

Minutes of the 2016-17 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

December 1, 2016

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 1, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central); Tom Bower, Chicago (Latin); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Heather Smith, Knoxville; Bethany Shaw, West Frankfort (Frankfort); John Moad, Granite City; Amy Mascal, Streator (Twp.); Joshua Houberg, Gilman (Iroquois West); Tom Huster (Official), Elmhurst; Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Will Hartje, Winnebago (H.S.) and Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Create a Seasonal DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll statewide
 - A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
 - B. Schools have an opportunity to earn a certificate every season
 - C. Schools are recognized seasonally for not being assessed any player, coach or fan ejections, nor any unsportsmanlike special reports concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
 - i. Procedural transgressions against a player or coach are not penalized
 - ii. Coop teams are considered as one school
 - iii. All school coaches and student-athletes, for teams and individual sports, are considered for this honor.
 - iv. Schools have an opportunity to earn a “whole school” certificate every season
 - D. The IHSA staff will contact an Administrator from the qualifying schools to verify that there were no behavioral ejections from any sport by a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
 - E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

Rationale: 100% of the member schools have an opportunity to earn seasonal recognition through the DWR! Honor Roll Program, not just the team at an IHSA State Finals. The Program reinforces DWR! Expectations for all teams, coaches and fans.

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2. **Recommendation:** Create an Annual statewide DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll
 - A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
 - B. Schools receive this recognition with zero behavioral ejections or special reports submitted to the IHSA concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator for all three sport seasons.
 - C. Schools will have the option to purchase a physical banner at their own cost
 - D. Administrators must verify that no ejections have been received by the school
 - E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

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3. **Recommendation:** Create an “Administrator Contest Responsibilities” list for regular season host managers to provide for competing Administrators prior to the contest.
1. Visiting team designates an Administrator On Duty (AOD) for the contest and provides name and cell phone number to the host school.
 2. Visiting team provides Head Coach’s name and cell phone number to the host school
 3. Administrators reinforce DWR! Expectations prior to site arrival to students and spectators.
 4. AOD must supervise fan sections and are responsible to resolve issues immediately (i.e. inappropriate language/chants/actions/personal attacks on players etc.)
 5. AOD must remain on-site until all spectators leave the facility.

Rationale: Visiting team Administrators are responsible for their crowd at all contests for all games throughout the year. This list is meant to serve as a guide and reminder for Host and Visiting Administrators.

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4. **Recommendation:** The IHSA distributes the “Administrator Contest Responsibilities” list for state series managers to give to school personnel prior to the contest. IHSA Administrators will use this list at State Final venues.
1. Each team designates an Administrator On Duty (AOD) for the contest and provides name and cell phone number to the host school.
 2. Each team provides Head Coach’s name and cell phone number to the host school
 3. Administrators reinforce DWR! Expectations prior to site arrival to students and spectators.
 4. AOD must supervise fan sections and are responsible to resolve issues immediately (i.e. inappropriate language/chants/actions/personal attacks on players)
 5. AOD must remain on-site until all spectators leave the facility.
 6. Host Manager of state series contest contact schools prior to event to discuss parking, pass gate list, fan seating, etc.

Rationale: Administrators are responsible for their crowd at all contests for all state series contest regardless of venue location or level of the tournament.

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Discussed the Unified Basketball Tournament to be held on March 18, 2017 in Peoria. The SAC members will help coordinate the tournament and events with Special Olympics.
2. Student Advisory Committee
 - a. Reviewed the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit
 - b. Reviewed the SAC Retreat
 - c. Discussed the upcoming 2017 Leadership Conference
 - d. Beth Sauser will be taking SAC committee members to the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit on July 17 - 19, 2017 in Indianapolis
3. Do What's Right!
 - A. Reviewed the DWR! Expectations
Do What's Right! Expectations
 - Represent their school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during, and after the competition.
 - Uses 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 interaction and social media comments
 - B. Reviewed the DWR! Benefits:
Benefits of the Do What's Right! Program
 1. The DWR! Program provides an opportunity to recognize students, coaches, student bodies and communities who demonstrate positive sportsmanship.
 2. The DWR! Program serves as a vehicle to reach tomorrow's leaders and work with them at our division workshops and leadership conference, where they can learn new skills to share with their fellow students at their home schools.
 3. The DWR! Program will enable the IHSA to develop resources for member schools on such topics as appropriate sportsmanship, health & wellness, and confronting hazing that they can use with their student populations.
 4. The DWR! Program promotes Add-A-Tude, the IHSA's sportsmanship mascot, to our communities across the state.
 5. The DWR! Program is another avenue the IHSA can use to promote the over-all value in interscholastic participation.
 6. The DWR! Program core Expectations provide a consistent message of positive behavior for teams, students and fans throughout Illinois.
 - C. Reviewed the State Final DWR! Rubric. This rubric is available through the DWR! Link on the IHSA website for all member schools to use and review.
 - D. The committee discussed the potential consequences to schools or administrators who do not follow the DWR! Expectations or the Administrator Contest Responsibilities. The

committee feels that Administrators or School Representatives who are responsible for their fans and community need to address issues immediately. Addressing situations as they arise reinforces the expectation to everyone in the community. Potential consequences:

- i. Loss of home playoff football games.
- ii. Loss of hosting a state series game.
- iii. Probation
- iv. Suspension from state series

4. Future Meeting Dates:

- a. Sunday, February, 12, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois* (9am – 3pm)
- b. Thursday, April, 6, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois (9am – 3pm)
- c. Tuesday, May 18, 2017, Conference Call (10am or 1pm)

*Optional Meeting with SAC to judge Student Sectional Showdown videos.