

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 19, 2012

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 19, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Mike Hutton, Lake in the Hills; Drew Fowler, Tinley Park; Jason Gray, Shiloh; Chris Long, Sigel; Amanda Howland, Lake Zurich; Kelly Aylesworth, Mt. Pulaski; Perry Korbakis, Crestwood; Scott Steward, Salem; Dale Huwer, Millstadt, Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent were Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Sam Nachampassack, South Beloit; Stan Matheny, Elmwood; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Anthony Clarke, Zion; Kevin White, Chicago.

The Minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** Automatic reminders for coaches/AD's/Official Rep to remind coaches during the early season, mid-season and post-season that the ratings have not been completed. Include a red box in the schools center for those schools where the ratings have not been entered. A paragraph to describe the expectation of coaches can be included with this email. The early season email could contain a request for Top 15 list updates.

Rationale: The committee would like to see the number of coaches ratings increase to a level where the ratings by certified officials are no longer needed. The email reminders will hopefully increase the number of coaches providing ratings.

2. **Recommendation:** Gymnastics moved to a 100% sport for officials' fees

Rationale: Friday: 4:00pm – 9:30pm which includes pre-lims with many kids to judge (Friday used to be 2 sessions with a break); Saturday Finals: 1 – 5pm;

3. **Recommendation:** Swimming moved to a 100% sport for officials' fees

Rationale: Friday is counted as a single session running from 9:00am – 7:00pm. The time does not seem equitable when comparing other sports.

4. **Recommendation:** Update the "Schools Responsibilities Toward Hosting Officials" pamphlet and make it available more readily on the website and more often to athletic directors. It was suggested to consider making the pamphlet into a one page format making it easier to email to athletic directors.

Rationale: Athletic administration at schools change and general guidelines for responsibilities in hosting officials gets lost. Athletic Directors need to be made aware of such responsibilities to plan for hosting officials at their contests.

5. **Recommendation:** All officials should have on the “list of officials” in the officials and schools center an identification of the licensing status (OK, Probation, or Suspended).

Rationale: It is of value to schools and assignors to have this information readily available.

6. **Recommendation:** Extend the opportunity to take the Part 2 exam for promotion to include Sunday. Currently the time frame is Thursday – Saturday.

Rationale: Officials approved to take the Part 2 exam are often working and then officiating at the end of the week. A Sunday opportunity to take the exam would help those busy officials.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Athletic directors or other individuals who are “experts” could be allowed to provide ratings that would be non-impartial and accurate. This would help get more ratings if the movement is to limit the opportunities for certified officials to provide ratings.
2. Associations need to know the minimal level of expectation regarding the observers program. The individual observation requirement needs to be listed. Those associations using Officials Grant money should provide documentation of the completed observations to receive grant money.
3. Video review of officials for the purpose of rating officials should not be done. There is value in viewing the officials work at the contest as observations during dead ball play is necessary to provide an appropriate rating.
4. The IHSA could look at a sponsorship or offering a group deal with a company or product that will help schools in purchasing lightning detectors.
5. Review the time limitations for officials by season between the first day to take the part 1 exam and the last day. Currently there are exam periods of days that are different by season: 27 (fall), 34(winter), 47 (spring). Water polo would like to have the probation calculation closer to the first day of a contest in the spring.
6. The committee reviewed the future of on-line level 1 clinics for each sport.