

2017-18 IESA OFFICIALS ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

May 30, 2018

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Jim Grimsley, Bloomington (volleyball), Scott Bahorik, East Peoria (softball), David Mitchell, Peoria (track and field/cross country), Brian Sorrell, Rushville (basketball), Ron Coit, Farmer City (wrestling), Dustin Carter, Bloomington (baseball).

The IESA Officials Advisory Committee, in its meeting on May 30, 2018, had the following discussion:

Recommendation to be sent to Sportsmanship Advisory Committee

- Proposed** Create/enhance a sportsmanship video. Have this available on the public website for parents/coaches/players to view. Include information regarding the shortage of officials and how good sportsmanship can create an environment that will help retain new officials.
- Rationale** The Committee expressed concern regarding the increase in ejections each year. The Committee also discussed that behavior problems/issues have an affect on the retention of new officials.
- Admin Vote**
- Board Action** No action needed.

Recommendation to be discussed with IHSA

- Proposed** Create a Recruiting Toolkit for schools and Officials Associations.
- Rationale** Provide a central guide for comprehensive recruitment of officials. This would encompass ideas/information on attracting new officials, retaining new officials, and mentoring officials. To be done in conjunction with the IHSA.
- Admin Vote**
- Board Action** No action needed.

Division Meeting Suggested Topics

1. Promotion of officiating and recruitment of officials.
2. Encourage school administrators to be onsite during the state tournament series and be active in assisting host schools with their own crowd, player and coach control. Reminder that it is the obligation of the member school to maintain proper crowd control at all interscholastic activities.
3. Encourage school administrators to discuss appropriate "side-line" behavior with all of their coaches. Consistent and constant appropriate behavior from coaches sets the tone for player and fan behavior.

Committee Discussion Topics

1. Discussed the need for administrators to have an active presence at contests.
2. Discussion regarding the location of pitchers warming up for softball. No recommendation.
3. Discussion regarding the position of the on-deck batter during softball/baseball games. No recommendation.
4. Discussed the assignment of regional officials by the IESA for basketball/volleyball/softball/baseball. No recommendation. If possible, host schools could be provided with a list of officials who have been hired for the post-season as a starting point for hiring. It was also suggested that host schools reach out as soon as possible after being notified they are hosting.
5. Discussed IESA assigning/hiring scorekeepers for state final matches. No recommendation.
6. Discussed IESA use state final officials that were in the top 25% of all officials as determined by the IHSA power rating matrix. No recommendation.
7. Discussed IESA assigning additional duties to volleyball lines people. No recommendation.
8. Reviewed the role of the Coordinator of Officials (COO). The COO or UIC is there to provide working officials feedback with regard to mechanics, contest management, and consistent rule application. They may be called upon by the working officials during the contest to discuss situations/interpretations/clarifications; however,

they would simply provide opinion. The COO or UIC should not intervene or overrule the assigned working officials.

9. Reviewed the post-season evaluation information. This information should be made available to the officials in their IESA Officials Center area. The information submitted by the schools during the post-season will be available as an average, as well as the evaluations of their COO/UIC.
10. Discussion to send a direct mailer to those officials working the IHSA post-season. The mailer will congratulate them on their assignment and encourage them to participate in our state series. The mailer could be email and include a video component.
11. Discussed the involvement of the Officials Committee in the AD Workshop. There will be a workshop session in which the committee will be involved.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday of Week 41, April 10, 2019 @ 10:00 am