

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23, 2009

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Phil Dawkins, Caledonia (SW); Octavio Herrera, Jr., Naperville (FB); Mickey Klement, Joliet (Competitive Cheerleading); Dave Mathews, Crown Point, IN (WR); Vicki Munch, Arlington Hts. (GY); Roger Nichols, Normal (SB); John Polka, Oak Park (TR); Tony Skrocki, Arlington Hts. (VB) and Pamela Young, Chicago (Senn) (Athletic Director). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway, IESA Assistant Executive Director Nicole Schaefbauer, Rick Karhliker, Sherman and Perry Korbakis, Crestwood were also in attendance. Committee members Gary Gustafson, Troy (BK); Jim Hayes, Peoria (SO); William Lamkey, Riverton (Principal) and Greg Pavloff, DuQuoin (BA) were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the September 11, 2008 were approved.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee recommended that any official that was licensed and has dropped out without going inactive can buy back the years of service that they missed at a cost of the yearly fee plus a reinstatement fee of \$45.00 for one to three years of no license and \$75.00 for more than three years.

approved

2. Recommended that the IHSA add a more visible link on the IHSA home page that provides information on becoming an official.

No action taken

3. Recommended that a first year official in a sport that has an online rules interpretation meeting be required to view that online rules interpretation meeting within thirty days of becoming licensed.

approved

4. Recommended that there be some consequences administered to a school that does not provide 90% of the rating of officials for that specific sport.

No action taken

5. Recommended that certified clinicians be paid \$125.00 instead of \$100.00. This would be an increase of approximately \$2,650.00.

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6. Recommended that Boys and Girls Gymnastics along with Boys and Girls Water Polo be moved to an 85% sport category as it relates to the base pay for post-season tournament instead of a 65% sport. This would put all the sports in either the 100% or 85% category and leave the 65% sport area category for assistants and line judges.

approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Next year, the sports that will be provided rule books will be Softball, Swimming/Diving, Football, Wrestling, Volleyball and Boys Gymnastics.
2. The Committee was provided a copy of the July 17 and 18, 2009 Summer Officials Conference program. The registration form for the summer conference will be sent out in the officials' renewal mailing.
3. The Officials Education website has been down for two weeks and will be available again at the end of April 2009. The NFHS has worked hard at bringing up an educational site that will have power point presentations and educational video clips. At this time Basketball, Soccer and Softball are up and going and other sports will added within the next year.
4. The Advisory Committee discussed the late fee and feels that a \$30.00 late fee is adequate and there is no need to increase the late fee.
5. The fee for adding a sport is \$15.00 and after discussion it was decided to leave the adding of a sport fee as is since officials get rules books only every other year instead of a new rule book each year.
6. Concerns were discussed about the Part II testing and some of the problems that occurred the days of testing.
7. Discussion occurred on the online rules interpretation meetings. The group felt that online rules interpretation meetings were good, but they did want to have the ability to have rules interpreters provided at local meetings to address rules changes and questions if the associations wanted to provide that opportunity for their members.
8. More females need to be included in the women state series.
9. Discussion occurred on coaches commenting to media about officiating. This is becoming a greater problem each year.

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