

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 8, 2016

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 8, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Greg Nelson, Chicago; Lora Boehne, Pingree Grove; Nancy Myer, Geneva; Perry Korbakis, Crestwood; Dion Wiley, Ford Heights; Steve Garbaciak, Mokena; Jamero Rainey, Edwards; Eric Rankin, Dakota; Cindi Kraemer, Decatur, John Overstreet, Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda); Richard Cacciatori, Hudson; Christina Thomas, Abingdon; Betty Moore, Taylorville; Larry Mueller, Belleville; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Sam Knox, IHSA. Absent were: Ed Schell, McHenry; and Nicole Schaeferbauer, IESA

The Minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting were accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Item: Grant Applications 2016-17**

<u>Association</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Athletic Officials Assoc.	\$100	Education	\$100
Blackhawk Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$285
Central IL FB Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$285
Chicagoland Basketball Officials	\$500	Mentoring & Equipment	\$285
GCACOA	\$500	Technology Equipment	\$285
IACO	\$500	Education	\$285
Illinois Officials Association	\$500	Mentoring	\$285
ITCCOA	\$500	Mentoring	\$285
Illinois Valley Volleyball	\$300	Education & Equipment	\$285
Illinois Volleyball Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$285
Joliet Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Mentoring	\$285
Metropolitan Officials Assoc.	\$400	Education & Equipment	\$285
Mid-State Officials Assoc.	\$500	Mentoring	\$285
Next Level Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$285
Peoria Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$285
Quad City Officials Assoc.	\$300	Recruiting	\$285
Rockford Basketball Off. Assoc.	\$500	Technology Equipment	\$285
Rockford Area Volleyball Off. Assoc.	\$430	Technology Equipment	\$285
Southern IL VB Officials Assoc.	\$66	Technology Equipment	\$66
Southern IL Soccer Officials Assoc.	\$500	Mentoring	\$285
South Suburban Officials Assoc.	\$500	Recruiting	\$285
Southwestern Athletic Officials	\$500	Education	\$285
Springfield Area Officials Assoc.	\$800	Education	\$285
ZONI – Zebras of Northern Illinois	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$285

Approved by Consent

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that to be considered an assignor, an official must either assign games for a conference or for six separate schools that are not members of the same conference.

**Rationale:** Conferences must have at least six member schools in order to be recognized as a conference for football playoff purposes. The committee feels that in order for an official to be considered an assignor for schools that are not members of the same conference, the official must assign for at least six separate schools.

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2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends an increase in available grant funds for officials associations. The committee recommends an increase of \$1,000 from the IHSA and \$500 from the IESA.

**Rationale:** As association expenses continue to increase, associations would benefit if more money is available to share among those that submit successful grant applications.

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3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends allowing football officiating crews to use push-to-talk personal communication devices on a trial basis. Crew members would purchase and maintain their own equipment.

**Rationale:** The committee believes that better communication among crew members will lead to more efficiently run games.

Approved by Consent

4. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the list of officials who are on probation indicates why the officials are on probation.

**Rationale:** Officials are placed on probation if they have not completed one of these basic requirements: passed the rules exam, watched the rules video, attended a clinic, or passed the concussion exam. The committee believes that schools and assignors should be able to know why officials are on probation to aid in the decision-making process of whether or not to hire those officials.

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## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed association grant applications.

2. The committee discussed the grant application form and ways to improve the form so it more clearly indicates what the committee is looking for on the application.
3. The committee discussed the Officials Conference including the potential addition of an Officials Advisory Committee roundtable during future conferences.
4. The committee discussed the options available in the IHSA Officials Center for inactive officials.
5. The committee discussed the pros and cons of schools potentially being able to view officials' power ratings, which would give a school the opportunity to hire the most qualified officials.
6. The committee discussed the possibility of allowing the IHSA staff to overturn a player ejection if indisputable video evidence shows that a player was misidentified in the ejection.
7. The committee discussed the option of conducting a live rules interpretation meeting in conjunction with an officials' clinic.
8. The committee discussed the improved sportsmanship officials are noticing from coaches and players throughout the state.
9. The committee reviewed the IHSA's drone policy.
10. The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.