



# Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association

March 21, 2018  
Steering Committee Agenda/Minutes

Call to order: 7:01

Attendance: Ryan Brown, Ethan Sansone, Frank Novakowski, David Calisch, Blaise Blasko, Jim Lutz, Paul Kim, Brandon Tucker, Chad Jaros, Keith Mukai, Richard Meyer, Doug Foerch, Scott Phillips, Tom Huml, Sam Zeman, Bill Cordts, Alex Pajor, Eric Harima

Current Balance: 10,237.05

*Balance at this time last year: \$10,534.72*

## Hall of Fame 2018 Banquet

- Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:00pm
- Morava Center 110 W Camp McDonald Rd, Prospect Heights
- Inductees: Howard Rubin and Scott Hagel
- Coaches awards will be announced before state competition on Saturday
- Certificates will be awarded at the HOF Banquet
- Golfing is optional; please make every possible attempt to attend the HOF Banquet.
  - Old Orchard Golf Club in Mt. Prospect
  - Sign up for golfing through the link on the IHSGCA website
    - <http://ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=18>
- Additional information will be emailed out

## Officials:

- Coaches and officials - video/test are now available
  - Email Tracie Henry to link your coaching and judging account, so you do not have to watch the video twice. [thentry@ihsa.org](mailto:thentry@ihsa.org)
  - **March 20th was the final date to take the test.**
- Several meets still need to be filled, some meets are completely unfilled, others are single judges needed for invites. Hagel, Hamman, and I had to judge during our tri-meet due to not having enough judges. Please get involved and see if you can take one to help diffuse the number of meets others are taking.
- Bob Russell had to personally call people to find officials for a meet yesterday.
- **Contact Bob Russell for openings.**
  - [robertrussellgymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:robertrussellgymnastics@gmail.com)
- Please be patient with new judges
- Please rate officials after each varsity meet- Stay current with this and your top 15 list
  
- You have to pay \$15 to take the test late if you missed the deadline
- You may also pay \$15 to retake the test if you want to improve your test score

## Clarification on Rules:

- Please stay up to date with Rule Interps.
- Please be aware that the IHSA Rule Book has been updated.

- <http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>
- The Non-Diagrammed A skills list was updated last on March 21st. The interpretations were last updated around March 8th. Please make sure you check the rules documents for updates often.
- The rules committee will make their best effort to notify the association (coaches and judges) on every update to the interpretations or rules.
- We are in dire need of judges. There are many meets that are understaffed with judges at this moment.
- Please make the sacrifice to leave your gym early and take a few judging assignments.
- Encourage your assistant coaches to register to judge and take judging assignments.
- Ryan -- Taking judging assignments is hard because you have to sacrifice time in the gym to do so.
- Blaise -- Maybe start meets at 7:00 to alleviate the pressure of taking time out of practices to go judge
- Bill -- Is there a possibility of enticing semi-retired NCAA judges to come out and judge high school? If we move gymnastics to a fall sport, that may help
- Keith -- Planning to start a new freshman meet next year. This may be a good opportunity to break in new judges and improve their confidence
- Bill -- Is there a way to allow coaches to attend meetings remotely, either by skype or other digital means?

#### Important dates:

- Seeding Information: Tuesday, March 27
- List of Participants: Monday, April 16
- Senior Gymnast of the Year: nominations are due prior to the April meeting, 4/18/18.
  - Nominations are submitted online on the IHSOCA website.
    - <http://ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=17>
  - Resumes will be emailed prior to the voting at the sectional meet.
- John Brinkworth Scholarship: nominations are due by April 19.
  - Nomination form and letters of Recommendation are emailed to Betty Axelson-McClelland: [Eggsgymbetty@aol.com](mailto:Eggsgymbetty@aol.com)
  - Nomination form is found on the IHSOCA website
    - [http://ihsgca.org/\\_fileUploads/20180117\\_080351\\_10.pdf](http://ihsgca.org/_fileUploads/20180117_080351_10.pdf)
- IHSOCA Scholarship: nominations are due prior to the April meeting, 4/18/18.
  - Nominations are submitted online on the IHSOCA website.
  - <http://ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=16>
- Sectionals: May 2-5
- State meet: May 11-12 at Hoffman Estates High School
- Senior All-Star meet potentially being hosted by Hinsdale South
- Entering your seeding scores can be confusing. You may enter scores for additional meets if you press the "Do you have another meet to enter?" button within the IHSA website after entering a seeding score. You should enter all of your meets scores.
- Please nominate more gymnasts for IHSOCA scholarship, Brinkworth, and SGotY. We would like to see wider representation from gymnasts across the state. Competition for these awards has typically not been stiff.
- Can you nominate the same gymnast for all three gymnast awards?

- A IHSGCA scholarship nominee would typically not also be a SYotG or Brinkworth candidate. This is typically something for a hard working and spirited student who demonstrates need, but who may not be a gifted gymnast.
- Please get started on your nominations soon. They take a substantial amount of effort.
- Blaise -- Will Hinsdale South need help hosting the All-Star meet?
  - Ryan -- He's already asked for help, and will receive it.
  - Keith is also willing to pitch in

#### IHSGCA Meeting Calendar:

Assoc: Wednesday, April 18, 7:00pm @RMHS

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HOF: Monday, May 14, 7:00pm @Morava Center

- No additional comments

#### UIC Remaining Home Meets/NCAA Championships:

- **Thurs. Apr. 19 - Sat. Apr. 21, 2018**      **NCAA Championships @UIC Pavilion**
  - Join the Facebook page for the most up to date information on how the IHSGCA is supporting UIC and this prestigious honor hosting the NCAA Championships
    - Search (National Gymnastics Reunion 2018) on Facebook
    - [National Gymnastics Reunion 2018 -- Facebook Group](#)
    - [NCAA Gymnastics Alumni -- Facebook Group](#)
  - Announce at all home meets to encourage parents and gymnasts to attend
  - Please discuss within your conference to share the cost of transportation to the meet.
  - Charlie Nelson - UIC Head Coach
    - 312.498.1948
    - [cnelso4@uic.edu](mailto:cnelso4@uic.edu)
  - Purchase tickets for the Finals (5/21 6:00) ASAP on the chance it sells out or becomes difficult to buy group rate tickets; *specify student tickets.*
    - UIC Pavilion Box Office Phone #: (312)413-5740 or (312)413-5741
  - NCAA/IHSGCA t-shirts - \$10
    - All coaches bringing team members are encouraged to have boys purchase and wear the shirt as a show of Illinois high school gymnastics unity.
    - Use the following link to pre-order t-shirts for your team through April 1
    - <https://goo.gl/forms/A0zyOr1ypg3g79gP2>
      - **Be advised: this pre-order is binding**; amount owed for the exact number of shirts pre-ordered is due at the April meeting: April 18.
    - T-shirt pick up date April 18th at Rolling Meadows, IHSGCA meeting
- Brandon -- Goal is to sell 500 t-shirts. He is bringing 25 kids to the meet, and they will all be wearing the shirts. Let's do it and show some unity, and raise money for the association for this.
- Paul -- Can we sell the shirts at cost? It's already hard enough to sell shirts for \$10, and we're already pulling enough money out of the kids for meet tickets and transportation.
  - Brandon is doing extra fundraisers to pay for the shirts, etc.
  - Steering committee talked about it at the last meeting, and decided to go with \$10.
- Brandon -- Kids can also reuse the shirts for conference and sectionals.
- Keith -- Can the association credit back the potential association profit on shirts for schools who ask for it?
- Frank -- Motion: If the cost of the shirt is less than \$10, any coach that asks for credit back for the association profits from their portion of the order will be paid back.

- Ryan seconded
- Motion passes unanimously
- Brandon -- Spread the word about the shirts.
- Eric H -- Please consider volunteering to deliver shirts for coaches that live or coach near you to entice them to make an order.

#### IHSGCA Meeting Mini-Clinics

- No volunteers or requests for this month.
- Following each of the association meetings, mini-clinics will be run by fellow coaches.
  - Please use the following link if you are interested in leading a 10-15 minute mini-clinic after any of the association meetings, to suggest mini-clinic topics and/or presenters for future meetings
    - <https://goo.gl/forms/WCUndZmITFLMry703>
- No additional comments

#### Harper College Setting Up Club Team

- Contact Eric Harima - [Gymnastshs@gmail.com](mailto:Gymnastshs@gmail.com) - with potential gymnasts at Harper.
- Team has one gymnast so far
- Please let Harima know if you have any graduating kids that will be attending Harper.
- Workouts are at The Gymnastics Shop on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Sundays
- We should notify existing MSL graduates

#### For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

- If a member hasn't paid they can still pay for the membership in order to vote provided they attend the two required meetings.
  - \$25 dollars for head coach
  - \$20 for assistant
- Recruiting coaches - Frank
- Moving boys gymnastics to the fall - Bill Cordts
- Proposal submitted by Bill Cordts
  - Resolution -- Move boys gymnastics season to the fall
  - This may help with finding judges, perhaps club and NCAA judges that have a more lax schedule in the fall
  - This may hurt the sport because we may lose coaches
  - Follow up for proposal at May meeting
- Proposal submitted by Blaise Blasko
  - Constitutional Amendment to Article III, Membership, A-4
    - A Full member must be present at ~~two~~ **four** Association meetings prior to the May meeting
  - Seconded by Alex
- Frank -- On recruiting coaches
  - We may be overlooking coach recruiting as we emphasize judge recruiting. Do people have any ideas?
  - Bill -- Has a volunteer coach who is interested, helped to pay for AESP certification
  - Brandon -- Help spread the word how easy the ASEP certification is

- Alex -- Try to recruit at club gyms. That's how Frank recruited him
- Ryan -- Has 5 former gymnasts who are working at club gyms during college. He can see if they want to move into HS
- Frank - IHSA Advisory Board meeting in 2 weeks. If you want to bring anything up please let Frank know.
  - Doug -- Can we get 10 medals at state for finals?
    - Blaise -- Was anybody here on the advisory board in the last couple of years. Medal issue may have been approved by the advisory board but voted down by the Board of Control.
  - Doug -- Can we start the team meet on Friday earlier? It may help with the late night and back-to-back days.
    - Parking lot may be a problem on Friday with kids getting out of school.
    - Girls have 2 sessions, one at 2pm friday, one at 2pm saturday. Individual prelims is at the same time as team finals, and team final routines count for indi prelims.
    - Ryan will bring it up to his A.D. for future years.
- Bill -- If your legs dip on a front-uprise to L, do you get credit?
  - Frank -- The same angle rules apply as for a static L. If you legs dip below 45 degrees, Large deduction and no credit. Also if arms bend more than 45 degrees, may be large deduction and no credit. Same for Kip-L.
- Rolling Meadows Invite starts at 6pm

Meeting Adjourned: 20:21