

## **MINUTES OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION MEETING**

**March 20, 2018**

The IHSA Ad Hoc Committee on Classification met at the IHSA office in Bloomington, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Nick Browder, Olympia Fields (Rich Central); Tim Chandler, Burbank (St. Laurence); Mike Cooper, Ottawa (Twp.); Alex Fox, Edwardsville (H.S.); Victor Iturralde, Chicago (Solorio Academy); Victoria McDonald, Robinson; Becky Moran, Summit (Argo); Eric Orne, Quincy (Notre Dame); Todd Rogers, Carterville; Chris Rozanski, Rockford (Boylan Catholic); Dan Tully, Nilus (Notre Dame); Andy Turner, Park Ridge (Maine South); and Todd Vohland, Decatur (St. Teresa). Also in attendance were Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director; Scott Johnson, IHSA Assistant Executive Director; and Sam Knox, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Not present were members Doug Furlow, Williamsville; Dorothy Gaters, Chicago (Marshall); and Jennifer Haertling, Steeleville.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed the minutes from its February 20, 2018, meeting.
2. The committee reviewed a proposal to modify IHSA Policy 17 from IHSA staff that addressed the topics previously discussed by the committee. The proposal incorporated the following changes to current policy:
  - a. Introduction of a two-year classification period for schools
  - b. Return to the previous method of classifying schools in 4 class sports by a means other than in 25% increments
  - c. Moving wrestling into the category of tournaments classified in a 40%-30%-30% manner
  - d. Revamping of the criteria used to determine waivers to the multiplier for non-boundary schools
  - e. Revamping of the criteria used to determine success adjustment for non-boundary schools
3. During discussion on the proposal, the committee offered thoughtful opinions on all the proposed changes. While making no recommendations at this time, the following ideas seemed to have some interest to the committee:
  - a. The two-year classification period
  - b. In 4-class sports, using %'s that might assign more schools to Class 1A and 2A than Class 3A and 4A
  - c. Moving wrestling into a different category of classification (see above)
  - d. Making adjustments to classifications should be done in a manner that maintains a level of competitive integrity for each tournament
4. In regards to waivers and success adjustment, the committee continued its thoughtful discussion on whether or not any changes to current practice should be recommended.

5. The committee noted its desire to examine whether other factors (like socio-economic percentages) should play a role in a school's classification enrollment.
6. The committee set April 25, 2018, as its next meeting date. The meeting will occur at the IHSA Office.