

MINUTES OF THE IHSA FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 17, 2020

The IHSA Football Advisory Committee met virtually on December 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Joe Ryan, Sycamore; Tony Sheehan, Oak Lawn (Richards); Jay Mullens, Byron; Derek Spates, Decatur (MacArthur); Rich Thompson, Concord (Triopia); Gary Carter, Murphysboro; Jim Maddock, Official - Washington; and Sam Knox, IHSA

Dante Culbreath, Chicago (Simeon) was absent.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

NONE

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee discussed details about the spring season currently planned for February, March, and April, 2021.
2. The committee discussed concerns about a spring season and the potential timeline to get equipment reconditioned and returned in time to use during summer contact days and in the next football season that starts in August.
3. The committee discussed thoughts about the number of games that would justify a spring season if schools aren't able to play the nine-week season that is currently proposed. The committee feels that a minimum of four games would justify a season, even if the season must be moved later in the spring.
4. The committee discussed potentially overlapping football with other sports' seasons in the spring. The committee feels that overlapping with baseball, track & field, and wrestling on the back end of the football season is a better option for students than overlapping with basketball on the front end of the football season.
5. The committee discussed the IHSA board of director's decision to modify by-law 3.022 that will require students to pass at least 15 credit hours (three classes) from the first semester of the 2020-21 school year in order to be eligible for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. The committee supports this decision.
6. The committee discussed the variety of academic formats schools have used so far this school year.
7. The committee discussed the recent IHSFCA virtual coaches' clinic.
8. The committee discussed the importance of submitting officials' ratings after every varsity game.
9. The committee recognized outgoing members Joe Ryan, Sycamore and Gary Carter, Murphysboro.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.