



2014-2015 IHSA Student Section Showdown

Overview

Sportsmanship is an important part of educational athletics, and student cheering sections can be a key factor in creating a festive high school event. The IHSA Student Advisory Committee wants to see your student section in action, and see how you contribute to a fun and positive experience. The IHSA Student Section Showdown contest will let us all see who has the top student cheering section in Illinois. This is our first year so help spread the word!!

1. **FILM YOUR STUDENTS:** Get your video camera and film your student section in action on a game night.
2. **POST TO YOUTUBE:** Edit your video to no more than 3 minutes, and after showing it to and receiving approval from a school administrator (principal, athletic director, etc.) post to YouTube entitled "2015 IHSA SS Showdown: School Name". Be sure to include your high school name in the video description as well as the submitter's name. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.
3. **EMAIL US YOUR LINK:** Email your YouTube link to Beth Sauser at bsauser@ihsa.org. We'll add it to our IHSA Student Section Showdown Playlist and page on the IHSA State webpage.
4. **Finalists:**
Four (4) finalists from Class1/2A will be announced on February 17.
Four (4) finalists from Class3/4A will be announced on February 24.
5. **WINNERS:** Will be chosen by the IHSA SAC.
Class 1/2A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 14th at the 1A Boys Basketball State Final 3rd Place Game.
Class 3/4A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 21st at the 3A Boys Basketball State Final 3rd Place Game

JUDGING CRITERIA/RULES

Do What's Right! Expectations (Show us your version of the DWR! Expectations)
Positive Sportsmanship (any negative cheering will automatically result in disqualification)
Overall Fan Participation
School Spirit
Creativity
Organization
Overall Impression

VIDEO CONTENT & LENGTH

Videos should be between 90 seconds and 3 minutes long. You must include your student section in action. Show us how loud, organized, positive, and original you can be. And don't forget: sportsmanship is a key component to having one of the top student groups in Illinois.



HOW TO ENTER

Upload your video to YouTube, and then email the link to Beth Sauser at bsauser@ihsa.org. Videos must be submitted no later than 11:59pm February 6th, 2015. The IHSA will create a YouTube playlist highlighting all of the videos and post all nominees on the IHSA website.

THE FINALISTS

After all videos have been posted (February 6th), the IHSA Student Advisory Committee will rank each video. IHSA staff members will tabulate the points.

On February 18th, 25th and March 4th and 11th a different Class 1A/2A finalist video will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order. The four school finalists will be invited to send 5 representatives each to the Boys Class 1A Third place game on Saturday, March 14th. At half time of the first game the winner will be announced.

On February 25th and March 4th, 11th and 18th a different Class 3A/4A finalist video will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order. The four school finalists will be invited to send 5 representatives each to the Boys Class 3A Third place game on Saturday, March 7th. At half time of the first game the winner will be announced.

DETERMINING A WINNER

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee will determine a winner based on the judging criteria listed above. The winning video will be shown at the final and a banner will be presented to the winning school.

TIMELINE

Video submission deadline Feb 6, 2015 (11:59pm CST US)

Class 1A/2A: 4 finalists announced: on February 17

Class 1A/2A: A different finalist video will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order on February 18th, 25th and March 4th and 11th

Class 3A/4A: 4 finalists announced: on February 24

Class 3A/4A: A different finalist video will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order on February 25th and March 4th, 11th and 18th

Class 1A/2A: Winner announced on March 14, 2015

Class 3A/4A: Winner announced on March 21, 2015

FINAL NOTE

Even if you don't think you can win or if you have only a few seconds of video, we'd love to see your student section in action! We want everyone to have fun with this contest!