

MINUTES OF THE IHSA NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 5, 2024

The IHSA News Media Advisory Committee virtually on Tuesday, September 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Committee members present were: Mike Clark, Chicago Sun-Times; Scott Slocum, WJOL Radio; Clark Brooks, PhotosNews Media; Matt Schuckman, MuddyRiverSports.com; Kyle Peach, Wabash Valley College/News Channel 15 & 89.1 FM WVJC. Matt Troha from the IHSA conducted the meeting.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard a report on the status of 2024-25 IHSA General Media Passes, which shipped in early August. IHSA annual calendar downloads are also available on the Media Center page on IHSA.org.
2. The committee heard a report on the baseline seating at the 2024 IHSA Boys Basketball State Finals.
3. The committee heard a report on the media setup for the 2024 IHSA Football State Finals, which were the first state finals held at the renovated Hancock Stadium.
4. The committee heard a report on the media setup at the IHSA Softball State Finals.
5. The committee heard a report on the new state basketball time schedule.
6. The committee heard a report on the 50-year celebration of the IHSA Girls Volleyball State Finals and Football State Finals.
7. The committee heard a report on the media setup at the inaugural IHSA Girls Flag Football State Finals in October.
8. The committee heard a report on the launch of a new IHSA website launching in 2025.
9. The committee heard a report on future potential state final schedule and format changes in other IHSA sports.
10. The committee heard a report on changes approved by the committee last year to the IHSA Distinguished Media Service Award program.
11. The committee discussed the media work area at state soccer.
12. The committee discussed sending reminders to schools to make rosters available to media,

even if they are via online QR codes.

13. The committee discussed football sideline safety and etiquette as more social media influencers cover high school games.