

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 24, 2014

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 24, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Craig Jeffreys, Chicago; Regina Dryden, Schaumburg; Mark A. Anderson, Arlington Heights; Anthony Clarke, Zion; Drew Fowler, Tinley Park; Sam Nachampassack, South Beloit; Michael Tresnak, Roanoke; Eric Lawson, Manlius (Bureau Valley); Andy Turner, Normal (Community); Brian Mason, Manito; Mike Walling, Normal; Willie Lewis, East St. Louis; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent were: Amanda Howland, Lake Zurich; Rick Marsh, Sugar Grove; Julie Matarelli, Edwardsville and Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA.

The Minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Recommendation:** The committee recommends developing an ad-hoc committee of the officials' advisory committee to develop the acceptable items for the association grant application. (13 – 0 – 0)

Rationale: The committee believes providing clear direction to associations regarding the items that will be considered for use of grant money, will make the process clearer for everyone.

- 2. Recommendation:** The committee recommended adding edits to the “Affiliated Schools” section of the officials center to include the following paragraph:

You should list a school if officiating contest for that school might be considered a conflict of interest. In addition to the school that you graduated from, and any school where you work, you should consider adding any school where your family members have an affiliation. IHSA administrators will make every effort not to assign you to contests involving these schools, but if you happen to be assigned to such a contest, you should contact the administrator immediately.

In addition the committee recommends a slide in the annual rules presentations for officials include a slide requesting officials to review and update their affiliated schools.

Rationale: The committee understands this is ultimately a decision of the officials to determine these affiliated schools, but the additional language will help identify schools that an official should identify as an affiliated school.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed the number of ratings provided by coaches and the IHSA having a designated number of ratings per sport to meet on a given year. The committee would like to see it recommended in the schools center that coaches are requested to rate every varsity official for each game for all games during a season.
2. The committee reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2014 IHSA Summer Officials Conference to be held July 18 – 19, 2014.
3. The committee discussed ratings and top 15 lists. There was no recommendation for change. Coaches associations could reach out to the IHSA with concerns about officials being assigned.
4. The committee discussed the coordinator of officials at the state finals providing an evaluation of the officials at the state final.
5. The committee discussed officials pay and variable pay for different certification levels of the official.
6. The committee discussed the officials handbook and reviewed possible updates to the handbook.
7. The committee discussed having the IHSA list assigners in an area on the IHSA website. The committee did not believe this was necessary.
8. The committee discussed officials' use of social media. The committee believes there are areas of the officials handbook that will cover misuse and inappropriate use of social media by officials.
9. The committee reviewed additional criteria for officials to meet in order to qualify for post season assignments.
10. The committee recognized outgoing committee members Anthony Clarke, Drew Fowler, Sam Nachampassack, and Amanda Howland.
11. The meeting concluded at 11:50 am.