



IHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2024 Annual Meeting

IHSAA Headquarters

Tuesday, April 29, 2024

PRESIDING – Stacy Adams, President

AGENDA

A. Roll Call.

Members Present:

President Stacy Adams, Vice-President Chad Gilbert, Tom Black, Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Larry Cochren, Chris Conley, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle (virtually), 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 Brian Lewis, Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati, Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland, Director of Champions Together Brian Avery, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcasting Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles.

B. Minutes of the May 1, 2023, meeting.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 18-0.

C. Necrology Service.

Proudly honoring those who served the Association.

Linda Kay Barnett

Clinton Central High School (Athletic Director)

IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 2000-01; 01-02; 02-03; 03-04

Linda Kay Barnett, 75, of Kirklin, entered her eternal home on April 3, 2024. She married Jerry Barnett on August 25, 1968. They made their home together in Kirklin for 55 1/2 years. Linda will be remembered by many as a teacher, coach, caterer, seamstress, county and state fair 4-H advocate and worker, food pantry coordinator and worker, and wonderful friend. She was an avid, life-long Clinton Central Bulldog and Purdue Boilermaker fan. Most importantly, she loved her family and would do anything for any of them. In addition to her husband, Linda is survived by her brother, Mark (Jennifer)

Rule of Forest, IN, brother-in-law, Jim (Karen) Barnett, of Mechanicsburg, IN nephews Jeff (Denae) Barnett, Jason (Jodi) Barnett, BJ (Kate) Rule, Kyle (Cheyenne) Rule and niece Jayme (Willy) Will and sixteen great nephews and nieces. Linda was preceded in death by her parents. At Indiana Central, played 6 on 6 basketball for two years and then the school switched to the modern-day rules of 5 on 5, was a “Miss Do Everything,” as she earned 12 athletic letters in college. Began her teaching & coaching career at Zionsville High School, took over the basketball program during the 1973-74 season and quickly compiled a record of 67 wins and only 28 losses in six years, took her skills to Clinton Central to coach and serve as the school’s athletic director. Finished the 2002-03 season with a won loss record of 395-183. Named the Lafayette Area Coach of the Year in 1997. Served as Assistant Coach for the Indiana All-Star Team in 1988 and served on the IHSAA Board of Directors from 2000-2004.

Priscilla E. Dillow

*Ben Davis High School (Teacher, Coach, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director)
IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 1995-96; 96-97; 98-99; 99-2000*

Priscilla Dillow, 80, passed away on Monday, February 19th, 2024. A trailblazer and legend, she advocated for girls and women in sports. Priscilla graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1961 and earned her BS and MA degrees from Ball State University and an Educational Specialist degree from Indiana University. Priscilla was the Executive Director of the IIAAA – Indiana Athletic Directors Association from 2007-13 and the Indiana Golf Course Owners from 2003-07. Pris also served as a teacher, coach, Assistant Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director at Ben Davis High School. She retired in 2002 after 37 years in education. She coached the 1979 volleyball team to an IHSAA State Championship and coached four other teams in the Final 8. One of the first female members of the IHSAA Board of Directors and a past president of the IIAAA AD Association and the Marion County Coaches of Girls Sports. She was inducted into the Ben Davis High School Wall of Fame in 2002 and the National Athletic Director Hall of Fame in 2011. In 1988, she was inducted into the Indiana Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. A Celebration of Life remembering her took place in the Ben Davis gymnasium on Sunday, April 14th. She is survived by a daughter.

Larry Gambaiani

*Rockville Community Schools and Rockville High School (Asst. Principal, Principal, and Superintendent)
MSD Washington Township (Asst. Superintendent)
IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 1985-86; 86-87; 88-89; 89-90; 91-92; 92-93; 1995-96; 96-97*

Larry Gambaiani, 82, passed away on Friday, March 1st, 2024, in Terre Haute. He was a 1959 graduate of Clinton High School. Larry began his teaching career at Rockville High School. He obtained his master’s degree from ISU in 1967 and left the classroom in 1973 to become assistant principal. In 1974 he became principal of Rockville Junior/Senior High School. He began working on his Education Specialist degree at ISU and in 1976 accepted the position of Superintendent of Rockville Community Schools. He was elected and served on the board of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for 12 years, serving as chairman of the board in 1989 and 1990. Larry, although in the minority, was also part of the historic vote of 12-5 that led Indiana to implement multiple classes for tournament play in some team sports beginning in the 1997-98 school year. To this day, Larry still feels it is not the best message that prepares our youth to enter the tough world we live in with all of its challenges. He later received special recognition for his contribution and distinguished service from the Indiana High School Athletic Association. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and their two children.

Daniel G. Howe

Fort Wayne North Side High School (Principal)

IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 1985-86; 86-87; 88-89; 89-90

Daniel (Dan) G. Howe, 83, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. He was born in January 1940 in Auburn, Indiana. Along with brother Kenneth, the family moved to Fort Wayne where Dan graduated from South Side High School, played on the 1958 state champion basketball team, and maintained a lifetime of valued friendships with his childhood teammates and friends. Dan continued his basketball career at The Citadel before enrolling at Ball State University, where he played basketball and volleyball, competed in the National Volleyball Tournament, and earned his bachelor's. He later earned his master's from Saint Francis. Prior to enrolling at Ball State, Dan met his future wife of over 60 years, Beverly Reyer, had two children, son, Daniel, and daughter, Lisa, and three grandchildren, Daniel "Reyer", Charles, and Harrison. Dan had immense pride in his family and was excited to meet his great granddaughter who is due in April 2024. Dan worked for Fort Wayne Community Schools as a teacher and coach at Kekionga Junior, Central, Northrop, and Snider High Schools and as principal and "Chief" at North Side. During the early years of integration, he built bridges within the Fort Wayne community. He was deeply committed to the school providing unwavering support and encouragement to the students and faculty making North Side a proud place to teach, work, and go to school. Dan served on the Indiana High School Athletic Association Executive Committee, City of Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, and numerous scholarship and educational boards and foundations.

SPECIAL MENTION

Kevin Lewis (Official)

Kevin Earl Lewis, 62, passed away in the comfort of his home on Friday morning, April 19, 2024. Kevin was born in Richmond, Indiana on March 7, 1962. He graduated from Northeastern High School in 1980. Kevin earned a Bachelor's Degree from Hanover College, graduating in 1984. While at Hanover, Kevin played football and ran track. Kevin enjoyed a 30-year career as an IHSAA official. He umpired girls softball, boys baseball, football, girls basketball and boys basketball on high school campuses all over Indiana. He was proud to have been selected to officiate IHSAA State Finals contests in girls basketball and football. On March 18 of this year, the Indiana Officials Association, of which Kevin served as a board member and president, graciously honored Kevin as their 2023-24 Official of the Year, in recognition of his "outstanding officiating, unquestioned character and dedicated leadership". On April 6, 2024, Kevin made one more trip to Gainbridge Fieldhouse during the boys basketball state finals. This time, it was to receive the IHSAA Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes "*individuals who go above-and-beyond to make significant meritorious contribution or service to education-based high school athletics in the state of Indiana*".

Carl Erskine

Carl Daniel Erskine, born December 13, 1926, passed away on April 16, 2024, at the age of 97. A graduate of Anderson High School, Carl served in the United States Navy for two years before embarking on a fourteen-year professional baseball career with the Dodgers. Carl enjoyed a successful Major League Baseball career as a pitcher with the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers between 1948 and 1959. He pitched in five World Series, winning one in 1955 against the New York Yankees. He pitched two no-hitters, set a World Series single game strikeout record, and played during an era of major transformation for the sport: the introduction of television, the move to the West Coast, and racial desegregation. Not only

was he a tremendous baseball player but a courageous and giving servant noted for speaking out against racial prejudice.

As a childhood friend of Indiana Mr. Basketball Jumpin’ Johnnie Wilson in Anderson, Carl’s advocacy for treating all people with dignity and respect started at a young age. Later in life, as a teammate and friend of Jackie Robinson, Carl witnessed how the silent perseverance of one man changed society. These lessons became part of Carl’s legacy when his son, Jimmy, was born with Down’s Syndrome in 1960. Carl and his wife Betty lovingly accepted and embraced Jimmy, while working tirelessly to promote opportunities for him and others with intellectual disabilities. Carl was a fierce advocate for Special Olympics Indiana. The effects of his efforts are visible through the combined efforts of the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana to offer Unified Sport State Championship events and the Champions Together program to member schools. Carl was also a force in the founding of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Carl was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash three times and former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels presented him with the Indiana Sachem Award in 2010. He is a member of both the Indiana and New York Baseball Hall of Fames; and just last year, he was awarded the highly coveted Buck O’Neill Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to society outside baseball from The National Baseball Hall of Fame. In March of this year, Carl was awarded the Richard G. Lugar Award for Distinguished Service by the IHSAA.

D. Proposals - Submitted by the Commissioner unless otherwise noted, and to become effective immediately, unless otherwise stated:

Proposed Article, Section, Name

Page(s)

I. BY-LAWS

1. Rule 1 RULE COVERAGE: RECOGNIZED & EMERGING SPORTS

Rule 1-2 Recognized Sports

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- a. IHSAA Recognized Sports. The following sports are recognized and regulated: Boys – Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, [Volleyball](#), Wrestling; Girls – Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, [Volleyball](#), [Wrestling](#); Unified Sports – Track and

Field, Flag Football.

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Proposed Amendment to section 1-2 of the Rule Coverage rule, rule 1, to include Boys' Volleyball and Girls' Wrestling as IHSAA-recognized sports.

Motion to approve Girls Wrestling:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Chris Conley. Approved 18-0.

Motion to approve Boys Volleyball:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Brian Strong. Approved 18-0.

2. Rule 1 RULE COVERAGE: RECOGNIZED & EMERGING SPORTS

Rule 1-2 Recognized Sports

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~~b. Tournament Series. A Tournament Series in a Recognized Sport will be provided at such time as Fifty percent (50%) of the total, full Membership Schools are participating in that Recognized Sport.~~

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Proposed Amendment to section 1-2 of the Rule Coverage rule, rule 1, to remove language regarding the availability of Tournament Series to be consistent with Recognized Sports Process under section 1-3 of rule 1, Rule Coverage rule.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Hamstra and motion seconded by Paul Voigt. Approved 18-0.

3. Rule 1 RULE COVERAGE: RECOGNIZED & EMERGING SPORTS

Rule 1-3 Emerging Sports Process

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e. The following sports are currently Emerging Sports: ~~Boys Volleyball; Girls Wrestling; Girls' Lacrosse (2024-2025).~~

Proposed Amendment to section 1-3 of the Rule Coverage rule, rule 1, to include Girls' Lacrosse as an IHSAA emerging sport.

Motion:

A motion to table this proposal to the June 20, 2024 Executive Committee meeting was made by Patti McCormack and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 18-0.

4. **Rule 2** **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS**

Proposal by Steve Ahaus, Principal, Franklin Community High School

Rule 2-1 **Classification Criteria**

Pages 20-21

Schools may be classified in Team Sports up to a maximum of Four (4) Classes, except football, according to the following criteria:

- a. If Twenty-five (25%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have Two (2) Classes.
- b. If Fifty percent (50%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) Classes.
- c. If Seventy-five percent (75%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have ~~Three (3)~~ Four (4) Classes.
- ~~e. If Ninety-five percent (95%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have Four (4) Classes.~~

Proposed Amendment to section 2-1 of the Classification of Schools rule, rule 2, to create new class criteria based on the percentage of Member Schools sponsoring a team and entering the IHSAA Tournament the previous year.

Motion:

This proposal failed for lack of a motion. The Board did instruct the IHSAA staff to further study this measure for consideration for the next realignment cycle in two years.

5. **Rule 2** **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS**

Proposal by Stacey Brewer, Principal, Yorktown High School

Rule 2-5 **Reclassification of Schools in Team Sports Due to Previous
Tournament Series**

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In Team Sports, when Schools are subject to reclassification, a School's reclassification shall be dependent on the School's previous tournament series success; the Commissioners may, however, determine, that a School's previous tournament series success should be applied more often, or less often.

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- c. After participation in the same larger enrollment classification for Two (2) years, a School achieving a Two (2) year total tournament series success point value of ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) points or below in a specific sport shall be placed in the classification immediately below the Enrollment classification the School occupied during the previous two (2) year cycle unless the Enrollment of the School dictates the same or higher classification previously occupied in that sport.

- d. After participation in the same larger enrollment classification for Two (2) years, a School achieving a tournament series success point value of ~~Three (3)~~, Four (4) or Five (5) points in a specific sport shall remain in the same classification in that sport.

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Proposed Amendment to section 2-5 of the Classification of Schools rule, rule 2, to establish new success factor criteria to reclassify Member Schools.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Failed 1-17 with Jeff Doyle in support.

6. Rule 15 PARTICIPATION

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Participation Study Committee

Rule 15-1.4 Limited Contact Program – Individual Sports

Pages 63-64

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in 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. ~~Member Schools have autonomy in determining the structure of their Limited Contact Period provided that Student-athletes who participate in Limited Contact Program sessions for Individual Sports may do so only at a maximum of ~~Two (2)~~ **Three (3)** times per week for a maximum of Two (2) hours per session, and Member Schools do not exceed its maximum number of limited contact sessions per sport. (see chart below).~~
~~Exception: Girls' Basketball and Boys' and Girls' Track and Field are permitted to participate a maximum of ~~Three (3)~~ **Three (3)** times per week for a maximum of ~~Two (2)~~ **Two (2)** hours per session, not to exceed maximum number of sessions.~~
- b. 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.
- c. Exception: During times when public health requires there be less crowding and more social distancing, the Commissioner is authorized to issue an order modifying the number, length and character of Limited Contact Program Sessions.

Proposed Amendment to section 15-1.4 of the Participation rule, rule 15, which allows Member Schools to decide their Limited Program Contact Program for Individual Sports. Member Schools must ensure that they do not exceed a maximum of three times per week for a maximum of two hours per session.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Kris Painter. Approved 18-0.

7. **Rule 15** **PARTICIPATION**

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the IHSVCA

Rule 15-2.2 **During School Year Out-Of-Season**

Pages 66-67

- a. Students may participate in a 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 were incoming freshman in either the current or in the immediate prior School Year (and who seek 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, do not count in the maximum number of students that can participate on a Non-School Team in that sport.

Baseball – 5	Football – 6	Softball - 5
Basketball – 3	Soccer – 7	Volleyball – 3 (4)

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Proposed Amendment to section 15-2.2 of the Participation rule, rule 15, increasing the number of students who can participate in Volleyball during the school year out-of-season from Three (3) to Four (4).

Motion:

Motion moved by Kye Denney and motion seconded by Larry Cochren. Failed 0-18.

8. **Rule 15** **PARTICIPATION**

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Participation Study Committee

Rule 15-2.4 **Limited Contact Program – Team Sports**

Pages 67-68

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Team 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. **Member Schools have autonomy in determining the structure of their Limited Contact Period, provided that** Student-athletes who participate in Limited Contact Program sessions for Team Sports

may do so only at a maximum of ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) times per week for a maximum of Two (2) hours per session, and Member Schools do not exceed its maximum number of limited contact sessions per sport.

~~Exception: Girls' Basketball and Boys' and Girls' Track and Field are permitted to participate a maximum of Three (3) times per week for a maximum of Two (2) hours per session, not to exceed maximum number of sessions.~~

- 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;
- 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.
- d. Exception: During times when public health requires there be less crowding and more social distancing, the Commissioner is authorized to issue an order modifying the number, length and character of Limited Contact Program Sessions.

Proposed Amendment to section 15-2.4 of the Participation rule, rule 15, which allows Member Schools to decide their Limited Program Contact Program for Team Sports. Member Schools must ensure that they do not exceed a maximum of three times per week for a maximum of two hours per session.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Brian Strong. Approved 18-0.

9. Rule 15 PARTICIPATION

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the SCAI and IHSBCA

Rule 15-2.4 Limited Contact Period

Pages 67-68

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Team 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.

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- 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~~; 7 weeks for Session #1 (Winter/Spring) and those weeks must be designated through the athletic department in advance and occur between MWk5 and Sat – Wk17.

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Proposed Amendment to section 15-2.4 of the Participation rule, rule 15, changing the duration of the Limited Program Contact Program for Team Sports in Session #1 to Seven (7) weeks and must occur between Wk5 and Wk17.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Hamstra and motion seconded by Tom Black. Failed 0-18.

10. Rule 15 PARTICIPATION

Rule 15-2.8 Moratorium

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Each Member School shall observe a moratorium week starting on Monday of the Corresponding Week which includes July 4th. During this Seven (7) day moratorium week there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and no athletic activities, including conditioning, conducted. Each Member School shall also designate Five (5) additional separate weekdays in which there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and no athletic activities, including conditioning, conducted (T-Wk48 – F-Wk4). Note: All Corresponding Weeks begin on Monday.

Proposed Amendment to section 15-2.8 of the Participation rule, rule 15, adding additional Moratorium and must occur between Wk48 and Wk4.

Motion to amend this proposal to make it effective with the Summer of 2025:

Motion moved by Paul Voigt and motion seconded by Chris Conley. Approved 18-0.

Motion to approve this proposal as amended:

Motion moved by Larry Cochren and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Approved 18-0.

11. Rule 17 INVESTIGATIONS...WAIVERS

Rule 17-4.1 Right to Review Committee

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Only an Affected Party may seek review of an adverse decision of the Commissioner or his/her designee by the Review Committee.

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- e. A Request for Review of an adverse ruling or decision must be in writing, must include some explanation of the factual basis for the Request, must cite the IHSAA rules relied upon for the Request and must be received by the IHSAA within ~~Seven (7)~~ **Thirty (30)** calendar days of the date the IHSAA issued the adverse ruling or decision. If a Request for Review is not made and received by the IHSAA in accordance with this rule, the ruling or decision shall be final and non-reviewable.

Proposed Amendment to section 17-4.1 of the Investigations and Waivers rule, rule 17, to increase the timeframe in which a Party may seek a review of an adverse decision of the Commissioner or his/her designee by the Review Committee from Seven (7) to Thirty calendar (30) days.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Martin Brown. Approved 18-0.

12. Rule 17 INVESTIGATIONS...WAIVERS

Rule 17-8.5 Limited Eligibility Waiver

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In addition to the foregoing, in transfer cases under rule 19-6, (the student transfers without a corresponding change of residence by his/her parent(s) or Guardian(s)), the Commissioner, his/her 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 all of the following criteria are met:**

- a. the student continues to reside with his/her parent(s) or Guardian(s), and
- b. the student establishes, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner, his/her designee or the Committee, that **there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer** and 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 Member Schools each affirm in writing that the **principals consulted, the transfer is in the best interest of the student, and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer. A Written Verification from both the principals of the sending and receiving Member Schools is an absolute prerequisite.** In addition, in those circumstances where the student attended a Member School, other than the sending and receiving Member School, at any time during the Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days prior to the transfer, the principal of the other Member 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.

Proposed Amendment to section 17-8.5 of the Investigations and Waivers rule, rule 17, to clarify the requirements for a Limited Eligibility Waiver and make it mandatory for the principals of both the Sending and Receiving schools to consult and provide Written Verification before a waiver could be granted.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Brian Strong. Approved 18-0.

student's enrollment at the Receiving School.

Exception: The student will only be ineligible for Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days following the student's enrollment at the Receiving School in the sport(s) with a past link. The student will have full eligibility for all other sport(s).

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Proposed amendment to section 20-2, the past link section of the Undue Influence rule, rule 20, which provides athletic ineligibility for students in sports with a past link, while granting full eligibility for all other sports.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Approved 18-0.

15. RULE 50 SPORTS SEASONS

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the IHSBCA

Rule 50

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RULE 50 – SPORTS SEASONS

Sport	AUTHORIZED PRACTICES			AUTHORIZED SEASON CONTESTS		
	First	Last	Min. Req.	First	Last	Max. No. Scheduled and Played
Baseball	M-Wk <u>37</u> 36	DTE	8	M-Wk 39	SDST	28+No T or 26+1 T

Proposed Amendment to rule 50, the Sports Seasons rule, to allow Member Schools to begin authorized Baseball practices a week earlier, from Wk 37 to Wk 36.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Failed 0-18.

16. RULE 50 SPORTS SEASONS

Rule 50-1 Pre-Participation Practice

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Prior to the date of a student's participation in the student's first Contest of the Season in a sport, the student must attend and actively participate in Eight (8) Pre-participation Practice sessions under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff in that sport.

a. In girls' golf, the Pre-participation Practice rule requires Two (2) Pre-Participation Practice

sessions, ~~and that rule can be waived under conditions established by the Commissioner.~~

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Proposed Amendment to section 50-1 of the Sports Seasons rule, rule 50, to remove an unnecessary waiver option for Girls' Golf that has never been used.

Motion:

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

17. Rule 51 BASEBALL

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the IHSBCA

Rule 51-3

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The maximum number of season baseball games in which for any team or student may participate, excluding the IHSAA Tournament Series shall be Twenty-eight (28) and no tournament; or Twenty-six (26) and One (1) tournament.

- a. If a player or team participates in more than the One (1) tournament permitted during the season, the number of games played in excess shall be included in the Twenty-six (26) games permitted during the season.
- b. If a player participates in a game as a pinch hitter or pinch runner, at the Varsity level, it does not count toward the maximum number of game limitations for that player.
- c. Players may not change levels of play if games are being played simultaneously. Players may only change levels of play at the completion of both games.
- d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter) then it will not count towards the player's maximum number of games played. The player is still subject to pitch count regulations and this designation cannot be used more than Five (5) times per player during a regular season.
- e. A varsity player may exceed the game limit if he is participating on a sub-varsity level team to facilitate that sub-varsity level team having a full roster for competition. No player shall exercise this option more than 4 times during a contest season and it will not count towards the maximum number of games played at the varsity level. (Note: to exercise this option, the total program roster size must not exceed 22 players).

Proposed Amendment to section 51-3 of the Baseball rule, rule 51, to provide an option for a varsity baseball player to exceed the game limit if the player participates on a sub-varsity level team to facilitate a full roster for competition. The option cannot be exercised more than Four (4) times during a contest season, and the total team roster may not exceed Twenty-two (22) players.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chad Gilbert and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Failed 0-18.

18. Rule 58 SOFTBALL

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the SCAI

Rule 58-3

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The maximum number of season softball games in which any team or student may participate, excluding IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Twenty-eight (28) and no tournament or Twenty-six (26) and One (1) tournament.

- a. If a player or team participates in more than the One (1) tournament permitted during the season, the number of games played in excess shall be included in the Twenty-six (26) games permitted during the season.
- b. If a player participates in a game as a pinch hitter, pinch runner or courtesy runner, it does not count toward the maximum number of game limitations for that player.
- c. Players may not change levels of play if games are being played simultaneously. Players may only change levels of play at the completion of both games.
- d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter) then it will not count towards the player's maximum number of games played. This designation cannot be used more than Five (5) times per player during any regulation season.
- e. A varsity player may exceed the game limit if he is participating on a sub-varsity level team to facilitate that sub-varsity level team having a full roster for competition. No player shall exercise this option more than 4 times during a contest season and it will no count towards the maximum number of games played at the varsity level. (Note: to exercise this option, the total program roster size must not exceed 22 players).

Proposed Amendment to section 58-3 of the Softball rule, rule 58, to provide an option for a varsity softball player to exceed the game limit if the player participates on a sub-varsity level team to facilitate a full roster for competition. The option cannot be exercised more than Four (4) times during a contest season, and the total team roster may not exceed Twenty-two (22) players.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Failed 0-18.

19. Rule 62 VOLLEYBALL

Proposal by Kevin Banich, Principal, Roncalli High School

Rule 62-6

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The NFHS and the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) provided guidance based on data and educational information that Beach Volleyball is a distinct sport from indoor Volleyball. The IHSAA supports these resources and the conclusion that indoor Volleyball and Beach Volleyball are, in fact, different sports and should be treated as such. As a result, participation in non-school Beach Volleyball does not impact a student's eligibility to participate during the recognized IHSAA indoor Volleyball season. As always, however, administrators and coaches are permitted to prohibit participation in non-school Beach Volleyball if participation will interfere with an IHSAA indoor Volleyball practice or contest, and those determinations may be made at the discretion of the athlete's coach and school.

Q. 62-11 Can Volleyball players on a high school team participate (practice and compete) in non-school Beach Volleyball during high school Volleyball season?

A. Yes. The NFHS and the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) provide guidance based on data and educational information that Beach Volleyball is a distinct sport from indoor Volleyball. The IHSAA supports these resources and the conclusion that indoor Volleyball and Beach Volleyball, are, in fact, different sports and should be treated as such. As a result, participation in non-school Beach Volleyball does not impact a student's eligibility to participate during the recognized IHSAA indoor Volleyball season. As always, however, administrators and coaches are permitted to prohibit participation in non-school Beach Volleyball if participation will interfere with an IHSAA indoor Volleyball practice or contest, and those determinations may be made at the discretion of the athlete's coach and school.

Proposed Amendment to section 62-6 of the Volleyball rule, rule 62, to retitle the sections, and recognize beach volleyball as a distinct sport from indoor volleyball. Students will have the opportunity to participate in beach volleyball during the indoor volleyball authorized contest season, subject to their coach and school's final decision.

Proposed Amendment to Q&A 62-11 of the questions and answers section of the Volleyball rule, rule 62, to clarify that a student can participate in beach volleyball during the indoor volleyball authorized contest season, subject to their coach and school's final decision.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Tom Black. Failed 0-18.

20. Rule 103 FLAG FOOTBALL

Proposal by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Unified Coaches Association of Indiana

Rule 103-2 Maximum Season Contests

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The maximum number of Season Contests in Unified Flag Football in which any team may participate, ~~and the maximum number of halves in which a student may participate,~~ excluding the IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Ten (10) team Contests. ~~and Twenty (20) student halves.~~

Rule 103-2.1 Maximum Season Halves

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The maximum number of halves in Unified Flag Football in which a student may participate, excluding the IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Twenty-five (25) student halves.

- a. A student may participate in no more than Three (3) halves in One (1) session. When a Junior Varsity half is played following a Varsity Contest, it is considered One (1) session. ~~multiple Contests are played on One (1) admission ticket without clearing the stands i.e. junior varsity Contest followed by a Varsity Contest, it is considered One (1) session.~~
- b. The maximum number of halves in which a student may participate in a day shall be Six (6).
- c. Student may not change levels of play if Contests are being played simultaneously. Students may only change levels of play at the completion of both Contests.
- d. See rule 101 for Practice and Contest Seasons.

Proposed Amendments to sections 103-2 and 103-2.1 of the Flag Football rule, Rule 103, to retitle sections, clarify sessions, and increase the number of halves a student may participate.

Motion:

Motion moved by Kye Denney and motion seconded by Jeff Hamstra. Approved 18-0.

E. Conforming Resolution.

RESOLVED: That the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, the General Eligibility Rules, the Sports Rules, the Unified Sports Rules, the Junior High School Rules, as well as the interpretations, questions and answers and definitions contained in and as stated by the 2024-25 printed booklet of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc., entitled:

“By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation” be and the same are hereby approved and declared to be the complete and official Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, General Eligibility Rules, Sports Rules, Unified Sports Rules and Junior High School Rules, except as herein amended and as hereafter amended by the Board of Directors.”

The above resolution was approved by acclimation.

F. Board of Directors Election.

Elect President and Vice President [Article IV, Section 3(1)(1)] of the Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 year from the class of 2026.

Class of 2026: *Jim Brown, Larry Cochren, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Tom Finicle*

Larry Cochren was nominated by Paul Voigt to serve as President of the 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors. Jim Brown was nominated by Patti McCormack to serve as President of the 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors.

A motion to close nominations was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Tom Finicle. Motion approved 18-0.

By ballot, Larry Cochren was elected as President of the 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors by acclimation.

Jim Brown was nominated by Tom Finicle to serve as Vice President of the 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors.

A motion to close nominations was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Tom Finicle. Motion approved 18-0.

Jim Brown was elected as Vice President of the 2024-25 IHSAA Board of Directors.

G. Executive Committee Election.

Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman [Article IV, Section 3(1)(2)] of the Executive Committee for the 2024-2025 year from the class of 2025.

Class of 2025: Stacy Adams, Kyle Duncan, Chad Gilbert, Joe Herrmann, Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, Brian Strong

Chad Gilbert was nominated by Kye Denney and Brian Strong was nominated by Jim Brown to serve as Chairman of the 2024-25 IHSAA Executive Committee.

A motion to close nominations was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Joe Herrmann. Motion approved 18-0.

Brian Strong withdrew his name from consideration and offered to serve as Vice Chairman.

Chad Gilbert was elected as Chairman and Brian Strong elected as Vice Chairman of the 2024-25 IHSAA Executive Committee.

H. Adjournment.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Approved 17-0.