

PRESENT

Chairperson Nancy Alspaugh, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Phil Ford, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Jimmy Howell, Ken Howell, Jed Jerrels, Director Elect - Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Deborah Watson, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland, Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Sandy Searcy, Sandra Walter, Technology Director Ed Sullivan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker and Intern Kayley Howell.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Geoff Penrod; motion passed 18-0.

APPROVE INDIANA TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS

Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens and Phil Gardner reviewed the proposals presented by Julie Alano and Keith Iddings, IATCCC, and Ed Stuffle, ICGSA at the December Executive Committee meeting:

1. Change the IHSAA tournament entry form to comply with the NFHS rule allowing athletes to be entered in 4 events (excluding relays), but only compete in 4 events (including relays).
A motion to approve this proposal was made by Mike Broughton; seconded by Don Gandy; motion denied 0-18.
2. Change individual advancement in the IHSAA Cross Country tournament series to the top 10 athletes who are not advancing on a team.
A motion to approve this proposal was made by Phil Ford; seconded by Jed Jerrels; motion approved 18-0.
3. Change the cross country tournament to a four-level, four week tournament with all races held on Saturday. The sectional competition would be moved back to the previous Saturday.
A motion to approve this proposal for implementation beginning for the 2014-15 cross country season was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion approved 18-0.
4. Award medals to the top 25 individuals in the IHSAA state championship meet instead of the current 15 medals.
A motion to amend this proposal to provide 20 individual medals at the state championships was made by Janis Qualizza; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion approved 18-0.

2012-13 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of 507 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2012-13 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require 6 per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

2012-13 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of 136 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2012-13 Wrestling Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

2012-13 SWIMMING & DIVING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Searcy provided a list of possible starters who have applied for the 2012-13 Swimming & Diving Tournament Series. The swimming and diving tournament series require 40 officials at the sectional level for each gender.

2012-13 GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of 2012-13 licensed gymnastics judges. The tournament series calls for 64 officials to conduct the eight sectionals. Because of the lack of available gymnastics officials, several gymnastics sectionals will be held on Friday evening instead of Saturday morning.

TRANSFERS

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2012 school year. This report included the following actions as of December 31, 2012:

Full Eligibility	2702
Limited Eligibility	219
Temporarily Ineligible	281
Ineligible	<u>28</u>
Total	3230

SPORTSMANSHIP

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported on the unsporting behavior reports received by the Association as of January 16, 2013. The total number of unsporting behavior reports for the winter season received at this time is 132 winter sport ejections/technical fouls.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2012-13. Overall attendance at all levels of the tournament showed a large decrease in part, due to inclement weather at the sectional level. The net for the regional and semi-state tournaments was improved, but the attendance at the football state championships showed a 19% decrease from the previous year.

Commissioner Cox presented the Fall Financial Report. The net revenue to the Association showed a 5% increase over the previous year, despite that fact that the attendance figures reflected a 16% overall decrease.

LITIGATION REPORT

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

REPORT ON NATIONAL FEDERATION’S WINTER MEETING

Commissioner Cox reported on the National Federation’s Winter Meeting. Among the topics discussed were: The NFHS is investigating putting together a television network, much like the Big Ten Network. There will be three tiers – State Association events under contract; State Association events not under contract; regular season events. The NFHS has put together a financial incentive package and a profit sharing model. It will work for small states but not necessarily for big states. Security at high school events met with a lengthy discussion. A media training session with Clyde Lee and Dionne Willis was conducted. There was an NCAA presentation regarding deregulation of their rules. Dan Wexler is the NFHS national lobbyist and he discussed F1 Visa considerations and concussion legislation. David Cranfill also made a presentation. Home Team marketing spoke in regards to sports marketing.

REPORT ON NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

Assistant Commissioners Walter and Searcy presented information regarding some of the sessions they attended during the NIAA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Topics included supporting multi-sport participation, STUNT, the philosophical view of education based athletics, sportsmanship, social media pros and cons, hazing, current legal issues, and student leadership development. The IHSAA sponsored the Indiana Athletic Directors hospitality room as well.

DISTRICT III MEDIA AWARD

A fixture on the Indiana sports scene for 36 years, Lynn Houser was selected by the IHSAA Executive Committee to receive the 2012-13 Distinguished Media Service Award for District 3. After 28 years as a sportswriter for the *Bloomington Herald-Times*, Houser retired from the journalism profession last March. He began his career in 1976 serving as sports editor of the *Kendallville News-Sun* before joining the Bloomington newspaper in 1984, then known as the *Herald-Telephone*. His duties have taken him to 18 Indiana high school basketball finals and 15 Indiana high school football finals, four NCAA Final Fours, three NBA Conference Finals and the 2007 Super Bowl to cover the Indianapolis Colts, a team he began reporting on in 1995. The 62-year-old has been the recipient of numerous writing awards during his career. A native of Fort Wayne, Houser graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 1968 and went on to earn a degree in journalism from Indiana University in 1972. Following college, Houser served four years in the United States Navy from 1972-76.

PENALTIES ASSESSED

Blackford High School – (*Girls' basketball player participated in multiple JV games without an approved transfer report on file*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Blackford High School girls' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible an approved transfer report is on file.
3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Blackford was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Blackford High School – (*Wrestler participated in multiple matches without an approved transfer report on file*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Blackford High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible an approved transfer report is on file.
3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be rescored after removing the ineligible athlete's scores and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Cambridge City Lincoln High School – (*Boys' basketball player participate in two JV contests without an approved transfer on file*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Cambridge City Lincoln High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. It is absolutely mandatory that the "IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report" be submitted and acted upon by the Association prior to a student being allowed to participate in any interscholastic event.
3. As per Rule 3-9 a. of the IHSAA by-laws, the games in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Cambridge City Lincoln was victorious and the opposing school notified of this violation.

Culver Community High School – (*Wrestler participated in a workout at a college during the authorized contest season*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.2f.

1. The Culver Community High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete who participated in this workout session during the contest season shall be suspended for two meets.

Elkhart Christian Academy – (*Boys' basketball player participated in a contest without an approved transfer report on file*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 12-2.

1. The Elkhart Christian Academy boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
3. The contest in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Elkhart Christian was victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Gary Wallace High School – (*Varsity boys' basketball player participated in five contests beyond his eighth consecutive semester of school - PROBATION*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 12-2.

1. The Gary Wallace boys' basketball program is placed on probation. This probation is a severe type of warning. It is official notice that serious violations have occurred, are a matter of record and future, similar incidents will not be tolerated. This probation shall last throughout the entire 2012-13 basketball season.
2. The student athlete in question is hereby declared ineligible under Rule 12-2 of the IHSAA by-laws.
3. Gary Wallace shall forfeit any contests in which the school was victorious and shall notify all schools of this violation.
4. Athletic Director Patricia King and Coach Melvin Yancey are reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. All coaches along with the athletic administrator of the school shall insure that all students meet eligibility requirements in every instance.

Indianapolis Arlington High School – (*Three boys' basketball players participated in multiple varsity contests without an approved transfer report filed*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Indianapolis Arlington High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. It is absolutely mandatory that the "IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report" be submitted and acted upon by the Association prior to a student being allowed to participate in any interscholastic event.
3. As per Rule 3-9 a. of the IHSAA by-laws, the games in which the ineligible athletes participated in shall be forfeited if Indianapolis Arlington was victorious and the opposing schools notified of this violation.

Jac-Cen-Del High School – (*Two boys' basketball players participated in nine quarters of play in the same day*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 52-3e.

1. The Jac-Cen-Del High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach David Bradshaw is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. A lack of attention to detail regarding the rules of participation is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.
3. All nine quarters shall count against the maximum number of quarters allowed for the student athletes involved in this violation.
4. In accordance with Rule 3-9, South Ripley High School shall be notified of this violation and if Jac-Cen-Del was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Jasper High School – *(Girls' swimmer participated in three meets without an approved foreign exchange report on file)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Jasper High School girls' swimming and diving program is issued a warning.
2. It is absolutely mandatory that the "IHSAA Foreign Exchange Report" be submitted and acted upon by the Association prior to a student being allowed to participate in any interscholastic event.
3. As per Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA by-laws, the meets in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be re-scored to remove any points earned by the ineligible athlete and the opposing schools notified of this violation.

Munster High School – *(Boys' basketball player participated in a non-school sponsored contest without an approved waiver)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.2a.

1. The Munster High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended for the next two games on the Munster High School regular season schedule.

North Daviess High School – *(Girls' basketball player was ejected from junior varsity contest and participated in varsity contest on same evening)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 8-3.

1. The North Daviess High School girls' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. The varsity contest in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited and Shakamak High School shall be notified of this violation.
3. IHSAA licensed officials only hold responsibility for the interpretation of playing rules as prescribed by the National Federation and are in no position to interpret IHSAA by-laws. Proper interpretation and execution of IHSAA by-laws rests with the administration of the member school.

Northwestern High School – *(Boys' basketball player participated in more than five quarters in a single session)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 52-3b.

1. The Northwestern High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
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, Maconaquah High School shall be notified of this violation and if Northwestern was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Seton Catholic High School – *(Boys' basketball team participated in a contest against a school from Florida)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 10-1.

1. The Seton Catholic High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Josh Jurgens is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur
3. In accordance with Rule 17-7.1d, Miami Valley High School of Dayton, OH and First Baptist Academy of Naples, FL shall be notified of this violation and if Seton Catholic was victorious, the game shall be forfeited.

South Adams High School – *(Wrestler participated in a match without an approved transfer report on file)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The South Adams High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. It is absolutely mandatory that the "IHSAA Transfer Report" be submitted and acted upon by the Association prior to a student being allowed to participate in any interscholastic event.

3. The matches in which the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited and the team scores recalculated. South Adams shall notify all schools involved with this violation.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Realignment Committee Appointments – Bobby Cox and Nancy Alspaugh
2. Dates for 2013 Spring Area Principal Meetings – Bobby Cox
3. Distribution of 2011-12 Sportsmanship Banners – Sandra Walter
4. Distribution of NFHS/NIAAA Public Service Announcements to Radio Outlets – Bobby Cox
5. For the Good of the Order
6. Congratulations:
 - Jimmie Howell, 500th Career Win as Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Phil Ford; motion passed 19-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013.