



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Indianapolis, IN

November 3, 2023 at 8:00 AM ET

Members Present:

Chairman Chris Conley, Vice Chairman Tom Black, Stacy Adams, Jim Brown, Larry Cochren, Kye Denney, Jeff Doyle, Kyle Duncan, Tom Finicle, Chad Gilbert (virtually), Tim Grove, Jeff Hamstra, Joe Herrmann, Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, Roman Smith, 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 Janie Ulmer, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland, Director of Champions Together Brian Avery, 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 October 5, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting were recommended for approval.

Motion:

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

B. Consideration for Approval – Richard G. Lugar Award

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman requested approval for this year's recipient of the Richard G. Lugar Award who will be announced publicly at a later date. The award will be presented during the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals on March 30, 2024.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jeff Hamstra and motion seconded by Jim Brown. Approved 18-0.

C. Consideration for Approval – Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award

Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens requested approval for this year's recipient of the Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award who will be announced publicly at a later date. The award will be presented during the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals on March 30, 2024.

Motion:

Motion moved by Stacy Adams and motion seconded by Paul Voigt. Approved 18-0.

D. Consideration for Approval – Membership for Purdue Polytechnic – Broad Ripple

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkens reported on the status of Purdue Polytechnic – Broad Ripple which was approved for provisional membership this summer. Per Article III, Section 3 of the Member School By-Laws, it has been confirmed that the school maintains the same Board of Directors as full member Purdue Polytechnic – Downtown. Given this confirmation, the commissioners recommended the required three years of provisional membership be waived and full membership granted immediately for the school beginning with this winter’s state tournaments.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jim Brown and motion seconded by Larry Cochren. Approved 17-1 with Chad Gilbert dissenting.

II. REPORTS

A. Association Finances

Commissioner Paul Neidig updated the Executive Committee on the Association’s current financial statements and portfolio. He will also be meeting with the group’s Investment Committee about potential adjustments.

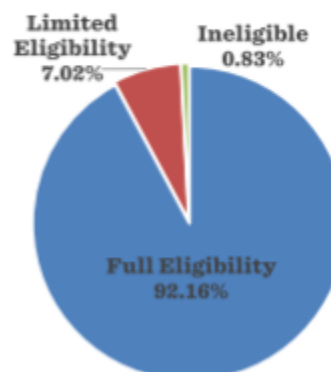
B. Transfers

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2023-October 27, 2023.

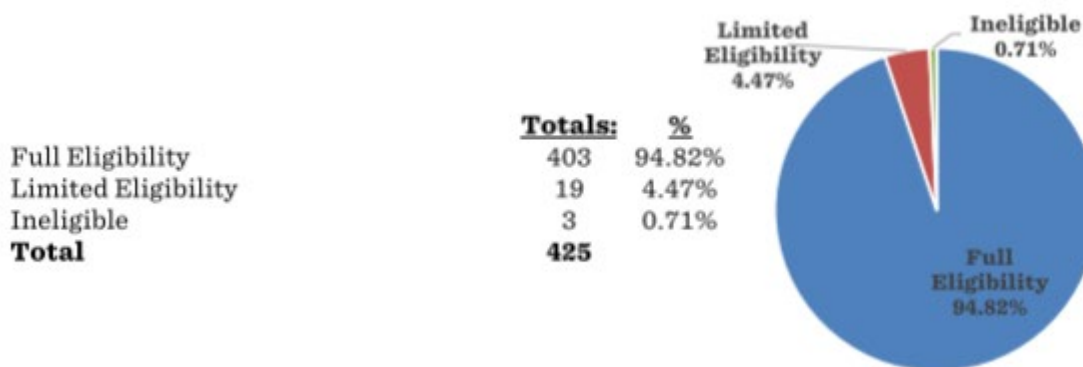
Student-Athlete Transfer Report
Student-Athlete Transfer Eligibility Statistics



| | <u>Totals</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Full Eligibility | 2010 | 92.16% |
| Limited Eligibility | 153 | 7.02% |
| Ineligible | 18 | 0.83% |
| Total | 2181 | |



J1 Visa Foreign Exchange Transfer Student-Athlete Eligibility Statistics



C. Contest Officials

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis provided data on the number of licensed officials by sport and the numbers of renewals by sport for the current school year. He is working with Technology Director Luke Morehead to derive additional analytical data.

He said there are several hundred individuals who have yet to upload a profile picture to their accounts on myIHSAA.

The IHSAA Foundation is also working with RefReps to get licenses in schools through a scholarship format.

Lewis is continuing to look at assigning policies across different sports.

D. Ejection Report

Commissioner Paul Neidig shared the list of ejections through the month of October and pointed out the big problem being seen in boys soccer.

Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer has begun discussions with the state soccer coaches association and Ulmer and Brian Lewis have agreed to form a committee to study ways to address the significantly high numbers of poor behavior we're seeing from players, coaches and adult spectators.

E. Exemplary Sportsmanship Report

Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer presented the numbers of exemplary reports received during the fall sports season to this point.

| Exemplary Reports * Fall Season * 23-24 | |
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| Total | 667 reports |
| Recognizing Teams | 412 reports |
| Recognizing Individuals | 255 reports |
| Cross Country | 52 reports |
| Football | 211 Reports |
| Golf | 11 Reports |
| Soccer | 237 Reports |
| Tennis | 23 Reports |
| Unified Flag Football | 6 Reports |
| Volleyball | 127 Reports |
| Fan Initiated | 6 Reports |
| Coach Initiated | 24 Reports |
| Athlete Initiated | 2 Reports |
| Administrator Initiated | 147 Reports |
| Official Initiated | 488 Reports |
| Member Schools Recognized | 281 |

F. Technology

Director of Technology Luke Morehead reported that the technology focus lately has been on helping the membership with digital ticketing now that the IHSAA has rolled that out for all state tournament contests except for football sectionals.

Updates have been made to the diving meet scoring system.

Looking ahead, specific improvements that the membership has identified will begin to move forward including member messaging, the resource library, and coach education. He said that any feedback would be welcomed.

He also updated the group on facility technology improvements with the office's ongoing renovation.

G. Sponsorships and Partnerships

Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman reported on his recent meeting with Wilson Sporting Goods and the Association's contract with the company to continue using Wilson balls during state tournament competition.

He also met with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, our oldest corporate partner, about extending our current agreement with the company.

H. General Counsel Report

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

I. Penalties Assessed

Charlestown – Football – Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple interscholastic junior varsity contests without an approved transfer on file*)

- The Charlestown High School 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.
- The student-athlete was declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited if victorious. The opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Charlestown 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).

Culver Academies – Boys Cross Country – Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in an ID camp during the contest season*)

- The Culver Academies 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 a transfer report was complete and ruled upon.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Culver Academies is commended for its handling of this member school By-Law violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter – Boys Soccer – Rule 18-1 (*A student-athlete participated in several soccer matches while academically ineligible*)

- The Cardinal Ritter 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 is declared ineligible for further competition until they meet the minimum academic standards for eligibility.
- In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited if Cardinal Ritter was victorious and the opposing school shall be notified of this violation.
- The administration of Cardinal Ritter High School is commended for its handling of this member school By-Law violation. Part of a member school's duty is to uphold the By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Munster – Girls Basketball – Rule 3-10 (*Several student athletes participated in an official practice without a physical form on file*)

- The Munster High School girls' basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- Head Coach Deandre Williams is reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls' 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 Munster High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Noblesville – Boys Soccer – Rule 15-2.1g (*An unauthorized limited contact session was conducted outside of the limited contact period*)

- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire boys and girls soccer program to review IHSAA member-school rule 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting, meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner Ulmer.
- Further digressions by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the soccer program as they relate to member school by-laws, may include further sanctions, including but not limited to, suspensions of coaches and/or student-athletes and/or probation for the program.
- The administration of Noblesville High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the By-Laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3)

NorthWood – Girls Basketball – Rule 9-13 (*An assistant coach opened the facility and permitted two student-athletes to practice on a Sunday*)

- The Northwood High School girls' basketball program has been issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school by-law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
- Assistant Coach Robert Groom is reprimanded for committing this violation. Further infractions of IHSAA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7.
- Further digressions as they relate to member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the girls' 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 Northwood High School is commended for its handling of this member school by-law violation. Part of an IHSAA member school's duty is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to self-report any violation to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

South Knox – Boys Cross Country – Rule 18-1 (*A student-athlete participated in the 2023 Sectional meet while academically ineligible*)

- The student-athlete involved in this violation is declared ineligible for further competition until they meet the minimum academic standards for eligibility on the listed certification date.

- In accordance with Rule 3-9.4(b), the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any team points earned by the ineligible student-athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.

South Knox – Boys Basketball – Rule 15-2.4 (*An unauthorized limited contact session was conducted outside of the limited contact period*)

South Knox – Boys Basketball – Rule 15-2.1c (*Former student-athletes were permitted to participate with current members of the team during the 2022-23 contest season*)

- The South Knox High School varsity boys' basketball schedule for the 2023-24 school year is hereby reduced to 19 contests plus 1 designated tournament or 21 contests if no tournament is scheduled. If the reduction of this single contest is unable to be accomplished during the 2023-24 season due to previously contracted contests the association will allow this reduction to be carried forward to the 2024-25 season.
- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire coaching staff of South Knox High School to review IHSAA member school rule 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting, meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner, Brian Lewis.
- Under the direction of Head Coach Burkett this is the 4th member school by-law violation since the fall of 2022, that the Association has become aware. Ignorance of the member school by-laws is never an acceptable rationale for violating member rules.
- Part of an IHSAA member school's obligation is to uphold the by-laws of its association and furthermore to investigate and report any subsequent violation(s) to the Commissioner (Rule 3).

Terre Haute North – Softball – Rule 15-1.2c (*The softball team held a limited contact outside of the limited contact period*)

- The Terre Haute North High School softball 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 Chris Mundy 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 softball program is not permitted to begin the winter limited contact sessions until Monday of week 24.
- Further digressions as they relate to Member school by-laws 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 Terre Haute North 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).

Terre Haute South – Boys Tennis – Rule 9-13 (*two rostered student-athletes participated on a Sunday with a volunteer coach*)

- The Terre Haute South High School boy's tennis 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.

- A meeting shall be scheduled with the entire boy's tennis coaching staff of Terre Haute South High School to review IHSAA member-school by-law 15. Once this meeting is complete, the date of the meeting, meeting agenda, and attendance shall be sent to Assistant Commissioner Kaufman.
- Further digressions as they relate to Member school by-laws by student-athletes, coaches, or affiliates of the boy's tennis 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 Terre Haute South 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).

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III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Communications

Girls Golf State Finals – [Recap](#)

Unified Flag Football State Finals – [Recap](#)

Boys Tennis State Finals – [Recap](#)

Boys Soccer State Finals

- 1A Boys – [Recap](#)
- 2A Boys – [Recap](#)
- 3A Boys – [Recap](#)

Girls Soccer State Finals

- 1A Girls – [Recap](#)
- 2A Girls – [Recap](#)
- 3A Girls – [Recap](#)

Boys Cross Country State Finals – [Recap](#)

Girls Cross Country State Finals – [Recap](#)

B. Congratulations

The following earned NIAAA Certifications in September 2023:

Jacquie Rost – Elkhart High School - CMAA

C. For the Good of the Order

- Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer and Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland spoke to meetings they had recently with state legislators.
- The commissioner asked the group who would be attending NIAAA Conference.
- Six-month updates are planned for the IHSAA Foundation including one at next month's meeting.
- Next month, Associate Commissioner Ed Gilliland will speak to the School Support model he is administering to assist new athletic directors around the state.
- Material shortage has held up the ongoing renovation to the IHSAA office.
- Commissioner Paul Neidig is considering a 20-30-minute podcast on high school sports and education-based coaches and teachers that could be released on our YouTube channel and the IHSAA Champions Network.
- Brian Strong asked a question regarding Daktronics scoreboards related to the new high school basketball rules involving free throws and team fouls. Larry Cochren also reported that updated scorebooks are needed.
- Sports Information Director Jason Wille reported that Anthony Calhoun of WISH-TV will be presented with the IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award at tonight's sectional championship game at Hamilton Southeastern.
- Commissioner Neidig spoke to the Board of Directors election that is scheduled for December 1-10 for the three-year terms that begin next July 1.

D. Adjournment

Motion:

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

IV. Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023.