

MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2021

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met virtually on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Scott Hagel, Wauconda; Mark Anderson, Arlington Heights; Mike Mitchell, Palatine; Mike Hurckes, Ringwood; Mike Skrabis, Orland Park; Mark DiMarzio, Springfield; Kelley Lucas, Mt. Zion; Summer Riordan, Palatine; Doug Neufeldt, Roselle, Andrew Lambert, Lake Zurich; Doug Elledge, New Canton; Emory Appleberry, Springfield; Lance Emery, Mokena; Christopher Kays, Benton; Pat Nolan, Elmwood Park; Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Chris Frasco, IESA; Sam Knox, IHSA.

Absent Member: Adam Clapp, Monticello

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Proposal: Power points an official earns for state series assignments will expire if the official has not been assigned to that level in the past five years.

Example: If an official was assigned to the State Finals in the 2019-20 school year but does not officiate another State Finals contest by the end of the 2024-25 school year, the State Finals power point will expire.

Rationale: Power points are designed to assist IHSA administrators in assigning the most qualified current officials for the state series. This proposal would serve to identify the most qualified officials who are positioned to advance to later rounds in the state series while also having points expire for officials who have not officiated at the same state series level in the past five school years.

The intent is to create greater opportunities for up-and-coming officials to officiate in the postseason while continuing to utilize the experience of veteran officials. Currently, officials who officiated in the state series several years ago still retain the power points they earned for those levels despite the fact they have not officiated at that same level in the state series since then.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed potential incentives for coaches or current officials to recruit and retain new officials.
2. The committee discussed the possibilities of adding a requirement for officials to be eligible for postseason assignments.
3. The committee discussed the possibilities of adding a requirement for officials to maintain their Certified status.
4. The committee learned that the IHSA and the IESA are not able to offer grants to officials' associations this school year due to financial restrictions.

The meeting concluded at 10:50 a.m.