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## Penalties Assessed to Culver Academies Boys' Basketball Team

After meeting with school administrators representing the Culver Academies during the Oct. 10 meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee, Commissioner Bobby Cox has announced penalties related to the school's boys' basketball program.

At the meeting, the school was represented by Doug Bird, Head of Schools; Tim Maher, School Attorney; Kevin Cox, Athletic Director and; Mark Galloway, Boys Basketball Head Coach.

Culver Academies, a co-ed, college preparatory boarding school located in Culver, Ind. and first admitted to the Association as a member school in 1950, is one of 412 voluntary members who subscribe to uphold the by-laws and policies of the Association.

After reviewing the circumstances surrounding the violations and discussions with the Executive Committee, the following determinations have been made:

1. The Culver Academies Boys' Basketball program shall remain on probation for the entire 2019-20 school year. Probation is a severe type of warning that an illegal act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated. Similar and further acts which violate IHSAA by-laws and/or policies of the Association by the boys' basketball program shall be dealt with in a more severe manner.
2. Head Coach Mark Galloway shall be suspended for the first four varsity contests of the 2019-20 boys' basketball season and all other boys' basketball contests at any level during this time period.
3. Culver Academies shall provide to the IHSAA, a written plan of education for the athletic department staff respective of IHSAA by-laws, policies and procedures on or before November 30, 2019.
4. Culver Academies must document face-to-face meetings with the coaching staff covering the aforementioned topics and provide said documentation to the IHSAA.
5. Failure to meet all provisions set forth above shall disqualify Culver Academies from participation in the 2019-20 IHSAA boys' basketball tournament series.
6. Any subsequent by-law violation committed by the boys' basketball program shall disqualify Culver Academies from participation in the 2019-20 IHSAA boys' basketball tournament series.

Commissioner Cox commended the school administrators for their cooperation and professionalism during this investigation.

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