

IHSAA Executive Committee

Monday, May 2, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Paul Neidig, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Patti McCormack, Debb Stevens, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Director-Elect Stacy Adams, Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter, IT Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2016 were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Richard Lance; motion passed 19-0.

Review Status of Gymnastics as an IHSAA Sponsored Sport

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the status of gymnastics as an IHSAA sport. Per Rule 1-4 of the IHSAA By-Laws, sports that do not maintain at least 25% participation of the member schools will be reviewed annually for purposes of determining future tournament and recognition status.

A motion to continue IHSAA sponsorship of girls gymnastics was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Mike Broughton; motion passed 19-0.

2015-16 Boys, Girls, Unified Track & Field Tournament Officials

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of track and field starters who have applied to work the 2016 tournament series. There are 89 officials who have applied and all are eligible to work the boys, girls and unified tournaments.

2015-16 Girls Tennis Chair Officials

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman presented a list of USTA officials who may assist with the 2016 girls tennis state finals.

2015-16 Baseball Tournament Umpires

Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner presented a list of 285 baseball umpires who have applied to work the 2016 baseball tournament series. One hundred ninety-two will be assigned to the sectional tournaments.

2015-16 Softball Tournament Umpires

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented a list of 160 softball umpires who have applied to work the 2016 softball tournament series. One hundred twenty-eight will be assigned to work the sectional tournaments.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2015-16 school year. This report included the following actions as of April 30, 2016:

Full eligibility	3,811	84.26%
Limited eligibility	298	6.59%
Temporarily ineligible	391	8.64%
Ineligible	<u>23</u>	0.51%
Total transfers	4,523	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of April 27, 2016 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2015-16	2014-15
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,595	2,604
Total Ejections	412	413
Ejections (Coaches)	60	46
Ejections (Players)	340	389
Ejections (Fans)	11	2
Ejections (Administration)	1	0

Financial Reports on Selected Winter Sports

Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner reported on attendance and finances for the 2015-16 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. Total paid attendance increased approximately 2.9% from last year while income and expenses also increased resulting in a 16.7% increase in the tournament net.

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported that attendance for the 2015-16 Girls Basketball Tournament increased overall by 4.3% but was down quite a bit at the semi-state and state finals levels from a year ago. Expenditures increased which contributed to a 4.7% decrease in the overall net.

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter provided the Executive Committee with the annual attendance and financial report for the 2015-16 Gymnastics Tournament Series. The net balance for the gymnastics tournament series showed an overall deficit of approximately \$9,900, which increased 86% over the previous year.

Commissioner Cox presented the budget analysis by sport through the winter sports season. Attendance at both girls and boys swimming and diving state championship meets were up significantly. Winter sports attendance was up 3.3% overall along with another 10% increase in the overall net from last year.

Litigation Report

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

Report on NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Attorney Bob Baker attended the two-day event in which a variety of legal issues were shared amongst state associations executive directors and association attorneys.

Penalties Assessed

The following penalties were assessed for various violations of the IHSAA By-Laws:

Carmel HS – Rules 15-1.2b(3) and 152.2c (*Baseball coaches provided private lessons for compensation and provided instruction to players during the school year out of season*)

1. The Carmel High School baseball 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 Baseball Coach Dan Roman is reprimanded for allowing these violations to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.
3. The IHSAA supports the suspension from two Carmel High School regular season contests for Assistant Coaches Jay Lehr and Brad Pearson for their involvement in these violations. Jay Lehr and Brad Pearson are reprimanded for allowing these violations to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.
4. The IHSAA further finds and supports Carmel High School's findings that Rules 7, 7-1.2 and 15-2.2 were not violated with respect to other coaches and/or student athletes, therefore no disciplinary action is warranted.
5. The IHSAA encourages the Carmel High School administration to fully review the relationships between any non-school sponsored entities and the school to insure violations of this nature are not repeated.

Crawfordsville HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in two meets without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Crawfordsville High School boys' track and field 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 meets that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored after removing any scoring achieved by the ineligible athlete. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation and the amended results.

Fort Wayne Canterbury HS – Rule 9-13 (*Assistant girls' tennis coach conducted tennis activities on a Sunday with a team member*)

1. The Fort Wayne Canterbury High School girls' tennis 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. Coach Leah Barnes is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.

Greensburg HS – Rules 15-2.2a and 15-2.2c (*Girls' basketball coach served as head coach in an all-star game with six player from his school on the team*)

1. The Greensburg 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. Head Girls' Basketball Coach Jason Simpson is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.
3. Head Girls' Basketball Coach Jason Simpson shall be suspended for the first varsity contest during the 2016-17 season for this violation. During this suspension, the coach shall not maintain any communication with bench personnel during the contest including any assistant coaches, shall not be in the gymnasium during the contest and may not meet with the team during halftime of the contest.
4. The students involved in this violation shall be suspended for one varsity contest during the 2016-17 girls' basketball season. These suspensions may be spread out over the first four varsity contests.
5. The IHSAA supports the measures taken by Greensburg High School in the correction of these illegal events.

Rising Sun HS – Rule 3-10 (*Baseball player was allowed to practice without an approved pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Rising Sun High School baseball 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. Coach Kevin Wirsch 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, let alone an interscholastic competition.
3. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a valid pre-participation physical and consent form to the school. Practices accrued during the time this student participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form shall not count toward the requisite number of separate days of practice necessary to participate in an interscholastic contest.

Rushville Consolidated HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' track and field athlete participated in a contest without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Rushville Consolidated High School girls' track and field 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 meet that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored after removing any scoring achieved by the ineligible athlete. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation and the amended results.

Union (Modoc) HS – Rule 4-1 (*Baseball player participated in contests while 20 years of age*)

1. The Union High School baseball 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 athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition.

3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if Union was victorious. The participating schools involved with this violation shall be notified.

Union City HS – Rule 3-9-5 (*Girls' tennis player with limited eligibility participated in multiple varsity matches*)

1. The Union City High School girls' tennis 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. Coach Brittany Boyland is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Students with limited eligibility are not permitted to participate in varsity events for any purpose.
3. The matches that the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited and the team scores refigured to reflect the use of an ineligible athlete.

Items for Discussion

1. 2016 Fall Area Principal Meetings – Bobby Cox
2. Group Activity at NFHS Summer Meeting
3. Communications
 - Briana King, RN
 - St. Vincent Foundation/Peyton Manning Children's Hospital
4. Congratulations
5. For Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the May 2, 2016 meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Patti McCormack; seconded by Jim Brown; motion passed 19-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Paul Neidig, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner