

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, January 11, 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, Chad Gilbert, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Director-Elect Martin Brown, 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.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Brian Strong; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 18-0.

Introduction of New Members of the Board of Directors

Commissioner Bobby Cox welcomed and introduced the new members of the Board of Directors following the annual elections last month. They are: Martin Brown, Athletic Director, North Vermillion High School; Chris Conley, Principal, Delta High School; Brent Duncan, Athletic Director, Connersville High School; Chad Gilbert, Athletic Director, Charlestown High School and; John Steinhilber, Athletic Director, Hebron High School. Gilbert's term has already begun having filled an open seat while the others will begin their terms on July 1, 2018.

Introduction of Spring Interns

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman and Technology Director Luke Morehead introduced the interns who will be working in the IHSAA Office during the spring semester. Laken Detweiler, a December 2017 graduate of the University of Indianapolis and a Lakeland High School alum, is serving as a sports administration intern. Trey Brown, a senior Sports Management major at IUPUI and a graduate of Jac-Cen-Del High School, is interning in Sports and Membership Services.

Report on Officials for 2017-18 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a list of 510 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2017-18 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

Report on Officials for 2017-18 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig presented a list of 494 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2017-18 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series though the deadline to apply is tomorrow. The basketball tournament series will require six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

Report on Officials for 2017-18 Wrestling State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of 149 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2017-18 Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level. He indicated that southeastern Indiana is extremely short on available wrestling officials and is looking for help to recruit individuals from that part of the state for the future.

Report on Officials for 2017-18 Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker provided a list of about 60 applicants to officiate the 2017-18 swimming and diving state tournaments. She indicated that we are flirting with a shortage of licensed officials in the sport but a plan is in place to work with Indiana Swimming if it becomes necessary.

Report on National Athletic Directors Conference

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on her attendance at the recent NIAA Annual Conference on Dec. 8-12, 2017 in Phoenix, AZ.

Highlights included guest speakers who spoke about how to identify, connect with and improve situations for young people who come from impoverished, homeless and abusive backgrounds. Another speaker offered a reminder of what young people are capable of overcoming and that strong work ethics and parental support do exist. A workshop was offered on continued recruitment of officials and solutions to those shortages. She also reported on a workshop on conflict resolution for coaches in managing parental and team conflicts.

She also shared an early agenda for next summer's new athletic director workshop.

Report on National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting he attended on Jan. 3-6 in Scottsdale, AZ.

The meeting included a session on Middle Level programming, a session by guest speaker Howard Tullman, CEO of 1871, on how our society will be doing business in the future and how it will affect high school programs. Cox spoke to the gathering about Indiana's basketball showcase and working with the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and the NCAA on how to bring the scholastic coach back into the equation as it relates to college recruiting.

A Secret Service agent spoke on event security, intelligence, and protecting patrons and venues from terrorism.

A proposal was presented by another state to have the NFHS explore the idea of hosting national championship events in individual sports like cross country or golf. Cox also indicated that a proposal was presented by several state associations in opposition to any type of national championship events.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the 2017-18 school year for the period between June 1, 2017 and January 7, 2018 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2017-18	Percent	2016-17	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,792	83.94%	2,747	83.0%
Limited Eligibility	254	7.64%	272	8.22%
Temporarily Ineligible	264	7.94%	264	7.98%
Ineligible	16	0.48%	13	0.39%
Total	3,326		3,308	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the area of unsporting behavior for the period between August 1, 2017 and Jan. 18, 2018 and the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2017-18	2016-17
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,771	2,755
Non-Ejections	2,387	2,433
Total Ejections	384	322
Ejections (Administration)	0	0
Ejections (Coaches)	36	28
Ejections (Players)	334	286
Ejections (Fans)	14	8

With the number of ejections up significantly from last year, a discussion ensued what is working and what is not in the area of sportsmanship including consideration to publicly posting each school's sportsmanship score or at least those with the best and worst scores in the state.

Technology

Information Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the progress of the project to rebuild the IHSAA.net website. As the project remains on track to roll out to officials and their associations April 1, focus is now shifting to member school features to become available this fall. Member school focus groups will review designs and provide input to ensure the best possible outcome.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Commissioner Bobby Cox spoke to the next InsideOut Coaching initiative on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel in which schools will be bringing their implementation teams to participate.

Habitudes for Athletes. The pilot program is underway and involves North Central Conference schools, Summit Athletic Conference schools, South Bend Community Schools and several others. It's a program that runs through June 30, 2019 and is being funded by the Foundation.

President Matt Wolfert is working on a plan to meet with basketball sectional hosts and attending the IIAAA district meetings in February and March.

This year's IHSAA Foundation Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018 at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Litigation Report

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

Financial Reports

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2017 which showed a significant decrease in revenue from last year (approximately 34% less) and is mainly attributed to poor weather adversely affecting attendance during three consecutive weekends of play.

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented the Fall Financial Report and shared a five-year window which indicated that we are off to a down year so far through the fall state tournament. It is hoped that revenues will rebound this winter with good weather and good matchups that will attract interest.

Penalties Assessed

Franklin Community HS – Rule 50-1 (*Wrestler did not complete the requisite number of practices prior to a competition*)

1. The Franklin Community 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 Bob Hasseman is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Lack of attention to detail is an unacceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition until he meets the minimum standards for eligibility. Additionally, the contest in which the student participated does not count toward the requisite of ten separate days of practice under the direct supervision of the wrestling coaching staff.
4. In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any points earned by the ineligible athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.

Hamilton HS – Rule 101-5 (*Girls' basketball program overscheduled the current season limitations*)

1. The Hamilton 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. One regular season contest on the current girls' basketball schedule must be eliminated immediately. The forfeiture fee stipulated in the standard IHSAA contract for contests of \$500.00 shall be paid to the school that is dropped from your schedule.

Hammond Morton HS – Rule 52-3c (*Boys' basketball player played in more than five quarters in a single session*)

1. The Hammond Morton 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. All six quarters shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athlete involved in this violation.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, Hammond Morton High School shall forfeit the varsity contest if victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation

Indiana School for the Deaf – Rule 15-1.2c (*Girls' basketball team practiced with graduates from the school*)

1. The Indiana School for the Deaf 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 Amanda Huser is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. By definition, participation with or against students not belonging to the school constitutes a game. Indiana School for the Deaf shall tally all interscholastic contests for the 2017-18 school year and if the school played in 22 or more contests prior to the IHSAA tournament series for girls' basketball, the school shall reduce their 2018-19 schedule by one contest. The school shall submit to the IHSAA which game shall not be played if applicable.

Mississinewa HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Boys' basketball team practiced with graduates from the school*)

1. The Mississinewa 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 Andrew Evertts is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.
3. By definition, participation with or against students not belonging to the school constitutes a game. Mississinewa High School shall tally all interscholastic contests for the 2017-18 school year and if the school played in 22 or more contests prior to the IHSAA tournament series for boys' basketball, the school shall reduce their 2018-19 schedule by one contest. The school shall submit to the IHSAA which game shall not be played if applicable.

Rockville HS – Rule 18-1 (*Wrestler participated in multiple meets while academically ineligible*)

1. The Rockville High School wrestling 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 meets 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.

Items for Discussion

1. Commissioner Bobby Cox will be communicating with the principals and athletic directors about the March 1 deadline for submitting proposals to be considered at the April 30 Board of Directors meeting. The proposals on this year’s agenda will be reviewed at the Spring Area Principals Meetings listed below.

2018 Spring Area Principals Meetings

District	Date	Time	Location
I	Wednesday, April 11, 2018	10 am ET	Fort Wayne Snider HS
II	Monday, April 16, 2018	10 am ET	Pendleton Heights HS
III	Tuesday, April 17, 2018	10 am ET	Vincennes Lincoln HS
II	Wednesday, April 18, 2018	10 am ET	Plainfield HS
III	Tuesday, April 24, 2018	10 am ET	Jennings County HS
I	Thursday, April 26, 2018	10 am CT	Merrillville HS

2. For the Good of the Order
 - Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported on last Saturday’s “Basketball Day Indiana” presented by and televised by Fox Sports Indiana. This was the second year of the event and originated with Fox Sports’ “Hockey Day in Minnesota”. The television network aired 13 hours of basketball during the day including five high school games played at Bankers Life Fieldhouse and the Pacers Athletic Center at Grand Park in Westfield. Fox Sports Indiana and the IHSAA are very pleased with the results and consideration will be given to expanding this day to include more teams from more parts of the state and what it could look like next year.
 - Chairman Ed Gilliland reminded Committee members to sign up to work the upcoming winter and spring state finals events.
3. Communications
4. Congratulations
 - Mike Broughton announced that the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association recognized Committee member Steve Cox of Beech Grove High School as its Administrator of the Year for District 2.

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Tim Grove, seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 18-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8 am ET on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Ed Gilliland, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner