



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.

August 1, 2023

Welcome to a new school year! On behalf of the IESA Board of Directors and staff, we appreciate your membership and all that you do to offer quality activities and experiences to your students. Having participation opportunities available to students at this stage in their development is critical. IESA will continue to focus on providing and supporting positive experiences in education-based athletics and activities.

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 updates are shared with members of your coaching staff as they highlight important changes and other information pertinent to the respective activities.

Be sure you are aware of the calendar for the upcoming school year. There is a complete 2023-24 calendar located on the IESA website as well as a calendar of activities for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Please note that in the 2024-25 school year the calendar will "roll". I would encourage everyone to look ahead at the 24-25 dates.

We are, again, offering in-person workshops. Information regarding the Athletic Director Workshop that will be offered 9/8 and the Scholastic Bowl Workshop offered on 11/3 are included with this mailing. If you are a new AD, I would encourage you to attend the AD Workshop.

Please remember that all schools must view the Division Meeting presentation this fall. The presentation will be available in-person at the AD Workshop and then online in the IESA Member Center. The presentation will become available in September and notification will be sent out via email when the presentation has been posted.

Sportsmanship will continue to be a point of emphasis 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. Administrators---we need your help in clearly articulating to your players, coaches, and especially parents that unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and to provide a safe atmosphere for everyone in attendance at your contests, including the game officials. As a reminder, the penalties for an ejection have changed for players, coaches and fans.

Please contact our office if we can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schaeffbauer
Executive Director