

Minutes of the Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee
September 25, 2019

The IHSA Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Voting Committee members present were: Jenette Fruit, Principal, Earlville; Bruce Weiman, Official, Arthur; Dave Stephens, Principal, Plainfield (Central). Other guests and non-voting members were: Leslie Alappattu, IESA Asst. Director; Jen Marcello, Special Olympics; Kraig Garber; IHSA Asst. Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations were made at this time.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The committee had the opportunity to view all items submitted to Kraig Garber. Listed below are the topics that received discussion from members of the committee.

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of their February 2019 meeting.
2. IHSA administrator, Kraig Garber, provided a summary of the participation in the disabled division for all sports in which one exists.
3. IHSA administrator, Kraig Garber, provided an update on the status of the IHSA Road Race.
4. Special Olympics Administrator, Jen Marcello, provided an overview of Unified Sports offered in partnership with the IHSA as well as other Unified Sports offered by Special Olympics.
5. IHSA Administrator, Kraig Garber, provided information pertaining to a new Paralympic Swimming Classification opportunity that was provided by IHSA member school New Trier High School on September 6-7, 2019.
6. IHSA Administrator, Kraig Garber, gave an overview of the IHSA Accommodation Request Policy and Request Form. There was discussion pertaining to converting the accommodation request form to an electronic one.
7. The Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee will meet once on an annual basis with additional meetings as needed. The meetings may take place at the IHSA office or via video/teleconference.
8. Principal, Dave Stephens of Plainfield (Central), discussed his school's Special Olympics track and field event held in the spring. He expressed the growth that the event has seen, and he is exploring ways to better promote the event.