IHSAA
May 2, 2023 at 8:00 AM EDT

Members Present:
Chairman Jeff Doyle, Vice Chairman Jim Brown, Stacy Adams, Tom Black, Chris Conley, Nathan Dean, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Kyle Duncan, Tom Finicle, Chad Gilbert, Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Joe Herrmann, Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, Brian Strong, Paul Voigt, Mike Whitten (virtually).

Executive Staff Present:
Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman, Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis, Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati, Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland, Director of Champions Together Brian Avery, 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. Approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion:
Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Brian Strong. Approved 17-0.

B. Review Status of Gymnastics as an IHSAA Sponsored Sport

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer reported on the status of gymnastics as an IHSAA sport. Per Rule 1-4 of the IHSAA By-Laws, sports that do not maintain at least 25% participation of the member schools will be reviewed annually for purposes of determining future tournament and recognition status.

Motion:
Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Kye Denney. Approved 17-0.

C. 2023-24 Boys and Girls Tennis Alignment

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman presented the new alignment for the Boys and Girls Tennis State Tournaments that will be used beginning next school year (2023-24).

Motion:
Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Nathan Dean. Approved 17-0.
Boys Sectionals
13. Lanesville (5): Corydon Central, Crawford County, Lanesville, North Harrison, South Central (Elizabeth).
15. Floyd Central (4): Borden, Eastern (Pekin), Floyd Central, Salem.
17. Scottsburg (4): Austin, Madison Consolidated, Scottsburg, Southwestern (Hanover).
18. Seymour (5): Bedford North Lawrence, Brownstown Central, Jennings County, Seymour, Trinity Lutheran.
20. Columbus North (5): Columbus East, Columbus North, Edinburgh, Greensburg, Hauser.
23. Center Grove (5): Center Grove, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, Whiteland Community.
30. Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (4): Eastern Hancock, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Palestine.
31. **Fishers/Anderson/HSE (4)**: Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Pendleton Heights.
32. **Richmond (5)**: Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Richmond.
33. **Fountain Central (4)**: Covington, Fountain Central, Parke Heritage, South Vermillion.
34. **Crawfordsville/Lebanon (5)**: Crawfordsville, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Southmont, Western Boone.
35. **Carmel (4)**: Carmel, Guerin Catholic, University, Zionsville.
36. **Park Tudor (4)**: Brebeuf Jesuit, Park Tudor, Pike, International School of Indiana.
37. **South Bend St. Joseph (5)**: Glenn, LaVille, South Bend Riley, South Bend St. Joseph, South Bend Washington.
38. **LaPorte (4)**: LaPorte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, New Prairie.
39. **Valparaiso (4)**: Chesterton, Portage, Valparaiso, Wheeler.
40. **Hobart (4)**: Andrean, Hobart, Lake Station Edison, Merrillville.
41. **Harrison (West Lafayette) (5)**: Benton Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Jefferson, Rossville, West Lafayette.
42. **McCutcheon (5)**: Attica, Frankfort, Lafayette Central Catholic, McCutcheon, Seeger.
43. **Logansport (5)**: Carroll (Flora), Delphi Community, Lewis Cass, Logansport, Twin Lakes.
44. **Kokomo (5)**: Eastern (Greentown), Kokomo, Northwestern, Taylor, Western.
45. **Crown Point (5)**: Crown Point, Hanover Central, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, Rensselaer Central.
46. **Munster (5)**: Griffith, Highland, Illiana Christian, Lake Central, Munster.
47. **East Chicago Central (6)**: East Chicago Central, Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Central, Hammond Morton, River Forest.
49. **Marion (5)**: Blackford, Madison-Grant, Marion, Mississinewa, Huntington North.
50. **Norwell (5)**: Adams Central, Bellmont, Bluffton, Norwell, South Adams.
51. **Homestead (5)**: FW Bishop Luers, FW Canterbury, FW South Side, FW Wayne, Homestead.
52. **Peru (5)**: Maconaquah, Manchester, Peru, Rochester Community, Wabash.
53. **Jay County (4)**: Jay County, Randolph Southern, Union City, Winchester Community.
54. **Delta (4)**: Delta, Muncie Burris, Muncie Central, Yorktown.
55. **Frankton (4)**: Alexandria Monroe, Elwood, Frankton, Tipton.
56. **Noblesville (4)**: Hamilton Heights, Lapel, Noblesville, Westfield.
57. **Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (5)**: FW Blackhawk Christian, FW Bishop Dwenger, FW Concordia Lutheran, FW North Side, New Haven.
58. **Carroll (Fort Wayne) (5)**: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Churubusco, FW Northrop, FW Snider, Leo.
59. **East Noble/DeKalb (4)**: Central Noble, East Noble, DeKalb, West Noble.
60. **Angola (5)**: Angola, Fremont, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview.
61. **Warsaw (5)**: Columbia City, Tippecanoe Valley, Whitko, Warsaw Community, Wawasee.
62. **Concord (4)**: Concord, Elkhart, Jimtown, Northridge.
63. **Bremen/Goshen (5)**: Bethany Christian, Bremen, Fairfield, Goshen, NorthWood.
64. **Penn (5):** Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Clay.

**Boys Regionals**
1. **Brownsburg (Sectionals 1-4)**
2. **Jasper (Sectionals 5-8)**
3. **Evansville North (Sectionals 9-12)**
4. **Jeffersonville (Sectionals 13-16)**
5. **Seymour (Sectionals 17-20)**
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14. **Noblesville (Sectionals 53-56)**
15. **Carroll (Fort Wayne) (Sectionals 57-60)**
16. **Concord (Sectionals 61-64)**

**Boys Semi-States**
1. **Center Grove (Regionals 5-8)**
2. **Jasper (Regionals 1-4)**
3. **Culver Academies (Regionals 9-12)**
4. **Homestead (Regionals 13-16)**

**Boys State Finals**
Winners at Center Grove, Jasper, Culver Academies and Homestead.

**Quarterfinals | Carmel HS** (Top of the bracket)
**Quarterfinals | Center Grove HS** (Bottom of the bracket)

**Semifinals | North Central (Indpls.)**

**State Championship | North Central (Indpls.)**

**Girls Sectionals**
1. **Plainfield (4):** Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield.
2. **Greencastle (4):** Greencastle, Martinsville, Mooresville, South Putnam.
4. **Bloomington North (5):** Edgewood, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brown County, Owen Valley.
5. **Jasper (4):** Forest Park, Jasper, Northeast Dubois, Southridge.
6. **Linton-Stockton (5):** Bloomfield, Linton-Stockton, North Central (Farmersburg), Sullivan, White River Valley.
8. **Loogootee (4):** Barr-Reeve, Loogootee, North Daviess, Paoli.
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II. REPORTS

A. **Report on Officials for the Track & Field State Tournament Series**
   Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer presented a list of track and field starters who have applied to work the boys and girls tournaments.

B. **Report on Officials for the Unified Track & Field Tournament Series**
   Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis presented a list of track and field starters who have applied to work the unified tournament.

C. **Report on Officials for the Girls Tennis Tournament Series**
   Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman presented a list of USTA officials who may work at the girls tennis state finals.

D. **Report on Umpires for the Baseball Tournament Series**
   Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of baseball umpires who have applied to work the baseball tournament series.
E. **Report on Umpires for the Softball Tournament Series**  
Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati presented a list of softball umpires who have applied to work the softball tournament series.

F. **Officials**  
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis shared the list of officials license renewals by sport through the end of April.

He also shared the list of officials association meetings around the state and will be out meeting and discussing policy changes with association leadership going into next year.

G. **Transfers**  
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on the number of transfers from June 1, 2022 through April 26, 2023.

**Student-Athlete Transfer Report**

**Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics**

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H. **Ejection Report**
Commissioner Paul Neidig shared the list of ejections by sport and school from August 1, 2022 through April 28, 2023.

He plans to discuss the sportsmanship program at length during next month’s Board retreat.

I. **Winter Sports Financial Reports**
Commissioner Paul Neidig shared the financial reports for each winter state tournament and was pleased to report that the IHSAA enjoyed a very good season including great attendance at all of the state finals events.

Expenditures were up in some areas as the IHSAA increased the mileage reimbursement and stipends for tournament officials across the board.

The debt load the IHSAA took on during the pandemic has continued to be paid off and it is hoped that a strong spring tournament season will allow that to continue.

J. **Technology**
Director of Technology Luke Morehead updated the group on the most noteworthy updates to the myIHSAA portal including a second pilot program for digital ticketing.

He demonstrated a new tool through myIHSAA that will help with reclassification and realignments in the future. It will allow a committee to generate the most geographically optimal sectional assignments and hosts when specific data is entered.

K. **Litigation/Case Review Panel/Legislation**
General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association and recent results from the IDOE Case Review Panel.

L. **Legal Seminar**
General counsel Katie Williams-Briles and Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on the legal seminar they attended in downtown Indianapolis last week with other state association leaders.

Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) at the high school level and athletic transfers and appeal processes were two main topics.

She also reported on a new platform called ChatGPI, chatbot that answers questions and writes essays. It has quickly taken the tech world by storm and allows a user to quickly generate a synopsis on nearly any given topic for position statements, policy, appeals, etc. It’s expected to become heavily used tool, particularly in the legal world.
M. **Penalties Assessed**

**Andrean – Softball – Rule 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)**
- The Andrean softball program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- The student-athlete was declared ineligible until a completed transfer report was submitted and ruled upon.
- The interscholastic contests in which the student-athlete participated in were forfeited. The opposing schools were made aware of this violation.

**Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory – Baseball – Rule 15-1.2(c) (The baseball program participated in an interscholastic contest prior to the contest season)**
- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire baseball program to review IHSAA member-school rule 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting, meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner Faulkens.
- Further digressions by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the baseball program as they relate to member school by-laws, may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The contest shall not be counted as a regular season contest, therefore, the maximum number of games for the 2023 regular season shall be 27.

**Cowan- Boys Golf – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in an interscholastic match while academically ineligible)**
- The Cowan High School golf program is 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 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.

**Evansville Harrison – Girls Tennis – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in several interscholastic matches while academically ineligible)**
- The Evansville Harrison High School girls tennis 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 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.
Indianapolis Cathedral – Boys Golf – Rule 15-1.2(c) *(The boys golf program participated in scrimmage or skills challenge event with other member schools prior to the contest season)*

- The Cathedral High School boys’ tennis program is 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 Cathedral High School boys’ tennis regular season schedule for the 2023-24 school year is hereby reduced by 1 contest.

Lakewood Park – Baseball – Rule 19-3 *(A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)*

- The Lakewood Park Christian baseball program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- The student-athlete was declared ineligible until a completed transfer report was submitted and ruled upon.
- The interscholastic contests in which the student-athlete participated shall be forfeited. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.

Lebanon – Baseball – Rule 51-4 *(A student-athlete was not given the proper rest (3 days) after throwing 83 pitches)*

- The Lebanon baseball program is placed on probation for this student-athlete health and safety IHSAA member school by-law violation for 365 days from the date of this occurrence. This communication serves as official notice that serious violation has occurred, is a matter of record and future, similar incidents will not be tolerated.
- Head Coach Rick Cosgray is reprimanded for allowing this student-athlete to exceed the maximum pitch count, therefore, allowing this health and safety violation to occur.
- If victorious Lebanon High School shall forfeit, the interscholastic contest in which this student athlete participated in. The opposing school shall be notified of this forfeiture.

Washington – Boys Track – Rule 3-10(2) & 18-1 *(A student-athlete participated in an interscholastic meet without a pre-participation physical form and while academically ineligible)*

- The Washington boys track & field program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- The student-athlete was declared ineligible until a completed pre-participation physical examination and consent form is submitted and the student-athlete involved in this violation shall be 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-athletes participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

Westfield – Boys Golf – Rule 15-1.2(c) *(The boys golf program participated in scrimmage or skills challenge event with other member schools prior to the contest season)*

- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire golf program to review IHSAA member-school rule 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting,
meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner Kaufman.

- Further digressions by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys golf program as they relate to member school by-laws, may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Communications

- Letter from Earl Smith, Jr., Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award recipient
- Letter from Jim Morris, Richard G. Lugar Award for Distinguished Service

B. Congratulations

1. Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer | News Release

2. The following earned NIAAA Certifications in the month of March 2023:
   - Samantha Call, CAA – Greencastle High School
   - Kris Painter, CAA – Terre Haute North High School
   - Shane Davis, CAA – Eminence High School
   - Thomas Bealmear, CAA – Evansville Bosse High School
   - Mosi Barnes, CAA – Lawrence Central High School
   - Dan Ginder, CAA – Carroll (Fort Wayne) High School
   - Arthur Haggard, CAA – Bowman Leadership Academy
   - Alex Engelbert, CMAA – Waldron High School
   - Kimberly Deck, RAA – Clinton Central High School

3. Spirit of Sport Award to Jacob Bush of Mishawaka HS | News Release

4. 2023 IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Recipients
   - Trinity Britton, South Spencer
   - Riley Broshears, Evansville Central
   - Braylee Brown, North Vermillion
   - Adam Cox, Southmont
   - Isabelle Ellis, Fort Wayne Canterbury
   - Alexander Emenhiser, Lebanon
• Ella Garvin, New Castle
• Beth Graber, Barr-Reeve
• Ellie Jones, Plymouth
• Kaleigh Kelley, Mt. Vernon
• Jasmine King, Gary West Side
• Molly Moriarty, Tippecanoe Valley

5. **Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens, IFCA Robert Spring President’s Award Recipient**

6. **IHSAA Champion Educator Recipients**

   **Girls Basketball**
   • Lanesville – Audrey Brown
   • Bethany Christian – Renae Yoder
   • Lapel – Josh Strange
   • Forest Park – Lavina Begle
   • Corydon Central – Dr. William Royalty
   • Fairfield – Ryan LeCount
   • Fishers – Lance Kuhn
   • Bedford North Lawrence – Amy Scarpellini

   **Boys Basketball**
   • Indianapolis Lutheran – Bob Armao
   • Southwood – Jim Sparks
   • Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian – Kim Holloway
   • Linton-Stockton – Holly Kirk
   • Guerin Catholic – Shelly Horn
   • NorthWood – Stephani Neff
   • Kokomo – Mary Hinkle
   • Ben Davis – Kevin Vanderbush

C. **For the Good of the Order**
   • NFHS Summer Meeting in Seattle, WA

D. **Adjournment**

   **Motion:**
   Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Jeff Hamstra. Approved 17-0.
E. **Next Meeting**

Board Retreat: June 20-21, 2023 in French Lick, IN
Executive Committee Meeting: June 22, 2023 in French Lick, IN