

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2013

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 12, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Craig Jeffreys, Chicago; Regina Dryden, Schaumburg; Mark A. Anderson, Arlington Heights; Drew Fowler, Tinley Park; Michael Tresnak, Roanoke; Eric Lawson, Manlius (Bureau Valley), Andy Turner, Normal (Community); Brian Mason, Manito; Mike Walling, Normal; Willie Lewis, East St. Louis; Julie Matarelli, Edwardsville; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent were: Amanda Howland, Lake Zurich; Rick Marsh, Sugar Grove; Anthony Clarke, Zion; and Sam Nachampassack, South Beloit.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item: Grant Applications 2013-14

	<u>Association</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1.	Athletic Officials Service	\$500 mentor	\$175
2.	Blackhawk Offls Assn	\$500 mentor	\$175
3.	Bloomington-Normal Offls Assn	\$425 supplies	\$300
4.	East Central IL FB Offls Assn	\$500 education	\$300
5.	Far West Suburban BK Offls Assn	\$500 camcorder/Ipad	\$300
6.	Fox Valley Blues Offls Assn	\$500 Ipad/tablet	\$300
7.	Heartland Diversity Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$300
8.	Heartland VB Offls Assn – East	\$500 mentor/edu/clinic	\$175
9.	Illini BK Offls Assn.	\$500 mentor/observ.	\$175
10.	Illinois Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/edu/clinic	\$300
11.	IL VB Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/edu/clinic	\$175
12.	Joliet Offls Assn	\$500 mentor/recruit	\$175
13.	Northwest IL VB Offls Assn	\$500 camcorder	\$300
14.	Peoria Offls Assn	\$500 Ipad	\$300
15.	Quincy BK Offls Assn	\$100 education/DVDs	\$100
16.	Quincy District FB Offls Assn	\$500 edu/clinic	\$300
17.	Rockford Area VB Offls Assn	\$300 camcorder	\$300
18.	Rockford BK Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$300
19.	South Central BK Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$300
20.	South Suburbs Offls Assn	\$500 mentor	\$175
21.	Southern IL SO Offls Assn	\$500 observations	\$175
22.	Springfield Area Offls Assn	\$500 laptop	\$300
23.	UMPS	\$500 edu/clinic	\$175
24.	UPAC	\$500 projector	\$300
25.	Western BK Offls Assn	\$500 projector	\$300
26.	ZONI	\$500 projector	\$300

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 by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends extending the timeframe to take the part 2 exam to run from Tuesday to Tuesday during the time of the exam. The specific dates in the IHSA standardized calendar by season are provided below:

Fall season: Tuesday Week 10 – Tuesday Week 11

Winter season: Tuesday Week 21 – Tuesday Week 22

Spring season: Tuesday Week 37 – Tuesday Week 38

Rationale: This would expand the time allowed for officials to take the exam when the fall season could find the officials working many contests in the evenings while maintaining their work requirements. Moving the starting and ending dates to during the week would allow for errors in the testing system to be corrected by IHSA staff versus the test ending on a weekend date. A two-hour time limit once the test begins would still be in place.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommended providing licensing waivers (2) to associations to hand-out to perspective officials in their area. This would be similar to the process implemented during the 2012-13 school year for our member school athletic directors supplying licensing waivers to graduating seniors wishing to license as IHSA officials.

Rationale: The committee believes we continue to be in need to license more officials. Associations could use this as a recruiting tool in encouraging officials to license and bringing them on as members of their association to increase the retention rate of the officials.

Modified Recommendation: The committee recommended providing single sport licensing waivers (2) to associations to hand-out to perspective officials in their area. If an official decided to apply for additional licenses, he/she would be responsible for the added sport(s) at the reduced rate.

Approved with modification

- 3. Recommendation:** Add a slide(s) to the IHSA sports rules meetings to emphasize the significance of schools providing Top 15 lists and ratings for our officials. The sequence of slides could also identify the new ratings criteria that coaches are going to see when providing the ratings.

Rationale: The committee believes we will be able to encourage coaches to provide an up to date Top 15 list as well as season long ratings of varsity officials by having this presented in the rules meetings that coaches review annually.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the coaches providing their Top 15 lists and ratings of varsity officials. The committee discussed possible penalties to the school or head coach when the coach has not met the number of ratings required by the IHSA.
2. The committee discussed the summer officials conference allowing the officials of the year to be recognized on Friday night when more attendees are in attendance at the banquet.
3. The committee discussed the possibility of working with the colleges and universities to train officials.
4. The committee discussed the current allowance of assignors providing Top 15 lists to the IHSA.
5. The meeting concluded at 12:10pm.