

Minutes of the 2008-09 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting
September 24, 2008

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Steve Adams, Park Ridge (Maine South); Juan Gardner, Chicago (Marshall); Matt Hensley, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Henry Johnson, Mascoutah; John Schmitt, Pecatonica; Mike Ward, Pleasant Plains and Therese McLaughlin, Calumet City (T.F. North). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser was also in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Students may submit computer generated poster designs for the DWR! Poster contest beginning in January.

Rationale: Allows more students an opportunity to enter the contest and display their talent.

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Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee reviewed the recent articles addressing student conduct during games. Two issues were discussed as a result of the articles: fans not wearing shirts or appropriate clothing and body painting. The committee will survey conferences as well as attendees at the DWR! Workshops regarding these issues.
2. Schools qualifying for team bracketed state finals will receive a compiled list of notes and their rubric from the sportsmanship committee within two weeks after the completion of the tournament.
3. The committee adjusted the DWR! Workshop time schedule as well as reviewed the dates, locations, session material and moderator questions. The DWR! registration deadline is now October 8.

Date and Locations:

Division	Site	Date
1	Chicago (Dunbar)	10/13
2	Elgin (Larkin)	10/13
3	Lockport (Twp.)	10/13
4	Moline (H.S)	10/13
5	Mahomet-Seymour	10/13
6	Riverton	10/8
7	Mt. Vernon	10/13

Workshop Schedule

8:00 – 9:10	Check in	11:20 – 11:30	Break
9:10 – 9:30	Opening General Session	11:30 – 12:25	Breakout Session 3
9:40 – 10:25	Breakout Session 1	10:25 – 10:35	Break
10:35 – 11:20	Breakout Session 2	12:25 – 1:15	Closing General Session/Working lunch

4. The Committee discussed how to continue to get the DWR! Workshop information into student's hands. Some administrators are not distributing the information to their students since most of the workshops are on Columbus Day. It was recommended to give the schools the option of allowing students to attend without an adult and to allow schools to bring more than four students to the Workshops.

5. The committee discussed the make up of the new Student Advisory Committee which will consist of 1 student per district. The SAC will plan the 2008 July Leadership Conference tentatively scheduled for July 21 or 22. SAC meetings will be at the IHSA from 10 am – 4pm. Mileage reimbursement and the meeting days (Weekdays vs Sundays) were also discussed.

6. Winning Sportsperson of the Year essays will be posted on the IHSA website.

7. The committee recommends to have a couple of the competing players in state finals with TV coverage tape a DWR! message to be played during the contests.

8. The Committee discussed the NFHS Summer Leadership Conference and expressed interest in sending IHSA students to the conference.

9. Next scheduled meetings: January 21, 2009 and April 8, 2009.