

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 26, 2018

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Greg Nelson, Chicago; Nancy Myer, Geneva; Nick Cargola, Elk Grove Village; Rob Zielinski, McHenry; Jamero Rainey, Edwards; Brad Gooding, Rushville-Industry; Cindi Kraemer, Decatur; Somxay Nachampassack, South Beloit; Mike Outten, Chicago; Betty Moore, Taylorville; Larry Mueller, Belleville; Nitin Rao, Chicago; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA; Sam Knox, IHSA. Absent members: Joon Yun, Chicago; Christina Thomas, Abingdon; Steve Garbaciak, Mokena; Jeff Flater, Galesburg

The committee accepted the minutes of the September 7, 2017 meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends eliminating the Power Rating category detailing the number of varsity contests an official works. This would change the total Power Rating score for an official to a maximum of 30. (12-1)

**Rationale:** The committee feels that the number of varsity games an official works will show in coaches' ratings of officials. Additionally, officials enter their own number of varsity games worked, which could lead to some officials entering an incorrect number simply to earn the maximum of 5 Power Rating points for this category.

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### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the IHSA Officials Conference schedule on July 20 & 21.
2. The committee discussed various ideas related to the officials Top 15 List.
  - Allow only head coaches to submit a list – not assignors.
  - Allow Certified officials to submit a list.
  - Change the percentile numbers to condense the distribution of Power Rating points.
3. The committee discussed the timeline for officials to apply for promotion, secure letters of recommendation, and take their Part 2 exam.
4. The committee discussed the idea of changing the percentile numbers for individual contest ratings to condense the distribution of Power Rating points.
5. The committee discussed the Arbiter officials scheduling system, especially ArbiterPay and the details of officials being paid through this system.

6. The committee discussed officials background checks and learned that the IHSA will ask for officials' consent to a background check on future new registrations and renewals.
7. The committee discussed the officials' concussion exam and the timeline for officials to take the exam every two years.
8. The committee discussed the idea of including each sport's head official in that sport's annual advisory committee meeting.
9. The committee discussed the idea of issuing an NFHS Officials Manual to each new official when he/she registers with the IHSA.
10. The committee discussed the idea of only using an official's previous year's postseason advancement points as a part of the official's overall Power Rating score.
11. The committee discussed the concept of allowing assignors who assign for multiple conferences to have the ability to submit a Top 15 list of officials for each conference.
12. The committee discussed officials recruiting, retention, and mentoring ideas.
13. The meeting concluded at 1:00 pm.