

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 2016

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Craig Jeffreys, Chicago; Lora Boehne, Pingree Grove; Cyndi Kraemer, Decatur; Mark A. Anderson, Arlington Heights; Dion Wiley, Ford Heights; Ed Schell, McHenry; Jamero Rainey, Edwards; Eric Rankin, Dakota; Andy Turner, Normal (Community); Mike Walling, Normal; Steve Garbaciak, Mokena; Willie Lewis, East St. Louis; Betty Moore, Taylorville; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA, Sam Knox, and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent were: Perry Korbakis, Crestwood; Richard Cacciatori, Hudson; and Rick Karhliker, Springfield.

The Minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends a change in the girls gymnastics officials pay for the state preliminary round to \$152.50. (13 – 0 – 0)

Rationale: The committee believe this change will bring the pay for the gymnastics officials closer to the amount paid when the two sessions were dropped to one session. This would bring reasonableness to the amount of officiating (routines and time) that is comparable to other levels of assignment.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends approval of an IHSA State Final Lodging Allowance for Girls Gymnastics such that a one night allowance is provided to state prelim and finals officials when travel exceeds 70 miles. The allowance would consist of an IHSA approved hotel night stay or maximum \$60 per night reimbursement.

Rationale: Currently Girls Gymnastics is conducted over two days with no hotel accommodations provided to the state final officials. While a number of officials are in close proximity to the state host site, there remain a number of officials who have significant round trip mileage and traffic to cover for this event.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends an additional \$25 be added to the sectional meet referee fee for Track and Field and Swimming and Diving.

Rationale: The committee believes the additional time and travel requirement of the meet referee warrants additional pay beyond that of a starter.

Died for Lack of Motion

4. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends an increase to the volleyball line judges pay at the sectional, super-sectional and state final rounds for both boys and girls volleyball. The pay should equal ½ the officials pay for those tournaments.

Rationale: The committee believes that the assignments/selection of line judges being made by the IHSA along with the importance of the line judges to the officiating crew warrants the increase.

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5. **Recommendation:** The committee made a recommendation to adjust the base fee for officials fees to \$160 for the next 3 year period.

Rationale: The committee believes this is a fair increase to establish for the upcoming three year period.

Approved

6. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the elimination of the Power Rating category for level of clinic in the last 3 years.

Rationale: The committee believes more importance should be left on annual attendance (current power rating point) as opposed to the level of clinic attendance in the past 3 years.

Approved

7. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the language below be inserted in the officials' handbook:

U.S. Military Veterans Patch

IHSA Licensed officials have the opportunity to send in a copy of their DD214 form to the IHSA in order to receive a complimentary U.S. Veterans patch. The patch will be worn on the right arm sleeve by officials, just below the area designated for the display of the United State flag.

Rationale: This is present requirements for veterans to be recognized.

Approved

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed power rating categories and the possibility of including association membership and/or association meeting attendance as a category for power rating points.
2. The committee reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2016 IHSA Summer Officials Conference to be held July 22 – 23, 2016.
3. The committee discussed ratings reminders for coaches being noted in the terms and conditions.
4. The committee discussed having a discretionary note at the bottom of all special reports in regards to how the report is shared with offenders noted in the report.
5. The committee discussed the insurance available for officials' associations being noted on the insurance deck sheet available to officials.
6. The committee discussed the possibility of the having the football officials mechanics manual available for purchase by licensing football officials in the future.
7. The committee discussed the officials handbook and reviewed possible updates to the handbook.
8. The committee reviewed coaches' ratings being released to officials.
9. The committee reviewed how coaches are selecting their Top 15 lists.
10. The committee reviewed the selection of officials in post season tournaments when officials have reached their unofficial limit from future state final assignments.
11. The committee recognized outgoing committee members Craig Jeffreys, Chicago; Mark Anderson, Arlington Heights; Andy Turner, Normal (Community); Mike Walling, Normal; and Willie T. Lewis, East St. Louis.
12. The meeting concluded at 1:20 pm.