

## Minutes of the 2015-16 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

**April 20, 2016**

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 20 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Drew Potthoff, Woodstock (Marian); Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central); Tom Bower, Chicago (Latin); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central); Heather Smith, Knoxville; Bethany Shaw, West Frankfort (Frankfort); Terry Milt, Johnston City; Will Hartje, Winnebago (H.S.); Amy Mascal, Streator (Twp.); Joshua Houberg, Gilman (Iroquois West), Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Kim Maloney, Aurora (Metea Valley); and Gary Stephens, Decatur;

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:**

1. **Recommendation:** Distribute the modified Do What's Right! rubric to all schools seasonally so Administrators and Coaches can educate, share, and instruct players, parents and fans of the expected behavior at every contest. Also include these in state final packets and any other information sent to competing schools.

**Rationale:** Ensures that the DWR! Program and Expectations are understood by school personnel, parents and students in an organized manner prior to the start of each season.

**Approved**

2. **Recommendation:** Create a statewide DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll
  - a. Present schools with banner for first year.
  - b. Must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible.
  - c. Give the winners a patch for each year after receiving banner and meeting qualifications for that year.
  - d. Recognizes schools that have not had any ejections or special reports submitted to the IHSA concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, administrator etc. for unsportsmanlike behavior.
  - e. Schools recognized monthly through the IHSA website.

**Rationale:** Draws attention to the DWR! Program, recognizes schools who do not qualify for a state final and do not have the opportunity to earn a state final sportsmanship banner. Reinforces standards for all schools. 100% of the member schools can be recognized instead of 8 that qualifies for a state tournament

**Failed**

- 3. Recommendation:** Present an overview of the DWR! Program, the Student Leadership Conference, the Student Section Showdown and the Student Advisory Committee at the IPA New Administrator Academy in July.

**Rationale:** To assist new Administrators in learning about the DWR! Program as well as the different opportunities for their students to participate in, and to help create or enhance positive internal and external recognition for their school.

Approved

- 4. Recommendation:** Present an overview of the DWR! Program, the Student Leadership Conference, the Student Section Showdown and the Student Advisory Committee at the May, 2017 IADA Conference.

**Rationale:** To assist Administrators in learning about the DWR! Program as well as the different opportunities for their students to participate in, and to help create or enhance positive internal and external recognition for their school.

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## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

### **1. State Final Sportsmanship Committee**

- Difficult to rate a school when fan attendance is low.
- How to differentiate between school fans and local fans just watching the game.
- SF Sportsmanship Committee members should introduce themselves to the competing team administrator. .
- NFHS is having their free student leadership conference again. Last year one SAC member attended with Beth Sauser.
  - Dates for this coming year are July 18-20, 2016 in Indianapolis

### **2. Student Leadership Conference**

- Helpful to have information that would be relevant to the schools attending
- Brainstorm ways to split the retreat up into multiple sites (SAC kids will be split to present in smaller groups)
- Consider location change – Springfield?
- How can we access more kids throughout the state?

### **3. Do What's Right!**

- Consider removing "fans" because not all schools bring equal fan sections
- Send schools entire rubric when they are evaluated
- Include in state packets (Super-Sectional winners, with tickets)
- Add responsibility for administration/official school representative

### **4. SAWA**

- Promote the Sport A Winning Additude opportunity to schools and officials.

**5. Future Meeting Dates:**

- a. Sunday, July 31, 2016 SAC Retreat Bloomington, IL\* (3pm stay overnight at the hotel)
- b. Monday, August 1, 2016 SAC Retreat Bloomington, IL\* (8am – 3pm)
- c. Tuesday, October 18, 2016, Conference Call (10am)
- d. Thursday, December 1, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois (9am – 2pm)
- e. Sunday, February, 12, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois\* (9am – 3pm)
- f. Thursday, April, 6, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois (9am – 3pm)
- g. Tuesday, May 18, 2017, Conference Call (10am)

## **2016 Winter Sport and Activity DWR! State Final Banner Winners**

### **Wrestling**

Stanford (Olympia)  
Clifton (Central)  
Coal City  
Springfield (H.S.)  
Sterling  
Fox Lake (Grant)

### **Girls Basketball**

Shabbona (Indian Creek)  
Moweaqua (Central A & M)  
River Forest (Trinity)

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

### **Boys Basketball**

(None)

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### **Competitive Cheer**

Braidwood (Reed-Custer)  
Midlothian (Bremen)  
New Lenox (Providence)  
Elmhurst (York)  
Lisle (Sr.)

### **Competitive Dance**

Blue Island (Eisenhower)  
Gurnee (Warren)



# SPORTSMANSHIP MANUAL



## DEVELOPING A SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

The IESA and IHSA's vision for sportsmanship is built on expectations that the entire school community will teach and promote the values of good sportsmanship. Students, coaches, administrators, board members, and spectators are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship and respect for others.

Not only is good sportsmanship necessary for a successful interscholastic activity, it is a character quality that contributes to successful life endeavors. Member schools of both organizations have a mission to provide a respectful and caring environment for today's youth that fosters the development of tomorrow's leaders.

This manual was developed to assist member schools of the IESA and IHSA in establishing a sportsmanship program in their school. It includes easy-to-grasp concepts, such as codes of conduct and behavioral expectations, that schools can use in their efforts to emphasize sportsmanship in their school. Tips for promoting sportsmanship in your school's community are also included in public address announcements to be read at games and public service announcements to share with local radio stations.

**We all have the opportunity to promote the ideals of sportsmanship and citizenship in our communities and schools. Do What's Right!**

### *What is Sportsmanship?*

Sportsmanship is playing fair, taking a loss or defeat without complaint, not gloating when winning, and generally treating opponents and officials with courtesy, generosity and fairness. These ideals represent the role of interscholastic activities included in your school. When these concepts are followed, interscholastic activities are shown as a positive and productive part of the total educational system.

#### *Sportsmanship is:*

- Citizenship
- Integrity and Ethics
- Respect for Opponents and Officials
- Moral Character
- Fair Play
- Acceptance of Results
- Appreciation for all Performances

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