

## Minutes of the 2011-12 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 22, 2012

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Sunday, April 22, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m... Committee members present were: Julie Cochran, IESA; Judy Fitzgerald, Moweaqua (Central A & M); Steve Haines, Seneca (Twp.); Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Pothoff, McHenry (H.S.), Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); Fil Torres, Chicago (Lincoln Park); Steve Haines, Seneca (Twp.) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Mike Curry, Athens (H.S.) was unable to attend.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends officials in all sports use the following verbiage during their pre-game meetings:

**Interscholastic sports emphasize positive values.**

**As officials we are licensed by the IHSA to enforce the rules.**

**We remind you that we expect good behavior from everyone involved in today's contest.**

**Coaches-- please certify that your players are legally equipped and uniformed and according to NFHS rules.**

**Good luck today.**

**Rationale:** Per NFHS rules, officials conduct a pregame meeting with a coach and captains prior to the start of a contest. Using the above statement will send a consistent message to all participants in every sport.

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2. **Recommendation:** If a conference does not register for the Do What's Right! Program an individual school from that conference may register.

**Rationale:** In an effort to promote the DWR! Program the committee would like try this approach of allowing individual schools to register for the program for the 2012-2013 school year. Some conferences will not register for the program yet there are schools within the conference that have adopted the DWR! Program and Expectations but are not currently eligible for recognition. The committee encourages conferences to continue to register as a whole and communicate and educate their school communities.

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### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed and will update the Sportsmanship Handbook to post as a resource on the IHSA website. The committee will organize and breakdown the information into subsections for the 2012-13 school year.
2. The committee discussed different avenues of communicating the DWR! Program and resources to the membership. Some ideas include:
  - a. Post DWR! Information on the IPA site on the forum.
  - b. Distribute handout information at the IADA conference.
  - c. Distribute handout information at the IASA and School Board conferences.
  - d. Include DWR! Information in the Superintendent's August mailing.
3. The Sportsmanship Committee and the Student Advisory Committee will work together to create a presentation for the parent's preseason meeting for Athletic Administrators to use.
4. **Term Expirations:** Judy Fitzgerald and Renee Simms

5. **Next Meetings:**

- A. Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the IHSA office
- B. Conference calls – schedule as needed
- C. Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the IHSA office

## Winter 2012 Sportsmanship Banner Winners

### Wrestling

Sandwich  
LeRoy  
Monticello  
Lena (Lena-Winslow)  
Eureka  
Bloomington (H.S.)  
Antioch  
Lombard (Montini)  
Troy (Triad)  
Yorkville  
Sycamore (H.S.)  
Orland Park (Sandburg)  
Lockport Twp.  
Naperville (Central)

\*\*Four other schools  
qualified for the  
Sportsmanship banner, but  
their conferences were not  
registered with the DWR!  
Program.

### Girls Basketball

Cowden (C.-Herrick) CHBC  
Freeport (Aquin)  
Vernon Hills  
Bartlett

\*\*Two other schools  
qualified for the  
Sportsmanship banner, but  
their conferences were not  
registered with the DWR!  
Program.

### Boys Basketball

Winnetka (North Shore  
Country Day)  
Rockford (Lutheran)

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for the Sportsmanship  
banner, but their conferences  
were not registered with the  
DWR! Program.

### Drama

West Chicago (H.S.)

### Group Interpretation

Lemont (H.S.)