

IHSA Special Legislative Session 2008-09

Proposal No. 1

Amend Article 1.480 – Retirement System

Submitted on behalf of the IHSA Board of Directors

Article 1.480 currently reads:

1.480 RETIREMENT SYSTEM

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to establish a retirement system for its employed administrative officers. The plan established shall be comparable to that of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, but in no case shall the retirement benefits paid exceed those the annuitant would have been eligible to receive had the annuitant been a participant in that system.

Revise Article 1.480 to read:

1.480 RETIREMENT SYSTEM

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to establish a retirement system for its employed administrative officers. *(Delete the following: The plan established shall be comparable to that of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, but in no case shall the retirement benefits paid exceed those the annuitant would have been eligible to receive had the annuitant been a participant in that system.)*

Rationale

Our funding obligation for the pension plan continues to rise. By eliminating the second sentence, the Board will have greater flexibility regarding the IHSA pension plan.

Pros

- Will give the Board greater flexibility with regard to providing a pension for its administrative staff.
- Will eliminate the mandate to provide a defined benefit program.
- Will assist the Board in controlling the increasing costs of the current pension plan.

Cons

- Does not provide specific limits on pension benefits

Proposal No. 2

Amend By-law 3.111 – Coaching School Participation

Submitted on behalf of the IHSA Board of Directors

By-law 3.111 currently reads:

3.111 COACHING SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

During the school year, students shall not participate in any coaching school, camp or clinic for any interscholastic sport or which provides instruction in any skill of an interscholastic sport. A coaching school, camp or clinic is defined as any program, sponsored by an organization or individual, which provides instruction in sports theory and/or skills; which does not culminate in competition, and which is attended by more than two (2) persons from the school which the student attends. Programs that involve only demonstration of skills and sports theory without providing instruction and requiring active participation by attendees are not considered coaching schools. Violation shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days.

Revise By-law 3.111 by adding the following:

An exception may be made by the Executive Director for programs sponsored by World Sport Chicago, provided Chicago is still being considered as a host for the 2016 Summer Olympics. Should Chicago be awarded the 2016 Olympic Games, this exception will expire in 2016.

Rationale

World Sport Chicago is a part of the Chicago 2016 group trying to secure the Olympics for Chicago. They have the ability to bring in people like Michael Phelps and world class and Olympic athletes for events. Our goal should be to support their work to bring the Olympics to Chicago.

Pros

- Will help support Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic bid.
- Will provide unique opportunities for high school age students in Illinois High School Association.
- Funding for these programs will primarily come from World Sports Chicago and Chicago 2016.

Cons

None

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