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March Newsletter



## Upcoming Dates

Mark your calendars (or check your IHSA Calendar because we already did!)

### March 13

Comp. Cheerleading Advisory Committee Meeting

### March 16

Scholastic Bowl State Finals

### March 19

Last date to view spring online rules presentations for credit

### March 21-23

Drama State Finals

### March 22

Chess Advisory Committee Meeting  
Girls Gymnastics Advisory Committee Meeting

### March 26

Journalism List of Participants due

### March 29

Esports List of Participants due

### April 3

Boys & Girls Bowling Advisory Committee Meeting  
Boys & Girls Swimming Advisory Committee Meeting

### April 8

All-State Academic Team Banquet

### April 10

Drama, Speech Advisory Committee Meetings



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## Note from the Executive Director

The winter sports seasons have come to an end as we have celebrated our own version of America's Original March Madness with our girls and boys basketball tournaments. Both tournaments created some memorable experiences that will not soon be forgotten. We appreciate everyone's efforts and dedication to supporting the student-athletes who will get to treasure those lasting memories.

As we reflect on this past season and immediately get caught in the start-up of the spring season, please take the time to recharge your personal and professional energy for the remainder of the school year. While the supervision may settle down some, there are

likely make-up games/dates to be scheduled in your future. We all focus our attention on supporting the staffs (teachers and coaches) that we are responsible for. But please take some time during a short between seasons break to celebrate those family members most important to you. You will be glad you did!

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming activities state finals in the coming weeks or at a spring state final that will be here before we know it!

My best,  
Sincerely,

## Spring Season Reminders

The Spring is officially here! Help us to have a great season by reviewing some important information:

### Spring Season Team Contest Limitations

Badminton	18 team dates
Baseball	35 games
Softball	35 games
Lacrosse	20 matches
Girls Soccer	25 matches
Boys Tennis	20 team dates
Track & Field	18 team dates
Boys Volleyball	35 matches
Water Polo	30 games

Note: A two-day conference meet or tournament is considered as one date. A two-day non-conference meet or tournament is considered as two dates.

### Activity Preseason Rules Meeting

The IHSA has created a preseason rules meeting for bass fishing coaches & boat captains this year. The bass fishing presentation can be accessed on the [IHSA Bass Fishing page](#) under announcements. All coaches and captains are encouraged, but not required, to view this presentation.

Similarly, the IHSA has created a rules meeting for esports. Coaches should view the presentation to familiarize themselves with the processes and structure of the state series. The esports rules video can be viewed [here](#).

## By-Law Breakdown 3.110 Coaching School Participation

A coaching school, camp or clinic is defined as any program, sponsored by an organization or individual, that provides instruction in sports theory and/or skills. These programs do not culminate in competition. By-law 3.110 and its subsections define the involvement of member school coaches and participation of students at coaching schools.

During the school year, a member school coach cannot be involved with a coaching school, camp or clinic that is attended by more than two (2) students from their school (By-law 3.111). When a member school coach is not involved, any number of students from the school can participate in the coaching school, camp or clinic (By-law 3.112.2).

For example, five (5) students from an IHSA member school could attend a baseball instructional program together during the school year as long as no coach from their school is involved. If a school coach is involved, no more than two (2) students from that school could participate in this program.

Per By-law 3.112, participation in coaching schools, camps or clinics during the summer are permitted between the last day of student attendance at the school and Sunday of Week 5 in the IHSA calendar. Any number of students from a school may attend a coaching school during this time period. Note that if a member school coach is involved, each day of the coaching school would count as a summer contact day for that sport.

Read this by-law & others at: [www.ihsa.org/About-the-IHSA/Constitution-By-laws-Policies](http://www.ihsa.org/About-the-IHSA/Constitution-By-laws-Policies)



### Save the Date!

Dr. Marty Hickman IHSAF Golf Outing  
Tuesday, June 11th, 2024  
[More Info Here!](#)

## Student Section & Spirit Showdown Winners

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee recognized the finalists and crowned two champions in the 2024 Student Section & Spirit Showdown. The IHSA thanks all schools that participated in this year's contest and highlighted their school spirit and culture.

Finalists were recognized during halftime of the Girls Basketball 2A State Final at Illinois State University's CEFCU Area, Bloomington Normal. Check out highlights from the finalists [here](#). See full details about the champions [here](#).

*Congrats!*

### Class 1A/2A Champions: Alton Marquette Catholic

Finalists:  
Bunker Hill  
Nashville  
Oakwood



### Class 3A/4A Champions: Riverside-Brookfield

Finalists:  
Carl Sandburg  
Lyons Township  
Mother McAuley



## Girls Flag Football to Begin State Series in Fall of 2024

At its monthly meeting in February, the IHSA Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Girls Flag Football State Series. The inaugural State Finals will be held October 18-19, 2024, at a location to be determined.

The Girls Flag Football advisory committee will continue to meet to finalize the terms and conditions in addition to a rulebook. Licensing of officials will begin on May 1st.

Executive Director Craig Anderson announced the Girls Flag Football State Series at the Chicago Bears PNC Center at Halas Hall. In attendance were IHSA Board Members, girls' Flag football advocates, and players among the many others who worked to make this possible.

The IHSA is excited to provide this opportunity and looks forward to the growth of girls' flag football in Illinois.

For a list of schools anticipating to participate in the 2024 State Series and beyond, [click here](#).



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## All-State Academic Team

The IHSA is proud to announce the 26 students selected to the 2024 IHSA All-State Academic Team, which includes one male and one female student from each of the seven IHSA Divisions and 12 at-large candidates from any division in the state. The All-State Academic Team will be recognized at a banquet on Monday, April 8th.

*Congrats!*



Learn more about this honor and view the official announcement: <https://www.ihsa.org/News-Media/Announcements/2024-ihsa-all-state-academic-team-7>

### Year's honorees:

- Alivia Ming, Vienna
- Allegra Triner, Yorkville
- Allison Ince, Normal Community
- Amiah Hargrove, Christopher
- Annabelle Fortin, Illini Bluffs
- Annika Chudy, Vernon Hills
- Benjamin Zima, Glenbard South
- Bennett Williams, Princeton
- Dexter Niekamp, Normal Community
- Gavin Kesler, Gibault Catholic
- Grant Giblin, Carl Sandburg
- Isaac T. Crumrine, Riverton
- Katherine Klimek, York
- Kennady Anderson, Wethersfield
- Kevin "KJ" Chavers, Stillman Valley
- Kloe Froebe, Lincoln
- Leah Gaidos, Barrington
- Leonardo Tovar, Plainfield North
- Mason Tieffel, Benton
- Na'Kyrah Cooks, Kankakee
- Owen McGrory, Libertyville
- Patrick Hilby, Aurora Central Catholic
- Randall Nauden, Brother Rice
- Reece Bertelsen, Monmouth United
- Riya Jain, Francis W. Parker
- Trace Donnan, PORTA

## Social Media



### Country Financial Teacher Spotlight

Do you have a teacher/coach who goes above and beyond? Nominate him/her for the Teacher Spotlight presented by Country Financial. Forward this [nomination link](#) to one teacher/coach in your building who goes above and beyond to complete. Country Financial will be recognizing and sharing these stories in an upcoming feature on IHSA social media.

