

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 7, 2017

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 7, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Greg Nelson, Chicago; Nancy Myer, Geneva; Nick Cargola, Elk Grove Village; Rob Zielinski, McHenry; Steve Garbaciak, Mokena; Jamero Rainey, Edwards; Brad Gooding, Rushville-Industry; Cindi Kraemer, Decatur; Somxay Nachampassack, South Beloit; Jeff Flater, Galesburg; Mike Outten, Chicago; Christina Thomas, Abingdon; Betty Moore, Taylorville; Larry Mueller, Belleville; Nitin Rao, Chicago; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Sam Knox, IHSA. Absent members: Joon Yun, Chicago; Nicole Schaeferbauer, IESA

The Minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item: Grant Applications 2017-18

<u>Association</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Athletic Officials Assoc.	\$125	Education	\$125
Bloomington-Normal Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$325
Central IL FB Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$430
East Central IL Football Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
Eastern IL Soccer Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
Fox Valley Blues	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
Game Time Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
GCACOA	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
IACO	\$250	Recruiting	\$250
IL Competitive Cheer Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
IL H.S. Girls Gymnastics Judges Assoc.	\$500	Education & Mentoring	\$430
IL Track/Cross Country Officials Assoc.	\$500	Mentoring	\$430
IL Women's Lacrosse Umpire Board	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
Land of Lincoln Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education	\$430
NWIVOA	\$100	Recruiting	\$100
Peoria Officials Assoc.	\$250	Education	\$250
Southwestern Athletic Officials Assoc.	\$500	Education & Equipment	\$430
White Pines Officials Assoc.	\$300	Education & Equipment	\$300

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the officials Top 15 list in football be changed to a Top 5 list. Coaches and assignors will list Top 5 football officials by crew. All five crew members will receive the same point value according to where the crew is positioned in the overall percentile ranking.

Rationale: In the current Top 15 list, officials are listed individually in all sports. In football, officials work together primarily in crews of five officials. Therefore, a coach or assignor can realistically only list members of three different crews before that Top 15 list is full. Changing to a Top 5 list ranked by crew will allow coaches and assignors to include more officials on their list who deserve recognition as outstanding football officials.

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ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed officials recruiting, retention, and mentoring ideas.
2. The committee discussed the Officials Advisory Committee round table session notes from the IHSA Officials Conference.
3. The committee discussed the concept of allowing football coaches to rate their officials by crew instead of individually.
4. The committee discussed the concept of offering officiating classes as a part of the high school and college curriculum at schools in Illinois.
5. The committee discussed the officials rating system.
6. The committee discussed the concept of requiring Certified officials to pass the Part 2 exam each year in order to maintain their Certified status.
7. The committee discussed the concept of increasing the number of Part 1 and Part 2 exam questions from 25 to 50.
8. The committee discussed the concept of allowing assignors who assign for multiple conferences to have the ability to submit a Top 15 list of officials for each conference.
9. The committee discussed the concept of allowing non-varsity coaches to rate officials for their non-varsity games. The main idea is to assist varsity level officials with ratings when those varsity officials choose to officiate a non-varsity contest in order to mentor a younger official.
10. The committee reviewed association grant applications.
11. The meeting concluded at 1:45 pm.