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ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience.



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2015
TWO THOUSAND
SIXTEEN
ANNUAL REPORT



YOUR ASSOCIATION

The individuals who oversee & implement the Association & its rules



Craig Anderson

A Letter from the Executive Director

It is an honor and a pleasure to have the opportunity to address you as the seventh Executive Director in the Illinois High School Association's history.

My name is Craig Anderson, and I was privileged enough to take over the Executive Director role in January of 2016 following the retirement of Dr. Marty Hickman.

I was fortunate enough to work under Dr. Hickman for nearly six years at the IHSA, where I oversaw IHSA baseball, football and wrestling, while also administering the Officials Department as an Assistant Executive Director.

Dr. Hickman was a great leader for the organization, and mentor for me personally, and I hope to continue the Association's progressive legacy. Of all the positive qualities that Dr. Hickman exhibited in leading the IHSA, the one that always stood out to me was his willingness to listen and have meaningful discussion on any topic. I believe that our member school Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches will find that I am cut from a similar cloth in that regard, and hope you never hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns.

The reason that I sought the Executive Director position is essentially the same reason I wanted to work for the IHSA initially. I saw it then, and continue to today, as a chance to positively impact the greatest number of high school student-athletes.

I have had the opportunity to collaborate with student-athletes and coaches in a variety of ways in my previous roles as a high school teacher, coach and Athletic Director. Given that experience, no one has more respect for the work our educators and coaches do every day to help young people strive for success.

My own experiences at Cambridge High School in northwest Illinois as a three-sport athlete who also participated in music, band and drama helped shape who I am today. I know how important it is to preserve those opportunities for your current and future students.

The IHSA is your partner in that endeavor and I look forward to working with you.

Craig Anderson
Executive Director



Meet the IHSA Administrative Staff



CRAIG ANDERSON
Executive Director



KURT GIBSON
Assoc. Exec. Director



TRACIE HENRY
Asst. Exec. Director



SCOTT JOHNSON
Asst. Exec. Director



KRAIG GARBER
Asst. Exec. Director



STACEY LAMBERT
Asst. Exec. Director



SAM KNOX
Asst. Exec. Director



SUSIE KNOCHLUACH
Asst. Exec. Director



BETH SAUSER
Asst. Exec. Director



MATT TROHA
Asst. Exec. Director

National Committee Involvement

The following individuals serve on NFHS committees:

- ➔ **Craig Anderson** completed a term on the NFHS Board of Directors
- ➔ IHSA Head Cheer Clinician **Shaunda Brown** chaired the Sprit Rules Committee
- ➔ Wrestling Official **Anthony Clarke** from Zion on the Wrestling Advisory Committee
- ➔ Leyden Twp. Athletic Director **Randy Conrad** on the Wrestling Advisory Committee
- ➔ Retired teacher/coach and IHSA state final manager **Jan Heiteen** on the Speech, Drama & Debate Committee
- ➔ **Scott Johnson** on the Technology Committee
- ➔ IHSA official **Kathy Krebs** chairs the Girls Gymnastics Rules Committee and USA Gymnastics Advisory Council
- ➔ **Stacey Lambert** on the Coaches Association Advisory Committee
- ➔ **Beth Sauser** on the Water Polo Rules Committee
- ➔ **Matt Troha** on the NFHS Network Leadership Circle and on the committee that develops content for the NFHS magazine *High School Today*
- ➔ **Tracie Henry** on the Softball Advisory Committee



Dan Klett completed his seventh year as the IHSA Board President

A Letter from the Board President

This letter comes at the conclusion of my seventh year serving on the IHSA Board of Directors, and will ultimately be my last serving as the Board President, a position I have held for the past five years.

I have every expectation of serving my final year on the Board, but feel it's time to allow another capable member of our Board of Directors to serve in the President role in 2016-17.

The 2015-16 school year was a year of change at the IHSA, as Dr. Hickman handed off the baton to Craig Anderson as the IHSA's seventh Executive Director in January. One of the great things about this Board is that, just like in education, there is an evolution of ideas and opinions. Turnover on the Board – be it from elections, term limits or individuals changing jobs or retiring – brings in new blood and new ideas. With Craig's ascension to the top post, I thought it would be a fitting time to also pass my proverbial baton and allow another individual to start fresh as Board President alongside Craig.

One of my final duties as the Board President was overseeing the Executive Director hiring, and I am pleased to say that we had many quality candidates not only from here in Illinois, but from all over the country. Ultimately, both myself and the Board agreed that Craig's progressive leadership, demeanor, and understanding of the IHSA's mission, rules, and procedures made him the best candidate to lead the IHSA.

Craig is the IHSA's Executive Director, but the thing I have learned serving on this Board is that it is the member schools who truly 'lead' the IHSA. A good example is the forthcoming transition to two classes in the Boys & Girls Tennis State Series. This process began with a simple presentation by Chicago Christian Athletic Director Eric Brauer and turned into months of research and data collection from coaches and administrators. Tennis class expansion had many supporters and detractors – believe me when I tell you I heard from both – and ultimately, the Board deliberated all factors before making a decision they felt was in the best interest of high school tennis in Illinois.

It has been an honor to serve the students and schools in Illinois as the IHSA Board President. I have been faced with many challenges, but also, far more rewarding experiences that I am very proud to say I was a part of. I will continue to serve my final year on the Board and will continue to support the IHSA as a high school principal in years to come. Thank you for this memorable opportunity.



Dan Klett
IHSA Board President
Wauconda High School Principal

Meet the IHSA Board of Directors



JOHN STIMLER
Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
Division 1
Term Expires 2019



DANIEL KLETT
Wauconda
Division 2
Term Expires 2017



ROBERT NOLTING
Tinley Park (Andrew)
Division 3
Term Expires 2019



TIM McCONNELL
Erie
Division 4
Term Expires 2017



TIM MOORE
Bloomington (H.S.)
Division 5
Term Expires 2018



DR. CHUCK NAGEL
East Peoria
Division 6
Term Expires 2017



B. KENT JONES
Breesee (Central)
Division 7
Term Expires 2018



GERALD MORROW
Chicago (Dunbar)
At-Large
Term Expires 2019



KATY HASSON
Taylor Ridge (Rockridge)
At-Large
Term Expires 2019



PETER GROOM
Oak Park (Fenwick)
At-Large
Term Expires 2017



GREG BRADLEY
Forsyth (Decatur Christian)
Treasurer
Appointed By Board

2015-16 Legislative Commissioners

Legislative Commissioners are elected regionally to run the annual IHSA Town Hall Meetings in their area.

- Brett Detering, Anna (A.-Jonesboro)
- Darren Loschen, Armstrong
- Dave Harris, Belleville (Althoff)
- Ryan Miller, Benton
- Tim Moore, Bloomington (H.S.)
- Joe Kuhlmann, Bluffs
- Brian Wright, Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais)
- Dawna Daily, Bushnell (B.-Prairie City)
- M. Reid Shipley, Centralia
- James Quaid, Chicago (DePaul College Prep)
- Diane Brown, Chicago (DeLaSalle)
- Antonio Ross, Chicago (Hyde Park)
- Vinay Mullick, Chicago (Perspectives Charter)
- Teresa Cullen, Chicago (Providence-St. Mel)
- Steve Olson, Crystal Lake (Central)
- Pam Levar, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- Rich Wherley, Eureka
- Chris Gibson, Gardner (G.-South Wilmington)
- Deb Tracy, LaGrange (Lyons)
- Rolly Vazquez, Lake Zurich
- Mark Kuehl, Lena (L.-Winslow)
- Steve Reschke, LeRoy
- Sam Knox, Lincoln
- Kurt Weigt, Machesney Park (Harlem)
- Jim Craven, Melrose Park (Walther Christian)
- Stan Lewis, Normal (Community West)
- Kurt Tenopir, Palatine (Fremd)
- Darren Hartry, Petersburg (PORTA)
- Troy Hickey, Robinson
- Margaret Grueter, Springfield (Sacred Heart-Griffin)
- Jennifer Haertling, Steeleville
- Leslie Showers, Stillman Valley
- Tim Carlson, Sycamore
- Katy Hasson, Taylor Ridge (Rockridge)
- Steve May, Wheeling

A total of 597 of 811 member schools (73.6%) participated in the amendment balloting, marking the best two-year voting participation since the mid 1990's.

Schools on IHSA Committees

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aledo (Mercer County) | Danville (H.S.) |
| Arlington Heights (Hersey) | Darien (Hinsdale South) |
| Ashland (A-C Central) | Decatur (MacArthur) |
| Aurora (Central Catholic) | Deerfield |
| Beecher | Des Plaines (Maine West) |
| Belleville (East) | Downers Grove (North) |
| Belleville (West) | Dunlap |
| Berwyn-Cicero (Morton) | Dupo |
| Bloomington | Dwight |
| Buffalo Grove | East Peoria |
| Burbank (Reavis) | East St. Louis |
| Camp Point (Central) | Edwardsville (H.S.) |
| Carbondale (H.S.) | Elgin (H.S.) |
| Cary (C.-Grove) | Elk Grove Village (E.G.) |
| Centralia (H.S.) | Elmwood |
| Champaign (Centennial) | Evanston (Twp.) |
| Champaign (Central) | Fairfield |
| Champaign (St. Thomas More) | Farmington |
| Charleston | Fieldcrest |
| Chatham (Glenwood) | Fithian (Oakwood) |
| Chicago (Agricultural Science) | Flora (H.S.) |
| Chicago (CICS/Longwood) | Flossmoor (Homewood-F.) |
| Chicago (Curie) | Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North) |
| Chicago (De La Salle) | Freeburg |
| Chicago (Gordon Tech) | Freeport (H.S.) |
| Chicago (Hope) | Galena |
| Chicago (Jones College Prep) | Galesburg |
| Chicago (Lake View) | Geneva |
| Chicago (Latin) | Gibson City |
| Chicago (Leo) | (Melvin-Sibley) |
| Chicago (Marist) | Glasford (Illini Bluffs) |
| Chicago (Mother McAuley) | Glenview |
| Chicago (Mt. Carmel) | (Glenbrook South) |
| Chicago (Orr) | Grayslake (North) |
| Chicago (Payton) | Gurnee (Warren) |
| Chicago (Perspective Charter Schools) | Henry (H.-Senachwine) |
| Chicago (Phillips) | Herrin |
| Chicago (Solorio Academy) | Highland |
| Chicago (St. Ignatius) | Hinsdale (Central) |
| Chicago (St. Patrick) | Hoffman Estates (H.S.) |
| Chicago (Taft) | Hudson |
| Chicago (W. Payton College Prep) | Huntley |
| Chicago (Whitney Young) | Jacksonville |
| Cissna Park | (Illinois School for the Visually Impaired) |
| Columbia | Jerseyville (Jersey) |
| Country Club Hills (Hillcrest) | Joliet (Central) |
| Dakota | Knoxville |
| | LaGrange (Lyons) |
| | LaGrange Park |
| | (Nazareth Academy) |
| | Lake Forest (H.S.) |
| | Lake Villa (Lakes) |
| | Lanark (Eastland) |
| | Lemont (H.S.) |

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Craig Anderson

“I am excited, proud and humbled,” said Anderson. “I have incredibly big shoes to fill, but certainly look forward to that challenge. Dating back to my time as a teacher, coach and administrator, I have always had an affinity for the IHSA and its mission. I said in 2010 that working for the IHSA was a dream job. To ascend to the Executive Director role is beyond words.”

Anderson also successfully administered several transitions of IHSA events as well, including the expansion of the IHSA Individual Wrestling State Final tournament from a two-day tournament to a three-day event, playing the IHSA Football State Finals at Northern Illinois University, and the IHSA Officials Conference moving to East Peoria.

Thank You & Good Luck

- **Marty Hickman** retired in January following 25 years at the IHSA, including the last 15 as the Executive Director.
- Assistant Executive Director **Ron McGraw** retired at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year after 11 years at the IHSA.
- Calling it her “true passion”, **Shaunda Brown** returned to her teaching position at the Special School District of St. Louis County in Town and Country, Missouri following two years as an administrator on the IHSA staff, but will now take on IHSA Cheerleading Clinician duties.
- **Kayode Adegoke** took on a new challenge with CareerBuilder in Chicago, exiting his IHSA Coordinator of Special Programs following the IHSA Basketball State Finals in March.
- Leo High School principal **Phil Mesina** resigned his At-Large seat on the IHSA Board of Directors after taking an administrative position at an elementary school.

Craig Anderson ascended from his Assistant Executive Director position on the IHSA staff to serve as the seventh Executive Director in IHSA history in January.

Since joining the IHSA, Anderson has been involved in a number of safety initiatives, especially in football, where he worked jointly with the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Football Advisory Committee to implement a new fall practice acclimatization schedule, eliminate full-contact hitting in the summer, and study overall full-contact practice hitting limitations during the regular-season. He is also served a term on the NFHS Football Rules Committee and Chaired the NFHS Football Manual Committee.

Sam Knox was a familiar face at the IHSA prior to joining the staff as the administrator for football, wrestling and baseball. Sam will also oversee the IHSA Officials Department after officiating IHSA baseball and basketball for nearly 40 combined seasons. A three-sport high school student-athlete at Unity High School in Mendon, the Illinois College grad was a teacher, coach and administrator at a variety of levels prior to taking the Athletic Director position at Lincoln High School in 2005.

“Although I didn’t have the privilege of winning a state title as a player or a coach, the special feeling of reaching the pinnacle of my profession must be similar to the feeling of raising the championship trophy,” said Knox.



Sam Knox

A three-sport high school student-athlete, **Kraig Garber** earned a track & field scholarship to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and rose to the Principal position at his alma mater, Carrollton High School, after college. He was hired as the principal at Mt. Zion High School in 2014, where he was a member of the Illinois Principals Association and served as Vice-President of the Apollo Conference. Garber’s responsibilities at the IHSA will include administering cross country, swimming & diving, track & field and scholastic bowl.

“High school sports and extracurricular activities were instrumental in my life, and through my work with the IHSA, I hope to help contribute to creating the same type of positive experiences to student participants across the state of Illinois,” said Garber.



Kraig Garber

Schools on IHSA Committees cont.

| | |
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| Libertyville | Peoria (Notre Dame) |
| Lincolnshire (Stevenson) | Peoria (Richwoods) |
| Lockport (Twp.) | Peotone |
| Macon (Meridian) | Piasa (Southwestern) |
| Mahomet (M.-Seymour) | Pinckneyville |
| Marengo | Plainfield (Central) |
| Maryville (Fr. McGivney Catholic) | Plainfield (East) |
| Mattoon | Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| Mendota | Quincy (Notre Dame) |
| Minok (Fieldcrest) | Quincy (Sr.) |
| Minooka | Raymond (Lincolnwood) |
| Moline | Red Bud |
| Morrison | Roanoke (R. Benson) |
| Morton | Rochelle |
| Moweaqua (Central A & M) | Rockford (East) |
| Mt. Carmel | Rockford (Guilford) |
| Mt. Vernon | Rockford |
| Mt. Zion | (Keith Country Day) |
| Mundelein (H.S.) | Rolling Meadows |
| Naperville (Central) | Romeoville (H.S.) |
| Naperville (Neuqua Valley) | Roselle (Lake Park) |
| Naperville (North) | Rushville (R.-Industry) |
| New Berlin | Schaumburg (H.S.) |
| New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central) | Seneca |
| New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West) | St. Charles (East) |
| New Lenox (Providence Catholic) | St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) |
| Normal (Community West) | Stanford (Olympia) |
| Normal (Community) | Sterling |
| Normal (University) | Sycamore |
| Northbrook (Glenbard North) | Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) |
| Northbrook (Glenbrook North) | Taylorville |
| Oak Forest | Teutopolis |
| Oak Park (Fenwick) | Tolono (Unity) |
| O’Fallon (H.S.) | Tremont |
| Okawville | Troy (Triad) |
| Olympia Fields (Rich Central) | Urbana |
| Orland Park | Vernon Hills |
| Orland Park (Sandburg) | Warrensburg-Latham |
| Ottawa (Marquette) | Warsaw |
| Palatine (Fremd) | Washington |
| Palatine (H.S.) | Watseka |
| Park Ridge (Maine South) | Wauconda |
| Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) | Waukegan (H.S.) |
| Pekin | West Chicago (H.S.) |
| Peoria (H.S.) | West Frankfort (Frankfort) |
| | Wheaton (North) |
| | Wheaton (St. Francis) |
| | Wheaton |
| | (Warrenville South) |
| | Williamsville |
| | Winnetka (New Trier) |
| | Wolf Lake (Shawnee) |
| | Woodstock (Marian) |
| | Zion-Benton |

Thanks to all the coaches & administrators who provided their time and expertise to shape IHSA sports and activities via these committees.



**Glenbard West
makes history.**

Glenbard West made history at the 2016 IHSA Girls Track & Field State Finals, as the Hilltoppers were crowned the first-ever IHSA Combined Team State Champion.

Combined team state champions are determined by taking the traditional IHSA state final scoring system and combining it with the points earned by their school's wheelchair student-athletes.

The Hilltoppers tallied 43 points to win the state title, while Metamora finished second with 26 points, and Niles West third with eight points.

The four student-athletes whose participation helped create the historic moment were Niles West freshman Danielle Dimaria, Glenbard West freshman Ahalya Lettenberger, Metamora sophomore Savanna Klobnak, and Glenbard West sophomore Daniela Polencheck.



YEAR IN REVIEW

The biggest & brightest moments from 2015-16



Rockridge High School senior Gabe Stanforth was the IHSA's nominee for the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award. Gabe was chosen as the IHSA's nominee for his determination in excelling in all aspects of his high school experience despite being legally blind. Ranked in the Top 3 in his class, Gabe is actively involved in the community and found a way to combine his passion of music and Boy Scouts, as he earned his Eagle Scout badge by building mobile instrument cubbies for the high school. In addition to being a two-sport athlete, he is a four-year member of the high school's Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Marching Band. His efforts in the music program helped Rockridge win an IHSA State Championship in 2015. He was named the Midwest Section winner of the award by the NFHS.



- Glenbard East's **Rebecca Deluca-Lane** became the first female football player in state history to score a touchdown in a varsity game..
- Rockford Lutheran senior running back **James Robinson** set the state career rushing record in October and went on to complete his career with 9,045 rushing yards and 158 rushing touchdowns, just a few of his career state records.
- Lemont senior **Taylor Campos** was named the National Winner of Wendy's High School Heisman in New York City. An All-State runner with a perfect 36 ACT, Taylor was also named to the IHSA All-State Academic Team in the spring.

For the sixth consecutive year, **Zeigler-Royalton High School's Coaches vs. Cancer program** led all schools in Illinois for funds raised in support of the **American Cancer Society. In six years, the school has raised in excess of**

\$96,000



New Trier Athletic Director **Deb Ofcky** was named an NIAAA Distinguished Service Award winner for her outstanding contributions to interscholastic athletics.

- In March, **Centralia High School** returned to its perch as the winningest high school boys basketball program in the country when the school notched its **2,198 victory** in program history.
- Galesburg High School girls' basketball coach **Evan Massey** was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Hall of Fame.
- Glenbrook South High School Boys Tennis coach **Larry Faulkner** was named the National High School Boys Tennis Coach of the Year by the NFHS. Faulkner became the 15th coach in state history to win national honors and the first in the sport of boys' tennis.
- After guiding **Downers Grove South** to a third-place finish in the IHSA Class 4A Softball State Finals, Mustang senior standout **Caroline Hedgcock** was named the MaxPreps National Softball Player of the Year.
- Cahokia senior **Ja'Mari Ward** set the **NFHS national record** in the triple-jump with a leap of 53 feet, 7 1/2 inches, at the St. Clair County Meet at Belleville West High School in April.

➔ The IHSA recognized its 10th annual class of IHSA Distinguished Service Award winners, which included: **Joyce Blank, Karen Cann, Roger Cann, Mike Imes, Dr. Cynthia LaBella, David & Gloria Meyer, James Miller, Todd Moeller, Julie Nelson and John Schrammel.**

➔ The IHSA and IWCOA honored outgoing IHSA Individual Wrestling State Final tournament manager **Dr. Joe Pederson** in February, as he oversaw his final tournament after working the state final meet every year since 1971.



Belvidere North High School senior Wolfgang Kemp was the IHSA's nominee for the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award. Wolfgang was chosen as the IHSA's nominee after high school sports (football, wrestling, track & field) helped him overcome overwhelming adversity in life. Wolfgang and his father became homeless during his freshman year of high school, and amidst the uncertainty, his grades slipped and left him ineligible for sports throughout his sophomore school year. With the assistance of transitional housing and the support of coaches, teammates, and the community, Wolfgang got back on his feet and athletic participation helped keep him on the right path for the remainder of his high school career. **He was named the Midwest Section winner of the award by the NFHS.**



The IHSA Student Advisory Committee (SAC) conducted its second annual Student Section Showdown to determine the student section with the best spirit and sportsmanship in Illinois. Participating schools entered via video submissions, which were judged by SAC members. The 2015-16 winners were **Breese Central High School in Class 1A/2A and Ottawa Township High School in Class 3A/4A.**



The IHSA announced its third class of recipients of the Distinguished Media Service Award. The 2015-16 honorees include Decatur Tribune Sports Editor **J. Thomas McNamara**, KOST Broadcast Sales President and long-time IHSA TV producer **Jim O'Boye**, former Chicago Tribune writer and CLTV host **Bob Sakamoto**, and the voice of high school sports in the Springfield area, **Tim Schweizer of WFMB-AM.**



PLAY SMART. PLAY HARD.®

In May, 2015 the Illinois High School Association introduced its new player safety education initiative **Play Smart. Play Hard.®**

Working collaboratively with its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (page 17), top medical experts, invested sports medicine organizations, high school coaches, the state legislature and the NFHS, the IHSA has become recognized as a national leader in the area of sports safety. **The Play Smart. Play Hard.®** campaign was initiated to spotlight the many efforts that have been taken throughout the past decade and beyond without fanfare.

The creation of Play Smart. Play Hard.® coincided with the IHSA developing the Illinois Advisory Council on Player Safety (page 16) whose purpose is to facilitate transparent dialogue about head injuries and other player safety issues, review the IHSA's current programs, and offer new recommendations to ensure the IHSA remains a leader in student-athlete safety standards and protocols.

The IHSA encourages student-athletes, parents, coaches and fans to visit www.PlaySmartPlayHard.org to empower their education on some of the top safety issues facing high school sports today. While there, we hope they take *The Pledge* to Play Smart. Play Hard., and also follow PSPH on Facebook (facebook.com/PlaySmartPlayHard) and Twitter (@PlaySmartHard).

Play Smart.
Play Hard.

Student Safety Changes from 2015-16



To address a potentially dangerous gap in medical-response planning for after-school practices and events, the **IHSA provided member schools with an Emergency Action Planning Program called "Anyone Can Save a Life."** Developed in 2008 by the Minnesota State High School League and Medtronic Philanthropy, "Anyone Can Save a Life" is a first-of-its kind, emergency action planning and training program for after-school practices and events. It is designed to provide a coordinated team response to every major medical emergency, including sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) – the leading cause of death of young athletes in the United States.



The **IHSA Board of Directors approved new guidelines for managing heat and heat illness**, based on a recommendation from the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The policy applies to all State Series contests and builds in different types of safety measures as the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature rises. For example, at a WBGT range of 80.0-84.5 degrees Fahrenheit, hosts would provide "cooling stations using methods such as ice towels", while a WBGT range of 87.6-89.9 degrees Fahrenheit would require four separate four-minute water breaks within an hour of competition. At a WBGT of 90, all events would be postponed to a cooler time of day or the next applicable day.



As a showing of unity, and support of high school football, **IHSA football teams wore Play Smart. Play Hard. decals** on their helmets throughout the 2015 season. "Like all the decals we wear on our helmets, the **"Play Hard. Play Smart."** decals have important meaning to our program," said Niles West head coach Scott Baum. "These decals represent the work our coaches, players and the IHSA have done to keep the game of football safe for our student-athletes."



Over **26,000 coaches** and **9,000 referees** have now completed the **IHSA's mandatory online concussion course** that was developed by the IHSA and state legislature. Additionally, the IHSA promoted the National Federation of State High School Associations new concussion course, Concussion for Students, to member schools and students. The free course was developed in Partnership with the Barrow Neurological Institute, and designed specifically for students to inform them on how to identify, react to, and prevent concussions. The course is presented as a social media conversation, showing how four different students learn about concussion in different ways. The key goal is for students to be able to identify signs and symptoms of a concussion so that they can get immediate help before any further injury can occur.



As the **IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee** and **Baseball Advisory Committee** continued to discuss setting pitching limitations, the IHSA and NFHS promoted sensible safety measures to its coaches when handling pitchers via the Pitch Smart program. Pitch Smart is a joint arm-care initiative between USA Baseball and Major League Baseball aimed at reducing arm injuries by amateur pitchers by providing comprehensive resources for safe pitching practices.



The **IHSA celebrated National Athletic Trainers Association's National Athletic Trainer Month** in March by recognizing some of the top ATC's working with IHSA member schools.

FURTHERING OUR COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF ILLINOIS' STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COLLABORATING WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE THAT MISSION

Meet the Illinois Advisory Council on Player Safety



TREGG DUERSON
IHSA Alumnus



NAPOLÉON HARRIS
Illinois State Senator



DUSTIN FINK
Certified Athletic Trainer



TORY LINDLEY
Northwestern University
Head Athletic Trainer



SARA FLANIGAN
IHSA Official



DENNIS PIRON
IHSA Coach



COLE STEWARD
IHSA Student-Athlete



ALLY HIEB
IHSA Student-Athlete

Meet the IHSA Sports Medicine Committee



DR. CYNTHIA LABELLA
Doctor
Chicago
(Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of
Chicago) Division 1



DR. PRESTON WOLIN
Doctor
Chicago (Seton Medical
Center)
Division 1



LIZ SHORT
Certified Athletic Trainer
Joliet (Central)
Term Expires 2016
Division 3



DR. RICHARD EVERETT
Doctor
Princeton
Division 4



GREGORY GAA
Athletic Director
Peoria
Division 4



DAVID VIETH
Athletic Director
Mattoon
Term Expires 2016
Division 5



DR. JAMES GREEN
Doctor
Jacksonville
Division 6

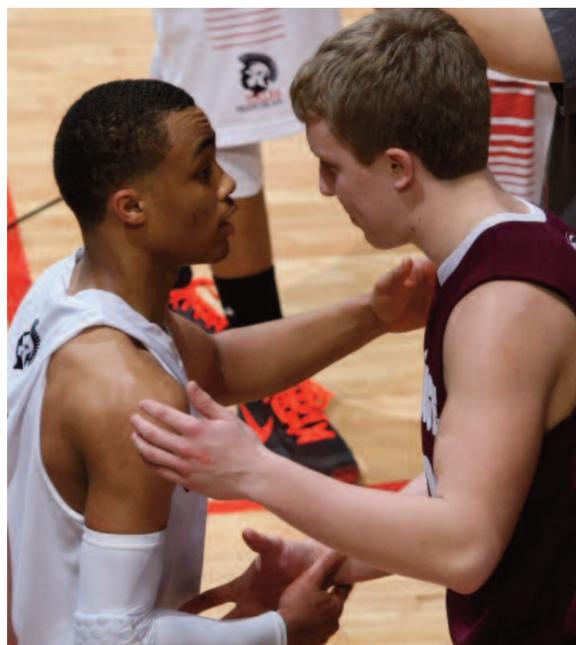


RICK VICENZI
Athletic Trainer
Anna-Jonesboro
Term Expires 2015
Division 7

St. Francis High School girls volleyball coach

Peg Kopec (center behind trophy) announced her retirement from coaching following the 2015 Class 4A state title match, which the Spartans won to claim their fourth consecutive state championship. In June, Kopec was inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Reno, Nevada. In 42 seasons at St. Francis, Kopec amassed a career record of 1,248 wins, while winning 12 state titles. She is the winningest coach in IHSA history and became the 25th individual from Illinois to be inducted into the **NFHS Hall of Fame.**





Final Buzzer.

Rockridge junior Carson Frakes (#3) forever made his mark on March Madness at the 2016 IHSA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Finals, as he electrified the Peoria Civic Center crowd and stunned opposing Hales Franciscan with a three-quarter court buzzer-beater in the semifinals. The viral shot was the #3 play on ESPN's *SportsCenter* and received national coverage. Several fun side stories spawned from the "March Madness Miracle", especially the friendship that developed between the two teams, who had spent the previous night playing video games together at the tournament hotel. The schools went so far as to rearrange their schedules so they could play one another the following season.

YOUR STATE, YOUR CHAMPIONS

The 2015-16 IHSA State Champions in nearly 40 sports & activities

IHSA STATE CHAMPIONS

FALL STATE CHAMPIONS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Boys Golf—1A | Byron |
| Boys Golf—2A | Morton |
| Boys Golf—3A | Hinsdale (Central) |
| Girls Golf—A | Rochester |
| Girls Golf—AA | Hinsdale (Central) |
| Girls Tennis | Hinsdale (Central) |
| Boys Soccer—1A | Elmhurst (Timothy Christian) |
| Boys Soccer—2A | Waterloo (H.S.) |
| Boys Soccer—3A | Libertyville |
| Boys Cross Country—1A | Tolono (Unity) |
| Boys Cross Country—2A | Grayslake (Central) |
| Boys Cross Country—3A | Orland Park (Sandburg) |
| Girls Cross Country—1A | Tolono (Unity) |
| Girls Cross Country—2A | Yorkville (H.S.) |
| Girls Cross Country—3A | Minooka |
| Girls Volleyball—1A | Lanark (Eastland) |
| Girls Volleyball—2A | Bloomington (Central Catholic) |
| Girls Volleyball—3A | Woodstock (Marian) |
| Girls Volleyball—4A | Wheaton (St. Francis) |
| Girls Swimming & Diving | Aurora (Rosary) |
| Football—1A | Arcola |
| Football—2A | Downs (Tri-Valley) |
| Football—3A | Kankakee (McNamara) |
| Football—4A | Chicago (Phillips) |
| Football—5A | LaGrange Park (Nazareth Academy) |
| Football—6A | Lombard (Montini) |
| Football—7A | Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) |
| Football—8A | Wilmette (Loyola Academy) |

WINTER STATE CHAMPIONS

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dance—1A | Highland |
| Dance—2A | Geneva |
| Dance—3A | Naperville (Neuqua Valley) |
| Boys Bowling | Lincolnshire (Stevenson) |
| Cheerleading—Small | Wilmington |
| Cheerleading—Medium | Oak Forest |
| Cheerleading—Large | Joliet (West) |
| Cheerleading—Coed | Buffalo Grove |
| Chess | Chicago (Whitney Young) |
| Girls Bowling | Joliet (West) |
| Speech Individual Events | Mt. Prospect (Prospect) |
| Girls Gymnastics | Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge) |
| Wrestling—1A | Dakota |
| Wrestling—2A | Washington |
| Wrestling—3A | Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) |
| Boys Swimming & Diving | LaGrange (Lyons) |
| Girls Basketball—1A | Hardin (Calhoun) |
| Girls Basketball—2A | Byron |
| Girls Basketball—3A | Morton |
| Girls Basketball—4A | Lisle (Benet Academy) |
| Music—A | Ottawa (Twp.) |
| Music—AA | Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais) |
| Music—B | Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) |
| Music—C | Prophetstown |
| Music—D | Stockton |
| Boys Basketball—1A | LeRoy |
| Boys Basketball—2A | St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) |
| Boys Basketball—3A | Belleville (Althoff Catholic) |
| Boys Basketball—4A | Chicago (Curie) |
| Scholastic Bowl—A | Chicago (Latin) |
| Scholastic Bowl—AA | Hinsdale (Central) |
| Policy Debate | Northbrook (Glenbrook North) |
| Lincoln-Douglas Debate | Oak Park (Fenwick) |
| Congressional Debate | Schaumburg |
| Public Forum Debate | Orland Park (Sandburg) |
| Drama | Burbank (Reavis) |
| Group Interpretation | Oak Lawn (Community) |

SPRING STATE CHAMPIONS

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Journalism | Flossmoor (Homewood-F.) |
| Girls Badminton | Naperville (Neuqua Valley) |
| Boys Gymnastics | Skokie (Niles West) |
| Bass Fishing | Elkville (Elverado) |
| Girls Track & Field—1A | Catlin (Salt Fork) |
| Girls Track & Field—2A | Cahokia (H.S.)/Maple Park (Kaneland) |
| Girls Track & Field—3A | Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East) |
| Boys Water Polo | Naperville (Central) |
| Girls Water Polo | Oak Park (Fenwick) |
| Girls Soccer—1A | West Chicago (Wheaton Academy) |
| Girls Soccer—2A | Rochester |
| Girls Soccer—3A | Winnetka (New Trier) |
| Boys Track & Field—1A | New Berlin |
| Boys Track & Field—2A | Cahokia (H.S.) |
| Boys Track & Field—3A | East St. Louis (Sr.) |
| Boys Tennis | Winnetka (New Trier) |
| Boys Volleyball | Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) |
| Baseball—1A | Goreville |
| Baseball—2A | Braidwood (Reed-Custer) |
| Baseball—3A | Lemont (H.S.) |
| Baseball—4A | New Lenox (Providence Catholic) |
| Softball—1A | Hardin (Calhoun) |
| Softball—2A | Carterville |
| Softball—3A | Lombard (Montini) |
| Softball—4A | Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) |

twenty-fifteen
twenty-sixteen



Chicago (Phillips) State Champions

For years, IHSA Football fans have annually pondered if *this* would be the year a Chicago Public Schools team finally wins an IHSA football state championship. The answer to that question in 2015 was yes, as **Wendell Phillips Academy** emphatically made history with a 51-7 win over Althoff Catholic in the Class 4A State Championship game.

CPS schools had two previous attempts, as Guilford edged **Robeson** 16-12 in the Class 5A final in 1982, while **Phillips** and head coach **Troy McAllister** was making its second straight title game appearance after falling to Rochester 49-28 in 2014.



Opportunities The IHSA conducted its fourth season of its Athletes With Disabilities programs in the sports of boys and girls bowling, boys and girls swimming, and boys and girls track & field. The following individuals participated in 2015-16:

BOYS BOWLING

Fletcher Hopkins, Mascoutah

BOYS SWIMMING

Anthony Alonzi, Maine West
Cameron Lee, Niles West
Charlie Gentzkow, New Trier
Jack Falejczyk, Elk Grove
Trevor Tucci, Normal Community
Chaz Centore, Frankfort
Aaron Holzmueller, Evanston Township

GIRLS SWIMMING

Sophia Vilim, Jones
Rachael Apter, Sandburg
Francesca Figlioli, Maine South
Aimee Dragas, Downers Grove South
Ana Kohout, Lake Forest

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

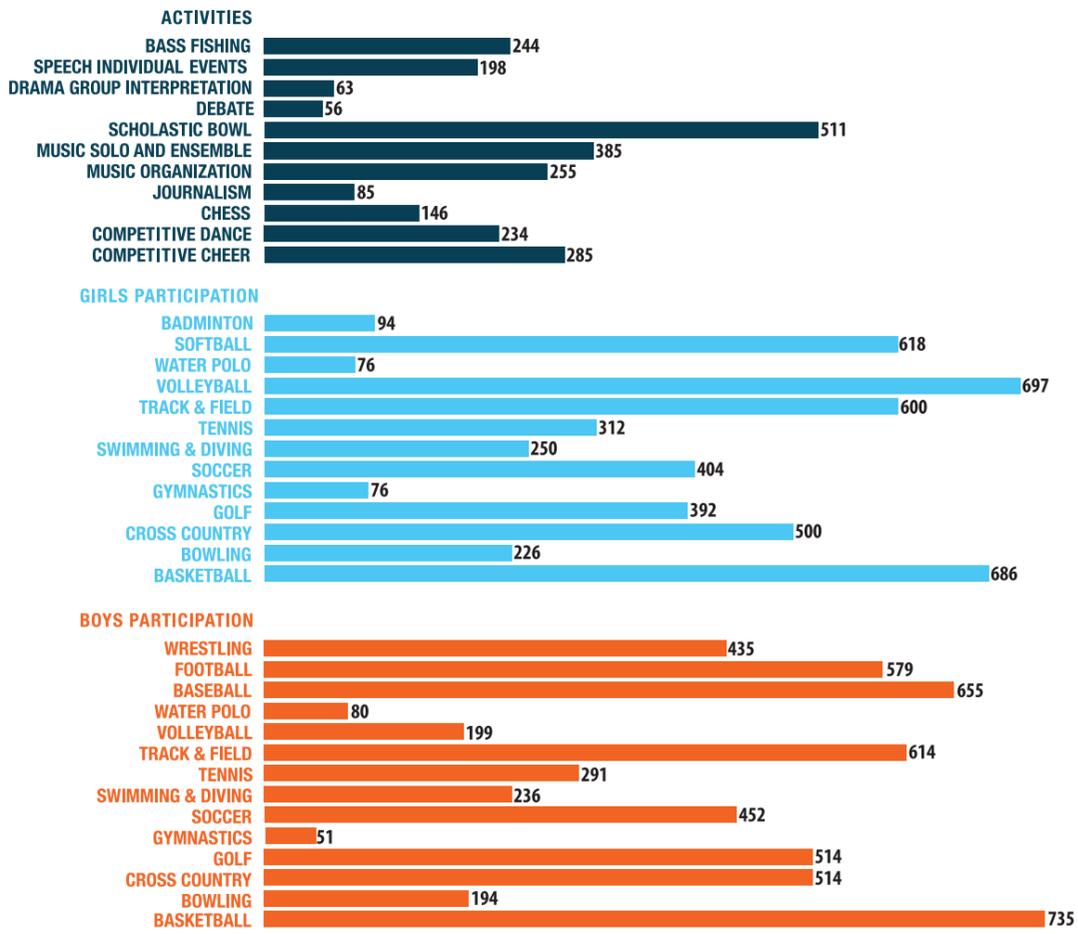
Aaron Holliday, Homewood-Flossmoor
Donovan McBride, Waterloo
Nathan Rainge, O'Fallon

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Danielle Dimaria, Niles West
Ahalya Lettenberger, Glenbard West
Savanna Klobnak, Metamora
Daniela Polencheck, Glenbard West

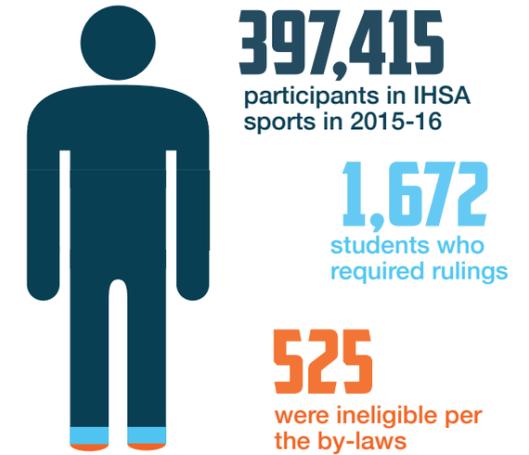
OPPORTUNITIES

No one provides more participation opportunities for high school students in Illinois



Students who are ruled ineligible for not meeting the IHSA by-laws voted into place by member schools often make headlines, but ultimately, an incredibly small percentage of students require a ruling and even fewer are declared ineligible to play in contests (all students remain eligible to practice & be a part of a team).

The graph below represents the 397,415 students who participated in IHSA sports in 2015-16. **Teal** represent students who participated with no ruling necessary, **Cyan** represents the 1,672 students who required rulings, and **Orange** is the 0.132% percent (525) who were ineligible per the by-laws.



Creating Opportunities

The IHSA exists to create opportunities for high school students. The IHSA member schools, Board of Directors and IHSA staff work together to increase opportunities in a variety of ways. Some news and notes from 2015-16:

- ➔ **The IHSA Board of Directors** announced that the IHSA will begin administering a **Boys Lacrosse** and **Girls Lacrosse State Series** beginning in 2017-18 based on growing participation numbers. The additions will bring the IHSA sport offerings to 31 total sports.
- ➔ **After reviewing** data and membership discussion, the IHSA Board approved the expansion of **Boys and Girls Tennis** from a single class to two classes beginning in 2016-17.
- ➔ In addition to crowning its first-ever **Combined Team State Champion** (Page 10), the IHSA also furthered its partnership with **Special Olympics**, holding the second annual unified bass fishing state tournament and working with the Student Advisory Committee to further unified efforts in member schools.

Student Advisory Committee

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|---|--|
| Ellie Abell, Routt Catholic | Avery English, Carterville |
| Dalton Arnes, Windsor | Nathan Erickson, Knoxville |
| Kelsey Bartman, Metamora | Patrick Gustafson, Freeport (Aquino) |
| Barret Benson, Darien (Hinsdale South) | Mahlk Helm, Bloomington (H.S.) |
| Alexandra Buckley, Carpentersville (Dundee-Crown) | Marissa Miller, Wauconda |
| Hannah Contreras, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep) | Claire Mueller, Chicago (Mother McAuley) |
| Rachael Donald, Dupu | Jacob Rajlich, Urbana (University) |

- Abby Ratermann, Breese (Central)
 John Roberts, Oak Lawn Community
 Neal Scheuermann, Mackinaw (Deer Creek-M.)
 Lorena Soria, Chicago (Resurrection College Prep.)
 Koby Stropes, Orion
 Sara Swanberg, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

All-State Academic Team

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Sydney Arlis, Minooka | Connor Horn, Naperville (Neuqua Valley) | Nick Porter, Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) | Samuel Wischnewsky, Chicago (Whitney Young) |
| Anika Boyd, Lake Forest (H.S.) | Jack Hyde, Mahomet (M.-Seymour) | Brady Rude, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) | Cole Witzig, Troy (Triad) |
| Maria Brauer, Petersburg (PORTA) | Jennifer Kimbro, Catlin (Salt Fork) | Tess Russell, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep) | Angelina Ye, Sycamore (H.S.) |
| Taylor Campos, Lemont (H.S.) | Rachael Lau, Plainfield (North) | Harrison Thomas, Carterville | Allison Zobrist, Highland |
| Will Daniels, Geneseo | Justin Loquercio, Wheeling | Julia Wacker, Palatine (Fremd) | |
| Samuel Detmer, Chicago (Payton) | Colleen Madden, Carlisle | Maura Walsh, Des Plaines (Willows Academy) | |
| Adam Doll, Westmont | Connor Madell, LaGrange (Lyons) | | |
| Michaela Goodley, Annawan | Chase McAdams, Carrollton | | |

The Value of IHSA Membership

\$4,315,265

The amount of money the IHSA returned to member schools via host guarantees, ticket revenue & reimbursements during the 2015-16 school year.

Unlike many state high school associations, the **IHSA does not charge** member schools initial or annual dues to be a member, nor does it charge schools entry fees to compete in the postseason State Series.

The **IHSA provides** NFHS Rulebooks to member schools at no cost.

The IHSA is one of the few state high school associations in the country to offer activities, in addition to sports. **We believe in the value of participation** and want every student to have a chance to represent their school.

Because of that belief, the IHSA continues to underwrite multiple state tournaments that do not produce revenue. In general, around eight IHSA sport tournaments produce the revenue that helps fund the Association's 37 sports and activities.

The **IHSA provides** catastrophic medical insurance for all student-athletes competing in postseason contests.

The IHSA hosts a statewide biannual Student Leadership Conference that is **free for students** to attend.

The **IHSA offers** free State Series and State Final attendance for all activities and in multiple sports.

For the sports that do require tickets, the average IHSA State Series ticket cost is \$4.90 and the average State Final ticket is \$8.50, making high school sports a **great value for students and families**.

The IHSA has been **progressive and innovative** in its promotion of the positive ideals of participation to its schools. That includes introducing Add A. Tude, the nation's first sportsmanship mascot in 1997.

The **IHSA promotes and highlights** the positive actions by our schools, student-athletes, coaches and fans through its original content page IHSA State, on Social Media, and through various award programs.

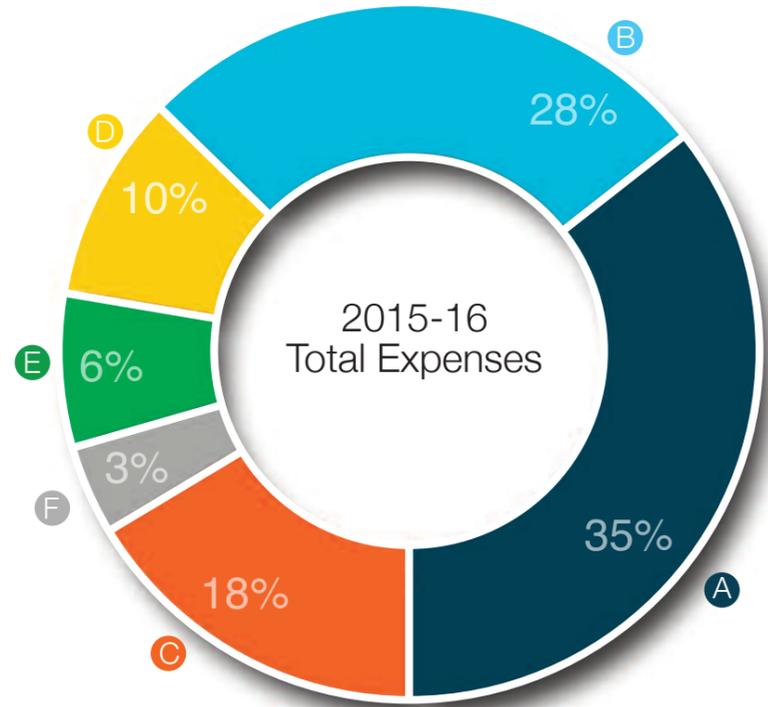
The IHSA Foundation & All-State Academic team programs have awarded **over \$567,000 in scholarship money** since 1994.

The IHSA recruits, trains and maintains an active database of **over 15,000 officials** available to member schools. In the spirit of equity, the IHSA directly assigns officials for postseason contests.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

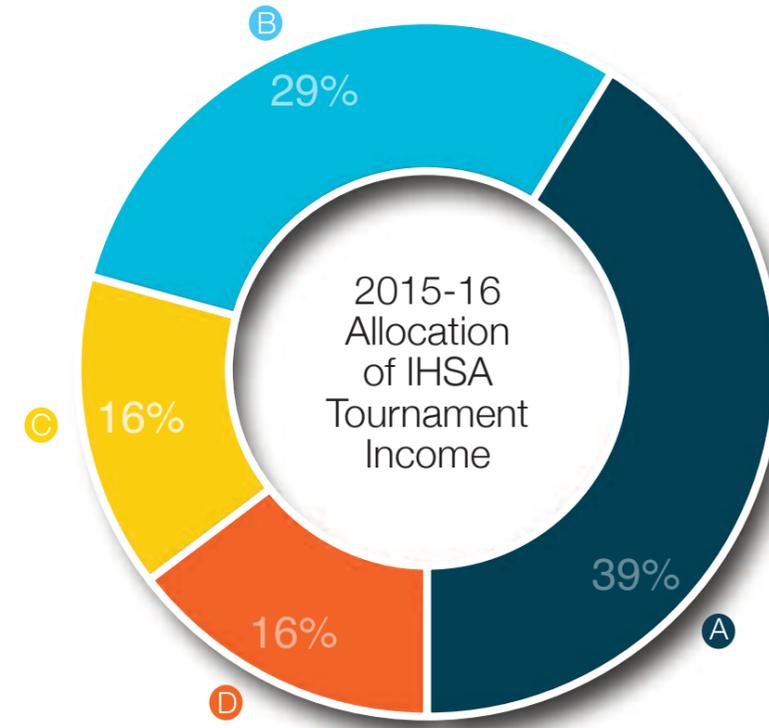
A review of the IHSA's 2015-16 fiscal year & recent trends





2015-16 TOTAL EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Administration | \$3,790,191 |
| (B) Boys Athletics | \$3,029,212 |
| (C) Girls Athletics | \$1,884,316 |
| (D) Other | \$1,056,288 |
| (E) Activities | \$650,121 |
| (F) Officials | \$312,481 |
| Total Expenses | \$10,722,609 |



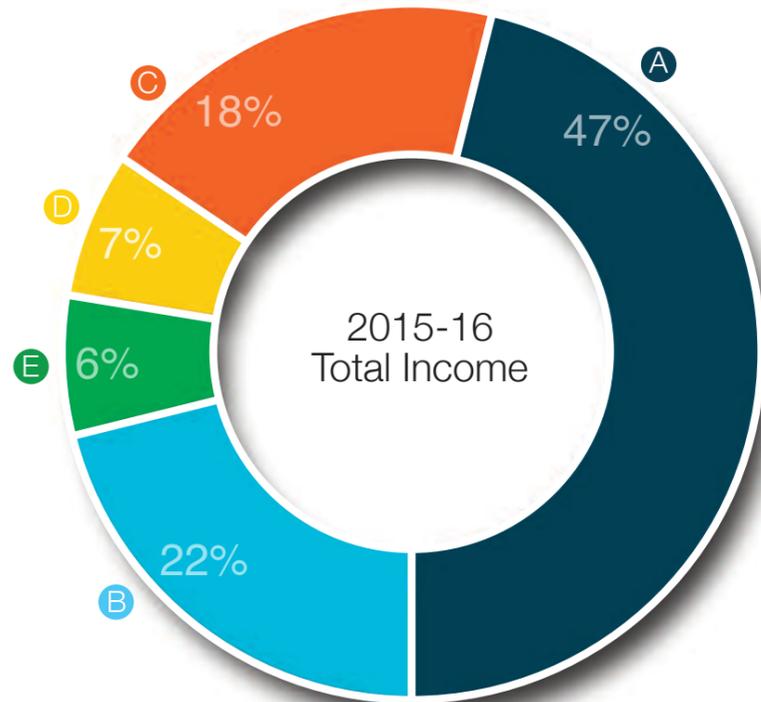
2015-16 ALLOCATION OF IHSA TOURNAMENT INCOME

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| (A) School Share | \$3,063,701 |
| (B) IHSA Share of State Series | \$2,263,530 |
| (C) Miscellaneous | \$1,252,770 |
| (D) Officials/Judges Fees | \$1,247,178 |
| Tournament Income | \$7,827,179 |

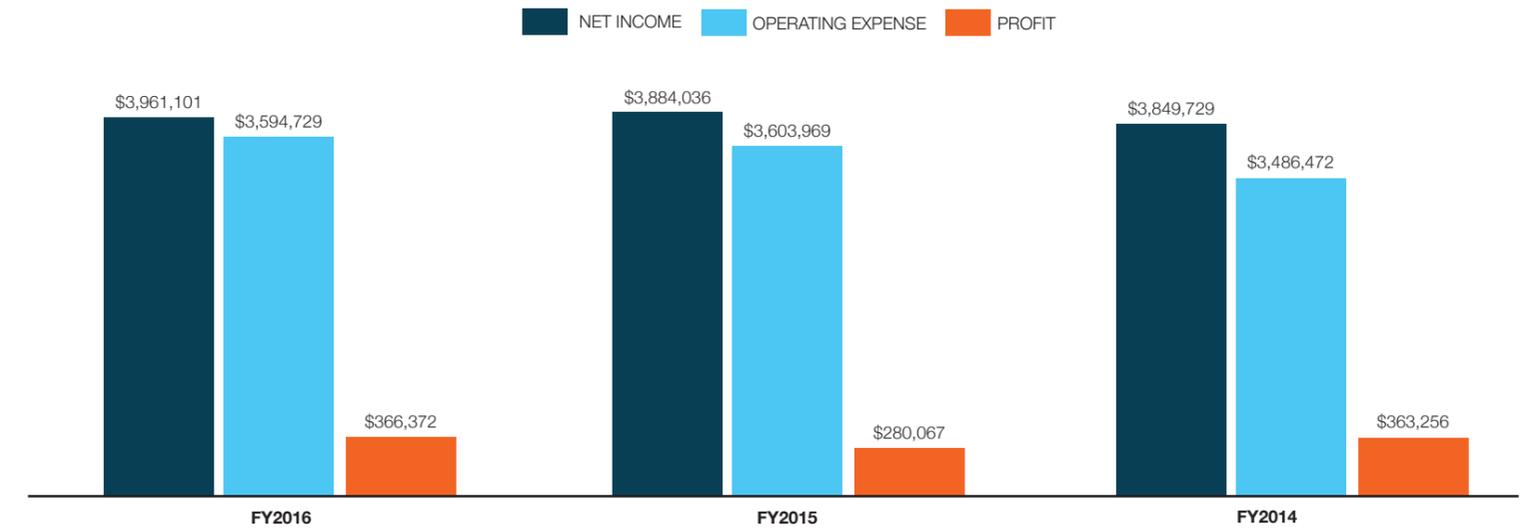


2015-16 TOTAL INCOME

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Boys Athletics | \$5,169,067 |
| (B) Other | \$2,418,164 |
| (C) Girls Athletics | \$2,007,903 |
| (D) Officials | \$843,638 |
| (E) Activities | \$650,209 |
| Total Income | \$11,088,981 |



3-YEAR IHSA PROFIT TREND





The **Illinois High School Association** enjoys partnerships with a number of industry leaders who support high school students in Illinois on and off the field. Thanks in part to the support of its partners, the IHSA has been able to implement a financial model that has eliminated all entry fees and dues for member schools, while still being able to return over \$4 million dollars to member schools in 2015-16 (see more on Page 28).



We appreciate their support of high school sports and activities in Illinois!

PARTNERS

The individuals & organizations who give back to high school students in Illinois

Thank you to these partners for their commitment to high school students in Illinois.

- AAE Athletics
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- Champaign County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Chicago Bears
- Chicago Bulls
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- Decatur Convention & Visitors Bureau
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March Madness Experience Sponsors

The original and still the best of its kind, the March Madness Experience is the IHSA's interactive basketball fueled fan experience that runs concurrently with the Boys Basketball State Finals at the Civic Center in Peoria. The March Madness Experience was made possible by the following sponsors:

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Country Financial

The IHSA's oldest partner is the presenting sponsor of IHSA State Final broadcasts on the IHSA TV Network and NFHS Network, as well as the IHSA Bass Fishing State Tournament. In addition, Country Financial is the presenting sponsor of America's Original March, as the IHSA Boys & Girls Basketball State Final Tournaments also feature the County Three-Point Showdown.

Wilson

Wilson is the Official Ball of the IHSA. Wilson provides the balls used in IHSA postseason tournaments for Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball, as well as shuttlecocks for Badminton.

Gatorade

Gatorade is in the IHSA! You will find Gatorade products for participating student-athletes at all IHSA State Final events.

Caterpillar

Sponsors the IHSA All-State Academic Team, annually presenting \$1,000 scholarships to 26 of the best and brightest student-athletes in the state. Cat is also the presenting sponsor of the March Madness Experience.

Minerva

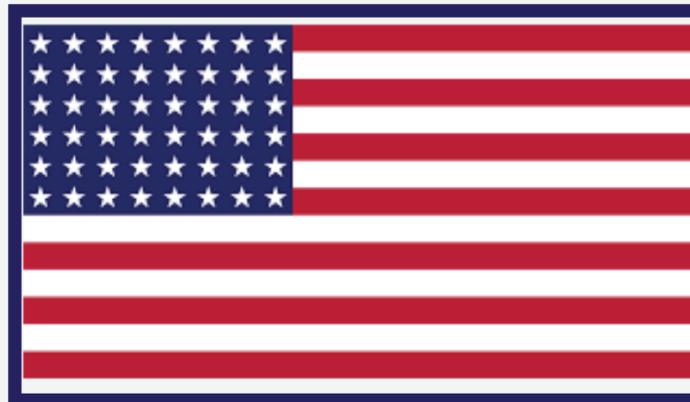
Provides official IHSA gear, from customized sweatshirts to key chains to hats, at all IHSA State Final events and select State Series tournaments.

➔ Did you know the IHSA Peak Performance Center, located inside the Peoria Riverfront Museum, is more than 4,700 square feet of interactive IHSA fun?

The IHSA is a founding member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the rules writing body for high school sports & activities. The IHSA is also proud to partner with the following groups in Illinois who support high school students and education-based participation:



- Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools
- Illinois Athletic Directors Association
- Illinois Association of School Administrators
- Illinois Association of School Boards
- Illinois Association of Student Councils
- Illinois Elementary School Association
- Illinois Principals Association
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association



Veterans Recognized



In 2015-16, the IHSA announced that it was providing officials who are **U.S. Military Veterans** with a new sleeve patch to help recognize their service. In addition to the new patches, the IHSA will also begin to offer each Veteran one free renewal of their IHSA license.

“This patch is a great honor,” said **United States Navy Veteran and IHSA basketball and softball official Daimon Russell of Edwardsville**, an Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class who served in support of Desert Storm in one of his deployments. “This simple and sincere gesture by the IHSA is a silent thanks to those that served, and we recognize that.”



According to the Journal Gazette/Times Courier newspapers in Charleston/Mattoon, IHSA officials **Megan Hjort, Eleanor Crouse and Erin Hagan** made history in soccer match in April, as it marked “the first time in Southern Illinois that three female officials had worked a match together.”



Officials all over the state give back to their communities in a variety of ways. Members of the **Southern Illinois Basketball Officials Association (SIBOA)** do their part by volunteering to ring bells for the Salvation Army at locations throughout Southern Illinois.



Over 600 officials attended the 2016 IHSA Officials Conference in Peoria in July. **NBA referee Marc Davis**, a Chicago native who graduated from St. Ignatius High School, served as the key-note speaker.

Officials of the Year

Football
Jim Glueckert

Girls Gymnastics
Howie Sokol

Boys Swimming & Diving
Ken Cherwin

Boys Gymnastics
Joseph Skowronski

Girls Swimming & Diving
Kathleen McWhorter

Boys Basketball
Tom Huster

Boys Soccer
Larry Cooper

Girls Basketball
Gail Huster

Girls Soccer
Michele Waldbesser

Wrestling
Don Mekeel

Girls Volleyball
Augie Werner

Boys Track & Field
Roger Brown

Boys Volleyball
Connie Scott

Girls Track & Field
Tim Cross

Cross Country
Jim Rhode

Baseball
Steve Besse

Competitive Cheerleading
Betty Moore

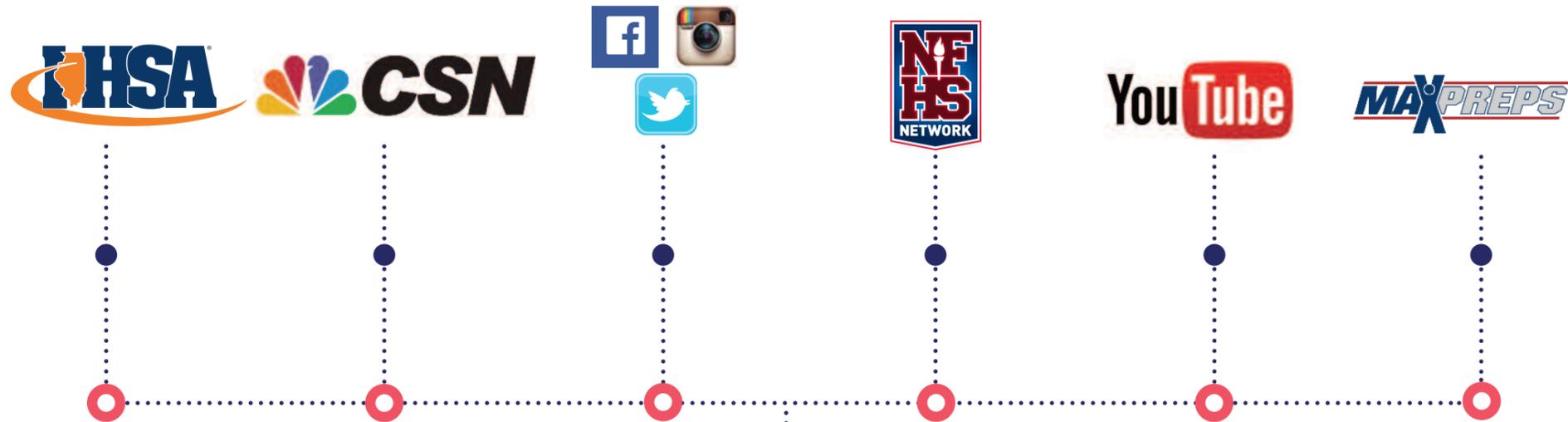
Softball
Tom Starr

Competitive Dance
Cyndi Kraemer

Water Polo
Nick Cargola



Staying Connected



The IHSA is one of 44 states who make-up the NFHS Network, the nation's leading high school sports media company, which annually broadcasts the state finals of nearly 30 IHSA sports and activities live on the internet at www.IHSA.tv, totaling over 150 games, matches and meets per year. The NFHS Network also has over 100 IHSA member high schools in its School Streaming Broadcast program, allowing those schools to stream anything from sports contests, to concerts to graduations and more!

Nearly every story in this annual report, and many many more, are available on the IHSA's original content page, [IHSA State \(www.IHSA.org/IHSAstate\)](http://www.IHSA.org/IHSAstate).



MaxPreps is digital media and statistical partner of the IHSA. The CBS Interactive property helps the IHSA gather regular-season football scores, while also providing regular-season score data for seeding in IHSA team sports. MaxPreps continues to offer all IHSA schools and teams free access to its interactive platform.

Feeling nostalgic? The IHSA's YouTube Archive (www.YouTube.com/IHSAarchives), which features old IHSA State Final broadcasts and other historic films, has grown to over 850 videos and counting!

Comcast SportsNet Chicago is your home for live HD broadcasts of the IHSA Football Playoff Pairing Show and four playoff games, the IHSA's eight Football State Championships, and all 32 IHSA Boys & Girls Basketball State Final contests. CSN also rebroadcasts the IHSA state finals in cheerleading, dance, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling.



Johnny Lattner
Fenwick High School

In Memorium

Sports fans around the world mourned the loss of Fenwick alum **Johnny Lattner**, who won the 1953 Heisman Trophy at the University of Notre Dame, when he passed last October. Lattner wasn't the only legend with high school ties in Illinois who we lost in 2015-16, as NFHS Hall of Fame official **Larry Wilcoxon**, state champion Maine West girls basketball Coach **Derril Kipp** and Bogan student-athlete **Andre Smith** were among the individuals who passed.

We realize that there are many many others we lost last year and simply want to state in memoriam that we appreciate all those individuals; be it student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials or others associated with high school sport and activity programs, that saw value in their IHSA experience.



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