

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 3, 2008

The IHSA Boys Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Patrick Drew, Carlinville; Dick Duval, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden); David Inserra, Park Ridge (Maine South); Al Martin, DuQuoin (H.S.); James Nudera, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest); Steve Smithers, Rock Island (Alleman); and James Voyles, Tuscola. Also in attendance were John Elder of the Illinois Coaches Association and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway. Committee member Wesley Yates, Chicago (Julian) was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Look into semifinals being hosted at a neutral site with turf.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The ball contract with Wilson Sporting Goods is up and a new ball contract will be determined by the Board of Directors at their December or January Board meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed changes at the State Finals. Overall, everyone was very satisfied with the new improvements.
3. Reviewed the by-law that was submitted for Football and why the by-law did not make it out of the Legislative Commission. The focus of its failure was related to the concerns about what equipment could be used and what would the definition of full contact be. Concerns were also addressed about two schools going live blocking and not having full contact as described by the by-law.
4. Concerns were brought up on the A-11 Offense. The NFHS Rules Committee will review this in January of 2009.
5. Jersey requirements for 2012 were discussed and information was provided to the Committee that the requirements are listed on the case situation and notices page for Football on the IHSA web site.
6. Concerns on the bunch kick were addressed and these concerns will be forwarded on to the NFHS Football Rules Committee.
7. Knee pads are not being used properly and this needs to be a Point of Emphasis for 2009.
8. Free blocking zone area needs to be better defined for 2009.
9. The online Football Rules Interpretation meeting was very well received. The Committee would like to see this continued in future years.