

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 22, 2010

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, May 22, 2010, beginning at 10:00am. The following were in attendance: Kelly Aylesworth, Mt. Pulaski; Ted Campbell, Springfield; Jason Gray, Shiloh; Gary Gustafson, Troy; Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge; Dale Huwer, Millstadt; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Jay Lyons, Wheaton; Roger Nichols, Normal; Tony Skrocki, Arlington Heights; Howard Sokal, Park Ridge, Pamela Young, Chicago (Senn) and Dave Gannaway, IHSA. Phil Dawkins, Caledonia and Stan Matheny, Elmwood were unable to attend.

Approved minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **The committee recommended to approve the following changes to the Officials**

Department:

- For the 2010-11 school term, the IHSA will utilize online processing for the following:

Applications, Renewals, Rules Meeting Videos, Added Sports and Exams (Part I and Part II).

Any applications, renewals or added sports not completed online will require an official to submit a \$10.00 processing fee along with the appropriate form(s).

- **Renewals:** Renewals for the 2010-11 school term will be **online** on May 1, 2010. The cost will be \$45 for one sport and \$15 for each additional sport. *If you do not complete the online renewal, you will be required to pay an additional processing fee of \$10.*
- **Clinics:** All first year officials must attend a clinic in the sport(s) in which they are licensed no later than the Officials Conference in July or view the online level zero clinic in the Officials Center. Any officials who have not met the requirement by the last day of the conference will be placed on probation for the 2010-11 school term. A level zero clinic will be good for one year, date to date and will be available online starting no later than August of 2010.
- **Insurance:** Beginning July 1, 2010, insurance will be provided by the IHSA for all licensed officials. Information regarding the insurance and how to make a claim will be in the Officials Center on the IHSA website after July 1, 2010.
- **Officials Uniforms/Patches:** The IHSA Office will no longer send officials patches to newly licensed officials. Gerry Davis Sports and the other licensed vendors will have the artwork to stitch the emblem on your uniform.
- **Reciprocity:** Starting in 2010-11, the IHSA will no longer issue reciprocal licenses. All officials must be fully licensed in Illinois. With online rule interpretation videos, online testing and online clinics, there is no reason that an official cannot stay fully certified in Illinois.
- **New & Old Options Available Online:** All Part I and Part II testing must be completed online. The rules interpretation videos will be available online for all sports. Level zero clinics will be available online for all sports to allow officials to meet the clinic requirement. Note -- zero points will be given towards the power rating for this clinic. You can retake a Part I exam by paying an online fee of \$15. Your most recent score is the one that will stay posted. On your personal site, you will be able to view your tournament history.
- **Probation and Suspension:** Probation and Suspension will be issued for not meeting the requirements of: Part I Exam score, yearly rules interpretation video, and meeting the

current clinic requirement by the dates specified in the Sports Officials Handbook for each specific sport. An official can correct probation and suspension immediately by going online, paying the fee for the area that needs to be corrected. He/she may take or retake the Part I Exam, view the current rules interpretation video, or view a level zero clinic. In future years a level one sport specific online clinic will be available. Once the level one online clinic is available for that sport, an official may take the level zero clinic one time only. When you have met the appropriate criteria in the area where you were deficient, you will immediately come off probation or suspension.

- **Disciplinary Probation and Disciplinary Suspension:** The IHSA administrator in charge of officials may place an official on disciplinary probation or disciplinary suspension for issues relating to:

- The conviction policy
- Failure to meet a contractual agreement
- Failure to submit required forms
- Lack of knowledge or understanding of the rules
- Lack of professionalism or misconduct
- Physical contact
- Any other circumstances deemed necessary.

Disciplinary probation or disciplinary suspension will result in a minimum consequence of one year.

- **Inactive Status:** The IHSA will change the requirements for an official to go on inactive status. Starting in the 2010-11 school term, an official will be able to go on inactive status by notifying the IHSA and paying the \$15 inactive fee. This will allow the official to keep all years of service while on inactive status. Once an official comes off of inactive status, he/she will be put on probation until the following have been completed:

1. Take and pass Part I Exam
2. View the current online rules interpretation video
3. Attend or view a current clinic

It used to be required that an official on Inactive Status would have to either take part 1 exam or view or attend a current rule interpretation meeting. This will eliminate that requirement and put the official on a probationary status when they return until they have updated the above requirements to a current status.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** The officials advisory would recommend that all certified officials be allowed to submit a top 15 list to the IHSA online.

Rationale: This will allow for the IHSA to create a larger pool of top 15 list to compare to the list of ratings. At this time we do not have many top 15 list compared to the number of ratings provided on officials. By increasing this list we will be able to do a better analysis of data comparing top 15 list percentiles to coaches and officials rating percentiles.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** The officials advisory committee would recommend that all certified officials be allowed to rate other officials twice during a sport season not just once.

Rationale: This will allow officials to at least rate an official at the beginning and the end of a season. Coaches have the opportunity to rate the same official several time if they have that official for a contest, so allowing people to rate officials more than once is already taking place by the coaches.

Approved

4. **Recommendation:** Recommended to support the wrestling advisory committees recommendation to increase the fee of a wrestling official at regional where 10 or more teams are assigned and at the sectional where the new wrestle back requirement increases each sectional by 75 to 80 matches without increasing the pay for the sectional wrestling officials.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Wanted to make sure that the level 0 clinics would be worth 0 points in the power rating and any online level 1 clinics would be only worth 1 point toward the power rating. They wanted to keep the in person level 1 clinics worth 3 points and the in person level 2 clinics worth 5 points toward your power rating.
2. Discussed providing either the new official or the recognized official association an e-mail notifying them of a new officials or notifying the new official a list of all recognized associations that they could contact.
3. Wanted to know if the top 15 list online entry could be set up like the rating of an official, so you could type in the last name and be able to get the id number to fill in your top 15 list.
4. There was a concern expressed about the lack of female officials that were assigned to the state finals the last few years. This discussion carried over the fact that we need to address the lack of female officials assigned to all of the state series activities.
5. Discussion occurred on the IHSA building a new officials education site that will house the following: Document and power points, online clinic options, practice test questions, video clips sport specific which will have a search component to it and case situations and notice. This officials education site will be up and running for the 2010-11 year.