



IHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2025 Annual Meeting
IHSAA Headquarters
Monday, May 5, 2025
PRESIDING – Larry Cochren, President

AGENDA

A. Roll Call.

Executive Committee Members: Chairman Chad Gilbert, Vice-Chairman Brian Strong, Stacy Adams, Tom Black, Jim Brown, Martin Brown, Larry Cochren, Chris Conley, Jeremy Dexter (Member-Elect), Jeff Doyle, Kyle Duncan, Tom Finicle, Stephanie Gillett (Member-Elect)(non-voting), Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Ryan Harrington (Member-Elect), Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, Paul Voigt

Executive Staff Members: 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 & Human Resources Ashley Ernstberger, Foundation Director Trip Lukemeyer, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles.

B. Minutes of the April 29, 2024, meeting.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 18-0.

C. Necrology Service.

Jim H. Wahl

Northeast Dubois High School (Principal)

IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 1979-80, 80-81, 84-85, 85-86

James (Jim) H. Wahl, 93, of Ferdinand, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2025, surrounded by family at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand. Jim was born October 27, 1931, in Dale to Simon and Eleanor (Koenig) Wahl. He married Doretha Klueh on July 31, 1954, in St. Ferdinand Church and they were married 70 years.

Jim was a 1949 graduate of Dale High School, where he was president of his Junior and Senior Classes and was a key member of the 1949 Dale Golden Aces basketball sectional championship team. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. While stationed in Iceland, he taught basketball fundamentals to other sailors and Icelanders in his spare time. Following honorable discharge as a petty officer second class, he returned home to attend Evansville College under the GI Bill. He graduated with a bachelor's degree and obtained his teaching certificate.

Jim taught math and driver's education and coached at St. Ferdinand and Dale High Schools. He later obtained his master's degree at Evansville College, took administrative courses at I.U. in Bloomington and earned his administrative license. **He was the principal at Northeast Dubois High School for 25 years, from 1969 to 1994**, until his retirement. He touched many lives as a teacher, coach, principal, mentor and friend.

He was a member of Christ the King Parish, St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, where he was a eucharistic minister and lector and served on the Parish Council. He was also a member of the Ferdinand American Legion Post 124 for 54 years and was selected for the Southern Indiana Honor Flight EVV9 in November 2017.

Jim was an original organizer of Little League Baseball in Ferdinand over 65 years ago, where he coached for 20 years. **He was selected as a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Executive Committee and Board of Directors, serving two terms and one term as chairman in 1985-86. Jim's son, Paul, is a long-time IHSAA official as well.** He was a long-time member of the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) and remained actively involved in their retirement community. In retirement, he enjoyed playing horseshoes, gardening, repairing and refurbishing baseball gloves, and spending time with his family.

Don B. Sakel

Floyd Central High School (Principal)

IHSAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors: 1966-67, 74-75, 88-89, 89-90, 91-92, 92-93, 94-95, 95-96.

Don B. Sakel, 92, of Floyds Knobs, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at The Mansion on Main with his beloved family by his side. Born on August 10th, 1932, to the late Frank and Elsie Sakel of Huntingburg, IN.

Don was a basketball star in high school and continued his playing days at Evansville College. In 1955, he started a remarkable career in education, that would last for 50 years! He began as a teacher and coach and in 1961 led the small southwestern Indiana school of Haubstadt to the first and only Sectional Championship in basketball. The Elites defeated the rival Fort Branch Twigs, 14-12 in triple sudden death overtime, becoming one of the greatest tournament games in Indiana High School Basketball History.

In 1965, he became Dean of Boys at Hazelwood Junior High School in New Albany. When

the new Floyd Central Jr. & Sr. High School opened in 1967, Don became the schools' first assistant principal. In 1972 he became principal of the school for the next 22 years. He also served as an administrator until his retirement in 1997. However, Don was not done with the service to Floyd County Schools. He served two terms on the school board from 2000-2008. One of the many highlights was welcoming President George W. Bush to New Albany, as president of the school board in 2007. **Don also served 8 elected terms, including one term as chairman in 1974-75, on the Indiana High School Athletic Association Board of Directors and Executive Committee.** Highlights include giving the mental attitude award to his own schools' Mr. Basketball-Pat Graham in 1989 and Mr. Basketball- Damon Bailey in 1990. Don was proud of the athletic, music and theatre accomplishment for the Highlanders, but was most proud of the 4-Star Awards earned by Floyd Central for being one of the top schools in education in Indiana. Don will always be remembered for the positive impact made on the youth of Southern Indiana.

SPECIAL MENTION

Individuals who have gone above-and-beyond to make significant, meritorious contribution or service to education-based high school athletics in the state of Indiana.

Denny Lewis

Denny Lewis, 72, passed away on May 17, 2024. Denny was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on January 5, 1952, to Kenneth and Marjorie (Michel) Lewis. He married his high school sweetheart, Cathy Cato on August 4, 1973, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntingburg, Indiana.

He was a 1970 graduate of Huntingburg High School. He then graduated from Oakland City College with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education and earned his Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University.

Dennis was a long-time teacher, coach, and athletic director, with the majority of his time spent at Jasper High School.

Dennis was a past member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Association, and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Association.

He was awarded the Indiana High School Athletic Director of the Year in 2009.

He was passionate about Jasper High School athletics, enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as he was extremely proud of his boys, and loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending all their events. He was adamant about watching college basketball wherever Michael was coaching and traveling to high school sporting events around the state with his son Brian. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling in his motorhome, especially trips to the Indy 500 and the spring race at Talladega.

To honor Denny's passing, the IHSAA and IHSAA Foundation partnered with friends and family of the Lewis Family in the Fall of 2024 to create the Denny Lewis Legacy of

Advocacy Post-Secondary Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented annually to one senior student-athlete who exemplifies Denny's leadership qualities and displays a financial need for continued education. Recipients are celebrated and recognized at the IHSAA Foundation Impact Awards each spring with members of the Lewis family.

Carol S. Tumey

Carol S. Tumey, 82, of Greenwood, passed away with the love of her life, Dale, by her side on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. She was born on December 30, 1941, in Crawford County, Indiana to the late Homer and Grace Summers.

She was a graduate of Levenworth High School. While attending Franklin College, her roommate introduced her to the love of her life. Dale and Carol were married in the summer after she earned her bachelor's degree in health and physical education. Later that summer, she accepted a teaching job at Center Grove Schools. Later she earned her master's degree from Indiana University.

Carol was employed by Center Grove High School as the Physical Education Chair, Intramural Director, and Assistant Athletic Director. During this time, she developed the first girls' sports program, becoming the first girls' basketball and volleyball coach. She also coached cross country and track and field.

After 40 years, Carol retired but she wasn't done impacting young lives. She served three terms on the Center Grove Board of Trustees. At the same time, she went to work for the Franklin College Education Department as an adjunct professor. In this role, she oversaw and provided guidance to student teachers. Carol also served on the board for the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and was key figure within the Indiana Coaches for Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) for many years.

Carol has earned numerous awards including the St. Vincent Health Silver Medal, National High School Coach of the Year for Track, National High School Coaching Gold Award, The Sagamore of the Wabash Award, Indiana Athletic Administrator of the Year and has been inducted into the Franklin College Hall of Fame, Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame. The Center Grove High School Track was named in her honor on August 27, 2021. In December 2022, the Center Grove High School Girls' Basketball Tournament was renamed the Carol Tumey Holiday Tournament.

Her impact as a coach and mentor was felt far beyond the scoreboard. She taught the values of hard work, resilience, and teamwork, instilling these qualities in every athlete she encountered. She was not just a coach, but a role model, a leader, and a friend to many. Carol was a member of Mount Auburn Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling with Dale, spending time with family and friends. She loved cooking and hosting dinners.

D. Proposals – Submitted by the Commissioner unless otherwise noted, and to become effective immediately, unless otherwise stated:

Proposed Article, Section, Name

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I. BY-LAWS

1. ARTICLES III – MEMBERSHIP

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Section 2.

Full Membership in this Corporation shall be open to all public, private, parochial, boarding, and institutional high schools of the state offering and maintaining Two (2) or more years of high school work, provided they meet the requirements of the Corporation and also (a) have Full Accreditation ~~or Freeway Accreditation~~ from the Indiana Department of Education or be fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement or by another national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the Indiana Department of Education for the purposes of the School Scholarship Program under Ind. Code §20-51 and approved by the IHSAA, provided the school meets the graduation qualifying requirements of the state of Indiana and (b) must have previously provided and continue to maintain at least one team, ~~or a minimum of five (5) students participating in any one individual sport, in an IHSAA-sponsored sport~~ for each gender in an IHSAA sport during each sports season. A school shall neither become a member nor ~~remain a member~~ maintain membership in the IHSAA whose detailed financial (athletic or otherwise), scholastic and attendance records are not readily made available, as requested, to the IHSAA during an investigation.

Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the Articles of Incorporation, which clarifies and expands the membership criteria for schools, including minimum team/student participation in IHSAA-sponsored sports. Freeway accreditation has been eliminated following legislation during the 2025 legislative session, which modifies various chapters and sections of Title 20 of the Indiana Code.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jeff Hamstra. Approved 18-0.

II. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

2. RULE 1 – RULE COVERAGE

1-4 Emerging Sports Process

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1-4 Emerging Sports Process

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- b. The Board of Directors may designate a Sport as an Emerging Sport if these requirements are satisfied:

- (1.) ~~Twenty (20)~~ Fifty (50) Member Schools currently are sponsoring a program in the Sport;
- (2.) There is documentation submitted which demonstrates the Sport's viability to grow meaningful sport participation opportunities for girls and boys in the Sport, including data regarding injuries and information about health and safety protocols, data of participants in other states and at the collegiate level, data of gender, race and ethnicity participants, data of non-scholastic participation, data of the geographic participation, letters of support from coaches organizations and other associations or organizations involved in the sport;
- (3.) Suggested IHSAA sport-specific rules (e.g. playing and practice seasons) for this Sport are submitted; and
- (4.) ~~Ten (10)~~ Twenty-five (25) letters of commitment are submitted from Member Schools that either currently sponsor or intend to sponsor a program in the Sport, which include the following supporting materials: a current/proposed budget with specific line items for a program in the Sport, a roster size and number of full-time and part-time coaches for a program in the Sport, a description of practice and competition facilities needed for a program in the Sport, a listing of local and regional competition opportunities for a program in the Sport, a timeline to varsity status for the Sport, and a description of the current relationship with any Sport governing bodies.

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- d. After a Sport has been designated an Emerging Sport, it will be listed in the IHSAA General Eligibility Rules and any School sponsoring a program in that Sport, **defined as having provided the supporting materials outlined in rule 1-4(b)(4)**, shall register its coaches with the IHSAA. The IHSAA will offer limited administrative services to Schools sponsoring a program in that Emerging Sport, such as free rule books, free rules meetings in the Emerging Sport and free participation in the Catastrophic Medical program for the students participating in the Emerging Sport. Participation in the Emerging Sport and all Contests in the Emerging Sport are subject to all the IHSAA rules and policies, including the General Eligibility Rules.
- e. **If, after five (5) years from the date of designation as an Emerging Sport, the sport has not met the criteria to move forward to recognized sport status, the sport shall be subject to an annual review by the Board of Directors to determine whether it should continue to hold Emerging Sport status. If an Emerging Sport loses its designation as an Emerging Sport, a new request must be submitted to the Board of Directors in accordance with the process outlined in section (a). The new request shall be subject to all requirements and procedures set forth in this Emerging Sports Process as if it were an initial application.**

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Proposed Amendment to section 1-4 of the Rule Coverage rule, rule 1, to modify the criteria to be designated an emerging sport and to add sub-section (e), which provides that a sport designated as emerging for five (5) years does not progress to recognized status, it will undergo an annual review by the Board of Directors to decide its continued classification.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 18-0.

3. RULE 1 – RULE COVERAGE

1-4 Emerging Sports Process

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- f.** The following sports are currently Emerging Sports: [Girls Flag Football](#)

Proposed Amendment to section 1-4 of the Rule Coverage rule, rule 1, adding Girls Flag Football as an emerging sport.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Paul Voigt. Approved 17-1 with Chad Gilbert opposed.

4. RULE 2 – CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

Proposal submitted by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association

2-1 Classification Criteria

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2.1 General Classification Criteria for Team Sports

Schools may be classified in Team Sports up to a maximum of Four (4) Classes, except football, according to the following criteria:

- a. If Fifty percent (50%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have Two (2) Classes.
- b. If Seventy-five percent (75%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have Three (3) Classes.
- c. If Ninety-five (95%) of the Member Schools sponsored a team and entered the IHSAA tournament in the previous year, that sport may have Four (4) Classes.

2.2 Classification of Tennis

- a. Notwithstanding its status as an individual sport, Tennis shall be classified according to the criteria set forth in rule 2.1 for the purposes of the IHSAA tournament.
- b. Schools are re-classified on a sport-by-sport basis, including Tennis, every Two (2) years according to rule 2-4.
- c. Reclassification of Tennis shall account for previous tournament series success in accordance with rule 2-5.

Proposed Addition of section to 2.2 to the Classification of Schools rule, rule 2, to classify tennis according to the same criteria as a team sport for IHSAA tournaments, while maintaining its status as an individual sport.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Doyle to table this item for further discussion at a later date and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 18-0.

5. RULE 9 – CONTESTS

Proposal submitted by Ryan Chiddister, Principal, Union High School

9-6.1 Cooperative Agreements

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9-6.1 Cooperative Agreements

With the approval of the IHSAA Board of Directors, students from two (2) Member Schools may be combined to cooperatively sponsor interscholastic activities provided such is necessary to either have a sufficient number of students to support a program or will result in increased opportunities for students to participate. The following terms and conditions govern all high school cooperative sponsorships:

- a. The IHSAA Board of Directors may approve the establishment of a cooperative agreement if both Member Schools can demonstrate a need. Need includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1.) Insufficient enrollment numbers;
 - (2.) Insufficient staff;
 - (3.) Lack of a program at one or both schools; and
 - (4.) Lack of facilities.
- b. Member Schools may only form a cooperative agreement (co-op) for team sports.
- c. A Member School with an enrollment of fewer than 300 students may form a cooperative agreement, provided that the combined enrollment of the participating Member Schools does not exceed 750. If the combined enrollment exceeds this limit, the application for cooperative agreement will be denied.
- d. At the time of the application, one of the participating Member Schools shall be designated to administer the program.
- e. The Member Schools must be proximate or adjacent to form a cooperative agreement.
- f. When a non-public school seeks to partner with a public school, the boundaries of the public school will be used to assess the contiguity necessary for a cooperative agreement with the non-public school. Non-contiguous or non-adjoining Member Schools that are isolated from a specific team sport may request approval from the IHSAA Board of Directors to form a cooperative agreement if it will increase the opportunities for students to participate.
- g. The cooperative agreement must be for two (2) years, running concurrently with the reclassification cycle for team sports. The cooperative agreement may be voided at any time by mutual agreement of all co-oping Member Schools with the approval of

the IHSAA Board of Directors. No other cooperative agreement in the same team sport may be entered into with another Member School until the original two-year period elapses.

- h. A Member School may not have a cooperative agreement with one school in a particular team sport and with another school in a different team sport.
- i. In multi-school districts, the school board must designate the school(s) that may request permission to cooperatively sponsor programs in a particular team sport.
- j. If a Member School (a contiguous public school or a non-public school) wishes to co-op with a school in a multi-school district, the superintendent of that multi-school district will determine which of his/her schools will form the co-op with the non-district school. When co-oping in this manner, all team sports must be cooperatively sponsored with the same school.
- k. Applications for a cooperative agreement must be made jointly by the boards of education of the involved Member Schools, signed by the board president, superintendent, and principal, and submitted to the IHSAA by September 1 of a reclassification year. The provisions set forth in this rule shall take effect beginning with the 2026 reclassification cycle.
- l. Schools in a cooperative agreement shall be re-classified on a sport-by-sport basis every Two (2) years according to rule 2-4.
- m. Reclassification shall account for previous tournament series success in accordance with rule 2-5.

Proposed Addition of section 9-6.1 to the Contests rule, rule 9, which outlines the conditions under which member schools can form cooperative agreements for team sports, including enrollment limits, proximity requirements, and application processes.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Failed 6-12 with Jim Brown, Tim Grove, Paul Voigt, Chris Conley, Jeff Doyle, and Tom Finicle in favor.

6. RULE 9 – CONTESTS

This amendment to the bylaws was previously adopted as a temporary regulation at the November 8, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.

**9-9 Participation in Interscholastic Competition
on Single Gender Sports Teams**

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- e. Election of Tournament Participation in Newly Recognized Sports
 - (1.) When a sport is opened to two (2) gender groups, *prior* participants can elect to participate in either gendered Tournament, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The election must be made in writing and submitted by a school representative,
 - (b) The election shall apply for the duration of the student’s high school career in that sport, and

- (c) Except for what is provided in subsection (a), participation in the other gendered Tournament is strictly prohibited, and such prohibition is not waivable under rule 17-8.1.
- (d) For the purposes of this rule, a “prior participant” means a student who competed in the sport at the Tournament level before it was opened to two-gender groups.
- (e) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to create a right for students to participate in a sport or Tournament inconsistent with their Birth Gender outside the specific circumstances described in subsection (a).

Proposed Amendment to section 9-9 of the Contests rule, rule 9, to add sub-section (e.), which allows prior participants to elect which gendered tournament to participate in when a sport is opened to two gender groups.

Motion:

Motion moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Patti McCormack. Approved 18-0.

7. RULE 9 – CONTESTS

Proposal submitted by Commissioner Paul Neidig on behalf of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)

9-12 ~~Oxygen Use in Contests Restricted~~ Page 42
Oxygen and Intravenous Fluid Use in Contests Restricted

9-12.1 Oxygen Administration

No oxygen shall be administered to athletes in any Contest by mechanical or medicinal means except in genuine cardio-pulmonary emergencies by personnel qualified to administer such treatment.

9-12.2 Intravenous Fluid Administration

IV fluids may only be administered in emergency situations to prevent or treat cardiovascular collapse, severe heat-induced illness, severe hypotension and shock, or other life-threatening conditions that would benefit from intravascular fluid treatment.

- a. IV fluids can only be administered by, or under the direct supervision of, a licensed Medical Doctor in the State of Indiana or by Emergency Medical personnel trained in the use and administration of IV fluids who have received a direct verbal or written order from a licensed Medical Doctor.
- b. If a student-athlete receives IV fluid therapy, they shall not be allowed to participate in any athletic competition for the remainder of that day.
- c. Return to play following IV fluid administration shall not occur within 24 hours and must be accompanied by written medical clearance from an approved medical professional (MD, DO, NP, or PA).
- d. In emergency situations where obtaining prior written consent is not feasible, verbal consent may be accepted but must be documented and followed up with written

- consent as soon as practicable.
- e. Member Schools, athletic departments, coaches, and medical personnel shall comply with all aspects of this rule.
 - f. Failure to comply may result in sanctions or penalties as determined by the IHSAA.

Proposed Addition of section 9-12.2 of the Contests rule, rule 9, to restrict the use of intravenous fluids in contests, except during emergencies, and regulating their administration.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Kyle Duncan. Approved 18-0.

8. RULE 9 – CONTESTS

9-19 Leasing of Facilities for Practice or Contests

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9-19 Leasing of Facilities for Practices or Contests

Member Schools may lease facilities for use in Practices or Contests, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Upon request, the IHSAA must will be provided with a copy of the lease agreement prior to using the leased facility.
- b. The lease agreement must clearly state that the facility is being leased for use by the Member School's team(s).
- c. School teams and non-school teams may not be combined for any activities at the leased facility.
- d. The Member School's coaching staff must exclusively provide all instruction and coaching at the leased facility.
- e. The lease agreement and all activities conducted at the leased facility must comply with all other applicable IHSAA rules and policies.
- ~~f. The leased facility must be located within the state of Indiana.~~
- g. The Member School principal must approve and oversee all aspects of the facility lease and its use.
- h. The Member School remains responsible for the safety, supervision and conduct of student-athletes at the leased facility.
- i. Leasing of facilities does not exempt the Member School or its teams from any Contest limitations or other restrictions in IHSAA rules.
- j. The IHSAA reserves the right to review and reject any facility lease agreement that it determines does not comply with the letter or spirit of this rule.

Proposed New section 9-19 to the Contests rule, rule 9, which outlines conditions under which member schools may lease facilities for practices or contests, including IHSAA approval and compliance with other applicable rules.

Motion:

Motion to amend “a.” moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Jim Brown.

Approved 18-0.

Motion:

Motion to amend to strike “f.” moved by Patti McCormack and motion seconded by Kris Painter. Approved 18-0.

Motion:

Motion as amended moved by Ryan Harrington and motion seconded by Jeremy Dexter. Approved 18-0.

9. RULE 15 – PARTICIPATION

Proposal submitted by Jaime Nathaniel, Principal, Northridge High School

15-1 Individual Sports (Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, and Wrestling) **Page 62**

15-1.4 Limited Contact Period

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Individual Sports may participate in a Limited Contact Program; a Limited Contact Program is a program in which the use of the School’s gymnasium, playing field or other School Facilities is open only to students who attend the School, or a Feeder School of the School sponsoring the program, is open to all such students and participation is on a voluntary basis.

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- b. Exception: If a student uses a Member School’s gymnasium, playing field, or other school facilities without a coach present, it shall not constitute a violation by the Member School or the Member School’s coach of the Limited Contact Program.

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15-2 Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Volleyball) **Page 66**

15-2.4 Limited Contact Period

During the School Year Out-of-Season a student who participates in Team Sports may participate in a Limited Contact Program; a Limited Contact Program is a program in which the use of the School’s gymnasium, playing field or other School Facilities is open only to students who attend the School, or a Feeder School of the School sponsoring the program, is open to all such students and participation is on a voluntary basis.

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- d. Exception: If a student uses a Member School’s gymnasium, playing field, or other school facilities without a coach present, it shall not constitute a violation by the Member School or the Member School’s coach of the Limited Contact Program.

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Proposed Amendments to sections 15-1.4 and 15-2.4 to add subsections (b.) and (d.), to incorporate exceptions to the Limited Contact Program, whereby a student's use of the school's facilities without a coach's presence is not a violation, applicable to both individual and team sports.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley; motion failed for lack of a second motion.

10. RULE 15 – PARTICIPATION

Proposal submitted by Brett Crousore, Principal, Lawrence North High School

15-2.8

Moratorium

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15-2.8 15-3 Moratorium

Each Member School shall observe a moratorium week starting on Monday of the Corresponding Week which includes July 4th. During this Seven (7) day moratorium week there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and no athletic activities, including conditioning, conducted. (Effective with Summer of 2025) Each Member School shall also designate Five (5) additional separate weekdays in which there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and not athletic activities, including condition, conducted. (T-Wk48 – F-Wk4). Note: All Corresponding Weeks begin on Monday.

Exception: If a team or athlete is participating in a Spring IHSAA Tournament Series during the first Three (3) weeks of the Summer, which is the period from the Tuesday following Memorial Day to the day before Monday of Week 5, any athletes or coaches on the official entry list submitted for that Tournament Series are exempt from the moratorium days selected by their Member School during this timeframe.

Proposed Amendment to section 15-2.8 of the Participation rule, rule 15, to renumber and to modify the moratorium requirements.

Motion:

Motion moved by Doyle and motion seconded by Martin Brown. Failed 5-13 with Jim Brown, Tim Grove, Stacy Adams, Kyle Duncan, and Brian Strong in favor.

11. RULE 17 – INVESTIGATIONS – HEARINGS – DECISIONS – APPEAL – PENALTIES – WAIVERS

17-8.5 Principals Limited Eligibility Waiver

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This amendment to the bylaws previously was adopted as a temporary regulation at the February 21, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting.

17-8.5 Principals Limited Eligibility Waiver

~~In addition to the foregoing, in transfer cases under rule 19-6, (the student transfers without a corresponding change of residence by his/her parent(s) or Guardian(s)), the Commissioner, his/ her designee or the Committee shall have the authority to set aside the effect of the transfer rule and grant a student full eligibility following a transfer if all of the following criteria are met: a. the student continues to reside with his/her parent(s) or Guardian(s), and b. the student establishes, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner, his/her designee or the Committee, that there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer and that the transfer is in the best interest of the student, and c. the principals of the sending and receiving Member Schools each affirm in writing that the principals consulted, the transfer is in the best interest of the student, and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer. A Written Verification from both the principals of the sending and receiving Member Schools is an absolute prerequisite. In addition, in those circumstances where the student attended a Member School, other than the sending and receiving Member School, at any time during the Three hundred Sixty five (365) days prior to the transfer, the principal of the other Member School(s) the student attended during the Three hundred Sixty five (365) days prior to the transfer must also affirm in writing that the transfer is in the best interest of the student and there are no athletic related motives surrounding the transfer.~~

Proposed Amendment to section 17-8.5 of the waiver section, rule 17, to eliminate the Principal's Limited Eligibility Waiver rule. These additions will take effect on June 1, 2025.

Motion:

Motion moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Stacy Adams. Approved 18-0.

12. RULE 18 – SCHOLARSHIP

18-1 Minimum Course Enrollment and Grades for Participation

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18-1 Minimum Course Enrollment and Grades for Participation

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- b. Students in their senior year, who are on track to graduate, need only take a minimum of Two (2) full credit subjects in their ~~last semester~~ **final spring term** of high school. This exception applies only to students who have met all other graduation requirements and are in good academic standing.

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Proposed Amendment to section 18-1 of the Scholarship rule, rule 18, adding sub-section (b.), to allow Seniors on track to graduate to only need to take a minimum of two full credit subjects in their final semester, provided they have met all graduation requirements and maintain good academic standing.

Motion:

Motion to amend to “final spring term” moved by Kyle Duncan and motion seconded by Patti McCormack. Approved 18-0.

Motion:

Motion as amended moved by Brian Strong and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Approved 18-0.

13. RULE 19 – ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER

This amendment to the bylaws previously was adopted as a temporary regulation at the February 21, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting.

19-3 Transfer Eligibility and Restrictions

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19-3.1 General Transfer Eligibility

A student who transfers to a Member School shall be ineligible to participate in interschool athletics for 365 days after enrollment, unless an IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report is ruled on by the Commissioner or designee.

19-3.2 First Time Transfer Between Member Schools

- a. Students who transfer between Member Schools for the first time during the first six (6) semesters after their initial high school enrollment will have full eligibility, provided:
 - (1.) The transfer occurs on or before the Start of Practice Date of the sports season in which the transfer occurs; and
 - (2.) The transfer is not the result of undue influence (rules 20-1 and 20-2, past link).
- b. Students who transfer during the first six (6) semesters, having had the opportunity to participate in three (3) seasons of eligibility of a sport, will be subject to a Thirty (30) day non-competition period or half (1/2) the Maximum Number of Contests, whichever is less, in each sport in which they participated during or after their third year of eligibility, during the Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days preceding the transfer.

19-3.3 Second and Subsequent Transfers

- a. **Notwithstanding rule 19-3.2**, when a student transfers for a second or subsequent time, the student’s eligibility status – limited, full, or ineligible – will be determined according to the eligibility and transfer rules outlined in rules 19 and 20; and

- b. Second or subsequent transfers after the Start of Practice Date will be subject to a thirty (30) day non-competition period or half (1/2) the Maximum Number of Contests in that sport, whichever is less.
- c. Students whose second transfer involves a return to the Member School where they established their initial promotion eligibility within Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days from their enrollment date at the previous school will retain full eligibility.

19-3.4 Transfers Involving Non-Member Schools

Any time a student's **first** transfer involves a non-Member School, the student's eligibility status –limited, full, or ineligible – will be determined according to the eligibility and transfer rules outlined in rules 19 and 20.

19-3.5 Transfers Occurring After the Start of Practice

Students who transfer after the Start of Practice Date will be subject to a thirty (30) day non-competition period or half (1/2) the Maximum Number of Contests in that sport, whichever is less.

19-3.6 Senior Transfers

- a. **Notwithstanding rule 19-3.2**, whenever a student's transfer occurs after they have completed six (6) semesters after their initial high school enrollment, their eligibility status – limited, full, or ineligible – will be determined according to the eligibility and transfer rules outlined in rules 19 and 20; and
- b. Students will be subject to a thirty (30) day non-competition period or half (1/2) of the Maximum Number of Contests, whichever is less, for each sport they participated in during the three Hundred Sixty-Five (365) days preceding the transfer.
 - (1.) **Exception: When a student's parents/Guardian(s) make a Bona Fide change of residence to a New District or Territory the student may transfer and attempt to obtain full eligibility at any Public, Private, or Charter School which does not serve the student's area of residence but is located within a twenty (20) mile radius of the new residence of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s), when the Bona Fide change of residence involved a move of more than ~~Seventy-five (75)~~ Fifty (50) miles; and is the student's first time enrolling in the school.**

Proposed Additions of sections 19-3-1, 19-3.1, 19-3.2, 19-3.3, 19-3.4, 19-3.5, 19-3.6 of the Eligibility and Transfer rule, rule 19, to retitle and to add provisions for first-time transfers, subsequent transfers, and senior transfers. These additions will take effect on June 1, 2025.

Motion:

Motion to amend 19-3.6-b(1.) to involve a move of more than “Fifty (50) miles” moved by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 18-0.

Motion:

Motion as amended by Chris Conley and motion seconded by Jeff Hamstra. Approved 15-3 with Chad Gilbert, Jeff Doyle, and Tom Finicle opposed.

14. RULE 19 – ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER

Proposal submitted by Erin Novak, Principal, Lake Central High School

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- o.** A student transfers from a non-Member school to a Member School without a corresponding change of residence. A student cannot seek full eligibility under this criterion a second time. (Note: See rule 19-6.3(b)(1)).

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- b.** The student may transfer and attempt to obtain full eligibility, at any time prior to the 15th school day of the next semester or trimester, provided:
 - (1.) when the student seeks full eligibility under rules 19-6.1(a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (l), (m), **(o)**, full eligibility would be available only in the new Public School which Serves the Student’s Residence or at a Charter or Private School which Serves the Student’s area of Residence, or at the student’s previous school in which the student initially established eligibility.

Proposed Amendments to sections 19-6.1 and 19-6.3, the transfer-without-change-of-residence-by-parents-option section of the Eligibility and Transfer rule, rule 19, adding subsection (o.), to provide an additional option for full eligibility when a student transfers from a non-member school to a member school for the first time and attends a school that serves their residence. These additions will take effect on June 1, 2025.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Patti McCormack. Approved 18-0.

15. RULE 20 – UNDUE INFLUENCE

Proposal submitted by Adam Swinford, Principal, Fort Wayne Northrop High School

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- b.** A Past Link means that any of the following occurred:
 - (1.) The transfer student attended a Practice session, a Limited Contact session or a Summer Open Facility session at the Receiving School during the Twelve (12)

- months period prior to the student’s Enrollment at the Receiving School,
- (2.) The transfer student played on or in a summer, a School sponsored or a Non-School sponsored sports (e.g. AAU) team or program ~~which had~~ and worked directly with a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee who was a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School at the time the transfer student enrolled at the Receiving School, or had been a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School anytime during the Twelve (12) month period prior to the student’s enrollment at the Receiving School, or became a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School anytime during the Ninety (90) day period after the student’s enrollment at the Receiving School.
- (3.) The transfer student received direct instruction from a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee who was a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School at the time the transfer student enrolled at the Receiving School, or had been a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School anytime during the Twelve (12) month period prior to the student’s enrollment at the Receiving School, or became a coach, manager, trainer, volunteer or employee at the Receiving School anytime during the Ninety (90) day period after the student’s enrollment at the Receiving School.

Proposed Amendment to section 20-2 of the Undue Influence rule, rule 20, to clarify what constitutes a past link between a transfer student and coaches or staff at the receiving school.

Motion:

Motion to table this item to the June Executive Committee meeting moved by Tom Black and motion seconded by Kris Painter. Approved 18-0.

16. RULE 50 – SPORTS SEASONS

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50-1.2 Second Sport Pre-Participation Practice

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50-1 Pre-Participation Practice

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- b. Only One (1) Pre-Participation Practice session for each sport may be counted on any One (1) day.

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50-1.2 Second Sport Pre-Participation Practice

A student, ~~after-completing~~ beginning Eight (8) Pre-participation Practice sessions in a sport, may try out for a second sport during the same sport season and may be eligible to participate in a Contest in that second sport after completing, prior to the date of the first Contest of the second sport, Five (5) Pre-participation Practice sessions under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff in that second sport. The student may

concurrently begin the Five (5) Pre-Participation sessions required for a second sport during the same sports season. However, if the original sport was golf, this rule does not apply and the student-athlete must complete Eight (8) Pre-participation Practice sessions in the second sport.

Proposed Amendment to section 50-1.2 of the Sports Season rule, rule 50, to clarify pre-participation practice requirements, including conditions for students trying out for a second sport during the same season.

Motion:

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Kyle Duncan. Approved 18-0.

E. Conforming Resolution.

RESOLVED: That the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, the General Eligibility Rules, the Sports Rules, the Unified Sports Rules, the Junior High School Rules, as well as the interpretations, questions and answers and definitions contained in and as stated by the 2025-26 printed booklet of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc., entitled “By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation” be and the same are hereby approved and declared to be the complete and official Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, General Eligibility Rules, Sports Rules, Unified Sports Rules and Junior High School Rules, except as herein amended and as hereafter amended by the Board of Directors.

Motion:

Motion moved by Larry Cochren and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 18-0.

F. Board of Directors Election.

Elect President and Vice President [Article IV, Section 3(1) (1)] of the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 year from the class of 2027.

Class of 2027: Tom Black, Martin Brown, Chris Conley, Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Paul Voigt

Tom Black was nominated by Stacy Adams to serve as President of the 2025-26 IHSAA Board of Directors.

A motion to close nominations was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Tom Finicle. Motion approved 17-0.

Tom Black was elected President of the 2025-26 IHSAA Board of Directors.

Jeff Hamstra was nominated by Jim Brown to serve as Vice President of the 2025-26 IHSAA Board of Directors.

A motion to close nominations was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Brian Strong. Motion approved 18-0.

Jeff Hamstra was elected Vice President of the 2025-26 IHSAA Board of Directors.

G. Executive Committee Election.

Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman [Article IV, Section 3(1) (2)] of the Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 year from the class of 2026.

Class of 2026: Jim Brown, Larry Cochren, Jeremy Dexter, Jeff Doyle, Tom Finicle, Ryan Harrington

Larry Cochren was nominated by Tom Black to serve as Chairman of the 2025-26 IHSAA Executive Committee. Jim Brown was nominated by Brian Strong to serve as Chairman of the 2025-26 IHSAA Executive Committee.

A motion to close nominations was made by Martin Brown; seconded by Tom Black.

By ballot, Larry Cochren was elected Chairman of the 2025-26 IHSAA Executive Committee.

Jim Brown was nominated by Tim Grove to serve as Vice Chairman of the 2025-26 IHSAA Executive Committee.

A motion to close nominations was made by Jeff Doyle; seconded by Tom Finicle.

Jim Brown was elected as Vice Chairman of the 2025-26 IHSAA Executive Committee.

H. Adjournment.

Motion:

Motion moved by Ryan Harrington and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 17-0.