

Minutes of the 2008-09 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

January 21, 2009

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Steve Adams, Park Ridge (Maine South); Jeff Craig, Oswego (East); Juan Gardner, Chicago (Marshall); Henry Johnson, Mascoutah; John Schmitt, Pecatonica; Mike Ward, Pleasant Plains and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sausser were also in attendance. Matt Hensley, Mahomet (M.-Seymour) was unable to attend.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Modify the DWR! Expectations for the 2009-10 school year to the following:
 - ❖ Represents their school and community well with positive interaction with opposing fans and players.
 - ❖ Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
 - ❖ Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
 - ❖ Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of officials.
 - ❖ Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.

Rationale: This revision condenses the current language in order for schools, coaches, players and fans to better represent their school and create a positive game experience.

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Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee reviewed the SAC nomination forms and named twenty students to the committee. No one from District 2 submitted a nomination form and SPAC committee members are contacting schools to obtain qualified applicants to fill the positions. SAC Members in District Order are:

- 1. Chicago (Gordon Tech), Michael Jarmola
- 3. Chicago (Marist), Mackenzie Cody
- 4. Skokie (Niles West), Emily Fung
- 5. St. Charles (East), Lexi Baltes
- 6. Zion (Z.-Benton), Leigh Boone
- 7. Downers Grove (North), Alex Vogler
- 8. Lemont (H.S.), Zachary Howell
- 9. Gardner (G.-S. Wilmington), Chris Irvin
- 10. Lanark (Eastland), Zeke Hartman
- 11. East Moline (United), Jacob Rowell
- 12. Streator (Twp), Allie Riordan
- 13. Mahomet (M.-Seymour), Alex Williams
- 14. Marshall, Gabrielle Kuhn
- 15. Normal (Community), Kaley Necessary
- 16. Astoria, Breana Cameron
- 17. Carlinville, Elizabeth Kelly
- 18. Pana (H.S.), Adam Metzger
- 19. Granite City, Alyssa Baumann
- 20. Olney (East Richland), Madalyn Kermicle
- 21. Anna (A.-Jonesboro), James Woodward

2. The SPAC (Sportsmanship Advisory Committee) modified the 09-10 SAC Nomination Forms to include GPA range, year in school and instructions for submitting pictures.

3. The SPAC discussed the Leadership Conference details. The Conference will be held in Bloomington on July 21 or 22, 2009 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Registration will be from 9:00am – 10:00am, Conference activities from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Conference closing 4:00pm – 4:30. Two students from each member school have an opportunity to attend the conference as well as twenty-one adult facilitators. The SAC and some other students will serve as moderators.

4. Prior to the February 8, 2009 an e-mail will be sent to all SAC members in order to prepare them for the meeting. Information will include overviews of the IHSA, Sportsmanship Advisory Committee as well as the Student Advisory Committee.

5. The SPAC discussed the agenda and presentation for the IADA conference mini-sessions on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

6. The committee recommends sending each DWR! Conference liaison a few questions to assist in future planning.

7. The SPAC reviewed the comments of the state final sportsmanship committees from Soccer, Volleyball and Football.

8. Next meeting: April 8, 2009.