

Minutes of the 2008-09 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 16, 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); Julie Cochran (IESA); Jeff Craig, Oswego (East); Matt Hensley, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); John Schmitt, Pecatonica; Mike Ward, Pleasant Plains and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser were also in attendance. Juan Gardner, Chicago (Marshall) and Henry Johnson, Mascoutah were unable to attend.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Form a state final sportsmanship committee at Dual Team Wrestling and Drama Group Interpretation State Finals.

Rationale: The addition of the two activities are appropriate since the dual team wrestling qualifiers compete in a team bracket format and the stage crews in drama work as a team.

approved

2. **Recommendation:** Move the DWR! Conference and Independent School registration deadline to October 20 of each year.

Rationale: This deadline change from October 1 to October 20 allows for more conference meetings to occur in the fall.

approved

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee discussed the potential of conferences allowing SAC members to meet with students during a session at their leadership conference.

2. During two IADA conference breakout sessions SAC members and SPAC members will be present to discuss the SAC, DWR! program as well as the leadership conference. See attached handout. The fourth page of the handout is the rubric the state final sportsmanship committee uses. This rubric is available online for review.

3. The SPAC will conduct a conference call to review the 09-10 SAC nomination forms on Wednesday, December 9th to choose the replacement members.

4. Send a summer Leadership Conference information and a registration form to all member schools in May.

5. The SPAC discussed the benefit of SAC members becoming apart of the state final sportsmanship committees. The experience at boys basketball was beneficial for the SAC member and the SPAC members.

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

7. The SPAC discussed contacting other IHSA advisory committee members to serve as moderators for the summer Leadership Conference.

8. The deadline for Sportsmanship Person of the Year was extended to May 20, 2009.

9. Future meetings: October 21, 2009, Conference call December 9, 2009 and April 14, 2010.

2009 IHSA Program Information

2009-2010 Student Advisory Committee members:

District	School	Name
1.	Chicago (Gordon Tech)	Michael Jarmola
2.	Chicago (Marshall)	Raygene Brice
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

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.

SAC Nomination Process for 2010-2011

Nomination Forms are available online from September 14 through December 4, 2009.

All forms must be completed and in the IHSA office on December 4, 2009.

All current Freshmen and Sophomore IHSA member school students are eligible to participate.

The Sportsmanship Advisory Committee will meet on December 9, 2009 to review and determine the new SAC members.

Each new SAC member and their Administrator will receive a letter welcoming them to the committee.

IHSA Leadership Conference

- Date:** July 21, 2009
- Place:** Bloomington Central Catholic High School
- Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Sessions:** Six sessions planned and conducted by the SAC members.
- Lunch:** Provided for all participants.
- Cost:** Free to all participants.
- Opening Speaker:** Coach Ron Zook
- Participants:** Two sophomore or junior student leaders from each school. Additional students from a school will be invited to attend from the alternate list if space is available.
- Further Information:** Next week Administrators will receive a detailed letter and registration instructions from their SAC representative.

Do What's Right!

Conferences must register with the IHSA by October 20 of each year to be eligible for the:

- State Finals Sportsmanship Award
- Annual Conference Sportsmanship Award
- Sport Season Conference Sportsmanship Award certificate
- Sports Person of the Year Award

Sportspersons of the Year

The IHSA is proud to announce the 2007-2008 Sportspersons of the Year. The seven (7) individuals from across the state were recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship during interscholastic competition.

Division 2	Ali Haws	Libertyville H.S.
Division 3	Catherine Languido	Lemont (H.S.)
Division 4	Brian Peterson	Minonk (Fieldcrest)
Division 5	Melissa McGuire	Decatur (St. Teresa)
At-large	Ben Wheeler	Sullivan H.S.
Division 6	Kimberly Watson	Riverton H.S.
Division 7	Allison Baker	Alton (Sr.)

The 2008-09 Nomination Forms are currently available online and are due in the IHSA office on May 20, 2009.

Do What's Right!

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:**

- ❖ 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.

Level 1: The conference registers online by October 20. Conference administrators or coaches do not rank teams or fans during the season and do not recognize a school for earning the most points throughout the school year.

Level 2: The conference registers online by October 20. Conference administrators and/or coaches rank teams and their fans seasonally based on the DWR! Expectations. The IHSA will provide the Regular Season Sportsmanship Award certificates to the winning school of each sport.

Level 3: The conference registers online by October 20. Conference administrators and/or coaches rank teams and their fans seasonally based on the DWR! Expectations. The conference also recognizes one school for the annual sportsmanship award by earning the most points through the three sports seasons. The IHSA will provide the Regular Season Sportsmanship Award certificates to the winning school.

All registered conference schools and independent schools are eligible to receive a DWR! State Final Banner in team bracketed sports. The rubric used by the state final sportsmanship committee is on the next page for your review.

2008-09 Registered Conferences

Central Suburban League
DuPage Valley
East Suburban Catholic
Egyptian Illini
Fox Valley
Girls Catholic Athletic
Conference
Interstate Eight
Little Ten

Mid-Illini
Mid Suburban League
Mississippi Valley
National Trail
NCIC (Lincoln & Regan)
Northwest Upstate Illini
Okaw Valley
Sangamo
SICA

South Suburban
Southwest Suburban
Suburban Catholic
Three Rivers
Vermilion Valley
West Suburban

The board also approved the IHSA Leadership Conference Minutes

