

IHSA Do What's Right! Advisory Committee Meeting

May 2, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The IHSA Do What's Right Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in an online setting from various communities across Illinois, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: David Rohlman, Maple Park (Kaneland); Raeann Huhn, Wheaton (St. Francis); Isaiah Johnson, Rockford (R. Christian); Matt Koeppel, Clinton; Jill Jung, Freeburg; and Jennifer Shaw, Glen Carbon. Also in attendance was Dan Le, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Not in attendance: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Carlos Enriquez, Chicago (Prosser); Thomas Kourentes, Libertyville; Chet Lines, Plainfield (South); Erin Smith, Fithian (Oakwood); Amy Albers, Delavan; Katie McCulley, Springfield (Lutheran); Derek Beard, DuQuoin (H.S.); and Nick Chavarria, Darien (Hinsdale South).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard an update on the IHSA Student Advisory Committee and their membership. 14 senior students were recognized, and 14 new members were welcomed to the committee.
2. The committee heard an update on the State Final Sportsmanship awards from the winter team state finals. David Rohlman provided observations of sportsmanship and behaviors at the IHSA Basketball State Finals.
3. Dan Le noted that a reminder will be shared with member schools at the start of the 2024-2025 school year that the Do What's Right! sportsmanship registration is completed through the IHSA Schools Center. The registration area is found in the Entry Form where schools enter their teams and individuals into the state series for sports and activities.
4. The committee reviewed data on the special reports submitted in the 2023-2024 school year. Overall, there has been an increase in ejections and hate speech and harassment reports.
5. The committee discussed policies regarding spectator ejections. Matt Koeppel shared details and answered questions about the spectator conduct policy at Clinton High School and noted that behaviors have improved at contests as a result of the policy. The committee indicated that an IHSA policy regarding spectator behaviors and consequences for ejections is worth exploring, and there will be continued discussions about a potential policy at future meetings.
6. Dan Le recognized outgoing members of the committee.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2024.