

IHSAA Executive Committee

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairwoman Debb Stevens, Vice-Chairman Jim Brown, Stacy Adams, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Charlie Martin, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, 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, Broadcasting Director Heath Shanahan.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2016 meeting were presented for approval.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jimmie Howell; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 17-0.

Emergency By-Law Amendment – Rules 17-3.2, 17-4.4 and 17-4.5

Attorney Bob Baker spoke on the below emergency amendment related to hearing decisions, appeals, and procedures.

17-3.2 Decision and Notification

(Amend)

The Commissioner or his designee shall have a reasonable time within which to make a decision. Every effort will be made by the Commissioner or his designee to make a decision and notify the principal and the party or parties affected within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the matter; provided, however, if circumstances do not permit the making of a decision within thirty (30) days, the Commissioner or his designee shall have additional time within which to make a decision. The decision on all cases shall be available from the Association. The Affected Party(s) and any principal connected to the case shall be notified of any adverse decision, contemporaneously with the issuance of the decision, by via US mail and via electronic mail delivery, if available; such adverse decision shall also indicate the rule upon which the decision was based and the action to be taken, and if the decision involves a ruling of full athletic ineligibility of a student athlete, the decision shall also include a written explanation of the factual basis for the decision. ~~The principal in turn shall notify the affected party or parties of the decision, the rule upon which the decision was based and any action that must be taken.~~

17-4.4 Appeal Statement

(Amend)

The IHSAA and the affected party shall each present to the Commissioner at the offices of the IHSAA via mail (P.O. Box 40650, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-0650), hand delivery (9150 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46260, email (bcox@ihcaa.org) or fax (317-575-4244), a written Appeal Statement which summarizes the party's position at least ~~Three (3)~~ Five (5) business days prior to the hearing. This Appeal Statement shall have attached (i) all documents relied upon by a party to the appeal, and (ii) a written Ssummary Sstatement, under oath, of the testimony to be given by the witness relied upon by a party to the appeal. The parties to an appeal to the Review Committee may submit a previously un-submitted Summary Statement at the Review Committee hearing, for good cause. After receipt of the Appeal Statement, and all attachments, shall be sent by the Commissioner to the parties to the appeal and to the Review Committee members, and should be received no later than the day before the hearing.

17-4.5 Hearing Procedure of Review Committee

The following general procedures will be followed at such hearing:

(New)

i. In an appeal to the Review Committee of a decision finding a student athletically fully ineligible, the IHSAA shall bear the burden of persuasion and shall establish that there was a violation of an IHSAA rule or policy by a preponderance of the evidence.

A motion to approve the emergency by-law amendment was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Steve Cox; motion passed 17-0. This amendment becomes effective immediately and will be formally ratified by the Board of Directors at its Monday, May 1, 2016 meeting.

Certify the 2016 Board of Directors Election Results

Commissioner Cox presented the results of the Board of Directors elections that were conducted on December 1-10, 2016, for certification.

District I, Class A

David Amor, Athletic Director, LaCrosse High School..... 53

David Amor elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017.

District I, Class 3A

Nathan Dean, Athletic Director, Jimtown High School 57

Nathan Dean re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017.

District II, Class 2A

Matt Martin, Athletic Director, Knightstown High School..... 41

Bryan Rausch, Superintendent, Liberty-Perry Community Schools..... 32

Matt Martin elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017.

District II, Class 4A

Jim Brown, Athletic Director, Fishers High School 48

Pat Mapes, Associate Superintendent, Perry Township Schools..... 29

Jim Brown re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

District III, Class A

Jeff Doyle, Principal, Barr-Reeve High School 67

Steve Killian, Athletic Director, Wood Memorial High School 16

Jeff Doyle elected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

District III, Class 3A

Mike Whitten, Principal, Boonville High School..... 43

Larry Cochren, Athletic Director, Evansville Bosse High School 28

Tony Hall, Coordinator of Communication/Public Relations,
West Clark Community Schools..... 11

Mike Whitten re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

A motion to certify the Board of Directors elections was made by Richard Lance; seconded by Jimmie Howell; motion passed 17-0.

Approve New Volleyball Tournament Series Format

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker reviewed a proposal that would alter the format of the IHSAA Volleyball State Tournament Series. Effective with the 2017-18 school year, the tournament would become a four-week format by starting the sectional a week earlier than in previous years, eliminating the mid-week regional and playing a four-team regional on the Saturday prior to what is the current regional date. The semi-states would feature a doubleheader (two teams per class) at each site with the winner of each match advancing to the state championship match the following week. Overall, the format would mirror what is currently used in the girls and boys basketball and baseball state tournaments. An additional benefit of beginning one week earlier would be that only 64 schools would still be playing volleyball when the first day of girls basketball practice begins on Monday of Week 16. Schools will continue to be able to play 25 matches and two tournaments during the regular season as before.

Level	Format
Sectional	Current format on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of Week 15 (Oct. 10, 12, 14, 2017)
Regional	Four teams per regional site on Saturday of Week 16 (Oct. 21, 2017)
Semi-State	Two teams per class at each site (doubleheader) on Saturday of Week 17 (Oct. 28, 2017) *Semi-State sites determined after conclusion of regionals
State Finals	Saturday of Week 18 (Nov. 4, 2017)

A motion to approve the plans for the 2017-18 Volleyball State Tournament Series was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jimmie Howell; motion passed 17-0.

Holiday Bonus for Support Staff

Commissioner Bobby Cox requested that members of the support staff receive a holiday bonus as they have in recent years.

Dave Worland made a motion that members of the support staff receive holiday bonuses; Richard Lance seconded the motion; motion passed 17-0.

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

Commissioner Bobby Cox asked the Executive Committee to establish a screening committee for the 2017 IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship. The following members will represent their respective districts on the committee: Don Gandy, Nathan Dean - District I; Jim Brown, Charlie Martin - District II; Mike Broughton, Richard Lance - District III.

Approval of Valeo Cup Award

The IHSAA and Valeo Financial Advisors wish to recognize excellence in member school athletic departments by providing financial awards to member schools' general scholarship funds. Valeo has asked the IHSAA to develop a set of criteria whereby schools will score points during a respective school year based on combined girls and boys state tournament performance, sportsmanship scorecard, absence of IHSAA By-Laws violations, school-sponsored professional development, participation in the IHSAA/NAIA Champions of Character and Special Olympics Indiana Champions Together program, citizenship, community service activities to name a few. The IHSAA will present an official list of criteria and the point system to Valeo for their approval with a formal announcement set for later this winter. The program would become effective with the 2017-18 school year.

Nathan Dean made a motion to approve; Mike Broughton seconded the motion; motion passed 17-0.

Introduction of Heath Shanahan, Director of Broadcast Operations & Executive Producer

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman introduced Heath Shanahan, who was hired last month as Director of Broadcast Operations and Executive Producer for the IHSAA. Shanahan will serve as the primary director and executive producer for all aspects of the IHSAA Champions Network broadcasts as well as maintaining and fulfilling contractual obligations with partners from Fox Sports Midwest, BlueFrame Technology and WebStream Productions. He'll also oversee development and distribution of a new content platform for IHSAA media and news. Shanahan began his duties on Monday, Nov. 7.

Pre-Participation Physical Examination and Consent Form Language

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens spoke to concerns with the language in the IHSAA physical form and the April 1 starting date as expressed by the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Sports Medicine Committee of the Indiana State Medical Association, and the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians.

The above groups have proposed specific language to be added to the physical form and the by-laws that would significantly alter the effective dates of valid pre-participation physical examinations.

IHSAA concerns center on the fact that the proposed language would allow a high school student-athlete to complete only two physical examinations during their four-year career which would seem counter-productive toward the principles of students' health and well-being.

Mr. Faulkens sits on the ISMA Sports Medicine Committee and will continue dialogue with these groups to come to a solution that would satisfy all parties. He intends to report back to the Executive Committee in the spring.

Track & Cross Country Coaches Proposals

Julie Alano of Hamilton Southeastern, representing the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches, and Glen Brown of Columbus East, representing the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association, presented the following proposals:

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).
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.
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.

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

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 Chris Kaufman reported it was a typical year financially. The State Finals drew 724 spectators despite the challenging weather issues. Admission at the regional level is a future consideration which would help offset some costs going forward.
2. Boys Tennis: Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman discussed this year's tournament and the two biggest expenses we are facing is the increasing requests for USTA officials at certain sites as well the use of medical personnel. Weather was also an issue during the sectional round which forced several sites to go indoors if facilities were available which also added to expenses.
3. Boys and Girls Cross Country: Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner reported that this was the first year that we charged admission at the sectional, regional and semi-state rounds and that both tournaments generated an overall profit.

4. Boys and Girls Soccer: Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported that boys sectional attendance increased. Girls attendance was down overall while revenue held steady. The regional tournaments were played on several turf fields this year and fortunately weather didn't become a factor. She is pleased that we were able to secure several good facilities and others that are more centrally located.
5. Volleyball: Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker discussed that sectional attendance was down overall but up at the regional and semi-state. She was pleased with Columbus East as a new semi-state host site. Attendance at the state finals was down significantly this year and she met with Ball State University regarding costs at the facility in the future.

Transfers

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 December 1, 2016 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2016-17	Percent	2015-16	Percent
Full Eligibility	2,655	83.36%	2,866	84.34%
Limited Eligibility	255	8.01%	238	7.00%
Temporarily Ineligible	252	7.91%	280	8.24%
Ineligible	<u>12</u>	0.38%	<u>14</u>	0.41%
Total	3,185		3,398	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on the unsporting behavior reports that have been submitted for this school year as of December 8, 2016 and, for comparison, the numbers for this time a year ago.

	2016-17	2015-16
Unsporting Reports Filed	2,623	2,451
Unsporting Behavior	2,321	2,175
Total Ejections	302	276
Ejections (Players)	268	247
Ejections (Coaches)	26	23
Ejections (Fans)	8	4
Ejections (Administration)	0	2

Litigation

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

IHSAA Foundation Report

Foundation President Steve Helmich reported on his first month in his new position and the meetings he's had so far with business and community leaders throughout Indiana.

Penalties Assessed

Argos HS – Rule 18-1 (*Volleyball player participated in multiple matches while academically ineligible*)

1. The Argos High School volleyball 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 contests in which this ineligible athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Argos was victorious. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Blackford HS – Rule 52-3c (*Boys' basketball player participated in more than five quarters in a single session*)

1. The Blackford 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. 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, Blackford High School shall forfeit the varsity contest if victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation

Evansville Memorial HS – Rule 15-1.1a (*Boys Tennis singles players practiced with a non-school tennis player*)

1. The Evansville Reitz Memorial High School boys' 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. Head Coach Cole Claybourn is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Fort Wayne Wayne HS – Rule 19-3 (*Football player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Fort Wayne Wayne High School football 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 games that the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited if Fort Wayne Wayne was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Jac-Cen-Del HS – Rule 52-3c (*Boys' basketball player participated in more than five quarters in a single session*)

1. The Jac-Cen-Del 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. 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, Jac-Cen-Del High School shall forfeit the varsity contest if victorious and Batesville High School shall be notified of this violation

Kankakee Valley HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' basketball player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Kankakee Valley High School boys' basketball 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 games that the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited if Kankakee Valley was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Maconaquah HS – Rule 15-1-1b (3) (*Assistant coach received payment for an individual lesson*)

1. The Maconaquah High School girls' swimming and diving 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 Brent Bowman is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the by-laws is not an acceptable excuse for a rules violation.

Muncie Central HS – Rule 3-10 – (*Freshman boys' basketball player was allowed to practice without a pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Muncie Central 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 Coach Jeff Holloway 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.

West Vigo HS – Rule-3-10 – (Boys tennis player participated in all matches without a pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file)

1. The West Vigo boys' 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 Doug Tilford 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.
4. Individual results achieved by the student shall be removed from the official results for all events and the participating schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Communications
 - Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, Indiana State Medical Association Committee on Sports Medicine
 - Dick Kochert, Retired Track and Field Coach, Tri-County High School (to Director Patti McCormack)
2. Congratulations
3. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the December meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Paul Neidig, seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 17-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Debb Stevens, Chairwoman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner