

Minutes of the 2017-18 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 3, 2018

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were; Rebecca Moran, Summit (Argo); Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central); Jeri Miller, (Goreville); Heather Smith, Knoxville; John Moad, Granite City; Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Will Hartje, Winnebago (H.S.); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Julie Nowak, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Curtis Price, Woodstock (Marian); Amy Mascal, Streator (Twp.); Tom Huster (Official), Elmhurst; Joshua Houberg, Gilman (Iroquois West); Robert Hernandez, Aurora (IMSA); and Tom Witting, Burbank (Reavis).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommends the Student Advisory Committee create short PSA videos for administrators to use during the school year at parent-coach meetings and daily announcements.

Rationale: This gives SAC members an opportunity to communicate, to members of a schools' Community, pertinent information and reminders during the season from a student's point of view.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Create a DWR! Twitter account.

Rationale: Weekly tips for administrators, parents, students, coaches and fans. Provide links to stories and informative articles.

Approved

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Reviewed articles regarding the relationship between officials and fans, and how the abuse of officials by fans is leading to a decline in the number of officials in Illinois and throughout the country. The committee thought of ideas on how to collaborate with the IADA and IPA to address this issue in the upcoming months. Another idea is also to strengthen the relationships between schools and officials' associations.
2. Set up Google Docs for all state final sportsmanship committee members to type in the school comments before leaving the site.
3. Create a guide for state final sportsmanship committee members to use on what's acceptable and unacceptable. Before making any decisions, this committee will wait to receive the feedback from the SAC members.
4. The committee reviewed the state final sportsmanship winners list from the Fall and Winter State Finals. The committee discussed the merits of only naming one winner per class in a team-bracketed sport.

5. The committee discussed what tangible resources need to be made available to fans, administrators, coaches, and students. They also discussed the different formats to choose from and the timeline the information should be available. The committee will continue to work on this project.

6. 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

7. Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Conference Call
Thursday, December 6, 2018, Bloomington, Illinois
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Bloomington, Illinois

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10am – 2pm
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