

Minutes of the 2012-13 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 12, 2013

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Friday, April 12, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Julie Cochran, IESA; Scott Hamilton, Tolono (Unity); Sean Berry, Tremont; Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Pothoff, Crystal Lake (Faith Lutheran); Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); Fil Torres, Chicago (Lincoln Park) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Jennifer Uliks, Libertyville (H.S.).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that an Official be appointed to the Sportsmanship Advisory Committee.

Rationale: Officials play an integral role in every competition. Their perspective and information is valuable to this committee.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Create a two-part online Sportsmanship presentation for school personnel. Administrators, Coaches and Staff will review the Do What's Right! and Sportsmanship expectations. A second segment will include their role as Administrators, Coaches, Players, Officials and Fans during the course of a season.. Game management expectations will also be reviewed.

Rationale: This presentation will assist school personnel in preparing for all upcoming contests with emphasis on sportsmanship and administrative responsibilities before, during and after a game. The presentation will also provide leadership information for coaches since they directly influence players, parents and fans during the season. The coaches' role is critical to all three groups since the behavior of the coach sets the tone on the reaction of everyone watching them.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** Signs, banners, props, placards, etc. are not permitted during an IHSA State Series contest in the facility or stands.

Rationale: Currently the signs need to be "in good taste" at games. This is open to interpretation since many signs (and crowd chants) have double meaning or are inside jokes that seem tasteful but in actuality the signs are derogatory or demeaning.

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4. **Recommendation:** If a coach is ejected from a game, that coach must sit out the next game per by-law 6.012 and may not resume coaching in another contest until they complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course.

Rationale: If a coach is ejected from a game then the coach will need to sit out the next game and may not resume coaching in another contest until they complete the online education video NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior video. (\$20)

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5. **Recommendation:** If a player is ejected from a game, that player must sit out the next game per by-law 6.011. If a player is ejected a 2nd time they must sit out another game and watch the free NFHS online Sportsmanship video. A 3rd ejection results in a meeting with the IHSA office, the Administrators and the player.

Rationale: If a player is ejected from a game then the player will need to sit out the next game. Upon receiving their 2nd ejection, they must sit out a game and may not resume playing in another contest until they complete the online Sportsmanship video.

Approved

6. **Recommendation:** Track technical or unsporting behavior penalties during the 2013-14 school year.

Rationale: To determine if additional sanctions or discipline measures are required for multiple offenses.

Approved

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee is continuing to review and update the Sportsmanship Handbook.
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. Handout information at the IADA conference.
 - c. Handout information at the IASA and School Board conferences.
 - d. Include DWR! Information in the Superintendent's August mailing.
3. Figure out different ways for schools to incorporate the rubric during regular season.
4. Where is the priority of sportsmanship? Who in the school should lead the effort?
5. 20/20 video
6. "Aggression proliferates when accepted"
7. Expectations of schools
8. Fine schools for multiple ejections
9. Coaches are a priority in addressing sportsmanship and set the tone for behavior.
10. Develop fan behavior policies to distribute to membership
11. Coaches and Officials need to work together each game.
12. Coaches need to corral their emotions since players and fans will emulate their actions

13. School Administrators and crowd control. Administrators cannot turn a blind eye to personal insults or derogatory comments. Create guidelines for Administrators on expectations of fan behavior.
14. A coach yelling at officials is perceived as “working” the officials when in actuality a breakdown in behavior, communication and respect occurs between the coach and official.
15. Can there be sportsmanship scouts or committees during the state series?
16. Use tracker to ensure all coaches watch the video before their first games.
17. Administrators should be proactive in ejecting fans from contests. Illinois school code allows schools to eject a fan and prohibit attending contests until next school board meeting.
18. Officials need to be consistent all season long not just during the state series because the IHSA is “watching”. It’s up to the Principals, Athletic Administrators and School Boards to enforce the DWR! Expectations. For example Hillcrest High School students and coaches know prior to the season and each game there will be a loss of privileges if the expectations are not met.
19. Coaches must educate players on the sportsmanship expectations as the season progresses not just during the state series
20. Conferences should adopt the DWR! Expectations into their constitution.
21. Team should shake hands to wish each other good luck prior to the game.
22. Administrators play a vital role in the success of sportsmanship in their school. Implementing and supporting an IHSA fan policy will lead to a consistent enforcement of the rules. .
23. It is expected for Officials to consistently enforce all rules all season. They should communicate sportsmanship expectations to the coach.
24. Propose a new by-law addressing unsportsmanlike behavior pre and post contest.

Do What’s Right! Expectations:

- Represent their school and community well through positive interaction with opposing fans and players.
- Use positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of the officials.
- Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.

Winter 2013 Sportsmanship Banner Winners

Wrestling

Aledo (Mercer County)

Bloomington (H.S.)

Chicago (Bowen)

Dakota

Fox Lake (Grant)

LeRoy

Lisle (Sr)

Litchfield

Minooka

New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)

Orland Park (Sandburg)

Petersburg (PORTA)

Plano

Sycamore

Taylorville

Vandalia

Group Interpretation
(Glenwood)

Chatham

Girls Basketball

Cowden-Herrick High School
(CHBC)

Future Meeting Dates:

- a. Sunday, August 4, 2013 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois
- b. Monday, August 5, 2013 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois
- c. Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the IHSA office
- d. Sunday, September 29, 2013, Peoria, Illinois
- e. Monday, September 30, 2013, SAC Student Leadership Conference, Peoria, Illinois
- f. Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the IHSA office
- g. Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the IHSA office

