

# December Association Meeting

December 1st, 2023 @ 8:30 am

Agenda/Minutes

Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/kjq-kium-veu>



## Call To Order - 8:37 am

Attendance-

In person-

CJ Patton	Lukas Styczen	Keith Mukai	Bill Cordts	Doug Foerch
Abi Diaz	Frank Novakowski	Ryan Dul	Jason Orna	Adrian Batista
Christian Lunsford	Dylan K.	Greg Gebhardt	Blaise Blasko	Jarrold Amolsch
Bruce Beiersdorf	Paul Kim	Rachel Fischer	Carlos Fuentes	Josh Cimo
Matt Meyer	Anthony Avella	Scott Philips	Jason Brandenburg	Edna Lundeen
Joon Yun	Jeff Wron	Dylan Kowatsch	Sam Smith	Zach Hitie

Virtual-

Andy Foerch	Howard Rubin	Alex Pajor		
Steve Foerch	Tom Huml	Sam Zeman		
Brandon Tucker	Xavier Berry			

## Balance

- Current Balance:
- Balance at this time last year: \$8,336.16

December Clinic Dues

Pay via Zelle : [treasurer@ihsgca.org](mailto:treasurer@ihsgca.org)

Please put in the memo the name of the school/people you are paying for

# **Finances**

## **Proposed 2023 Budget**

- [23-24 Budget Proposal](#)

# **State of Gymnastics**

## **Emerging Sport status**

What does this mean?

- We can still compete at Highschool's with athletes (essentially everything stays the same; minus being supported by the IHSA)
- We still follow the IHSA by-laws
- The IHSA no longer tracks Highschool athletes progression throughout the season
- IHSA no longer supports the state meet or Judges throughout the course of the season (IHSGCA will operate independent with regard to these)

### [LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT ARE REGISTERED \(19\)](#)

Addison (A. Trail)  
Carbondale (H.S.)  
Darien (Hinsdale South)  
Deerfield (H.S.)  
Downers Grove (North)  
Evanston (Twp.)  
Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South)  
Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)  
Glenview (Glenbrook South)  
Highland Park  
Hinsdale (Central)  
Hoffman Estates (Conant)  
LaGrange (Lyons)  
Libertyville  
Lincolnshire (Stevenson)  
Naperville (North)  
Palatine (Fremd)  
Palatine (H.S.)  
Skokie (Niles North)

**CONTACT YOUR AD'S. MAKE SURE YOUR SCHOOL IS REGISTERED AS AN EMERGING SPORT UNDER IHSA.**

- [State and Sectional Meets is an IHSA meet, however not sponsored by the IHSA.](#)

- Why do you have to?
  - If you are not registered as an emerging sport, then you are not allowed to compete at meets (IHSA policy)
- Events should be covered from the contracts between schools (covers insurance and everything else).
- Team = 3 counting scores (Comes From IHSA)

### By-law 3.107

“during the school year, a person who is a coach in any sport at a member school, may be involved in any respect with any non-school team, only if the number of squad members from his/her school which are on the non-school team roster does not exceed ½ the number of players needed to field a team in actual IHSA state series competition in that sport. The number of non-school team squad members that are counted only include those that are eligible to play in the next season of that sport”

- Bylaw is created for all IHSA sports, not specifically for gymnastics
- Individuals with approval can compete in anything!

### Judging

- Judges are now required to have:
  - [Extended AAU membership](#)
  - Annual Judge’s Clinic Attendance requirement
  - [NFHS Concussion Certification](#)
  - Require people to supply proof of background check (Screenshot, Print-Out, Etc.)
- Judging Clinic
  - Two Sessions will be offered
  - First Saturday in February (2/3/24)
  - Two Parter 2nd week of season (2/20 + 2/22) (possibly 21st)
  - At Lake Park High School

## IHSGCA State Series

### Sectionals

-Potentially have teams pay a “fee” to participate in the Sectional/State meet (This fee would likely be paid directly to the host school, rather than IHSGCA) (This could cover judging/medals/etc.)

- 4 sectionals
- ALL STATE QUALIFIERS ARE AT-LARGE
- Top 10 Team Scores make it to State
- Top 50 Individuals on each event make it to State
- Scoring System: Meetscorer

Sectional Week - April 29 - May 3

- Sectional 1: Glenbard West (Tuesday April 30th)
- Sectional 2: Niles West/Glenbrook South (Wed-Saturday)
- Sectional 3: Lake Park (CONFIRMED)
- Sectional 4: Lyons Township (CONFIRMED - Thursday May 2nd preferred by Athletic Director)

## Cost Breakdown

- Last association meeting the steering committee was tasked with estimating how much sectionals would cost the association and what this would look like logistically
- Chris Lunsford and Adrian Batista came up with a solid plan that would save money and still keep the meets running smoothly
- **There are no automatic qualifiers for state anymore. Only at-large scores**
- **Christian: Create at-large State qualifying program to make public.**
  - Determine who makes state (individual, AA, and Team)
- **Option 1:**
- **Option 2:**
  - New judges may not meet the threshold to judge State because of lack of number of Sectionals judged
  - Newer judges may not be able to gain that experience from veteran judges
- **Bill Cordts (Motion) - Idea to bring up capital cup setting for Sectionals (warm-up/compete)**
  - Have Steering Committee consider
  - 2nd - By Ryan Dul
- **Ryan Dul (Motion) - Hold vote until January on new Sectional until Option 3 has been created (capital cup)**
  - 2nd - Keith Mukai
- **Fundraiser Idea = Online donations - Very successful program from Bill (Leyden)**
  - Tax deductible
  - Done in Texas and Louisiana

## Idea of Fees For Athletes (Entire State Series):

- **Fees:**
  - **Per-school entry fee:**
    - Full team (5 or more athletes): \$250
    - Partial team (1-4 athletes): \$40 per athlete
  - Audience entry fee / donation
  - All proceeds go to the IHSGCA for:
    - Paying for officials, awards, etc.
    - Reimbursing host school expenses
    - Funding ongoing IHSGCA operations
- **Where does all the money go?**
  - **Some Concerns:**
    - Schools may not able to afford fees/schools may pay for it

**CJ - Vote for Changing original Sectional layout to new proposal - (Tabled for January by Ryan Dul)**

## State

May 11th

Hoffman Estates  
Single Day session  
[Schedule](#)

### **Rating System Executives**

*This subcommittee was proposed to be formed for the purpose of maintaining a fair and regulated system for rating officials, in a manner that eliminates potential bias from coaches and officials.*

#### [Rating System Executives Responsibilities](#)

Nominees: **(3 Individuals, plus host-site representative):**

Abi Diaz  
Doug Foerch  
Blaise Blasko

Representative from Host School  
Robert "Scott" Phillips

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment: Implement the Rating System Executives as a permanent body under the by-laws of our Constitution. (CJ Patton)**

- Pro/Con - January
- Voting - February

## **For the good of the Membership/New Business:**

Paul Kim: Looking for more schools for Fresh/JV/Varsity Invite

Adrian: [Invite Schedule](#)

- Frank - Would like to see Vic Invite continue, but does not need to be at Lake Park
  - Lake Park & Conant - Interested in hosting

### **Conference Reps**

CSL - Ryan Dul - seconded adrian batista

WSC Gold - Bill - seconded Jarrod Amolsch

WSC Silver - Sam Zeman - seconded Carlos

MSL East - Julian Basler

MSL West - Chris Lunsford - seconded Bill Cordts

Independent - Josh Cimo - Seconded Ryan Dul

- **Keep All Teams Together and Everything Is Running Correctly**

☰ Frosh PH 2024 compulsory

## Updates/News:

- **All MeetScorer licenses will be free for Boys Season**
  - **Reach out to Keith Mukai or Adrian Batista if you do not have it**
  - **WILL BE USED AS MAIN SCORING PROGRAM FOR REGULAR AND STATE SERIES**

## Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

- **York**
- **Mundelein (Potentially if coach and athlete interest is found)**

Assistant Coach Positions:

- **Schaumburg HS**

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

## Gymnastics Unification Committee (if we have time)

*Blaise and Josh Levin worked together to come up with a series of proposals that could help merge the worlds of high school and club sports together. The steering committee looked at these proposals*

*Some ideas to consider:*

**USAG State Meet serving as a 5th sectional qualifier (using the 10.0 conversion chart)**

*This would NOT take spots from high school gymnasts, but serve as an extra way for club gymnasts to qualify for state in the event they can not get to a sectional.*

*Could serve as a way for our cut programs to qualify as well.*

*NIU could potentially use their nonprofit to promote a scholarship that could pay for high school athletes' USAG memberships.*

*Full [proposal](#) and [response](#).*

**Moot point unless IHSA allows individuals to compete in a regular season competition?**

- **Vote To Make USAG State Meet as 5th Sectional:**
  - **Results:**
    - **Yes - 1**
    - **Nay - 18**
    - **Abstain - 2**

## **Meeting Adjourn**

10:24 am