

Competitive Balance Committee
September 22, 2026

The Competitive Balance Review Committee met on September 22, 2026 at the IHSA office. The committee members in attendance were Dan Tully, Niles (Notre Dame), Scott Maupin, Wilmington; Katie Cazalet, Dunlap; Brian Brooks, St. Joseph (S.J.- Ogden); Jason Clay, Vandalia; Maurice Young, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); Whitney Martino, West Aurora; Chris McGraw, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Tim McConnell, Erie; Juliana Zavala, Chicago (University); Tom Schergen, Chicago (De La Salle); and Danley Killam, Carlinville. Tracie Henry, IHSA staff Matt Troha, IHSA staff and Craig Anderson, IHSA staff.

Committee members not in attendance: Skip Birdsong, Belleville (Althoff).

The committee reviewed and discussed a draft of its by-law proposals related to the residence and transfer by-laws. The IHSA staff poised several specific transfer scenarios to the committee to gain feedback on their vision of how each scenario would be handled based on the changes.

The committee reviewed all the current transfer and residence by-laws to review which would be maintained, eliminated, or edited based on the committee's proposals.

The committee discussed a previous policy proposal related to creating separate paths for public and private schools within team bracketed sports. Depending on the sport and number of private school entries, the paths would intersect at different rounds in the State Series tournament and could provide for state final representation that better reflects the percentages of membership schools.

The committee discussed a variety of options related to the separate path concept and how it would be applied in tackle football. The committee also discussed how those options may change if the membership chooses to change the playoff structure for 2027.

The committee discussed the "open division" concept and whether it could be utilized in football in lieu of the separate path concept policy proposal.

The committee discussed the applicability and need for the multiplier and success formula if their recommended changes were to be instituted.

The committee discussed the concept of using MaxPreps and other data-driven formulas

to classify schools or be considered in the classification process.

The committee set is next meeting for Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM.