

# 2022-23 IESA SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

## Minutes and Recommendations

January 12, 2023 via Zoom

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Executive Director), Shayla Grantham (Committee Chair), Wes Skym (Arlington Heights South, Coach), Nina Andrews (Dunlap Valley, Coach), Shari Pagel (Shorewood Troy, Coach), Lynn Mueller (Watseka Glenn Raymond, Coach), Heather Meade (Minooka, Coach). Not in attendance: Christine Lewis (Carthage, Coach)

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting on January 12, 2023, made the following recommendation to the IESA Board of Directors:

### Recommendation #1

**Current** Speech contest host schools shall have an experienced judge or the contest manager conduct the judges' meeting at the beginning of the contest. This meeting shall be mandatory for all contest judges.

Speech contest hosts shall obtain judges for the contests. A list of judges is available from the IESA Office. Host schools shall provide the speech judges with complete rules for the conduct of the contest. All judges shall be people well-versed in the ability of elementary and junior high students to express ideas orally. No coach serving as a judge shall judge students from his or her own school.

### Proposed

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**Rationale** The IESA would be able to assign a head judge that is knowledgeable and experienced. The Judge Representative would serve as a contest judge and assist with rulings.

### Speech T&C

### IESA By-Law

**Admin Vote** 4-0 approved

**Board Action** **Approved**

### 2022-23 Coach Award Recipients

**Distinguished Service-** Nina Andrews, Dunlap Valley

**Class Act-** Natasha Jones, Manteno

**Ken Bradbury Lifetime Service-** Lynn Mueller, Watseka

### Points of Emphasis

1. Communication regarding the type of scheduling used for contest- session/block or time intervals. Audience protocol for both types of scheduling.
2. Substitution rules
3. Host rotation and the accessibility of host materials

### Discussion Topics

1. Reviewed Team Improv games. Committee decided to keep the same games from 2022. Games will be reviewed yearly and rotated every other year.
2. Discussed time requirements for all events. No recommendation.
3. Reviewed substitution and eligibility requirements. No recommendation
4. Reviewed judge instructions. No recommendation.

5. Reviewed existing events. No recommendation.
6. Discussed a small school participation fee that would be submitted during the reenrollment. This would assist the IESA and contest hosts in planning and communication.
7. Directed IESA administrator to create a Google folder with host materials. Materials would then be available online and mailed in a paper format.
8. Reviewed the contest areas from 2022. No recommendation for change.