

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 9, 2010

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on, September 9, 2010 beginning at 10:00a.m. Committee members present were Kevin White, Chicago; Mike Hutton, Lake in the Hills; Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge; Jay Lyons, Wheaton; Ted Campbell, Springfield; Stan Matheny, Elmwood; Jason Gray, Shiloh; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Scott Steward, Salem; Dale Huwer, Millstadt; Rick Karhiker, Springfield and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Also in attendance were Nicole Schaeftbauer and Patrick Bodame, IESA; and Robert Russell, Rolling Meadows. Howard Sokal, Park Ridge; Chris Long, Sigel; Kelly Aylesworth, Mt. Pulaski were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting were accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Item: Grant Applications 2010-11**

	<u>Association</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1.	Blackhawk Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$500
2.	Capitol Area Officials Assn	\$500 sportsmanship	\$500
3.	East Central IL FB	\$500 laptop	\$500
4.	Elgin Area Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$500
5.	IL Track & CC Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/recruiting	\$250
6.	Joliet Officials Assn	\$500 laptop	\$500
7.	Mid-Western Offls Assn	\$500 observer/edu	\$500
8.	North Western IL VB Offls Assn	\$250 observers	\$250
9.	Princeton BK Officials Assn	\$500 mentor/edu	\$500
10.	Quincy Basketball Offls Assn	\$500 Camcorder	\$250
11.	River to River Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/observer	\$500
12.	Southern IL SO Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/observer	\$500
13.	Southern IL VB Off Assn	\$400 Banners	\$400
14.	Springfield Area Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$500
15.	West Central Offls Assn	\$500 recruiting/edu	\$250
16.	Western IL VB Offls Assn	\$250 mentor/edu	\$0

**Rationale:** The IHSA and IESA have provided grant money for a recognized association to apply for up to \$500. The committee has reviewed the grants and made the above recommendations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the following wrestling officials' fee increases in the State tournament series: Regionals increase from \$160 to \$187 (9 team), \$214 (10 team), and \$241 (11 team). All Sectionals increase from \$205 to \$305.

**Rationale:** With the change in classes and the number of schools entered in certain regionals, there has been a significant increase in the number of matches officials

have to officiate. Therefore the committee has made the recommended increases for officials pay at the regional level where the number of schools entered in the regional is as listed above. Additionally, the Sectional tournaments have had the recent change in a true wrestle back to third creating more matches. The recent wrestling advisory committee recommendation and approval of the elimination of walk-overs will also increase the number of matches in both tournaments as well.

2. **Recommendation:** The contact person for the association along with the assignor should be allowed to be included as a member of the top 15 list that the individual is able to enter under these positions. (If this is approved, it would be the recommendation of the committee for this change to go into effect for the Winter and Spring seasons 2010-11).

**Rationale:** The committee believes that most, if not all, associations are using a democratic process for selecting their top 15 list, and we should not penalize the association representative who is assigned the responsibility of entering that information into the IHSA website. Similarly, the committee believes the assigner for a sport should have the opportunity to be included on the list entered. Certified officials are now entering top 15 lists making the pool much larger.

3. **Recommendation:** The IHSA sport administrator should be allowed to approve in-person rules meetings being conducted by an IHSA rules interpreter in that sport in conjunction with association meetings. The officials in attendance at this meeting should receive credit for the rules meeting attendance. All expenses for hosting this meeting will be incurred by the association hosting the meeting.

**Rationale:** There continues to be value in having an in-person meeting with an IHSA sport rules interpreter for officials to ask clarifying questions. The associations are willing to take on the economic responsibility of hosting the meeting at no cost to the IHSA. The committee believes the officials that take the time to attend one of these meetings should be able to count it as their rules meeting attendance.

4. **Recommendation:** The retired plaque for officials should be eliminated.

**Rationale:** The officials department continues to recognize officials for their years of service at the 15, 25, 30, 40 and 50 year levels. At the past Officials conference, not one retired official was in attendance to receive his/her retired plaque. Seeing that the interest in this plaque has dropped and a recognition program is in place, the committee recommends eliminating the retirement plaque and the large expense for purchasing them.

5. **Recommendation:** Have the football advisory committee review the football official's uniform. (6-4)

**Rationale:** With the addition of the black pants with the white stripe now being accepted in high school, there is a question as to when these pants are acceptable to wear. Recent NCAA language only allows the wearing of these pants during the colder weather. The committee is not recommending a ruling as to when the pants can be worn but would like the football advisory committee to review the current practice. At present there is no stipulation for when the black pants vs. the white knickers should be worn.

## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the possibility for the schedule at the summer official's conference to allow for the mandatory delegates meeting to be held at a time that did not interfere with the opportunity to participate in or be a clinician.
2. At the summer conference it would be helpful for the Track and Field clinic presentation to have a bigger area during the clinic time to do some demonstrations.
3. Continue to send email notices and reminders to officials regarding updates and reminders on upcoming deadlines. Updates on officials going into their 3<sup>rd</sup> year without a clinic are an example of such a reminder.
4. Concerns on the on-line rules meeting. The first 25 minutes of the rules meeting that includes the promotional items and general updates might be better received if disbursed throughout the rules portion of the meeting.
5. Discussion occurred on the benefit of particular items being presented to schools versus officials if the information was applicable to one or the other.
6. The committee discussed the possibility of rating football crews in a top 8 versus the rating of individuals in a top 15 list.
7. During the Spring Officials Advisory committee meeting, the agenda should include a review of the new Top 15 list changes and the results of these changes in regards to power rating points for officials.
8. Timing of the part 2 exam window was September 2 – September 4 which fell on a weekend and Labor Day weekend. In the future could the dates of the test fall on a weekend but off of a holiday weekend?
9. The committee discussed a more consistent bank of study questions for the Part 1 exam by sport.
10. The committee discussed the Top 15 list for associations having more “weight” than a certified officials Top 15 list. If this is not possible, another suggestion might be to have a power rating point given to members of a recognized officials' association.
11. The committee discussed the terms and conditions in different sports not allowing noisemakers at state level events and the possibility of extending that to eliminating the noisemakers at regular season contests additionally.
12. An April meeting agenda item might include a discussion of the State level pay Tier system that was developed years ago. Are we still using this and can it be reviewed?
13. Discussion occurred on officials' assignments of state tournament level play. Would it be easier for IHSA staff to use assigners throughout the state to help with some of the assignments? Assigners might have better luck in keeping those officials to their assignments versus the officials being able to turn the assignment back to the IHSA.
14. Coaches that are ejected from games would be additionally responsible for taking an on-line level one clinic (when available) in that sport before returning to coach. This might help with the education of coaches if this is a reason that he/she was removed.
15. It was suggested a list of the assigners in the state be provided in the officials' center.