



ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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August, 2017

TO: The Principals and Athletic Directors of IHSAA Member Schools

FROM: Craig Anderson, Executive Director

This memo summarizes the annual IHSAA supplies included in the All-School Mailing. Member schools will be asked to access the Schools Center for a series of documents that, when coupled with the supplies found in the hard mailing, will constitute the entire All-School Mailing for the 2017-18 school year. Please note that there is no longer a Principal's packet and Athletic Director's packet in the hard mailing. The publications in the hard mailing should be dispersed to both the Principal and the Athletic Director. In the Schools Center, there will be two links, one for the principal and one for the athletic director, which schools should access to get a complete copy of the remaining documents. All the files located there will be in a PDF format and will need to be printed. Additional copies of any of the materials included in the hard mailing may be ordered from the IHSAA Office.

HARD MAILING MATERIALS

ADMINISTRATOR'S PACKET containing:

- 1 All School Mailing Cover Letter
- 1 New Administrators Workshop Letter
- 1 Town Meetings/Principals Rules Meetings Letter
- 1 "Do What's Right" Sportsmanship Information
- 1 Leadership Conference Information
- 4 Map indicating IHSAA Member Schools
- 2 IHSAA Handbook with Illustrations
- 4 School Calendar
- 1 Illinois Athletic Directors Association Membership Brochure
- 1 NFHS Soccer Rules Change Poster
- 1 NFHS Volleyball Rule Change Poster
- 1 National Federation Poster - "Use Your Helmet Properly"
- 1 National Federation Poster-"2017 Football Rules Revisions"
- 1 Student Section Showdown Information
- 1 Spirit Rules Book
- 1 Special Olympics Letter
- 1 Special Olympics Mouse Pad

ON-LINE MAILING MATERIALS

PRINCIPAL'S PACKET containing:

- 1 Letter Summarizing Supply Mailing
- 1 All-School Mailing Cover Letter
- 1 New Administrators Workshop Letter
- 1 Town Meetings/Principals Rules Meetings Letter
- 1 Rules Meeting Attendance Letter
- 1 Special Notice -- About Eligibility Rulings from IHSAA
- 1 Nomination and Election Letter
- 1 Weight Control/Rating an Official Letter
- 1 School's Responsibilities Toward Hosting Officials
- 1 Scholarship Recognition Certificate Program
- 1 Illinois Athletic Directors Association Brochure
- 1 Sports Medicine Information
- 1 "Do What's Right" Sportsmanship Information
- 1 Leadership Conference Information
- 1 Student Advisory Committee Information
- 1 Athletes With Disabilities Information
- 1 Student Section Showdown Information
- 1 Special Olympics Letter

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S PACKET containing:

- 1 Letter Summarizing Supply Mailing
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2017-18 All-School Mailing Information

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To: Principals/Official Representatives and Athletic Directors
From: Craig D. Anderson, Executive Director
Date: August, 2017
Subject: August All-School Mailing

Included in this mailing are the new publications for the 2017-18 school term and other brochures and information that will be helpful. A few important notes are included below:

Administrative Staff Assignment Changes: Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson will assume education and compliance responsibilities for the association. Assistant Executive Director Kraig Garber will assume the ADA Coordinator role and Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert will transition to the administrator with oversight of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Executive Director Craig Anderson will take over Foreign Exchange Student Eligibility determination.

Eligibility Rulings: The IHSA utilizes special forms to assist in handling your requests for eligibility rulings regarding student residency and transfers. These forms and instructions are downloadable from the IHSA web site (www.ihsa.org).

2017-18 IHSA Town Meetings/Principals Rules Meetings: IHSA By-law 3.120 requires attendance by the principal or principal's designee at an annual IHSA Town Meeting/Principals Rules Meeting. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a presentation and review of the current legislative proposals by the Legislative Commission Member representing your District and an IHSA staff member. Following the discussion regarding the new by-law proposals, the agenda items for the Principals Rules Meeting will be presented. A list of the meetings can be found in this packet and on our web site.

2017-18 IHSA Rules Meeting Video: IHSA By-law 2.120 requires the head coach from each member school, which participates in a sport or activity for which Rules Interpretation Meetings are held, to view an IHSA Rules Meeting Video in that sport or activity each year. This shall include all individual as well as team entries. In sports or activities where the same rules are used for boys and girls competition, both a boys head coach and a girls head coach must view the on-line Rules Meeting Video. All rules meeting videos will be conducted on-line. The presentation will be accessed through the Schools Center and the Officials Center. Coaches and officials will be able to view the meeting and then redeem credit for viewing the rules meeting video.

Nominations and Elections for 2017-18: Nominations and Elections will be conducted in the following Divisions and Districts for the 2017-18 school term: Board of Directors – Divisions 2, 4, 6 and At-Large Private School. Legislative Commission – Districts 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18 and 19; Athletic Administrator – Divisions 2 and 5; and, At-Large – Divisions 2, 3 and 6. Nomination Ballots will go on-line on August 11, 2017.

New Administrators Workshop: A New Administrators Workshop will be held at the IHSA Office on October 4, 2017. If you are a first-year administrator, or a new administrator in Illinois, please plan to attend this workshop. A form to attend the meeting is included in this packet.

All new principals within the first two (2) years of becoming a principal, must attend this workshop or view an on-line presentation developed for new administrators by the IHSA. (By-law 2.130.1)

Manuals for Sports and Activities: All Manuals will be on the IHSA web site and will be listed on the specific sport or activity page. There will be a Manual for Schools and a Manual for Managers with links to the Terms and Conditions and the Interactive Forms that need to be completed.

You can find a complete listing of the items that are included in this mailing and the items available on-line by reviewing our summary letter which is included in this packet.

New Administrators Workshop



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To: Principal Addressed

From: Craig D. Anderson, Executive Director

The Illinois High School Association is planning its annual New Administrators Workshop to be held Wednesday, October 4, 2017, in the IHSA Office at 2715 McGraw Drive in Bloomington.

The purpose of the workshop is to acquaint new administrators--either new to Illinois or new to high school administration--with the various responsibilities and services of the Association. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with an orientation to the IHSA rules and By-laws. The balance of the agenda will focus on administrative and operational questions pertaining to Association activities. Examples of specific eligibility problems are always an interesting topic of conversation at these meetings. Lunch will be served in our office at noon and the workshop will adjourn about 2:00 p.m.

Please complete this form and fax it to this office by September 27, 2017, if you plan to attend the meeting.

If you are a first-year administrator, or a new administrator in Illinois, please plan to attend this workshop. We will look forward to meeting you here.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:
Please complete this form and fax it to (309) 663-7479
So it is received in the IHSA Office no later than September 27, 2017.

NEW ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP REPLY FORM

I plan to attend the workshop for new administrators to be held at the IHSA Office on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, IL _____

(Zip Code)

School Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Requested Topics to be Reviewed: _____

2017-18 IHSA Town Meetings/Principals Rules Meetings



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IHSA By-law 3.120 requires attendance by the principal or principal's designee at an annual IHSA Town Meeting/Principals Rules Meeting.

Please note the start time change to 6 different meetings. These meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. With the exception of the 6 meetings, all other meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. The meetings will begin with a presentation and review of the current legislative proposals by the Legislative Commission Member representing your District and an IHSA staff member. Following the discussion regarding the new by-law proposals, the agenda items for the Principals Rules Meeting will be presented.

TOWN/SCHOOL	DATE	ROOM	MGR.
Addison (A. Trail)	Wed., Nov. 8, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Forum Room B	Matt Thompson
Algonquin (Jacobs)	Wed., Nov. 8, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Jeremy Bauer
Arlington Heights (Hersey)	Wed., Nov. 8, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Theater	John Novak
Jacksonville (H.S.)	Wed., Nov. 8, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Joey Dion
Olney (Richland County)	Wed., Nov. 8, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Sliva Auditorium	Curt Nealis
Chicago (Eric Solorio Academy)	Thurs., Nov. 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Library	Jeff Niemiec
Clinton High School	Thurs., Nov. 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Barry Gurvey
O'Fallon High School	Thurs., Nov. 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Smiley Campus Auditorium	Rich Bickel
Plainfield (Central)	Thurs., Nov. 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Mark Krusz
Carlinville High School	Mon., Nov. 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Media Center, Rm. 353	Patrick Drew
Chicago (Mother McAuley)	Mon., Nov. 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Main Gym	Laurie Jakubczak
(Park in the main parking lot or circle drive & enter at the athletic center entrance)			
Lisle (Benet Academy)	Mon., Nov. 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Gary Goforth
Pontiac High School	Mon., Nov. 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Pontiac Rec Center	Gary Brunner
(The Meeting will be held at the Rec Center, 900 N. Elm St., Pontiac)			
Tinley Park (H.S.)	Mon., Nov. 13, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Audion	Mike Mongan
Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)	Tues., Nov. 14, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium	Dan Camp
Effingham (H.S.)	Tues., Nov. 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Office Conference Room	Dave Woltman
Grayslake (Central)	Tues., Nov. 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Theater	Brian Moe
Macomb High School	Tues., Nov. 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Fellheimer Auditorium	David Bartlett
Manlius (Bureau Valley)	Tues., Nov. 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Jason Spang
Freeport (H.S.)	Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Freeport Middle School	Jeff Fitzpatrick
(The Meeting will be held at Freeport Jr. High, 701 W. Empire St.)			
Mahomet (M.-Seymour)	Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	Matt Hensley
Mt. Vernon High School	Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Theater	Doug Creel
Sterling (H.S.)	Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium	Greg King
West Frankfort (Frankfort)	Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Auditorium	TBA
Chicago (St. Patrick)	Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Library/Media Center	Brian Glorioso
Chicago (Whitney Young)	Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.	Library	Chris Cassidy
DeKalb High School	Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Forum Room	Nic Kearfott
Morton High School	Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.	Bertha Frank Auditorium	Scott Jones

IHSA Rules Meeting Requirement



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To the Principal/IHSA Official Representative Addressed:

IHSA By-law 2.120 requires that a head coach from each member school, which participates in a sport or activity for which Rules Interpretation Meetings are held, to view an IHSA On-line Rules Meeting video in that sport or activity each year. This shall include all individual as well as team entries.

The purpose of this by-law is not just to insure that someone from the school views the rules meeting video. Rather, it is to insure that a coach for each sport or activity views the video since it can affect each of the school's teams in a direct way. Therefore, in sports or activities where the same rules are used for boys and girls competition, both a boys program coach and a girls program coach must view the online Rules Meeting video.

Enforcement of the requirements of By-law 2.120 will include the following provisions:

1. Any school not meeting the requirement during the 2017-18 school term for a sport/activity in which it participates and for which Rules Meetings were conducted was placed on probation in that sport/activity for one year. Schools with sports/activities programs placed on probation for this reason were notified by letter.
2. If a school is currently on probation in a sport/activity and does not meet the 2017-18 Rules Meeting requirement for the sport/activity, the school will be suspended from participation in the State Tournament Series in that sport/activity for 2017-18. Refer to the Illustrations relative to By-law 2.120 in your new 2017-18 IHSA Handbook for additional explanation, if needed.

Be sure your coaches are aware of the Rules Meeting requirements and that they refer to the IHSA web site for all Rules Meeting information. All rules meetings will be on-line. Please be sure to check the Schools Center for any changes in dates.

**BE SURE YOUR HEAD COACH VIEWS THE ON-LINE RULES VIDEOS
AS REQUIRED TO AVOID PENALTIES TO YOUR SCHOOL.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig D. Anderson
Executive Director

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Eligibility Information



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SPECIAL NOTICE -- ABOUT ELIGIBILITY RULINGS FROM IHSA **for the 2017-18 SCHOOL TERM**

The IHSA utilizes special forms to assist in handling your requests for eligibility rulings regarding student residency and transfers. These forms are downloadable from the IHSA web site (www.ihsa.org).

Principals' Concurrence Regarding Transfer: Complete this document to document concurrence with the student's transfer by both the principal of the school from which the student transfers (Sending School) and the principal of the school into which the student transfers (Receiving School). This is a requirement of By-law 3.041. If you, as the receiving principal, experience any delay in obtaining the sending school principal's approval, contact the sending school and try to prompt their response. If there is a further delay, notify the IHSA Office immediately and we will intervene on the student's behalf. **Note: A student is not eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest until the Principals' Concurrence Regarding Transfer Form is fully executed by both principals and is on file in the offices of the school to which the student transfers.**

Please note: Concurrence with a transfer by both principals does not guarantee or assure eligibility. A ruling by the Executive Director may still be required. In all cases where a ruling is sought, a fully completed Principals' Concurrence Regarding Transfer Form must be sent to the IHSA Office along with the fully completed Transfer Eligibility Form. Please include complete, correct and accurate information on the forms.

Transfer Eligibility Form: Complete this form if your school receives a transfer from another school to facilitate determination of a student's compliance with IHSA eligibility by-laws for interscholastic athletics. This form is to be sent to the IHSA Office, along with the fully completed Principal's Concurrence Regarding Transfer in the event a ruling by the Executive Director on a student's eligibility in regard to transfer is to be requested.

Transfer Component from Receiving School Coach: Complete this form to facilitate determination of the eligibility of a student in regard to recruiting. The information on this form will provide clarification on a connection between one or more of the receiving school high school coaches and the transferring student.

Residence Eligibility: Complete this form to facilitate determination of the eligibility of a student in regard to residence. The information included on this form will substantiate whether the student is in full compliance with the residence eligibility by-laws and whether a determination of eligibility is required. If such determination is required, the completed form must be sent to the Executive Director for a ruling. In addition, an **Affidavit of Residence Form** is to be completed, signed by all appropriate parties and submitted with the Residence Eligibility Form to the IHSA Office.

Affidavit of Residence: The Affidavit of Residence Form must be completed and submitted along with the Residence Eligibility Form when a ruling is requested.

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IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING USE OF THE ELIGIBILITY RULING FORMS

1. The forms do not ask the principal or representative to make any ruling nor should use of the forms suggest that any authority has been given to the principal or other school representative to make an eligibility ruling. As you are aware, the IHSA By-laws provide that eligibility rulings are the sole responsibility of the Executive Director of the IHSA. Also, interpretations of the By-laws can only be made by the IHSA Board of Directors. The IHSA staff is available to assist a member school and it is our hope that the principal or representative of a member school has become familiar with the By-laws so as to at least provide some assistance to a student, in the event of an eligibility question. However, neither the advice of the IHSA staff nor any statement by anyone other than the Executive Director or Board of Directors will constitute a ruling. If an eligibility question is raised, you are to contact or write the Executive Director for a ruling.
2. The eligibility by-laws may require you, as principal, to certify or approve a student's eligibility status or transfer. **Please note: Your approval or concurrence with an eligibility case or request does not constitute a ruling.** To certify means you acknowledge that the information provided to the IHSA for a ruling is complete and correct. Approval or concurrence constitutes acknowledgment that the information provided to the IHSA for a ruling is complete and correct. Approval of or concurrence with a transfer is an acknowledgment that you have no information to provide which is contrary to the By-laws regarding a student's residence information or the transfer. Advice to a student by a principal or school representative that he/she is eligible to participate is not binding on the IHSA and could result in sanctions involving both the student and the school if the advice is found to be inaccurate by the IHSA after full investigation and a ruling.

Because of the growing number of rulings required annually, the forms and information you provide are intended to speed up the ruling process so that minimal time is lost by a student in interscholastic activities. Your participation and cooperation is appreciated and this notice is simply intended as a reminder of your responsibility and role in the process regarding student eligibility rulings. Thank you for your continued cooperation with the IHSA.



FURTHERING OUR COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF ILLINOIS' STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COLLABORATING WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE THAT MISSION

2017-18 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR THE IHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The nomination and election process for the Board of Directors and Legislative Commission will be conducted electronically. Each school will be able to nominate and elect their representatives through the Schools Center on the IHSA web site (www.ihsa.org). Voting instructions will be included on the web site and in an email sent to the principal/official representative and the athletic director.

Nominations and Elections will be conducted in the following Divisions and Districts for the 2017-18 school term:

Board of Directors

Division 2 – Three year term

Division 4 – Three year term

Division 6 – Three year term

At-Large Private School – Three year term

(Note: The At-Large Private School Nomination may not come from Divisions 1 and 4)

Legislative Commission

District 3 – Three year term

District 5 – Three year term

District 6 – Three year term

District 7 – Three year term

District 9 – Three year term

District 11 – Three year term

District 13 – Three year term

District 18 – Three year term

District 19 – Three year term

Athletic Administrator – Division 2 – Three year term

Athletic Administrator – Division 5 – Three year term

At-Large – Division 2 – Two years of unexpired term

At-Large – Division 3 – Three year term

At-Large – Division 6 – Three year term

Important Dates

Aug. 11, 2017 -- Nomination Ballots on-line

Sept. 15, 2017 -- Nomination Ballots due on-line

Sept. 18, 2017 – Nomination Ballots counted and results on-line

Sept. 20, 2017 – Election Ballots on-line

Oct. 1, 2017 – Election Ballots due on-line

Oct. 2, 2017 – Election Ballots counted and results on-line

Please watch the Announcements section on the web site for important information about the nomination and balloting process.

Officials Information



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To: Principals/Official Representatives and Athletic Directors
From: Sam Knox, Assistant Executive Director
Subject: Important Information
Date: August 1, 2017

I hope your summer has gone well and you had the opportunity to get away from school for some family time. The 2017-18 school year is quickly approaching, and the IHSA All School Mailing has officially started the year in our office.

As we think about the new school year, please review the following information.

Certified Body Fat Testers

The IHSA implemented a new body fat testing program in the 2017-18 school year. All current and future Body Fat Assessors will need to attend a Body Fat Testing Class within the next two years.

Here is the schedule of classes for this fall.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 10:00am	Normal (Community West)
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00am	Effingham High School
Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:00pm	Franklin Park-Northlake (Leyden High School)
Friday, September 29, 2017 at 10:00am	Minooka High School
Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:00pm	Wauconda High School
Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 10:00am	St. Rita High School
Friday, October 13, 2017 at 10:00am	Wheeling High School

Class rosters are limited to 30 students per class. People who are interested in attending one of the classes must register in advance. Contact Lauren Matson (lmatson@ihsa.org) at the IHSA office to register for one of the classes this fall.

The cost of the initial body fat testing class is \$35. Checks are payable to the IHSA and should be submitted to the class instructor at the class site. The IHSA will also introduce an online recertification training course. The cost of this training will be \$10.

As a part of the new body fat testing program, all body fat assessors will receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

The IHSA office communicates with Body Fat Assessors via e-mail. All Body Fat Assessors must make sure they have a current e-mail address listed in the Officials Center on the IHSA website.

Rating Officials

Each varsity head coach is responsible for rating all officials after every varsity contest during the regular season and the postseason. Coaches at the non-varsity level do not rate their officials.

The IHSA office uses officials' ratings as one of the components to assign officials to postseason tournaments. Therefore, it is extremely important that all varsity head coaches rate all varsity officials after every contest.

Administrators are able to check their coaches' progress and how many ratings each coach has submitted for each sport. Log in to the Schools Center with your administrative password. Check the Sport/Activity Tracker page in your Schools Center to see how many ratings your coaches have submitted.

For example: If your softball team has played 20 games at a certain point of the season with two umpires at each game, your coach is required to submit 40 ratings.

Top 15 List

Each varsity head coach is required to submit a list of the Top 15 Officials in his/her sport.

The IHSA office uses Top 15 List as one of the components to assign officials to postseason tournaments. Therefore, it is extremely important that all varsity head coaches submit a Top 15 List in the Schools Center.

Coaches Top 15 Lists must be completed by the following dates.

Fall Sports: September 7, 2017 **Winter Sports:** December 7, 2017 **Spring Sports:** April 7, 2018

Administrators are able to check their coaches' progress on their Top 15 Lists, just like they can check how many officials' ratings their coaches have submitted.

E-mail Reminders

The IHSA office will e-mail administrators and coaches when the number of ratings entered in a certain sport do not meet expectations. Our officials are committed to helping our schools with their contests, and they deserve feedback on their performance after every game. Additionally, the officials' ratings and Top 15 Lists guide the IHSA staff members who assign officials to postseason tournaments.

Be sure your head coaches rate all varsity officials and submit a Top 15 List.

Sport/Activity Tracker

Each school has a Sport/Activity Tracker page in the Schools Center that shows each Sport/Activity your school offers along with all the information needed by the IHSA and the important deadlines connected with each task. A red box indicates action items that need immediate attention from an administrator or a coach. Be sure to check this page frequently in the Schools Center to keep your school up-to-date and to ensure that the IHSA office has the important information we need from your school.

School's Responsibilities Toward HOSTING OFFICIALS



Illinois High School Association

Quality Officiating

Quality officiating makes any athletic contest run smoothly. It also creates a positive experience for the players, coaches and fans. As the host school it is your responsibility to make the officials feel welcome and comfortable when they are working a game at your facilities.

Always remember that these individuals are working these contests because of their love for their particular sport and the enjoyment they receive from working with the high school athlete.

It is the athletic department's responsibility to provide the necessary information prior to the official's assigned contest as well as being available during and following the contest.

Fine officiating and good game management often go unnoticed, but together the officials and administration can make the competitive aspect of the game a positive one. Proactive administrators control **ALL** situations.

Hopefully, the suggestions that follow will help show the necessary respect, appreciation and preparation needed before an official comes to your school.

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE SEASON

1. Send a reminder card or email to the officials after you have them scheduled.
2. Reminder should include date of contest, time, level, location and sport.

Even though many schools and conferences have assignment chairpersons, sending a reminder is highly recommended. When an official does not show, people in your community won't know who the assignment chairperson is, but they do know the athletic director. **Avoid embarrassment.**

3. Have a standard wage scale set for your different sports and levels and a method in place to raise the pay periodically.
4. If possible, let the working officials know who their partner(s) will be.
5. Hire police and security along with medical assistant or athletic trainer coverage for events whenever possible.
6. Set a policy with your school board on fan, coach and player behavior.
7. Make sure all officials have a contract that is signed by your school—preferably by the principal or IHSA Official Representative.

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE CONTEST

1. Prior to the contest, provide the officials with directions and inform them of any special activities that might be occurring (i.e., Homecoming, Senior Night, etc.)
2. Give the official a number they can call in case of an emergency or postponement due to weather.
3. Have competent workers assigned at all contests (scorers, announcers, chain crew, etc.). These people are of great assistance to the official during the contest.
4. Have a host assigned to meet the officials as they arrive. The host should do the following for the officials:
 - A) Provide a reserved parking space.
 - B) Meet officials and take them to the dressing room.
 - C) Have refreshments available for halftime and postgame.
 - D) Ask for any additional needs.
 - E) Introduce the officials to those game workers pertinent to the contest (i.e., scorer, announcer, chain gang, etc.).
 - F) Get the proper pronunciation of officials' names so they are correct when given by the public address announcer.
5. Athletic director should discuss with the officials any special events, conference rules, national anthem time, etc. that would affect the game.
6. Provide the officials with the name of the adult supervisor for that contest and where that person can be found in the event a challenging situation should occur.
7. Make officials aware of location of an athletic trainer or other first responders during the contest. Have a doctor on site when possible (especially at football contests).
8. Make sure all bench personnel are properly attired.
9. Do a check on game scoreboards and lighting systems prior to the game or contest.
10. Make sure the playing area is properly marked and meets National Federation guidelines for that contest.
11. Provide appropriate secured dressing area and hot water showering facilities.



SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL DURING THE CONTEST

1. Insist coaches display good sportsmanship and are proper examples for your players and crowd.
2. Have your public address announcer or cheerleader read the IHSA sportsmanship statement and remain unbiased during contest.
3. Make sure the event supervisor understands the duties and responsibilities pertinent to that contest.
4. Make sure the playing area is maintained during halftime of each contest. For wrestling, make sure the mat is properly cleaned and washed.
5. Help with adverse weather conditions; monitor accordingly.
6. Make sure proper crowd control is visible and in place. Good administrative control can prevent difficult situations.
7. Observe the crowd during the contest and prevent any disturbances that may occur.
8. Work with the official during the game regarding crowd control.
9. Retrieve the game ball at the end of the contest.
10. Escort the officials back to the dressing room at halftime and at the conclusion of the contest.

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL AFTER THE CONTEST

1. Escort the officials safely back to the dressing room and parking lot.
2. Do not allow unauthorized persons in the dressing room after the game. This includes coaches.
3. Have refreshments available for the officials after the contest.
4. Be sure to thank the officials for their time and effort, regardless of the outcome of the game.
5. Make sure arrangements for paying the officials have been completed. It is preferable to pay the official the day of contest.
6. Ensure that officials are not confronted by anyone after the contest.



**2017-2018 ILLINOIS ATHLETIC
DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**
Membership Information

Active Members

- \$50.00 - YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
- \$400.00 - LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
- \$80.00 - NIAAA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
- \$800.00 NIAAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

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- FREE - IADA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
- \$30.00 - NIAAA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
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Apply for membership and update members' information online at www.illinoisada.org

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ASSOCIATION

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**Normal West High School
501 N. Parkside Road
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2017-2018

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- District 20 Bob Wells, Fairfield
- District 21 Len Novara, Murphysboro

**REASONS TO SAY
"YES" TO
MEMBERSHIP
IN IADA**

- Educational Leadership
- Professional Development
- NIAAA Certification Classes
- Journal Update
- Annual Conference
- Networking Opportunities
- IADA and IHSA Working Together!



IADA

The Illinois Athletic Directors Association values your efforts and expertise and would like you to consider joining our organization as an advocate for school athletic programs throughout the state.

The IADA currently enlists the aid and advice of the Athletic Directors across the state to serve on IHSA Sport Advisory Boards, as well as the Athletic Directors' Advisory Board.

By becoming a member of our organization, you will enjoy the opportunity to network, as well as opportunities for educational leadership and professional development through the IADA Journal and annual State Conference.

Many school districts will pay for your membership as professional growth or staff development. All Athletic Administrators are eligible for membership.

HOW TO BECOME A

MEMBER OF IADA

Fill out the online membership form at:

www.illinoisada.org

New Athletic Directors: There is no charge for your first year of membership if you attend the New AD's Workshop which is held each July in Bloomington.

If you are retired, please fill out the online membership form with your current home address, the school from which you retired, as well as the number of years that you were an athletic administrator, a member of the IADA, and a member of the NIAAA. This will enable us to keep you on our active mailing list with your current address.

Join the IADA, become an active member, and begin to experience the many benefits of this professional organization.

2017-2018

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To: Member School Principals/ADs
From: Kurt Gibson
Re.: Sports Medicine updates
Date: August 1, 2017

Welcome to the 2017-18 school term! Our office hopes the year is a successful one for you, your faculty, and your students. Student-athlete safety remains a priority for the IHSA, and this document is intended to provide a quick over-view of some important sports medicine initiatives of which each member school should be aware. Additionally, our office will be preparing a Sports Medicine presentation, similar in nature to sport-specific online, that will contain more in-depth information on the initiatives and others. This will be a great presentation for administrators, coaches, and athletic trainers to view. The presentation is posted on the IHSA Sports Medicine website.

1. **Concussion Reporting:** Member schools are again asked to report basic information on all concussions sustained by student-athletes during the school year, even if the concussion occurs outside of a school activity. Reporting is made through the Schools Center. After logging in, find the 'C' tab ("Concussion Reports") to file a report. If your school has no concussions within a month period, there is also the option to report that. Reporting is a requirement of state law (HB 4365)
2. **Pre-game medical talk:** Beginning this year, our office will be asking member schools hosting events, games, tournaments, etc., to conduct a pre-game 'Medical Talk' with contest officials and competing school(s). This 'talk' should identify what medical coverage will be provided for the event and who the contacts for competing schools will be should any weather, injury, or catastrophic event occur. More information about this initiative will be a part of all online rules meetings, including the new Sports Medicine update presentation.
3. **Concussion Education:** The first two-year concussion education training cycle will be expiring for many coaches in 2018, and the IHSA/IESA are developing the next two-year training curriculum, and it is expected that curriculum will be available in March of 2018. As a reminder, all coaches and Concussion Oversight Team (COT) members are required to have completed a minimum two-hour training program approved by IHSA before coaching at a member school. A school can track the status of its faculty's successful completion of this requirement in the IHSA Schools Center.
4. **PES Testing:** At their June 2017 meeting, the IHSA's Board of Directors decided to discontinue the association's performance-enhancing substance testing program, beginning with the 2017-18 school term. The decision was not a reflection of the program's performance; rather, the Board believes the program has been successful and curbed the use of PES's by student-athletes in Illinois. Discontinuing the program will enable resources used for testing to be used elsewhere. Coach education, however, related to the program continues so administrators need to ensure their coaches are completing the online program in the Schools Center.

Thanks for your attention to these initiatives. The afore-mentioned Sports Medicine pre-season presentation will address these in greater detail. Individuals with questions about any of these initiatives can contact Kurt Gibson (kgibson@ihsa.org) at the IHSA Office.



Do What's Right!

Sportsmanship Program



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TO: IHSA Member School Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Beth A. Sauser, IHSA Assistant Executive Director
IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Comm. /Student Advisory Comm.

RE: "Do What's Right!" Program

DATE: August 1, 2017



The **DO WHAT'S RIGHT! Program** creates opportunities for teams, schools and communities to earn positive sportsmanship recognition throughout the regular season and post season. The DWR! Program outlines the expectations for all IHSA member schools, their teams, coaches, players, and communities to emulate. Defining a consistent message of good behavior for participants and fans promotes an enjoyable atmosphere at all contests throughout the state.

The IHSA would like to acknowledge the conferences and schools that registered for the DWR! Program in 2016-17:

Apollo
Big Northern
Big Twelve
Black Diamond
Cahokia
Central Illinois
Central Suburban League
Chicago Catholic League
Chicago Prep
Corn Belt
DuPage Valley
East Central Illinois
East Suburban Catholic
Fox Valley
Girls Catholic Athletic
Greater Egyptian
Heart of Illinois
Independent School League
Interstate Eight
Kishwaukee River
Little Okaw Valley
Little Ten

Metro Suburban
Mid-Illini
Mid-Suburban League
Mississippi Valley
MSM
North Suburban
Northeastern Athletic
Northern Illinois (NIC-10)
Northern Illinois Big 12
Northwest Upstate Illini
Okaw Valley
Prairieland
River Valley
Sangamo
Sangamon Valley
South Central
South Egyptian
South Seven
South Suburban
Southern IL River to River
Southland Athletic
Southwest Prairie

Southwest Suburban
Southwestern
Three Rivers Athletic
Tomahawk
Tri-County
Upstate Eight
Vermillion Valley
West Central
West Suburban
Western Illinois Valley
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:
Breese (Mater Dei)
Chicago (Von Steuben)
Chicago (Westinghouse C.P.)
Glen Carbon (Father McGivney Catholic)
Okawville High School
Rockford (Keith Country Day)
Solorio Academy
Taft High School
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In order to register your Conference or Independent School, please follow these steps:

- ❖ Go to [IHSA.org](http://www.ihsa.org)
- ❖ Under the Resources tab, click on Sportsmanship
- ❖ In the left column, click on the Do What's Right link
- ❖ Under the green banner that reads DWR! Forms, you will find the Conference and Independent School registration forms link

NOTE: If a conference does not register for the Do What's Right! Program, an individual school from that conference may register.

When a conference or independent school registers for the Do What's Right! Program, they agree to communicate and actively educate their students, fans and communities of the following Do What's Right! Expectations:

- **Represent their school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during, and after the competition.**
- **Use positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.**
- **Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.**
- **Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of the officials.**
- **Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interactions and social media comments.**

To familiarize yourself with the DWR! Program, please access the following link for benefits, resources, registration forms, and a full PowerPoint description:

<http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/Sportsmanship.aspx>

Student Advisory Committee

We also encourage you to get to know the IHSA Student Advisory Committee. This is a group of 21 high school students representing each legislative commission district throughout Illinois. They are nominated by their principals and selected by the IHSA to provide direction and education to our member schools in the areas of leadership, sportsmanship, and communication.

To invite an SAC member to speak or participate in a school or conference presentation/assembly, please contact Beth Sauser at bsauser@ihsa.org.

Please access the link below to see the representative for your district, and learn more about this committee.

<http://www.ihsa.org/AbouttheIHSA/AdvisoryCommittees/StudentAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>

IHSA and the Student Advisory Committee



present the

2017 Leadership Conference

**Monday
September 25, 2017**

Peoria Civic Center

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.
Conference: 9:15 a.m.–2:30 p.m.



Small Group Workshops



Keynote Speaker Harvey Alston

**Separate Workshop Sessions
planned for attending:**

- ✧ Principals
- ✧ Activity Directors
- ✧ Athletic Directors
- ✧ Coaches



Open to all member school students,
administrators and coaches

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior
students encouraged to attend

Free admission
Lunch included

**Log in to the Schools Center to register
beginning August 21!**



SAC Leadership Handbook

What is the purpose of the Handbook?

The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with a framework to create and run an effective student advisory committee in your school.

This handbook is designed to cover the important aspects of leadership for students. It will include ideas for creating and developing an advisory committee, and provide a step-by-step guide on how to address important topics of discussion as student-athlete leaders.

The handbook will provide each member of your advisory committee an opportunity to reflect on their personal leadership style and role. It will suggest activities to improve leadership skills, and help your SAC promote leadership and sportsmanship within your teams, classrooms, and communities.

Handbook Contents:

This handbook has three main sections. We recommend that you cover each section of the handbook to help to build a strong culture of leadership.

Section 1: Your Student Advisory Committee

- Forming your SAC

Section 2: Leadership Planning

- Creating your definition of leadership
- Conducting leadership self-analysis
- Setting individual and SAC leadership goals

Section 3: Building Your Leadership Skill Set

- Motivating yourself and your teammates
- Facing and embracing adversity
- Communicating effectively
- Being a role model
- Building strong and cohesive teams

Handbook Authors:

This handbook was created by the student-athletes of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Student Advisory Committee (SAC), with the help of Beth Sauser (IHSA) Scott Pierce, PhD. and Matthew Gordon, MS (both from the School of Kinesiology & Recreation at Illinois State University).



IHSA Student Advisory Committee

2017-18 Student Advisory Committee members:

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Chicago (Lane Tech)	Kayla Dutton
2	Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep)	Ben Perez
3	Chicago (Mother McAuley)	Grace Hynes
4	Hoffman Estates (H.S.)	Benita Varanauskaite
5	Aurora (West Aurora)	Sam Arsenault
6	Woodstock (Marian Central Catholic)	Jacob Potthoff
7	Berwyn-Cicero (Morton)	Leslie Huerta
8	Lemont (H.S.)	Celine Ratulowski
9	New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)	Sara Swanberg
10	Machesney Park (Harlem)	Catie Daily
11	Cambridge	Olivia Nuckles
12	Mendota	Preston Lewis
13	Champaign (Central)	Kendall Woods
14	Windsor	Dalton Armes
15	Down (Tri-Valley)	Matthew Kovich
16	Knoxville	Nathan Erickson
17	Jacksonville (Routt)	Ellie Abell
18	Mackinaw (Deer-Creek-M.)	Neal Scheuermann
19	Granite City	Isaiah Mizell
20	Nashville	Paige Kasten
21	Carterville	Austin Knight

SAC Mission Statement

The Student Advisory Committee is a group of students who participate in diverse interscholastic athletics and activities. The SAC promotes the sportsmanship and integrity ideals of the Illinois High School Association. We are focused on providing leadership and communication between participants, administrators and fans of IHSA activities.

Captain's Handbook

Administrators, Coaches and Students will have access to an online Captain's Handbook developed and written by the Student Advisory Committee. The information will help coaches work with team captains and students to understand their role as leaders and team players.

SAC Nomination Process for 2017-18

- Nomination Forms are available online from **Oct. 1, 2017 through Jan. 31, 2018.**
- All forms must be completed and in the IHSA office by **Jan. 31, 2018.**
- All current Freshmen and Sophomore IHSA member school students are eligible for nomination
- A committee will meet to review and choose the finalists. A phone interview with Beth Sauser will take place to determine the final selection.
- Each new SAC member and their Administrator will receive a letter welcoming them to the committee.

To access the nomination form, please follow this link:

<http://www.ihsa.org/AbouttheIHSA/AdvisoryCommittees/StudentAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>

SAC District Openings

Districts **6-7-8-9-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-21** will need representation beginning in April 2018.

Districts **1-2-3-4-5-10-11-12-15** are scheduled to be open for the following 2019-2020 school year.

Nominations will still be accepted in all districts in the event the current representative is unable to continue as a member of the SAC.



Athletes with Disabilities

For years, the IHSA has focused upon reasonable accommodations to allow student-athletes with disabilities to be integrated to the maximum extent possible in IHSA sports and activities. The IHSA has promoted inclusion of student-athletes with disabilities wherever possible, focusing upon the various benefits of participating in extracurricular athletics or activities, which would include socialization, improved teamwork and leadership skills, as well as fitness.



For Athletes with Disabilities, the IHSA offers sports programs in the following:

- Boys & Girls Bowling
- Boys & Girls Swimming
- Boys & Girls Track & Field

For the 2017-18 school year, schools who wish to enter Athletes with Disabilities must do so through the Sport and Activity Tracker in Schools Center by the following dates:

Girls Swimming	October 4
Boys Bowling	December 13
Girls Bowling	January 3
Boys Swimming	January 17
Girls T & F	April 10
Boys T & F	April 17

Athletes with Disabilities who need accommodations to participate can request those from the IHSA. The Request for Accommodations Form can be found on the IHSA website or by entering the following address into your browser:

<http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/current/Request%20for%20Accommodation%20Form.pdf>

For questions about Athletes with Disabilities programming or accommodations, please contact:

IHSA ADA Coordinator
Kraig Garber
kgarber@ihsa.org
309.663.6377



4th Annual Illinois High School Association



**2017-18 STUDENT
SECTION SHOWDOWN**

Presented by the IHSA Student Advisory Committee

Get your fans, video cameras, and creativity ready!

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We're looking for the School Student Section that
ROCKS their school **spirit** and follows the

Do What's Right!

Expectations to the fullest!

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Contest details can be found on our website:

www.ihsa.org/Resources/Sportsmanship/StudentSectionShowdown

Deadline for video submission is Feb. 6, 2018

*You will be competing against high schools from all over Illinois,
so show us what makes YOUR school outstanding in
Spirit and Sportsmanship!*

OVERVIEW

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.

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 "2018 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. 6, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

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.

FINALISTS: The finalists from Class1/2A will be announced on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The finalists from Class3/4A will be announced on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

WINNERS: Will be chosen by the IHSA SAC.

Class 1/2A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the 1A Boys Basketball State Final.

Class 3/4A: The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the 3A Boys Basketball State Final.

JUDGING CRITERIA/RULES:

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 before, during and after the competition.
- Use positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of officials.
- Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interactions and social media comments.

Other Judging Criteria:

- Positive Sportsmanship (any negative cheering will automatically result in disqualification)
- Overall Fan Participation
- School Spirit
- Creativity
- Organization
- Overall Impression



What is Unified Champion Schools?

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® is a U.S. national project, partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of Unified Champion Schools® is to activate youth to promote school communities where all young people are agents of change – fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with cognitive disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics.

What is a Unified Champion School®?

A school just beginning their involvement must choose an activity within Unified Sports and one or two of the other categories; however, can do activities in each category if desired. A returning school that has been involved in the past, should focus on a minimum of one activity from each of the components.

- 1) Participation in Special Olympics-themed unified sports experiences*
- 2) Youth leadership*
- 3) School-wide awareness activity*



Unified Sports Competitive Model

IHSA has partnered with Special Olympics Illinois for two Unified Sports and they both follow the Unified Sports Competitive Model. The Unified Sports competitive model combines Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) as teammates on sport teams for training and competition. Two things differentiate the competitive Unified Sports model from the other two models: 1) all athletes and partners on a Unified Sports competitive team must have attained the necessary sport-specific skills and tactics to compete without modification of the current Special Olympics Official Sports Rules; and 2) teams that participate in this model may be eligible for advancement to Regional and World Games. A Unified Sports team is an inclusive sports program with approximately equal numbers of athletes and partners who have close to equal skills. Unified Sports teams should never be comprised solely of people with disabilities. Athletes and partners should be of similar age and ability in team sports.



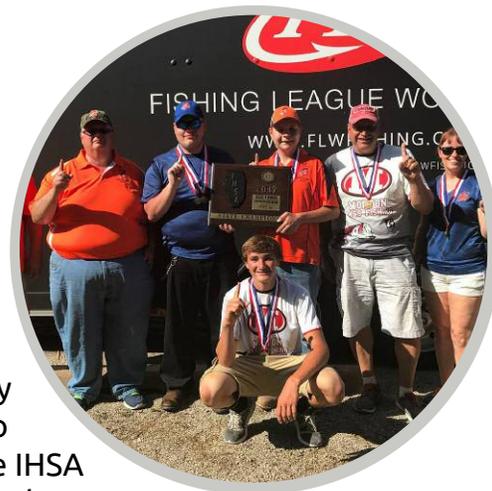
IHSA Unified Basketball

The 2018 IHSA State basketball tournament will feature a Unified division which will include 2 divisions of up to 4 teams each. Each basketball team will have a ratio of 3:2 of Special Olympics athletes to Unified Partners. The Unified division will follow all IHSA tournament rules. Unified teams will be required to compete in the regional tournaments in February 2018 to qualify for the state tournament. Unified Teams can be male, female or Co-Ed. Each Special Olympics athlete and Unified peer partner must meet IHSA eligibility guidelines and be attending an IHSA member

school to be eligible to compete in the tournament. All athletes and coaches must complete Special Olympics Illinois and schools forms and paperwork required to practice and compete in Unified Basketball. Schools will be required to pay all expenses related to the tournament. All eligible IHSA member schools are eligible to submit a request to enter a team into the Unified division tournaments but as space is limited preference will be given to those schools that are already or will agree to become a Unified Champion School. Having a Unified Basketball team compete this year allows your school an excellent opportunity to provide diverse students involvement in high school programs.

Unified Bass Fishing

The 2018 tournament will again feature a Unified division accommodating up to 8 boats. Each Unified boat will feature three participants: a high school Special Olympics athlete, a high school student peer partner and a non-competing adult driver/coach. The Unified division will follow all IHSA tournament rules with the addition of requiring that 1 Special Olympics athlete and 1 Unified peer partner be fishing at all times. Unified boats are not required to compete in sectional tournaments. 8 Unified boats will be selected to compete in the 2018 state tournament. Each Special Olympics athlete and Unified peer partner must meet IHSA eligibility guidelines and be attending an IHSA member school to be eligible to compete in the tournament. All athletes and coaches must complete IHSA and school forms and paperwork required to practice and compete in bass fishing. Schools must provide their own boats and will be required to pay all expenses related to the tournament. All eligible IHSA member schools are eligible to submit a request to enter a boat into the Unified division but preference will be given to those schools that are already or will agree to become a Project UNIFY school.



Unified Track and Field

New in Spring 2018 we will be offering Unified Track and Field. While all of the competition details have yet to be finalized, this new sports project will allow high school students with and without intellectual disabilities to collectively represent their high school in an sanctioned activity by participating together on a Unified Track and Field team. Events will include both track and field options as well as relays. Look for more information late fall and early winter on how to get your school involved in this new sporting option.

How do we become a Unified Champion School?

Unified Champion Schools may have resources to help you start your team. In addition, when you become a Unified Champion School, you have access to Outreach Grants to help your school plan Unified events. To participate in Unified Sports, schools must sign up to be a Unified Champion school. For additional information on any of the Unified Sports or Unified Champion Schools please contact Jennifer Marcello at jmarcello@soill.org or 630-200-7693.