

Steering Committee Meeting

June 15th, 2023 @ 1:30pm

Agenda/Minutes



Virtual Meet LINK:

<https://meet.google.com/ggf-bcdd-ahk>

Call To Order 7:03pm 6/29/23

Attendance

Balance

- Current Balance: \$7,136.45 (not including reimbursement for testimonials)
- Balance at this time last year: \$8,808.62
- **About \$6,000**

State of Gymnastics in IHSA

Brandon Tucker Plan B committee materials

[Survey Results](#)

[Other Info](#)

Support for gymnastics D211, CSL (most likely all in), D214-(MSL E) district decision, Palatine- MSL will decide as more info gets out there, Glenbrook North/South- likely in, Lyons is in, Highland park likely in,

Niles West is fighting to not become a co-op with Niles North.

Maine East is no longer supporting boys gymnastics

[Letter from D211 Superintendent](#)

[One more survey](#)

Judging

- Judges will need to be USAG certified
 - Do we need to be certified? Can IHSGCA be the governing body? Probably ties into the insurance question.

- USAG runs a two day judges clinic, in person.
- Judging Clinics
 - Dates & Times?
 - Rulebook?
 - Do we need the same IHSA hate speech, concussion, cpr, etc? (Many school districts are making this mandatory.)

If we choose to be USAG certified, it will need to be done in October. It is a 2 day clinic.

BUT the IHSA has inconsistent rules on judging, and is not clear about judging for emerging sports. (badminton there are no judges, IHSA Diving- coaches judge with only one IHSA official and two non-certified judges, tennis the athletes score until the state series)

What is the hesitancy to take USAG certification test?- Dave Masciola. The training is done in Hinsdale, Saturday & Sunday (at a middle school) About October 14/15 or 20/21. Requirements: register with USAG, a couple courses to take, attend a course, pass a test. Possible to do a one day course for IHSA.(must be approved before this can happen) Dave will look into if we can have an IHSA exception. Dave is open to help support if we move completely to USAG or otherwise.

Comments- many judges may not want to do this, this USAG is rigorous and works skills not seen in IHSA. It may be overwhelming.

ALSO GI Joe judges are not USAG certified.

Beth Sauser(?) - IHSA emerging sports liaison?

Frank Novakowski

<https://www.ihsa.org/About-the-IHSA/Administrative-Support-Staff/Beth-Sauser>

Can we compete against clubs?

Can kids workout in the same gym

What do we actually have to follow from the IHSA?

Coaching

- We are still defined as a sport under the IHSA emerging sports policy.

16. Emerging Sports Policy

Definition of Emerging Sport

Any sport for which IHSA does not conduct a state tournament series and which a member school elects to sponsor as either a sport under the auspices of its athletic administration or as a club or other informal sports activity shall be considered an emerging sport.

Purpose of Emerging Sports Policy

The Emerging Sport Policy is designed to establish parameters under which schools may engage in competitive sports activity even when state tournament series competition is not available for the sport. It will establish common ground rules and management policies for the sport among member schools and will facilitate the growth of such sports within the established confines of the Association's Constitution and By-laws.

Registration of Emerging Sport Programs

All member schools facilitating participation by students in any emerging sport shall register for participation in said sport(s) with the Association by adopting an Emerging Sport Resolution and filing a copy of said Resolution along with the registration forms supplied by the Association with the IHSA Office. IHSA will utilize Emerging Sport Registration Records to monitor the development of new sport activities in member schools and assist in determining when new state series should be considered.

Dates Sport May Be Conducted

Any school belonging to this Association may organize, practice or compete in an emerging sport at any time during its established calendar for the current school term, unless a specific season has been established.

Eligibility of Participants

Students who participate in emerging sports must be eligible under the provisions of IHSA eligibility by-laws.

- We will continue to follow IHSA rules and bylaws
- That means that a lot of what we do is actually likely to stay the same
- Any meet hosted at a public high school will fall under the school's insurance
- Gymnasts should NOT need to register under USAG

Per Discussion with Tracie Henry

CJ: will coaches need to be USAG certified and gymnasts need to be USAG members?

Tracie: School coaches will still need to follow IHSA By-law 2.070.

Schools will be able to list their boys gymnastics coach in the IHSA Schools Center. The coach will have to be ASEP or IHSA approved. See the reference below.

professionals; (IHSA) Future Health Professionals; SkillsUSA, and (ISA) Technology Student Association.

2.070 QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES

To serve a member school as a Head or Assistant Coach, athletic coaches in member schools must:

- be regularly certified by the ISBE as a teacher, administrator, or school service personnel (i.e. counselor, social worker, speech therapist, etc., including substitute teachers), or
- be a retired teacher/coach from an IHSA member school, or
- be a college student coaching as part of an official student teaching assignment, or
- be certified through HKCE, NFHS or other IHSA Board approved coaches certification program (see IHSA Policy Number 9 for a complete list of approved programs), and
- be at least 19 years of age, and
- be officially employed by the local school board of the member school.

2.071 All remuneration for high school athletic coaching must be from the Board of Education of the member school employing the coach.

Batista's Brainstorm: Emerging gymnastics

Plan of Action

- Asked Traci if she would be willing to give us a breakdown of costs of a gymnastics season

- Still waiting on this
- After talking with Frank we came down to 4 main expenses that we'd have to pay for:
 - Officials (Going rate for invites and state series was about \$120 per judge)
 - Flat fee (We have to pay host school)
 - Reference: IHSA pays \$700 to each host school for Sectionals and IHSA receives 80% of income (IHSA Terms & Conditions)
 - Pay the host school a certain percentage of the at-the-gate sales
 - Awards
- Chris Lunsford has made a [breakdown](#) reviewing potential costs

If possible, the more info we have (especially \$\$), the easier it will be to get schools to stay in the “new boys gymnastics”.

State Meet

- Need a host school - AD's will prefer a high school, insurance is easier than an outside facility.
 - Hoffman Estates?
 - York?
 - Prospect?
 - Palatine?
 - Possibly Northern Illinois (insurance??)
 - Paul Levon Premier West could host a state meet (insurance??)
 - Greg Didech would be willing to work something at any of his meets (insurance??)

- State series committee/season committee... Greg Gebhardt, Adrian Batista, Chris Lunsford, Bill Cordts, Keith Mukai, Jarrod Amolsch, CJ Patton. (email Adrian Batista adrbat@d219.org if you are interested in joining this committee)

Athletic Directors - 24 AD's have responded to the survey- 3 are dropping for sure, 5 are not sure, 16 will likely keep boys gymnastics

Comments: waiting to see what else is going on, co-ops, stipend structure, IHSA vs Club, most sustainable model, would like it to be similar to what we have now. Cost may come to athletes/programs.

For programs dropping- will the AD still allow an individual to compete even though the program is dropped? For example, would Maine East still be able to get their athletes to compete even if the program has been dropped? Just like individuals who did not have teams have competed when we were an IHSA sport.

Fundraising

Committee-

Ask for donations.

Texas - 1. They charge every school that enters the series \$500 to be a member. 2. Every athlete pays \$150. Individual qualifiers would be a smaller charge.

- T-Shirts
- Volunteering to set up club meets (NEED PARTICIPATORS!)
- Asking alumni for donations
- Casino Night

Moving to fall thoughts...we should get through 2024 as is, and after all the small details have been taken care of, then the move to fall discussion can come back. (sorry Bill Cordts) But this may increase teams if we were in the fall. Maybe we move to fall 2024 (assuming spring 2024 is successful)

Upcoming 2023-24 Season

Positions of Note

Conference Reps (as nominated at the 2022 Winter Clinic)

- CSL Adrian Batista adrbat@d219.org
- MSL East Zach Crandall zach.crandall@d214.org
- MSL West Eric Harima gymnastshs@gmail.com
- WSC Gold Bill Cordts bcordts@leyden212.org
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- Independent Greg Gebhardt greg.gebhardt@cusd200.org

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Future Meetings

Steering Committee Meetings -

- Monday, October 2, 2023
- Monday, November 6, 2023
- Monday, January 8, 2024
- Monday, February 5, 2024
- Monday, March 4, 2023
- Monday, April 1, 2023
- Monday, May 6, 2023

Association Meetings-

- Monday, November 13, 2023
- Friday, December 15, 2023 (December Clinic)
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024
- Monday, February 12, 2024
- Monday, March 11, 2024
- Monday, April 8, 2024
- Monday, May 13, 2024
- Monday, May 20, 2024 (HOF Banquet)

Rolling Meadows is able to host our association meetings in-person.

Meetings will be available in virtually or in-person

- a minimum of 3 meetings must be attended virtually (or one +clinic in person) before the voting meeting in order to vote.

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Frank will call Beth Sauser -

He will get some clarification on how flexible we can be with the by-laws

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions: Deerfield High School

Schaumburg High School

Assistant Coach Positions:

Meeting Adjourn

8:40

Second - Greg Gebhardt