



May 2017 IHS GCA Agenda/Minutes

Call to order:

7:14

Attendance:

*Julian Basler
Michael Costa
Steve Foerch
Chad Jaros
Greg Gebhardt
Sam Zeman
Tom Huml
Scott Phillips
Eric Harima
Keith Mukai
Adrian Batista
Ryan Dul
Brandon Tucker
Scott Hagel
Mike Galfi
Doug Foerch
Alex Pajor
Chris Jordan
Frank Novakowski
Blaise Blasko
Tim Whelan
Erik Bostrom
Mike Opsal
Zach Crandall
Greg Didech*

Current Balance :

10,227.17

State Meet:

- Friday May 12th at 5:30 and Saturday May 13th at 11:30
- Hinsdale Central

- For Friday Teams should not arrive before 3:15.
- Thank you Mark And Hinsdale for hosting for the 4th and final year.
- 2018 Location still TBD

- *Doug Foerch - Attempt to start team finals earlier on friday, and the host school in recent years has not accommodated that request. We should bring this up to Tracy and ask that an earlier start time be one of the things that drives the decision. Ideally 12:00pm*
 - *Secoded Sam Zeman*

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

- Monday, May 15th, 2017. Morava Center (Bill Watts)
- 110 W Camp McDonald Rd, Prospect Heights, IL 60070
- Coaches awards will be announced before State competition on Saturday May 13th but the certificates will be handed out at the HOF Banquet on the 15th.
- Old Orchard Golf Club in Mt. Prospect
- Fill out the form on the website to reserve your spot:
<http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=18>
- Banquet Starts at: 7:00 PM

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Hoffman Estates HS
- Friday May 19th, 6:00 pm
- Make sure each gymnast has a coach in attendance.
- Thank you in advance to the volunteer judges:
Didech, Wronkiewicz, Brackman, Avigliano, MacDonald, Donaldson, Kafka(Alternate)
- Please remember to respect this meet and treat it as a state series meet in which coaches and gymnasts present themselves in a professional manner

Judging:

- Please continue to rate your judges through the State series.
- Please consider registering to judge.
 - The deadline to renew as a judge is June 30th
- *Frank Novakowski - Speaking as IHSA clinician, and not many ratings are being entered. 9 / ~55 potential ratings. The ratings are used to determine sectional and state meet officials. They also provide feedback to officials about how they're are doing. It's important for coaches to rate your officials. Frank talked to another coach who has put in 74 ratings this year. Please remember to rate your officials.*
- *Blaise Blasko - Your comments help as well. The comments go to the IHSA and help with event selection in the state series.*

2017 Voting

- To be eligible to vote you must be a full member: Dues paid, and have attended two meetings prior to the May meeting.
- IHSGCA Coach of the year
 - Two at large spots *Greg Gebhardt and Sam Zeman*
- Executive Board/Secretary (1 Position)
- Steering Committee (5 Positions)
- Rules Committee (Only 5 accept)
- Hall of Fame Committee (2 positions to fill this year)

Results:

- *Executive Board*
 - *Eric Harima*
- *Steering Committee*
 - *Kyle Padera*
 - *Alex Pajor*
 - *Ryan Dul*
 - *Frank Novakowski*
 - *Greg Gebhardt*
- *Rules Committee*
 - *Chad Jaros*
 - *Frank Novakowski*
 - *Gregg Didech*
 - *Scott Hagel*
 - *Ryan Brown*
- *Hall of Fame*
 - *Jeff Levin*
 - *Bob Esposito*
- *Press Coverage*
 - *Bill Stone*
- *2017 Coach of the Year*
 - *?*

New Executive Board for 2017-2018:

Ryan Brown - President
Erik Bostrom - Vice President
Chad Jaros - Treasurer
Eric Harima - Secretary

Fundraising:

50/50 raffle fundraiser at Glenbard West Sectional

- Raised \$235 and after the split we got \$118
- *Policy in some schools that only boosters could do it, one school just said no, and one said it was too last minute, raised 235, take home 118.*
- *In future perhaps more will participate or boosters can help do it and then split to help the program*

All-Star meet letter for businesses (Emailed earlier today)

- *Seek local businesses to take out ad letters to donate money to raise more funds for us*

Brewery Options:

- Waiting to see about a December date for Lagunitas. (We will find out sometime around June)
- Revolution Brewery Aug. 8th for a summer fundraiser.
 - Next years president (Ryan Brown) will send out details as we get closer to the date.
- *Breweries still being investigated- lagunitas in june, rev is going forward and should be available- Tuesday august 8th, still waiting to hear back*

Philanthropy:

Future IHSGCA Scholarship/s

- Consider increasing the IHSGCA scholarship to \$1500 to split in \$1000 and \$500 allocations.
- *After all the discussion and potential for funds- perhaps more scholarships could be given if we can raise the funds for it- perhaps a \$1000 and a \$500 and increasing the funds, or splitting and increasing the number of kids. If we have the funds and can help the kids that is what we are here for... another pro is \$1000 actually seems like something- where \$500 isn't much these days. A con would be if there are only 2 guys nominated... Ultimately the SC would decide if there are two deserving individuals who have been nominated to receive the award.*

Rule Proposals:

- IX.A.4 “A proposer will read and explain his proposal(s) and answer questions only for clarification.”
- IX.A.5 “No debate shall be allowed on any proposal at this meeting.”
- IX.A.6 “A proposed rule change must be seconded by a full member to be brought before the membership for debate; otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration.”

Rule Updates

Remove rule mandating covering of tattoos

Tim Hamman

In our rulebook the following is listed:

p.29 H.3 Any visible tattoo that is not covered receives a medium behavior deduction.

I would like to propose to delete/abandon/not enforce Rule H3 on page 29 to be more in line with current attitudes and JO / NCAA rules on this noncompetitive issue.

Rationale

This is an archaic and old fashion rule. This is a rule for when tattoos were less prominent in our society. Not matter your personal opinions on tattoos, it is a fact that more and more coaches AND students have them as the attitudes towards them in our culture have shifted. This is also evident in the fact that JO, NCAA, and beyond no longer have this rule. It would be ironic that our gymnasts can go to a meet at UIC and see college gymnast with uncovered tattoos, but then be forced to cover them for a high school meet.

These is also the issue of the tape and whatnot used to cover the tattoo hindering the performance of the gymnast, coming lose during a routine/falling off. I at this point see no justification for this rule, and a performance justification **against it**.

Constitutional Amendments

All-State Definition

Brandon Tucker

When a gymnast places in the top-10 in the event finals they are an ALL-STATE athlete.

Rationale

I think our association should help support our gymnasts to receive accolades. Many schools have different policies concerning what constitutes "All-State" but we are the experts and should define this in our constitution.

We could make this top-3 or top-5, but I would rather be more inclusive and recognize the top-10, I feel as if it will help promote / prolong our sport.

Resolutions

Rules committee to distinguish rule changes from interpretations

Chad Jaros

Part 1:

The Rules Committee shall distinguish between a "rule change" and an "interpretation".

Rule Change Any statement that contradicts or amends an existing rule, or creates a meaningful addition to the rules as outlined in the NFHS Manual and FIG Code of Points.

Interpretation Any statement that explains or clarifies the meaning of rules or how rules apply to routine construction and evaluation. An interpretation may not contradict, amend, or create a meaningful addition to the existing rules except in the case that two or more rules contract each other.

Part 2:

The Rules Committee may make and disseminate interpretations at any time.

The Rules Committee may not make or enforce rule changes during boys season except to ensure the safety of the gymnasts. Rule changes should be voted on by the Association prior to enforcement.

Interpretations and rule changes shall be distinguished from each other when they are published, either by tracking them in separate documents or by denoting the type of statement if they appear in the same document.

Rationale

The goal of this is to help the Rules Committee be crystal clear about the effect of any statements made during the season, and to help avoid modifications to the rules while season is in session. Enforcing new rule modifications during season has historically been a source of confusion for judges and coaches that we can avoid.

Allow proposal and adoption of rule changes in any year

Chad Jaros

The IHSGCA may propose and adopt rule changes in any calendar year. Rule changes will be added to a Rule Updates appendix to the NFHS Manual and will supercede the rules written in the FIG Code of Points and the NFHS Manual.

The Rule Updates appendix may not be modified during boys season. If a rule change is voted on and approved during season, it will be incorporated into the Rule Updates appendix following the State Series and first enforced the following season.

Every effort should be taken incorporate all of the Rule Updates into the new NFHS Manual whenever it is rewritten.

Rationale

I don't see any reason why need to wait for a NFHS Manual rewrite to propose and adopt rule changes. JO has historically amended their rules between FIG Code updates using a document similar to the proposed Rule Updates appendix. Also, a Rule Updates appendix seems to be authorized by our current NFHS Manual in Chapter 2, I.A.1.c (page 27).

Non-Binding Constitutional Resolution

2021 Judge Recruiting Challenge (4yrs, expires 2021)

Proposer: Keith Mukai

The association will work toward a four-year goal of having 80% of teams produce at least one IHSA official from the team's coaching staff and/or team alums. Each new official should judge at least three meets that year. When a team recruits a new judge they shall be announced and lauded at the next association meeting. A final tally may be reported when this resolution expires at the conclusion of the 2021 season.

Constitutional Amendment

Annual Scholarship award

Mike Opsal

Add a section to Article XII (Awards, Honors, and Gifts) in our constitution that states that a minimum of one \$1,000 scholarship be awarded each year with an attempt to give a second \$500 scholarship if the steering committee approves that there are enough funds to do so, as well as enough deserving applicants to be awarded a second scholarship.

Rationale

I believe that if we continue to earn money through fundraising then we should make an effort to give out more than one scholarship if possible to the deserving high school gymnasts that have been selected. In the past we have split the \$1,000 scholarship between two gymnasts but having this in our constitution will offer the opportunity to keep the \$1,000 award and award a second individual a \$500 award if the SC deems that individual as deserving.

-Any proposals for rule changes will not go into effect until the new book is released in 2020

- *Tattoos*
 - *Seconded by Chad Jaros*
- *All State*
 - *Seconded By Sam Zeman*
 - *Do we need to do anything with the IHSA advisory board? Not that we know of.*

- *Rules*
 - *Seconded by Erik Bostrom*
- *Rule Updates Doc*
 - *Seconded by Mike Opsal*
- *Judge Recruiting*
 - *Seconded by Alex Pajor*
- *Scholarship*
 - *Seconded by Adrian Bautista*

Calendar:

Monday May 15th-Hall of Fame Banquet

Friday May 19th John Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet

For the Good of the membership/additional items:

- Graduating gymnasts email info to keep in contact
 - Fill out the google form so that the Exec. board can keep in contact with them in hopes to bring more coaches/judges in.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BgGkw2ztLKuElbxhwgbj3VAY877kui-He_h_oMS_bVk/edit
- Good luck at state everyone!
- *Keith Mukai*
 - *Camp - Option for kids to work out in the offseason*
 - *When we get the final details - Thursday / Friday in the fall when the school starts*
 - *\$180, coached. Using park district*
 - *Handout to be sent to Opsal*
- *Doug Foerch*
 - *At the state meet last year, one 4in skill mat -- everybody was fighting over it. Why not just have 4 mats there. Doug Foerch, Scott Hagel are bringing one. Maybe get one from Hinsdale South. Volunteers to get two more?*
 - *Erik Bostrom, Greg Gebhardt will bring one each*
 - *Blaise says you may need to clear bringing mats with the IHSA.*
- *Keith Mukai*
 - *There's always an opinion on score expectations. At some level there is some disagreement about execution. If you're not the one judging, your opinion doesn't really count. You need to look at your kids performance and at the scores. If you don't like how the events are being judged, do something about it and go judge yourself.*
 - *It's not crazy to think that a majority of coaches who judge are judging the state meet. If our most important meets are primarily judged by veteran judges who are not active coaches, our standard as coaches are not being represented in the scores at the state meet.*
 - *We need judges who are coaches to be in the state meet. Please be a judge even (especially) if your team is not on the path to state.*
 - *Frank*
 - *At the clinic do you think it might be more beneficial at the clinic to judge JV routines. The clinic currently covers only Varsity routines.*
 - *Chad Jaros & Eric Harima*
 - *Judge not great HS routines at the clinic*
 - *Point out the differences where some guys made it to State and others didn't*

- *Blaise*
 - *At the sectional level, schools may only bring a sting mat*
 - *At the state meet, schools may not bring any mat. All mat will be provided by the Host school.*
 - *It's probably a good idea to contact Tracy about bringing the 4 inch mats.*
- *Blaise*
 - *Invitation for feedback to improve judging clinic?*

Meeting Adjourned:

8:28