

# 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.

**1. FILM YOUR STUDENTS:** Get your video camera and film your student section in action on game nights. Don't forget to film your student body at pep assemblies, school events, activities, etc.

**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 "2016 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 Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.

**3. EMAIL US YOUR LINK:** Email your YouTube link to Beth Sauser at [bsauser@ihsa.org](mailto: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 Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Four (4) finalists from Class3/4A will be announced on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

**5. WINNERS:** Will be chosen by the IHSA SAC.

Class 1/2A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 12th at the 1A Boys Basketball State Final 3rd Place Game.

Class 3/4A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 19th 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):

**Coaches, Players and Fans who follow the DWR! Expectations will represent their school well and create a positive game experience.**

- Represents their school and community well with positive interaction with opposing fans and players.
- Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in Defeat
- Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of officials.
- Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.

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. All videos must be approved by an administrator from your building. QR to view 2014-2015 Videos:

**HOW TO ENTER:**

Upload your video to YouTube, and then email the link to Beth Sauser at [bsauser@ihsa.org](mailto:bsauser@ihsa.org). Videos must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., February 2, 2016. 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 2nd), the IHSA Student Advisory Committee will rank each video. IHSA staff members will tabulate the points. On February 23rd, the four Class 1A/2A finalist videos will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order. The four Class 1A/2A finalists are invited to send up to 7 representatives each to the Boys Class 1A Third place game on Saturday, March 12th. During half time of the first game, representatives from all 4 schools will be introduced on the floor of Carver Arena and then the winner will be announced. On March 1st, the four Class 3A/4A finalist videos will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order. The four Class 3A/4A finalists are invited to send up to 7 representatives each to the Boys Class 3A Third place game on Saturday, March 19th. During half time of the first game, representatives from all 4 schools will be introduced on the floor of Carver Arena and then 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 2, 2016 (11:59 p.m. CST US)

February 23, 2016: The 4 Class 1A/2A finalists are announced and their videos released on the IHSA website in no particular order.

March 12, 2015: Class 1A/2A: Winner announced in Peoria

March 1, 2016: The 4 Class 3A/4A finalists are announced and their videos released on the IHSA website in no particular order.

March 19, 2015: Class 3A/4A: Winner announced in Peoria

**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!

**SAMPLE SCORE SHEET**

	Class	Group	10	10	10	10	10	10	40	100		NOTES
SCHOOL			PS	SBP	SS	OC	OG	SSL	OI/FUN	TOTAL	RANK	
A	1/2		6	8	9	4						
B	3/4		9	5	7	10						

CATEGORIES	
Positive Sportsmanship	PS
Student Body Participation	SBP
School Spirit	SS
Originality of Cheers	OC
Organization of the Group	OG
Student Section Leadership	SSL
Overall Impression / FUN	OI/FUN

CATEGORY SCORING		
10	Exceptional	37-40
9	VERY Good	33-36
8	Above Average	29-32
7	Average	25-28
6	Below Average	21-24
0-5	Way Below Average	0-20

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