

IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Indianapolis, Indiana



Present

Chairman Ed Gilliland, Vice-Chairman Charlie Martin, Stacy Adams, David Amor, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Jeff Doyle, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland; Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Paul Neidig, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Technology Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker, Foundation President Matt Wolfert.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting were recommended for approval.

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Don Gandy; motion approved 17-0.

Emergency By-Law Change – Rule 3-11

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Attorney Bob Baker recommended the following language be added to Rule 3-11 to coincide with the new language previously added to Rule 3-10:

Rule 3-11 Physician Statement Authorizing Participation Following Absence

Students properly certified to participate in interschool athletic activities, who are absent from School for five consecutive days due to illness or injury or who are physically unable to Practice for five consecutive days due to illness or injury, must present to their principal a statement from a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant, that they are again physically fit to participate in interschool athletics. (See rule 9-14 for Practice requirements.)

A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Dave Worland; motion approved 17-0.

New Application for IHSAA Membership

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented an application received from Trinity School at Greenlawn of South Bend seeking IHSAA membership. After review of the application, the school will serve a four-year probationary membership period under a mentor from the IHSAA Executive Staff. The school may begin competing with other IHSAA member schools immediately and, pending approval at the end of the probationary period, be eligible for state tournament competition beginning in 2021-22.

A motion for approval was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion approved 17-0.

Approve Request from Indiana School for the Deaf

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented a letter of special request from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The IHSAA By-Laws provide for special accommodations for the Indiana School for the Deaf.

A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Steve Cox; motion approved 17-0.

Realignment for Baseball Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented for approval the following sectional assignments for the 2017-18, 2018-19 Baseball Tournament Series as recommended by the Realignment Committee.

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Sectional 1

East Chicago Central
Hammond Morton
Highland
Lake Central
Lowell
Munster

Sectional 2

Chesterton
Crown Point
Hobart
Merrillville
Portage
Valparaiso

Sectional 3

LaPorte
Michigan City
Mishawaka
Plymouth
South Bend Adams
South Bend Clay
South Bend Riley

Sectional 4

Concord
Elkhart Central
Elkhart Memorial
Goshen
Northridge
Penn
Warsaw Community

Sectional 5

Carroll (Fort Wayne)
DeKalb
East Noble
Fort Wayne Northrop
Fort Wayne Snider

Sectional 6

Fort Wayne North Side
Fort Wayne South Side
Fort Wayne Wayne
Homestead
Huntington North

Sectional 7

Harrison (West Lafayette)
Kokomo
Lafayette Jefferson
Logansport
McCutcheon
Zionsville

Sectional 8

Carmel
Fishers
Hamilton Southeastern
Noblesville
North Central (Indianapolis)
Westfield

Sectional 9

Anderson
Connersville
Greenfield-Central
Mt. Vernon (Fortville)
Muncie Central
Pendleton Heights
Richmond

Sectional 10

Indianapolis Arsenal Technical
Indianapolis Cathedral
Lawrence Central
Lawrence North
New Palestine
Warren Central

Sectional 11

Ben Davis
Decatur Central
Perry Meridian
Pike
Roncalli
Southport

Sectional 12

Avon
Brownsburg
Mooresville
Northview
Plainfield
Terre Haute North Vigo
Terre Haute South Vigo

Sectional 13

Center Grove
Franklin Central
Franklin Community
Greenwood Community
Martinsville
Whiteland Community

Sectional 14

Bloomington North
Bloomington South
Columbus East
Columbus North
East Central
Shelbyville

Sectional 15

Bedford North Lawrence
Floyd Central
Jeffersonville
Jennings County
New Albany
Seymour

Sectional 16

Castle
Evansville Central
Evansville F.J. Reitz
Evansville Harrison
Evansville North
Jasper

Class 3A

Sectional 17

Calumet
Gary West Side
Griffith
Hammond
Hammond Clark
Hammond Gavit

Sectional 18

Andean
Hanover Central
Kankakee Valley
Knox
Twin Lakes
Wheeler

Sectional 19

Culver Academies
Glenn
Jimtown
Mishawaka Marian
New Prairie
South Bend Saint Joseph
South Bend Washington

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Benton Central
Maconaquah
Northwestern
Peru
West Lafayette
Western

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Angola
 Fairfield
 Lakeland
 NorthWood
 Tippecanoe Valley
 Wawasee
 West Noble

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Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
 Fort Wayne Bishop Luers
 Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
 Garrett
 Leo
 New Haven
 Columbia City

Sectional 23

Bellmont
 Jay County
 Heritage
 Marion
 Mississinewa
 Norwell

Sectional 24

Blackford
 Delta
 Guerin Catholic
 Hamilton Heights
 New Castle
 Yorktown

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Crawfordsville
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 Lebanon
 North Montgomery
 Southmont

Sectional 26

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory
 Danville Community
 Greencastle
 Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter
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Beech Grove
 Herron
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Brown County
 Edgewood
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Batesville
 Franklin County
 Greensburg
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 Madison Consolidated
 Rushville Consolidated
 South Dearborn

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 Charlestown
 Corydon Central
 North Harrison
 Providence
 Salem
 Scottsburg
 Silver Creek

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 Princeton Community
 Vincennes Lincoln
 Washington
 Gibson Southern

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Boonville
 Evansville Bosse
 Evansville Reitz Memorial
 Heritage Hills
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Class 2A**Sectional 33**

Bowman Leadership Academy
 Gary Roosevelt
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 Whiting

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 North Newton
 Rensselaer Central
 Winamac Community

Sectional 35

Bremen
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Adams Central
 Bluffton
 Churubusco
 Fort Wayne Canterbury
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 Woodlan

Sectional 37

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 Manchester
 Oak Hill
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Sectional 40

Frankton
 Lapel
 Monroe Central
 Muncie Burriss
 Shenandoah
 Wapahani

Sectional 41

Cambridge City
 Centerville
 Hagerstown
 Northeastern
 Union County
 Winchester Community

Sectional 42

Eastern Hancock
 Heritage Christian
 Indianapolis Howe
 Indianapolis Scecina Mem.
 Irvington Prep Academy
 Knightstown
 Triton Central

Sectional 43

Covenant Christian (Indpls.)
 Indianapolis Arlington
 Indianapolis Geo. Washington
 Indianapolis Shortridge
 Park Tudor
 Speedway
 Cascade

Sectional 44

Cloverdale
 Fountain Central
 Monrovia
 North Putnam
 South Putnam
 South Vermillion

Sectional 45

Austin
 Milan
 South Ripley
 Southwestern (Hanover)
 Switzerland County

Sectional 46

Clarksville
 Crawford County
 Eastern (Pekin)
 Henryville
 Lanesville
 Paoli

Sectional 47

Eastern Greene
 Linton-Stockton
 Mitchell
 North Knox
 South Knox
 Southridge

Sectional 48

Evansville Mater Dei
 Forest Park
 North Posey
 Perry Central
 South Spencer
 Tell City

Class 1A**Sectional 49**

21st Century Charter - Gary
 Covenant Christian (DeMotte)
 Hammond Acad. of Sci & Tech
 Kouts
 Marquette Catholic
 Morgan Township
 Washington Township
 Westville

Sectional 50

Caston
 North Miami
 North White
 Northfield
 South Newton
 Southwood
 West Central

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 Culver Community
 Oregon-Davis
 South Bend Career Academy
 South Central (Union Mills)
 Triton
 LaCrosse

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Bethany Christian
 Elkhart Christian Academy
 Fremont
 Fort Wayne Blackhawk Chr.
 Hamilton
 Lakewood Park Christian

Sectional 53

Attica
 Covington
 North Vermillion
 Riverton Parke
 Rockville
 Turkey Run

Sectional 54

Clinton Central
 Faith Christian
 Frontier
 Pioneer
 Rossville
 Sheridan
 Tri-County

Sectional 55

Anderson Prep Academy
 Cowan
 Daleville
 Liberty Christian
 Southern Wells
 Tri-Central
 Wes-Del

Sectional 56

Blue River Valley
 Randolph Southern
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 Providence Cristo Rey
 Tindley
Traders Point Chr. Acad. (2019)
 University

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 Waldron

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 North Decatur
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 Rising Sun
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 Medora
 Orleans
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New Softball State Finals Venue

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker recommended Purdue University's Bittering Stadium as the new host site for next spring's Softball State Finals. The four state championship games are scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018. This will be the first time Purdue University will have hosted a state championship event since 1962 when boys swimming and diving was contested at the Lambert Fieldhouse pool.

A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Patti McCormack; motion approved 17-0.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Commissioner Bobby Cox presented a Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed by the IHSAA Executive Committee members.

Approve Staff Attendance at Selected Meetings

Commissioner Bobby Cox requested permission to have representatives attend the conferences and workshops outlined below:

- Midwest Officials' Summit at Pierre, SD on Sept. 17-19, 2017 (Asst. Commissioner Sandra Walter)
- NFHS/NIAAAA Athletic Directors Conference at Phoenix, AZ on Dec. 8-12, 2017 (Asst. Commissioner Sandra Walter)
- NFHS Winter Meeting at Scottsdale, AZ on Jan. 3-6, 2018 (Commissioner Bobby Cox)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Chicago, IL on Jan. 4 & 5, 2018 (Asst. Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker, Sports Information Director Jason Wille and Technology Director Luke Morehead)

A motion for approval was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Brian Strong; motion approved 17-0.

Presentation by Bowman Leadership Academy

Dr. Richard Glass, Principal, and Arthur Haggard, Athletic Director, of Bowman Leadership Academy in Gary appeared before the Executive Committee regarding the school's membership being placed on probation and its athletic teams being ineligible for state tournament competition since last January. They reported on and discussed changes the school is attempting to make in order to adhere and comply with IHSAA By-Laws.

Modifications to Sectional Host Site Assignments

Assistant Commissioners Chris Kaufman, Kerrie Schludecker and Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on recent adjustments made to the fall state tournaments including some additional schools participating as well as some host site changes.

Explanation of Policy Handbooks

Commissioner Bobby Cox discussed the information contained in the 2017-18 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

Powers and Duties and Commitments of the Executive Committee

Commissioner Bobby Cox and Chairman Ed Gilliland reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers, duties and commitments of the Executive Committee.

Report on Catastrophic, General Liability, Excess Liability Insurance

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig presented the 2017-18 Catastrophic, General Liability and Excess Liability coverages. Commissioner Bobby Cox spoke to the topic of concussion gap insurance that has been a topic of conversation among other state association leaders around the country.

Report on New Athletic Directors Workshop

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the New Athletic Directors Workshop - which the IHSAA partners with the IIAAA - and conducted on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the IHSAA Office. Thirty-six more individuals are enrolled to take the NIAAAA LTC 502 course at the IHSAA on Thursday, August 24 as well. Discussion is expected to take place this year about separating the New ADs Workshop from the LTC 502 course for next year.

Report on Student Advisory Committee Retreat

Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens and Kerrie Schludecker reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on July 29-30, 2017 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville. The retreat included the 18 members of this year's SAC (nine returning seniors, nine juniors). A lot of focus was included on their presentations for the upcoming Fall Principals Meetings, the functions of the Association, and team-building activities.

IHSAA Foundation Report

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the IHSAA Foundation Golf Outing last Saturday (August 12, 2017) at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The weather cooperated this year as beautiful conditions prevailed. The date of the outing will be reevaluated as it now falls on the same day as the first contest day for most fall sports with the new rule change.

Commissioner Bobby Cox reported that the IHSAA has invited over 400 athletic administrators to attend the InSideOut Initiative Coaching Seminar this Friday (August 25) at Lucas Oil Stadium. The hope is to begin the transformation of interscholastic coaching with respect to education-based athletics. This is being heavily supported by the Indianapolis Colts and the NFL Foundation in addition to the IHSAA Foundation.

The Commissioner also introduced new Foundation President Matt Wolfert. Wolfert joins the Association following a one-year stint as Director of Major Gifts at Cathedral High School where he was a member of an Advancement team which raises over \$4 million annually for one of the state's largest Catholic high schools. Prior to Cathedral, Wolfert had served as Director of Corporate Relationships for the NCAA from 2012 to 2016 and at Ball State University as Associate Director of Athletics – External Affairs from 2004 to 2012.

2017 Spring Sport Financial Reports

The following reports were presented regarding the financial status of state tournaments conducted during the spring season.

- **Baseball Tournament Report** – Commissioner Bobby Cox reported that the state finals revenue this year was down about 5% from last year's record year due to attendance.
- **Boys Golf Tournament Report** – Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman briefed the Committee on the golf tournament and discussed attempts at keeping expenditures down at the various host sites.
- **Softball Tournament Report** – Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker said that sectional expenses were a little higher than previous years due to rain and having to move umpires around.
- **Girls Tennis Tournament Report** – Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported that the new financial software being used has been beneficial but certainly helpful in tennis in that it now is able to reflect income in a better sense than the previous software was able to.
- **Track & Field Tournament Reports** – Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens explained that several sectionals were operated at a deficit mainly due to the cost of renting scoring and timing equipment. Gate receipts were much better at the regional level which offset those expenses to a larger degree.
- **Final Financial Reports for 2016-17** – Commissioner Bobby Cox reported that the fall tournaments in 2016 were the windfall of the year for the Association. The fall sport tournament totals were up 22% from the year before and that is strictly due to football as good weather and matchups during the tournament always prove beneficial. Winter totals were down slightly by 3.1% and spring totals down about 4%.

The Commissioner directed attention to “School Distribution” which showed for the first time in the history of the Association that the IHSAA returned over \$3 million to its member schools. That is a testament to good attendance and strong support and speaks to the overall health of high school sports in our state.

Attendance figures showed an increase in overall attendance in soccer, boys basketball, girls basketball, swimming and softball last school year contributing to more than 1.45 million fans attending state tournaments during 2016-17.

Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1-August 15, 2017 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	2017-18	Percent	2016-17	Percent
Full Eligibility	1,325	67.95%	1,100	84.62%
Limited Eligibility	142	7.28%	122	9.23%
Temporarily Ineligible	84	4.31%	75	5.77%
Ineligible	4	0.21%	3	0.23%
Pending	395	20.3%	--	--
Total	1,950		1,300	

Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter updated the Executive Committee on the final numbers of unsporting behavior reports received from member schools for the 2016-17 school year and, for comparison, the final numbers for 2015-16. Seventeen schools met all five criteria to earn the distinction of a School of Character within the Champions of Character program. Six schools fell below the 70-point threshold and will be contacted to discuss ways to help them improve in this area.

After four years, the NAIA will no longer financially sponsor the Champions of Character program and Walter shared a draft of some revisions and a rebrand of the program. She hopes to find another sponsor to take over and the Association will continue to promote the online courses available via NFHSLearn. She welcomes suggestions for the program.

	2016-17	2015-16
Unsporting Reports Filed	3,320	3,382
Total Ejections	450	464
Ejections (Coaches)	73	77
Ejections (Players)	362	371
Ejections (Fans)	15	15
Ejections (Administration)	0	1

Technology

Information Technology Director Luke Morehead reported on the new technology project he is heading with the help of WDD Software. The IHSAA.net website is undergoing a year-long redesign and rebrand as “myIHSAA”. He shared the development methodology and the beginning of the two-week sprints of Architecture, Design, Development and Testing. He also demonstrated the early designs of a User Profile page and other settings.

Litigation

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

Penalties Assessed

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

Crawfordsville HS – Rule 9-13 (*Boys' and girls' country coach conducted a practice on Sunday*)

1. The Crawfordsville High School boys' and girls' cross country programs are 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 Megan Craig is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.

Elwood HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Softball coach permitted students from different schools to practice with school team*)

3. The Elwood Community 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.
4. Head Coach JR Reese is severely reprimanded for allowing this violation to be committed. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation. The fact this violation occurred during IHSAA tournament series participation of Elwood Community High School causes an additional concern of attempting to gain an unfair advantage during the tournament.
5. The Elwood Community High School softball team's 2017-18 schedule shall be reduced by one game from the maximum number of allowable contests.

Homestead HS – Rule 15-1.2c (*Volleyball coach allowed a student to tryout for the team while not enrolled in the school*)

1. The Homestead 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. Head Coach Jessica Holtzclaw is reprimanded for allowing this violation to be committed. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.
3. In lieu of reducing the Homestead High School varsity volleyball schedule by one contest and at the request of the school administration, Coach Jessica Holtzclaw shall be suspended for the first Homestead High School varsity volleyball match.

Indianapolis Arsenal Technical HS – Rule 19-3 (*Football player participated in the controlled scrimmage without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Indianapolis Arsenal Technical 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.

Indianapolis Arsenal Technical HS – Rule 54-4b (*Football team practiced in full pads on the third day of authorized practice*)

1. The Indianapolis Arsenal Technical 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. Head Coach Anthony Henderson is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The provisions of Rule 54 are in place to insure the health and safety of interscholastic football players. A proper progression to full contact and the gear associated with said activity is paramount.

Hamilton Southeastern HS – Rule 19-3 (*Two foreign exchange students participated in boys' soccer matches without approved foreign exchange student eligibility reports on file*)

1. The Hamilton Southeastern High School boys' soccer 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 students are declared ineligible until completed foreign exchange student eligibility reports are submitted and ruled upon.
3. The matches the ineligible students participated in shall be forfeited if Hamilton Southeastern was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Kankakee Valley HS – Rule 18-1 (*Boys' soccer player participated in a contest while academically ineligible*)

1. The Kankakee Valley High School boys' soccer 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 Kankakee Valley was victorious. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.

Leo HS – Rule 9-13 (*Boys' soccer coach conducted a team activity on Sunday*)

1. The Leo High School boys' soccer 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 Trevor Peaslee is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for committing a rules violation.

Madison-Grant HS – Rule 3-10 (*Boys' cross country runner participated in practice without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Madison-Grant High School boys' cross country 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 Corey Shields is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSA 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.

McCutcheon HS – Rule 19-3 (*Girls' golfer participated in a match without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The McCutcheon High School girls' golf 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 match that the ineligible student participated in shall be rescored to reflect the removal of the ineligible student. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

New Palestine HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' tennis player participated in a match without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The New Palestine High School boys' tennis 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 match that the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited. The team score shall be refigured reflecting a forfeiture of this match. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

Trinity Lutheran HS – Rule 15-3.4 (*Girls' swimming coach provided instruction during the moratorium week*)

1. The Trinity Lutheran 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. It is recognized that Jennifer Brinegar has resigned here position as your swimming and diving coach. That action is sufficient correction in this matter.

Warsaw HS – Rule 19-3 (*Boys' soccer player participated in two junior varsity contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Warsaw Community High School boys' soccer 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 transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. The matches the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited if Warsaw Community High School was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Woodlan HS – Rule 19-3 (*Junior varsity baseball player participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer report on file*)

1. The Woodlan High School baseball 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 the ineligible student participated in shall be forfeited if Woodlan was victorious. The opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Items for Discussion

1. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Bobby Cox
2. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in Providence, RI
3. Executive Committee State Tournament Assignments – Ed Gilliland
4. Communications
 - Steve Shondell, 2017 National High School Hall of Fame Inductee
 - Damien Wallace, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter High School
 - Steve Maple, Wheatfield, IN
5. Congratulations
6. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Brown; seconded by Charlie Martin; motion approved 17-0.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 8 am ET.

Ed Gilliland, Chairman

Bobby Cox, Commissioner