

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 5, 2018

The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on December 5, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Arthur Ray, Chicago (Curie); Joe Ryan, Sycamore; Andy Lutzenkirchen, Naperville (Central); Travis Heinz, Forreston; Josh Jostes, Maroa (M.-Forsyth); Jeremy Adolphson, Monmouth (M.-Roseville); Gary Carter, Murphysboro; Dennis Doyle, Official-Joliet; and Sam Knox, IHSA.

Greg Gaa, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee member and Stacey Lambert, IHSA also attended the meeting.

The committee accepted the minutes of the December 6, 2017 and the April 19, 2018 meetings.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. XI. C-E Officials

Recommendation: The IHSA will assign a sixth official (Center Judge) to serve as an on-field official in each Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and State Final game. The IHSA will pay the same total dollar amount to the officiating crew as it currently pays. Each official will receive 1/6th of the total dollar amount instead of the current 1/5th of the total dollar amount.

Rationale: The committee understands the importance of playoff games and the responsibility of officials to correctly apply the rules, especially player safety rules. Having a sixth official on the field as a Center Judge will provide additional field coverage and observation to ensure player safety. In case of an injury to one of the officials, the crew will still have five officials on the field to officiate the remainder of the game.

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ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed the new language added to Policy 13 regarding individual player limits. The committee shared ideas for adjusting the policy to ensure continued player safety while maintaining football participation and meeting the needs of the various scheduling models used around the state. The committee documented thoughts that Greg Gaa can take back to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for consideration.

2. The committee discussed positive changes to this year's State Finals that it recommended last year: the number of sideline passes for each team and presenting the awards on the field with each team facing its own crowd.
3. The committee discussed this year's by-law proposals related to football.
4. The committee discussed potential new football rules regarding the play clock and kickoffs.
5. The committee recognized outgoing members Andy Lutzenkirchen, Naperville (Central), Josh Jostes, Maroa (M.-Forsyth); Jeremy Adolphson, Monmouth (M.-Roseville)
6. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.