



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan City, IN
June 20, 2024 at 8 am ET

Members Present:

Chairman Stacy Adams, Vice Chairman Chad Gilbert, Tom Black, Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Larry Cochren, Chris Conley, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Kyle Duncan, Tom Finicle, Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Joe Herrmann, Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, Brian Strong, Paul Voigt.

Executive Staff Present:

Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman, Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati, Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer, Assistant Commissioner-To-Be Jane Schott, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland, Director of Champions Together Brian Avery, Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcasting Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles.

The Board of Directors met in emergency session to consider the two proposals below.

I. FOR ACTION

A. Consideration for Approval

Rule 1 - Rule Coverage; Recognized & Emerging Sports

Rule 1-4 - Emerging Sports Process

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e. The following sports are currently Emerging Sports: **Girls Lacrosse (2024)**.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Doyle to table this proposal until the August 27, 2024 meeting and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 18-0.

B. Consideration for Approval – Changes to IHSAA Policy Manual

Rule 9 CONTESTS

Rule 9-9 Participation in Interscholastic Competition on Single Gender Sports Teams **Page 43**

The IHSAA recognizes boys baseball, boys basketball, boys cross-country, football, boys golf, boys soccer, boys swimming, boys tennis, boys track & **and field**, **boys volleyball** and **boys wrestling** as Single Gender Sports offered just to male students and recognizes girls basketball, girls cross-country, girls golf, gymnastics, girls soccer, girls swimming, softball, girls tennis, girls track & **and field**, **girls volleyball** and girls wrestling as Single Gender Sports offered just to female students.

a. A student’s interscholastic participation in a School’s program in a Single Gender Sport is limited to students whose Birth Gender matches the gender of the Single Gender Sport.

- b. A student whose Birth Gender is male may not participate in a Single Gender Sport program for female students.
- c. A student whose Birth Gender is female may not participate in a Single Gender Sport program for male students.
- d. Exception:
 - 1) During the Contest Season: if a School has boys' program in baseball, basketball, football, ~~or~~ soccer ~~or~~ wrestling, but not a comparable girls' program in those sports (for the purposes of this section baseball and softball are not comparable sports), a female student may participate in the School's boys' program in baseball, basketball, football, ~~and~~ soccer ~~and~~ wrestling.
 - 2) During a Tournament Series:
 - a) if a School has a boys' program in baseball, ~~or~~ football ~~or~~ wrestling, a female student may participate in the School's programs in those sports, and
 - b) if a School has a boys' program in basketball or soccer, but does not have a girls' program in those sports, a female student may participate in the School's boys' program in those sports, but
 - c) in cross-country, golf, swimming and diving, tennis, ~~or~~ track and field, ~~or~~ wrestling, a female student may not participate in any boys' program in those sports, but may only participate in the girls' program in those sports during the Tournament Series.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 18-0.

C. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Doyle and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Approved 18-0.