

# IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Indianapolis, Indiana



## PRESENT

**Executive Committee Members:** Chairman Victor Bush, Vice-Chairman Stacy Adams, Tom Black, Jim Brown, Chris Conley, Nathan Dean, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Rae Ferriell-Woolpy, Tom Finicle, Chad Gilbert, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, John Steinhilber, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Dave Worland.

**Executive Staff Members:** Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Brian Lewis, Kerrie Schludecker, Sandra Walter; Attorney Katie Williams-Briles, Technology Director Luke Morehead, Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan, Sports Information Director Jason Wille.

## AGENDA

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 1) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 25, 2021 meeting were recommended for approval.

*A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.*

#### 2) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – ANNUAL REQUEST FROM INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented an annual letter of special request from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The IHSAA By-Laws provide for special accommodations for the Indiana School for the Deaf including allowing their teams to practice on Sundays.

*A motion for approval was made by Matt Martin; seconded by Stacy Adams; motion approved 19-0.*

#### 3) CONSIDERATION FOR TENTATIVE APPROVAL -- STAFF ATTENDANCE AT SELECTED MEETINGS

Commissioner Paul Neidig requested permission to have representatives attend the conferences and workshops outlined below should they take place:

- NFHS Section 4 Meeting in Indianapolis, IN on Sept. 22-24, 2021 (Paul Neidig)
- Midwest Officials' Summit in Topeka, KS on Sept. 26-28, 2021 (Sandra Walter)
- NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference in Denver, CO on Dec. 10-14, 2021 (Chris Kaufman)
- NFHS Winter Meeting in San Diego, CA on Jan. 3-6, 2022 (Paul Neidig)
- NFHS Let's Connect Meeting in Chicago, IL in Jan. 2022 (Dates TBA) (Robert Faulkens, Kerrie Schludecker, Chris Kaufman, Jason Wille, Heath Shanahan, Sandra Walter, and Luke Morehead)

*A motion for approval was made by Ed Gilliland; seconded by Brian Strong; motion approved 19-0.*

#### **4) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – 2021-22 SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Schludecker presented the following sectional assignments for the 2021-22 Softball State Tournament Series. The same alignment from the last two years is being used with the exception of those schools affected by the Tournament Success Factor or new to the tournament. Host sites will be announced in the winter.

***Mike Whitten made a motion to move Gibson Southern from Sectional 32 to Sectional 31, seconded by Matt Martin; motion approved 19-0.***

***A motion to approve the assignments as amended was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 19-0.***

#### **Class 4A**

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

#### **Class 3A**

17. Calumet, Gary West Side, Griffith, Hanover Central, River Forest.
18. Culver Academies, Glenn, Kankakee Valley, Knox, Plymouth.
19. Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, South Bend Clay, South Bend St. Joseph, South Bend Washington.
20. Benton Central, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western.
21. Jimtown, Lakeland, NorthWood, Wawasee, West Noble.
22. Angola, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Garrett, Leo, New Haven.
23. Belmont, Heritage, Marion, Mississinewa, Norwell.
24. Delta, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Jay County, New Castle, Yorktown.
25. Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Tri-West Hendricks.
26. Brebeuf Jesuit, Danville, Indpls. Crispus Attucks, Indpls. George Washington, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Shortridge.
27. Beech Grove, Christel House, Herron, Indpls. Bishop Chatard, Indpls. Cathedral, New Palestine.
28. Brown County, Edgewood, Indian Creek, Northview, Owen Valley, West Vigo.
29. Batesville, Connorsville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Rushville, South Dearborn.
30. Brownstown Central, Charlestown, Corydon Central, Madison, North Harrison, Salem, Scottsburg, Silver Creek.
31. Gibson Southern, Pike Central, Princeton Community, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington.
32. Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Heritage Hills, Mt. Vernon.

## **Class 2A**

33. Andrean, Hammond Bishop Noll, Lake Station Edison, Wheeler, Whiting.
34. Boone Grove, Hebron, North Judson-San Pierre, North Newton, Pioneer, Rensselaer Central, Winamac.
35. Bremen, Central Noble, Fairfield, LaVille, Prairie Heights, Westview.
36. Adams Central, Bluffton, Churubusco, Eastside, Fort Wayne Luers, South Adams, Woodlan.
37. Lewis Cass, Manchester, Rochester, Tippecanoe Valley, Wabash, Whitko.
38. Clinton Prairie, Delphi Community, Seeger, Southmont, Western Boone.
39. Blackford, Eastbrook, Eastern (Greentown), Madison-Grant, Oak Hill, Taylor, Tipton.
40. Alexandria Monroe, Elwood Community, Frankton, Lapel, Monroe Central, Wapahani, Winchester.
41. Centerville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County.
42. Eastern Hancock, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Howe, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, Knightstown, Triton Central.
43. Cascade, Covenant Christian (Indpls.), Monrovia, Park Tudor, Speedway.
44. Cloverdate, Greencastle, North Putnam, Park Heritage, South Putnam, South Vermillion.
45. Austin, Milan, North Decatur, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County.
46. Clarksville, Crawford County, Eastern (Pekin), Mitchell, Paoli, Providence.
47. Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, North Knox, South Knox, Southridge, Sullivan.
48. Evansville Mater Dei, Forest Park, North Posey, Perry Central, South Spencer, Tell City.

## **Class 1A**

49. Covenant Christian (DeMotte), Kouts, Marquette Catholic, Morgan Township, Washington Township, Westville.
50. Argos, Culver Community, LaCrosse, South Bend Career Academy, South Central (Union Mills), Triton.
51. Bethany Christian, Elkhart Christian Academy, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fremont, Lakewood Park Christian.
52. Caston, North Miami, North White, Northfield, Southwood, West Central.
53. Attica, Covington, Faith Christian, Fountain Central, Lafayette Central Catholic, North Vermillion, Riverton Parke.
54. Carroll (Flora), Clinton Central, Frontier, Rossville, Sheridan, South Newton, Tri-County.
55. Anderson Prep. Academy, Cowan, Daleville, Liberty Christian, Southern Wells, Tri-Central, Wes-Del.
56. Blue River Valley, Cambridge City Lincoln, Randolph Southern, Seton Catholic, Tri, Union City.
57. Bloomfield, Clay City, Eminence, North Central (Farmersburg), Shakamak, White River Valley.
58. Bethesda Christian, Indiana Deaf School, Indianapolis Metropolitan, Irvington Prep., Providence Cristo Rey, Tindley, University.
59. Edinburgh, Greenwood Christian Academy, Indianapolis Lutheran, Morristown, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Waldron.
60. Hauser, Jac-Cen-Del, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, South Decatur.
61. Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Lanesville, Orleans, South Central (Elizabeth), West Washington.
62. Henryville, New Washington, Rock Creek Academy, Shawe Memorial, Trinity Lutheran.
63. Barr-Reeve, Loogootee, North Daviess, Shoals.
64. Cannelton, Northeast Dubois, Springs Valley, Tecumseh, Wood Memorial.

## **4) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – 2021-22 BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the following sectional assignments for the 2021-22 Baseball State Tournament Series. The same alignment from the last two years is being used with the exception of those schools affected by the Tournament Success Factor or new to the tournament. Host sites will be announced in the winter.

***A motion for approval was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Ed Gilliland; motion approved 19-0.***

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4. Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Penn, Warsaw Community
5. Carroll (Fort Wayne), DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider
6. Columbia City, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North
7. Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, McCutcheon
8. Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville
9. Anderson, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, Pendleton Heights, Richmond
10. Ben Davis, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Pike
11. Franklin Central, New Palestine, Perry Meridian, Roncalli, Southport, Warren Central
12. Avon, Brownsburg, Decatur Central, Plainfield, Terre Haute North Vigo, Terre Haute South Vigo
13. Center Grove, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Martinsville, Mooresville, Whiteland Community
14. Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Columbus East, Columbus North, East Central, Shelbyville
15. Bedford North Lawrence, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, New Albany, Seymour
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20. Benton Central, Maconaquah, Northwestern, Peru, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western
21. Jimtown, Lakeland, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble
22. Angola, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Garrett, Leo, New Haven
23. Belmont, Heritage, Marion, Mississinewa, Norwell, Oak Hill
24. Delta, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Jay County, New Castle, Yorktown
25. Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Northview, South Vermillion
26. Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Danville Community, Greencastle, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Tri-West Hendricks
27. Beech Grove, Christel House, Herron, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis George Washington, Indianapolis Shortridge,
28. Brown County, Edgewood, Indian Creek, Owen Valley, Sullivan, West Vigo
29. Batesville, Connersville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Rushville Consolidated, South Dearborn
30. Brownstown Central, Charlestown, Corydon Central, Madison Consolidated, North Harrison, Salem, Scottsburg, Silver Creek
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34. Boone Grove, Hebron, North Judson-San Pierre, North Newton, Rensselaer Central, Winamac Community
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36. Adams Central, Bluffton, Churubusco, Eastside, South Adams, Woodlan
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40. Alexandria Monroe, Elwood Community, Frankton, Lapel, Monroe Central, Muncie Burris, Wapahani, Winchester Community
41. Centerville, Hagerstown, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County,
42. Eastern Hancock, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis Scecina Memorial, Knightstown, Triton Central
43. Cascade, Covenant Christian (Indpls), Monrovia, Park Tudor, Speedway, University
44. Cloverdale, North Putnam, Parke Heritage, South Putnam, Southmont
45. Milan, North Decatur, South Decatur, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County

- 46. Austin, Clarksville, Crawford County, Eastern (Pekin), Henryville, Providence,
- 47. Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, Mitchell, North Knox, Paoli, South Knox,
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- 49. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Charter-Gary, Covenant Christian (DeMotte), Hammond Academy of Science & Technology, Kouts, Marquette Catholic, Morgan Township, Washington Township, Westville
- 50. Argos, Culver Community, LaCrosse, Oregon-Davis, South Bend Career Academy, South Central (Union Mills), Triton
- 51. Bethany Christian, Elkhart Christian Academy, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fremont, Lakewood Park Christian
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- 59. Edinburgh, Greenwood Christian Academy, Indianapolis Lutheran, Morristown, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Waldron
- 60. Hauser, Jac-Cen-Del, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, Trinity Lutheran
- 61. Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Lanesville, Orleans, South Central (Elizabeth)
- 62. Crothersville, New Washington, Shawe Memorial, West Washington
- 63. Barr-Reeve, Loogootee, North Daviess, Shoals, Vincennes Rivet
- 64. Cannelton, Northeast Dubois, Springs Valley, Tecumseh, Wood Memorial

**6) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES**

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented the following sectional assignments for the 2021-22 Unified Flag Football State Tournament Series.

***A motion for approval was made by Kye Denney; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion approved 19-0.***

**Sectionals – Saturday, October 2, 2021 (5-6 Schools Per Site, 8 Sites)**

- Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously side-by-side beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Games 3 & 4 – Played simultaneously side-by-side immediately after conclusion of Games 1 & 2.
- Games 5 & 6 – Played simultaneously side-by-side 30 minutes after conclusion of Games 3 & 4.
- Sectional Championship Game – Played 30 minutes after conclusion of second round games.

- 1. Valparaiso:** East Chicago Central, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley, South Bend Washington, Valparaiso.
- 2. TBA:** Central Noble, DeKalb, East Noble, Goshen, NorthWood, Wawasee.
- 3. TBA:** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne North Side, Homestead, Manchester, Tippecanoe Valley, Warsaw.
- 4. TBA:** Blackford, McCutcheon, Mississinewa, Oak Hill, Twin Lakes, Wabash.
- 5. Noblesville:** Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Heights, Lawrence Central, Noblesville, Zionsville.
- 6. Brownsburg:** Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis George Washington, Perry Meridian.
- 7. Mooresville:** Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Indian Creek, Martinsville, Mooresville, Warren Central.
- 8. Jasper:** Bedford North Lawrence, Evansville North, Floyd Central, Jasper, Jeffersonville, Loogootee.

**Regionals – Saturday, October 9, 2021 (8 Schools (4 Schools Per Site) Sites TBD**

Games 1 & 2 – Played simultaneously beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Game 3 – Regional Championship Game – Played 45 minutes after conclusion of first round games.

**1. Regional 1 @TBA**

**2. Regional 2 @ TBA**

**State Championship Game – Saturday, October 16, 2021 (2 Schools), 12 pm ET.**

Grand Park Sports Events Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, IN 46074

**7) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – NAMING OF GIRLS SOCCER MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD**

Commissioner Paul Neidig presented a proposal to the Executive Committee to name the mental attitude award in girls soccer in honor of former IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Theresia Wynns. Wynns spent 15 years on the Executive Staff (1997-2012) prior to joining the National Federation of State High School Associations in 2012.

In her role with the IHSAA, she administered the sports of girls and boys soccer in addition to girls basketball, and girls and boys tennis. She also managed the licensing of over 8,000 IHSAA officials, the IHSAA sportsmanship program and tournament merchandising.

The IHSAA distributed this [news release](#) on Wynns.

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Tom Finicle; motion approved 19-0.***

**REPORTS**

**8) EXPLANATION AND COLLECTION OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STATEMENTS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Attorney Katie Williams-Briles presented a Conflict-of-Interest Statement to be signed by the IHSAA Executive Committee members.

**9) EXPLANATION OF POLICY HANDBOOKS**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Attorney Katie Williams-Briles discussed the information contained in the 2021-22 IHSAA Policy Handbooks.

**10) REVIEW POWERS, DUTIES AND COMMITMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Chairman Victor Bush reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-Laws dealing with the powers, duties and commitments of the Executive Committee.

**11) REPORT ON NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOPS**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported that 76 individuals, including high school and middle school administrators and staff, attended two workshops she hosted in July with assistance from the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA). She added that a third workshop is being planned for September 1.

Walter provided a list of those attendees and their role at their school. She asked members of the Executive Committee to reach out to those in their area and assist them as needed.

**12) REPORT ON STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT**

Assistant Commissioners Kerrie Schludecker and Robert Faulkens reported on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) retreat held on Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 1 at Jameson Camp in Indianapolis. Executive Committee members Jim Brown of Fishers and Kye Denney of Wes-Del assisted. This was the first meeting between the 18 student-athletes in this setting as last year’s juniors did not attend due to the pandemic. The group reviewed its commitments and expectations for the coming school year and discussed the mission of the IHSAA and education-based athletics.

**13) FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2020-21**

Commissioner Paul Neidig presented the spring tournament financial reports and offered an outlook for the new school year’s budget.

After a difficult fall and winter sports season, the spring financials were better than they have been traditionally.

**14) TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2021-August 16, 2021 and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	1,179	92.47%	930	92.63%
Limited Eligibility	90	7.06%	71	7.07%
Ineligible	6	0.47%	3	0.30%
Total	1,275		1,004	

**Foreign Exchange Transfers**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Full Eligibility	224	96.97%	10	90.91%
Limited Eligibility	3	1.30%	1	9.09%
Ineligible	4	1.73%	0	0.0%
Total	231		11	

**15) SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter shared the list of 11 member schools who earned the Sportsmanship Award for 2020-21. They are: Clay City, Frankton, Harrison (West Lafayette), Highland, Lewis Cass, Madison Consolidated, North Vermillion, Oak Hill, Pioneer, River Forest, and Winamac Community.

Executive Committee members shared anecdotes regarding the use of the new soccer mercy rule that has been implemented this season.

#### **16) OFFICIALS REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter spoke to the annual list of officials license renewals by sport. Baseball numbers have increased to 108% over last year's numbers while volleyball is the only sport under 100% at 98.5%.

She discussed various clinicians that are assisting around the state, shared a list of representatives of this year's High School Officials Leadership Association, and outlined the state tournament officials rating system.

#### **17) TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Director of Technology Luke Morehead reported on the latest updates to the myIHSAA website including improvements to the process for rating referees and umpires. The next myIHSAA enhancement will be identified by a survey of the membership which closes Friday, September 3. Other projects reported for 2021-22 include an overhaul of the IHSAA.org website and additional protections against ransomware attacks.

#### **18) LITIGATION**

Attorney Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the current status of pending litigation against the Association.

#### **19) SPONSORSHIPS REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman shared the latest information on the IHSAA's various corporate partnerships and potential partners.

#### **20) BROADCAST REPORT**

The IHSAA Champions Network is continuing to offer its video platform (IHSAAtv.org) to educational broadcasters within the member schools. So far 56 schools are signed up, along with 17 commercial broadcasters. In August 2021, IHSAAtv.org saw 143 broadcasts, with 43 being from week 1 of the football season. Educational broadcasters have three options to choose from to join the Champions Network, two of which are at no cost to the member schools.

Director of Broadcast Operations Heath Shanahan also talked about the increase in fake live streams happening online. A news release on the topic was sent out last Friday afternoon prior to the opening night football games. It is important for our member schools to help educate the public about the risk of clicking an unknown link and entering personal information.

#### **21) DISTINGUISHED MEDIA SERVICE AWARDS**

Sports Information Director Jason Wille reported on the IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award program which was suspended last year due to the pandemic.



He will be sharing nominations with Executive Committee members in the near future to determine this year's recipients.

## **22) PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Eastern HS – Football - Rule 3-10(2) (*A student athlete practiced without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

- The Eastern (Greentown) High School Football 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. This is a health and safety issue, and it is imperative that the "IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student athletes prior to their participation.
- The student involved in this violation is declared ineligible until such time the student provides a fully completed pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Norwell HS – Softball – Rule 15-2.1(c) (*Varsity coach held a practice outside the established limited contact period*)

- The Norwell High School Softball program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Herbert Bergman is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Unfamiliarity of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA member school By-Laws. Further member school By-Law violations may result in the Softball program being placed on probation.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Oregon-Davis HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 15-3.1c (*A student-athlete participated in summer activities with the boys basketball team without being enrolled or having a transfer report completed through stage 2*)

- The Oregon-Davis High School Boys Basketball 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.
- Head Coach Larry Sennert is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Unfamiliarity of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA member school By-Laws.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Silver Creek HS – Boys Soccer – Rule 19-3 (*a student-athlete participated in an interscholastic contest without an approved transfer*)

- The Silver Creek High School Boys Soccer 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 is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
- The interscholastic contest in which this student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

South Bend Riley HS- Girls Soccer - Rule 9-13 (*Varsity coach held a practice on a Sunday*)

- The South Bend Riley High School Girls Soccer program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.

- Head Coach Mark Liddell is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Unfamiliarity of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.
- The IHSAA accepts and supports the single game suspension of Coach Mark Liddell by South Bend Riley High School.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

South Vermillion HS – Football - Rule 54-5 (*the Football team held 3 days of practice at a facility other than the schools regular practice/play facility*)

- The South Vermillion High School Football 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. Further member school By-Law violations may result in the Football program being placed on probation.
- Head Coach Greg Barrett is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Unfamiliarity of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSAA by-laws.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the member school By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 23) COMMUNICATIONS

- Letters from Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship recipients
  - Jacob Martin – Northwestern
  - Kennedy Peggs -Tri High School
  - Summer Stogsdill – Lebanon High School
  - Megan Wagner – Carroll (Flora) High School
- Letters from Bobby Cox Spirit of Unified Mental Attitude Award recipients of Fishers High School
  - Evan Barker
  - Natalie Bryan
- Letter from Christel House Academy

#### 24) CONGRATULATIONS

#### 25) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Discussion ensued about contingency plans for increasing COVID-19 rates. Commissioner Paul Neidig reminded that the IHSAA does not have the authority to issue a mandate regarding the pandemic as those orders must originate from the state and local health departments like all of last year.
- Updates on conversations with coaches associations with regard to the Emerging Sports process.

***A motion to adjourn the August 24, 2021 meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Jeff Doyle; seconded by Brian Strong; motion approved 19-0.***

*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Thursday, October 7, 2021.*

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Victor Bush, Chairman

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Paul Neidig, Commissioner