

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
July 23, 2021**

Lori Bradenhorst from Fort Dodge Park and Recreation spoke to the board first to welcome them to Fort Dodge and to thank the IGHSAU for the extension of the softball contract. Kelly Halstad from the Fort Dodge Growth Alliance also thanked the IGHSAU for bringing the softball tournament to Fort Dodge.

This administrative session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 11:0 a.m. by Vice Chair Dufoe. Directors present: Dufoe, Fleshner, Adams, Kroemer, and Fadness. Boehmer, Ebeling and Seivert were unable to attend. Attending from the state office: Berger, Ihnen, Brinkmeyer and Ross.

**Motion by Fadness, second by Fleshner and unanimously approved to accept the June 15, 2021 Board of Directors' minutes.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

The Golf Advisory Committee minutes were discussed by Brinkmeyer. The committee had no formal recommendations. Coaches did discuss cell phone usage for scoring during live play. Advisor committee did not support this change. The 2022 Calendar changes for golf were also reviewed

Kroemer inquired about time frame when schools will know what golf courses will be used for the 2022 championships. The information is important for individuals who want to play on the courses this summer and not miss school time.

The Co-ed tournament was also discussed and discussions are underway with the Iowa golf association for help with that tournament.

Ihnen spoke about how the Co-ed tennis tournament was a feature in a national USTA magazine. Here is the link for the article  
<https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/missourivalley/iowa/unique-iowa-state-tournament-great-experience.html>

**Motion by Adams, second by Fadness and unanimously approved to accept the 2021 Golf Advisory Committee minutes.**

The Soccer Advisory Committee minutes were presented by Brinkmeyer. The committee had no formal recommendations. Coaches did discuss seeding for the tournament and shared their concerns. The committee also reviewed the changes to the state tournament for next year and the shared week with the IHSAA tournament. The committee reviewed ejections and the behavior issues those represented.

**Motion Kroemer, second by Adams and unanimously approved to accept the 2021 Soccer Advisory Committee minutes.**

The IGHSAU's AED three-year service plan was outlined and presented by Berger.

**Motion by Kroemer, second by Fleshner and unanimously approved to approve the contract for the AED service agreement.**

Three recommendations from the joint IGHSAU/IHSAA committee meeting in July at the NFHS Convention in Florida were presented for formal IGHSAU Board approval.

The IHSAA and IGHSAU will use the NFHS allowance for state adoption to introduce a 35-second shot clock for varsity basketball, required of participating member schools starting in the 2022-23 season. Use of the shot clock in sub-varsity competition will be allowed but not required. With a date set for statewide implementation, experimental exceptions will not be granted during the 2021-22 regular season.

To encourage standardization among states, 35 seconds was the timing provided by NFHS approval.

Discussion ensued about the implementation of the shot clock and the items such operator training, education of officials, etc. Kroemer asked if 2022 is too early due to concerns about manufacturers being able to meet demand.

**Motion by Kroemer, second by Fadness and unanimously approved to approve the 35-second shot clock for varsity competition beginning with the 2022-23 school year.**

Beginning in the 2021-22 season, the state bowling meet and state qualifying meets will both have team and individual tournaments. Team events will feature baker games, then a bracketed format at the state meet. Individual tournaments will be

three games, including a bracket for the top eight individuals at the state meet.

Bowling classifications for boys and girls have also been changed to move the largest 32 programs by enrollment to Class 3A, the next largest 32 programs to Class 2A, and the remaining teams to Class 1A.

**Motion by Fadness, second by Fleshner and unanimously approved to approve the changes for the 2021-22 bowling championships.**

The start date for the 2022 season has been updated to allow for more practice time ahead of spring competition, based upon recommendations from the joint track and field advisory committee. The first practice date will now be Monday, February 21, ahead of the previous date of Monday, February 28. The first competition date will remain Monday, March 7.

**Motion by Fadness, second by Fleshner and unanimously approved to approve the Monday, February 21, 2022 start date for track and field practice.**

The Board discussed a conflict with the scheduled Sept 9<sup>th</sup> meeting date. The September meeting will now be Sept 7<sup>th</sup> with both an in person and in zoom options.

The Board reviewed the NFHS emerging sports concept and the presentation many board members attended on the Pennsylvania Athletic Association's approach to sanctioning new sports. Many board members felt this approach had relevance to the IGHS AU. Management was directed to develop a communication piece on the IGHS AU's approach for sanctioning a new sport. Further discussion centered on developing a subcommittee of the Board, Representative Council and school personnel to help move the initiative forward.

The Department of Education appeal in the latest IGHS AU eligibility ruling was discussed. Concerns were raised about how the confusion at the hearing and the message from the ARJ's decision. Kroemer spoke about her concerns over the school law judge's lack of background on school issues and information. Director Berger will meet with Director Lebo to share concerns.

The Board reviewed the DOE guidance on the new open enrollment provisions of SF847 as approved and signed by the Governor. Several aspects of the bill will impact the IGHS AU in the future. Kroemer gave examples on this and the "good

cause" provisions that will create issues. Board members also raised concerns about non-public and public issues with this new ruling and how it might affect decisions by this Board in the future.

Kromer asked about how classification will be effected by this new rule in guidance. Ross said this does not have impact this year's enrollments since classification is based on last year's enrollment.

**Motion by Fleshner, second by Fadness and unanimously approved to go to Executive Session at 12:55 p.m.**