

# March Association Meeting

March 10, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Agenda/Minutes

Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/huz-jqnc-sno>



## Call To Order: 7:04 pm

### Attendance

In person: Chris Lunsford, Adrian Batista, Hillary Carlson, CJ Patton, Frank Novakowski, Luke Badger, Scott Phillips

Virtual: Tony Ciezadlo, Andy Isaacson, Bill Norris, Bill Cordts, Sam Zeman, Paul Kim, Ryan Brown, Steve Foerch, Mike Benning, Carlos Fuentes, Howard Rubin, Greg Gebhardt, Edna Lundeen, Don Raymond, Dan Bajek, CJ Patton, Chris Stanicek, Bruce Beiersdorf, Brock Herion, Andrew Foerch

### Things to be discussed:

- Updates on any previous discussions
- Rule Proposals Being Proposed in March:
  - Clarifying Questions Only. Discussion will occur in April
    - IX.A.4 "A proposer will read and explain their proposal(s) and answer questions only for clarification."
    - IX.A.5 "No debate shall be allowed on any proposal at this meeting."
    - IX.A.6 "A proposed rule change must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for debate; otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration."

### Finances

#### **Balance**

- Current Balance: \$13,342.65
- Balance at this time last year: \$9,558.41

#### **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](mailto:treasurer@ihsgca.org)
  - 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.

## **GoFundMe:**

- <https://gofund.me/edec6ec0>
- Please share the link and help reach our fundraising goal!
- Other fundraising opportunities? Gym Set-ups/tear-downs?

## **Association Liaison to Athletic Directors/Departments**

- Blaise has agreed to act as a point of contact to any AD's that have incoming questions.
- It has also been suggested by an outgoing AD that we find an active AD to act as a liaison with all the ADs who still have Boy gymnastics (similar to Field Hockey). Any suggestions on current active ADs who would be willing to volunteer as our coordinating sponsor/representative
  - Potential Lake Park AD
  - Downers South Brandon Murphy tony will email
    - Brandon Murphy responded positively to acting as a sponsor of boys gymnastics.
      - Would offer the role to WSC ad's and if no one was interested, he would step into the role.
- On that subject, Geneva AD is unaware that we have a sectional and State Series. Is there a current AD that would be willing to reach out to them? Is there a coach that knows that AD? Should we ask Blaise to reach out? Should I?
- Geneva High School - Boys Athletic Director: Matt Hahn [mhahn@geneva304.org](mailto:mhahn@geneva304.org)
- phone 630-463-3812

## **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.

- Adrian's email to potentially send out to the rest of the association to try to recruit more individuals LINKED HERE:

[LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT ARE REGISTERED](#) as emerging sports currently (21)

Carbondale (H.S.)  
Darien (Hinsdale South)  
Deerfield (H.S.)

Downers Grove (North)  
Evanston (Twp.)  
Franklin Park-Northlake (Leyden)

Geneva  
Glenview (Glenbrook South)  
Highland Park  
Hinsdale (Central)  
Hoffman Estates (Conant)  
Hoffman Estates (H.S.)  
LaGrange (Lyons)  
Lincolnshire (Stevenson)

Naperville (Central)  
Naperville (North)  
Palatine (Fremd)  
Palatine (H.S.)  
Schaumburg (H.S.)  
Skokie (Niles West)  
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.


## **SEASON REMINDERS:**

**Move to Fall 2025 - Not Happening. Have you spoken to your AD? Are they aware of the situation?**

## **2024 Season/Dates**

### **SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE**

#### **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**

- 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
- Suggested Schedule - [2025 Sectional Warm-Up/Competition Times](#)

- Should Bye be open warmup time?
- Option 1 (All Byes Open): 8 votes
- Option 2 (Only Open 12 min. Byes): 14 votes
- Option 3 (Close All Byes): 2 votes
- Allowed to block w/. other team in the same group

	Monday, May 5th		Tuesday, May 6th		Wednesday, May 7th
	Glenbard West		Niles West		Lake Park
1	Geneva	1	Evanston	1	Conant
2	Glenbard South	2	Glenbrook North	2	Downers Grove Co-op
3	Glenbard West	3	Glenbrook South	3	Fremd
4	Hinsdale Central	4	H Park/Deerfield	4	Glenbard East
5	Hinsdale South	5	Leyden	5	Glenbard North
6	Naperville Central	6	Lyons	6	Hoffman Estates
7	Naperville North	7	Niles Co-op	7	Lake Park
8	Wbrook / AT Co-Op	8	Stevenson	8	Schaumburg
9	Wheaton Co-op	9	Lake Zurich*	9	Palatine
10	Kaneland*	10		10	Carbondale

- 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.
- We will write up a letter to ADs suggesting an amount to charge. Frank asked for entry fee on regular season wrestling invites – \$425.
- Steering committee will write letter by April 7 meeting TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SECTIONAL AND STATE HOST BY MID-APRIL

## State Meet

- Hoffman Estates - Saturday, 5/17/25
- Single Day session
- Schedule [2025 IHSGCA Boys State Final Gymnastics 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.

## 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 -
- 4. Mandatory Exam - The Steering Committee + Head Clinician has released a mandatory exam [2024/25 IHSGCA Judges Exam](#)

## Conference Reps

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

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

- Const. Amendment regarding the HOF cycle and the reserve of funds in the case the sport ceases (will be voted on next week (2/3s majority of voting members of association to pass constitutional amendment))
  -  HOF Article XIII Amendment
  - Key Points:
    - Money is put aside in a lump sum (this year) to cover the cost of 3 years of HOF Banquet in the case that the IHSGCA season ceases to operate
    - Estimates on how much would need to be moved over - ~\$650-\$1,100 per year for the HOF banquet x 3 years would be \$2,000- \$3,300 moved to a separate account, or a savings account to be overseen by the HOF Committee.

- To clarify, would this be deposited as a lump sum or in parts? Upon dissolution, this year, or every year for the next 3 years?
- That reserve will be looked after by the HOF committee to ensure that the Banquets continue for 3 years
- Options to push up the voting to earlier in the season are being looked at by Scott Phillips.
- Is it possible to include the option - whoever is being inducted has the opportunity to defer their induction banquet for a year to allow for time to invite family and friends from out of town, or keep it the same year they are inducted. #10- "Or may choose to defer their induction ceremony until the following year"
- Could it be changed from "non-active coaches will vote by mail only" to "non active coaches will vote electronically or by mail"?
- "IN ESCROW" will be changed to "In Reserve"

## 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 openings?
  - Master Lists:
    - Greg: [x 2025 Master Schedule.xlsx](#)
    - Bob: [2025 Schedule](#)
  - Greg - **Openings up to spring break covered.**
    - 4/9 Glenbard East (1 official)
    - 4/9 Glenbard South (1 official)
    - 4/10 Leyden (1 official)
    - 4/16 Lake Park (1 official)
    - 4/17 Hinsdale South (1 official)
    - 4/19 Dave Donaldson (1 official) - afternoon
    - 4/19 Naperville F Central (1 official) - morning
    - 4/25 Independent Conference (1 official)
    - 4/25 Hinsdale Central Invite (1 official)
    - 5/1 West Suburban Central JV & V Conference (3 officials)
  - Bob? - Only one potential opening - 5/3 F/ JV Conference meet? Will follow up with the minutes once confirmed. Adrian will reach out to confirm
  - Let's get the master list from BOB for the northern meets.
- Betty Axelson has stated that \$500 will be contributed for the Brinkworth scholarship.
- Voucher to verify to compensate time for shadowing meet - \$25 per meet, up to 3 meets

## Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

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

- Current 2025 Scores:  2025 Boys Scores
- We'd like to start doing mini judging clinics again after the association meetings. Would any coaches or judges be interested in doing 20-30 minutes of practice judging routines?
- Are there any questions about rules that are unclear?
- Hall of Fame Banquet Time (6:30 - 8:30)
- Eligible voting list for who can vote for the HOF to Scott
- Google form for Banquet attendance
- Golf attendance list on the IHSGCA website – "[Golf Outing](#)" under online forms

**Meeting Adjourn: 8:28 pm**