

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 12, 2020**

The Illinois High School Association Activities Director Advisory Committee met via Zoom conference call on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Katie Odell, Activities Director, Skokie (Niles West); Sally Phillip, Activities Director, Hinsdale (Central); August Toldo, Athletic/Activities Director, Rockford (Guilford); Annmarie Steffen, Activities Director, Bloomington (H.S.); Brad Hulet, Athletic/Activities Director, Canton; John Moad, Athletic/Activities Director, Granite City; At Large Member, Marcus Belin, Principal, Huntley; and Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director.

I. REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Chess

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: VI-A-4 – Changes to Submitted List of Participants

Approved recommendation 2: III-H-1 – LOP Deadline

Approved recommendation 3: V-C-1 - Pairing Procedure

Approved rules recommendation 1 – Delete all situations

Approved rules recommendation 2 - Repetitive Positions (Rule 12 section 11)

B) Scholastic Bowl

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: Add the following cases to the case book to help further clarify rules 4-H-1k and 4-H-1l

C) Speech

Debate Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: IV -F – Financial Arrangements

Approved recommendation 2: II -B – Dates and Sites

Individual Events Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: IV-D,E,F – Financial Arrangements

Drama/Group Interpretation Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: IV-A – Financial Arrangements

Approved recommendation 2: VII-B-g – Group Interpretation

Approved recommendation 3: VIII-C – Short Film

Approved recommendation 4: VIII-D – Musical Theatre Review

D) Music

Music Solo and Ensemble Terms and Conditions

Approved recommendation 1: VI – A – 3 – Delete the Contest Committee

Approved recommendation 2: III-F-4 – Delete language about vocal ensembles

Approved recommendation 3: VI – A – 7 – Delete the Directors Meeting

Approved recommendation 4: VIII – A – 4 – Suitability of Selections

Approved recommendation 5: VIII – A – 6 – a - i – Memorization

Approved recommendation 6: VIII – B – 1 – Ukulele

Approved recommendation 7: VIII - C- 7 – Student Conductors

Music Organization Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: VI – A – 2 – Delete the Contest Committee

Approved recommendation 2: VI – A - 6 - Delete the Directors Meeting

E) Journalism

Terms and Conditions:

No recommendations were made at this time

F) Bass Fishing

Reviewed the minutes from the Sept. 2019 meeting

G) Esports

Reviewed the minutes from the March 2020 meeting

H) Sportsmanship

Approved recommendation 1: Actions school can take for By-Law violations by school personnel (6-0)

I) News Media

Reviewed the minutes from the Aug. 2019 meeting

II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS

Chess

- Discussed administrative recommendations:
Administrative recommendation: Add the current president from the ICCA to sit on the Chess Advisory Committee as a non-voting member
- Discussed administrative recommendation: Taking out the current process of using Chesscalate before sectionals and using it after sectionals

Speech Events (Individual Events, Debate and Drama/Group Interpretation)

- Discussed reviewing the increase in fees on a regular basis (every 3 years)

Music

- Discussed the parity in sweepstakes points between instrumental and vocal entries
Recommended balancing the two areas in order for the opportunity for entries to be equal starting with the 21-22 school year
- Discussed a recommendation to eliminate the playing of required scales prior to a student's solo.
Recommended a survey of music directors to examine the purpose of scales during S/E contest
- Discussed dress codes for music contests
- Discussed the growing need statewide for piano accompanists
- Discussed eliminating the required gender designation when entering the S/E contest
- Discussed the process for and infrastructure needed for implementing virtual music contests
- Reviewed the NFHS Covid-19 resources for performing arts

- Shared information on the NFHS program to provide a free national marching band half time show for the 2020-21 school year

Pep Band/Vocal

- Discussed the IHSA pep bands and the IHSA national anthem vocalist nomination process. The information for pep bands/vocalists will be updated due to the new format for the IHSA basketball tournaments in 2020-21

Scholastic Bowl

- Supported discussion outlining the continued use of Brad Fischer as the Head Editor for the IHSA State Scholastic Bowl State Series Questions for the 2020-21 school year

Bass Fishing

- Cancelled this year's state series due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Esports

- Reviewed that approximately 90 high schools have expressed interest in an E-Sports State Series

Sportsmanship/SAC

- Discussed infractions for students and school personnel if they violate the IHSA sportsmanship by-laws
- Reviewed the process to nominate students to serve on the IHSA SAC

General Discussion

- Knoblauch provided an overview of the IHSA website and information regarding Covid-19
- Knoblauch shared NFHS resources such as copyright information and NFHS Learn courses that are available to schools
- Matt Troha discussed the IHSA Media Distinguished service award winners from the current school year
- Matt Troha discussed the IHSA social media programs that we was recently launched
#WeAreInThisTogether
#TogetherForAthletes
#TogetherForTeachers
#TogetherForSeniors
- Knoblauch reviewed information on the IHSA All-State Academic Team & Academic Recognition Awards
- Knoblauch reviewed NFHS Awards programs and processes for submission (Heart of the Arts, NFHS and Spirit of the Sports)
- Sally Phillips shared the IDSA conference dates - April 15-16, 2021
- Knoblauch discussed virtual tryouts
- The committee recognized August Toldo, Athletic Director/Activities Director-Rockford (Guilford) and Annmarie Steffen, Activities Director – Bloomington (H.S.) for their service to the IHSA
- The tentative date for the Activities Director Advisory Committee meeting next year will be May 11, 2021