

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 4, 2013

- I. The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Matt Walsh, Chicago (Taft); Mike Noll Glenview (Glenbrook South); Matt Fisher, Wheaton (North); Pat Ryan, Metamora; Dick Duval, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden); Scott Battas, Mascoutah; Kevin Poore, Official-Belleville; John Elder, IHSFCA; Greg King, IHSFCA; and Assistant Executive Director Craig Anderson. Dennis Canny, Rochester, was not in attendance.

The Minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

1. None

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard an update from Ron Herschbach (Baden Sports) regarding the Baden Football.
2. The committee would like to encourage the board of directors to review the travel policy for the football play-offs. The committee would encourage the classes to remain in two halves of 16 or increase the number of trips over 150 to more than 4 before moving to quadrants.
3. The committee discussed the recent by-law proposals relative to football. The committee understands and recognizes the concerns regarding conference realignment and schools finding it difficult to schedule non-conference opponents. The committee as a whole did not endorse any of the by-law amendment proposals nor recommend a change to the current play-off system.
4. The committee reviewed the Special Provisions for Summer Participation in football that was submitted as a by-law proposal. The committee believes the 25 summer contact days for football should include the following:
 - No Full Gear allowed in the summer.
 - No Full Contact scrimmages taking players to the ground in the summer.

- An acclimatization of players to wearing helmets and shoulder pads with the first two days of the contact period with players in helmets only. This would be followed by player being able to be in helmets and shoulder pads for 15 days total of the 25 contact days.
 - 15 days of helmets and shoulder pads practice. During these days of practice there would be a three hour limit with the opportunity for a one hour walk through following a two hour rest period from the practice.
 - 7 on 7 opportunities remain the same.
5. The committee discussed the current Mercy Rule of 40 points in the second half of football contests. The committee did not recommend any changes to the current 40 point Mercy Rule State Adoption.
 6. The committee reviewed the length of games increasing. With so many teams throwing the ball and no longer huddling game time length has been increased. The committee believes that schools can help move the game along by providing extra balls to bring into the game on long passes.
 7. The coaches' box rule was discussed.
 8. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.
 9. Next year's meeting date will be December 10, 2014.