

# IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Indianapolis, Indiana



## PRESENT

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

**Executive Staff Members:** Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, 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; Executive Assistant Ashley Ernstberger.

## AGENDA

### FOR ACTION

#### 1) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL -- JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting were recommended for approval.

*A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion approved 18-0.*

#### 2) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL -- NEW APPLICATIONS FOR IHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Commissioner Paul Neidig presented an application received from KIPP Indy Legacy High School of Indianapolis seeking IHSAA membership.

*A motion for approval was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 18-0.*

KIPP Indy Legacy High School was approved for a four-year provisional membership period and will be assigned a mentor from the IHSAA Executive Staff. The school may begin competing with other IHSAA member schools immediately in regular season events and, pending approval at the end of the four-year provisional period, be eligible for state tournament competition beginning in 2024-25.

#### 3) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL -- EMERGENCY BY-LAW CHANGE TO 15-2.2, 17-8.1, 17-8.5

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Attorney Bob Baker presented emergency temporary amendments to **Rule 15-2.2 Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball)**, amendment to **Rule 17-8.1 General Waiver of an IHSAA rule**, and amendment to **Rule 17-8.5 Limited Eligibility Waiver**.

1. The following is a proposed amendment to Rule 15-2.2 Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball). This is necessary to deal with a situation created by the shutdown of Spring 2020 sports and the number of Team Sports students who can participate on a Non-School Team during the School Year Out-of-Season. Current Rule 15-2.2 restricts the number of student-athletes from one School on a Non-School Team, and defines such a student-athlete as one who participated in a Contest the prior season. However, since there were no Spring 2020 sports and no Contests, the rule as written allows any number of spring 2020 sport athletes to be on a single Non-School team during the up-coming School Year. The proposed change eliminates the reference to “the prior season”, thereby making the rule applicable to any student who has participated in any Contest at any time and also redefines a freshman student subject to the limitation to one who is a freshman this year, or who was a freshman last year.

**15-2.2 Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball)**

- a. Students may participate in Team Sport Practice and Contests as members of a Non-School Team provided no more than the following number of students, (i) who have participated in a Contest ~~the previous season~~ as a member of One (1) of their School teams in that sport or (ii) who ~~was are an~~ incoming freshman ~~in either the current or in the immediate prior School Year~~ (and ~~who~~ seeks to participate on a Non-School Team from Monday of Week 5 until the date of the first authorized Practice in that sport), are rostered on the same Non-School Team, at the same time. Seniors, who have exhausted their eligibility in a particular sport, do not count in the maximum number of students that can participate on a Non-School Team in that sport.

***A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Brent Duncan; motion approved 19-0.***

2. Full eligibility under rule 17-8.5 (Limited Eligibility Waiver Rule) is initially restricted to those cases where both principals actually sign the *Rule 17-8.5 Verification* (verifying that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and that there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer). Recently there have been some review bodies which have concluded that the principal’s decision to sign or not sign the *Rule 17-8.5 Verification* is reviewable (and have then adversely reviewed the principals decision). These reviewing bodies have not really tried to explain the actual authority or rule upon which this review of the principals’ decisions is premised. However, someone might argue that rule 17-8.1 (General Waiver Rule) serves as that authority. The proposed amendment to rule 17-8.1 will add ‘rule 17-8.5’ to the specific rules which a rule 17-8.1 waiver is unavailable. The proposed amendment to rule 17-8.5 rewords the section to clarify that the actual signing of the Rule 17-8.5 Verification is a condition precedent to a rule 17-8.5 waiver, and the principal’s decision to sign or not sign is not subject to review.

**17-8 Waiver**

**17-8.1 General Waiver of an IHSAA rule**

Except with respect to rules 4, 8-4, 12, [17-8.5](#) and 18, and Contest Officials’ decisions, the Commissioner, his designee, the Review Committee or Case Review Panel shall have the authority to set aside the effect of any rule and grant a general waiver when the affected party establishes, by clear and convincing evidence, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner, his designee, the Review Committee or the Case Review Committee, that all of the following conditions are met:.....

**17-8.5 Limited Eligibility Waiver**

- a. In addition to the foregoing, in transfer cases under rule 19-6, the Commissioner, his designee or the Committee shall have the authority to set aside the effect of the transfer rule and grant a student full eligibility following a transfer if (a) the student continues to reside with his/her parent(s) or Guardian(s), (b) the student establishes, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner, his designee or the Committee, that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer, and (c) the principals

of the sending and receiving Schools each affirm in writing that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer.

- b. In addition, in those circumstances where the student attended a School, other than the sending and receiving School, at any time during the Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days prior to the transfer, the principal of the other school(s) the student attended during the Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days prior to the transfer must also affirm in writing that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer.
- c. [This rule provides a process wherein a student with Limited Eligibility can obtain a waiver and Full Eligibility. The process requires that all the principals involved must be in agreement, that all the principals involved must recommend full eligibility and that all the principals involved must confirm in writing, through their respective Rule 17-8.5 Verifications, that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer. A signed Rule 17-8.5 Verification from each principal involved is a condition precedent to obtaining a rule 17-8.5 waiver and Full Eligibility. A principal's decision to sign or not sign the Rule 17-8.5 Verification is not subject to review by the Commissioner, his designee, the Review Committee, the Case Review Panel or any other reviewing body.](#)

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

#### **4) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – ANNUAL REQUEST FROM INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented an annual letter of special request from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The IHSAA By-Laws provide for special accommodations for the Indiana School for the Deaf including allowing the school's volleyball coach to cross the attack line to communicate with their student-athletes on the court.

***A motion for approval was made by Brian Strong; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 19-0.***

#### **5) CONSIDERATION FOR TENTATIVE APPROVAL -- STAFF ATTENDANCE AT SELECTED MEETINGS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig requested permission to have representatives attend the conferences and workshops outlined below should they take place:

- NFHS Section 4 Meeting in Des Moines, IA on Sept. 16-18, 2020 (Paul Neidig)
- Midwest Officials' Summit in Kansas on Sept. 27-29, 2020 (Sandra Walter)
- NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference in Tampa, FL on Dec. 11-15, 2020 (Kerrie Schludecker)
- NFHS Winter Meeting in Bonita Springs, FL on Jan. 3-6, 2021 (Paul Neidig)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Chicago, IL on Jan. 7 & 8, 2021 (Robert Faulkens, Kerrie Schludecker, Chris Kaufman, Jason Wille, Heath Shanahan and Luke Morehead)

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

#### **6) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – INDIANA FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens led a discussion on the rules proposals presented by the Indiana Football Coaches Association at its June 25, 2020 meeting.

**Proposal 2020:**

**The Indiana Football Coaches Association seeks to sponsor and pilot 8-man football as an IHSAA fall sport offering to begin in the fall of 2021.**

**8 Man Football to be offered to any school with an enrollment of less than 300 total students and would like to start an 8-man football team and is not currently playing 11-man football.**

2020-2021 School year – Recruit 16+ schools currently not playing football to commit to starting 8-man football to participate in the fall of 2021.

- IHSAA in partnership with IFCA will send out surveys to IHSAA schools to identify interest.
- The IHSAA and the IFCA will work with interested schools to:
  - o Guide initial set up and format planning.
  - o Provide resources and guidance for schools and coaches to use for how to navigate the different rules, run an offense, defense, kicking game, conduct efficient practices, etc.
  - o Seek grant money for start-up costs, and develop a program for donating and sharing of protective equipment. (USA Football, NIKE, Adidas, Div.1 programs).
  - o Work with pool of schools to develop a full schedule for 2021 season to include out of state games, common game locations (4 games at 1 site in 1 day) and other scheduling obstacles.
  - o Develop a tournament format that concludes the weekend of week 10 of IHSAA football regular season. (Bye week for class 6A and 5A).
  - o Work with schools to address questions and concerns as they pilot an 8-man football season.
- Begin playing 8-man football in fall of 2021.

**Some members of the Executive Committee expressed concern over the effect this might have on the smaller school conferences with some opting for 8-man while others would not, along with the added expense for schools in the current environment. The Commissioner said by enacting this rule proposal would require a by-law change.**

**The above proposal from the IFCA did not receive approval due to lack of a motion.**

#### **Proposal 2022:**

**Our membership seeks to add two divisions of 8-man football to the current IHSAA sport offerings to begin in fall of 2023.**

#### **Structure**

**Division 1** to include any school with an enrollment of less than 300 total students and would like to start an 8-man football team or move from 11-man to 8-man football with evidence of declining enrollments, participation trends, etc.

**Division 2** to include any school with an enrollment of 300 or more total students who would like to start playing 8-man football or who currently plays 11-man football and would like to move to 8-man football.

- Eligible schools must notify the IHSAA of their intention to start/move to 8-man football /11-man football by **December 1** prior to year of reclassification cycle in IHSAA calendar.
- Schools who currently play 11-man football and wish to drop to 8-man football will have to provide evidence of declining enrollment and or declining participation trends in middle school and youth programs to the IHSAA. The IHSAA will determine the validity of the data to recommend playing 8-man or 11-man for the next classification.
  - o IHSAA will consider each school on a case by case basis as it relates to school enrollment data, football program participation rates, feeder school and youth program participation rates and other circumstances that influence the number of eligible student athletes wanting to participate in football.

- The IHSAA will also consider such program policies such as roster limitations, eligibility restrictions and other qualifications that impact participation rates.
- Schools would be required to play in a classification (8-man or 11-man) for a two year cycle. This includes new football playing schools.
- Once schools are classified as 8-man or 11-man football teams, the IHSAA will classify the 11-man football teams as follows:
  - 32 largest schools in class 6A
  - 32 smallest schools in class 1A
  - 64 teams in class 2A, 3A, 4A.
  - Class 5A will be adjusted with the remaining schools

The 11-man football tournament will be played as usual with bye weeks in class 5A.

- 8 Man Football Division 1
- 8 Man Football Division 2

There will be separate 8-man tournaments for each 8-man division, each to conclude the weekend of week 10 (1<sup>st</sup> round of 11 Man tournament).

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Dave Worland; motion failed 0-19. Because this proposal would require a by-law change as it's adding a new sport (8-man football), the Executive Committee requested the staff further study this proposal in conjunction with the Indiana Football Coaches Association for future consideration.***

#### **7) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS**

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker led a discussion on the rules proposals presented by the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association at its June 25, 2020 meeting.

1. Seed the top two teams in each sectional and regional to allow the best teams to play for the championship. Other teams' placement will be a blind draw.

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

2. Increase the number of players to dress for the IHSAA tournament roster by two to 16.

***A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Matt Martin; motion failed 1-18 with Tim Grove approving.***

3. Allow Indiana high school programs to host tournaments with schools that are outside the 300 miles from the state lines.

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Dave Worland; motion failed 0-19. However, the Executive Committee requested that the staff further study this travel rule for all sports.***

## REPORTS

### **8) UPDATE ON INSURANCE MATTERS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig updated the Committee on the various plans the Association holds for high school student-athletes as well as IHSAA staff.

### **9) EXPLANATION AND COLLECTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Attorney Bob Baker presented a Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed by the IHSAA Executive Committee members.

### **10) EXPLANATION OF POLICY HANDBOOKS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Attorney Bob Baker discussed the information contained in the 2020-21 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

### **11) REVIEW POWERS, DUTIES AND COMMITMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Chairman Chris Conley reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers, duties and commitments of the Executive Committee.

### **12) REPORT ON NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOPS**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the three workshops for new administrators she has conducted at the IHSAA office in recent weeks. Each class ranged from 24 to 27 individuals using COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing. She added that a fourth workshop is being considered for November. Walter provided a list of those attendees and their role at their school. She asked members of the Executive Committee to be sure to reach out to those in their area and assist them as available.

### **13) REPORT ON STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT**

Assistant Commissioners Kerrie Schludecker and Robert Faulkens reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on Sunday, Aug. 2 at the IHSAA Office. Fifteen of the 18 student-athletes attended the meeting which was a chance for new members to meet the returning members, review commitments and expectations for the coming school year and discuss the mission of the IHSAA and education-based athletics.

Executive Committee members Jim Brown, Martin Brown and Brent Duncan were thanked for their attendance and assistance in the day-long program.

### **14) IHSAA FOUNDATION QUARTERLY REPORT**

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

1. **Year-End Dashboard and FY 19-20 Notes Review**
  - a. Annual Report Write-up Review

- b. Number of Annual Fund Donors - Up 25.66% from 490 to 617
- c. Unrestricted Individual Donations grew by 19.14%
- d. Donor Retention of 86.50% (National Non-Profit Average is 45.5%)
- e. 2019: \$8,403 raised from FB Appeal (35 of 48 Sectionals) - 2018: \$7,450 Raised from FB Appeal (28 of 48 Sectionals)
- f. 2020: \$2,570 raised from GBK Appeal (17 of 64 Sectionals) - 2019: \$250 Raised from GBK Appeal (2 of 64 Sectionals, Unsolicited)
- g. 2020: \$7,557 raised from BBK Appeal (40 of 64 Sectionals) - 2019: \$7,400 Raised from BBK Appeal (31 of 64 Sectionals)
- h. The IHSAA Matching Total for FB, GBK, and BBK Appeals = \$18,173
  - 1) 20% more than last year - due to the match ... THANK YOU!

## 2. IHSAA Foundation Lifetime School Donation Report

- a. For your confidential perusal, included in your packet is the IHSAA Member School donation report for 2019-20 and lifetime giving as of 8/14/20.
- b. Shows Last Fiscal Year and Lifetime Giving + Golf for 2020
- c. Thank you member schools for your continued support!

## 3. Board of Directors Updates

- a. At the Foundation Board Meeting on July 30, the By-laws were updated by Unanimous Written Consent of the Board of Directors:
  - 1) We now have four (4) classes of directors.
  - 2) We added an Athletic Director Class.
    - a) This will be for one (1) 3-Year Term.
    - b) We have the ability to expand this class to three (3) directors in the future if we would like.
  - 3) We added an Ex Officio Class.
    - a) This will for a one (1) year term for the sitting Chairperson of the IHSAA Executive Committee on an annual basis.
  - 4) We changed the Superintendent Class to a one (1) 3-Year Term and approved the staggering of the terms of our original three directors.
    - a) Nikki Woodson will serve one (1) more year.
    - b) Brandon Penrod will serve two (2) more years.
    - c) Tina Bennett will serve three (3) more years.

## 4. New Officers/Board Listing for 2020-21

- a. The Nominating Committee report of approved officers and board members for the IHSAA Foundation for 2020-21 is included in your materials.
- b. As per the IHSAA Foundation By-laws Section 1.2 - Appointment.
  - i. Directors shall be appointed by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA), through its Commissioner.
- c. Brian Lewis from Jasper High School - added from the Athletic Director Class
- d. Chris Conley from Delta High School - added as Ex Officio as Chairperson of IHSAA Executive Committee for 2020-21

## 5. Funds and Scholarships

- a. Bobby and Kathy Cox Endowment Fund

For those of you not in attendance, this was announced at Commissioner Cox's Retirement Dinner on July 27, 2020:

Bobby, with your impending retirement, we are pleased to announce tonight, the creation and establishment of the Commissioner Cox Endowment Fund. The resources from this endowed fund will be used annually to continue the mission of the IHSAA, its core values - and those of the Foundation.

I'm also pleased to announce that the IHSAA Foundation Executive Board has unanimously approved a "Match" of up to \$100,000 for the initial funding of the endowment. All funds raised from tonight through the end of our fiscal year – June 30, 2021, up to \$100,000, will be matched \$2 for \$1!

The first distributions from this new fund will be distributed during the fiscal year 2021-22 and every year after. This fund will remain active and open for restricted gifts in perpetuity.

We are so proud to make this announcement here tonight on this special occasion and we thank you again for all you have done for the Association and the Foundation!

At the Foundation Board meeting on July 30, the fund was unanimously approved by the full Board of Directors and the official name of the fund will be the Bobby and Kathy Cox Endowment Fund.

Solicitations for this new endowment fund are going out in the mail today.

- b. Sparks Foundation Post-Graduate Tuition Scholarship (included in your materials)
  - 1) Beginning in 2020-21
  - 2) Two (2) Student-Athletes (one female and one male) will be selected Annually to receive \$1,000
  - 3) Hopeful to announce this at the Principal Meetings this fall.
  - 4) Will be discussing this with Commissioner Neidig at our meeting on Thursday.

## **6. 5th Annual IHSAA Foundation Golf Outing**

- a. 37 Teams - Our Biggest Outing Yet!
- b. Over \$55,000 in Gross Revenue
- c. Thank You for your support!

## **7. Financials Review and Information**

- a. Balance Sheet Comparison June 30, 2020 vs. June 30, 2019
  - 1) Happy to have an increase in our financial position Year-over-Year since we had the Covid-19 pandemic and the investment markets struggled.
- b. Profit and Loss Comparison for the Unrestricted Fund FY 19-20 vs. FY 18-19
  - 1) I wanted to give you a summary so you have a better idea of what revenue has come in and what has been spent and where it's going.
  - 2) Review gray box information
    - a) Net -\$22,952 from the IHSAA
  - 3) We spent more on programs supporting the membership than the sectional appeal from what the schools contributed.
  - 4) We want to continue to give back to the membership via our programs.
    - a) We are taking on more of the expense of the InSideOut Program now that we are in year 4.
  - 5) We've been building the corpus in our investment accounts for the future.

## **8. Strategic Planning Process Update**

- a. We are working with Rob Henson from Old National Bank on the Strategic Plan.
- b. Now that we have a few years under our belt and have some identity, we are going to start the process of developing our first capital campaign during 2020-21.
- c. Foundation Board members are in the process of submitting names to be contacted.
- d. Interview Invitation Letters will be sent to all of them (150+).
- e. An interview with 50+ prospects and donors will be conducted by Matt and Paul this fall and hopefully done by December 31.



- f. The information gathered will be used to write our "case for support" and strategic plan for the next few years.
- g. This will include a spending policy for the funds being raised annually and for the investment account.
- h. We've been building our brand the past few years. We are ready to turn our attention to the Strategic Plan to help sustain education-based athletics and give more back to our membership.

**15) FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2019-20**

Commissioner Paul Neidig reported to the Executive Committee reported on last year’s financial figures and an outlook for this year’s budget.

To date, the IHSAA has identified approximately \$450,000 in savings (staff reduction, renegotiations of existing contracts, travel, etc.) for the 2020-21 school year.

For this fall in lieu of reducing the football tournament reimbursement from 98% to 50%, the IHSAA is making an appeal to the membership and the fall sport tournament hosts in particular to cut expenses by 20% this fall to get back to financial solvency. This will be revisited after the fall season concludes.

**16) TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1-August 20, 2020 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago. Numbers have dropped significantly which is mostly attributed COVID-19.

	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	930	92.63%	1,228	90.16%
Limited Eligibility	71	7.07%	120	8.81%
Ineligible	3	0.30%	14	1.03%
Total	1,004		1,362	

**Foreign Exchange Transfers**

	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	10	90.91%	256	95.8%
Limited Eligibility	1	9.09%	7	2.62%
Ineligible	0	0.0%	4	1.50%
Total	11		267	

**17) SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported the Sportsmanship Task Force had recommended adjustments to the point system in calculating a school’s sportsmanship score. She outlined those changes as well as tracking mechanisms that are being considered.

**18) TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Director of Technology Luke Morehead reported on recent and planned maintenance updates to the myIHSAA website, some upcoming information security improvements, and the annual technology survey which will be emailed to the membership later today.

## **19) LITIGATION**

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

## **20) SPONSORSHIPS**

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

## **21) BROADCAST**

Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan reported on discussions with Hudl and its livestreaming aspirations. He also reported on the newly-formed Educational Broadcast Program which is designed to assist student broadcasters at our member schools to cover their own games with equipment and a pay-per-view model. To this point, 39 schools have signed up with more expected. During the first week of football, 38 broadcasts were aggregated on IHSAAtv.org, 14 of which were educational broadcasters.

Shanahan also reported that he is continuing to study a pay-per-view model for IHSAA state finals events that are not aired by Fox Sports Indiana.

## **22) UPDATE ON PROVISIONAL MEMBER SCHOOLS**

Assistant Commissioners Chris Kaufman and Kerrie Schludecker provided an update on provisional member schools Purdue Polytechnic and Steel City Academy, respectively.

## **23) PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Roncalli HS – Rule 54-4a (Football squad was dressed in shoulder pads for the first day of authorized practice)

- 1) The Roncalli High School Football program and Head Football Coach John Rodenbreg is issued a written warning. This written warning is official notice that an IHSAA By-Law Violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- 2) Rule 54-4 has been amended to promote the health and safety of student athletes participating in the sport of Football and strict adherence of these provisions is expected.

Washington HS- Rule 54-4a (Football squad was dressed in shoulder pads for the first day of authorized practice)

- 1) The Washington High School Football program and Head Football Coach Joe Morris is issued a written warning. This written warning is official notice that an IHSAA By-Law Violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- 2) Rule 54-4 has been amended to promote the health and safety of student athletes participating in the sport of Football and strict adherence of these provisions is expected.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 24) FALL AREA PRINCIPAL MEETING CONSIDERATIONS

Commissioner Paul Neidig announced that this year's Fall Area Principals Meetings will all be conducted virtually like last spring's principals meetings. There will be a single online meeting in each of the three districts with the mid-September dates and times to be announced soon. Participants will be able to register for the meetings through myIHSAA.net.

### 25) REACTIONS & FEEDBACK FROM NFHS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Commissioner Paul Neidig briefly reviewed the online meetings he attended during the alternative NFHS Summer Meeting.

### 26) COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Paul Neidig mentioned that the vast majority of recent communications have been from parents requesting the IHSAA to waive its acclimation practice rule.

### 27) CONGRATULATIONS

- Commissioner Paul Neidig offered congratulations and thanks to all IHSAA member schools for the outstanding work that has been done so far to give our student athletes a chance to play.

### 28) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker recently met with the Ball State University athletic administration regarding the volleyball state finals at Worthen Arena. It was determined with help from local health officials that if spectators can be accommodated, the matches will be staggered with start times at 11 am and 1 pm, followed by a clearing of the arena, and finishing at 5 pm and 7 pm.
- Commissioner Paul Neidig thanked everyone for their support following the unexpected passing of his father last weekend.
- Neidig reported about his conversations with state health leadership in recent days and the short-term outlook. He shared anecdotes about reports of individuals knowingly participating while not disclosing a positive COVID-19 test and exposing others on their team. He noted the recent additions to the IHSAA COVID-19 Resource Center file that resides on IHSAA.org.
- Patti McCormack thanked Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter and assistant Ally McNutt for making arrangements for Cathy Smith's retirement party on Monday evening.
- Robert Faulkens announced that he has hired Brianna Jones to be his administrative assistant and began working in the office last week. She is a Warren Central High School graduate, played basketball at North Dakota State and was an assistant coach on Warren Central's 2018 4A girls basketball state championship team.

***A motion to adjourn the August meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Matt Martin; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.***

*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020 at the IHSAA Office.*

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Chris Conley, Chairman

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Paul Neidig, Commissioner