

# December Association Meeting

December 13th, 2024 @ 8:00 am

Agenda/Minutes

Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/org-hkhs-jyx>



## Call To Order: 8:37 am

### Attendance

In person:

- Christian Lunsford
- Alex Pajor
- Ryan Dul
- Adrian Batista
- Paul Kim
- Carlos Fuentes
- Keith Mukai
- CJ Patton
- Matt Meyer
- Andy Issacson
- Bill Cordts
- Blaise Blasko
- Frank Novakowski
- Jason Brandenburg
- Dylan Gnat
- Samantha Smith
- Rachel Fisher
- Scott Phillips
- Jeff Wronkiewicz
- Matt Meyer
- Sam Zeman
- Howie Sokol
- Greg Gebhardt
- Anothy Avella
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Virtual:

- Steve Foerch
- Tom Huml
- Tori Chung-Swanson
- Xavier Barry
- Andrew Foerch

### Finances

#### Balance

- Current Balance: \$12,991.34
- Balance at this time last year: \$6,844.67

#### Association Dues:

##### Clinic Fees (includes membership dues):

Head Coaches:	\$100 (\$35 w/o clinic)
Asst. Coaches:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Judges:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Assoc. Member	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)

HOF member      No fee

## **Methods of Payment (receipts upon request)**

### **Receipts upon request**

- Check (make Payable out to IHSGCA):  
Adrian Batista at Niles West High School  
5701 Oakton St, Skokie, IL 60077
- Cash
- Pay via Zelle : treasurer@ihsgca.org

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

## **Proposed 2024 Budget**

- [24-25 Budget Proposal](#)
- Notes:
  - Expected a slight loss of funds from last year
  - Better to set up a new link to make sure money rotates just as Treasurer of Association
    - Can keep similar aspects when creating the new link
    - **Batista**
  - Fundraising:
    - Anyone willing to help reach out to local businesses to sponsor our State Meet?
      - We're going to try to have different decks based on \$\$\$
      - Template to use when reaching out?
      - Potential Sponsors:
        - Wintrust
        - Chick-FII-A
    - Sectionals and State could be self funded if run as an invite with setting as contracts being sent out.
      - Depends on school district policy and if all host schools follow a uniform price.
      - x2 LP Wrestling Meets: \$425 /each
      - Other hosts schools' contracts: \$325 - \$350
      - Last year - recommendation was made last year with goal to send to ADs
        - Change fee for next year?

## **State of Gymnastics**

### **MOVE TO FALL 2025**

At the conclusion of this Spring season, we will aim to move to the Fall of 2025.

Season Start dates & length of season (12 Weeks)

FALL 2025 SEASON

Week 1: August 11 - Season begins

Week 10: October 13-18 - CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Week 11: October 20-25 - SECTIONALS

Week 12: October 27 - November 1 - STATE MEET

- **NO HOST**

Why Make the move?

- Better gymnastics
  - More time to train during Summer camps (9 weeks of practice before first meet as opposed to the current 3 weeks) this would roll directly into the start of School and the Season on August 11.
  - Increase number of possible club gymnast to join because of no conflicts with Club meets or National team
  - No conflict with Boys Wrestling extending into the start of season
- Less conflicts
  - No scheduling problems for differences in spring breaks, the only indoor sport is girls volleyball
  - Less academic issues with athletes at the beginning of the school year
  - Fewer Fall sports than spring sports
- Increase Participation and draw attention to our sport in the fall
  - Gymnasts can perform in school pep assemblies at your school to gain attention in the fall.
  - More Cheerleaders would be willing to compete and get better at tumbling with quality instruction from coaches.
- Strong support from the clubs to move the sport to the Fall
- Coaches and athletes would get their Spring Break back
- 12 week season meaning it would cost less to keep Gymnastics around
- There would be a week buffer between Boys Season and Girls season
- This makes logical sense
- Ensures us one more season

## PROPOSED FALL 2025 Calendar with MEETS

- Notes:
  - Potentially reaching out to Park Districts to have your team summer camp listed in the summer activities program. Currently how Glenbards run summer camp.
  - Cheer did not move to fall
  - Christian:
    - Moving to spring itself could be the killing factor
    - Club athletes will not want to go (not many will want to go)
    - We do not know the support of our new Superintendent
  - CJ:
    - LP AD also said Fall 25/26
    - Do not believe it would kill
    - First fall season will be rough and through time can have a positive relationship and will improve
    - Won't be as bad with the different clubs
  - Ryan:
    - Struggle to recruit Freshmen during beginning of season
      - Easier to recruit later in school year because they are more comfortable in high school
      - Especially when season starts before school year starts
    - Stipend issues when lowered from 13 to 12 week season
    - Created an entire fall season to give to CSL ADs and were all onboard
    - Steering committee needs to make this happen ASAP
  - Alex:
    - What has this sport become?
    - Increase quality of sport because summer camps immediately to fall
    - Pulls more kids in the fall than battling out with more sports in the spring
    - Cons of moving to fall may not outway the push in moving it
      - Central and South dropping

- Approach as if we are moving to the fall and if it does not work this year and then make it work for the next
- Adrian:
  - ADs are looking just for enough numbers
  - We need a confirmation on either a yes or no from every AD for moving to fall
    - Need to pressure ADs for an answer
  - Opinion: Cannot go under 25 teams
- Carlos:
  - Getting more sophomores and juniors because demographics we have now are different and freshmen are getting cherry picked early
  - Getting middle schools for an open gym practice
- Sam:
  - Took a big hit because of not having gymnastics in the PE curriculum.
- Howie:
  - How many schools have in-district coaches?
  - How many schools have summer programs?
  - Motion: Reach out to IHSGGCA to work together if both drop and have both seasons in the winter as a new emerging sport called coed gymnastics. This is just a contingency plan.
    - Seconded: Frank
    - Yay = 13
    - Nay = 6
    - Abstain = 4
    - **Vote Passes**
- Hoffman
  - Divers join
- Bill Cordts:
  - AD hinted that this season may be it
- Jason Brandenburg:
  - Absolute check that every school has talk to their AD with our proposal schedule
- We would lose coaches:
  - Hinsdale South: Head
    - Superintendent would make it a co-op or remove both schools if moved to the fall
    - Central is staying because South school has it
    - Not a lot of support from administration
    - WSC Conference dissolved if this happens
  - Palatine: Freshmen
- Steering committee needs to create a draft to send out now
- Reach out to previous judges

## **Current standing as Emerging Sport status**

Lends legitimacy to the continuing existence of our sport. Gives the ADs (experienced and new) a list published of all active teams, making the case stronger to form new teams or keep existing ones from being eliminated.

[LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT ARE REGISTERED](#) as emerging sports currently (14)

Carbondale (H.S.)

Deerfield (H.S.)

Evanston (Twp.)

Glenview (Glenbrook South)

Hoffman Estates (Conant)

Franklin Park/Northlake (Leyden)  
Hoffman Estates (H.S.)  
LaGrange (Lyons)  
Lincolnshire (Stevenson)  
Naperville (Central)  
Naperville (North)  
Schaumburg (H.S.)  
Skokie (Niles West)  
Villa Park (Willowbrook)

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

### CURRENT EXPECTED PARTICIPATING TEAMS (29):

- Lake Park
- Lake Zurich
- Stevenson
- Hoffman Estates
- Schaumburg
- Fremd
- Conant
- Palatine
- Hinsdale Central
- Glenbard West
- Glenbard North
- Wheaton Co-op
- Wbrook / AT Co-Op
- Leyden
- Glenbard East
- Glenbard South
- Lyons Township
- Downers Co-Op
- Evanston
- Glenbrook North
- Niles Co-Op
- Highland Park
- Deerfield
- Glenbrook South
- Naperville North
- Naperville Central
- Hinsdale South
- Kaneland
- Geneva

## **2024 Season/Dates**

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Judging Clinic at Lake Park HS East Campus February 8th, 2025
  - Another Potential Date - ???
- Season Starts Feb 17, 2025 (Week 33)
- Sectionals Week May 5 - 11, 2025 (Week 44)
- State Championship May 17, 2025 (Week 45)
  - At Hoffman Estates

## **SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE**

### **Association Meetings At Lake Park HS East Campus in the Community Room -**

- **Tuesday, 11/19/24**
- **Friday, 12/13/24** (Winter Clinic @ USGTC)
- **Tuesday, 1/14/25**
- **Monday, 2/10/25**

- Monday, 3/10/25
- Monday, 4/28/25
- Monday, 5/12/25 (Or Thursday 5/8 - No sectionals)
- Monday, 5/19/25 (HOF Banquet)

## **IHSGCA State Series**

### **Sectionals**

- 3 sectionals
  - **Monday, May 5** at Glenbard West
  - **Tuesday, May 6** — WE NEED ANOTHER HOST SCHOOL (Potentially Hinsdale Central, possibly Glenbrook North)
  - **Wednesday, May 7** at Lake Park
- 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
  - **Make sure to remind your AD that the sectional meet is run as an invite, a contract should be sent out and a fee should be paid by the schools that attend. What is that entry fee? The host school should be charging a fee (\$250) for the sectional.**
  - **Frank asked for entry fee on wrestling invites \$425 for LP last two invites.**
  - **Worth considering recommending a higher fee for entry to sectionals and state meets.**

### **State**

May 17th, 2025  
 Hoffman Estates  
 Single Day session  
[Schedule](#)

## **Judging**

Requirements:

- 1. **AAU membership** - To register for an AAU membership, click here: [AAU Membership](#) You will be registering for a Non-Athlete Membership, Extended Benefit Membership (AB). The cost for the extended benefit membership is \$57 for 1 year, or \$79 for 2 years, and is only an additional \$2 over the standard membership. Your membership will provide a **background check**.
- 2. **NFHS Concussion education** - To complete the free concussion training, click here: [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#) Select your state from the dropdown menu, and then click Order Course. The course is free, and you will be provided a certificate upon completion.
- 3. **Bi-Annual Clinic Attendance** - Judging Clinic February 8th @ Lake Park
- On a side note, the Steering Committee is looking at creating a mandatory exam, and exploring the making of a rules video similar to the one we have had in previous years.

## **System for Rating Officials**

The two-person Judging Selection committee will consist of the Chairman who will lead the Committee on selecting Judges for the Sectional and State meet, and the Assistant Chair who will assist in the selection of

Judges. Last year, these roles were filled by Doug Foerch and Blaise Blasko. Doug has respectfully asked to be replaced this year as he will be out of town during the week of the Conference Championships. Names of nominees will be accepted at this meeting.

### **The responsibilities of the Rating System Executives**

- A. These executives will collect coaches' feedback on officials throughout the season
- B. They will use these rankings to determine judge selection for the Sectionals and State Meets
- C. They will be responsible for assigning each judge to a specific event
- D. The Chairman will assign a State Meet Official to help with inquiries
- E. The Chairman will communicate frequently with both the IHSGCA Executive Board and the State Meet Host School

### **The Criteria for Officials' Ratings**

As it stands, from the IHSA page - for each meet the following questions are answered:

- **Name/ event judged**
- **Date of Contest**
- **Did the officials call affect the outcome of the match**
- **Rating 1-5 (1 being excellent)**
- **Reason for unsatisfactory rating**

This proposal was voted on and approved last year: [Proposal for a simplified rating system](#)

Motion: Have Frank be head Rating System Executive for this year, Blaise is still assistant

- Yay = 26
- **Motion: Passed**

## **Conference Reps**

### **Current 23-24:**

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|---------------|----------------|--|
| • CSL         | Ryan Dul       | <a href="mailto:rdul@glenbrook225.org">rdul@glenbrook225.org</a>             |
| • MSL         | Chris Lunsford | <a href="mailto:u.s.s.christian17@gmail.com">u.s.s.christian17@gmail.com</a> |
| • WSC         | Bill Cordts    | <a href="mailto:bcordts@leyden212.org">bcordts@leyden212.org</a>             |
| • Independent | Greg Gebhardt  | <a href="mailto:greg.gebhardt@cusd200.org">greg.gebhardt@cusd200.org</a>     |

### **Nominations 24-25:**

CSL: Ryan Dul (Seconded by Keith Mukai)

MSL: Jason Brandenburg (Seconded by Christian Lunsford)

WSC: Bill Cordts (Seconded Sam Zeiman)

Independent: CJ Patton (Greg Gebardt)

All nominees accepted their nominations and ran unopposed.

## **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 use Meetscorer for State Series

## Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

Fall Season:

- Glenbrook North - 1 (forsure), 1 (possible)
- Palatine - 1 freshman
- Hinsdale Central - potential head coach

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

- Creating Fundraising opportunities through sponsorships of our state meet through local, regional, and national businesses
- Forming a new or continuing GOFUNDME for the season
- Continuing Ryan McDonough Freshman Scholarship
- Motion (Frank): Having the Steering Committee look at a potential program for scheduling meets with judges if Arbeiter is no longer used.
  - Seconded (CJ Patton)
- Motion (Keith): Have the State Meet (Saturday, November 8th (weekend before start of girls' season) be on the final week of a 13 week season.
  - Seconded (Adrian)
  - Yay = 17
  - Nay = 3
  - Abstain = 6
  - **Motion Passed**
- Motion (Alex): Suggesting 3 weeks before scheduling first competitions. (Week of spring break is taken out and moved to the beginning of the season. This is for Fall 2025).
  - Seconded (Adrian)
  - Yay = 24
  - Nay = 1
  - Abstain = 1
  - **Motion Passed**

- **REVISE to a 13 WEEK SCHEDULE. 3 weeks at beginning before first competition. State meet November 8th.**

Meeting Adjourn: 10:59 am (Seconded by Keith)