

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 2011

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on, April 21, 2011 beginning at 10:00a.m. Committee members present were Kevin White, Chicago; Howard Sokol, Park Ridge; Mike Hutton, Lake in the Hills; Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge; Jay Lyons, Wheaton; Ted Campbell, Springfield; Stan Matheny, Elmwood; Jason Gray, Shiloh; Kelly Aylesworth, Mt. Pulaski; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Dale Huwer, Millstadt; Rick Karhliker, Springfield, Perry Korbakis, Crestwood; Nicole Schaeffbauer, IESA; Stacey Lambert, IHSA; and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Chris Long, Sigel; and Scott Steward, Salem; were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the September 9, 2010 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The IHSA sport administrator should be allowed to approve in-person rules meetings conducted by an IHSA rules interpreter in that sport in conjunction with association meetings. The IHSA on-line rules presentation must be used with the narrative in the format available on-line. The officials in attendance at this meeting should receive credit for the rules meeting attendance. All expenses for hosting this meeting will be incurred by the association hosting the meeting.

Rationale: The officials' advisory committee believes very strongly that there is great value in associations gathering their membership with a rules interpreter to ask questions about the rules presentation. The fact that the officials could get rules meeting credit with this process helps validate the meeting for the association membership and encourage attendance at this meeting to talk about the rules presentation. The fact that the entire rules presentation that is presented on-line is exactly the information that would be shared at the meeting should suffice for credit as the "same message" will be heard as those who watch the presentation at home on their computer.

Rejected by Board vote

2. **Recommendation:** Line judges will be assigned by the IHSA from Sectionals to the State Finals. Those line judges must be licensed officials and should be dressed in proper attire. The IHSA will develop a field on the official's availability page for officials to offer to work as line judges. Regional level line judges will continue to be assigned by the regional host school manager. The line judges should be at least 18 years of age and dressed in proper attire. All line judges will be paid \$25/match at the regional, sectional and super-sectional level.

Rationale: Line judges are an essential part of the officiating crew and at times, schools are forced to use fans or students who are put in a tough situation. No other sports' state series allows potential non-certified individuals to potentially play in the outcome of contests. As a part of the officiating crew it is also recommended that the line judges be paid a more competitive rate. At the regional level schools will be asked to have an adult (age 18 years or older) serve as a line judge.

Rejected

- Recommendation:** Send local Associations contact information of new officials so that the association can reach out to those officials to get them started and help with the retention.

Rationale: The number of officials not renewing after 1 year as an official is high. This would help get the first year officials established with opportunities to officiate and learn the process while likely gaining a mentor from the association.

Approved by consent

- Recommendation:** The Part I examination should be required to be taken prior to the first contest date. (Update Handbook accordingly with appropriate dates by sport.) Test should be made available at least 30 days before the first contest.

Rationale: No one should be officiating contests prior to being exposed to the test. Those that do not pass the test would fall under probation and be marked as such in the directory of officials (see 5.)

Rejected

- Recommendation:** All officials should have on the officials list an identification of whether or not they are on probation.

Rationale: It is of value to schools and assignors to have this information readily available.

Approved by consent

- Recommendation:** All first time officials should receive one patch for each sport that they license.

Rationale: This seems like a logical first step in an official becoming a licensed official with the IHSA.

Approved by consent

- Recommendation:** New officials should have until the next school year to fulfill their clinic requirements. This would make all first year officials probationary officials until they have met the requirements of passing the Part 1 exam and viewing the rules meeting.

Rationale: Many first year officials license with the IHSA following the opportunity to attend a level 1 clinic in that sport. Keeping officials on probation during that first year when they have satisfied the requirements available to them discourages them. While the level 0 clinic is an option, the \$40 charge for that clinic after the fee to become a licensed official could again discourage officials of maintain their license.

Approved by consent

8. **Recommendation:** The Individual Wrestling sectional tournament should have one more official added to this level moving the total number per sectional from 4 to 5 officials. (Additional cost is \$2,760.00)

Rationale: With the addition of the double elimination format of the sectional, the number of matches has increased from 203 to 280 matches over 1 ½ days. The appointment of the fifth official would help alleviate the continuous grind and excessive fatigue that the four officials endure currently in working the sectional.

Approved by consent

9. **Recommendation:** The IHSA should post on their website in the officials center all new rule changes and modifications by sport on an annual basis.

Rationale: When the IHSA went to issuing the new rule books in alternate years, officials were no longer getting the new changes to the rule book. This change would provide officials the opportunity to view and download the latest changes to the rules.

Approved by consent

10. **Recommendation:** Officials should be awarded 1 extra credit power rating point to their power rating through their attendance at the Officials Summer Conference.

Rationale: This would provide an incentive for officials to attend the conference and validate the benefit of attending the conference.

Rejected

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Top 15 list discussion on the value and ranking of the top 15 lists by assignors, associations, schools, and officials.
2. Probationary officials not passing the Part 1 exam and their position currently to continue officiating.
3. Basketball state final ticket application to Sectional officials. (2 tickets) Will this still be available?
4. Assignors letter from a school to verify that an official is an assignor...is this necessary? Could it be done for the first time assignor only and allow current assignors to confirm their position?

5. Email of notices from the IHSA to officials regarding updates and deadlines. Would be happy to get more notifications.
6. Send an email notice to the officials that assignments for the post season have been posted.
7. On-line rules meeting presentation advertisements spread out throughout the presentation.
8. On-line rules presentation meetings have a step to click on a slide to continue onto the next slide.
9. Consider track sectionals on Wednesday – Thursday instead of Friday – Saturday. It is very difficult to find the number of officials needed to work girls sectional week.
10. Basketball state series—could all schools get the coaches box marked for Regional-Sectional sites?
11. 1 power rating point addition for attendance at the Summer Conference – power rating maximum still remains at 40.