

## **Minutes of the 2015-16 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting**

**December 10, 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: Drew Potthoff, Woodstock (Marian); Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Tom Bower, Chicago (Latin); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central); Heather Smith, Knoxville; Bethany Shaw, West Frankfort (Frankfort); Gary Stephens, Decatur; Leslie Alappattu, IESA. Not in attendance: Kim Maloney, Aurora (Metea Valley); Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central); Terry Milt, Johnston City.*

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**1. Recommendation:** Prior to each sport season, the IHSA office will email all member school Administrators the following information:

1. Reminder to sign up for Do What's Right! (Before Fall season only)
2. Sample Code of Conduct
3. Outline for pre-season meetings
4. DWR! Expectations
5. DWR! Rubric and explanation of how to use as a benefit to the school
6. SAWA (Sport A Winning Attitude) report form and explanation about how to report positive sportsmanship
7. PSA's to read before contests
8. Promotional video compiled by SAC or Sportsmanship Advisory

**Rationale:** Ensures that the DWR! Program and Expectations are understood by school personnel, parents and students in an organized manner prior to the start of each season.

Approved by Consent

**2. Recommendation:** Send the following information to Officials Associations:

1. DWR! Expectations information
2. DWR! Program information
3. SAWA (Sport A Winning Attitude) report form and explanation about how to report positive sportsmanship
4. A reminder that Special Reports must be submitted within 24 hours of the contest in order to communicate with school administrators.

**Rationale:** Providing this information will make officials aware of what is expected from member schools and encourage officials to submit SAWA reports more often. This also serves as a reminder that Special Reports need to be submitted online in a timely manner.

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**3. Recommendation:** Post SAWA report on Facebook and Twitter for public recognition

**Rationale:** To create another opportunity for positive public recognition.

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**4. Recommendation:** Create a DWR! Resource Center that is easily accessible from the homepage. Allows Administrators to download and upload information that other schools can use to enhance programs. i.e Superfan Club; Captains Club; Parent Meeting Information; Code of Conduct Forms; Conference Meeting Organization etc.

**Rationale:** At the request of Administrators throughout the state, a resource center is created and populated by member school personnel. The Sportsmanship Advisory Committee will review content and Beth Sauser will organize the format prior to posting the submitted documents.

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## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

### **1. Student Advisory Committee Retreat**

- a. Meet 4 times throughout the year and also at the conference
- b. Retreat is beneficial and skipping a year is not recommended. Student leaders emerged through presentations; student members develop a bond.
- c. Large group helped with bonding and the kids to prepare for the Conference.
- d. NFHS is having their free student leadership conference again. Last year one SAC member attended with Beth Sauser.
  - i. Dates for this coming year are July 18-20, 2016 in Indianapolis

### **2. Student Leadership Conference**

- a. Helpful to have information that would be relevant to the schools attending
- b. Brainstorm ways to split the retreat up into multiple sites (SAC kids will be split to present in smaller groups)
- c. Consider location change – Springfield?

### **3. Do What's Right!**

- a. DWR! information sheet – bullet changes
  - i. Represent their school and community well with positive interaction with positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during and after the contest
  - ii. Change all verbs to infinitive – “Use” instead of “Uses”
  - iii. Lowercase “d” in “defeat”
  - iv. Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interactions and with social media comments
  - v. Remove the slash between integrity and judgement – change to “and”
  - vi. Unacceptable Behavior – add singling out any individual player with negative comments or actions

- b. Ways to get sportsmanship and DWR! message out to all schools
  - i. All-school mailing
  - ii. Separate email sent to school with attachments August 4 (and re-send winter and spring seasons – August, October, February)
    - 1. Reminder to sign up for conference
    - 2. Sample Code of Conduct
    - 3. Outline for pre-season meetings
      - a. Send 3x during year
      - b. DWR! information sheet
      - c. Communication about how to report positive sportsmanship
        - i. Use social media for recognition – shout outs
        - ii. SAWA form and what to do with it and how it's used
    - 4. Sportsmanship announcement template to read before contests
      - a. IHSA Sportsmanship Mission Statement
    - 5. Promotional video compiled by SAC or Sportsmanship Advisory
    - 6. Explain rubric for sportsmanship banner
    - 7. Importance of administration at all contests – away contests?

#### **4. Inquiries**

- a. Organize crew of student super fans
  - i. Kids take leadership role – athletes from other sports
  - ii. T-shirts made and distributed
  - iii. Provide transportation to away games
  - iv. Additional resources – pompoms for kids
  - v. Entice/encourage with Student Section Showdown video(s)
  - vi. Provide information about how to organize the Student Advisory Committee
- b. Consequences for inappropriate behavior
  - i. Suggestion that sportsmanship plan must be submitted by school administration if a special report comes from an official; provide some sort of sportsmanship orientation for coaches
  - ii. Notify officials' association if officials are not reporting ejections within expected timeline
- c. Addressing parents yelling at officials
  - i. Positive Coaching Alliance
  - ii. Proactive administrative approach necessary when behavior arises

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

- g. Sunday, February, 7, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois (10am – 3pm)**
- h. Sunday, April 10, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois (10am – 3pm)**

## Fall 2015 Sportsmanship Banner Winners

### Volleyball:

Kewanee (Wethersfield)	LaSalle-Peru
Lanark (Eastland)	Mascoutah
Cissna Park	Normal (Community)
Shelbyville	Wheaton (St. Francis)
Orion	

\*\*One school qualified for the Sportsmanship banner, but their conference was not registered with the DRW! Program.

### Boys Soccer:

Winnetka (Keith Country Day)	Mundelein (Carmel)
Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden (Co-op)	Waterloo
Urbana (University High)	Berwyn-Cicero (Morton)
Elmhurst (Timothy Christian)	

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### Football:

Arcola  
Toulon (Stark County)  
New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)  
Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

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