

MINUTES OF THE ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 27, 2012

The IHSA Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 27, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: William Hook, Chicago (Agricultural Science); Jim Raabe, Jacksonville (Illinois School for the Visually Impaired); Ron Towner, Oak Forest, and Perry Wilhelm, Mundelein (H.S.). Also in attendance was Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director. Committee members not in attendance were: Andy Berlinski, Princeton; Greg Hall, Urbana (H.S.); and Wes Olson, Mt. Vernon (H.S.).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. None brought forward.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed a timeline of events from October 2011 – present that led to the committee's formation.
2. The committee reviewed the Terms and Conditions for Boys'/Girls' Cross Country for students with physical/visual disabilities and Girls' Swimming and Diving for students with physical/visual disabilities.
3. The committee discussed developing an Accommodations Policy and a 'Request for Accommodations' Form that would provide clear direction to member schools regarding the process to be followed in making an accommodations request. The committee agreed to have further discussions on this prior to the end of the calendar year.
4. The committee discussed attending state finals tournaments this fall for the programs for students with physical/visual disabilities as their schedules allow.
5. The committee discussed investigating the possibility of inviting individuals with expertise and interest in working with students with disabilities to future meetings. Committee members identified a series of groups/individuals for consideration.
6. The committee set February 6, 2013, for its next scheduled meeting.