

IHSAA Executive Committee

Friday, December 11, 2015

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Paul Neidig, Mike Broughton, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Nathan Dean, Ed Gilliland, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Debb Stevens, Deborah Watson, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Technology Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Don Gandy; motion passed 15-0.

Certify the 2015 Board of Directors Election Results

Commissioner Cox presented the results of the Board of Directors elections that were conducted on December 1-10, 2015, for certification.

Northern District

Female Seat

Patti McCormack, Athletic Director, Lowell High School 128

Patti McCormack re-elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016.

Minority Seat

Stacy Adams, Athletic Director, Griffith High School 58

Deborah Watson, Principal, Fort Wayne Snider High School 57

Trino Cavazos, Athletic Director, East Chicago Central High School 14

Stacy Adams elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

Urban Seat

Brian Strong, Athletic Director, Logansport High School 57

Amy Beckham, Co-Athletic Director, Merrillville High School 34

Will Hostrawser, Athletic Director, LaVille High School 27

Craig Shaman, Athletic Director, Michigan City High School 9

Sara Kuntarich, Athletic Director, Calumet High School 3

Brian Strong elected to complete the current vacated term and then serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

Southern District

Female Seat

Rae Woolpy, Principal, Richmond High School 81

Rae Woolpy re-elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

Minority Seat

Victor Bush, District Behavior Specialist, MSD Lawrence Township, Indpls. 122

Victor Bush re-elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

Urban Seat

Paul Neidig, Chief of Staff, Evansville Vanderburgh Schools 123

Paul Neidig re-elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

State Wide Election

Private School Seat

Dave Worland, Principal, Indianapolis Cathedral High School 99

Tim Feddeler, Athletic Director, Hammond Bishop Noll 33

Dave Worland re-elected to serve a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016

District II, Class 1A

Charlie Martin, Athletic Director, Riverton Parke High School 58

Charlie Martin elected to complete the current term for this seat ending on June 30, 2018

District II, Class 3A

Steve Cox, Director of Transportation, Beech Grove City Schools 37

Chris Conley, Principal, Delta High School 32

Steve Edwards, Principal, Frankfort High School 25

Steve Cox elected to complete the current term for this seat ending on June 30, 2018

A motion to certify the Board of Directors elections was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion passed 15-0.

Holiday Bonus for Support Staff

Commissioner Cox requested that members of the support staff receive a holiday bonus as they have in recent years. Mike Broughton made a motion that members of the support staff receive holiday bonuses; Jimmie Howell seconded the motion; motion passed 15-0.

Appoint Screening Committee for IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Applications

Commissioner Cox asked the Executive Committee to establish a screening committee for the 2016 IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship. The following members will represent their respective districts on the committee: Nathan Dean, Don Gandy - District I; Jim Brown, Jimmie Howell - District II; Mike Broughton, Richard Lance - District III.

2015-16 Girls Basketball Tournament Officials

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of basketball officials who have applied to work the 2015-16 Girls Basketball Tournament Series. This year's state tournament will begin one week earlier than in previous years and 292 officials have applied to work.

Softball Coaches Proposals

Jim Bates of McCutcheon High School (retired), representing the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) and David Lauck of Roncalli High School, representing the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA), presented the following proposals:

1. Change the IHSAA rule for maximum number of contests to, "Schools may schedule 28 games and no tournaments, 26 games and 1 tournament, 24 games and 2 tournaments, or 22 games and 3 tournaments. The maximum number of regular season contests in which an individual may participate, including those within a tournament, may not exceed 31 games."

2. Add the following to Game Ending Procedures: "Regular Season Tournaments may use a 90-minute time limit (no new inning would be started after 90 minutes)."
3. Add the following to Game Ending Procedures: "Schools may use a minimum 90-minute time limit from the first pitch of the contest for only junior varsity and/or freshmen softball games, if there is prior mutual consent."

No action was taken but the Committee will consider these proposals at a later date.

Baseball Coaches Proposals

Brian Abbott of Huntington North High School and Shane Edwards of Oak Hill High School, both representing the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association, presented the following proposals:

1. Amend the participation rule as follows, "the coaching staff may offer instruction and work directly with a maximum of two athletes at a time with a maximum number of three coaches working with two athletes at a time (this would mean a total of six athletes maximum can be receiving instruction from three coaches maximum in a 2:1 ratio at one time); and..."
2. No sectional tournament bracket shall be set up to create a competitive advantage for a particular team(s) through the blind draw format. Currently, a team in a 5 or 7 team sectional can draw a 'play-in' game and then have to face the bye team with the bye team's #1 pitcher and the winner of the 'play in' game will have to use their #2 pitcher.
3. Make all sectionals have an even number of teams, if possible. The goal would be 6-team sectionals, but 4-team and 8-team sectionals might be necessary due to logistics.

No action was taken but the Committee will consider these proposals at a later date.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on the transfers that have been ruled on for the 2015-16 school year including the following actions as of November 30, 2015:

	Total	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,866	84.34%
Limited Eligibility	238	7.00%
Temporarily Ineligible	280	8.24%
Ineligible	<u>14</u>	0.41%
Total	3,398	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of October 31, 2015 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2015-16	2014-15
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,451	2,725
Total Ejections	276	297
Ejections (Coaches)	23	19
Ejections (Players)	247	277
Ejections (Fans)	4	1
Ejections (Administration)	2	0

Financial Reports on Selected Fall Sports

The following reports were presented regarding the financial status of sports conducted during the fall sports season.

1. Girls Golf: Assistant Commissioner Kaufman reported that expenses a couple of sectional sites were above the norm and discussed attempts in keeping them to a minimum but overall, the tournament is in good shape.

2. Boys Tennis: Assistant Commissioner Kaufman discussed the use of USTA officials at some sites in earlier rounds of the tournament has increased costs significantly as have medical costs. Attendance at this year's state finals also increased by a significant number.
3. Boys and Girls Cross Country: The Boys and Girls Cross Country Tournament Series saw attendance increase by nearly 25% at the state finals in Terre Haute with just over 3,000 walking through the gates. Expenses are about the same overall. There is on-going discussion about possibly charging admission at earlier rounds of the state tournament.
4. Boys and Girls Soccer: Overall revenue in the Girls and Boys Soccer Tournament Series has increased, particularly in the girls tournament. We benefitted from good weather conditions and some different venues were used in earlier rounds and seemed to work out well. Ticket sales at state were down overall by about 450 spectators.
5. Volleyball: The Volleyball tournament series tournament attendance overall was down except at the regional level of the tournament. A couple of semi-state host changes could be coming for next year's tournament.

Litigation

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

Penalties Assessed

Edinburgh HS – Rule 3-10 (*Girls basketball player participated in multiple practices without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Edinburgh 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. Coach Amy Macy 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.
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.

Evansville Bosse HS – Rule 3-10 (*Girls basketball player participated in a contest without a pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Evansville Bosse 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. Coaches Ryan Reiter and Gene Kendrick are 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.
4. The contest in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Evansville Bosse was victorious. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger HS – Rules 15-1.2 and 15.1.4 (*Football player participated in a competition during the authorized contest season while attending a clinic*)

1. The Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School football 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. Student athlete Tim Fean shall be suspended for the IHSAA regional football contest between Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger and Plymouth High School for this infraction.

Fremont HS – Rule 18-1 (*Girls basketball player participated in a contest while academically ineligible*)

1. The Fremont 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. The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student may become academically eligible.

3. The interscholastic contest in which this ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Fremont was victorious. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.

Hamilton HS – Girls' Basketball Scrimmage Violation *(Assistant coach attended a scrimmage of an opposing school)*

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. Assistant Coach Jennifer Holden shall be suspended for the next regular season contest on the Hamilton girls basketball schedule.

Hammond Gavit HS – Rule 15-2.2c *(Boys basketball coach conducted tryouts prior to the first day of authorized practice)*

1. The Hammond Gavit 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. The boys' basketball practices scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 9 & 10, 2015 are hereby cancelled. Practice may resume for the boys' basketball team on Wednesday, November 11, 2015.
3. Head Coach Neil Dimos is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable reason for a rules violation.

Highland HS – Rule 60-6 *(Wrestler participated in a match while under 7% body fat without a correctly executed permission form on file)*

1. The Highland 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. Head Coach Chris Kinincic is reprimanded for committing this violation. The head coach holds the responsibility that each athlete meets all requirements of the Association's wrestling weight management plan.
3. The match in which the ineligible athlete participated shall be forfeited if the wrestler from Highland was victorious and the score of the meet shall be rescored removing his points. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.

Shawe Memorial HS – Rule 19-3 *(Girls basketball player participated in a contest without an approved transfer report on file)*

1. The Shawe Memorial 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. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible until an approved transfer report is on file.
3. The contests in which the ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Shawe Memorial was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

South Knox HS – Rule 102-3c *(Girls basketball player participated in more than five quarters in a single session)*

1. The South Knox 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. 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, North Central (Farmersburg) High School shall be notified of this violation and if South Knox was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

South Vermillion HS – Rule 15-2.5 *(Head softball coach participated in open facility program with boys' basketball players and students enrolled at other member schools participated)*

1. The South Vermillion 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 Softball Coach Allen Grange is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Taylor HS – Rule 3-10 *(Boys' basketball player participated in practices without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file)*

1. The Taylor 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. Coach Basil Mawbey 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.
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 the 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.

Whiteland Community HS – Rule 9-18b (*Assistant girls basketball coach videotaped a contest the school was not a participant*)

1. The Whiteland Community 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 Coach Kyle Shipp is reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Communications:
 - Evan Branigan III, Principal, North Central High School (Indianapolis)
 - Dr. Mark Forner, Principal, Indianapolis Metropolitan High School
 - Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association
 - Janis Qualizza, Former Member, IHSAA Board of Directors
2. Congratulations:
 - Paul Neidig, NFHS Citation
3. For the Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn the November meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Tim Grove, seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 15-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Paul Neidig, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner