

Minutes of the 2013-14 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 9, 2014

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Julie Cochran, IESA; Scott Hamilton, Tolono (Unity); Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Potthoff, Woodstock (Marian); Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Jennifer Uliks, Libertyville (H.S.); Gary Stephens (Decatur) and Sean Berry, Tremont.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends recognizing schools earning state final banners at State Final tournaments the following season. Recognize Fall winners at a Winter State Final; Winter winners at a Spring State Final; and Spring winners at a Fall State Final.

Rationale: Publically acknowledging the winning schools at a State Final creates more positive recognition for the schools and for the DWR! Program.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Conduct webinars throughout the year for school personnel (Administrators, Coaches and Staff) Different topics include: The Do What's Right! Program and Expectations; using the DWR! Rubric to assist Administrators during each sport season; Game Management Topics; Pre-season meeting information; Expectations and Roles of Administrators, Coaches, Players, Officials and Fans during a season or game. The third segment will also discuss game management expectations.

Rationale: This presentation will assist school personnel in preparing for all upcoming contests with emphasis on sportsmanship and administrative responsibilities before, during and after a game. The presentation will also provide leadership information for coaches since they directly influence players, parents and fans during the season. The coaches' role is critical to all three groups since the behavior of the coach sets the tone of everyone watching them.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends expanding the Sportsmanship Advisory Committee to include a Principal and an Athletic Director from each Division.

Rationale: Expanding the Sportsmanship Committee allows for increased school participation and awareness from administrators, coaches, students, parents and community members. Expanding the committee creates a broader representation in each division and emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship across the state.

Approved

4. **Recommendation:** If a coach is ejected from a game, he/she must sit out the next game per by-law 6.012 and may not resume coaching in another contest until they complete the IHSA Do What's Right! Leadership course.

Rationale: Any coach ejected from a game must meet by-law 6.012 and may not resume coaching in another contest until they complete the online education video IHSA Do What's Right! Leadership Course.

Died for lack of motion

5. **Recommendation:** Form a State Final sportsmanship committee at the Dance State Finals.

Rationale: The addition of Dance is appropriate since the qualifiers compete as a team in their respective class at the State Finals.

Approved

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

1. The committee will review and update the Sportsmanship Handbook to post by August 5, 2014.
2. Coaches must educate players on the sportsmanship expectations as the season progresses not just during the state series
3. Administrators play a vital role in the success of sportsmanship in their school. Implementing and supporting an IHSA fan policy will lead to a consistent enforcement of the rules.
4. Disrespectful behavior from student fans, parents, etc. What are administrators doing?
5. Parents cost the kids the banner in BKG.
6. The state tournament the biggest stage and we are not going to fix sportsmanship at this stage. We need to find a way to give schools information throughout the course of the season until sportsmanship becomes more of a focal point throughout the regular season. We need to emphasize awareness throughout the year.
7. A webinar, session at IADA, IHSA game management, town meetings, means more to the people in supervisory roles. It can't be a surprise to anyone what's expected from the first game of the season to the last game of the season.
8. Template for video: You are the leader of athletics in your school.
9. Ask for "best practices" from Administrators on ways they handle these expectations with coaches, students, parents, community.
10. Clearly set standards are needed from the first organizational meeting of each sport.
11. Provide tools for administrator to use for implementing DWR!
12. Students should not be allowed to stand on the front bleacher.
13. Be visible and pay attention at the games.
14. Visible signage of DWR! Expectations posted in entrance and gym.
15. Consider how the school code can carry over to the athletic code and be enforced.
16. How to deal with board members whose behavior is inappropriate.
17. How to deal with parents.
18. How does boy language reflect appropriate sportsmanship?
19. Address fan decorum – what you can and can't do. Share rubric.
20. What are your school and community expectations – what is your role as AD?
21. Legal duty.
22. Consistency.
23. Administrators in K-12 districts should educate and communicate the DWR! Program and Expectations to the junior high staff, students and parents so same message is shared.
24. Template for Sportsmanship video.
25. GAME MANAGEMENT: IADA has a checklist for game management.
26. Game Management is the art of control to ensure positive experience for all participants.
27. Athletics are not the most important of school, but they are the front porch of your school and sometimes the community.
28. Can IHSA send rubric to conference contacts for their fall meeting? Let's rate the fans for one night each season so that we can look at sportsmanship around the conference. Send to conferences in May meeting.
29. Send rubric to schools and explain how they are able to use it to help guide their fans to each conference rep in May.
30. Ask conferences to start looking at sportsmanship each season and rating their schools to discuss at the conference meetings. This will help promote leadership/sportsmanship and stress the importance of it to their school community.

Fall and Winter State Final Sportsmanship Winners

Fall 2013

Volleyball*:

Sciota (West Prairie)

New Athens

Strasburg (Stewardson-S.)

Minonk (Fieldcrest)

Elmhurst (IC Catholic Prep)

Mackinaw (Deer Creek-Mackinaw)

Breese (Central)

LaSalle (L.-Peru)

Wheaton (St. Francis)

Rockford (Keith Country Day)

Crystal Lake (South)

Winnetka (New Trier)

Chicago (Mother McAuley)

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

Boys Soccer:

Edwardsville (H.S.)

Chicago (F.W. Parker)

Genoa (G.-Kingston)

Football*:

Downs (Tri-Valley)

Staunton

St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden)

Stillman Valley

Wilmette (Loyola Academy)

Naperville (Central)

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

Winter 2014

Wrestling

Bloomington (H.S.)

Chicago (Marist)

Dakota

Harvard

Hoffman Estates (Conant)

LeRoy

Libertyville

Lombard (Montini)

New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

Oak Forest

Oak Park-River Forest

Petersburg (PORTA)

Plano

Rockton (Hononegah)

Roxana

Vandalia

Washington (H.S.)

**Four additional schools qualified for the Sportsmanship Banner, but their conference was not registered with the DRW! Program.

Girls Basketball

Moweaqua (Central A & M)

Boys Basketball

Chicago (Providence-St. Mel)

Heyworth

Lisle (Benet Academy)

Mooseheart

Drama

None

Group Interpretation

Lockport (Twp.)

Do What's Right! Expectations:

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

Future Meeting Dates:

- a. Sunday, August 3, 2014 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois
- b. Monday, August 4, 2014 SAC Retreat Bloomington, Illinois
- c. Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the IHSA office
- d. Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the IHSA office
- e. Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the IHSA office