

Minutes of the 2017-18 IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee Meeting

October 12, 2017

The IHSA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, October 12, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Julie Nowak, Hoffman Estates (Conant); Curtis Price, Woodstock (Marian); Rebecca Moran, Summit (Argo); Amy Mascal, Streator (Twp.); Heather Smith, Knoxville; John Moad, Granite City; and Beth Sauser, IHSA. Not in attendance: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); Robert Hernandez, Aurora (IMSA); Will Hartje, Winnebago (H.S.); Charles Lockenour, Heyworth; Leslie Alappattu, IESA, Tom Huster (Official), Elmhurst; Jennifer Durbin, Mason City (Illini Central) Joshua Houberg, Gilman (Iroquois West); Jeri Miller, Goreville; and Tom Witting, Burbank (Reavis).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** Modify the Sportsmanship Advisory Committee name to the Do What's Right! Advisory Committee.

Rationale: This change more accurately represents the broad scope of topics and targeted groups that the committee addresses throughout the year. It also opens up the opportunity to explore additional avenues of positive action in our schools.

Approved by Consent

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. DWR! Sportsmanship Honor Roll form. Create a link in the School Center for administrators to access the Honor Roll form.
2. Create PSAs from kids to parents, fans and coaches. Embed these proactive messages in the rules meetings and also post in the School Center for schools to use during the school year.
 - a. Example: As your son or daughter this is how I feel when you do this...
 - b. Example: This is how I feel when you relive the game on social media...
 - c. Example: Parent disagrees with coach, coach's decisions and undermines coach at home which puts the student in a bad spot...
3. Create a proactive message video of acceptable and unacceptable behavior
4. Coaches Reminders from Administrators:
 - a. Coaches Expectations
 - i. Make yourself approachable at appropriate times to players and parents.
 - ii. Use the DWR! Expectations as a guide
 - b. Philosophy
 - i. Athletic Department
 - ii. Coaches
 - c. IHSA Rules
 - d. NFHS Rules
 - e. Communication
 - i. How to contact the coach
 - ii. When should a coach or an administrator be contacted?

- f. Post team or program rules and consequences in writing so there are no questions or misinterpretation.
 - g. Chain of command
 - i. Player – Coach
 - ii. Player – Parent – Coach
 - iii. Player – Parent – Coach – Administrator
5. Administrators plan for Student Sections
- a. Talk with student leaders
 - b. Create a Student Advisory Committee to build rapport
 - i. Begin with a small group and build a foundation within the student body
 - c. Communicate expectations with students
 - i. Fan themes
 - ii. Fan signs
 - iii. Fan cheers
 - d. Communicate DWR! Expectations
 - e. Before a contest have the student leaders from each school meet with one another
6. Student Leadership Conference
- a. Have adult chaperones sign up for different session topics for them to attend
 - b. Keep breakout sessions to 30-40 minutes
 - c. Define conference mission and goals to the attendees in advance
 - d. Provide the adult chaperones questions to discuss with their students on the way home from the conference.
7. The committee discussed the possibilities of using Google forms to complete while serving on the State Final Sportsmanship Committee instead of using the paper rubrics.
8. Do What's Right!
- A. Reviewed the DWR! 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
9. Future Meeting Dates:
- a. Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the IHSA office (10am – 2pm)