty Foster 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 valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.
4. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Cascade was victorious. All opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Eastern Hancock HS – Rule 51-4 (*Baseball pitcher participated without the requisite number of days of rest*)

1. The Eastern Hancock High School baseball 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 Chad Coughenour is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The revisions of Rule 51-4 have been written to promote the health and safety of student athletes in the sport of baseball along with creating a level field of competition between schools.
3. As per Rule 3-9.5a of the IHSAA by-laws, the game in which the violation occurred shall be forfeited. Eastern Hancock High School shall notify their opponent of this violation.

Floyd Central HS – Rule 7-3 (*Boys basketball assistant coach assisted another school's team during the tournament series*)

1. The Floyd Central 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. Subsequent violations may be handled in a more severe manner.
2. Assistant Coach Ryan Miller is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Fort Wayne North Side HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in a meet without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne North Side High School boys' track and field 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 meet the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to remove any points earned by the ineligible athlete if a team score was calculated. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Lake Station Edison HS – Rule 15-2.2d (*Junior varsity girls' basketball coach coached a varsity basketball player during the school year out of season*)

1. The Lake Station Edison 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. JV Assistant Coach Rudy Chabes is reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. Coach Chabes is hereby suspended for the first junior varsity contest on the 2018-19 Lake Station Edison High School girls' basketball schedule.

McCutcheon HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The McCutcheon High School boys' track and field 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 meet that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to reflect the removal of any points scored by the ineligible student. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

North Newton HS – Rule 3-10 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in a meet without a pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The North Newton High School 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 Tim Loughmiller 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, let alone an interscholastic contest.
3. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.
4. Any points scored by the student athlete in the meet he participated in shall be removed and the team score refigured. All opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Seymour HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' golfer participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Seymour High School boys' golf 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 matches that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to reflect the removal of the ineligible student's score. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Union City HS – Rule 51-4 (*Varsity baseball pitcher participated without required rest day*)

1. The Union City High School baseball 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 Bill Bradbury is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The revisions of Rule 51-4 have been written to promote the health and safety of student athletes in the sport of baseball along with creating a level field of competition between schools.
3. As per Rule 3-9.5a of the IHSAA by-laws, the game in which the violation occurred shall be forfeited. Union City High School shall notify their opponent of this violation.

Vincennes Lincoln HS – Rule 51-4 (*Baseball pitcher violated the pitch count rule*)

1. The Vincennes Lincoln High School baseball 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 Vincennes Lincoln baseball coaching staff is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The revisions of Rule 51-4 have been written to promote the health and safety of student athletes in the sport of baseball along with creating a level field of competition between schools.
3. As per Rule 3-9.5a of the IHSAA by-laws, the game in which the violation occurred shall be forfeited. Vincennes Lincoln High School shall notify their opponent of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. 2018 Fall Area Principal Meetings – Bobby Cox
2. Update on Group Activity at NFHS Summer Meeting – Patti McCormack
3. Communications:
 - Bob Gardner, Executive Director, NFHS
 - Chuck Hurley, University Registrar, University of Notre Dame

- Tommy McDonald, Ben Davis HS, 2018 Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award Winner
4. Congratulations
 - Steve Cox, IBCA District 2 Administrator of the Year
 5. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the April meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Don Gandy, seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 19-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at the Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, IN on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

Ed Gilliland, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner