



The IESA will provide the leadership to ensure safe, equitable opportunities so students in our member schools can be enriched by participation in interscholastic activities which promote good sportsmanship, integrity and life skills.

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Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. For the past 88 years, IESA has been the state's leader in providing education-based, interscholastic activities for students in our member schools. Thank you for being a member of the Association and for allowing us to be of service to your school and your students. On behalf of the IESA Board of Directors and my staff, we appreciate your membership and what you do to offer quality activities to your students. IESA is very unique---we are the only activity state association in the country that is solely devoted to jr. high/middle school activities. No other state does what we do here in Illinois.

Enclosed in this mailing are several items. I encourage you to become familiar with the IESA Handbook and the IESA website. Individual activity updates will be posted on our website so you can download and print them at your discretion. Please be sure these are shared with members of your coaching staff. These updates highlight important changes from last year and other information pertinent to the respective activities.

Schools are reminded of the requirements of Senate Bill 7 which requires all of your coaches to complete a concussion training program. The link to the video and test as required by Illinois state statute is available on the IESA website through the Member Center. There is no fee to take the test.

Be sure you are aware of the calendar for the upcoming school year. A couple of significant changes---the volleyball state finals will now be held on a Friday/Saturday format. Bowling will now have a sectional level of competition and the golf sectionals will be played on a Tuesday. There is a complete 2017-18 school calendar located on the IESA website as well as a calendar of activities for the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 school years.

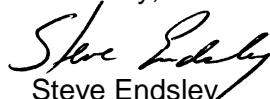
The pass cards that are enclosed with this mailing are only good for regular season contests. The pass cards are not honored for free admission at IESA state series contests.

We must continue to stress the importance of sportsmanship in all of our activities. Nothing would please us more than to go through an entire year without any special reports from officials and no ejections of players, coaches, or fans. Effective immediately, coaches who are ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct must serve a two game suspension.

We are pleased to welcome Chris Frasco to our administrative staff. Chris started his duties with IESA on July 1. He replaces Julie Cochran who is now working for the NFHS in Indianapolis. Chris will serve as the administrator for the sports of golf, girls and boys basketball, and scholastic bowl.

Please contact Nicole, Leslie, Chris, or me if we can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,


Steve Endsley
Executive Director