

## Minutes of the 2011-12 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

December 7, 2011

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m... Committee members present were: Julie Cochran, IESA; Mike Curry, Athens (H.S.); Judy Fitzgerald, Moweaqua (Central A & M); Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Pothoff, McHenry (H.S.), Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); Fil Torres, Chicago (Lincoln Park) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Steve Haines, Seneca (Twp.) was unable to attend.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

None forwarded

### Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee recommended that each school board adopts the following policy for fan ejections:  
**Any fan ejected from a contest by an official or school personnel will not be able to attend the next contest.**  
The committee discussed, at length, the continuing occurrence of fan ejections during a contest by an official or school personnel. Since policies vary among schools and conferences, it is recognized that there may not be any consequences to this negative behavior. Currently, coaches and players ejected from a contest are prohibited to attend or compete in the next game. Many schools do have a school board policy in place outlining the protocol for ejected fans and the consequence of their actions. By establishing a statewide policy, administrators and school boards will be able to manage fan ejection matters on a consistence basis and hold high school fans throughout the state accountable for their actions.
2. The committee discussed different avenues of communicating the DWR! Program and resources to the membership. Some ideas include:
  - a. Include information in the Executive Directors letters
  - b. SAC members tape audio and video messages to appear on the web page
  - c. SAC members create a video to be shown at the IPA, IADA and School Board Conventions, as well as, the IHSA Principals meetings
  - d. Create a SAC email address to ease communication between students and SAC members.
3. The committee examined the conferences registered for the Do What's Right! Program and discussed ways to market the program to the membership:
  - a. List the DWR! registration notification on the IHSA tracker to remind schools to register
  - b. SAC members tape a DWR! Information video for the IHSA website
  - c. Post DWR! information monthly to highlight the Program
4. The committee reviewed the Student Leadership Conference that was conducted on September 26, 2011. There were 616 students and adults registered to attend. The positive feedback has been tremendous and after reviewing the comments collected at the conference, it is recommended that these follow-up questions are sent to all participants:
  - a. What have you done in your school to provide leadership and implement change?
  - b. What have done in your school to help improve sportsmanship?
  - c. What challenges have you faced in implementing a new program?
  - d. What challenges have you overcome in implementing a new program?
  - e. What further support or resources do you need from the IHSA – SAC – SPAC to help you implement programs in your school?

5. The committee discussed the benefits of hosting an IHSA statewide leadership conference every other year as a supplement to the individual leadership conferences conducted by schools and conferences.
6. The committee discussed how the SAC could create projects for students to complete throughout the state to benefit their schools, and share their experiences. Example: filming their interaction with elementary students as they work together on a volunteer project and send to the IHSA to be posted for all to see.
7. The committee reviewed the State Final Sportsmanship Committee results and comments from the fall tournaments. They also discussed involving a member from different associations (i.e. IADA, IPA, Officials and Coaches associations) to serve on the State Final Sportsmanship Committees.

### **Fall 2011 Sportsmanship Banner Winners**

**Volleyball:**

Palos Heights (Chicago Christian)  
 Decatur (St. Teresa)  
 Wheaton (St. Francis)  
 Chicago Heights (Marian)  
 St. Charles (East)  
 Lisle (Benet Academy)

**NOTE:** Two other schools qualified for the Sportsmanship banner, but their conferences were not registered with the DWR! Program.

**Boys Soccer:**

Warrensburg-Latham  
 Chicago (F.W. Parker)  
 Palatine (Fremd)

**NOTE:** One other school qualified for the Sportsmanship banner, but their conference was not registered with the DWR! Program.

**Football:**

Dakota  
 Tuscola  
 Morrison  
 Casey-Westfield  
 Aurora (Christian)  
 Joliet (Catholic)  
 Peoria (Richwoods)  
 Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge)  
 Wheaton (Warrenville South)

**NOTE:** Three other schools qualified for the Sportsmanship banner, but their conferences were not registered with the DWR! Program.

8. Next meeting: April 22, 2012 at the IHSA office.