

IHSA EQUITY COMMITTEE

4/29/2025

Meeting Notes

1. The committee reviewed the by-law proposals from the 2024-25 IHSA legislative cycle.
2. The committee discussed the Cooperative Team by-law that was proposed during the 2024-25 IHSA legislative cycle. Some members sought feedback on whether the proposal could be tweaked in any certain way to help it pass.
3. The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the online transfer management system the IHSA implemented in January.
4. The committee heard an update that paper-based eligibility rulings will no longer be accepted next year and all rulings must occur through the online system.
5. The committee heard a report on potential future plans for the IHSA to further integrate the online transfer management system into the Schools Center.
6. The committee reviewed and discussed the Classification, Multiplier Waiver, and Success Formula changes that were approved by the IHSA Board in March.
7. The committee discussed the thresholds used in the waiver application process and how they were reached.
8. The committee discussed population density within 30 miles for non-boundaried schools and how it could or should factor into the multiplier.
9. The committee discussed free and reduced lunch rates and how poverty related data is used in other states to determine classifications, as well as how it could be utilized in Illinois. If used, the committee also discussed how those rates should be measured by city.
10. The committee reviewed the waiver application process for the non-boundaried schools.
11. The committee reviewed current legislation that is being considered by Illinois lawmakers that could impact IHSA rules and member schools.

12. The committee discussed one-time free transfer by-laws in other states and how it could potentially apply to Illinois.

13. The committee discussed the IHSA's Success Formula Policy and the potential of instituting the policy to impact all member schools.

14. The Board discussed the IHSA's transgender policy as it relates to the current conflicting Illinois law and Presidential Executive Order.

15. The Board discussed the ad hoc committee reviewing the IHSA Football Playoff structure.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025.