

Minutes of the 2013-14 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

December 4, 2013

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Scott Hamilton, Tolono (Unity); Sean Berry, Tremont; Terry Milt, (Dupo); Drew Pothoff, Crystal Lake (Faith Lutheran); Gary Stephens, Official, Decatur; Jennifer Uliks, Libertyville (H.S.) and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: Julie Cochran IESA and Renee Simms, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest)

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

None Forwarded

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. The committee is continuing to review and update the Sportsmanship Handbook.
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. Handout information at the IADA conference.
 - c. Handout information at the IASA and School Board conferences.
 - d. Include DWR! Information in the Superintendent's August mailing.
3. Figure out different ways for schools to incorporate the rubric during regular season.
4. Where is the priority of sportsmanship? Who in the school should lead the effort?
5. Reviewed Fall Sportsmanship Committee SF comments
6. Education on grass roots levels
7. ADM encouraging the wrong SP behavior from their students
8. Rubrics for each sport
9. Fans cheer for their players not against opponents
10. Is the winning team respectful to the 2nd place team?
11. Go through individual sport expectations
12. Cheers should not be personnel insults or comments in nature
13. Parents should be educated in the sport
14. What is the DWR! Program
15. How do you get involved with DWR!
16. Send rubrics out to each school? Include a letter of explanation
17. Fans don't voice their displeasure with official's calls
18. Paying 4.00 does not give you the right to act like
19. Speaking in a foreign language does not allow for unsportsmanlike
20. Emphasize the importance of the coach's role in creating a positive environment

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the IHSA office