

2016-17 Handbook Changes

As a result of the membership's approval of the two recent scholastic bowl legislative proposals (defining the length of the season and the maximum number of dates), the following proposal is submitted for the IHSA Board's consideration:

Replace the current Illustration #273 in the IHSA Hand Book which currently provides the definition of what is considered an IHSA scholastic bowl match with the following:

- 273) Q. What is considered to be a contest?
A. An event in which teams of **four (4)** or five (5) students representing two (2) high schools compete with or against each other in academic quizzing, utilizing a format and rules comparable to the IHSA state series, **and utilizing questions that cover an extensive range and variety of academic areas**, is considered a scholastic bowl contest. (By-law 5.362)

Rationale 1: A growing number of local tournament hosts are moving to a four-on-four format in order to align their tournaments with the format used in other states and in national competitions. Scholastic Bowl teams at IHSA-member schools have not been able to participate in such tournaments. (Schools may have been sending other quizzing clubs or groups to such events, but they have not been allowed to send their Scholastic Bowl teams.) The IHSA believes that four-on-four contests are worthy events, and that Scholastic Bowl teams should be allowed to participate in them and count them towards their record.

Rationale 2: Stating that Scholastic Bowl contests cover an extensive range and variety of academic areas will exclude single-subject contests (Math, History, Science, Latin, etc) from the definition of Scholastic Bowl. Schools may continue to send other quizzing clubs or groups to such events without counting them as Scholastic Bowl dates.

Competitive Cheer and Dance

Replace Current Illustrations 275-289 with the following:

- 275) Q. When must schools hold tryouts for its competitive cheerleading and competitive dance teams?
A. Tryouts shall be held on or after the first day of the competitive cheer and dance seasons, Monday of Week 17.
- 276) Q. After seven days of tryouts/practice during the IHSA competitive season, may a member of the competitive squad practice or compete with an independent team (for example, an All-Star squad)?
A. No, students involved in competitive cheerleading or dance must cease non-school practice and competition after seven days of tryouts/practice during the IHSA competitive season. (By-law 3.10i6 and 5.750).

- 277) Q. May a member of the high school competitive cheer team dance competitively for a dance studio during the high school season? May a member of the high school dance team cheer for an All-Star or cheer club during the high school dance season?
A. Yes, per the IHSA skill of the sport definitions.
- 278) Q. What eligibility rules apply to competitive cheer and competitive dance?
A. The sport eligibility by-laws (Section 3.000).
- 279) Q. Must competitive cheer and competitive dance coaches meet the requirements of IHSA By-law 2.070 (Qualifications of Coaches)?
A. Yes.
- 280) Q. May students who are members of a competitive cheer team participate in tumbling classes during the school year?
A. Yes, provided there is no instruction related to the theories and strategies of competitive cheer.
- 281) Q. Does the twenty-five day contact limit apply to competitive cheer and competitive dance in the summer?
A. Yes. (By-law 3.153)
- 282) Q. What is a “rostered participant”?
A. A rostered participant is a student who is both on the roster and who participates on a sideline cheerleading squad. (By-law 5.753)
- 283) Q. May a student be a member of both the competitive cheer and dance teams at their high school?
A. Yes. (By-law 3.050)