



## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Indianapolis, IN

January 15, 2026 at 8 am ET

### **Executive Committee Present:**

Chairman Larry Cochren (remote)  
Vice Chairman Jim Brown  
Stacy Adams (remote)  
Tom Black  
Martin Brown  
Chris Conley  
Jeremy Dexter  
Jeff Doyle  
Kyle Duncan (remote)  
Tom Finicle (remote)  
Chad Gilbert  
Stephanie Gillett  
Tim Grove  
Jeff Hamstra  
Ryan Harrington  
Patti McCormack  
Kris Painter  
Brian Strong  
Paul Voigt

### **Executive Staff Present:**

Commissioner Paul Neidig  
Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens  
Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman  
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis  
Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati  
Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott  
Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland  
Director of Champions Together Brian Avery  
Director of Sport & HR Ashley Ernstberger  
Technology Director Luke Morehead  
Director of Broadcasting Heath Shanahan  
Sports Information Director Jason Wille  
General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles

## I. FOR ACTION

### A. Consideration for Approval – Minutes from the December 10, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jeff Hamstra. Approved 19-0.

### B. Consideration for Approval – Certification of the 2025 Board of Directors Election


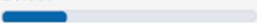

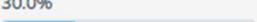
#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Patti McCormack and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 19-0.



#### Response Counts



#### 1. District 1, Class 1A

Value	Percent	Responses
Kim Conner, Principal, Southern Wells	19.0% 	19
Chris Fields, Principal, Washington Township	26.0% 	26
Tom Finicle, Athletic Director, Southwood	25.0% 	25
Mike Sharkozy, Athletic Director, North Judson	30.0% 	30
Totals: 100		

#### 2. District 1, Class 3A

Value	Percent	Responses
Ryan Harrington, Athletic Director, Highland	49.5% 	51
Marcus Wagner, Principal, DeKalb	50.5% 	52
Totals: 103		

### 3. District 2, Class 2A

Value	Percent	Responses
Jeremy Dexter, Athletic Director, Western Boone (unopposed)	100.0% <div><div></div></div>	98
Totals: 98		

### 4. District 2, Class 4A

Value	Percent	Responses
Justin Gardiner, Athletic Director, Lafayette Jefferson	41.7% <div><div></div></div>	40
Jim Self, Athletic Director, Hamilton Southeastern	58.3% <div><div></div></div>	56
Totals: 96		

### 5. District 3, Class 1A

Value	Percent	Responses
Jeff Doyle, Principal, Barr-Reeve (unopposed)	100.0% <div><div></div></div>	95
Totals: 95		

### 6. District 3, Class 3A

Value	Percent	Responses
Larry Cochren, Athletic Director, Washington (unopposed)	100.0% <div><div></div></div>	93
Totals: 93		

## C. **Consideration for Approval – Baseball State Tournament Series**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the general format, sites, and other preliminary plans for the 2025-26 Baseball State Tournament Series.

### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Ryan Harrington. Approved 19-0.

### **57th Annual State Tournament Series**

The following rules and regulations for the 2025-26 Baseball Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

## **Tournament Dates**

### **Sectionals**

1. May 27– June 1, 2026
2. All sectional championship games must be scheduled on Monday, June 1, 2026.
3. Rain date/s – to be determined by the Host School.
4. It is expected that equalization of pitching be addressed in the initial tournament schedule.
5. Host principals may request approval from the IHSAA to reschedule certain games in case of conflict with graduation ceremonies, availability of facilities, etc.

### **Regionals**

1. Saturday, June 6, 2026
2. Monday, June 8, 2026 – Rain Date

### **Semi-States**

1. Saturday, June 13, 2026
  2. Monday, June 15, 2026 – Rain Date
- Weather permitting, a minimum of one and half hours is strongly recommended between the end of the second semifinal game and the beginning of the final game.

### **State Finals**

1. Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026
2. Monday June 22, 2026– Rain Date

## **Times**

**Sectionals** – to be determined by **Host School** principal.

**Regionals** – 11:00 AM; 3:00 PM, 1:00 PM; 5:00 PM OR 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM as determined by host site.

**Semi-States** – 11:00 am; 3:00 pm; 8:00 pm where possible. Note: When a tournament game between two schools from different time zones is contested, the following parameters are provided regarding the starting time of the contest: When a Central time zone school hosts an Eastern time zone school – the contest shall not begin later than 7:00 pm (Central Time). When an Eastern time zone school hosts a Central time zone school – the contest shall not begin earlier than 7:30 pm (Eastern Time).

### **State Finals**

Friday, June 19, 2026 4:30 pm (Class TBA), 8:00 pm (Class TBA)  
Saturday, June 20, 2026 4:30 pm (Class TBA), 8:00 pm (Class TBA)

### **Hosts & Assignments of Schools**

Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned to a sectional.

## **Baseball Sectionals, May 27 – June 1, 2026**

### **Class 4A**



1. **Crown Point** (5): Crown Point, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, Lake Central, Munster
2. **Chesterton** (5): Chesterton, Hobart, Merrillville, Portage, Valparaiso
3. **Mishawaka** (6): LaPorte, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley
4. **Goshen** (5): Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw Community
5. **Carroll (Fort Wayne)** (4): Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider
6. **Fort Wayne South Side** (4): Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North
7. **Lafayette Jefferson** (4): Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon
8. **Noblesville** (6): Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville
9. **Richmond** (6): Anderson, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Pendleton Heights, Richmond
10. **North Central (Indpls.)** (5): Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Warren Central
11. **Ben Davis** (5): Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Pike, Plainfield
12. **Southport** (6): Center Grove, Decatur Central, Franklin Central, Mooresville, Perry Meridian, Southport
13. **Bloomington South** (5): Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Martinsville, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
14. **Columbus North** (5): Columbus East, Columbus North, East Central, Franklin Community, Whiteland Community
15. **Bedford North Lawrence** (6): Bedford North Lawrence, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, New Albany, Seymour, Silver Creek
16. **Evansville F.J. Reitz** (4): Castle, Evansville F.J. Reitz, Evansville Harrison, Evansville North

### **Class 3A**

17. **Highland** (5): Calumet, East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hammond Bishop Noll, Highland
18. **Lowell** (6): Andrean, Hanover Central, Illiana Christian, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, River Forest
19. **Plymouth** (7): Culver Academies, Glenn, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, Plymouth, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington
20. **Fairfield** (6): Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble
21. **DeKalb** (7): Angola, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Garrett, Leo
22. **Bellmont** (6): Belmont, Heritage, Marion, Mississinewa, New Haven, Norwell
23. **Logansport** (7): Logansport, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western
24. **Jay County** (6): Connersville, Delta, Hamilton Heights, Jay County, New Castle, Yorktown
25. **Crawfordsville** (7): Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Crawfordsville, Danville Community, Frankfort, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, Tri-West Hendricks
26. **Indianapolis Cathedral** (6): Herron, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis Shortridge, Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown

27. **Northview** (6): Cascade, Edgewood, Indianapolis George Washington Community, Northview, Owen Valley, Speedway
28. **Roncalli** (7): Beech Grove, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, New Palestine, Roncalli, Rushville Consolidated, Shelbyville
29. **Batesville** (6): Batesville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Jennings County, Lawrenceburg, South Dearborn
30. **Charlestown** (6): Charlestown, Corydon Central, Madison Consolidated, North Harrison, Providence, Scottsburg
31. **Jasper** (6): Gibson Southern, Jasper, Princeton Community, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington
32. **Evansville Bosse** (6): Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon

### **Class 2A**

33. **Whiting** (6): 21st Century Charter School - Gary, Boone Grove, Hebron, Lake Station Edison, Wheeler, Whiting
34. **Jimtown** (5): Bremen, Career Academy, Jimtown, Knox, LaVille, Winamac Community
35. **Lakeland** (6): Central Noble, Churubusco, Eastside, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview
36. **South Adams** (6): Adams Central, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, South Adams, Whitko, Woodlan
37. **North Montgomery** (7): Benton Central, Delphi Community, Lafayette Central Catholic, North Montgomery, Rensselaer Central, Seeger, Western Boone
38. **Eastern (Greentown)** (6): Eastern (Greentown), Lewis Cass, Manchester, Oak Hill, Rochester Community, Wabash
39. **Sheridan** (6): Elwood Community, Frankton, Lapel, Sheridan, Taylor, Tipton
40. **Blackford** (6): Alexandria Monroe, Blackford, Eastbrook, Madison-Grant, Muncie Burris, Wapahani
41. **Greencastle** (6): Greencastle, North Putnam, Parke Heritage, South Putnam, South Vermillion, Southmont
42. **Park Tudor** (6): Covenant Christian (Indpls), Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Monrovia, Park Tudor, Riverside, University
43. **Triton Central** (6): Christel House, Eastern Hancock, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Sccecina Memorial, Irvington Preparatory Academy, Triton Central
44. **Centerville** (7): Centerville, Hagerstown, Indianapolis Lutheran, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County, Winchester Community
45. **South Ripley** (6): Austin, Brown County, Brownstown Central, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County
46. **Mitchell** (6): Clarksville, Crawford County, Eastern (Pekin), Mitchell, Paoli, Salem
47. **Linton-Stockton** (7): Barr-Reeve, Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, North Knox, South Knox, Sullivan, West Vigo
48. **South Spencer** (7): Evansville Mater Dei, Forest Park, North Posey, Perry Central, Pike Central, South Spencer, Tell City

### **Class 1A**

49. **Westville** (8): Bowman Leadership Academy, Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, Kouts, Marquette Catholic, Morgan Township, Tri-Township, Washington Township, Westville

50. **Tri-County** (7): Caston, DeMotte Christian, North Newton, North White, Pioneer, South Newton, Tri-County, West Central
51. **South Central (Union Mills)** (7): Argos, Culver Community, Elkhart Christian Academy, North Judson-San Pierre, OregonDavis, South Central (Union Mills), Triton
52. **Fremont** (5): Bethany Christian, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakewood Park Christian
53. **Riverton Parke** (6): Attica, Covington, Faith Christian, Fountain Central, North Vermillion, Riverton Parke
54. **Bethesda Christian** (6): Bethesda Christian, Carroll (Flora), Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Frontier, Rossville, Traders Point Christian
55. **Daleville** (8): Cowan, Daleville, North Miami, Northfield, Southern Wells, Southwood, Tri-Central, Wes-Del
56. **Seton Catholic** (6): Blue River Valley, Cambridge City Lincoln, Monroe Central, Randolph Southern, Seton Catholic, Union City
57. **Anderson Preparatory Academy** (5): Anderson Preparatory Academy, Indiana School for the Deaf, Liberty Christian, Purdue Polytechnic - Broad Ripple, Tindley
58. **Providence Cristo Rey** (4): Eminence, Greenwood Christian Academy, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Providence Cristo Rey
59. **Morristown** (8): Edinburgh, Knightstown, Morristown, North Decatur, South Decatur, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Tri, Waldron
60. **Shawe Memorial** (8): Crothersville, Hauser, Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, Shawe Memorial, Trinity Lutheran
61. **Shakamak** (7): Bloomfield, Clay City, Cloverdale, Dugger Union, North Central (Farmersburg), Shakamak, White River Valley
62. **Loogootee** (5): Loogootee, North Daviess, Orleans, Shoals, Vincennes Rivet
63. **New Washington** (8): Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Henryville, Lanesville, New Washington, Rock Creek Academy, South Central (Elizabeth), West Washington
64. **Tecumseh** (6): Cannelton, Evansville Christian, Northeast Dubois, Springs Valley, Tecumseh, Wood Memorial

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### **Baseball Regionals - June 6, 2026**

Teams advancing to Regionals will be assigned to a site listed below, following the completion of Sectional championships.

#### **Northern Regional Hosts**

LaPorte  
 NorthWood  
 Carroll (Ft. Wayne)  
 South Bend Adams at Four Winds Field (Coveleski Stadium)  
 Oak Hill  
 Logansport  
 Kokomo  
 Lafayette Jefferson

#### **Southern Regional Hosts**

Center Grove

Mooreville  
Madison  
Evansville  
Jasper  
Floyd Central  
Mitchell  
Plainfield

**Class 4A**

1. Winner of Sectional 2 vs. Sectional 1.
2. Winner of Sectional 4 vs. Sectional 3
3. Winner of Sectional 6 vs. Sectional 5.
4. Winner of Sectional 8 vs. Sectional 7.
5. Winner of Sectional 10 vs. Sectional 9.
6. Winner of Sectional 12 vs. Sectional 11.
7. Winner of Sectional 14 vs. Sectional 13.
8. Winner of Sectional 16 vs. Sectional 15.

**Class 3A**

9. Winner of Sectional 18 vs. Sectional 17.
10. Winner of Sectional 20 vs. Sectional 19.
11. Winner of Sectional 22 vs. Sectional 21.
12. Winner of Sectional 24 vs. Sectional 23.
13. Winner of Sectional 26 vs. Sectional 25.
14. Winner of Sectional 28 vs. Sectional 27.
15. Winner of Sectional 30 vs. Sectional 29.
16. Winner of Sectional 32 vs. Sectional 31.

**Class 2A**

17. Winner of Sectional 34 vs. Sectional 33.
18. Winner of Sectional 36 vs. Sectional 35.
19. Winner of Sectional 38 vs. Sectional 37.
20. Winner of Sectional 40 vs. Sectional 39.
21. Winner of Sectional 42 vs. Sectional 41.
22. Winner of Sectional 44 vs. Sectional 43.
23. Winner of Sectional 46 vs. Sectional 45.
24. Winner of Sectional 48 vs. Sectional 47.

**Class 1A**

25. Winner of Sectional 50 vs. Sectional 49.
26. Winner of Sectional 52 vs. Sectional 51.
27. Winner of Sectional 54 vs. Sectional 53.
28. Winner of Sectional 56 vs. Sectional 55.
29. Winner of Sectional 58 vs. Sectional 57.
30. Winner of Sectional 60 vs. Sectional 59.
31. Winner of Sectional 62 vs. Sectional 61.
32. Winner of Sectional 64 vs. Sectional 63.

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## **Baseball Semi-States (Assigned by Class) - June 13, 2026**

1. LaPorte
2. Lafayette Jefferson
3. Griffith @ Gary South Shore Railcats
4. Oak Hill
5. Mitchell
6. Plainfield
7. Castle @ University of Evansville
8. Jasper

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## **State Finals - June 19 and June 20, 2026**

Victory Field (Indianapolis), 501 W. Maryland Street, Indianapolis.

### **D. Consideration for Approval – Unified Track & Field Maximum Effort Rule**

On behalf of the Unified Coaches Association of Indiana, Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis and Director of Champions Together Brian Avery spoke to the four proposals below including potential adjustments to the Maximum Effort rule as well as a clarification regarding a student's ability to participate in traditional and Unified Track and Field in the same year.

#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Chad Gilbert. Approved 19-0.

1. If a competitor exceeds his/her maximum effort in a field event, that performance is considered a scratch. Three scratches would constitute zero points for said student in that event. Should the same competitor have a performance that falls under his/her maximum effort limits, that effort should be counted.
2. The Maximum Effort standard in Field Events would be changed to the following percentages of the highest seed per flight. 30% in lowest performing flight, 25% in the next lowest flight and 20% in all remaining flights.
3. The Maximum Effort rule in running events will not be changed at this time as the committee feels most tournament level issues have arisen in Field Events.
4. This is a clarification of an existing rule. A student may participate in Traditional and Unified Track & Field in the same season, but may appear on only one Tournament roster. ALL Unified T & F participants MUST have their TWO performance entries be from Unified Track & Field meets. The committee feels the intent of this rule is to assist small schools or those who may be lacking enough partners to field complete teams.

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## **II. REPORTS**

### **A. Athletic Directors Survey Data**

Eric Murray and Robby Kimes of 360 Group presented the results and data of an athletic directors survey they initiated in October of 2025.

The results of the survey will be shared with the membership in the coming days via IHSAA.org.

### **B. 2026-28 School Classifications and Tournament Realignment**

The Indiana Department of Education just released enrollment figures in recent days which will be used for the next two years of classifications (2026-27, 2027-28) in the various team sports.

Some adjustments will need to be made in consultation with some schools and Commissioner Paul Neidig anticipates those final enrollments to be shared with the membership only in the next two weeks with a public release that includes new classifications to follow at a later date.

The realignment committee will meet on Thursday, March 5 to place schools in their respective sectionals in the three, four and six class sports. Those recommendations will then be presented the Executive Committee for a vote at its May 5 meeting.

Any school administrator interested in volunteering to serve on a realignment committee should contact Commissioner Paul Neidig at [pneidig@ihsaa.org](mailto:pneidig@ihsaa.org).

### **C. Fall Sport Financial Reports**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and the assistant commissioners spoke to the respective financial reports for fall sports.

### **D. Softball Coaches Proposals**

Kate Todd, Executive Director of the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana, presented the following rules proposals.

No action was taken but will be considered and voted upon at a later Executive Committee meeting.

#### **Proposal #1: change the IHSAA By-Law to add the language below as Rule 107-3e.**

e. If a school schedules a Varsity and JV softball contest in the same session, meaning same school and on the same day, Varsity to be concluded prior to the JV contest, five

players from the Varsity contest may participate in the JV contest. The JV roster cannot exceed 11 players in that contest on that date. No more than 12 innings can be played by one player.

**Proposal #2: require the use of the double bag at first base.**

Explanation: A double bag is an orange base that is connected to the standard white bag at first base. The first baseman uses the white bag inside the foul line and the baserunner uses the orange bag outside the foul line to minimize collisions. If runners are taking extra bases on a hit, they use the inside base. The double bag gives the runners a base to run through that keeps them in their running lane without having to move back into fair territory to touch the regular white bag.

**Proposal #3: change the IHSAA By-Law to add the bold language.**

Controlled Scrimmage

Format

This scrimmage shall consist of **up to** four innings. Each team will send ten batters to the plate in each half inning regardless of the number of outs that have been made. This allows for each defensive player plus a designated hitter to bat each inning. As in any game, the batting order shall be established by the coach. A scoreboard may only be used to show balls and strikes; no team score shall be kept.

During each inning the team at bat should attempt to create as much offense as possible and the defensive team shall attempt to retire all ten hitters. No pitcher may pitch to more than fifteen batters during the entire scrimmage. It is recommended that any player entering the scrimmage be allowed to play one complete inning.

In order for this scrimmage to be a worthwhile event, benefiting both teams, every effort should be made to utilize pitchers who have the ability to throw strikes. Walks do not serve the needs of either squad. Since no score is being kept and the goal is for this to be a winning experience for both teams, coaches should emphasize to their pitchers the importance of throwing strikes.

Coaches Option for Softball: By mutual agreement of the two head coaches, **any** inning could be a situation inning whereby:

1. Every batter would start with a count of 1 ball and 1 strike. This would minimize the number of pitches for a pitcher and maximize the importance of throwing strikes.
2. There would be two runners placed on base by the offensive coach to work on base running situations; bunting situations; etc. If someone scores or makes an out on the bases, the coach could replace the base runner so that each hitter in this inning would be batting with two runners on base. The coaches should confide in each other what they are attempting to accomplish.

At least two batters shall attempt to bunt (even with two strikes) during each half inning. These must be two different individuals each inning; the same individuals may not be the designated bunters for their team throughout the scrimmage. When it is apparent a batter is attempting to bunt, the pitcher should make every effort to

throw the ball over the plate rather than attempting to see how many players she can strike out. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for the offensive team to practice bunting and advancing runner/s while the defensive team hones their skills in defending the bunt.

**E. Baseball Coaches Proposals**

Justin Keever of Noblesville, Ryan Berryman of Western, Erik Hisner of Eastern (Greentown), and Shane Edwards of Oak Hill, all representing the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association, presented the following rules proposals.

No action was taken but will be considered and voted upon at a later Executive Committee meeting.

**Proposal #1:** the official starting date for baseball practice will be changed from M – Wk37 to M – Wk36 of the IHSAA calendar and the first official baseball contest date will be changed from M – Wk39 to M – Wk38.

**Proposal #2:** (this proposal is being submitted in conjunction with softball) change the IHSAA By-Laws to add the language below as Rule 51-3e and 51-3f.

- e. A varsity player may exceed the game limit if he is participating on a sub-varsity level team for the purpose of that sub-varsity level team having a full roster for competition. No player shall exercise this option more than 4 times during a contest season and it will not count towards the maximum number of varsity games played. A program can only use this option to achieve a maximum sub-varsity roster of 11 players for a specific contest; additionally, it will only be designated / recorded after the current maximum number of season baseball games has been met.
- f. The player using this designation cannot be the same player noted in 51-3d.

**Proposal #3:** Change the baseball state tournament format to double the number of sectionals and have a maximum number of four teams per sectional.

**Proposal #4:** Change the baseball state tournament format to double the number of sectionals and have a maximum number of four teams per sectional. All three and four team sectionals will be seeded (based on MaxPreps).

**F. Officials for 2025-26 Girls Basketball State Tournament Series**

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott presented the list of officials who have applied to work this year's IHSAA Girls Basketball State Tournament.

**G. Officials for 2025-26 Girls & Boys Wrestling State Tournament Series**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the list of officials who have applied to work this year's IHSAA Girls & Boys Wrestling State Tournaments.



## H. Officials for 2025-26 Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati provided a list of officials who have applied to work this year's swimming and diving state tournaments.

## I. National Federation Winter Meeting

Commissioner Paul Neidig summarized his recent trip to Newport Beach, CA with other executive directors from state associations around the nation.

## J. Let's Connect Meeting

Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Luke Morehead, and Jason Wille recapped their recent trip to Chicago to attend the "Let's Connect Conference".

The annual conference includes sessions for Student Services, Technology, Marketing, and Media Relations and includes colleagues from state association offices from the Midwestern states.

## K. Transfers

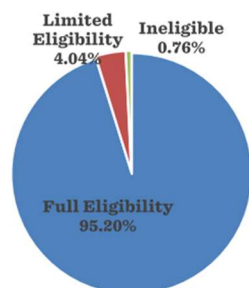
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided an update on the numbers of transfers that have been rules upon from the period of June 1, 2025 and January 8, 2026.

### Student-Athlete Transfer Report



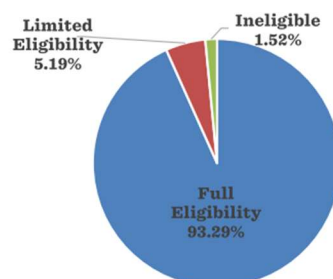
#### Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics

	<b>Totals</b>	<b>%</b>
Full Eligibility	2873	95.20%
Limited Eligibility	122	4.04%
Ineligible	23	0.76%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3018</b>	



#### J1 Visa Foreign Exchange Transfer Student-Athlete Eligibility Statistics

	<b>Totals</b>	<b>%</b>
Full Eligibility	431	93.29%
Limited Eligibility	24	5.19%
Ineligible	7	1.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	



**L. Officials**

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided the current list of licensed officials by sport and results from the Officials' Host School Contest Survey.

The officials' registration fee was discussed, with a proposal to increase it starting April 1st, though this was not finalized.

The group also addressed changes to official uniforms, removing professional and certified designations, and discussed a new policy limiting annual assigner fees.

**M. Sportsmanship**

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott shared a list of exemplary sporting reports for the period of Nov. 3 to Jan. 9 which includes an overlap with fall and winter sports.

She also shared a list of unsporting reports which also included several spectator ejections from contests.

**N. Track & Field, Tennis Results Update**

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott reported that MileSplit will become the new track and field reporting service for member schools this spring. Schools should incur minimal changes from what they've been doing in previous years during tournament time.

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman met with the United States Tennis Association recently. He said the IHSAA will begin using a USTA-backed free platform called Serve Tennis and our tennis coaches will be required to input their player's results throughout the season to help with transparency. This will be rolled out to tennis coaches throughout the state in the coming weeks.

**O. Technology**

Director of Information Technology Luke Morehead is adding a section for emergency contacts to every licensed official's account.

He also demonstrated some design improvements to myIHSAA.net.

**P. Legal**

General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association and recent Case Review Panel rulings.

**Q. Legislative**

Commissioner Paul Neidig provided an update to SB 199 which could change the makeup of the Case Review Panel. Related to HB 1004, Williams-Briles relayed that the AED language that was inserted into statute last year has been completely stuck mainly due to practicality and deregulation toward a more local responsibility.

**R. Penalties Assessed**

Anderson Preparatory Academy - Girls Basketball - Rule 18-1 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests while academically ineligible*)

- The Anderson Preparatory Academy High School Girls basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school By-Law violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- The student-athlete involved in this violation was declared ineligible for further competition until they meet the minimum academic standards for eligibility.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Anderson Preparatory Academy High School is recognized for its appropriate management of this member school bylaw infraction. It is an essential responsibility of each member school to adhere to the association's bylaws and to promptly self-report any violations to the Commissioner, as stated in Rule 3.

East Noble - Boys Basketball - Rule 15-3 (*An Assistant Coach coached student-athletes in an AAU setting during the member school's designated moratorium week*)

- The East Noble High School boys basketball program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school bylaw violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Further digressions relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys basketball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of East Noble High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Northview - Girls Wrestling - Rule 18-1 (*A girls wrestling student-athlete participated in a contest while academically ineligible*)

- The Northview High School girls wrestling program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- The student-athlete involved in this violation was declared ineligible for further competition until they met the minimum academic standards for eligibility.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the

ineligible student-athletes and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.

- The administration of Northview High School is recognized for its appropriate management of this member school bylaw infraction. It is an essential responsibility of each member school to adhere to the association's bylaws and to promptly self-report any violations to the Commissioner, as stated in Rule 3.

Switzerland County - Boys Basketball - Rule 52-3c (*A student athlete participated in more than the allowable five (5) quarters in one session*)

- In accordance with Rule 3-9, Switzerland County High School shall forfeit the contest if victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Switzerland County High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSA member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

West Washington - Boys Wrestling - Rule 65-6b (*A student-athlete did not meet all provisions of the member school weight management program by participating in multiple matches without a physician's clearance form due to being under 7% body fat*)

- The West Washington High School wrestling program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that a member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Dennis Tankersley is reprimanded for allowing this violation to be committed. The head coach holds the responsibility that each student-athlete meets all requirements of the member school wrestling weight management plan.
- While ineligible, the wrestling matches the student-athlete participated in shall be rescored to remove any individual and team points earned by the student-athlete and the team score shall be recalculated. The opposing member schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of West Washington High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

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### **III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **A. 2026 Spring Principal Meeting Dates**

District I - Fort Wayne Snider HS, Tuesday. April 14, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET

District I - Hobart HS, Wednesday. April 15, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. CT

District I - Logansport HS, Thursday. April 16, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET

District II - Pendleton Heights HS, Friday April 17, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET

District III - Charlestown HS, Tuesday April 21, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET

District III - Jasper HS, Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET  
District III – Bloomington North HS, Thursday April 23, 2026- 9:30 a.m. ET  
District II - Plainfield HS, Friday, April 24, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. ET

**B. For the Good of the Order**

- Board Retreat – June 17-19, 2026 – Hotel Carmichael, Carmel
- NFHS Summer Meeting – June 26-29, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reminded that there are several scholarships deadlines approaching and administrators should nominate any qualified candidates as soon as possible.

**C. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Jeff Doyle and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 17-0.

**Next Meeting**

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, February 20, 2026