

Minutes of the 2012-13 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

December 5, 2012

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Julie Cochran, IESA; Jennifer Uliks, Libertyville (H.S.); Scott Hamilton, Tolono (Unity); Sean Berry, Tremont; Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Pothoff, Crystal Lake (Faith Lutheran); Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest); and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Steve Haines, Seneca (Twp.) and Fil Torres, Chicago (Lincoln Park) were unable to attend.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends sending the DWR! Expectations to Royal Publishing to include in all regular and post season game programs.

Rationale: Royal Publishing has room in the program to include the DWR! Expectations. Including the 5 DWR! Expectations will help the continued effort to promote, communicate and educate fans across the state.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Rearrange the DWR! information on the IHSA website.

Rationale: In an effort to promote the DWR! Program, the committee would like to reorganize the information to be more prominently displayed and accessible for all users.

Approved

3. **Recommendation:** Reorganize the different type of benefits the conferences and individual schools will receive by participating in the DWR! Sportsmanship Program. See the modified attached letter.

Rationale: In an effort to promote the DWR! Program, the committee modified the structure of the program.

Approved

4. **Recommendation:** Allow schools or conferences to renew their DWR! Registration online by checking a box to re-register if there are no changes to the contact information or conference membership information.

Rationale: Creates an easy opportunity for school or conference administrators to renew their registration for the following school year.

Approved

5. **Recommendation:** Place a link to the DWR! page in the School Center on the Sport and Activity Tracker.

Rationale: Each season the DWR! box remains red until an Administrator from the member school clicks on the link to review the DWR! Expectations. The Administrator will also be able to confirm if their school or conference is registered.

Approved

6. **Recommendation:** Create a “logo” for DWR! registered individual schools to use on programs or advertisements during the school year.

Rationale: Increases awareness of the DWR! Program, stresses the importance of the Expectations and acknowledges the schools support of the DWR! Program on the local level

Approved

7. **Recommendation:** Create a “logo” for DWR! registered conferences to use on programs or advertisements during the school year.

Rationale: Increases awareness of the DWR! Program, stresses the importance of the Expectations and acknowledges the conference support of the DWR! Program to their respective communities.

Approved

8. **Recommendation:** Create a “pre-printed” template press release for the banner-winning schools to send to their local papers, post on their website, etc.

Rationale: Increases awareness of the DWR! Program, stresses the importance of the Expectations and recognizes a school for a great job during the state finals. For example: The IHSA recognizes ____ High School as a proud participant of the DWR! Program on earning a DWR! Banner during the _____ State Finals. The team, fans and community exemplify the 5 DWR! Expectations.

Approved

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee reviewed the Sportsmanship Handbook to update the information to post as a resource on the IHSA website. The committee will organize and breakdown the information into subsections for the 2013-14 school year. Julie Cochran and Drew Pothoff will lead this project.
2. The committee discussed different avenues of communicating the DWR! Program and resources to the membership. Some ideas include:
 - a. Post DWR! Information on the IPA site on the forum.
 - b. Provide handout information at the IADA conference.
 - c. Provide handout information at the IASA and School Board conferences.
 - d. Include DWR! Information in the Superintendent’s August mailing.
3. The Sportsmanship Committee and the Student Advisory Committee will work together to create a presentation for the parent’s preseason meeting for Athletic Administrators to use.
4. Create DWR! Messages to post on the IPA list serve.
5. Get the DWR! Information into Principals, Athletic Directors, Activity Directors and Coaches hands to help them communicate the Expectations throughout their school community.
6. Send letters to schools who would have won a banner had their school or conference registered for the DWR! Program.
7. In all the rules videos, define how a coach has a huge influence the sportsmanship of their school. Explain how the ramifications of poor behavior affect their team and fans.
8. Encourage schools to use the DWR! Rubric during the regular season. Ask opposing administrators, fans and coaches to complete the rubric within a week after a game. This enables administrators to use someone else’s perception of the school and community to address issues before it’s too late.
9. Reviewed the HOI conference online sportsmanship evaluation form for future use.
10. Goals of the SPAC: 1. Increase Conference Participation: 2. Increase individual school awareness and accountability; 3. Educate and Communicate the 5 DWR! Expectations to all participants and fans to create a better environment during a contest.

11. Determine if we can post sections out of the Sportsmanship with Respect Video on the IHSA website.
12. Create PSA's for schools to post on daily announcements and to use during games.
13. Create a program to recognize schools during the regular season. Maybe attach a sportsmanship rating link to the officials rating form the schools use.
14. Create ways to involve game officials in the DWR! Program.
15. Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the IHSA office

Fall 2012 Sportsmanship Banner Winners

Volleyball:

Albion (Edwards County)
Champaign (Centennial)
Mackinaw (Deer Creek-Mackinaw)
Rockford (Keith Country Day)

Boys Soccer:

Hinckley (Hinckley-Big Rock)
Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
Urbana (H.S.)
West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)

**One school qualified for the Sportsmanship banner, but their conference was not registered with the DRW! Program.

Football:

Stockton
Aledo (Mercer County)
Aurora (Christian)
Morris
Cary-Grove

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Do What's Right!

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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 in the following **Do What's Right! Expectations:**

- Represent your school and community well through positive interaction with opposing fans and players.
- Use positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of the officials.
- Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.

Individual School Registration

Schools register **annually** from July 1 - October 20 using the online form through the Do What's Right! link on the IHSA website or on the School Center tracker.

Each registered school will receive an electronic participant seal of recognition for their use on any school material used for handouts in the current school year.

All 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 website for your review and use.

Conference Registration

The conference registers **annually** from July 1 - October 20 using the online form through the Do What's Right! link of the IHSA website or on the School Center tracker. Registered conference schools are eligible to receive regular season sportsmanship recognitions as well as a DWR! State Final Banner in team bracketed sports.

Each conference school will receive an electronic participant seal of recognition for their use on any school or conference material used for handouts in the current school year.

The IHSA will provide the Regular Season Sportsmanship Award certificates to the winning school in each conference of each sport in which conference administrators and/or coaches rank players, teams and fans during the regular season. Winning criteria will be based upon the DWR! Expectations and rubric used by the state final sportsmanship committee. It is the responsibility of each conference to develop a selection process using the Do What's Right! Expectations in order to recognize the recipients of the seasonal award. The conference contact will send in the name(s) of the winning school(s) to the IHSA by December 1 for Fall sports, March 1 for Winter Sports and June 1 for Spring sports in order for schools to receive their certificate and recognition on the IHSA website.

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Annual Conference Do What's Right! Award

All registered conferences may recognize one of their schools for the annual sportsmanship award through earning the most points throughout the three sports seasons. The school, accumulating the most regular season points throughout the three seasons, will earn the Annual Conference Sportsmanship Award winner for the year. The conference contact will send in the name of the winning school by June 1 to the IHSA for recognition on the website. Conferences have an opportunity to order a banner for the school through the IHSA website.

All registered, state-qualifying schools will have an opportunity to earn a "Do What's Right!" State Final Sportsmanship Awards banner in the following tournaments: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Dual Team Wrestling, Competitive Cheerleading and Drama Group Interpretation.

Conferences also have the opportunity to recognize students participating in individual sports (cross-country, tennis, track and field etc.) by developing a selection process. The points earned by these individual-sport schools will also count towards their school's accumulated point total for the year.

The full "Do What's Right!" Sportsmanship Program description, registration forms, sample certificates and banners, are all available for your review on the IHSA website at www.ihsa.org.

For further information, or if your conference would like to schedule a presentation of the "Do What's Right!" Sportsmanship Program, please contact Beth Sauser at the IHSA office (309-663-6377) or email: bsauser@ihsa.org.

In order to register your Conference or School, please follow these steps:

- ❖ Go to IHSA.org
- ❖ Under the [Resources](#) tab, click on [Sportsmanship](#)
- ❖ In the left column, click on the [Do What's Right](#) link
- ❖ Under the green banner that reads [DWR! Forms](#), you will find the Conference and Independent School registration forms link

