

Idaho High School Activities Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Spencer Barzee, Tonia Burk, Burke Davis, Brady Dickinson, Hiroshi Fukuoka, Heath Jackson, Tyler Johnson, Mark Kress, Randy Lords, Dena Naccarato, Shawn Tiegs, Ted Reynolds

Members Absent:

Dana Facer, Starr Olsen, Rob Sauer

Staff Present:

Chad Williams, Julie Hammons (via Zoom), Mike Federico, Conlin Coburn as secretary

Staff Absent:

None

Visitors:

Jody Coburn, Retired

Todd Gilkey, BOC

Tom Shanahan, Bishop Kelly HS

Troy Rice, Rocky Mountain HS

Paul Anselmo, Kamiah HS

Dave Harrington, Kamiah HS

Jeremy Burgess, Payette HS

Katie Ball, Potlatch HS

Catey Walton, Timberlake HS

Matt Harris, Ririe HS

Gerry Nutt, Retired

Stacy Wilson, Buhl HS

Kevin Stiller, Wood River HS

Doug Henderson, Lewiston HS

Tol Gropp, Timberline HS

KC MacDonald, Clark Fork HS

TJ Clary, Sandpoint HS

Brain Walker, Boise Schools

Todd Nygaard, Kamiah HS

Matt Elven, Prairie HS

Patrick Laney, Moscow HS

Jessica Brown, Moscow HS

Travis Hobson, Thunder Ridge HS

Gavin Watson, Centennial HS

Tony Brulotte, Eagle HS

Allen Hutchens, Clearwater Valley HS

Craig Christensen, Post Falls HS

Kelly Caldwell, Genesee HS

Will Barber, Nampa School District

Jon Hallock, Caldwell HS

James Stoner, Troy HS

Will Edelblute, Lakeland HS

Matt Neff, Lakeland HS

Heath Jackson moved; Randy Lords seconded to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chad Williams provided an update on the financials, noting on the balance sheet that the contingency fund is over \$600,000 for the first time. On the financial statement, he pointed out the miscellaneous row, stating that there was a \$32,000 hotel bill from last year that got paid this year. He also mentioned the website prices being up 149% from last year because of the upgrade that was given to the concussion videos.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda which included the Balance Sheet, Financial Report as of July 30, 2024-September 13, 2024, and the IHSAA Board of Directors action via phone, email, and fax.

Motion carried

REPORT AGENDA

YEA Update

Julie Hammons reported on the YEA stating the fund is continuing to grow, hitting over \$5,200,000. She stated that the fall meeting is coming up on October 6-7 and one of the focuses will be working on ways to increase disbursement. Overall, it was a great year for the YEA.

Marketing

Chad Williams reported on the 2024-2025 marketing and encouraged athletic directors to nominate their athletes and teams for the Play of the Week, to get them recognized. Mike also mentioned that Zach finalized a contract with Wilson to be the official baseball of the IHSAA.

Officials Update

Chad Williams discussed the official's proposals mentioned at the July board meeting. He said they are still doing some research and will provide information on the proposal at the next board meeting.

Section 7/8 Conference

Shawn Tiegs provided an overview of the 7/8 conference held in Montana, highlighting a few key takeaways. He was introduced to some new ideas for officials, as well as learned about new sports that the NFHS is implementing. Chad Williams also spoke on the conference, saying he enjoyed getting to meet with other executive directors in section 7/8. He briefly covered other state's protocol for transferring students and noted that no state's protocol is perfect, and it continues to be an ongoing discussion. Mike discussed his experience, stating that the officials in Idaho are up 28%, which is the highest in the section. He and Julie both mentioned the assistant directors meeting and highlighted the importance of keeping communication flowing between schools and associations.

Hall of Fame

Julie Hammons provided an update on the annual Hall of Fame banquet held in July. She reviewed the budget, noting that ticket sales were higher this year compared to previous years, largely due to an increase in the number of inductees. This led to additional costs for items such as videos and awards. To offset these

expenses, ticket prices were raised. Despite the increased revenue, the event ultimately resulted in a loss of approximately \$20,000, which, while significant, had been accounted for in the budget.

Administrative Meetings

Chad Williams provided an update on the administrative meetings held across the state. He explained that the focus of these meetings was primarily on the website, aiming to train new athletic directors and principals on how to navigate it and access the latest information. The meetings also served as a valuable opportunity for directors to connect with the new athletic directors and take on mentorship roles. Chad expressed his appreciation for Mike and Julie's participation in the meetings and noted that, overall, it was a success.

Media Days

Mike Federico discussed the media day tours held in August, during which he had the opportunity to engage with media representatives from across the state. They discussed potential improvements for tournament operations and reviewed recent rule changes. Mike highlighted how these tours serve as a platform to strengthen our brand, ensure accurate information is shared, and encourage collaboration between schools and media personnel throughout the state.

Form Changes

Mike Federico presented updates made to several IHSAA forms. The consent section of the Physical Examination Form and Interim Questionnaire was revised to clarify who is authorized to provide care to athletes during games. This adjustment was necessary to bring the form into compliance with current regulations, and the language was updated accordingly by our attorney. Additionally, the Athletic Transfer and Dual Enrollment forms were modified to include a new section "Certification of Application," requiring parents to sign, certifying the accuracy of the information provided.

SAC Sportsmanship Symposium

Mike Federico provided an update on the upcoming SAC Sportsmanship Symposium scheduled for November. He highlighted the various approaches districts are taking, with some involving coaches and others engaging parents to address proper behavior and sportsmanship. He expressed enthusiasm for the creative initiatives emerging in the realm of sportsmanship, driven by students.

Hardship Guidelines

Chad Williams discussed upcoming revisions to the Hardship Guidelines form, with the goal of making it more objective. He emphasized that in cases involving harassment, the guidelines should clearly outline the required steps taken in response to the harassment, along with supporting evidence. Additionally, he expressed a desire to include more language addressing mental health concerns within the guidelines.

Board Terms

Chad Williams addressed the upcoming conclusion of board members Ted Reynolds and Starr Olsen's terms, both of whom have served two terms. He noted that the IAAA has already reached out with recommendations for their next representative, and the ISBA has similar plans in place. Additionally, Heath Jackson's term for District VI is also nearing its end.

District President and Secretaries Meeting

Chad Williams provided an update on the District Presidents and Secretaries Meetings held this month. He explained that the focus was primarily on training attendees to navigate and manage the website effectively. Additionally, discussions regarding co-op forms and procedures led to some important changes. He expressed his gratitude to all participants and emphasized the significance of these meetings.

Online Rules Clinics Data

Julie Hammons addressed the online option available for individuals unable to attend this year's rules clinics. She noted an increasing number of participants opting for this alternative, although commissioners would prefer coaches to attend in person. Overall, she reported a sizeable turnout online and expressed her satisfaction with this option being offered.

Statewide Football Meeting

Ted Reynolds reported on the statewide football meeting, explaining that he reached out to athletic directors to assess the need for a meeting this year, as it was neither a scheduling nor playoff bracketing meeting, and last year's meeting was planned to cover two years. The athletic directors agreed that a meeting this year was unnecessary. However, some suggested that it would be beneficial to hold meetings after the football season to address issues that arose during the season. It was proposed that playoff bracketing could then be presented at the January board meeting instead of the December one.

NFHS Strategic Planning Committee

Chad Williams recognized Julie Hammons for her selection to the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee, noting that only 16 individuals from across the nation were chosen for this committee. He highlighted this as an outstanding achievement.

Classification Cycle

Chad Williams reviewed the classification guidelines for the two-year cycle, indicating that proposals for changes to how classification cycles are determined are welcome and due by February 15th. He also noted that this is a counting year, which means enrollment data will be collected for the upcoming two-year cycle.

Associate Membership: Valor Christian High School

Chad Williams reported that Valor Christian High School is a new school in District I that has joined as an associate member. He also noted that North Idaho Christian has opted out of being an associate member and can no longer play against our member schools.

Committees

– State Tournament

- **Track** - Chad Williams addressed a qualifying proposal presented by the Idaho Track and Field Coaches Association. He reported that the state tournament committee voted against moving it forward due to several concerns. The overarching concern was related to the IHSAA's existing qualification process for state, and the committee felt hesitant to change the fundamental rules surrounding it. The proposal is not coming out of committee.
- **Baseball**- Mike Federico discussed a proposal from Orofino High School to host the State Baseball site for 3A. They expressed interest in the opportunity to host a tournament in their classification during one of the alternating years when they are not hosting the 2A tournament, or in place of hosting the 2A tournament. Mike highlighted the advantages of their complex, noting that it serves as an excellent venue for the athletes. The state tournament committee

expressed support for granting them this opportunity for the 2026 season, pending a vote at the next board meeting.

- **Future Sites-** Julie Hammons provided an update on discussions held by the state tournament committee regarding undecided locations for softball, golf, and speech arts. She informed the committee about the outstanding locations and expressed confidence that they will soon finalize these details and make the information available.
- **3A Golf-** Julie Hammons reported on a discussion held about the proposed separation of the 3A and 2A classifications in golf. Committee members expressed concerns about whether the current classification system has become outdated, particularly since the smallest classification hosts the largest golf tournament. It was noted that a survey will be distributed to golf coaches and potentially athletic directors to gather feedback on the future direction of golf and the team qualification process.

Rules & Regulations/ By-Laws

Rule 17-2-2- Chad Williams reviewed Rule 17-2-2, stating he felt that it lacks clarity and allows for varying interpretations. He proposed rewriting the rule to clearly differentiate between girls' basketball and boys' basketball, as well as between girls' soccer and boys' soccer. (See page 8)

Board Decision-Making Matrix- Chad Williams shared a link to a page on professional development written by John Black, the NFHS General Counsel, as a resource for guidance. He emphasized that everyone's role involves representing each student in Idaho and highlighted that the link offers valuable tips on how to fulfill this responsibility effectively. (See page 8)

ACTION AGENDA-FINAL READINGS

Rule 6

A motion was made to approve the changes to Rule 6 as presented as a Final Reading. (See page 9)

Motion carried

Legends of the Game Selection

The committee selected the 2004 Rimrock girls' basketball team and 1983 Rigby boys' basketball team for the 2025 Legends of the Game. A motion was made to approve the Legends of the Game Selection as a Final Reading.

Motion carried

ACTION AGENDA-FIRST READINGS

Speech Arts Proposal: Tournament Inquiry Procedure

A motion was made to approve the Speech Arts proposal as a first reading. (See page 10)

Motion carried

2026-2027 Calendar

A motion was made to approve moving the 2026-2027 calendar from tentative to approved with modifications as need as a First Reading.

Motion carried

2027- 2028 Calendar

A motion was made to move the 2027-2028 calendar from suggested to tentative with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

2028-2029 Calendar

A motion was made to approve moving the 2028-2029 calendars to suggested calendars with modifications with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

Motion carried

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Board Make-up Committee-** Discussion was held regarding the Board make-up committee. Chad noted that they are making progress and will meet again on September 30th to work on specific proposals. No action taken.
2. **Play-off Format Committee-** A discussion took place regarding the playoff format committee, with the next meeting scheduled for October 17th. Chad noted that the committee is focused on ensuring the best teams are represented at state while minimizing travel. He acknowledged that this will be a gradual process, but additional updates will follow at the upcoming Board meeting. No action taken.
3. **Private School Enrollment Numbers-** A discussion was held regarding the process of receiving and verifying private school enrollment numbers to determine classification. Mike Federico shared that he inquired with several private schools about how they record their enrollment figures, and they confirmed that they use PowerSchool for this purpose. He also mentioned that none of the private schools indicated any issues with verification. Mike will prepare a write-up on this topic. No action taken.

4. **Rule 7 Update-** A motion was made to move the **Rule 7 Update** to the action agenda for the December Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried

5. **Unified State Track and Basketball Events-** A motion was made to move the **Unified State Track and Basketball Events** to a final reading at the Board of Directors December meeting.

Motion carried

6. **Rule 5-11 Waiver for non-athletic events-** A motion was made to move the proposed change for **Rule 5-11** to the action agenda with modifications as needed, for a final reading in the December Board of Directors meeting

Motion carried

7. **Rule 8-5-** A motion was made to move Rule 8-5 to a first reading for the December Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried

8. **State travel costs-**Discussion took place around travel costs for state tournaments. Chad mentioned there will be gathering of data about the percentage of student representation at tournaments that might be helpful to view. No action taken.

9. **Protocols-** A discussion took place regarding the hardship protocol and the need to clarify the timeline for decision-making. No action taken.

10. **Pre-Enrollment Contact for Eligibility-** A discussion was held regarding pre-enrollment contact for eligibility. The Board asked the IHSAA staff to bring forward a proposal for discussion at the December Board meeting.

INFORMATION

Letters

- Belnap letter (See page 9)

Board of Control Minutes

- District I Financial Report
- District I Minutes
- District II Financial Report
- District III Financial Report
- District III Minutes
- District V Financial Report
- District VI Financial Report

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

Rule 17-2-2: Clarification Rewrite

Current Rule

17-2-2: Rule of 2 – Coaches can instruct/coach no more than two students at one time by a member of their high school (grades 9- 12) staff of that sport during the school year.

- a. Anytime there are more than two students, it is considered an Open Gym/Field/Facility (follow the guidelines in Rule 17-2-3).

Proposed Rule Rewrite:

17-2-2: Rule of 2- A coaching staff can instruct/coach no more than two students at one time from the high school where they are coaching in the specific sport or activity they coach. Different gender teams are not considered the same sport or activity.

- a. Anytime there are more than two students, it is considered an Open Gym/Field/Facility (follow the guidelines in Rule 17-2-3).

THOUGHTS?....Proposed Rule Rewrite:

17-2-2: Rule of 2- During the school year (outside of the season), any member of a school's coaching staff is prohibited from instructing/coaching more than two students from their high school program at one time. The restriction is only for the sport or activity they coach. Note: Different gender teams are not considered the same sport or activity.

- b. Anytime there are more than two students, it is considered an Open Gym/Field/Facility (follow the guidelines in Rule 17-2-3).

Board Member Decision-Making Matrix

(NFHS General Counsel: John Black)

1. Understand and articulate the issue.
2. Reach out to your constituents to learn their positions and reasons.
3. Evaluate the consistency and strength of your constituents' positions on the issue.
4. Determine your stance and the conviction of your position.
5. At the board meeting, listen to the perspectives of other board members.
6. Explain your point of view and that of your constituents.
7. Balance your position (considering how the board discussion may have influenced it) against that of your constituents.
8. Vote.

RULE 6 - CONTRACTS

6-1 The *Interscholastic Activities Contract* must be used to arrange varsity contests in football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball and tennis. The principal or activities director of each school must sign the contract. When a school has two or more teams competing in the same sport, the teams must be clearly designated as "first", "second", or "third" team. (See contract form for additional information.)

1. A contract would include but is not limited to:
 - a. IHSAA Opposing School Activity Contract
 - b. IHSAA School Wide Activity Contract
 - c. Schedule Signature Verification by Both Schools
 - d. School Specific Contract
 - e. Electronic Verification such as emails or schedule platforms

6-2 If the contract is breached by either party, the IHSAA Board of Directors or District Board of Control, whichever is appropriate, will determine reasonable damages to be paid to the contracted opponent by the school that breaches the contract. In no case will the damages exceed three times the Association annual membership fee. The Board will not review oral contracts.

6-2-1 If the District Board of Control determines a breach of contract has occurred, schools will enter a "forfeit" score into MaxPreps.

6-3 Contracts may be cancelled by mutual written consent of the contracting schools.

6-4 The Board of Directors may cancel any contest or contract if the Board determines that the contest should not be held because of death, fire, flood, disease, abandonment of an activity, or other reasons of impossibility of performance. No contest shall be ruled a forfeit until the Board has reviewed the facts of each case.

Julie,

I want to thank you and the IHSAA BOARD for the wonderful banquet you put on.

I had hip surgery a week ago and now getting better.

We loved the banquet, the food, all the awesome people we interacted with. We were treated like royalty. It was such a an honor to even be there!!

Thank you again for all you did to make it special!!

Thank you,
Evan & LoAnn Belnap

Current:

Tournament Inquiry Procedure

1. Concerns regarding possible rules violations by coaches or competitors during state tournaments must be submitted in writing to the tournament manager. The commissioner and manager will review the complaint and, if necessary, a grievance committee will be convened to consider the inquiry and determine dispensation.
 - a. In order to be considered, grievances must be submitted within 7 days of the last round of the tournament.
2. A contestant who is found to have violated rules of an event may be disqualified.
3. Ethical misconduct at tournaments will be dealt with as outlined in the “Ethical Misconduct Procedures” form.

Proposed Change:

Tournament Inquiry Procedure

1. Concerns regarding possible rules violations by coaches or competitors during state tournaments must be submitted in writing to the tournament manager. **Once the preliminary rounds are concluded, only the judges of the entry(ies) during the current round may submit an inquiry and/or grievance.** The commissioner and manager will review the complaint and, if necessary, a grievance committee will be convened to consider the inquiry and determine dispensation. **A decision on all grievances must be reached prior to the next round of competition or prior to the awards ceremony, whichever comes first.**
 - a. ~~In order to be considered, grievances must be submitted within 7 days of the last round of the tournament.~~
2. A contestant who is found to have violated rules of an event may be disqualified. **Any entry disqualified in the final round of competition will still be able to participate in the awards ceremony as a finalist*. That entry will not place or receive sweeps points for their team. *Note: If the disqualification was due to an egregious or unsportsmanlike act, the entry will not be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony.**
3. Ethical misconduct at tournaments will be dealt with as outlined in the “Ethical Misconduct Procedures” form.