

MINUTES OF THE IHSA NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 1, 2023

The IHSA News Media Advisory Committee virtually on Tuesday, August 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Committee members present were: Mike Clark, Freelance; Kyle Nabors, Shaw Media; Scott Slocum, WJOL Radio; Michael Tilka, WIFR-TV; Clark Brooks, PhotosNews Media; Matt Schuckman, MuddyRiverSports.com; Kyle Peach, Wabash Valley College/News Channel 15 & 89.1 FM WVJC. Matt Troha from the IHSA conducted the meeting.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** Adapt the nomination and selection procedure for the IHSA Distinguished Media Service Award. Under the new format, four winners would be selected each year. One honoree would come from each of the four categories below. If there are no candidates in a particular category, then a second honoree will be selected from one of the other three categories. The categories would be as follows:

School Nominee: Media member nominated by a school.

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Career Achievement: Media member nominated by school/media/IHSA who is no longer actively covering high school sports, but had a significant impact during their career.

Community Impact: Media member nominated by school/media/IHSA/other who likely has ties to a singular school or team, but has made a significant impact during their career.

Rationale: With turnover at both the media companies and schools, the committee feels that many worthy individuals for this honor have been overlooked or not met the previous criteria in order to be honored.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard a report on the status of 2023-24 IHSA General Media Passes, which are expected to ship by August 11.

2. The committee heard a report on the baseline seating at the 2023 IHSA Boys Basketball State Finals and the credentialing process for 2024.

3. The committee heard a report on the media setup for the 2023 IHSA Football State Finals, which will be held at Hancock Stadium.

4. The committee discussed the media seating on the floor at the IHSA Individual Wrestling State Finals.

5. The committee discussed recruiting services and their role in the media at regular-season and State

Series events.

6. The committee discussed a potential work area being provided at the IHSA Softball State Finals.
7. The committee discussed results distribution at the IHSA Track & Field State Finals.
8. The committee discussed the IHSA developing a page on its website that would visually display coverage zone areas at events like state track, wrestling, and basketball.
9. The committee discussed the IHSA Swimming Sectional results and asked for the reimplementation of State qualifying times by class within the results if possible.
10. The committee discussed the IHSA Track & Field Sectional results and asked for the reimplementation of State qualifying times by class within the results if possible.
11. The committee discussed the formatting of IHSA State Final programs online.
12. The committee discussed the formatting of the Saturday heart sheets at IHSA State Track & Field.