

Minutes of the 2009-10 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 14, 2010

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Steve Adams, Park Ridge (Maine South); Julie Cochran (IESA); Judy Fitzgerald, Moweaqua (Central A & M); Henry Johnson, Mascoutah; John Schmitt, Pecatonica; Mike Ward, Pleasant Plains and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser were also in attendance. Janice Jackson, Chicago (Westinghouse College Prep) and Theresa Zielinski were unable to attend.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Post the State Final Sportsmanship Committee comments for schools to see on the IHSA website

Rationale: The non-identifying positive and negative comments may assist member schools in communicating acceptable behaviors as well as unacceptable behaviors during contests to students and fans.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Form a state final sportsmanship committee at the Cheerleading State Finals.

Rationale: The addition of Cheerleading is appropriate since the qualifiers compete as a team in their respective division at the State Finals.

Approved

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. Reviewed the 2010-11 Student Advisory Committee list and discussed the need to find students to represent District 2 and 19.
2. Discussed the upcoming IADA conference and created a presentation outline. Reviewed and edited the DWR! and SAC information to include the attendees folder.
3. The committee discussed how the SAC and the state final sportsmanship committees can help student fans promote their school and support their team while at the state tournament. This would also include emphasizing to cheerleaders their responsibilities at games.
4. Update the information on the current DWR! PowerPoint for new conferences and create another informational PowerPoint for returning registered conferences.
5. The committee discussed how to collect and distribute "best practices" of all the different conference activities and programs in order to share throughout the state.
6. The committee discussed potential dates and topics for a student leadership conference.
7. Next meetings: September 22, 2010 IHSA office
December 8, 2010 Conference call
April 13, 2011 IHSA office.