

# Minutes of the 2014-15 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

**April 16, 2015**

*The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 16, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central); Steve Haines, Seneca; Scott Hamilton, Tolono (Unity); Judy Fitzgerald, Moweaqua (Central A & M); Sean Berry, Tremont; Heather Miller, Knoxville; Terry Milt, Johnston City; Bethany Shaw, West Frankfort (Frankfort); Julie Cochran, IESA. Not in attendance: Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); Gary Stephens, Decatur; Drew Potthoff, Woodstock (Marian); Jennifer Uliks, Libertyville; Julie Traenkenschuh, Glasford (Illini Bluffs);*

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**1. Recommendation:** Attach the 3-5 minute DWR! video to all Rules Interpretation meetings for coaches to view prior to receiving credit.

**Rationale:** Ensures that the DWR! Program and Expectations are understood by head coaches. Make sure the message is received by all coaches.

Approved

## **COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

**1. Recommendation:** The committee recommends the IHSA office contacts an Administrator from each of the final four Student Section Showdown schools to verify their fan actions shown on the video actually occurs on a consistent basis throughout the year.

**Rationale:** Administrators know their student body and school community. If fans were only on their "best behavior" to shoot the video and do not usually represent themselves in a positive manner during the year then the Administrators have a chance to decline

Approved

**2. Recommendation:** The SAC make short PSA's to use in school before big games, during announcements. Create PSA's from information in the Sportsmanship Handbook.

**Rationale:** Allows Administrators access to prepared information and resources for their use during the school day and all contests.

Approved

**3. Recommendation:** Show Student Section Showdown videos during down time or breaks at the Football State Final. Play the videos anytime there is a video board or if the games are televised.

**Rationale:** Gives exposure to students/schools as well as to the SAC hosting the Student Section Showdown competition.

Approved

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

1. The committee discussed the need to create a focused approach to work with parents before the season and especially after there has been a problem or an ejection.
2. The committee discussed the annual October 20 DWR! Registration deadline for Conferences and Individual Schools. The committee discussed the need for conferences to regularly review the DWR! Expectations and how Administrators, Coaches and Students can actively promote good sportsmanship in their communities.
3. The committee discussed the content and structure of the short video the Administrators must view in order to get the red out and register their school for the DWR! Program. Include: DWR! Expectations, advantages of registering, opportunities for students to gain recognition, how coaches can work with parents, etc. There is also a need to create a focused approach to work with parents before the season, and especially after there has been a problem or an ejection.
4. Create a short video for Administrators to view in order to get the red out and register their school for the DWR! Program.
  - a. Content Ideas:
    - Advantages of registering
    - DWR! Expectations
    - Positive examples; HOI video
    - Opportunities for students to gain recognition
    - Principal sitting near the trouble makers
    - How coaches can work with parents,
    - Some examples of the sanctions that may occur – if you do this this is what could happen
    - SAC reps talk about what the expectations for students
    - SPAC expectations of school personal – supervising – getting message out to their coaches or parents in action'
    - Have SAC tape sportsmanship message for each team
5. Create the following links under “Add A Tude Tools” for schools to submit and share their best practices with other schools:
  - a. All Videos
  - b. Documents
  - c. Game Management
  - d. Rubric
  - e. PPT's
  - f. Social Media
  - g. Benefits
6. Host schools should make security available and identifiable. Clear identification of school personnel and security (wearing staff shirts or jackets) to the opponent and crowd will help the process should an emergency or situation occur.
7. The committee discussed the 2015 Student Leadership Conference schedule in Peoria.
8. Discussed the NFHS Leadership Summit in Indianapolis July 20, 21 and 22, 2015.
9. The committee thanked Jennifer Uliks, Renee Simms, Steve Haines, Scott Hamilton and Sean Berry for their service to the committee.

## **Future Meeting Dates:**

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| a. Sunday, August 2, 2015 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois | (2pm – ? stay overnight at the hotel)    |
| b. Monday, August 3, 2015 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois | (10am – 3pm)                             |
| c. Sunday, August 30, 2015, Bloomington, Illinois           | (Conference rehearsal w/ partner) (10–3) |
| d. Sunday, September 27, 2015, Peoria, Illinois             | (2pm – ? stay overnight at the hotel)    |
| e. Monday, September 28, 2015, Peoria, Illinois             | (7am – 3pm pick up from the PCC)         |
| f. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, Bloomington, Illinois           | (10am – 3pm)                             |
| g. Sunday, February, 7, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois         | (10am – 3pm)                             |
| h. Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois         | (10am – 3pm)                             |

## IHSA SPORTSMANSHIP BANNER WINNERS

**2014 FALL**

**2015 Winter**

SCHOOL	SPORT	SCHOOL	SPORT
Rockford (Keith Country Day School)	Girls Volleyball	Mercer County High School	Wrestling
Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School	Girls Volleyball	Shelbyville High School	Wrestling
Cissna Park	Girls Volleyball	Herscher High School	Wrestling
Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School	Girls Volleyball	Coal City High School	Wrestling
Dakota High School	Girls Volleyball	Walther Christian Academy	Wrestling
Watseka	Girls Volleyball	Vandalia High School	Wrestling
St. Francis High School	Girls Volleyball	Dakota High School	Wrestling
Benet Academy	Girls Volleyball	Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley HS	Wrestling
Libertyville High School	Girls Volleyball	Oak Forest High School	Wrestling
Normal Community	Girls Volleyball	Triad High School	Wrestling
Loyola Academy	Girls Volleyball	Geneseo High School	Wrestling
Harvard High School	Boys Soccer	Lemont High School	Wrestling
Timothy Christian	Boys Soccer	Crystal Lake HS	Wrestling
Springfield High School	Boys Soccer	Prospect High School	Wrestling
Wheaton Academy	Boys Soccer	Lincoln-Way Central HS	Wrestling
Normal Community	Boys Soccer	Deerfield High School	Wrestling
Carrollton	Football	Lockport Township HS	Wrestling
Forreston High School	Football	Marmion Academy	Wrestling
Maroa-Forsyth High School	Football	Oak Park-River Forest HS	Wrestling
Eastland-Pearl City Co-op	Football	Iroquois West High School	Girls Basketball
Wilmington High School	Football	Central A & M High School	Girls Basketball
Sacred Heart-Griffin	Football	New Trier High School	Girls Basketball
Nazareth Academy	Football	Forreston High School	Boys Basketball
Cary Grove	Football	York High School	Group Interpretation
Providence Catholic	Football		