

# **IHSAA Executive Committee**

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

**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, Tom Finicle, Director-Elect Kelly Fitzgerald, Chad Gilbert, Ed Gilliland, Tim Grove, Matt Martin, Patti McCormack, Kris Painter, John Steinhilber, Brian Strong, Mike Whitten, Dave Worland.

**Executive Staff Members:** Commissioner Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Chris Kaufman, Brian Lewis, Kerrie (Schludecker) Rosati, Sandra Walter, 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 – FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 18, 2022 meeting were recommended for approval.

***A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Chris Conley; motion approved 18-0.***

#### **2) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – NFHS SUMMER MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Paul Neidig requested permission for the Executive Staff and the Board of Directors to attend the annual meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations in San Antonio, TX, June 28 – July 2, 2022.

***A motion for approval was made by Matt Martin; seconded by Kye Denney; motion approved 18-0.***

#### **3) IHSAA.ORG WEBSITE PROJECT**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Technology Director Luke Morehead requested permission to begin a project that would upgrade the look and functionality of the IHSAA's public website, IHSAA.org.

***A motion for approval was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Jim Brown; motion approved 18-0.***

## **REPORTS**

### **4) UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD LANGUAGE PROPOSALS**

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis presented language from the Unified Coaches Association that would pilot a maximum effort rule as well as guidance for wheelchair races.

- **PILOT MAXIMUM EFFORT RULE**

- Reasons for the use of the Maximum Effort Rule
  - The divisioning process used for Unified Track & Field competitions is unique. It ensures that athletes/partners are competing against other athletes/partners of similar abilities. It also ensures the scoring process provides recognition to all competitors. As a result, it is sometimes necessary to employ the Maximum Effort Rule to ensure that participants are competing with Maximum Effort at all stages of competition. Therefore, the Maximum Effort Rule is used:
    - To provide a fair competitive environment for athletes and partners
    - To provide a resource for officials/event directors to create a fair competitive environment
- Rule Application
  - Conference, Sectional, Regional and State Meet Events which use a numerical score to determine divisions should use the Maximum Effort Rule approach.
- The following option may be used to apply Maximum Effort Rule guidelines:
  - Percentage Rule - A percentage is established and published for each event in which the rule will be applied. Athletes or partners may not exceed this percentage of improvement from the entry score to their final score of the highest seed competitor's entry of that heat. If an athlete or partner exceeds this performance percentage, disqualification may take place.
    - Running events are 15% maximum improvement.
    - Field events are 20% maximum improvement.
    - A disqualification may result from the Referee based on the athlete or partner's final time or mark of the heat.
    - A coach may appeal to the Referee for review.
    - Coaches may appeal to a Jury Review for a final review/decision, if they do not agree with the Referee's initial decision.
- Jury Review – A percentage is established and published for each event (running or field) in which the rule will be applied. If an athlete or partner exceeds this percentage from their entry score to their final score (as indicated above) this may “trigger” a jury review upon appeal by a coach to determine if the athlete or partner shall be disqualified from the event.
  - A Jury Review is made up of Brian Lewis, Assistant Commissioner, the Assistant Starter, and the Meet Director in attendance.

- **WHEELCHAIR RACES**

- Athletes shall start with all wheels behind the start line.
- Athlete is timed from the smoke of the starter's gun to when all front wheels (two or one) of the wheelchair reach the perpendicular plane of the nearer edge of the finish line.
- 100M wheelchair competition may be included as an exhibition race. Any other competition distance race may be included with permission of the Commissioner.
- Motorized wheelchairs shall not be allowed in manual wheelchair races.
- Only athletes who ambulate by use of a wheelchair may participate in the events.

- Athletes shall not be pushed, pulled or otherwise assisted during these events.
- The lanes for the wheelchair events shall be made two track-lanes wide.
- Each competitor must keep in his/her lane from start to finish and may not interfere, obstruct or impede the progress of another competitor. Infractions, at the discretion of the official(s), may result in disqualification.

## **5) RULES PROPOSALS FROM INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

Jean Kesterson and Rhonda Low, respectively the president and treasurer of the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association, appeared before the Executive Committee to present the following rules proposals:

### **Proposal 1**

Increase the number of players to dress for the IHSAA tournament roster by two to 16.

### **Proposal 2**

Eliminate the cap at 25 in sets one and two for junior varsity matches. Win by two.

### **Proposal 3**

Seed the top two teams in each sectional and regional to allow the best teams to play for the championship. Other teams' placement will be a blind draw.

### **Proposal 4**

Schools will be allowed 18 Activity Days with eight (8) Volleyball Competition Days.

## **6) RULES PROPOSALS FROM INDIANA SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION**

Greg Davidson, girls soccer coach at Hamilton Southeastern HS and president of the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association, appeared before the Executive Committee to present the following rules proposals:

A School, and players from the School's Soccer Program (boys and girls), may participate in Soccer Activities under the following standards:

- A. Schools may sponsor up to twenty-four (24) Soccer Activity Days (a day when a school's soccer coaching staff may work with their soccer program other than weights and conditioning).
- B. A School's Soccer Activity Days may include up to six (6) Soccer Competition Days (a day when a school's soccer coaching staff takes one (1) or more players from a school's soccer team to compete against one (1) or more players from another School or program).
- C. Prior to the first day of Summer, a school's soccer coaching staff must designate to the in School's Athletic Director or the Principal, the specific Soccer Activity Days and Competition Days in which the soccer program plan to participate.
- D. Weights and Conditioning can commence throughout the summer and do NOT count towards Soccer Activity Days.
- E. RULE 15-3.4 MORATORIUM – Each member school shall observe a moratorium starting on Monday of the week which includes July 4th (July 3- July 9, 2002). During this seven-day period, there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and no athletic activities, including conditioning, conducted.

Reminder: 17-1-3 Summer Programs Summer programs must be voluntary and must be terminated by the last day of July. The IHSAA supports member schools' involvement in voluntary summer programs.

## **7) BOYS BASKETBALL STATE FINALS UPDATE**

Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on the plans for tomorrow's IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals including several award presentations that will be made throughout the day.

## **8) TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2021-March 18, 2022, and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago. At this point, 99.2% of the transfers are receiving some type of eligibility.

|                     | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Full Eligibility    | 2,989          | 93.17%         | 2,366          | 91.9%          |
| Limited Eligibility | 195            | 6.08%          | 177            | 6.9%           |
| Ineligible          | 24             | 0.75%          | 33             | 1.3%           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,208</b>   |                | <b>2,576</b>   |                |

### **Foreign Exchange Transfers**

|                     | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Full Eligibility    | 627            | 95.4%          | 147            | 96.7%          |
| Limited Eligibility | 18             | 2.7%           | 4              | 2.6%           |
| Ineligible          | 12             | 1.8%           | 1              | 0.7%           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>657</b>     |                | <b>152</b>     |                |

### **Transfers by Month**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| June         | 198          |
| July         | 302          |
| August       | 1,198        |
| September    | 308          |
| October      | 197          |
| November     | 350          |
| December     | 121          |
| January      | 212          |
| February     | 163          |
| March        | 159          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,208</b> |

### **Foreign Exchange Transfers by Month**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| June         | 0          |
| July         | 14         |
| August       | 361        |
| September    | 91         |
| October      | 40         |
| November     | 52         |
| December     | 24         |
| January      | 20         |
| February     | 25         |
| March        | 30         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>657</b> |

## **9) SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on the sportsmanship figures listed below. Currently, 12 schools are below the acceptable threshold of sportsmanship. She will also be meeting with the Sportsmanship Task Force this spring about actions to take to turn around the negative trends that are being seen.

|                            | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Exemplary Reports Filed    | 1,294          | 1,367          | -5%             |
| Unsporting Reports Filed   | 3,041          | 2,957          | 3%              |
| Total Ejections            | 436            | 368            | 18%             |
| Ejections (Coaches)        | 46             | 40             | 15%             |
| Ejections (Fans)           | 60             | 45             | 33%             |
| Ejections (Players)        | 329            | 281            | 17%             |
| Ejections (Administration) | 1              | 2              | -50%            |

## **Ejections by Sport**

| <b>Sport</b>     | <b>Admin.</b> | <b>Athletes</b> | <b>Coaches</b> | <b>Fans</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Boys Basketball  | 1             | 40              | 15             | 33          | 89            |
| Girls Basketball |               | 12              | 8              | 15          | 35            |
| Football         |               | 107             | 7              | 3           | 117           |
| Boys Soccer      |               | 131             | 13             | 6           | 150           |
| Girls Soccer     |               | 23              | 3              | 2           | 28            |
| Volleyball       |               |                 |                | 1           | 1             |
| Wrestling        |               | 16              |                |             | 16            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1</b>      | <b>329</b>      | <b>46</b>      | <b>60</b>   | <b>436</b>    |

| <b>Level</b>   | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------|--------------|
| Freshmen/C     | 4            |
| Junior Varsity | 5            |
| Varsity        | 37           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>46</b>    |

## **10) OFFICIALS REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter issued a list of licensed IHSAA Officials by sport and by year along with the percentage of license renewals.

She also outlined the new IDOE officiating course that is being piloted in seven schools and will be offered within a curricular day at schools. In addition of officials recruiting, the objective is to offer students an opportunity to develop communication, management and leadership skills while providing an avenue for employment during high school as well as post-secondary graduation.

## **11) WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter reported on plans for the Women of Indiana (WIN) Leadership Exchange scheduled for May 1, 2022 at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis. Entry is \$25. Participants will get to hear from speakers Angel Henry, Tonya Wallace and Jen Welter who will present. There will be panel discussion, workshops for coaches, officials and administrators. Dinner and an address from National Federation Executive Director Karissa Niehaus will close the day.

## **12) TECHNOLOGY**

Director of Technology Luke Morehead outlined upcoming updates to myIHSAA to facilitate provisional licensure of qualified high school students, and to streamline the process of license registration and renewal for all officials. Mr. Morehead also provided updates regarding future integration of digital ticketing into myIHSAA tournament host agreements, and improvements to videoconferencing equipment at the IHSAA office.

## **13) LITIGATION/IDOE CASE REVIEW PANEL**

Attorney Katie Williams-Briles updated the Executive Committee on the status of pending litigation against the Association as well as results from the Case Review Panel at the Indiana Department of Education.

#### **14) PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Christian Academy of Indiana HS – Baseball - Rule 3-10 (*Two student-athletes participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Christian Academy of Indiana Baseball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school By-Law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated. This is a health and safety issue, and it is imperative that the "IHSA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student-athletes prior to their participation.
2. The student-athletes involved in this violation were declared ineligible until such time the student-athletes provided a fully completed pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.
3. Head Baseball Coach Nate Manias is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occurred.
4. Part of an IHSA 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).

Eminence HS– Boys Basketball - Rule 18-1 (*Two student-athletes participated in interscholastic contests while academically ineligible*)

1. The Eminence High School Boys Basketball programs are issued a warning. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
2. The student-athletes involved in this violation were declared ineligible immediately. The student-athletes may gain academic eligibility at the next certification date of the school.
3. If Eminence High School was victorious, the interscholastic contests in which these ineligible student-athletes participated in shall be forfeited. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.
4. Part of a 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).

Eminence HS – Girls Basketball - Rule 18-1 (*A student-athletes participated in interscholastic contests while academically ineligible*)

1. The Eminence High School Girls Basketball programs are issued a warning. This warning is notice of a rule violation occurring and shall not be repeated.
2. The student-athletes involved in this violation were declared ineligible immediately. The student-athletes may gain academic eligibility at the next certification date of the school.
3. If Eminence High School was victorious, the interscholastic contests in which these ineligible student-athletes participated in shall be forfeited. The opposing schools shall be made aware of this violation.
4. Part of a 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).

Indianapolis Arsenal Technical HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 20-2b (*Two Boys Basketball coaches committing a direct violation of Member School By-Law, Rule 20-2b (2) Past Link by coaching prospective student-athletes during the 12 months prior to the student's enrollment at Arsenal Technical High School*)

1. The Arsenal Technical boys' basketball program is placed on probation through the summer of 2023. This probation is a severe type of warning. It is official notice that unacceptable and serious violations have occurred, are a matter of record and future incidents may result in the team being suspended from future IHSA Boys Basketball Tournament(s).
2. Head Coach Damon Turner and Assistant Coach Brad Schaffer were suspended for the remainder on the 2021-22 season. Additionally, Damon Turner and Brad Schaffer are placed on probation through the summer of 2023 (Rule 7-1.4f).
3. 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 By-Law, Rule 20 Undue Influence. All contracted Boys Basketball opponents for the 2022-23 school year shall be notified of this Rule 20 violation and given the option to withdraw from an existing contract.

Lakeland HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 9-13 (*The Head Boys Basketball Coach permitted student-athletes to preform basketball activities on a Sunday*)

1. The Lakeland High School Boys Basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
2. Head Coach Chris Keil is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Further infractions of IHSA member school by-laws may result in the revocation of Chris Keil's coaching accreditation which is outlined in Rule 7. Unfamiliarity of the rules is not an acceptable rationale for violating IHSA member school by-laws.
3. Part of an IHSA 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).

Leo HS – Boys Track & Field - Rule 18-1 (*A student-athletes participated in interscholastic contests while academically ineligible*)

1. The Leo High School Boys Track & Field 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.
2. The student-athlete involved in this violation shall be declared ineligible for further competition until they meet the minimum standards for eligibility.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9, the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated shall be rescored to remove any points earned by the ineligible student-athlete and the opposing school(s) shall be notified of this violation.
4. Part of an IHSA 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).

Madison-Grant HS – Softball - Rule 3-10 (*A student-athlete participated without an approved pre-participation physical examination and consent form on file*)

1. The Maddison-Grant High School Softball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that a member school By-Law violation has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated. This is a health and safety issue, and it is imperative that the "IHSA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student-athletes prior to their participation.
2. The student-athlete involved in this violation was declared ineligible until such time the student-athlete provided a fully completed pre-participation physical and consent form to the school.
3. Head Softball Coach Travis Havens is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occurred.
4. Part of an IHSA 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).

Riverside HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file*)

1. The Riverside Boys Basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
2. The student-athlete was declared ineligible until a completed transfer report was submitted and ruled upon.
3. The interscholastic contests in which this student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.
4. Part of a 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 Washington HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 50-5 (*The varsity boys' basketball schedule has exceeded the maximum number of allowable contests as provided for in Rule 50-1*)

1. The South Bend Washington High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that an illegal act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Head Coach Ryan Varga is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. Ignorance of IHSA by-laws or a lack of attention to detail are unacceptable excuses for a rule's violation.

3. The South Bend Washington High School varsity boys' basketball schedule for the 2022-23 school year is hereby reduced to 19 contests plus one designated tournament.
4. Part of a 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).

Victory College Prep HS – Boys Basketball – Rule 19-3 (*A student-athlete participated in multiple contests without an approved transfer on file*)

1. The Victory College Prep Boys Basketball program is issued a warning. This warning is notice that an IHSAA member school rule violation has occurred and shall not be repeated.
2. The student-athlete is declared ineligible until a completed transfer report is submitted and ruled upon.
3. The interscholastic contests in which this student-athlete participated in shall be forfeited. The opposing school shall be made aware of this violation.
4. Part of a 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**

#### **15) SPRING PRINCIPAL MEETINGS - ONLINE**

- District I            Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT
- District II           Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT
- District III           Thursday, April 14, 2022, 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT

#### **16) JUNE BOARD AND STAFF RETREAT**

The retreat for the Executive Committee and Staff is set for June 22-23, 2022 at Swan Lake in Plymouth, IN. The June Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23.

#### **17) FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Gainbridge Fieldhouse has informed the IHSAA that it will be hosting the NBA All-Star Weekend and the NCAA Men's Basketball First/Second Rounds in 2024 which conflict with our scheduled dates for the wrestling (Feb. 16-17) and boys basketball state finals (March 23) that year. The IHSAA will begin exploring and evaluating alternative plans for those events.
- Commissioner Paul Neidig informed the group he is finalizing the personnel that will make up the various Realignment Committees which will place teams into sectional groupings for the next two school years. Those meetings will take place near the end of April and their final recommendations will be submitted to the IHSAA Executive Committee for consideration at its May 3 meeting.



## **18) COMMUNICATIONS**

- Thank you letter from Grace Fleck of Forest Park HS, the Class 2A girls basketball recipient of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award.

## **19) CONGRATULATIONS**

- Executive Committee Chairman Victor Bush has been named full-time Principal at Belzer Middle School in Indianapolis.

***A motion to adjourn the March 25, 2022, meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Chris Conley; seconded by Chad Gilbert; motion approved 19-0.***

*The annual meeting of the IHSAA Board of Directors will be Monday, May 2, 2022 at 1 pm ET with the next meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022.*

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Victor Bush, Chairman

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Paul Neidig, Commissioner