

## **RULE 18**

### **APPEALS**

- 18-1** Any student, his/her parent or guardian, or any member school aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, or the Board of Directors Eligibility Committee of the IHSAA or any of its officers or employees, may appeal the decision to the Board for a review and hearing. All appeals must originate with, and go through, the member school.
- 18-2** Within ten (10) days of the Board's decision, the member school principal may request an appeal in writing to the Executive Director.
- 18-3** The appeal will be scheduled for a hearing before the Board at its next regular meeting. Information for the appeal must be turned in two weeks prior the board meeting. If any student, his/her parent or guardian, or any member school wishes to proceed with the appeal before the next regular meeting, the information will be sent out electronically. If an electronic appeal is used, the hearing process in front of the board will be waived and the electronic appeal will be considered the final appeal.
- 18-3-1** The President of the Board will preside at the hearing, or he/she may appoint a hearing officer to hear the matter. An agenda may be prepared for the hearing and, if so, a copy thereof shall be furnished to the parties.
- 18-3-2** All parties are entitled to attend hearings and be represented by counsel of their choice, and present all pertinent facts. Counsel for IHSAA may attend the hearing and assist the hearing officer in the conduct of the hearing.
- 18-3-3** In support of the finding and decision appealed from, the Executive Director or an assistant may present, either orally or in written form or both, a report of the investigation and findings.
- 18-3-4** The technical rules of evidence will not be applicable.
- 18-3-5** When more than one party has requested an appeal, and where the facts are substantially the same for all parties, a single hearing may be conducted when deemed advisable by the hearing officer.
- 18-3-6** The Board shall make its decision in the matter based upon the facts and information presented and such decision shall be mailed to the parties.