New Administrator’s Workshop

IHSA COVID Considerations
IHSA

- Founded in 1900
- Voluntary, not for profit organization
- 800+ members (as of today)
- Member school principals or official representatives comprise IHSA Board of Directors
- Each Board member serves a geographical area or a specific sub-set of the membership
IHSA

- Member of National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

- NFHS playing rules govern all interscholastic contests in Illinois
The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational process.
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IHSA Structure

Approve T/C recommendations; determine Policy; hear appeals

AC = offer insight on programs
LC = reviews/advances proposals to membership

Vote on all By-law proposals; involved on committees; offer insight on all topics

Administer programs; assist with compliance

Each block builds upon and supports the others.
IHSA Finances

Costs
- No membership fees
- Fees for late withdrawals/entries
- $100 entry fees instituted this year

Revenues
- Ticket sales at state series events (approx. 70% of revenue)
- Some corporate sponsorships
- Officials’ licensing fees
Today’s Session

1. Where we’ve been (March 12 to present)
2. Where we’re going (as of today!?!?)
3. Returning Activities
4. Questions
Where We’ve Been (March through July)

• Winter Sports were cancelled March 12
  • Initial 2-3 months of how do we deal with the pandemic?
  • Spring Sports/Activities rightfully suspended later

• Communication between IHSA and IDPH/ISBE/Governor’s Office was spotty as everyone kept navigating new waters

• Mid-Summer, though, our office tried to establish more consistent communication with an eye towards the 20-21 school year
  • How would/could sports/activities start?
  • How would/could these start in relation to how schools were going to open up?
Where We’ve Been (March through July)

• IHSA Phase 3 and 4 guidance came out in June and July, respectively.
  • Initially, some of that guidance ran counter to that which IDPH and ISBE had come out with so adjustments were made to the guidance so there was greater consistency between all groups

• Later, our office announced that we would follow the lead of IDPH/ISBE as it relates to “returning to play” (Illinois All-Sports Policy)

• In late July, the IHSA Board announced that schools could have some contact days (20) this fall and guidance for how to conduct those was created

• Also in late July, the IHSA Board announced revised schedules for the 2020-21 school year, creating a new fourth (“summer”) season for this year
Where We’ve Been (August to present)

- IHSA created some sport specific guidance for those sports that were allowed to be conducted this fall (*Illinois All-Sports Policy*)

- IHSA has also been working very diligently on how activities can also return (more to follow in this session)

- IHSA Board initially determined that one post-season round would be conducted for those fall sports being played

- In late September, the IHSA Board of Directors decided to add an additional round of post-season play for boys’/girls’ golf and cross country
Illinois All-Sports Policy

- Guiding document from the state being used by IHSA
- Sports are classified based on risk levels
- Currently, lower risk sports are only those that can have competitions
- Metrics being used to ‘move’ sports to a different risk-level are unknown at this time
Post-Season Events

• Assignments were made in accordance with IHSA Policy, which means some schools were assigned to an event outside of their COVID region.
  ➢ The deputy governor gave IHSA the approval to do this in the post-season, and IHSA staff has tried to minimize to the greatest extent possible having schools go outside their COVID region in the post-season.

• Currently, staff is searching for golf and cross-country sectional locations and working with schools to establish the dates for those events.

• Looking ahead, remaining seasons are planning on one round of post-season play, although that could change as the health situation changes.
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IHSA COVID-19

(Go to www.ihsa.org and select either COVID-19 link)

Option 1

Option 2
IHSA COVID-19 Information

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IHSA Return To Play & Contact Day Guidelines

The IHSA’s Return To Play Guidelines were developed by the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

- **PHASE 3 GUIDELINES** – approved on June 5, 2020
- **PHASE 4 GUIDELINES** – approved on July 3, 2020
- **RETURN TO ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES** – updated on September 14, 2020
- **2020 FALL CONTACT DAY GUIDELINES** – approved on July 29, 2020

2020-21 IHSA Seasonal Sports Schedules

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Current Guidelines
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Revised Season Calendars

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PLAY SMART. PLAY HARD.
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Sport-specific guidance (considerations for practices, games, etc.)
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Guidance updated as state guidelines are updated
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Questions:
- Questions may be addressed to IHSA Cross Country Administrator, Kraig Garber (kgarber@ihsa.org).

Resources:
- IHSA Return to Activities 1.0: https://documentscloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri_ref=aud.scdn.us/33115458-s94t4G93-tdt7-d6vb7a46f71d
- IDPH COVID-19 Regions Map: https://documentscloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri_ref=aud.scdn.us/33115458-s94t4G93-tdt7-d6vb7a46f71d

Staggered/Interval/Wave Start Guidance: https://hhsapreg.my.sharepoint.com/w/e/nerush/crae_ihsa.org1/FhN1E14F3aF72E170Dyvdv88R88h8dBo3n0K2Y77e7e24lH4C
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Education & Guidelines
- Illinois Department of Public Health Sports Safety Guidelines
- NFHS COVID-19 For Coaches & Administrators Course
- Wilson Sporting Goods Guidance On Sanitizing Balls
- Spalding Guidance On Sanitizing Balls
- NFHS Guidance For Assessing COVID-19 Cardiac Infection

National Studies & Other Information
- University of Wisconsin Study on Sport Cancellation Impact On Adolescents
- NFHS Guidance on Re-Opening High School Athletics & Activities
- NFHS Performing Arts Aerosol Study
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IHSA COVID-19 Guidance - Activities

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IHSA Activities & COVID-19

• Activities that can be conducted in person with IDPH Guidance
• Activities that can be conducted virtually
• IHSA administrators will provide considerations and guidance

• IDPH Guidance
  http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance
IHSA Virtual Activities

• These events may look and feel a little different

• Students will have an opportunity to showcase their talents
IDSA-activities.org

• The Illinois Directors of Student Activities meet weekly online to share ideas and best practices on keeping student bodies engaged

• Check them out at the website above – or contact:

• IDSA President - Brian Verisario: bverisario@dist113.org

• https://idsa-activities.org/
Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources
By NFHS on September 10, 2020
speech debate & theatre directors & judges article

https://www.nfhs.org/articles/performing-arts-covid-19-resources/
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