



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Indianapolis, IN

February 20, 2026 at 8 am ET

Executive Committee Present:

Chairman Larry Cochren
Vice Chairman Jim Brown
Stacy Adams
Tom Black
Martin Brown
Chris Conley
Jeremy Dexter
Jeff Doyle (remotely)
Kyle Duncan
Tom Finicle (remotely)
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
Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer
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 January 15, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 19-0.

B. Consideration for Approval – Baseball Rules Proposals

The following proposals presented at last month’s meeting were voted upon today.

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. (This would become effective with the 2026-27 school year).

Motion:

Motion moved by Patti McCormack and motion seconded by Ryan Harrington. Approved 13-6 with Chad Gilbert, Stacy Adams, Tom Black, Chris Conley, Jeff Hamstra, and Martin Brown opposed.

Proposal 2

(This proposal is being submitted in conjunction with softball) Add the language below in blue to Rule 51-3:

1. RULE 51 – BASEBALL

Proposal submitted by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Indiana Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA).

51-3 Baseball

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51-3 Baseball

The maximum number of season softball games in which any team or student may participate, excluding IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Twenty-eight (28) and no tournament, or Twenty (26) and One (1) Tournament.

- a. If a player or team participates in more than the One (1) tournament permitted during the season, the number of games played in excess shall be included in the Twenty-six (26) games permitted during the season.
- b. If a player participates in a game as a pinch hitter or pinch runner, at the Varsity level, it does not count toward the maximum number of game limitations for that player.
- c. Players may not change levels of play if games are being played simultaneously. Players may only change levels of play at the completion of both games.
- d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter), then it will not count towards the player’s maximum number of games played. This player is still subject to pitch count regulations and this designation cannot be used more than Five (5) times per player during any regular season.
- e. If a school schedules a varsity and sub-varsity baseball game in the same session (same school and on the same day), with the varsity game concluded before the sub-varsity game, the following apply:
 - (1) Five (5) players from the varsity game may participate in the sub-varsity game.
 - (2) The sub-varsity roster cannot exceed Eleven (11) players in that game on that date.
 - (3) No player may participate in more than Twelve (12) innings across both games on the same day.
 - (4) Participation in a varsity and sub-varsity game on the same day will count as One (1) Contest towards the player’s maximum number of games played.

Proposed Emergency Amendment to section 51-3, of the Baseball rule, rule 51, to establish parameters for player participation across both teams when varsity and sub-varsity teams compete on the same day, and to set limits on that participation. This emergency amendment shall take effect immediately and will be presented for formal adoption at the IHSAA Annual Board of Directors Meeting in May.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 19-0.

Proposal 3

(Based on a submitted sample blind draw brackets that use the current class structure and a blind draw) change the baseball state tournament format to double the number of sectionals and have a maximum number of four teams per sectional.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Chris Conley. Failed 0-19.

Proposal 4

(Based on the submitted Sample Seeding Brackets that uses the current class structure), 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).

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Martin Brown. Failed 0-19.

C. Consideration for Approval – Softball Rules Proposals

The following proposals presented at last month's meeting were voted upon today.

Proposal 1

(This proposal is being submitted in conjunction with baseball) Add the language below in blue to Rule 60-3:

1. RULE 60 – SOFTBALL

Proposal submitted by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana (SCAI).

60-3 Softball

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60-3 Softball

The maximum number of season softball games in which any team or student may participate, excluding IHSAA Tournament Series, shall be Twenty-eight (28) and no tournament, or Twenty (26) and One (1) Tournament.

- a. If a player or team participates in more than the One (1) tournament permitted during the season, the number of games played in excess shall be included in the Twenty-six (26) games permitted during the season.
- b. If a player participates in a game as a pinch hitter, pinch runner or courtesy runner, it does not count toward the maximum number of game limitations for that player.
- c. Players may not change levels of play if games are being played simultaneously. Players may only change levels of play at the completion of both games.
- d. If a player participates in a sub-varsity game as a designated pitcher (covered up by a designated hitter), then it will not count towards the player's maximum number of games played. This designation cannot be used more than Five (5) times per player during any regular season.
- e. **If a school schedules a varsity and sub-varsity softball game in the same session (same school and on the same day), with the varsity game concluded before the sub-varsity game, the following apply:**
 - (1.) Five (5) players from the varsity game may participate in the sub-varsity game.**
 - (2.) The sub-varsity roster cannot exceed Eleven (11) players in that game on that date.**
 - (3.) No player may participate in more than Twelve (12) innings across both games on the same day.**
 - (4.) Participation in a varsity and sub-varsity game on the same day will count as One (1) Contest towards the player's maximum number of games played.**

Proposed Emergency Amendment to section 60-3, of the Softball rule, rule 60, to establish parameters for player participation across both teams when varsity and sub-varsity teams compete on the same day, and to set limits on that participation. This emergency amendment shall take effect immediately and will be presented for formal adoption at the IHSAA Annual Board of Directors Meeting in May.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 19-0.

Proposal 2

Require the use of the double bag at first base.

Motion:

Motion to table this proposal moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 19-0.

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II. REPORTS

A. Volleyball Rules Proposals

Jean Kesterson and Kristen Webster, representing the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association (IHSVCA), presented three rules proposals for the sport.

Proposal 1

Increase the number of high school athletes participating on a club team (non-school team) to 4.

Proposal 2

Seed the top two teams in each sectional and regional to allow the best teams to play for the championship. Other teams' placement will be a blind draw.

No action was taken on the proposals above but will be considered and voted upon at a future Executive Committee meeting.

B. Basketball Rules Proposals

Tom Beach and Michael Adams representing the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA), presented a rule proposal to implement a 35-second shot clock to Indiana high school boys and girls basketball beginning with the 2027-28 school year. They presented rationale, data, and other details in support of the proposal.

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

C. Boys Basketball State Tournament Officials

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis shared a list of the officials who have applied to work this year's Boys Basketball State Tournament Series. The tournament requires six officials per sectional for a total of 384 individuals.

D. Gymnastics State Tournament Officials

Director of Sport Ashley Ernstberger presented a list of gymnastics officials who have applied to work this year's Gymnastics State Tournament Series.

E. Sponsorships

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman updated the Executive Committee on the Association’s sponsorships and partnerships.

F. Foundation Update

Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer reported on recent fundraising efforts, including the results of the Foundation’s Calendar-Year-End Campaign and recent restricted gifts towards the Foundation’s Officiating 101 Grant.

Upcoming dates for the Foundation’s Impact Awards Banquet and Golf Outing were shared with the committee, with additional information on each event being shared with the membership in the coming days.

G. Transfers

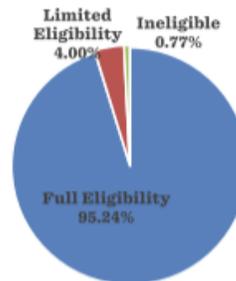
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided an update on the numbers of transfers that have been rules upon from the period of June 1, 2025 and February 16, 2026.

Student-Athlete Transfer Report



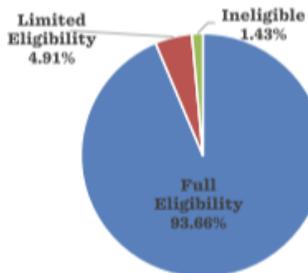
Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics

	Totals	%
Full Eligibility	3099	95.24%
Limited Eligibility	130	4.00%
Ineligible	25	0.77%
Total	3254	



J1 Visa Foreign Exchange Transfer Student-Athlete Eligibility Statistics

	Totals	%
Full Eligibility	458	93.66%
Limited Eligibility	24	4.91%
Ineligible	7	1.43%
Total	489	



H. Officials

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

I. Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott shared a list of exemplary sporting reports.

She also shared a list of unsporting reports which, like last month, also included an upward trajectory of spectator ejections from contests.

J. Technology

Director of Technology Luke Morehead showcased improvements to the IHSAA.org home page and the latest design mockups ahead of summer updates to the myIHSAA portal.

K. Legal

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

L. Legislature

Commissioner Paul Neidig and General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles provided the latest update in current activity in the Indiana State Legislature as it relates to the Association and high school sports.

M. Penalties Assessed

Carmel - Girls Wrestling - Rule 3-10b (A student-athlete participated all season without a completed physical form on file)

- The Carmel High School girls wrestling program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- 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-athlete and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Carmel 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 bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Clinton Central - Girls Swimming & Diving - Rule 19-7 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved foreign exchange transfer on file*)

- The Clinton Central High School girls swimming & diving program has received an official warning. This notice documents that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is recorded as such, and must not happen again.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the swimming & diving meets in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be re-scored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Clinton Central 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).

Covenant Christian - Girls Swimming & Diving - Rule 50-1c (*A student athlete participated in a meet before completing the required number of practices after missing more than 14 consecutive days*)

- The Covenant Christian High School girls swimming and diving program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Covenant Christian High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

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

- The Edgewood High School boys basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- According to Rule 3-9, if Edgewood High School wins the contest, they must forfeit the victory and inform the opposing school about the violation.
- The administration of Edgewood 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 bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Eminence - Boys Wrestling - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Eminence High School boys 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Eminence 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).

Evansville Central - Girls Swimming & Diving - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Evansville Central High School girls swimming & diving 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Evansville Central 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).

Evansville Central - Boys Wrestling - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Evansville Central High School boys 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Evansville Central 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).

Evansville Christian - Girls Swimming & Diving - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Evansville Christian High School girls swimming & diving 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Evansville Christian 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).

Fishers - Boys swimming & Diving - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Fishers High School boys swimming & diving 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.

- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Fishers 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).

Greencastle - Girls Basketball - Rule 9-14 c (*A student athlete participated in a contest before completing the required number of practices after missing consecutive days*)

- The Greencastle High School girls basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Greencastle 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 bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Heritage - Boys Wrestling - Rule 65-2 (*The boys wrestling schedule was one contest over the maximum number of contests*)

- The Heritage High School boys wrestling program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- The boys' wrestling schedule for the 2026-27 school year is hereby reduced by 1 contest.
- The administration of Heritage 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 bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Heritage Christian - Boys swimming & Diving - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple meets without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Heritage Christian High School boys swimming & diving 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Heritage Christian 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).

Princeton Community - Boys basketball - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Princeton Community High School boys basketball program has received an official warning. This notice documents that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is recorded as such, and must not happen again.
- 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 Princeton Community 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).

Seymour - Girls Gymnastics - Rule 15-1.1 (*A student-athlete participated in a non-school event during the contest season without an approved waiver on file*)

- The Seymour gymnastics 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 administration of Seymour 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).

Silver Creek - Track & Field - Rule 15-1.2 (*Student-athletes competed in an indoor meet during the school year, out of season. The students were wearing school uniforms, transported by the school, and coached by a member school coach*)

- The Silver Creek High School track and field 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.
- Head Coach Curtis Persinger is placed on probation for permitting this violation to occur. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure all assistant coaches and student-athletes follow member School rules.
- Further digressions as they relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the track and field 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 Silver Creek 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).

South Bend Adams - Softball - Rule 15-2.2c (*The head coach coached two student-athletes during the school year, out of season*)

- The South Bend Adams High School softball 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.
- Head Coach Jamisen Redman has been placed on probation for permitting the violation. If any additional breaches of IHSAA Member School bylaws occur, coaching accreditation may be revoked according to Rule 7. In addition, Coach Redman will be suspended for the first four regular season games of the 2026 season. (Details from the 2024-25 bylaw review are provided.)

- The administration of South Bend Adams 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).

Taylor - Girls Basketball - Rule 52-3 (*The girls basketball schedule was one contest over the maximum number of contests*)

- The Taylor High School girls’ basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- The girls’ basketball schedule for the 2026-27 school year is hereby reduced by 1 contest to 21 contests or 19 contests and one designated tournament.
- The administration of Taylor 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 bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Warsaw Community - Girls Swimming & Diving - Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple JV contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Warsaw Community High School girls swimming & diving 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.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be forfeited and any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete shall be removed from the final score and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Warsaw Community 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. Spring Principal Meetings

- 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 - New Albany 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

- Awards Committee to meet briefly at the conclusion of the board meeting.
- Unified Cornhole update from Champions Together Director Brian Avery who attended their recent state tournament organized by Special Olympics Indiana.
- Update on the parking lot lights that were damaged in recent weather storm as well as the office loading dock.
- The IHSAA apparel contract is coming to an end, and bids are being sought for the next agreement.

C. Communications

D. Congratulations

- NIAAA Hall of Fame Inductee - Mike Mossbrucker

The following earned NIAAA Certifications in January 2026:

- Adrian Heim - Assistant Athletic Director - Anderson - RAA
- Michael Goodrich - Athletic Director - Northwestern - RAA
- Ryan Bridges - Athletic Director - Hanover Central - RAA

E. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 19-0.

Next Meeting

- Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, March 27, 2026