

# IHSAA Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana



## PRESENT

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

**Executive Staff Members:** 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.

## FOR ACTION

### **1) MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 8, 2019 meeting were recommended for approval.

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

### **2) CERTIFY THE 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS**

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented the results of the Board of Directors elections that were conducted on December 1-10, 2019, for certification.

#### DISTRICT I, CLASS 1A

Tom Finicle, Athletic Director, Southwood High School	43
David Amor, Athletic Director, LaCrosse High School	36
➤ Tom Finicle elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020	

#### DISTRICT I, CLASS 3A

Nathan Dean, Athletic Director, Jimtown High School	75
➤ Nathan Dean re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020	

#### DISTRICT II, CLASS 2A

Matt Martin, Athletic Director, Knightstown High School	42
Scott Stevens, Athletic Director, Cascade High School	36
Tilmon Clark, Athletic Director, Monroe Central High School	16
➤ Matt Martin re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020	

#### DISTRICT II, CLASS 4A

Jim Brown, Athletic Director, Fishers High School	92
➤ Jim Brown re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020	

#### DISTRICT III, CLASS 1A

Jeff Doyle, Principal, Barr-Reeve High School	78
➤ Jeff Doyle re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020	

### **DISTRICT III, CLASS 3A**

Mike Whitten, Principal, Boonville High School 55  
Brent Duncan, Athletic Director, Connersville High School 27  
➤ Mike Whitten re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 19-0.***

### **3) APPROVE THE CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR SUPPORT STAFF**

Commissioner Bobby Cox requested that members of the support staff receive a Christmas bonus as they have in previous years.

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

### **4) APPOINT SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR C. EUGENE CATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner Bobby Cox asked the Executive Committee to establish a screening committee for the 2020 IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship. The following members volunteered to represent their respective districts on the committee: Nathan Dean, Patti McCormack - District I; Jim Brown, Matt Martin - District II; Brent Duncan, Tim Grove - District III.

## **REPORTS**

### **5) PROPOSALS FROM INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION (IHSBCA)**

Representatives of the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association – Ryan Bunnell, Westfield HS and Shane Edwards, Oak Hill HS – appeared before the Executive Committee to discuss the following rules proposals the organization is submitting. Survey results and the rationale for each proposal were also presented. These rules proposals will be considered by the Executive Committee and voted upon at its Jan. 16, 2020 meeting.

At the beginning of the presentation, the IHSBCA representatives announced they would be removing Proposal #1 below.

**Proposal #1: change IHSAA by law 15-2.4 to include the changes shaded below.**

#### **15-2.4 Conditioning Program**

~~During the School Year Out-of-Season, a student who participates in Individual Sports and in Team Sports may participate in a Conditioning Program; a Conditioning Program is a program which occurs in a School's gymnasium, playing field or other School facility and is designed for and limited to activities which promote physical fitness and exclude game drills. Examples of permissible activities are weight lifting, running and aerobic exercising. The limitations on participation by, and contact with, a student in Team and Individual Sports, During the School Year, Out-of-Season, do not apply to a student's participation in a Conditioning Program.~~

~~During the School Year Out-of-Season, a student who participates in the Team Sport of baseball may throw a baseball as a part of a conditioning program (beginning M – WK26).~~

**Proposal #2: change the IHSAA by-laws 15-2.4 and 15-2.5 to include the changes shaded below.**

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During the School Year Out-of-Season, a student who participates in the Team Sport of baseball may throw a baseball as a part of a conditioning program (beginning M - WK26).

**15-2.5 Limited Contact Program**

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Team or Individual Sports may participate in a Limited Contact Program; a Limited Contact Program is a program in which the use of the School's gymnasium, playing field or other school facilities is open only to students who attends the School, or a Feeder School of the School sponsoring the program, is open to all such students and participation is on a voluntary basis.

- a. Limited Contact Program sessions for Team and Individual Sports may be conducted a maximum of Two (2) times per week for a maximum of Two (2) hours per session.
- b. At a Limited Contact Program session, a Member School Team Sports coach may supervise the programs, communicate with students, offer instruction and work directly with all out-of-season athletes, may use all equipment related to the sports, i.e. balls, goals, nets, etc., except that in football no protective equipment such as a helmet, shoulder pads, padding or a girdle may be use, provided that:
  - (1.) the program must be open to all students of the member School;
  - (2.) attendance and participation must be voluntary and not required by the member School coach for membership on a particular sports team, and
  - (3.) participation in a Limited Contact Program session by a student is limited to the following periods of time;

<b>Limited Contact Program</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Fall Season	Monday of Week 9	Saturday of Week 15
Winter Season	Monday of Week 23	Saturday of Week 31
Spring Season	Monday of Week 40	Saturday of Week 45

- c. Exception: Students in Sports who participate in a Limited Contact Program which immediately precedes that Sports' season may continue to participate in the Limited Contact Program until that Sports' first official practice date, i.e. a girls basketball player participating in the Fall Season Limited Contact Program may continue participation in the Limited Contact Program until the first official practice day for girls basketball.

Beginning on M- WK33 and continuing to M - WK37 (official practice starting date), the Team Sport of baseball will be allowed 1 additional day per week (2-hour max.) for the specific purpose of throwing bullpens ... bullpens are defined as a pitcher, catcher, and the use of a pitching mound(s). No other baseball activities will be performed during this additional 1 day/ week time period.

**Proposal #3: the IHSBCA requests that the length of the baseball season be extended by one week.**

**Proposed Season Length**

11 Weeks (sectional tournament starts on Memorial Day and concludes the following Saturday; the 4-week tourney finishes the weekend after Father's Day).

Year	Memorial Day	Father's Day	State Finals
2021	5/31	6/20	6/25-26
2022	5/30	6/19	6/24-25
2023	5/29	6/18	6/23-24
2024	5/27	6/16	6/21-22

**Proposal #4: change the IHSAA by-laws 15-3.1 to include the changes shaded below.**

A School, and players from the School's baseball program, may participate in Baseball Activities under the following standards:

- a. Schools may sponsor up to Ten (10) Baseball Activity Days (a day when a School's baseball coaching staff coaches Two (2) or more players from the School's baseball team engaged in Baseball Activities) during the Summer.
- b. A School's Baseball Activity Days may include up to Four (4) Baseball Competition Days (a day when a School's baseball coaching staff takes Two (2) or more players from a School's baseball team to either Practice with or compete against One (1) or more players from another School or program).
- c. Prior to the first day of Summer, a School's baseball coaching staff must designate to the School's athletic director or the principal the specific Baseball Activity Days and the Baseball Competition Days in which the baseball program plans to participate.

**Proposal #5: the IHSBCA requests that each tournament host site (sectional through state finals) have a person designated to track the pitch count for both teams in each scheduled contest.**

This position will keep written or digital records and communicate with the coaches and umpires each inning to confirm pitch counts for both teams. This position will also mandate (through the umpire / crew chief) the removal of a pitcher once their pitch count limit has been exhausted.

The head coach will certify the availability of each pitcher prior to the start of each tournament level; records will be kept throughout the tournament to track pitch counts; ensure proper rest is observed; and, at no time, allow an ineligible pitcher to enter the game or remain in the game. These records will be available to member school head coaches, Athletic Directors, principals, and IHSAA personnel upon request.

**6) TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1-Dec. 4, 2019 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago. Future consideration will be given to sharing the numbers of F1 and J1 Visas being issued as well.

	2019-20	Percent	2018-19	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,404	90.4%	2,257	85.1%
Limited Eligibility	236	8.9%	176	6.6%
Temporarily Ineligible	--	--	208	7.9%
Ineligible	20	0.8%	10	0.4%
Total	2,660		2,651	

**Foreign Exchange Transfers**

	2019-20	Percent	2018-19	Percent
Full Eligibility	526	96.7%	482	92.3%
Limited Eligibility	11	2.0%	36	6.9%
Ineligible	7	1.3%	4	0.8%
Total	544		522	

## **7) SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1-Dec. 3, 2019 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Exemplary Reports Filed	591	418	41%
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,576	2,440	6%
Total Ejections	297	285	4%
Ejections (Administration)	0	1	-100%
Ejections (Coaches)	28	21	33%
Ejections (Players)	249	252	-1%
Ejections (Fans)	20	11	82%

## **8) TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the new IHSAA office phone system which provides expanded capabilities at a lower cost. Luke also solicited volunteers to test two new myIHSAA website features: Education Tracking and Tournament Financial Reports.

## **9) IHSAA FOUNDATION REPORT**

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

1. Fiscal Year Dashboard (in Packet) through 11/30/19
    - a. Total # of Donors is 41% over last year (326 vs. 231)
    - b. Penalties were \$11,450 last year and booked to Fiscal Year 18-19
    - c. Penalty collections will be booked in June each year going forward
  2. One-Year and Two-Year Growth Chart was shared with the committee members. The numbers were reviewed at last meeting.
  3. Football Sectional Appeal Report and IHSAA Matching Gift Update (42 of 48 Sectionals have complete their report. 6 remain to report)
    - a. 23 New First-Time Donor Schools – THANK YOU!
    - b. 32 Sectionals up from 28 last year – THANK YOU!
    - c. When the appeal is finalized, the IHSAA will match the gift.
    - d. Final Report in January
  4. Shared the Active Donor List for Fiscal Year 19-20
  5. First ISOI Regional Session in Merrillville on Monday, February 24
    - a. Looks like we will do multiple sites now after talking to Jody Redman
    - b. Additional sites will be secured around the state and reported at the January meeting
  6. Thank You to Brian Strong for Opportunity to Speak to coaches at the Cass County Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in November
  7. Speaking next Tuesday at Evansville Rotary Club
    - a. Andy Owen, Evansville School Corporation AD, will join me with the presentation
1. Thank You for your support and continued advocacy!
  2. Please make your Annual Fund gift by 12/31/19 if you haven't made a fiscal year gift yet

## **10) FINANCIAL REPORTS ON SELECTED FALL SPORTS**

**Girls Golf:** The state finals enjoyed two great days of weather with nearly 800 paying customers according to Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman. He is grateful there are also three sectional sites where there is no facility charge.

**Boys Tennis:** The IHSAA is charging admission at the team regional for the first time which helped offset the costs at that level of the tournament and the state tournament overall. While the tennis tournament still operates at a deficit, it's significantly less than in previous years.

**Boys & Girls Cross Country:** Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported that attendance at the semi-state level was down 12% from last year due to lousy weather conditions but still saw a dramatic increase in revenue due to a \$3 admission increase from last year. He still expressed concerns over the cost associated with timing and scoring services at various host sites.

**Boys & Girls Soccer:** Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter discussed the two state tournaments and noted some sites with excessive costs and other issues related to hosting. Those locations will be looked at closely on whether they should continue or should other sites be considered. Overall, the girls tournament was up 16% while the boys tournament was down 8% from a year ago. She again offered thanks to Executive Committee member Jim Brown and the Fishers High School administration for stepping up to host this year's state finals. She will continue to look at the Friday-Saturday format of the state finals with two matches on Friday and four on Saturday.

**Volleyball:** Attendance and revenue were up at all levels of the state tournament according to Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker. The New Castle sectional with the help of two top-ranked teams generated the most of any across the state. At the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, the IHSAA increased the stipend to officials and line judges so those costs increased from previous years. She also noted at the state finals that the Shondell Center, which is connected to Worthen Arena, was utilized by the teams as a warm-up area.

The football financial report is still being completed and will be presented at the Executive Committee's January meeting.

## **11) LITIGATION REPORT**

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

## **12) PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Following discussion on some of the recent rules violations listed below, the Executive Committee raised the idea of forming a sub-committee to further study the rules involving undue influence, coaching accreditation, etc.

Blue River Valley HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*Boys' basketball team exceeded time allotted for limited contact*)

1. The Blue River Valley 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. Head Coach Brian Klein is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. The IHSAA supports the corrective actions taken by the school in this matter.

Columbus North HS – Rule 15-2.5 (*Softball program conducted a limited contact session outside the prescribed period to administer said programming*)

1. The Columbus North 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 Ron McDonald is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. The Columbus North High School softball program shall reduce their limited contact opportunities by two hours during the 2019-20 winter limited contact period.

Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' swimmer participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran High School boys' swimming and diving 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. Any points earned by the ineligible athlete shall be removed and the team scores refigured. The opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.

Franklin Central HS – Rule 20-1 (*Assistant boys' basketball coach contacted a student from another school explicitly to influence him to enroll at Franklin Central for athletic purposes – PROBATION*)

1. The Franklin Central High School boys' basketball program is placed on probation for 365 days from the date listed above. This probation is a severe type of warning. It is official notice that unacceptable and serious violations have occurred, are a matter of record and future, similar incidents will not be tolerated.
2. The IHSAA accepts and supports the two-game suspension provided by Franklin Central High School of Assistant Coach Terrance Miles. This suspension shall be for the first two contests on the 2019-20 Franklin Central High School boys' basketball schedule. Any additional communications issued by members of the Franklin Central boys' basketball coaching staff to students enrolled in other schools exercising similar acts of undue influence shall be met with severe consequences.
3. Head Coach Criss Beyers is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The Head Coach has direct responsibility for the conduct and communications of all assistant coaches within the program.

Gary West Side HS – Rule 14-1 (*Boys' basketball program used unlicensed officials in several contests*)

1. The Gary West Side High School boys' basketball 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. In accordance with Rule 14-1 of the IHSAA By-Laws, Gary West Side High School shall remit a total penalty of \$2000.00 to the IHSAA for this infraction. (\$500.00 per contest) The contests are not forfeited.

Indianapolis Howe Community HS – Rule 19-3 (*Multiple football players participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Indianapolis Howe Community High School football 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 students are declared ineligible until completed transfer reports are submitted and ruled upon.
3. The contests where the ineligible athletes participated in shall be forfeited if Indianapolis Howe Community High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Lafayette Central Catholic HS – Rule 3-10 (*Freshman boys basketball player participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Lafayette Central Catholic 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. Head Coach David Barrett 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.

Lawrence North HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' swimmer participated in a contest without an approved foreign exchange student eligibility report on file*)

1. The Lawrence North girls' swimming and diving 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 swimming and diving 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 school shall be notified of this violation.

Madison Consolidated HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' soccer player participated in multiple soccer matches without an approved foreign exchange student eligibility report on file*)

1. The Madison Consolidated High School boys' soccer 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 foreign exchange student eligibility report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. The contests where the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Madison Consolidated High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

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

1. The Noblesville Unified Flag Football 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 Andrew Johnson 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. The contests where the ineligible student athlete participated shall be forfeited if Noblesville was victorious. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.
5. The IHSAA accepts and supports the disciplinary actions taken by the school in this matter.

Pike HS – Rule 15-1.1a (*Seven girls' swimming and diving students participated in a non-school sponsored event without an approved waiver on file*)

1. The Pike High School 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. The student athletes involved in this violation are suspended for the next interscholastic contest on the Pike girls' swimming and diving schedule.

South Bend Riley HS – Rule 54-3.1 (*Football player participated in more than the allowable quarters in a football week*)

1. The South Bend Riley High School football 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 football coaching staff is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. A lack of attention to detail is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.
3. All quarters played shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athlete involved in this violation.
4. The contest in which the violation occurred shall be forfeited if South Bend Riley was victorious. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.

Southport HS – Rule 20-1 (*Boys' basketball coach paid the tuition of a non-resident student – PROBATION*)

1. The Southport High School athletic department is placed on probation for 365 days from the date listed above. This probation is a severe type of warning. It is official notice that unacceptable and serious violations have occurred, are a matter of record and future, similar incidents will not be tolerated.



2. The IHSAA accepts the suspension of Head Coach Eric Brand by Southport High School for the first two contests of the 2019-20 season yet notes this suspension falls woefully short of the expectations of the IHSAA from its voluntary member school.
3. Southport High School student Nickens Paul Lemba is hereby declared ineligible for the 2019-20 school year.
4. Southport High School is hereby removed from the 2019-20 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Tournament Series.

Wabash HS – Rule 3-10 (*Wrestler participated in multiple practices without a pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Wabash High School wrestling 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 Jake O’Neill 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.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 13) SPRING AREA PRINCIPALS MEETING DATES

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Local Time</b>
Tues, April 21, 2020	I	Fort Wayne Snider HS	9:30 am ET
Wed, April 22, 2020	II	Pendleton Heights HS	9:30 am ET
Thurs, April 23, 2020	III	Vincennes Lincoln HS	9:30 am ET
Mon, April 27, 2020	I	Merrillville HS	9:30 am CT
Tues, April 28, 2020	III	Jennings County HS	9:30 am ET
Wed, April 29, 2020	II	Plainfield HS	9:30 am ET

#### 14) COMMUNICATIONS

- Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig shared a 2015 NPR news article titled, “A Lesser-Known Human Trafficking Problem: Teenage Basketball Players. [Article](#)

#### 15) CONGRATULATIONS

- Mike Mossbrucker, Athletic Director, Mooresville High School 2019 Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award from the NIAAA. [News Release](#)

#### 16) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- John Steinhilber of Hebron reported on the recent 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Porter County Sportsmanship Banquet and thanked Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker for attending.

***A motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 19-0.***

*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be January 16, 2020.*

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Matt Martin, Chairman

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Bobby Cox, Commissioner