

# MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2019

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 12, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Mark Anderson, Arlington Heights; Nick Cargola, Elk Grove Village; Mike Outten, Chicago; Rob Zielinski, McHenry; Mike Skrabis, Orland Park; Josh Olsen, Bloomington; Don Hackler, Edwards; Brad Gooding, Rushville-Industry; Courtney Vanderheiden, Chicago; Christopher Kays, Benton; Kent Simmons, Bloomington; Emory Appleberry, Springfield; Nitin Rao, Chicago; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA; Sam Knox, IHSA.

Absent members: Joon Yun, Chicago; Somxay Nachampassack, South Beloit; Jeff Flater, Farmington

The Minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting were accepted.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **1. Item: Grant Applications 2019-20**

<b><u>Association</u></b>	<b><u>Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Approved</u></b>
Athletic Officials Association	\$150	Education	\$150
Blackhawk Officials Association	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$375
Central IL FB Officials Association	\$500	Education	\$375
Fox Valley Officials Association	\$500	Equipment	\$375
Fox Valley Blues	\$500	Equipment	\$375
IL H.S. Girls Gymnastics Judges Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$375
IL Dance Officials Association	\$320	Education	\$320
IL Valley Officials Association	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$375
IL Volleyball Officials Association	\$500	Education	\$375
Joliet Officials Association	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$375
Northern Officials Association	\$150	Education	\$150
Metropolitan Officials Association	\$450	Education & Equipment	\$375
Next Level Officials Association	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$375
Southwestern Athletic Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$375
Peoria Officials Association	\$500	Education	\$375
Rockford Basketball Officials Association	\$400	Education & Equipment	\$375
Southern IL Egyptian Officials Assoc.	\$421	Education & Equipment	\$375
White Pines Officials Association	\$500	Education	\$375
Zebras of Northern Illinois	\$300	Education	\$300

Approved by Consent

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Recommendation:** Football officials will wear shirts with 2¼” stripes following this implementation timeline.

2020 & 2021: Officials can choose to wear shirts with 1” stripes or 2¼” stripes in the regular season. However, all crew members must match. Officials will wear shirts with 1” stripes in the postseason.

2022: Officials assigned to all Varsity games in the regular season and postseason are required to wear shirts with 2¼” stripes.

**Rationale:** Illinois is one of the few states where football officials still wear shirts with 1” stripes. Shirts with 2¼” stripes is a more modern look. As more states move toward football shirts with wider stripes, apparel companies are making less foul weather gear with 1” stripes. This could make it more challenging for IHSA officials to purchase those items in the future.

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## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed the Officials Conference from 2019 and learned that the conference will move to Normal in 2020.
2. The committee discussed the increased IHSA registration fee and how that fee is used to pay for an official’s background check and Arbiter membership.
3. The committee discussed the IHSA’s agreement with Arbiter.
4. The committee discussed reciprocity with other states. The committee would like to learn more from bordering states before making a formal recommendation to allow reciprocal licenses between Illinois and our neighbors.
5. The committee discussed concerns related to the location of dance and cheer clinics.
6. The committee discussed concerns about the Top 5 Crew List for football officials.
7. The committee discussed a potential IHSA agreement with Smitty officials apparel regarding officials’ dye-sublimated shirts.
8. The committee discussed potentially creating a mechanism in the Officials Center to allow officials to give feedback about host schools regarding hospitality, security, game management, atmosphere, dressing facilities, timely payment, and coach’s behavior.
9. The committee discussed concerns about young officials in all sports receiving game assignments so they can improve their knowledge and skills.
10. The committee reviewed association grant applications.
11. The meeting concluded at 12:45 p.m.