

March 2023 Association Meeting

March 13th, 2023 @ 7pm



Call To Order

7:05pm

Attendance

In-person

Jason Brandenburg	Jeff Wronkiewicz	CJ Patton	Jeff Levin
Blaise Blasko	Paul Kim	Frank Novakowski	George Joseph
Adrian Batista			

Virtual

Scott Phillips	Chris Lunsford	Tom Huml	Carlos Fuentes
Howie Rubin	Keith Mukai	Luke Badger	Dan Bajek
Doug Foerch	Tony Ciezadlo	Dave Calisch	Don Raymond
Keith Mukai	Scott Phillips	Julian Basler	Harima
A Ciezadlo	Bajek	Sam Zeman	Tucker
Luke Badger	Dennis Wellman	Bill Cordts	Andy Foerch
Wood			

Balance

- Current Balance: \$10,616.27
- Balance at this time last year:\$9,492.22

State of Gymnastics

Brandon Tucker and Blaise Blasko have been putting together some ideas in the event that we are no longer supported by the IHSA.


Here are the [ideas/thoughts](#) Blaise and Brandon have worked on so far.

An emerging sport can run EXCEPT the IHSA will NOT support a state series.

Moving Forward

- David Smidl, former Fremd gymnast, put together this video to increase awareness.
 - <https://youtu.be/7mBWi7xFFQE>
 - Posted on our [Instagram](#) account
- Dick Quagliano reached out to me about an upcoming article that will be in the Daily Herald. He already reached out to Bart Conner and was going to reach out to the IHSA as well.
- Testimonials should still be pushed for those that have now yet completed it
- Encourage parents to speak at school board meetings on the positive impact of gymnastics

- Increase instagram and social media presence, add #savehsgymnastics @il_boysgymnastics @ihsa_il

-  IHSOCA Instagram gym flyer [At bottom of the agenda as well](#)

2023 Season/Dates

Freshman State Meet


A- Have the frosh state meet on Sun 4/30 at GBS at 1PM

Each school could nominate 2 gymnasts per event, or we need to discuss how the gymnasts qualify as my conference meet is the day before and we probably need to figure out who is going more than a day ahead

B- Keep the frosh state meet and combine with Senior meet on Wed 5/17 but West Suburban frosh cannot attend


[Survey](#) - sent out at the meeting, [Also a reminder to all conference reps to see freshman participation interest.](#)

National Meet (June 17-22)

- Information here:  National Meet Information
- Volunteers would be needed to take this on:
 - Qualifications
 - Chaperones
 - Etc.

If interested, email secretary@ihsgca.org and I will connect you with other interested coaches.

Upcoming Dates

- IHSA Seeding is due Tuesday, March 28th
- IHSA list of participants due Monday, April 17th
- Nominations for Committees & Exec Board are due at the April Association Meeting (4/17)
- Application due dates
 - IHSOCA- Due by April Association Meeting (4/17) [IHSOCA Form](#)
 - John Brinkworth-April 20th  JOHN BRINKWORTH
 - Senior Gymnast of the Year- due by April Association meeting (4/17) [SGOY](#)

Association Meetings-

- Monday, April 17, 2023
- Monday, May 8, 2023 (voting)
- Monday, May 15, 2023 (HOF Banquet)

Fundraising

- From Gregg Didech:
 - We are hosting boys usag regionals the weekend of March 30th thru April 2nd in Bourbonnais. It's an opportunity to raise money for IHSGCA. Setup is Thursday, March 30th at 9 am and takedown is Sunday, April 2 at 8:30pm.
 - If interested please sign up here: [Gym Setup/takedown](#)

Judging

- [Russell judging assignments](#)
- [Gebhardt judging assignments](#)
- Make sure we are rating our officials after meets.

Rules Proposals

 IHSGCA March 2023 Rule Proposals

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Updates/News:

65th Reunion

- When: After the meet on Friday and Saturday
- Location: Main Event 2575 Pratum Ave Hoffman Estates

Sam Zeman - Illinois House of Rep, & Senate, approved a resolution to support gymnastics(boys&girls) in IHSA. Recommended to read resolution at a board meeting. Sam will have a copy to read at the board meetings.

- Illinois House Resolution (HR0027) was passed showing support of boys gymnastics.
 - [HR0027](#)
 - Congratulates the Illinois High School Association and Illinois' students, coaches, and parents on 70 years of boys gymnastics and 50 years of girls gymnastics achievements. Commends the IHSA for its continued official support of boys and girls gymnastics in the State of Illinois
 - How to proceed with this?
 - Post on website

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

Highland Park Contact Brian Bekkedal Head Coach

Continue the search for new coaches. Keep in touch with alumni for coaching and judging.

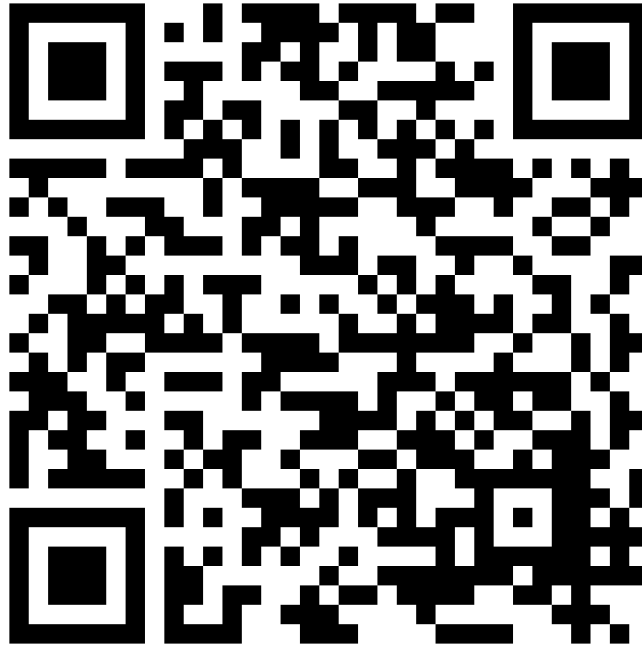
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[Second:Patton](#)

Gymnasts, Friends, & Family!

We need your help to hype IHSA boys gymnastics on Instagram!
This social media push is a vital part of our campaign to save our sport!

1. Follow #SaveHSGymnastics on Instagram:



2. POST lots of awesome, fun, POSITIVE team pics & videos

- a. Hashtag it up for max exposure, but especially: **#savehsgymnastics**
- b. Include **@ihsa_il** so they see it.

3. LIKE ****everything**** that others post on that hashtag

- a. Enthusiastic comments are great, too!

4. PARTICIPATE in challenges from the community

REMEMBER: We're trying to show the IHSA how amazing our sport is and that we are worth saving. We need you to make us all look good. Use good judgment. PLEASE.