

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Indianapolis, IN October 9, 2025 at 8 am ET

#### **Executive Committee Present:**

- Chairman Larry Cochren
- Vice Chairman Jim Brown
- Stacv Adams
- Tom Black
- Martin Brown (remotely)
- Chris Conley
- Jeremy Dexter
- Jeff Doyle
- Kyle Duncan
- Tom Finicle
- Tim Grove
- Jeff Hamstra
- Ryan Harrington
- Scott Kreiger
- Patti McCormack
- Kris Painter
- Brian Strong
- Paul Voigt

#### **Executive Staff Present:**

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

#### I. FOR ACTION

### A. Consideration for Approval – Minutes from the August 26, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Jeff Doyle and motion seconded by Tim Grove. Approved 18-0.

#### B. 2025-26 Gymnastics State Tournament Series

Director of Sport Ashley Ernstberger presented the assignments for the 2025-26 Gymnastics Tournament Series.

#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Jeff Hamstra and motion seconded by Tom Finicle. Approved 18-0.

#### Sectionals - Friday, February 27, 2026 or Saturday, February 28, 2026

- 1. Crown Point (13): Chesterton, Crown Point, Hobart, Knox, Lake Central, LaPorte, Lowell, Merrillville, Michigan City, New Prairie, Portage, Valparaiso, Westville
- 2. Harrison (West Lafayette) (15): Benton Central, Faith Christian, Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, North Putnam, Northwestern, Southmont, Tipton, West Lafayette, Western, Westfield
- **3. Angola (10):** Angola, DeKalb, East Noble, Elkhart, Lakeland, Peru, Plymouth, South Bend Riley, Warsaw Community, West Noble.
- **4. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (11):** Blackford, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North, Norwell
- **5. Franklin Central (14):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Columbus East, Columbus North, Edgewood, Fishers, Franklin Central, Frankton, Lapel, Martinsville, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Roncalli, Seymour
- **6. Connersville (13):** Connersville, Franklin County, Milan, Morristown, Muncie Central, New Castle, New Palestine, Northeastern, Richmond, Rushville Consolidated, Shelbyville, Tri, Union County

#### Regionals - Friday, March 6, 2026 or Saturday, March 7, 2026

- 1. Portage: Crown Point, Harrison (West Lafayette)
- 2. Huntington North: Angola, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
- 3. Franklin Central: Franklin Central, Connersville

#### State Finals - Saturday, March 14, 2026

**Ball State University** 

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#### II. REPORTS

#### A. Student Advisory Committee Presentation

Sawyer Tippman of Fort Wayne Snider HS and Grier Swaim of Fishers HS, representing the this year's IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC), were introduced by Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati. The two seniors reported on the group's summer retreat, their quarterly group meetings, leading student discussions at the Area Fall Principals Meetings and next summer's Student Leadership Conference.

They also shared the linked video featuring other current members of the SAC: https://youtu.be/hpVDPBvmdIQ

#### B. Baseball Pilot Program

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens mentioned that six schools have been identified to participate in this program. He would still like to add two more southern Indiana schools.

The goal of the program is to grow participation in baseball after several schools have dropped teams in recent years.

He has met with USA Baseball which has indicated they are ready to help in any way possible.

#### C. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens shared two documents prepared and provided by High School Sports Injury Surveillance Study for the National Federation of State High School Associatons (NFHS).

"The challenge to injury epidemiologists is to reduce injury rates among high school athletes to the lowest possible level without discouraging adolescents from engaging in this important form of physical activity," is the stated goal of the study. In other words, what we need to be looking for to keep athletes safe and healthy. When we ask why sports rules are written the way they are, they often stem from this annual study and the information that is derived from it.

**D.** Chair Officials for the Boys Tennis State Tournament Series Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman presented a list of USTA officials who will work the quarterfinals, semifinals and state championship matches at next weekend's Boys Tennis State Finals at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

## E. Relationship with the IHSAA and the United States Tennis Association (USTA)

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman met with USTA leadership which has indicated a strong interest in helping high school tennis with its resources. Next year, IHSAA and tennis coaches association will make it mandatory to provide tennis data to the USTA at no charge.

The USTA will also begin assisting in securing tennis officials for our state finals matches.

## F. Tournament and Officials for the Cross Country State Tournament Series Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis presented a list of cross country starters eligible for the upcoming state tournament series.

At this year's state finals, a return to the pre-COVID schedule will be used with the boys race at 12 pm ET, the girls race to follow at 1 pm, and the awards ceremony for both genders afterwards.

Also, the IHSAA will utilize a drone during the cross country state finals to follow runners along the racecourse to enhance the online broadcast.

#### G. Tournament and Officials for the Soccer State Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott presented a list of soccer officials who applied for the state tournament series.

She also requested assistance from Executive Committee members at the state finals at IU Indy's Carroll Stadium in Indianapolis on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

# H. Tournament and Officials for the Girls Volleyball State Tournament Series Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati submitted a list of volleyball officials who have accepted assignments to work the state tournament series as sectionals begin next week.

#### I. Tournament and Officials for the Football Tournament Series

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens presented a list of officials who make up the football crews who applied to work the state tournament series. Faulkens will begin assigning crews to sectional games next week following this Sunday's pairings show.

#### J. NFHS Section 4 & 5 Meeting

Commissioner Paul Neidig recapped the NFHS Section 4 & 5 meeting he attended on Sept. 2-5 in Chicago, IL.

The meeting included other executives from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin as well as the NFHS.

The NFHS Network was discussed extensively by their attending leadership. Several states have started up their own charitable foundations and created their own inhouse studios to produce their own streaming content.

#### K. Reactions to Fall Area Principals Meetings

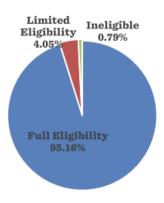
Commissioner Paul Neidig reported on and requested feedback and comments on the recently completed Fall Area Principals Meetings where IHSAA staff traveled around the state to host high school administrators and update them with IHSAA initiatives.

#### L. Transfers

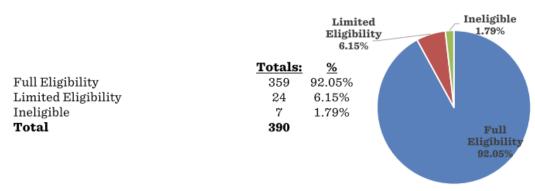
Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2025-October 1, 2025.

#### Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>%</u>
Full Eligibility	2161	95.16%
Limited Eligibility	92	4.05%
Ineligible	18	0.79%
Total	2271	



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



#### M. Officials

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis shared the current list of licensed officials by sport for this school year with the numbers from previous years.

He also shared results from Host School Contest Event Survey.

#### N. Sportsmanship

Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott shared the list of ejections and exemplary sporting reports for each sport so far this year.

She also reminded that we will continue to name All-Sportsmanship and Honorable Mention Sportsmanship teams at the end of season – fall, winter, and spring.

#### O. Technology

Director of Technology Luke Morehead demonstrated the new score reporting and financial benchmarking features of the myIHSAA web portal. Morehead also discussed an upcoming feature to improve onboarding of new contest officials.

#### P. Litigation / IDOE Case Review Panel

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

#### Q. Penalties Assessed

Alexandria Monroe - Boys Soccer - Rule 9-13 (The head coach held a practice on Sunday during the contest season)

- The Alexandria-Monroe High School boys soccer program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school bylaw violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Additionally, Coach Brewer is placed on probation until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSAA Member School bylaws will result in the revocation of Coach Brewer's coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Alexandria-Monroe High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Alexandria Monroe - Softball - Rule 15-2.5f (An assistant coach coached a student-athlete during moratorium week)

- The Alexandria Monroe High School softball program has been issued a
  warning for allowing this member school bylaw violation to occur. This
  warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Additionally, the Assistant Coach is placed on notice for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSAA Member School bylaws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the softball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Alexandria Monroe High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Anderson-Boys Soccer - Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in three interscholastic matches while academically ineligible)

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

Anderson Preparatory Academy – Boys Soccer – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic matches while academically ineligible)

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

Anderson Preparatory Academy- Girls Volleyball- Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic matches while academically ineligible)

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

Beech Grove-Football - Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests while academically ineligible)

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

Beech Grove- Girls Volleyball - Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests while academically ineligible)

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

Ben Davis – Boys Soccer & Cross Country – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic matches and meets while academically ineligible)

- The Ben Davis High School Boys cross-country and boys soccer programs have 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 cross-country meets in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the soccer contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Ben Davis High School is recognized for its appropriate management of this member school bylaw infraction. It is an essential responsibility of each member school to adhere to the association's bylaws and to promptly self-report any violations to the Commissioner, as stated in Rule 3.

Ben Davis – Girls Soccer – 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Ben Davis High School girls soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Ben Davis High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Corydon Central – Football – Rule 3-10 (Two student-athletes participated in practices without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file)

- The Corydon Central football program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- 2. Head Coach Luke Keller has been reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school bylaws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- 3. Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the football program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or studentathletes and/or probation for the program.

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• The administration of Corydon Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Edgewood- Girls Soccer - 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Edgewood High School girls soccer program has been issued a warning.
   This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Edgewood High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Edinburgh – Football – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests while academically ineligible)

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

Evansville Central - Football - Rule 55-3.1b (Multiple student-athletes exceeded the six (6) quarter limit in one week)

- The Evansville Central football program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the student-athletes exceeded the quarters limit, shall be forfeited and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the football program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or studentathletes and/or probation for the program.

• The administration of Evansville Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Floyd Central - Girls Volleyball - Rule 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Floyd Central High School girls volleyball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls volleyball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Floyd Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Fort Wayne Bishop Luers - Boys Soccer - Rule 59-3 b (A student-athlete exceed the three (3) halves in one session limit)

- The Fort Wayne Bishop Luers boys soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the student-athlete exceeded the halves limit, shall be forfeited and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Fort Wayne North Side - Football - Rule 20-1 b (Members of the coaching staff recruited a student-athlete from another member school)

- The Fort Wayne North Side High School football program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- The IHSAA agrees and supports the decision of the Fort Wayne Community Schools Administration to suspend Head Coach Ben Johnson and Assistant Coach Brandon Crawford for the first regular season contest of the 2025-26 season. Please note, it is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure all assistant coaches and student-athletes follow Member School rules.
- Additionally, Coach Johnson and Coach Ben Johnson were placed on probation through the end of the 2026-27 season, for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSAA Member School bylaws will result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- In accordance with Rule 9-16b (3) all contracted opponents may withdraw from an existing contest contract if their opponent was in violation of Member School bylaw, Rule 20 Undue Influence. All contracted Football opponents for

- the 2026-27 school year shall be notified of this Rule 20 violation and given the option to withdraw from an existing contract. Please include Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens on all communication with contracted opponents.
- The administration of Fort Wayne Community Schools is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Gibson Southern - Boys Soccer - 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Gibson Southern High School boys soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Gibson Southern High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Greenfield-Central – Football – 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Greenfield-Central High School football program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the football program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or studentathletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Greenfield-Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Greenfield-Central – Boys Soccer – 19-3 (Two student-athletes participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Greenfield-Central High School boys soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.

- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Greenfield-Central High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Hamilton Heights – Girls Soccer – 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Hamilton Heights High School girls soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Hamilton Heights High School is recognized for its effective management of this member school bylaw violation. It is an essential responsibility of a member school to adhere to the association's bylaws and promptly self-report any infractions to the Commissioner, as outlined in Rule 3.

Hamilton Southeastern - Girls Soccer - Rule 15-21 g (A student-athlete participated in a camp during the contest season)

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

Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter - Boys Basketball - Rule 19-3 (A student-athlete participated during the 2024-25 school year without a completed transfer on file)

- The Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter High School boys basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- Further digressions related to member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys basketball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.

- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

\*\*Correction from the August meeting: Jeffersonville - Girls Basketball - Rule 15-2.4 (Student-athletes were in the gym before the school day, outside the limited contact period)

- The Jeffersonville High School girls basketball program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school bylaw violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Taylor Sykes is placed on notice for permitting this violation to occur. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure all assistant coaches and student-athletes follow member School rules.
- The fall girls basketball limited contact sessions are reduced by 1 to a maximum of 15 sessions.
- Further digressions as they relate to Member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls basketball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Loogootee - Girls Volleyball - Rule 64-4 (A student-athlete exceeded the six (6) set limit)

- The Loogootee girls volleyball program has been issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the student-athlete exceeded the set limit, shall be forfeited and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Loogootee High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Irvington - Baseball - Rule 15-2.2 (Eight (8) current players participated in two travel baseball tournaments during the school year, out of season)

- The Irvington High School baseball program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school by-law violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Each student-athlete will be suspended for two regular season games. The school may choose to distribute the suspension across the first four games to maintain enough team members for competition.
- The administration of Irvington High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Marion – Football – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in a JV interscholastic contest while academically ineligible)

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

Michigan City-Boys & Girls Soccer - 19-3 (Two boys soccer student-athletes and a girls soccer student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The Michigan City High School boys and girls soccer program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions related to member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys and girls soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Michigan City High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Mooresville - Girls Soccer - Rule 8-1 (The head coach was ejected from a contest and only served one of the two required contest suspensions)

- Head Coach, Chad Mitchell, will serve his second contest suspension at the first contest of the 2026-27 school year.
- The IHSAA recognizes and supports the Mooresville High School administration and their efforts to improve the behavior of your Girls Soccer student-athletes and to ensure this type of behavior does not happen in the future.

New Palestine-Boys Volleyball- 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple JV contests without an approved transfer on file)

• The New Palestine High School boys volleyball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.

- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys volleyball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of New Palestine High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

New Palestine- Football - 19-3 (A student-athlete participated in multiple JV contests without an approved transfer on file)

- The New Palestine High School football program has been issued a warning.
   This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the football program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or studentathletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of New Palestine High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

NorthWood - Girls Soccer - Rule 15-3 (The head coach was communicating via text messages during moratorium week)

- The NorthWood High School girls soccer program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school bylaw violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Additionally, Head Coach Tom Shields is on notice for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSAA Member School bylaws will result in probation of the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule
- Further digressions relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls soccer program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of NorthWood High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Parke Heritage - Girls Basketball - Rule 15-2.5b (A student athlete from another member school participated in a basketball open gym)

• The Parke Heritage High School girls basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school bylaw violation act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.

- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the basketball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Parke Heritage High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Rising Sun –Girls Volleyball– 19-7 (A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved foreign exchange transfer on file)

- The Rising Sun High School girls volleyball program has received an official warning. This notice documents that a member school bylaw violation has occurred, is recorded as such, and must not happen again.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible studentathlete participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school bylaws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls volleyball program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspension of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Rising Sun High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Seven Oaks - Soccer - Rule 14-1 (An unlicensed official worked a varsity contest)

- The Seven Oaks Classical School High School soccer program was issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a rule violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- In accordance with Rule 14-1 of the IHSAA By-Laws the contests shall be forfeited if Seven Oaks Classical School was victorious and the opposing schools shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Seven Oaks Classical School High School is commended for its reporting of this matter.

Sheridan - Boys Cross Country - Rule 12-2 (Three middle school students participated in a high school meet)

- The Sheridan High School boys cross-country program has been issued a warning for allowing this member school by-law violation to occur. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Elaine Morgan is placed on notice for permitting this violation to occur. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure all assistant coaches and student-athletes follow member School rules.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the ineligible studentathletes participated in shall be forfeited and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- Further digressions as they relate to Member school by-laws by studentathletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boys cross-country program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.

• The administration of Sheridan High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Switzerland County – Boys Cross Country – Rule 18-1 (A student-athlete participated in a meet while academically ineligible)

- The Switzerland County High School Boys cross country 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 met the minimum academic standards for eligibility.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athletes and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Switzerland County High School is recognized for its appropriate management of this member school bylaw infraction. It is an essential responsibility of each member school to adhere to the association's bylaws and to promptly self-report any violations to the Commissioner, as stated in Rule 3.

Zionsville - Girls Golf - Rule 9-13 (The head coach held an optional practice on a Sunday, during the contest season)

- The IHSAA agrees and supports the decision of the Zionsville Administration to suspend the head coach for one match for this violation.
- Additionally, Coach Nobbe is placed on probation until the conclusion of the 2026 season, for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSAA Member School bylaws will result in the revocation of Coach Nobbe's coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions relate to Member school bylaws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls golf program and may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Zionsville High School is commended for its handling of this member school bylaw violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the member school bylaws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

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#### III. <u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>

#### A. Communications

#### B. Congratulations

NIAAA Certifications for September

- Marie Doan, Penn HS CMAA
- Matt George, Herron HS CMAA

#### C. For the Good of the Order

- State Finals sign up by Executive Committee members
- Seeking nominations for this year's NFHS Spirit of Sport Award
- Coaches associations rules proposals in the coming months
- 2026 Board Retreat Hotel Carmichael, Carmel June 17-19, 2026

#### D. Adjournment

#### **Motion:**

Motion moved by Tim Grove and motion seconded by Tom Black. Approved 18-0.

#### E. Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, November 7, 2025