



**2017 SPORTSMANSHIP ADVISORY MEETING  
Minutes and Recommendations - March 21, 2017**

**The following members were present for this meeting:**

Leslie Alappattu - IESA Assistant Executive Director  
Rita Castans - Athletic Director, Lake in the Hills Marlowe  
Michael Clay - Coach, Flossmoor Parker  
John Downs - Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Girard North Mac  
Andrea Guerrero - Athletic Director, Springfield Jefferson  
Katie Bevis-O'Neal - Coach, Edwardsville Liberty  
Lynn Shook - Assistant Principal, Bloomington

The IESA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee, in its meeting on March 21, 2017, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 7, 2017, meeting:

**RECOMMENDATION #1**

**Current** - None

**Proposed** - A school may only contest the ejection of a player that was misidentified with clear video evidence. The school must contact the IESA office to ensure the proper player(s) are identified. After the IESA office reviews the video provided by the school and verifies the misidentification, the misidentified player shall be eligible at the next interscholastic level of competition.

**Rationale** - It is in the best interest of student-athletes that if an ejected student has been misidentified, it is the IESA's responsibility to ensure that the misidentified player is not penalized due to an adult's error - especially when this can be confirmed that an error was made.

**IESA Handbook Section 5.1000 - Add to By-Law 5.101**

**NOT APPROVED**

**RECOMMENDATION #2**

**Current** - Any school that receives two ejections in a school year (which includes players, coaches, and fans) shall be required to communicate in writing through the school's administration with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. The panel may recommend additional sanctions to the Board of Directors if they deem necessary.

**Proposed** - *Add the following to 5.104* - If a school receives three or more ejections in one school year and has already communicated once with the Sportsmanship Review Panel, the school administration must submit a revised action plan and the school administration may be required to appear in front of the IESA Board of Directors.

**Rationale** - Consequences should be progressive. If a school has had to submit in writing how they have addressed 2 ejections in one school year, additional ejections should include how the school's approach will be different from what has already been implemented.

**IESA Handbook Section 5.1000 - Add to By-Law 5.104**

**NOT APPROVED - TABLED UNTIL FURTHER DISCUSSION TAKES PLACE**

**RECOMMENDATION #3**

**Current** - None

**Proposed** - Any fan ejected from the state finals (quarterfinals, semifinals, consolation, and championship) may not return for the remainder of the tournament.

**Rationale** - The increasing abusive behavior of adults to officials carries in to the state final contests. The committee feels that having the same IESA administrator and tournament host onsite for all state final tournament games will make it possible for the administration and enforcement of this proposed By-Law.

**IESA Handbook Section 5.1000 - Add after By-Law 5.102**

**APPROVED**

**RECOMMENDATION #4**

**Current** - None

**Proposed** - IESA creates a video containing a universal sportsmanship message that will be made available to member schools prior to the start of activities for the 2017-18 school year.

**Rationale** - As an association, it is important to convey what we believe are expectations for participating in interscholastic activities. If every school has access to the same message, this can be incorporated as part of how the schools address the topic of sportsmanship at pre-season parent meetings.

**APPROVED**

**RECOMMENDATION #5**

**Current** - None

**Proposed** - IESA hosts a student leadership conference that has a component for coach/school representative to attend with student(s) from schools - potentially Fall 2017, but may realistically be Fall 2018

**Rationale** - It is important that IESA educates student-athletes as well as adults on the elements of being a leader within their schools and using their influence for the benefit of their school and local community.

**APPROVED FOR FALL 2018**

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. Discussed unified sports/Special Olympics
2. Mandating all schools to read the IESA/IHSA sportsmanship announcement prior to a home contest - no recommendation
3. Discussion on the possibility of an athletic coaches and/or student section award - no recommendation
4. Create penalty for fan ejections - no recommendation except for state finals ejections as mentioned in Recommendation #3

**IESA SPORTSMANSHIP ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Change generosity in sportsmanship manual to "respect"
2. Include a link to all IESA recognition programs online
3. Change "Citizenship" to "Sportsmanship" online
4. Email R. Castans and M. Clay about student section award ideas
5. Identified examples of inappropriate behavior at IESA-level contests to share with member schools
6. One Team award - give option for IESA to donate money to the cause of school's service project
7. Using slogan of "Creating Acceptance, Respect and Ethics" (C.A.R.E.) as part of IESA sportsmanship message, add to sportsmanship manual

<b>CREATE</b> Citizenship Scholar Athletes Community School Representation	<b>ACCEPT</b> Results Each other Praise Learning opportunities
<b>RESPECT</b> Self Opponents and officials Facilities and school property All performances	<b>ETHICS</b> Being fair and following the rules Moral character Fair play Having and showing integrity

The IESA Sportsmanship Advisory Committee's next meeting is TBD - if a student leadership conference is approved by the IESA Board of Directors, a summer meeting will be scheduled based on committee members' availability.

**SPORTSMANSHIP VIDEO FROM IESA - MESSAGE TO INCLUDE:**

- respect of the players/opponents and the officials
- be a supporter of your coach and athlete
- be the role model for your student, taking responsibility for your actions
- officials don't dictate the outcome of the game
- consequences for YOUR actions
- elements of Creating Acceptance, Respects and Ethics in Sports (see page 2)

**IESA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OUTLINE****Tentative schedule:**

10:00 Check-in

10:15 Opening remarks from IESA administrator

10:45 Session 1

*Keynote speaker does session with coaches/school representative  
Using Your Influence*

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Session 2

*Expectations of Leaders*

12:45 Interactive whole group activity/break

1:00 Session 3

*Perspective and Inclusion  
Hazing Prevention*

1:45 Session 4

*Action planning with coach/school representative  
Complete conference evaluation (ticket into keynote)*

2:30 Closing ceremony with keynote speaker, share out action plan ideas

2:45 Distribute keepsake item to attendees and depart