

Minutes of the 2018-19 IHSA Do What's Right Advisory Committee Meeting

September 25, 2018

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Rebecca Moran, Summit (Argo); Berin Jackson, Freeport (Aquin); Hattie Llewellyn, New Berlin; Curtis Price, Woodstock (Marian); Heather Smith, Knoxville; Robert Hernandez, Aurora (IMSA); Tom Witting, Burbank (Reavis); John Moad, Granite City); Julie Nowak, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Jeri Miller, (Goreville); Tom Huster (Official), Elmhurst.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that members schools use the attached four sportsmanship statements during announcements and in print.

Rationale: All four announcements can be announced during contests.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation:** Create a DWR! Twitter account.

Rationale: Provide weekly tips for administrators, parents, students, coaches and fans. Include links to stories and informative articles.

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Reviewed articles regarding the relationships between officials and fans, and how the abuse of officials by fans is leading to a decline in registered officials in Illinois and throughout the country. The committee thought of ideas on how to collaborate with the IADA and IPA to address this issue in the upcoming months. Another idea is to strengthen the relationships between schools and officials' associations.
2. Set up Google docs for all state final sportsmanship committee members to type in the school comments before leaving the site.
3. Create a guide for state final sportsmanship committee members to use on what's acceptable and unacceptable. Before making any decisions, this committee will wait to receive the feedback from the SAC members.
4. The committee reviewed the state final sportsmanship winners list from the Fall and Winter. The committee discussed the merits of only naming 1 winner per class in a team bracketed sport.
5. The committee discussed what tangible resources need to be made available to fans, administrators, coaches and students. They also discussed the different formats to choose from and the timeline the information that should be available. The committee will continue to work on this project.

6. Do What's Right!

A. Reviewed the DWR! Expectations

Do What's Right! Expectations

- Represent their school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during, and after the competition.
- Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of officials.
- Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interaction and social media comments

7. Four sportsmanship announcements for use:

1. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, good sportsmanship is the foundation of our schools' athletic program. The Illinois High School Association was the first to introduce America's first sportsmanship mascot, Add A. Tude... Each and every one of us here today should remember to Sport A Winning Add A. Tude...Good Sportsmanship, because Add A. Tude is for everyone.

2. Welcome to _____! Interscholastic athletics are an extension of the educational process, and the athletic arena is the coach's classroom. Be smart, Sport A Winning Attitude today...Good Sportsmanship. Remember, Add A. Tude is for everyone.

3. Good people make good sports. Sport A Winning Attitude today. Welcome to today's/tonight's _____ game! Interscholastic athletics are an extension of the educational process, and the field is the coach's classroom. Be Smart; Sport A Winning Attitude...Good Sportsmanship. Add A. Tude is for everyone. Thank you.

4. Sportsmanship: Your school is constantly in the "Public Eye". The school, its athletes and its fans are always being judged by the opposition's fans, players and by all who come to see your team perform. Make certain your school and its programs are the type that brings praise and admiration. Sports are a vital part of your school's image....make it a good one and Do What's Right!

8. Future Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April, 2, 2019, Bloomington, Illinois

10am – 2pm