

Minutes of the 2019-20 IHSA Do What's Right Advisory Committee Meeting

August 28, 2019

The IHSA Do What's Right! Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, IL, on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present: Rebecca Moran, Round Lake (H.S.); Berin Jackson, Freeport (Aquin); Tom Witting, Burbank (Reavis); Blake Lucas, New Berlin; Rich Palmer, Aurora (IMSA); Leslie Showers, Stillman Valley; Matt Koeppel, Clinton (H.S.); Heather Smith, Knoxville; Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Jeri Miller, (Goreville); Robert Hernandez, Aurora (IMSA); Hattie Llewellyn, New Berlin; Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Andrea Markert, Normal (University); John Moad, Granite City.

1. **Recommendation:** Provide progressive actions to Administrators when a coach, player or program violates the following sport Terms and Conditions:

Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any player, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. The IHSA By-laws 2.030, 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012 give the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, athletes, or any member of the faculty or Board of Education or any other official representative of any participating school. This authority will be exercised by the Board of Directors.

Coach/School Personnel

1. First Offense: 1 game suspension.
2. Second Offense: 3 game suspension, no contact (including practice) and education (watch the free NFHS Sportsmanship Course). (Note: School Administrators must receive the NFHS certificate of completion from the coach or school personnel upon completion before the individual resumes participation.)
3. Third Offense: Season suspension.

Player

1. First Offense: 1 game suspension.
2. Second Offense: 3 game suspension (team contact permitted) and education (watch the free NFHS Sportsmanship Course). (Note: School Administrators must receive the NFHS certificate of completion from the player upon completion before the individual resumes participation.)
3. Third Offense: Season suspension.

Rational: The current individual sport Terms and Conditions do not provide specific guidance regarding responses to unsportsmanlike conduct. This is especially apparent when negative behaviors are continuous, repeated during a season, or over the course of several seasons.

Discussion Items:

1. The committee discussed the variety of free courses and paid course offered on NFHSLearn.com that Administrators, Coaches, Students and Fans can use as a resource throughout the school year.
2. The committee discussed the most efficient way the IHSA sends out information to Administrators. The memos serve to remind everyone of the NFHS Rules, IHSA Rules, the DWR! Expectations and Game Management Procedures in place for every contest at all levels.
3. Develop a resource list to provide support to administrators who deal with sportsmanship issues and crowd control.

4. Tested an online form for State Final Sportsmanship Committee members to complete while at the state final contests. The IHSA will modify this form based upon the feedback with a goal to begin using it during the Fall tournaments.
5. Discussed the format, topics and schedule of the 2019 IHSA Student Leadership Conference. The conference is directed towards current freshman, sophomore and junior students. Registration for the September 30 conference will be open to member schools shortly. There will be a maximum of 600 student attendees, so there will be a limit to the number of students each school may bring.
6. Reviewed a rough draft of the Student Leadership Conference program.
7. Discussed that adults (coaches, officials and fans) must be held to a higher standard since they are in a different mental, physical and emotional state than the students.

Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday, September 29, 2019 SLC Prep, Peoria	3:00pm
Monday, September 30, 2019 SLC, Peoria	8am – 2pm
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, TBA	10am – 1pm
TBA, April 2020,	10am – 1pm