



The Following Information deserves your special attention. This bulletin has been prepared to give coaches a quick overview for the upcoming Scholastic Bowl Season. Complete information/instructions are included in the Manual for Schools on the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Website.

The most important tool for a Scholastic Bowl Coach is to have their USER ID And Password for the IHSA Schools Center to access the IHSA Sport and Activity Tracker. All IHSA requirements and deadlines for Scholastic Bowl Coaches are located in the tracker and coaches have access anywhere/anytime day or night with an internet connection. **Our hope is that this bulletin and the Rules Presentation will make a coaches job easier to navigate through the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Season.**

I. Important Dates

Season Begins	7/1
Rule Book & Case Book Posted (Fri.)	9/8
Online Rules Meeting Presentation begins (Mon.)	9/11
Rules Meeting Bulletin Posted (Thurs.)	9/15
Terms and Conditions Posted (Fri.)	9/16
Team Entries Due at IHSA Office through Schools Center (Fri.)	11/1
Team Record Report Form (Fri.) - Noon	2/2
Deadline for schools wishing to withdraw from the state series (Mon.)	2/5
Sectional Seeding Mtg. (Wed.)	2/7
Schools Assignments Posted (Fri.)	2/9
Regionals (Mon.)	3/5
Sectionals (Sat.)	3/10
State Final (Fri.)	3/16
Advisory Committee Mtg. (Wed.)	5/2
Season Ends	6/30

II. PROCESS FOR VIEWING THE ONLINE RULES PRESENTATION

Coaches **must** login to the IHSA Schools Center by using their School's USER ID (5 digits, a letter followed by 4 numbers) and their Coaches Password (through instructions in an email from their high school administration).

If you haven't received this information from your School's Administration, please see them immediately (before the school year gets busy) to have this done. This is the easiest way to interact with IHSA, to meet deadlines and to keep coaches informed throughout the season

Once you have logged in successfully, this is what you will see: **Step 1:** Click

The screenshot shows the IHSA Schools Center user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IHSA logo and 'SCHOOLS CENTER' text. Below this is a search bar and a 'Log out' button. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Departments' (with buttons for Sport & Activity Tracker, Concussion Reports, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, All-Time Records, Performance-Enhancing Substance Program, Concussion Risk Program, Forms & Other Resources, Webinars, and Personal Information), 'Message Center' (with a message about the All-School Mailing), and 'Quick Links' (with links for promotion recommendations and tournament progress photos).

Step 2: Click

IHSA Sport & Activity Tracker

Sport & activity tracker Coop teams						
This page tracks the progress your sport and activity programs have made in completing items required for IHSA State Series. Red cells indicate action items. It is your responsibility to get the red out!						
SPEECH INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	Status of Head Coach	Status in IHSA State Series	Status of Program	Online Forms	Rating of Officials	Documents, Printed Forms and Other Information
		team entry has been received	status OK	Participation Survey should be submitted on fifth day of practice		
		you may withdraw without penalty on or before 1/29		List of Participants opens noon on 1/10 deadline is noon on 1/29		
SCHOLASTIC BOWL	Status of Head Coach	Status in IHSA State Series	Status of Program	Online Forms	Rating of Officials	Documents, Printed Forms and Other Information
		team entry has been received	status OK	Participation Survey should be submitted on fifth day of practice		
Class 1A		you may withdraw without penalty on or before 2/2	view rules video starting 8/22 until 3/16	Team Record Report Form opens 8 am on 1/8 deadline is midnight on 2/5		
		deadline for registering to play up is 9/1		State Qualifier Data Form opens 8 am on 2/19 deadline is 3 pm on 3/12		

Coaches are encouraged to view the Scholastic Bowl Online Rules Presentation. This informational presentation was created to make coaches aware of the Rules and Regulations governing Scholastic Bowl. It is our hope that **all** Scholastic Bowl coaches will take the few minutes necessary to refresh themselves with the current IHSA Scholastic Bowl rules and procedures.

III. 2016-2017 SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES: <https://www.ihsa.org/documents/adv%20minutes/16-17/17-scb-minutes.pdf>

IV. ATTENDING THE SEEDING MEETING (2/7/2018)

This is your one chance to meet face-to-face with the other coaches in your Sectional; to make the case for your team as well as other teams being seeded; and an opportunity for you to volunteer your school as a site for a Regional. The more schools that offer to host a Regional, the easier it will be for the IHSA Office to ensure the best possible geographic distribution of schools in each Regional. It is not mandatory to attend, but strongly encouraged.

V. VOLUNTEERING AS A STATE FINAL VOLUNTEER

Any school, coach, current or graduated player wishing to be involved in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Final as a volunteer should contact Cheryl Lowery (clowery@ihsa.org). Knowledgeable volunteers are always welcome.

VI. CONTACT: Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director/Scholastic Bowl Administrator (email kgarber@ihsa.org or call 309-663-6377), if you have questions about official interpretations, Advisory Committee recommendations for rule changes, no later than May 1, 2018.