

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 6, 2012

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 6, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Kevin White, Chicago; Mike Hutton, Lake in the Hills; Anthony Clarke, Zion; Drew Fowler, Tinley Park; Sam Nachampassack, South Beloit; Chris Long, Sigel; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Scott Steward, Salem; Amanda Howland, Lake Zurich; Eric Lawson, Manlius; Michael Tresnak, Roanoke; Brian Mason, Manito; Julie Matarelli, Edwardsville; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent was Rick Marsh, Sugar Grove.

The Minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item: Grant Applications 2012-13

	<u>Association</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1.	Athletic Officials Assn	\$162.35 education	\$162.35
2.	Athletic Officials Service	\$500 mentor	\$275
3.	Blackhawk Offls Assn	\$500 sound system	\$275
4.	Bloomington-Normal Offls Assn	\$500 supplies	\$275
6.	Far West Suburban BK Offls Assn	\$500 cam/projector	\$400
7.	Fox Valley Blues Offls Assn	\$399 laptop	\$275
8.	Great Lakes Offls Assn	\$500 mentor	\$275
9.	Heartland Diversity Offls Assn	\$500 projector	\$275
10.	Heartland VB Offls Assn – West	\$500 camcorder	\$275
11.	IL VB Offls Assn	\$500 edu/clinics	\$275
12.	IL WR Coaches & Offls Assn	\$500 edu/clinics	\$400
13.	Joliet Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/recruit	\$275
15.	Northeastern IL FB Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/edu/clinic	\$275
16.	Northwest IL VB Offls Assn	\$200 observers	\$200
17.	Pike County Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$275
18.	Rockford Area SO Offls Assn	\$500 projector	\$500
20.	Southern IL BK Offls Assn	\$500 camcorder	\$400
21.	Southern IL SO Offls Assn	\$500 mentor	\$275
23.	Springfield Area Offls Assn	\$500 training materials	\$275
24.	UMPS	\$500 camcorder	\$275
25.	Western BK Offls Assn	\$500 projector	\$275
26.	White Pines Offls Assn	\$500 sportsmanship	\$275

Rationale: The IHSA and IESA have provided grant money for a recognized association to apply for up to \$500. The committee has reviewed the grants and made the above recommendations.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** As a requirement for promotion as an official, the official must attend a level 2 clinic within the calendar year of the promotion exam.

Rationale: The committee believes this additional requirement will help ensure those officials going for promotion have met the highest level of preparation regarding the Part 2 exam and as an official advancing in .

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the IHSA consider two free officiating license waivers be mailed to member high school athletic administrators. These two waivers will be given to two graduating seniors in the Spring who the athletic administrator believes have the qualities and interest to become an IHSA licensed official. Encouragement will be given to the AD to communicate these names to local official associations to help get the new officials started.

Rationale: The committee believes this could be a great recruiting opportunity for the IHSA increasing the number of licensed officials. This waiver would be good for one licensing year only.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION;

1. The committee discussed the IHSA creating an officiating recruiting poster with contact information and “how to license as an IHSA Official” that could be sent out to our member high schools. The recruiting poster could show a player (Senior) in uniform and then the same player now in his/her officiating uniform.
2. The committee discussed the possibility of working with the campus recreation departments at universities that can be supplied information about becoming an IHSA licensed official to hand-out to college students serving in officiating capacities (Intramural sports).
3. The committee discussed preparing recruiting cards or pamphlets that would identify how to become a licensed official. Currently licensed officials could share these with high school players that they believe could serve the IHSA in this capacity.
4. The committee discussed the possibility of a partnership with Sports Authority and their advertisement along with a message to recruit officials.
5. The committee discussed different concerns with the Top 15 lists and ratings. The committee discussed the possibility of a positive recognition for those schools taking care of submitting all of their ratings.
6. At the April Officials Advisory committee meeting the committee would like to review the impact of the officials ratings and Top 15 lists. They would also like to have an update on the increased number of ratings by coaches as a result of the emails being sent to AD’s, Official Rep’s, and Head Coaches during the sports seasons.

7. The committee discussed adding a power rating category to recognize IHSA licensing longevity.
8. The committee discussed increasing the number of officials invited to the IHSA state baseball and softball tournaments to work the state finals. The increase would be to 8 umpires as opposed to 6 for both tournaments. Baseball would institute a 4-person officiating crew and softball could maintain 3-person crews with a rotation that would have umpires working one fewer game during the two day tournament.
9. The committee discussed the back judge in football not being required to handle the responsibility of resetting the 25-second play clock when there are clocks on the field.
10. The committee discussed the opportunity be made available to officials to purchase a rules book and case book during the annual licensing renewal process done on-line. If this is not possible, the committee would like to see the licensing fee increased to allow for all officials to receive a rules book and case book annually.
11. The committee discussed the possibility of licensed officials receiving a level 1 clinic credit when working as a volunteer official at IHSA State Final competitions where volunteers are used. Track and Field, Cross Country, and Swimming are examples of such sports.