

**MINUTES OF THE ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
November 26, 2012

The IHSA Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee met via conference call on Monday, November 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Committee members in attendance were: Andy Berlinski, Princeton; Greg Hall, Urbana (H.S.); William Hook, Chicago (Agricultural Science); Jim Raabe, Jacksonville (Illinois School for the Visually Impaired); Ron Towner, Oak Forest, and Perry Wilhelm, Mundelein (H.S.). Also in attendance was Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director. Committee member Wes Olson, Mt. Vernon (H.S.), was not in attendance.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. None brought forward.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommended a draft for a formal Accommodations Policy for consideration by the IHSA Board of Directors. The proposed Policy would outline the steps a school would need to follow to request an accommodation for a student-athlete to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at a member school. The Policy would require the completion of a separate request form, and require the IHSA to make a ruling within a 14 day period from the time of the request.

**Rationale:** The committee believes that having a more formalized process would benefit member schools. The lack of a current, formal policy may create confusion for a member school to know with certainty how and under what conditions they should request an accommodation for a student-athlete.

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. None.