

IHSA Do What's Right! Advisory Committee Meeting

October 5, 2022

10:00 a.m.

The IHSA Do What's Right Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, in an online setting from various communities across Illinois, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: David Rohlman, Maple Park (Kaneland); Thomas Koulentes, Libertyville; Nicole Ebsen, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest); Erin Smith, Gilman (Iroquois West); Matt Koeppel, Clinton; Amy Albers, Delavan; Steve Horrell, Macomb; Derek Beard, DuQuoin (H.S.); Jill Jung, Freeburg; Melinda Bond, Orangeville; and Mark Schaetzlein, Buffalo Grove. Also in attendance was Dan Le, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Not in attendance: Thomas Johnson, Chicago (Orr); Shannae Jackson, Chicago (Brooks); Clinton Alexander, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); and Ted Alston, Polo.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 2022, meeting.
2. The committee heard an update on the IHSA Student Advisory Committee and their projects, including their work with Special Olympics Illinois and preparations for the Student Leadership Conference with assistance from Dr. Scott Pierce.
3. The committee discussed the IHSA Student Section & Spirit Showdown and ideas to increase participation from schools, such as adding different categories of recognition (i.e. best student section, best school spirit, most community service) and breaking up the contest into more than two classes.
4. The committee discussed the return of the IHSA State Finals Sportsmanship Awards.
 - The committee heard a summary of the history of the award, which has not been given since the winter of 2019.
 - The committee discussed the value and importance of recognizing schools for good sportsmanship and awarding a banner that schools can display.
 - The committee heard a report of local officials' associations awarding schools with sportsmanship honors.
 - The committee heard a recap of how recipients of the award were determined and discussed the challenges associated with the current judging process. The committee agreed to continue to discuss the process to find ways to make it more efficient for the 2023-2024 school year.

5. The committee shared and heard feedback on the Hate Speech & Harassment Policy, which included the importance of ensuring all officials, coaches, players, and spectators are educated about the policy and procedures. For spectators and as a reminder to essential personnel at interscholastic contests, this can be done through public address announcements. The committee acknowledged that when the procedures of the policy are followed correctly, the policy is effective and adds a level of safety and security.
6. The committee reviewed the future meeting dates:
 - Thursday, December 1, 2022
 - Thursday, May 4, 2023