MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 10, 2020

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met virtually on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Mark Anderson, Arlington Heights; Doug Elledge, New Canton; Mike Hurckes, Ringwood; Mike Skrabis, Orland Park; Josh Olsen, Bloomington; Don Hackler, Edwards; Courtney Vanderheiden, Chicago; Christopher Kays, Benton; Emory Appleberry, Springfield; Rick Karhlicher, Springfield; Nicole Schaefbauer, IESA; Sam Knox, IHSA.

Absent members: Andrew Lambert, Lake Zurich; Kent Simmons, Bloomington

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

NONE

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee learned that the IHSA will not charge a late fee for officials’ registrations this school year. This will allow veteran officials to see if a season is going to happen before they renew their registration.

2. The committee learned that if certain sports are completely cancelled this school year, the IHSA will issue financial credits for the 2021-22 school year for officials in those sports.

3. The committee learned that the IHSA intends to hold the Officials Conference on July 9 & 10, 2021 at Normal (Community West) High School.

4. The committee learned that the IHSA and the IESA are not able to offer grants to officials’ associations this school year due to financial restrictions.

5. The committee learned that officials will be able to use regular whistles with covers during the 2020-21 school year. Officials must purchase the covers from a manufacturer. Officials will also be able to use electronic whistles.

The meeting concluded at 10:36 a.m.