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6/23 Change in Power Rating calculation

To: Licensed IHSA Officials From: Kurt Gibson Date: June 24, 2022

Re.: Change in Power Rating calculation

As we prepare to enter the 2022-23 school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all licensed IHSA officials, past and present, for their service to IHSA member schools. Our office and membership recognize the commitment you have made and continue to make on behalf of students across Illinois, and please know that commitment is deeply appreciated. Even in these challenging times as our society comes out of a global pandemic that has caused the over-all number of licensed officials to drop, the service offered by officials around the country continues to inspire so many. Thank you for all you have done and/or are doing.

I also wanted to update you on a change to the way in which one component of the Power Rating has been modified for this school year. Beginning this year, the one component of the Power Rating that assigns officials points for his/her/their furthest advancement in the post-season will assign those points based on the highest level an official works in a particular tournament within the last five years. Previously, that component awarded points to an official based on the highest level the official had worked at any point during his/her/their career.

This change was recommended by the IHSA Officials Advisory Committee at their September 2021 meeting and approved by the IHSA Board of Directors in October 2021. The intent of this change is to create opportunities for up-and-coming officials to officiate in the postseason while continuing to utilize the experience of veteran officials. As mentioned, officials who officiated in the state series several years ago retained the power points they earned for those levels despite the fact they had not officiated at that same level in the state series since then.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Kurt Gibson at the IHSA Office.

Have a great rest of your summer! I hope to see many of you at the conference in Normal next month!