



**2018 SPORTSMANSHIP ADVISORY MEETING
Minutes and Recommendations - April 26, 2018**

The following members were present for this meeting:

Leslie Alappattu - IESA Assistant Executive Director
Megan Bozarth - Athletic Director, Normal Metcalf
John Downs - Athletic Director, Girard North Mac
Katie O'Neal - Coach, Edwardsville Liberty
Sherri Thomas - Principal, Bloomington JHS

Not present:

Rita Castans - Athletic Director, Lake in the Hills Marlowe
Michael Clay - Coach, Flossmoor Parker

The IESA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 15, 2018 meeting:

RECOMMENDATION

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| Current | Schools can log in to their member center and view the rating number that was submitted regarding by another school and/or an official; they are not currently able to see any written comments that were included with the rating. |
| Proposed | The sportsmanship rating viewable to schools will also include commentary that was submitted with the rating. In addition, the rating form itself should not permit a school/individual to submit the form until any rating of a 4 or a 5 has additional commentary included. |
| Rationale | It is difficult for administration to be able to address specific issues when they don't have additional information available to them. The online form already states, "A rating of 4 or 5 in any area must be accompanied by an explanation for that rating." |
| IESA By-Law | None |
| Board Action | Approved |

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Expectations of school administrators in regards to supervision at contests

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. The committee members reviewed the ejection/unsportsmanlike conduct summary for the last three school years. Effective with the 2016-17 school year, the penalty for a coach ejection was increased from one game to two games. From 2015-16 to 2016-17, there was a decrease of 9 reports (from 28 to 19) of this nature for coaches. From 2016-17 to 2017-18, there was an increase of 11 reports (from 19 to 30) of this nature. If after collecting this data for additional years the trend continues to increase, the committee may discuss recommendations to better address this concern regarding coach behavior.
2. The committee discussed the expectations of school administration and athletic directors at contests. In addition to sending out the IESA sportsmanship message to administrators for each activity at the

start of the season, the committee also outlined the following expectations that would also be distributed to school administrators at the start of each season:

- a. Be present in the space that the contest is being played (field, court, etc.).
- b. Introduce yourself to the officials prior to the start of the contest.
- c. Acknowledge inappropriate spectator behavior with physical proximity and use verbal (directly speaking to the offender) and/or non-verbal (eye contact) behavior.

The sportsmanship video will also include a clip from IHSA-licensed officials and their message on behavior as it affects the field of officiating.

3. The committee also began creating the content for the student breakout sessions at the Student Leadership Conference - presentation materials will continue to be built for presenters and distributed to those individuals later in the summer.

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Thursday, April 25, 2019

IESA SPORTSMANSHIP ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Compile breakout session content into presentation format - still need to find agree/disagree statements, hazing video clips, 5-6 scenarios of positive and negative influence, assign breakout sessions to committee members as desired