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**Agenda**

- Recognition Programs
- Coaches Education Program
- Online Forms
- Emerging Activities
- Communication
- Online Seeding Procedures
- By-law Highlights
- Activity Updates

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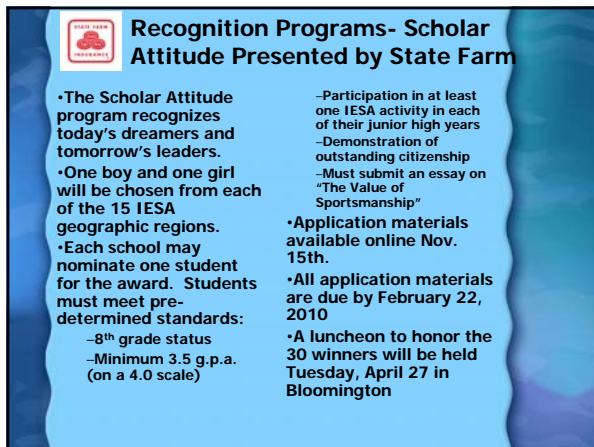
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**Recognition Programs- Scholar Attitude Presented by State Farm**

- 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:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade status
  - Minimum 3.5 g.p.a. (on a 4.0 scale)
- Participation in at least one IESA activity in each of their junior high years
- Demonstration of outstanding citizenship
- Must submit an essay on "The Value of Sportsmanship"
- Application materials available online Nov. 15th.
- All application materials are due by February 22, 2010
- A luncheon to honor the 30 winners will be held Tuesday, April 27 in Bloomington

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## Division Sportsmanship Award

### •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.

### •2008-09 Award Winners

-A: Vernon Hills Hawthorn North

-B: Amboy

-C: Glenwood Brookwood

-D: Frankfort Hickory Creek

-E: Manhattan

-F: Peru Washington

-G: Dunlap MS

-H: Donovan

-I: Washington St. Patrick

-J: Heyworth

-K: Morton JHS

-L: Green Valley Midwest Central

-M: Athens

-N: DeLand-Weldon

-O: Mendon Unity

-P: Fisher

-Q: Edinburg

-R: Springfield Christian

-S: Sumner Red Hill

-T: Mt. Olive

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## Coach Education Program

- The 2009-10 school year marks the beginning of the coach education requirement.

- 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)

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## Coach 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.

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## Coach 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:
    - IESA/ASEP Coaching Essentials Course
    - IHSA/ASEP Coaching Principles or Coaching Orientation Course
    - IHSA/NFHS Coaching Education
  - The course must be successfully completed prior to the start of the sport season.

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## Coach Education Program

- How often does a coach have to take the approved coach education course?
  - Once
- Retesting? If I fail the online exam can I retake the exam?
  - Yes, you can and must retake a failed exam. You will be charged \$10 to retake an exam.
- High School students
  - High school students may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach under the provisions of the by-laws. They do not have to take the ASEP course.
  - At no time, may high school students assume head coaching duties.
- Where can a school check a coach's certification?
  - A school may check on the ASEP website by clicking the National Coaches Registry.

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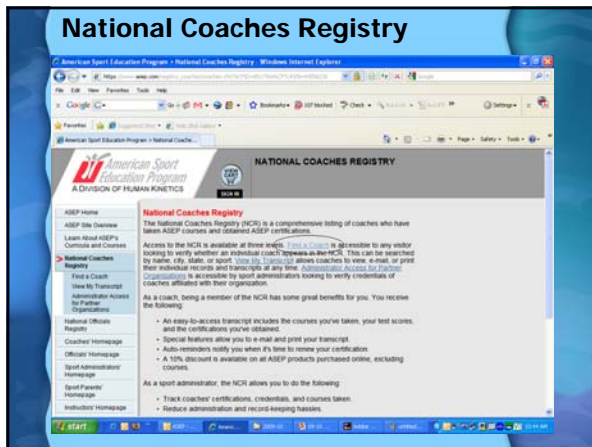
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## National Coaches Registry



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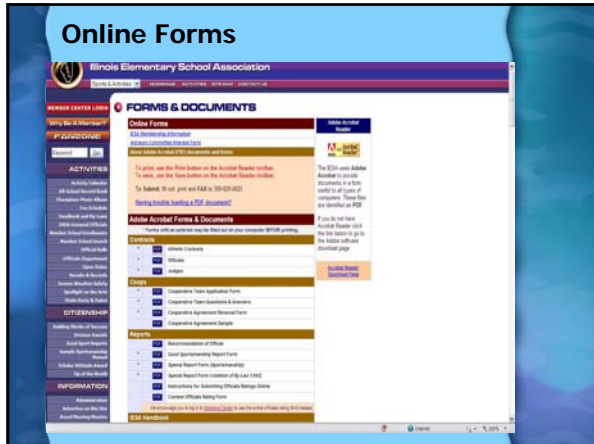
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## Online Forms

- These forms may be found on the IESA website. From the homepage, a link is available on the left-hand side of the page titled "Forms & Documents".
  - Good Sportsmanship Reports
    - Recognizes students, coaches, officials, teams and communities for outstanding acts of sportsmanship.
  - Contracts
    - Athletic Contest, Official, and Judge contracts are available.
    - It is possible to type directly into these contracts and print them from the website.
    - It is also possible to save a copy of the form to your computer for future use.

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## Online Forms

- Incident Reports
  - Special Report Form (Sportsmanship)
    - This form should be used to report an ejection to the IESA Office.
    - If an ejection- player, coach, or fan- occurs at your site, contact the IESA Office.
    - Penalty for Ejection
      - A player/coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.
      - A player/coach ejected for a second time during the school year is ineligible for all remaining contests the day of the ejection and the next two interscholastic contests at the level where the ejection occurred.

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### 2010-2011 Membership Renewal

- During the renewal process for next year, you will be asked to complete a survey. The survey will request information regarding your school activity participation numbers in current and emerging activities.
  - Information will need to be provided by gender and activity.
  - This information will now be requested on a yearly basis.
  - The survey will also request information regarding student participation fees (how much? per activity? etc).

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### Emerging Activities

- The following activities were approved by the IESA Board of Directors for implementation.
  - Chess: No designated season, state contest, winter competition, divided by grade, approximate implementation 2010-11
  - Bowling (boys division and girls division): No designated season, state contest, winter competition, approximate implementation 2010-11
  - Golf (boys division and girls division): No designated season, state contest, fall competition, approximate implementation 2011-12
  - Boys Volleyball: Designated season, tiered tournament series (regional, sectional, state), spring competition, approximate implementation 2012-2013
  - Soccer (coed): tiered tournament series (regional, sectional, state), spring competition, approximate implementation 2013-2014
- If you are interested in serving on an advisory committee for any of these emerging activities, please contact the IESA Office.

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### Emerging Activities

- You will be able to register for participation in Chess and Bowling this Spring.
- The Advisory Committees for these two activities will meet this year. Specific information regarding these two activities will be available prior to membership and activity renewal.

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## Communication

- If you would like to have something considered or discussed by the Board of Directors, there are several avenues through which to communicate.
  - Submitting a Recommendation to Advisory Committees
    - Submit agenda item to the IESA Administrator for the activity. These are generally due to the administrator one week prior to the meeting date.
      - Baseball, Cross Country, Wrestling- Steve Endsley ([steve@iesaa.org](mailto:steve@iesaa.org))
      - Speech, Basketball, Track and Field- Nicole Schaeferbauer ([nicole@iesaa.org](mailto:nicole@iesaa.org))
      - Softball, Volleyball, Music, Scholastic Bowl- Julie Cochran ([julie@iesaa.org](mailto:julie@iesaa.org))
  - Submitting a Recommendation to the IESA Administrative Staff
    - Recommendation may be forwarded to the administrative staff for addition to the Board agenda.

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## Communication

- Submitting a Recommendation to the Board
  - Recommendations may be submitted directly to your Board representative

Division	Board Member	Email
A	Scott Herrmann, Niles Gemini	<a href="mailto:sherrmann@iesaa93.org">sherrmann@iesaa93.org</a>
B	Joe Buresh, Annawan	<a href="mailto:buresh@ehenow.k12.il.us">buresh@ehenow.k12.il.us</a>
C	Chris Collins, Glendale Heights Glenside	<a href="mailto:ccollins@queenbee16.org">ccollins@queenbee16.org</a>
D	Jeff Libowitz, Shorewood Troy	<a href="mailto:jlibowitz@troy30c.org">jlibowitz@troy30c.org</a>
E	Cindy Pozzi, Oglesby Washington	<a href="mailto:pozzi@ops125.net">pozzi@ops125.net</a>
F	Taunya Jenkins, Peoria Manual	<a href="mailto:Taunya_Jenkins@psd150.org">Taunya_Jenkins@psd150.org</a>
G	James Bunting, Watseka Glenn Raymond	<a href="mailto:jbunt@watsdeka-9.k12.il.us">jbunt@watsdeka-9.k12.il.us</a>
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K	Chris Graham, St. Joseph	<a href="mailto:cegram@stjoe.k12.il.us">cegram@stjoe.k12.il.us</a>
L	Melanie Ogle, Paris Mayo	<a href="mailto:oglem@paris95.k12.il.us">oglem@paris95.k12.il.us</a>
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N	Craig Carr, Montrose Grove	<a href="mailto:ccarr@mc12.net">ccarr@mc12.net</a>
O	Ron Graham, Virden	<a href="mailto:ron@virdenschools.com">ron@virdenschools.com</a>

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## Advisory Committee Participation

- Committee Composition
  - Committees are made-up of head coaches/directors, administrators, and officials/moderators
  - A member of the Board of Directors also serves on each Committee
- Those eligible for participation
  - Coaches must be actively serving as the head coach and their school must be participating in the IESA state series for the activity.
  - Administrators must be serving at a school who is participating in the IESA state series for the activity.
  - Officials must be licensed in the sport and actively working IESA contests in that sport.
- Committee Service
  - Each committee member serves a 3 year term
  - Committees meet once per year
- Indicating interest
  - Interest may be submitted through the website by completing the application form

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### Online Seeding

- 2009-10: Seeding online for Softball, Baseball, and Volleyball
- 2010-11: Both Boys and Girls Basketball will have online seeding
  - Please note that Basketball will have physical seed meetings for the 2009-10 school year.
- Roster and seed information may be accessed through each activities' entry center available through the Member Center.
- You will be able to access roster and seed information as many times as necessary until deadlines have passed.

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### Online Seeding

- Seeding is a two-step process
  - Step One:
    - Complete Regional Entry Form
    - Complete Regular Season Schedule
    - Option to add comments regarding your schedule or team
    - These items must be completed in order for your entire regional to proceed to Step Two.
  - Step Two:
    - View Regular Season Info of Participating Teams- This information should be reviewed prior to seeding
    - Rank Regional Teams
    - In order for the seeding to be completed successfully, you must rank all teams for which you have an option.

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### 3.145- General Rules

- Only students who are currently eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest shall appear at the contest in the uniform of their school. This includes ineligibilities that are either IESA mandated or school mandated.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

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

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### 5.073- Postponement/Suspension Policy for Contests

- A forfeit shall be called when a school fails to appear at a contest within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time.
  - Q. One of the teams that is scheduled to play in my sectional is late. There have been no contact from that school. What do I do?
  - A. If there has been no contact from the school then the game will be forfeited if the school does not arrive on site within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time.
  - Q. My sectional basketball game was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. One of the schools scheduled to play in the contest has called and indicated they have had bus problems and will be arriving after 6:30 .m. Should this contest be forfeited?
  - A. No. Since contact has been made with the host school and a bus problem would be considered an extenuating circumstance, every effort should be made to play the game.
  - Q. Is getting lost on the way to the contest considered an extenuating circumstance?
  - A. No. A school that is lost that does not arrive within 30 minutes of the starting time would forfeit the contest.
- Make sure that your coaches have a cell phone for their contest host and directions to their host location.

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### 2.080- Schools with which Contests May Be Held

- Interscholastic contests may be conducted with the following:
  - Schools which are members of the IESA
  - Illinois elementary attendance centers containing any of the grades 5 through 8 which are not members of the IESA
  - Any school (Illinois or non-Illinois) containing grades 5 through 8 as long as that contest is held in an Illinois school.
  - Non-Illinois elementary attendance centers in states adjacent to Illinois which contain any of the grades 5-8.
- Member schools are not allowed to practice against other schools or allow students from their own school to practice with a different school.

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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 thumbnail shows the IESA Division Meeting Attendance Card form. It includes fields for City/School, Name (Print), Public/Private, and Grade. Below these is a section for 'Division Meeting Attended (Please Check)' with a grid of checkboxes for various divisions (Division 1 through Division 10) and an 'Other' option.

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### Activity Updates- Softball

- The IESA Advisory Committee meets October 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss changes for the 2010 season. The 43' vs. 40' pitching distance will be discussed at this meeting and recommendations will be made to the Board of Directors January meeting.
- 2009 Champions
  - Class A: McNabb Putnam County
  - Class AA: Manteno Middle School

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### Activity Updates- Baseball

- Before school is out in the spring, be sure to copy the baseball bat regulations for the parents of your students who will play in the fall of 2010. That way, should parents buy a bat that does not meet IESA regulations, proper notification was given.
- We still receive inquiries about pitching limitations---7 innings in one day is the maximum number of innings a pitcher can throw.
- No metal cleats
- 2009 Champions
  - Class 1A---Peoria Limestone Walters
  - Class 2A---Champaign Holy Cross
  - Class 3A---Homer Glen Homer

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### Activity Updates- Cross Country

- IESA continues to utilize a “chip” scoring system. Runners at the state do not run through a finish chute but instead wear a small computer chip in their shoelaces to determine the order of finish.
- If you do not have a cross country “team” but you have individuals who would like to run in the 2010 cross country state series, this can be accomplished. Contact the IESA Office for additional information.

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### Activity Updates- Basketball

- 09-10: Coaches must attend a physical seed meeting. Online seeding is not available for this activity.
- Required pre-game meeting with officials, team captains, and head coaches prior to regular and post-season contests.
- Two licensed officials must be hired for all regular season contests.
- For a team competing in two regional games in one day, the time between the start of the first regional game for that team and the start of the second regional game for that team must be a minimum of 3 hours.

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### Activity Updates- Volleyball

- Warm-up format for IESA member schools is still 4-4-4-2 for regular season and state series play.
- 2 licensed officials must be hired for all regular season matches.
- Online seeding will again be used for all regional seed meetings.
- The head coach may stand now during play. This will place additional emphasis on the conduct displayed by the coaches during a match. Please remind your coach that they are a role model for athletes, schools and fans.

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### Activity Updates- Wrestling

- Brief synopsis of the major rule changes:
  - Wrestlers no longer have to be weight certified---no paperwork for the meet official to complete or that has to be filed with IESA.
  - There is no growth allowance---all wrestlers have to make scratch weight for their weight class at weigh-ins for each meet. For example, prior to the change, wrestlers received a one pound growth allowance in January. A wrestler who weighed 86 lbs. would have been eligible for the 85 lb. class. In the same situation today, that same wrestler is eligible for the 90 (or 95) lb. class. There are no growth allowances throughout the season. A wrestler will simply step on the scale and is eligible to wrestle for the weight class according to his scratch weight. This will be particularly important for the state series. Coaches will have to be very careful that wrestlers are listed in a weight class that they will be able to make weight throughout the entire state series. Wrestlers who fail to make weight during the state series are scratched and are not eligible to move up to the next class.

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### Activity Updates- Wrestling

- Procedures have been developed to insure no wrestler wrestles more than 5 matches in a day if you are assigned to a regional with 9 teams.
- Meetings will be held throughout the state in November to discuss these major changes to the wrestling program. Schools are encouraged to attend these meetings. They are not mandatory but will be very informational given the changes. The schedule will be posted on the IESA website once it is finalized.
- When schools complete their Regional Entry Form, they will complete a small survey on whether the IESA should change scoring procedures---only one wrestler per weight class to count toward team scoring or continue with both wrestlers counting toward team scores.
- Regionals--Saturday, Feb. 27
- Sectionals--Saturday, March 6
- State--Friday/Saturday March 12-13 @NIU
  - Only coaches and wrestlers actually wrestling admitted free to NIU. Managers/statisticians will no longer be admitted free.

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### Activity Updates- Cheer

- The date of this year's competition is Saturday, January 23, 2010. The date that is in the red pocket calendar is incorrect. Change was made for two reasons—One, no more conflict between 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball finals date and the cheer competition. Two, since UCA assists us with the competition, this was a better date for them. Word to the wise—potential conflict now exists between cheer date and first round of 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball regionals IF your team plays on that Saturday.
- There is still time to enter a team.
  - 12/16/09 Initial Entry Deadline
  - 1/5/10 Final Entry DeadlineSchools enter through the Member Center. NFHS Spirit Rule Book will be mailed to all schools that enter.
- Even if your school does not enter the IESA cheer competition, school's are reminded that all spirit groups must abide by the rules published in the NFHS Spirit Rule Book.

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### Activity Updates- Track and Field

- This will be the first year of mandatory seeding meeting attendance. Please make sure that your school has a representative in attendance.
- An additional sectional will be added to both classes of track. Nineteen sectional meets per class will be conducted this season.
- At the State Track and Field Meet, field events may be conducted indoors if conditions deem it necessary. Please make sure that your athletes are prepared for this possibility.
- At the State Meet, the high jump bar will be raised 2" during each flight until the designated height is reached. For all jumps attempted after the designated height has been achieved, the bar will be raised 1" at a time.
- New NFHS rules:
  - Communicating with a competitor through the use of any device is not allowed. Make sure that competitors do not bring any technology with them to an event.
  - Effective January 1, 2013, the crossbar shall be circular. Square with beveled edges or triangular crossbars shall no longer be legal for competition

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### Activity Updates- Scholastic Bowl

- Online seeding at the sectional level will again be implemented in this activity.
- Teams may switch halves at the request of either coach.
- Any disruption by a players communication device (cell phone) will cause that team to forfeit the right to answer the question at the time of the disruption and the next question.
- Conferring is defined as giving or receiving aid including looking over at a teammates writing material. No conferring is allowed during or after the reading of a toss-up question.
- Correctable Errors:
  - In order to correct a moderator error it must be recognized prior to the reading of the next toss-up question. (clarification timeout should be used by the coach at this point)
  - Points scored cannot be removed once the next question has been read.
  - Clerical Errors such as points awarded to the wrong team or mathematical errors may be corrected at any point.

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### 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.
- Contests are held the last weekend in October and the first two weekends in November.
  - Contests are single day events.
  - Participants are judged against a standard.
  - Eligibility standards do apply to speech participants.

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### Activity Updates- Music

- Music education is an integral part of a students success in school.
- A great way to honor talented music students in your school is to have your Pep Bands and National Anthem Singers selected to perform at IESA State Contests. Selection forms are available on the IESA website Music Activity page.
- Instrumental Choir pieces may now perform four part music.
- Music Purchased online must be accompanied by receipt at contest to meet original script requirement.
- Fall Music Workshop to begin in 2010 in conjunction with the fall speech workshop September 17, 2010.
- Host deadline is January 29, 2010.

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### Activity Updates- Art

- We need pictures of your students' artwork, sculptures, or photographs. All works submitted will be displayed on the IESA art webpage. Works will be rotated monthly.
- If you are interested in submitting pieces for online display, you will need to take a photo of your piece. Please keep in mind the following when taking your photo:
  - Take the photo in a well-lit area.
  - Fill as much of the frame as possible.
- Please send files in the following format:
  - Format: .jpg suggested (.tif or .bmp acceptable)
  - DPI: Maximum 150 dpi, 72 dpi is best
  - Width in pixels: minimum 500/maximum 1000 pixels
- Attach and email your file to [nicole@iesa.org](mailto:nicole@iesa.org) In your email, please include the name of your school, name of artist, year in school of artist, name of piece.

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