

**IESA Division Meeting
Presentation**

 2008-09

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Sportsmanship

- Division Sportsmanship Award
 - Those schools that were selected as recipients of the award are posted on the IESA website.
 - Voting in each of the 15 Board Divisions takes place during May of each school year.
- To be eligible:
 - Schools must be involved in 50% of IESA activities
 - No ejections for the entire school in any activity (players, coaches, and fans)
 - The school and Community exemplifies all around good behavior indicative of good citizens and good sports.
- 2007-08 Award Winners
 - Shorewood Troy
 - Flanagan
 - Brimfield
 - Momence JHS
 - Colfax Ridgeview
 - West Lincoln-Broadwell
 - Colchester West Prairie
 - Camp Point Central
 - Rossville-Alvin
 - Catlin
 - Shelbyville Moulton
 - Paris Crestwood
 - Springfield Little Flower
 - Rochester
 - Effingham St. Anthony
 - Cahokia Wirth

Sportsmanship

- Good Sport Reports
 - Recognizes students, coaches, officials, teams and communities for outstanding acts of sportsmanship.
 - Report forms may be found on the IESA website. Additionally, those reports received by the IESA are posted on the website.
- Ejection Reports
 - Contact the IESA Office if a student, coach, or fan is ejected from a contest at your facility.



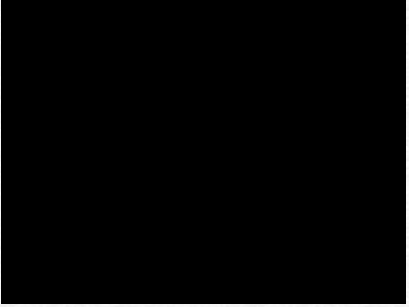
Scholar Attitude Program Presented by State Farm

- The Scholar Attitude program recognizes today's dreamers and tomorrow's leaders.
- One boy and one girl will be chosen from each of the 15 IESA geographic regions.
- Each school may nominate one student for the award. Students must meet pre-determined standards:
 - 8th grade status
 - Minimum 3.5 g.p.a. (on a 4.0 scale)
- Participation in at least one IESA activity in their junior high career
- Demonstration of outstanding citizenship
- Must submit an essay on "The Value of Sportsmanship"
- Application materials available online in mid November.
- All application materials are due by February 22, 2009
- A luncheon to honor the 30 winners will be held Tuesday, April 28 in Bloomington

Administrative Role

- The IESA and its Board of Directors require an administrator or school representative (other than the participating coaches) be in attendance at all home contests. It is recommended that in addition to the tournament manager, an administrator or other school representative from the host school be in attendance at all times for state tournament series contests.
- Administrative involvement within your school's athletic program is critical to its successful operation.

Administrative Role and Coaching Education



Coaching Education Program

- Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, athletic coaches in all member schools must be regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois or must complete an approved coaching course.
- This applies to all athletic coaches- head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, pole vault coach, etc.
- Non-athletic coaches are not included in this requirement (cheer, scholastic bowl, speech, music)

Coaching Education Program

- To be exempt from taking the education course, the following criteria must be met by athletic coaches certified to teach:
 - Teaching or supervising classroom activity at least two periods daily in a member school; or
 - Employed full-time in any elementary school, junior high, or high school; or
 - An assistant teacher, resource aide, lay supervisor or other paraprofessional who is employed at least half-time per day in a member school; or
 - Teaching full time, within the provisions of the Illinois School Code, in a member school or in a vocational or special education cooperative in which the member school participates; or
 - A retired teacher provided the person remains certified to teach.

Coaching Education Program

- For those individuals who do not meet the criteria, they must complete an approved coaches education course.
 - The IESA Board of Directors has approved the following courses:
 - ASEP/IESA Coaching Essentials Course
 - ASEP/IHSA Coaching Principles Course

Purchasing the Coaches Education Course

- From the website by the Coach
 - The ASEP website may be accessed from the IESA homepage. Once on the ASEP site, coaches must follow the registration instructions to purchase the course.
- Contacting ASEP(800) 747-5698 or ASEP@hkusa.com
 - Schools/coaches may contact ASEP by phone to purchase the course. If schools would like to purchase the course for their coaches, contacting ASEP by phone is the recommended method.
- Order Form
 - An order form has been included in several mailings. Coaches may submit a completed order form to ASEP for access to the program.

Initial Activity Mailings

- An initial informational mailing is sent two weeks prior to the start of each activity.
- The mailings include:
 - Activity update, Terms and Conditions, NFHS Rulebook, activity specific instructions and information
- It is critical that this information be passed on to the head coach.
- Head coaches should review this information prior to competition. Additionally, coaches should carry the NFHS rulebook with them to all contests.

Scholastic Standing

- Students must be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all subjects.
- The grade check must be conducted for students participating in all IESA activities- athletic and non-athletic.
- How to administer
 - Passing work must be checked weekly.
 - The grade check should be reflective of the cumulative grades for a student from the beginning of the grading period through the date of the check.
 - For fall activities, the check should be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year.

Scholastic Standing

- Penalty
 - For students: For those students who are not passing at the time of the grade check, they are not eligible to participate in contests the following week (Monday-Saturday).
 - For teams: Use of an ineligible participant requires forfeiture of contest.
- Additional Information
 - Extra credit may only be applied prior to the grade check. Once a grade is submitted, no changes may be made to a student's status.
 - The first week of a grading period must be included in the grade check. The first week of the grading period cannot be excluded or combined with a previous grading period.
 - If a student is ineligible during a school holiday/vacation, the student would not regain eligibility until the next successful grade check.

Summer Competition

- Summer months are defined as the time that the school closes in the spring until classes begin in the fall.
- Students may participate either as an individual or as a member of a team in any type of athletic activity during the summer months.
- Students from the same school may participate on the same team during the summer.
- A coach of a member school may coach students from the school during the summer.

Provisions for Out-of-Season Contact

- After the official ending date of a sport season, students from the same member school may play together in a sport provided the school has no involvement or affiliation with the non-school activity.
- What are examples of "no affiliation"?
 - School cannot pay entry fees
 - School cannot provide transportation for non-school team
 - Team cannot use school uniforms
 - School cannot provide coaching stipend for non-school involvement, etc
- In addition, a coach may coach the students from the school provided he/she is not coaching the students as an official representative of the school and is not receiving any school compensation for coaching.

Open Gyms

- Schools may provide open gym opportunities within the following guidelines:
 - A variety of activities are available during the course of the year.
 - There is no coaching or instruction.
 - Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a team.
 - Participation is open to all students within your school.
- Coaches may be present to serve in a supervisory capacity only.

Contact with High School Teams

- Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in interscholastic activities with high school groups.
 - Check with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) regarding their policy on high school students practicing with junior high students.
- Member schools are not allowed to practice against other schools or allow students from their own school to practice with a different school.

Individual Limitations

- Individual participation limits are placed on students in the following activities: baseball, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, and track.
 - Coaches in these activities should be familiar with all team and individual limitations in these activities.
- If a coach allows a student to exceed the individual limitations, the coach of the team will be ineligible to coach for the next two interscholastic contests at the level where the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.
 - Adhering to the individual limitation by-laws is the responsibility of each member school. It is **not** the responsibility of the officials working the contest.
 - If your school is involved in a contest in which the limitations are exceeded, contact the IESA Office immediately.

Amateurism

- As the result of participating in the IESA state series (regional, sectional, state) a student in a member school may accept any award (except cash) which does not exceed \$100.00 in fair market value, in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling.
 - **The by-law does not apply to non-school contests or school contests outside of the IESA state series.**
- A student in a member school may accept a school letter for an interscholastic sport, regardless of cost.
- Violation will result in ineligibility of the student in the sport in which the violation occurred.

5th/6th Grade Participation

- Students in 5th or 6th grade who participate on the school's 7th and/or 8th grade teams must abide by all IESA rules and regulations.
 - 5th and 6th grade students participating on the 7th/8th grade teams must count all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade quarters/matches toward their season quarter total
- If 5th/6th grade students are being used from a feeder school, you must request approval to use these students.

Cooperative Teams

- It is the formation of one athletic team or activity program by two or more IESA member schools.
 - Coops may only be formed with IESA member schools.
 - All schools participating in a coop must pay IESA membership and activity fees even if they are not the host school.
- The cooperative agreement is established for a minimum period of two consecutive school years.
- The combined enrollments of all participating schools will be utilized to determine the classification of a cooperative team.
- If your school is interested in forming a coop, check the activity calendar for the application submission deadline.

T-Shirt Pre-order Forms

- Merchandise Pre-order forms are available for all athletic state tournaments as well as speech and music contests.
- Pre-order forms are available for athletic sectionals in X-Country, wrestling, and track.
- Pre-order forms are available to participating schools in multiple formats.
 - Paper Forms are mailed for IESA sectional events,
 - Downloadable forms are available from the Cubby Hole website for IESA state and sectional events, or
 - On-line form is available on the Cubby Hole website; which will allow you to type-in and submit your order through email or print and Fax your typed form to the Cubby Hole.

SECTIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Advance Order Form
FAX YOUR SECTIONAL CROSS COUNTRY T-SHIRT ORDERS IN ADVANCE

Fax (317) 854-5206 Phone 800-238-2871

The Cubby Hole is offering an on-line order form for participating schools in advance of sectionals. To order, visit our website at www.cubbyhole.org. You may also order by fax. There is a \$100 order and shipping fee for all orders. All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM on the day before the event. There is a \$100 order and shipping fee for all orders. All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM on the day before the event. There is a \$100 order and shipping fee for all orders. All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM on the day before the event.

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COACHES BONUS - FREE ONE T-SHIRT for signed preorders - \$15 value (maximum 10 preorders)

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COUNTRY SITE (LOCATION) _____ PHONE _____
COACH _____ PHONE _____
Please copy this order form if more than 8 teams are being ordered.

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL STATE

Advance Order Form
FAX YOUR 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL T-SHIRT ORDERS IN ADVANCE

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Division Meeting Attendance Card

- Please indicate the name of your school and city where the school is located.
 - i.e. Pontiac, St. Mary's
 - Do not include school district number.
- List school name of all the schools that you are representing.
- Indicate the meeting that you are attending.
- Fill out survey on the back of the attendance card.



The form is titled "IESA IESA Division Meeting Attendance Card". It includes fields for "City/School", "Name of School", "Position/Title", "Email", and "Signature". Below these fields is a section for "Division Meeting Attendee (Please Check)" with a grid of checkboxes for Divisions A through N, and "All" and "None".

Activity Updates

- Speech
 - It's important.
 - Speech is an integral part of the activities offered by the IESA. No other skill is more important than that of learning to speak effectively in front of others.
 - It teaches valuable skills.
 - Speech team combines the importance of **study, dedication, team work, creativity and communication.**
 - It's for a lifetime.
 - Students who have participated in Speech or Drama activities are less likely to have difficulty speaking in public and will be more persuasive in their communications, both written and oral.

Activity Updates

- Basketball
 - The IESA Board of Directors approved a recommendation to allow teams to play more than one game in a day during the regional tournament. Hosts are encouraged to use the Saturday playing dates.
 - Changes were made to the State Final time schedule. Please refer to the IESA website for the changes.
 - The mutual agreement of coaches may not set aside any IESA or NFHS rule.
 - "B" games. The Basketball Advisory Committee would like to remind coaches of the intent of "B" games. These games are to be used to provide opportunities and playing time to those less experienced members of your team. These games are not to provide additional playing time for your starting players. Both schools participating in a "B" game should be aware of the game's designation prior to the competition. All quarters played during a "B" game count toward an individual's season total.

Activity Updates

- Track and Field
 - For those athletes who have qualified for the state meet in the preliminary or semifinal heats of the 100 M Dash and/or hurdles, participation in the final heat of these events is required unless the athlete is hindered by injury or illness. Should injury or illness affect an athlete's ability to participate in the final, the athlete's qualifying mark will stand.
 - For the 2009-2010 school year, attendance at your track and field seeding meeting will be mandatory.
 - Sectional hosts may accept requests from schools to grant an exception for attendance. The request must come from the principal prior to the beginning of the seed meeting.
 - Non-compliance will result in penalty.
 - Coaches should review all uniform rules. Athletes may not compete in sweats.
 - A change has been made to the Sectional Order of Events.
 - Girls will run all of their running events (hurdles thru 4x400) first. Once the girls conclude their running events, the boys will begin their running events (hurdles thru 4x400).
 - State Meet: All jumpers and vaulters must be prepared to set their own starting mark.

Activity Update

Softball

The NFHS rules committee meets annually in July to discuss rules changes at the high school level for the following spring.

- 43' pitching distance has been heavily discussed for several years with that in mind we are asking for your feedback.

Activity Update

- Volleyball
 - Libero shall not be used
 - Regular Season Tournaments: Game format may be altered. (Example: game 3 to 15)
 - 2 IHSA licensed officials are required to be hired for all regular season matches.
 - Hosts schools encouraged to use Saturday play date for regional play to assist with travel and allow more flexibility should weather become an issue during the tournament dates.

Volleyball Online Seeding

- All volleyball seed meetings will be conducted online
- All schools entering the state series must enter the following information by Monday of week 33 (2/16/09)
 - Team Record
 - Regional Entry Form
 - Season Schedule and Results
 - Written Summary on team
- Schools will then rank the teams in their regional based on information submitted in the first step. (2/18/09)
- The computer will then tabulate results and host schools will confirm seeds and post on IESA website. (2/19/09)

Activity Update

- Scholastic Bowl
 - Matches cannot be held with High School Teams. This includes practice sessions and "scrimmages".
 - Sportsmanship Cards will now be signed by head coaches at all levels of state series play.
 - Matches may not begin prior to January 26

Activity Update

- Music
 - Final Entry Deadline for Music Organization Contest has been extended to the Wednesday of Week 36 (March 11, 2009)
 - S&E individual limitations changed. A student may now participate in a total of six (6) S&E events. This same student may only participate in one vocal solo and one instrumental solo on the same instrument.
 - Music purchased from an online source must be accompanied by a receipt when attending contest.
 - Those schools who have a National Anthem singer or Pep Band interested in performing at an IESA state tournament must fill out form available on the IESA website.
 - National Anthem Deadline is November 1
 - Pep Band Deadline is November 14

Activity Updates

- **Baseball**
 - Reminder that double first base is required
 - No anticipated changes to the legal bat regulations. Caution parents who purchase bats for summer league play to check out the regulations posted on the IESA website so they do not purchase a bat to be used for summer that might be illegal for IESA baseball
- **Cross Country**
 - One of the fastest growing IESA activities—50 new schools in 4 years
 - Utilize a chip scoring system which aids the finish area
- **Wrestling**
 - On Friday of the state finals, wrestling will begin at 3:30 p.m. Previously, wrestling started at 4:00 p.m.
 - There will be no replacement of any wrestler for the state meet after 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the state meet. This includes scratches reported at the state site on Friday for failure to make weight.
- **Cheer**
 - Competition will be held on Saturday, December 13 in Peoria at the Civic Center
