

February Association Meeting

February, 10th 2025 @ 7:00pm

Agenda/Minutes

Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/qom-rskv-sot>



Call To Order: 7:01 PM

Attendance

In person: Christian Lunsford, CJ Patton, Blaise Blasko, Frank Novakowski, Vic Avigliano, Alex Pajor

Virtual: Ryan Brown, Adrian Batista, Andy Isaacson, Paul Kim, Greg Gebhardt, Steve Foerch, Edna Lundeen, Howard Rubin, Joon Yun, Brandon Tucker, Bruce Beiersdorf, Andrew Forech, Rachel Fischer, Carlos Fuentes, Brian Bekkedal, Scott Phillips, Tom Huml, Howie Sokol

Things to be discussed:

- Updates on any previous discussions
- Rule Proposals are due before March Association Meeting (3/10) to the Secretary
- Reminders for Beginning of Season

Finances

Balance

- Current Balance: \$13,545.05
- Balance at this time last year: \$9,339.67

Association Dues:

Make sure to pay your Association Dues. If you

- Yes, I attended the Winter Clinic - **\$100.00**
- No, I did NOT attend the Winter Clinic - **\$35.00** (Head Coaches) & **\$30.00** (Judges/Asst. Coaches)

Methods of Payment (receipts upon request)

- Check (make Payable to IHSGCA & put name of School on Memo Line):
Adrian Batista at Niles West High School
5701 Oakton St, Skokie, IL 60077
- Cash - Give to any Executive Board Member
- Zelle : treasurer@ihsgca.org
- Who owes:
 - 21 people still owe dues and/or clinic fees

- If you're unsure whether you have paid or not, please speak with Christian Lunsford or Luke Badger
- Reminder of Eligibility for Voting - If attending in person, must be present for 2 total meetings. If no physical attendance, there must be at least 3 virtually attended meetings. Along with all dues and associated fees paid.
 - Send to Christian Lunsford: u.s.s.christian17@gmail.com

GoFund Me:

- <https://gofund.me/edec6ec0>
- Please share the link and help reach our fundraising goal!

Judging

Requirements:

- 1. AAU membership - To register for an AAU membership, click here: [AAU Membership](#) You will
- 2. NFHS Concussion education - To complete the free concussion training, click here: [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#)
- 3. Bi-Annual Clinic Attendance -
- 4. Mandatory Exam - The Steering Committee + Head Clinician will release a mandatory exam for all judges to take on an annual basis.

Clinic occurred on February 8th and went well. Thanks to Brandon Tucker and CJ Patton for volunteering and running a successful clinic for our judges this year!

- Updates on uploading the Clinic Video to Youtube?
- Let's bring back the mini judging clinic at the end of Association Meetings!
- Probably helpful that former athletes became judges when all former coaches were all as well.

Creative video

- Andy Isaacson has offered his time to create a hype video. The goal is to create something versatile that can be played before any meet and remind athletes and spectators of the profound impact that this sport can have on one's life and the rich legacy and community they are a part of by participating in it. Idea would be to play this video before the State Meet and Sectionals (if the hosts are equipped and able).

State of Gymnastics

Move to Fall 2025 - Not Happening

Letter to Coaches -

I want to update everyone regarding the move to the Fall Sports season. After speaking with several AD's, hearing what you, the coaches, have said, and examining athlete participation in the Fall vs. the Spring sports season, we (the Steering Committee) have decided NOT to pursue the move to the Fall for 2025 nor the foreseeable future. Losing at least 7 coaches across all programs, without assurances that there would be concerted efforts to fill those positions, would exacerbate an already tenuous situation. Additionally, the cost of losing any programs for the potential, but by no means guaranteed, benefits the Fall could bring is simply not worth it. Ultimately, we are trying to do what is best for the sport; at this time, with the current position that the sport is in, we feel that a change would be more damaging than the potential benefits of moving.

TLDR; The move to the Fall is NOT happening. Please confirm with your Conference Reps that you have informed your ADs that no move will occur and that the season will continue as normal in the Spring of 2026 and beyond.

HALL OF FAME RESUMES

DUE Today

- Resumes for HOF due to HOF committee before February Association Meeting (submitted through IHSGCA website, Frank forwards to Scott Phillips)

Current 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 (18)

Carbondale (H.S.)	Hoffman Estates (Conant)
Darien (Hinsdale South)	Hoffman Estates (H.S.)
Deerfield (H.S.)	LaGrange (Lyons)
Downers Grove (North)	Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
Evanston (Twp.)	Naperville (Central)
Franklin Park-Northlake (Leyden)	Naperville (North)
Geneva	Schaumburg (H.S.)
Glenview (Glenbrook South)	Skokie (Niles West)
Hinsdale (Central)	Villa Park (Willowbrook)

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

- Schools that compete in State but are not registered as an emerging sport are safe under liability due to being required to sign a contract before being allowed to compete in the State Series.

2024 Season/Dates

Current Meet Calendar for [SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE](#)

- Hinsdale Central March 7 Wanner Invite Varsity and JV invite. 6pm start. 1 opening in that invite. Contact CJ Johnson directly-
- Niles West - Opening for Freshmen Invite (March 14th, 6 pm start)
 - Compulsory Routines only

Upcoming Dates

- Season Starts Feb 17, 2025 (Week 33)
- Sectionals Week May 5 - 11, 2025 (Week 44)
- State Championship May 17, 2025 (Week 45)
 - Current Layout: [2025 IHSGCA Boys State Final Gymnastics Schedule](#)

Association Meetings @ Lake Park East Community Room

Next month we are back to Monday Nights.

- ~~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)

Sectionals

- 3 sectionals- Based on proximity to host

	Monday, May 5th		Tuesday, May 6th		Wednesday, May 7th
	Glenbard West		Niles West		Lake Park
1	Geneva	1	Deerfield	1	Conant
2	Glenbard South	2	Evanston	2	Downers Grove Co-op
3	Glenbard West	3	Glenbrook North	3	Fremd
4	Hinsdale Central	4	Glenbrook South	4	Glenbard East
5	Hinsdale South	5	Highland Park	5	Glenbard North
6	Naperville Central	6	Leyden	6	Hoffman Estates

7	Naperville North	7	Lyons	7	Lake Park
8	Wbrook / AT Co-Op	8	Niles Co-op	8	Schaumburg
9	Wheaton Co-op	9	Stevenson	9	Palatine
10	Kaneland*	10	Lake Zurich*	10	

- **Monday, May 5** at Glenbard West
 - Glenbard West
 - Geneva
 - Glenbard East
 - Glenbard South
 - Hinsdale Central
 - Hinsdale South
 - Naper Central
 - Naper North
 - Willowbrook / AT
 - Wheaton
- **Tuesday, May 6** at Niles West
 - Niles Co-Op
 - Deerfield
 - Evanston
 - Glenbrook North
 - Glenbrook South
 - Highland Park
 - Lake Zurich
 - Leyden
 - Lyons Township
 - Stevenson
- **Wednesday, May 7** at Lake Park
 - Lake Park
 - Conant
 - Downers Co-Op
 - Fremd
 - Glenbard North
 - Hoffman Estates
 - Kaneland
 - Palatine
 - Schaumburg
- 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. The Current entry fee is \$250.
- Frank asked for entry fee on wrestling invites – \$425 for LP to attend an invite.

- Steering Committee will consider recommending a higher fee for entry to sectionals and state meet
- Host schools get all profits from the Sectionals and State Series

State Meet

- Hoffman Estates - Saturday, 5/17/25
- Single Day session
- Schedule
 - ALL STATE QUALIFIERS ARE AT-LARGE (No automatic Sectional qualifiers)
 - Top 10 Team Scores make it to State
 - Top 50 Individuals on each event make it to State

Rulebook 2025-2028

Clarifications:

- Rule 2.II.C.1.a - The word "dismounts" has been changed to the word "skills".
 - On Floor Exercise - All multiple (more than one) flipping and/or twisting skills will receive 0.1 bonus if performed without a single large deduction on Floor Exercise
 - This was the original intent of the additional bonus.
- "Pillow mats" will not be acceptable for use in competition.

Conference Reps

- **CSL: Ryan Dul** rdul@glenbrook225.org
- **MSL: Jason Brandenburg** JBRANDENBURG@D211.ORG
- **WSC: Bill Cordts** bcordts@leyden212.org
- **Independent: CJ Patton** cpatton@lphs.org

Updates/News:

- All MeetScorer licenses will be **FREE** for Boys Season
 - Reach out to Adrian Batista if you do not have it
 - Will use Meetscorer for State Series
- Judging emails have been sent out. Greg Gebhardt is the Southern Scheduler, Bob Russell is the North (needs to be submitted by this Wednesday)
 - Reach out to Greg or Bob if need be
- Betty Axelson has stated that \$500 will be contributed for the Brinkworth scholarship.

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

- Continuing Ryan McDonough Senior Scholarship
- Arbiter Status - Greg Gebhardt Good to go
- Blaise Blasko - Hall of Fame (took current HOF timeline and condensed everything to honor recipients that year instead of waiting a year. A message was then sent out to the HOF committee and all thought it was a good idea)
 - Up voting date: Potentially vote during Conference time
 - Potential ideas with budget if boyd gymnastics discontinues
- Highland Park and Deerfield will move to a co-op forsore next year and potentially this year.
- Steering Committee asking for all teams to give boys 3 full weeks before first meets. Helps with various reasons

Constitutional Amendment to the HALL OF FAME process Proposed by

Blaise Blasko. Changes to the existing article written in bold. Linked here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10yNiTzkLXWa4xoDr1IgS_PIDoQATe_w_hoOP3_PdNoY/edit?usp=sharing

Please review for discussion before the March Meeting

ALL RULES PROPOSALS MUST BE MAILED TO CHRISTIAN LUNSFORD BEFORE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MARCH 10.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:01 pm