

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairwoman Debb Stevens, Vice-Chairman Jim Brown, Stacy Adams, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Brian Strong, 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, Foundation President Steve Helmich, Attorney Bob Baker.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion passed 19-0.

Approve Track and Cross Country Proposals

Assistant Commissioners Phil Gardner and Robert Faulkens reviewed the following proposals presented last month by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (IATCCC) and Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA).

1. Change the IHSAA tournament entry form to comply with the NFHS rule allowing athletes to be entered in four events (excluding relays), but only compete in four events (including relays).

A motion to table this proposal for further discussion was made by Patti McCormack; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 19-0.

2. Change the current cross country state tournament from four semi-state sites with six teams and 10 individuals qualifying for a total of 24 teams and 40 individuals at state to five semi-state sites with five teams and 10 individuals qualifying for a total of 25 teams and 50 individuals.

A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Brian Strong; motion failed 0-19.

3. Change the current procedure of only allowing a designated alternate in an individual event to be entered prior to the start of the sectional meet too allowing a designated alternate in an individual event to be entered at the time of check-in for the event due to injury of the entered athlete.

A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion passed 18-1.

Report on Officials for 2016-17 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter presented a list of 507 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2016-17 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require six per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional. We have several first-time applicants which is always welcomed.

Report on Officials for 2016-17 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner presented a list of 473 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2016-17 Boys Basketball State Tournament Series. The application deadline is tomorrow (Jan. 13). The basketball tournament series will require 6 per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

Report on Officials for 2016-17 Wrestling State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of 132 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2016-17 Wrestling State Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level so we will have a full complement of available officials.

Report on Officials for 2016-17 Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker provided a list of 59 applicants to officiate the 2016-17 swimming and diving state tournaments.

Wrestling Realignment Report

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens reported on a realignment of the wrestling state tournament in concert with the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association (IHSWCA) and members of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA). This would be the first state tournament realignment in the sport in six years and will be submitted for approval at next November's Executive Committee meeting and would be effective next year (2017-18 season).

Transfer Report

Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner reported on the transfers that have been ruled on for the 2016-17 school year including the following actions as of January 1, 2017 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2016-17	Percent	2015-16	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,747	83.04%	2,986	84.14%
Limited Eligibility	272	8.22%	250	7.04%
Temporarily Ineligible	264	7.98%	297	8.37%
Ineligible	<u>13</u>	0.39%	16	0.45%
Total	3,308		3,549	

Sportsmanship Report

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of January 6, 2017 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2016-17	2015-16
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,755	2,611
Non-Ejections	2,433	2,314
Total Ejections	322	297
Ejections (Players)	286	262
Ejections (Coaches)	28	29
Ejections (Fans)	8	5
Ejections (Administration)	0	1

Financial Reports

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2016. The tournament enjoyed favorable weather overall for the first four weekends which ended during the semi-state round when difficult weather conditions prevailed, an illustration of how favorable matchups and weather can affect tournament attendance from year to year.

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented the Fall Financial Report and reported that net revenue from the football tournament this year was the highest it's been in the last eight years, mainly due to \$1 increases in ticket prices at the regional and semi-state levels. Overall, the football tournament is healthy financially.

End of fall totals noted that fall sport revenue percentages increased over 25% mainly due to cross country where the IHSAA began charging admission at the sectional, regional and semi-state rounds for the first time.

State tournament attendance for fall sports was up 4.3% overall. Football paid attendance was also up 4.3% mirroring the overall increase, boys soccer was up 5.5%, girls soccer was down 2.1%, and volleyball saw a slight decrease of 1.2%.

Litigation Report

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

Report on National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting he attended. Highlights included discussions on the NFHS Network; a study which concluded that sport specialization resulted in a higher injury rate as featured in this month's edition of "High School Today", published by the NFHS and; a public relations presentation from the Edelman Group.

Report on National Athletic Directors Conference

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker reported on her attendance at the recent NIAA Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. She was pleased that Indiana athletic administrators had one of the largest turnouts at the conference of any state and proudly noted that Board member and LaPorte athletic director Ed Gilliland became the 20th individual from Indiana to receive an NFHS Citation during the conference.

Report on IHSAA Foundation

Foundation President Steve Helmich provided a report on the IHSAA Foundation, his many recent visits to schools around the state and fundraising efforts on behalf of the Foundation.

Penalties Assessed

Columbia City HS – Rule 15-2.2c (*Softball coach provided instruction during the school year out of season*)

1. The Columbia City High School softball 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 Dan Weigold is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.

Madison-Grant HS – Rule 9-18b (*Girls' basketball team was videotaping a game not involving the school*)

1. The Madison-Grant 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 Elizabeth Garrasi is reprimanded for this violation. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

New Palestine HS – Rule 60-6 (*Wrestler was permitted to participate in a meet prior to body composition analyzation*)

1. The New Palestine 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 Alex Johns 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 New Palestine was victorious and the final score of the meet shall be rescored removing his points. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.
4. The student shall be required to meet all standards of the IHSAA Weight Management Program for Wrestling in order to participate in the IHSAA tournament series in wrestling.

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

1. The Plymouth 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, Elkhart Memorial High School shall be notified of this violation and if Plymouth was victorious, the varsity game shall be forfeited.

Items for Discussion

1. Review dates for the 2017 Spring Area Principals Meetings

District	Date	Time	Location
II	Tuesday, April 11, 2017	10 am ET	Pendleton Heights HS
I	Wednesday, April 12, 2017	10 am ET	Fort Wayne Snider HS
III	Tuesday, April 18, 2017	10 am ET	Vincennes Lincoln HS
II	Wednesday, April 19, 2017	10 am ET	Plainfield HS
III	Tuesday, April 25, 2017	10 am ET	Jennings County HS
I	Thursday, April 27, 2017	10 am CT	Merrillville HS

2. For the Good of the Order
3. Congratulations to Jimmie Howell, Board member and Lapel athletic director/boys basketball coach named 2016 Person of the Year by the Anderson *Herald-Bulletin*.

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Tim Grove, seconded by Mike Broughton; motion approved 19-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8 am on Friday, February 17, 2017.

Debb Stevens, Chairwoman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner