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May Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Mark your calendars
(or check your IHSA Calendar because we
already did!)

May 10-11
Girls Badminton State Finals

May 12
Boys Track & Field List of Participants Due

May 14
Boys Tennis List of Participants Due

May 15
Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee

May 16
Girls Badminton Advisory Committee Meeting

May 16-18
Girls Track & Field State Finals
Boys Water Polo State Finals
Girls Water Polo State Finals

May 17-18
Bass Fishing State Finals

May 22
2024 Football Schedules Due

May 23-25
Boys Track & Field State Finals
Boys Tennis State Finals

May 30-June 1
Girls Soccer State Finals

May 30 & June 1
Boys Lacrosse State Finals

May 31-June 1
Girls Lacrosse State Finals
Boys Volleyball State Finals
Class 1A & 2A Softball State Finals
Class 1A & 2A Baseball State Finals

June 3
Possible Start of Summer Contact Period
(By-law 3.150)

June 4
Water Polo Advisory Committee Meeting

June 7-8
Class 3A & 4A Softball State Finals
Class 3A & 4A Baseball State Finals

June 10
Board of Directors Meeting

June 11
IHSA Foundation Golf Outing

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Note from the Executive Director

Recently, the IHSA requested the support of our membership as we navigated the challenges of state legislation proposing to significantly modify the transfer eligibility of students attending IHSA schools. HB 334 was written to establish immediate eligibility for all transfer students as soon as they were enrolled and attending a member high school. The bill would have dismantled current transfer eligibility rules that member schools have agreed to, which encourage students to start and finish their high school years at the same high school. As I have spoken with legislators and received correspondence from high school administrators, coaches, and officials, it is evident that the support of our membership was heard.

The house bill has not been considered for approval on the house floor to date. We will continue to monitor any future progress of the bill and inform the membership of any additional potential impacts on the transfer eligibility of students or other forms of legislation.

We recognize that attitudes on transferring may be changing, likely in part due to the trickle-down affect of NIL and the transfer portal at the collegiate level. As a result, changes to the IHSA transfer by-laws may need to occur. That said, I believe in the system that we have in place for IHSA member schools to originate changes via our annual legislative process, and staunchly oppose any IHSA by-law changes being precipitated by non-members.

The IHSA Staff and Board of Directors thank you for your support in communicating with state legislators your concerns. The Association's strength is built upon the foundation of self-governance by its member schools in writing and voting on by-law amendment proposals. We are thankful for your support and look forward to collaborating on future changes that are best for the Association.



By-Law Breakdown – 3.022: Scholastic Standing

As the end of the 2023-2024 school year draws near, this month's By-Law focus is on scholastic standing for semester eligibility. School administrators should remind students and parents that academic standing at the end of this current spring semester has an impact on eligibility next fall.

Per By-law 3.022, unless entering high school for the first time, a student must have earned 25 credit hours from the previous semester. Credits must have been earned in the semester for which credit is granted or in a summer school program that has been approved by the local Board of Education. Credits earned in summer school must count toward graduation.

A student who has not earned 25 credit hours this spring and/or summer will not be eligible for the entire first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, which includes the entire fall season and start of the winter season.

Read this by-law & others at:
www.ihsa.org/About-the-IHSA/Constitution-By-laws-Policies



Did you know?

Did you know May is the busiest month for the IHSA? We have 14 State Finals in just 4 weekends!

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IHSA Student Advisory Committee

On April 21st, the IHSA recognized 14 seniors on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and welcomed 14 new members, who will officially begin their terms on the SAC in August.

The Class of 2024 helped organize and presented at the first IHSA Student Leadership Conference to be held since 2019 in addition to revising the criteria for the Student Section & Spirit Showdown.

The IHSA wishes all seniors the best in their future endeavors!



2024-2025 Student Advisory Committee members.
Photo by: Dan Le



Outgoing Student Advisory Committee's 14 graduating seniors.
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SAC Graduating Seniors:

Benjamin Kagan, Francis W. Parker School
Taylor Schergen, De La Salle Institute
Maddie Witchger, Regina Dominican High School
Gable Carrick, Sycamore High School
Ivy Ho, Westmont High School
Christian Martyn, Oswego East High School
Jacob Rhodes, Stillman Valley High School
Hannah Swope, Orion High School
Jackson Barnhart, Centennial High School
Maddie Kibler, St. Anthony High School
Emersyn Fleisher, Knoxville High School
Brennan Tomhave, Pittsfield High School
Rylee Bloomer, Richland County High School
Amayah Doyle, Carterville High School

IHSA Foundation Scholarships

Congrats!

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 IHSA Foundation Scholarships! Each high school senior is awarded \$1,000. Recipients are either currently licensed and active IHSA officials or pursuing a career path in education and/or coaching. The IHSA Foundation is proud to award these students, who will be giving back to the educational and interscholastic experience for future generations.

Carson Bahrey, Somonauk High School
Kadin Borck, McHenry High School
Brianna Brodie, Princeville High School
Mekhi Byrd, Rockford East High School
Jack DeFilippis, Maine South High School
Connor DiIulio, Rock Island High School
Amayah Doyle, Carterville High School
Chase Fink, Mt. Zion High School
Madison Florzak, Deerfield High School
Peyton Garrard, St. Elmo High School
Ariana Palella, Lincoln-Way West High School
Jayce Privia, A-C Central High School
Anahi Kristal Reynoso, CICS Northtown Academy
Isaac Walters, Gallatin County High School

Officials' Licensing – The Drive for 500

Registration for officials' licensing opened on May 1st.

The IHSA is launching perhaps its most aggressive program in a number of years. The Drive for 500 is the IHSA's goal of licensing at least 500 flag football officials for its inaugural season, which begins in August of 2024. Here is an [overview of flag football](#), which outlines key components of the game.

Individuals interested in licensing for any sport next year can use the following links.

[Application for individuals ages 17 and older](#)
[Application for a Provisional License \(individuals ages 15 and 16 only\)](#)

All licenses are one-year in nature. Anyone who was licensed for the 2023-2024 school year must apply for a new license for the 2024-2025 school year. The base registration fee is \$80 and allows an individual to apply for up to two licenses. Each additional sport is \$15 per license.

Individuals who register by May 31st will receive an early registration discount of \$10 resulting in a fee of \$70 for the first sport, \$0 for the second sport, and \$15 for each additional sport.

For more information on officiating, contact Kurt Gibson (kgibson@ihsa.org).