

Minutes of the 2016-17 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

April 6, 2017

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, April 6, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Tom Bower, Chicago (Latin); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Heather Smith, Knoxville; Joshua Houberg, Gilman (Iroquois West); Tom Huster (Official), Elmhurst; Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central) and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central); Will Hartje, Winnebago (H.S.); Amy Mascal, Streator (Twp.); Leslie Alappattu, IESA and Bethany Shaw, West Frankfort (Frankfort); John Moad, Granite City.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The IHSA staff contacts a 2-3 representatives from the SSS finalist conference to verify the sportsmanship/behavior of the fans throughout the regular season. The following questions will be asked:
 - a. What do you think about the crowd's sportsmanship?
 - b. Is their crowd spirited and supportive?
 - c. Has the behavior been consistent over the Fall and Winter seasons?

Rationale: Emphasis on consistent positive behavior throughout the year.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Change the SSS rules to say "The Finalists" from "Four (4) Finalists"...

Rationale: The number of valid SSS entries may not warrant 4 schools automatically going to Peoria. Modifying the criteria will allow the SAC some flexibility.

Approved

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Discussed the different ways to introduced the Seasonal and Annual DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll statewide to Membership. Suggestions are: IHSA website; Social Media; IPA Website; Rules Interpretation Meetings; IADA website and Conference;
Criteria for the **Seasonal DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll** is:
 - A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
 - B. Schools have an opportunity to earn a certificate every season
 - C. Schools are recognized seasonally for not being assessed any player, coach or fan ejections, nor any unsportsmanlike special reports concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
 - i. Procedural transgressions against a player or coach are not penalized
 - ii. Coop teams are considered as one school
 - iii. All school coaches and student-athletes, for teams and individual sports, are considered for this honor.

- iv. Schools have an opportunity to earn a “whole school” certificate every season
- D. The IHSA staff will contact an Administrator from the qualifying schools to verify that there were no behavioral ejections from any sport by a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator.
- E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

Criteria for the **Annual statewide DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll**

- A. Schools must register for the DWR! Program to be eligible
- B. Schools receive this recognition with zero behavioral ejections or special reports submitted to the IHSA concerning a coach, student-athlete, fan, parent, or administrator for all three sport seasons.
- C. Schools will have the option to purchase a physical banner at their own cost
- D. Administrators must verify that no ejections have been received by the school
- E. Successful schools will receive a certificate and be recognized through the IHSA website and PA announcements.

2. Create hyperlinks for the DWR! Sportsmanship Manual
3. Place DWR! Sportsmanship Manual prominently on the IHSA website.
 - A. Create a section on Social Media to include:
 - a. Appropriate behavior of parents, students, Coaches
 - i. Address no taunting of players, officials, teams etc.
 - ii. Positive ways to enhance the school’s program
 - B. Create a section addressing Emergency Action Plans
 - a. Give examples of different situations and plans
 - i. Inclement weather’ power failure, fight
4. The committee discussed the possibilities of using an app while serving as a member of the State Final Sportsmanship Committee instead of using the paper rubrics.
5. Student Advisory Committee
 - a. Reviewed the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit
 - b. Reviewed the SAC Retreat
 - c. Discussed the upcoming 2017 Leadership Conference
 - d. Beth Sauser will be taking SAC committee members to the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit on July 17 - 19, 2017 in Indianapolis
6. Do What’s Right!
 - A. Reviewed the DWR! Expectations

Do What’s Right! Expectations

 - Represent their school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during, and after the competition.
 - Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
 - Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
 - Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of officials.
 - Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interaction and social media comments

7. Future Meeting Dates:

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| 1. Thursday, May 18, 2017, Conference Call | 10am |
| 2. Thursday, December 7, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois | 10am – 2pm |
| 3. Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Bloomington, Illinois | 10am – 3pm |
| 4. *Sunday, July 30, 2017 SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office | 3:00pm – 10pm |
| 5. *Monday, July 31, 2017 SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office | 8:30am – 3:00pm |
| 6. *Sunday, September 24, 2017, Peoria, Illinois | 2:00pm arrive |
| 7. *Monday, September 25, 2017, Peoria, Illinois | 3:00pm depart |
| 8. *Sunday, February, 11, 2018, @ IHSA Office | 9:30am – 3:00pm |

****Optional Meeting with SAC member activities***