

Minutes of the Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee
September 23, 2020

The IHSA Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Voting Committee members present were: Doug Noyes, AD, Elmwood Park; Kris Roof, Coach, Chicago (Lane); Gail Smith, Activities Director, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); Kirk Edwards, Principal, Eureka; Ken Mansell, AD, Jacksonville (Illinois School for the Visually Impaired); Alex Fox, AD, Edwardsville H.S. Other guests and non-voting members were: Jen Kelso, Special Olympics; Kraig Garber; IHSA Asst. Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations were made at this time.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The committee had the opportunity to view all items submitted to Kraig Garber. Listed below are the topics that received discussion from members of the committee.

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of last year's meeting.
2. IHSA administrator, Kraig Garber, provided a summary of the participation in the disabled division for all sports in which one exists. The committee discussed ways to promote sports and activities for athletes with disabilities.
3. Special Olympics Administrator, Jen Kelso, provided an overview of Unified Sports offered in partnership with the IHSA as well as other Unified Sports offered by Special Olympics. Mrs. Kelso also provided an update on additional IHSA/Special Olympics Unified opportunities that may be on the horizon.
4. Special Olympics Administrator, Jen Kelso, provided an update on a program that was being organized in a joint effort from the Special Olympics of IL and the IHSA Student Advisory Committees.
5. IHSA Administrator, Kraig Garber, gave an overview of the IHSA Accommodation Request Policy and Request Form.
6. Edwardsville AD, Alex Fox, expressed interest for the future in pursuing a Paralympics Classifying event for physically and visually disabled swimmers at the Edwardsville High School Natatorium.