



IESA SPORTSMANSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES and RECOMMEDATIONS

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its January 2007 meeting:

Recommendation: Start division sportsmanship award voting May 1 – 15, 2008.

Rationale: to help ease the administration of the award. The previous dates put everything right at the end of the school year.

Recommend: Adding the following Q & A's to the IESA Handbook bylaw 2.020.

Q. May a participating coach serve as the school's supervisor at an interscholastic contest?

A. No. It would be very difficult for the coach to also be in charge of the supervision of spectators.

Q. May an 8th grade coach serve as the school's supervisor at a 7th grade interscholastic contest on a night when there is a 7th and 8th grade contest?

A. No.

Rationale: These Q & A's should help illustrate the purpose of the bylaw better.

Recommend: 2.091: 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.

Rationale: The committee felt that with the number of problems that seem to be increasing in IESA activities that a school representative at all home contests is in each schools best interest.

Recommend: 2.092: The IESA and its Board of Directors *require* that a school have a *plan* in place when dealing with fan ejections. *The IESA has a sample plan in place on the IESA website under the heading Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders.*

Rationale: Since the committee came up with a sample policy for game management and dealing with fan ejections they felt that every member school could implement the association's sample plan instead of having to create their own. The only work involved would be teaching personnel how to follow the plan.

Recommendation: Starting with the state boys' basketball tournament the committee would like to have the following message read before introductions at state tournament game. (To be read by a player from each team prior to player introductions. Each team's head coach will also be out on the floor with the players.)

Team A player: "It is important to me and my teammates that we play the game the right way. At our school we are taught that good sportsmanship by everyone on the team is

required. Our coaches tell us not to react to the calls that officials make, that their calls are part of the game.

Team B player: At our school we play to win, but we also play by the rules. We request that all fans here today support our teams in a positive way. Thank you for your support. Enjoy the game.

Rationale: With the increase of unsportsmanlike behavior the committee thought we could try a pre-game procedure that is read by the students to help curtail the number of unsportsmanlike behavior from the adults in the crowd.

Recommendation: to add 'and fans' to bylaw 5.125 so that it reads as follows: Any school that receives two ejections in a school year (*this includes, players, coaches and fans*), that the school administration shall be required to communicate in writing with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. ...

Rationale: By adding fan ejections to this list this will force schools to put a policy in place for dealing with unruly fan behavior and to be proactive in dealing with issues before they become ejections.

Discussion Items:

1. The logo contest winner was Cassidy Kingery of Heyworth Junior High School.
 - ? Recognition in state program, website, program kickoff flyer, state wide press release
 - ? Certificate
 - ? Banner to school
2. Implementation of the Building Blocks to Success program for the 2007-08 School year.

Additional meeting dates were not set at this time.