



# 2016-17 STUDENT SECTION SHOWDOWN

Presented by the IHSA Student Advisory Committee

**The IHSA Student Section Showdown will return for its third installment during upcoming school year.**

The inaugural contest took place in 2014-15, with Central A&M High School in Moweaqua and Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect being named the champions in Class 1A/2A and Class 3A/4A, respectively. The 2015-16, Class 1A/2A winner was Breese Central High School and Class 3/4A winner Ottawa Township High School. The winning video entries as well as all submitted entries can be found on the IHSA website.

The IHSA Student Section Showdown was an idea born from the IHSA Student Advisory Committee (SAC) that pits student sections from the around the state against one another to see who practices the Do What's Right! Expectations, has the best spirit and sportsmanship throughout the year. Schools have until February 7, 2017 to submit a video (up to three minutes) that shows their student section in action during a game, as well as the impact the student section has on sportsmanship and school spirit.

The submissions will be judged by the SAC and representatives from the finalists will be invited to the IHSA Boys Basketball State Finals, where the winners will be revealed.

**Entry and contest details are located on the riverside side!**



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**Sportsmanship is an important part of educational athletics, and student cheering sections can be a key factor in creating a festive high school event. The IHSA Student Advisory Committee wants to see your students in action, see how they contribute to a fun and positive experience. The IHSA Student Section Showdown contest will let us all see who has the top student cheering section in Illinois.**

**FILM YOUR STUDENTS:** Get your video camera and film your student section in action on game nights. Don't forget to film your student body at pep assemblies, school events, activities, etc.

**POST TO YOUTUBE:** Edit your video to no more than 3 minutes, and after showing it to and receiving approval from a school administrator (principal, athletic director, etc.) post to YouTube entitled "2017 IHSA SS Showdown: School Name". Be sure to include your high school name in the video description as well as the submitter's name. The deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

**EMAIL US YOUR LINK:** Email your YouTube link to Beth Sauser at [bsauser@ihsa.org](mailto:bsauser@ihsa.org). We'll add it to our IHSA Student Section Showdown Playlist and page on the IHSA State webpage.

**FINALISTS:** Four (4) finalists from Class1/2A will be announced on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Four (4) finalists from Class3/4A will be announced on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

**WINNERS:** Will be chosen by the IHSA SAC.

**Class 1/2A:** The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the 1A Boys Basketball State Final.

**Class 3/4A:** The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the 3A Boys Basketball State Final.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA/RULES:**

##### ***Show us your version of the DWR! Expectations:***

Coaches, Players and Fans who follow the DWR! Expectations will represent their school well and create a positive game experience.

- Represents their school and community well with positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during and after the competition.
- Use 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 interactions and social media comments.

##### **Other Judging Criteria:**

- Positive Sportsmanship (any negative cheering will automatically result in disqualification)
- Overall Fan Participation
- School Spirit
- Creativity
- Organization
- Overall Impression



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