

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
May 11, 2021**

The Illinois High School Association Activities Director Advisory Committee met via Zoom conference call on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present were Katie Odell, Activities Director, Skokie (Niles West High School); Sally Phillip, Activities Director, Hinsdale (Central); Lisa Martinez, Activities Director, Moline High School, Nicole Maurer, Activities Director, Normal Community High School; Brad Hulet, Athletic/Activities Director, Canton High School; John Moad, Athletic/Activities Director, Granite City; At Large Member, Principal Marcus Belin, Huntley High School was unable to attend; Sara Flanigan, Activities Director, Wauconda High School was also in attendance. Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director, conducted the meeting.

I. REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Bass Fishing

No recommendations

B) Chess

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: Changes to Submitted Strength Order (VI-A-3&4)

C) DWR! Sportsmanship

Terms and Conditions

Approved recommendation 1: IHSA Hate Speech and Harassment Policy

Approved recommendation 2: IHSA Hate Speech and Harassment Policy PSA

D) Esports

No recommendations

E) Journalism

No recommendations

F) Music

Music Solo and Ensemble Terms and Conditions

Approved recommendation 1: Change VIII.B.I. Subsection 408 to “Other Strings”

Approved recommendation 2: Adjust “Orchestra” category to reflect the broader term “Strings” throughout the document. Most notably Article X.C.4, and on the winning groups plaques.

Approved recommendation 3: Delete required Scales and Tonal Skills Section

Approved recommendation 4: VIII. A. 2. SWEEPSTAKES MAXIMUMS

Music Organization Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: Organizational Contest Date for 2022 and 2025

G) News Media

No recommendations

H) Scholastic Bowl

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: Amend Rule 4-H-1k and 4-H-1l

Approved recommendation 2: Add new rules 4-H-1m and 4-H-1n

Approved Recommendation 3: Make the following adjustments/additions to the case book regarding changes to Rule 4-H-1

I) Speech

Individual Events Terms and Conditions: No Recommendations

Debate Terms and Conditions: No Recommendations

Drama Terms and Conditions: No Recommendations

J) Student Advisory Committee

No recommendations

II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS

Bass Fishing

- Heard an update on the upcoming 2021 state series
- Discussed head-to-head formats and minimum contest requirements

Chess

- Discussed rule recommendation – Rule 12 Section 8
- Reviewed administrative recommendation regarding virtual matches for the 2021-22 school year

DWR! Sportsmanship

- Reviewed Student Section Showdown

Esports

- Reviewed the timeline for an Esports State Series to be recommended to the IHSA BOD

Journalism

- Reviewed the 2020-21 Virtual Contest State Series

- Heard an update regarding the 2021-22 state final venue at Heartland Community College

Music

- Reviewed the 2020-21 Virtual Contest State Series

News Media

- Committee took no action due to COVID-19

Scholastic Bowl

- Supported an administrative recommendation to continue with Brad Fischer as the Head Editor for the IHSA State Series Questions.

Speech Events (Individual Events, Debate and Drama)

- Reviewed the Virtual Contest State Series

General Discussion

- Stacy Lambert reviewed information on the IHSA All-State Academic Team & Academic Recognition Awards.
- Knoblauch discussed online courses available at [NFHS Learn](#).
[NFHS Learn – Performing Arts Courses](#)
New Courses: [Theatre Safety](#)
[Implicit Bias](#)
[Covid-19 Course](#)
- Knoblauch reviewed NFHS Awards programs and processes for submission (Outstanding Speech, Drama, & Debate Educator; Outstanding Music Educator; and Heart of the Arts Awards). [NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award](#) & [Outstanding Speech, Debate & Theatre Educator Award](#) & [NFHS Heart of the Arts Award Nominations](#)
- Knoblauch shared information regarding COVID-19 resources and the performing arts as we transition back to in-person activities.
[COVID-19 Resources](#)
[Aerosol Study](#)
- Knoblauch shared that the U.S. Department of Education has put out a call for real-life examples of successful back-to-school risk management practices for pre-k through college classrooms that will then be available to teachers and administrators in a clearinghouse as they plan to return to in-person learning [Safer Schools and Campuses - U.S. Department of Education Clearinghouse for Best Practices for Performing Arts Education: COVID 19 Best Practices Clearinghouse](#).
- Sally Phillips shared the IDSA conference dates - April 7-8, 2022.
- The committee recognized Katie Odell, Activities Director, Skokie (Niles West High School); and Brad Hulet, Activities/Athletic Director, Canton High School for their service to the IHSA.
- The tentative date for the Activities Director Advisory Committee meeting next year will be May 10th, 2022.