

IHSA Do What's Right! Advisory Committee Meeting

November 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The IHSA Do What's Right Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 30, 2023 in an online setting from various communities across Illinois, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Alahrie Aziz-Sims, Chicago (Bogan); David Rohlman, Maple Park (Kaneland); Isaiah Johnson, Rockford (R. Christian); Erin Smith, Fithian (Oakwood); Amy Albers, Delavan; Katie McCulley, Springfield (Lutheran); Jill Jung, Freeburg; Nick Chavarria, Darien (Hinsdale South); and Jennifer Shaw, Glen Carbon. Also in attendance was Dan Le, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Not in attendance: Carlos Enriquez, Chicago (Prosser); Thomas Koulentes, Libertyville; Chet Lines, Plainfield (South); Raeann Huhn, Wheaton (St. Francis); Matt Koeppel, Clinton; and Derek Beard, DuQuoin (H.S.).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard an update on the IHSA Student Advisory Committee's Student Leadership Conference held on November 13th. Katie McCulley shared that the student athlete leadership team from her school greatly enjoyed the conference and found the information presented, specifically on mental health, to be very valuable.
2. The committee heard an update on the State Final Sportsmanship awards from the fall team-bracketed state finals and were reminded that the committee's recommendation to move the Do What's Right! registration to the IHSA Schools Center was approved by the IHSA Board of Directors in October and implemented.
3. The committee reviewed data on the special reports submitted for the 2023 fall season. Overall, there was an increase in ejections and hate speech and harassment reports in comparison to the 2022 fall numbers. The committee discussed implementing an IHSA quarterly newsletter to member schools with reminders regarding proactive administration and sportsmanship at interscholastic contests. The committee also discussed promoting positive behaviors and examples of exemplary sportsmanship, and it was reminded that all schools can submit 'Sport A Winning Attitude' (SAWA) reports through the IHSA Schools Center.
4. The committee discussed whether the Hate Speech and Harassment Policy should apply to spectators. At this time, the current policy only outlines procedures related to participants and coaches of a contest. A draft of language addressing spectators with respect to hate speech and harassment will be developed for the committee to discuss.
5. The committee received an update on the IHSA Sportsmanship Toolkit page.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024.