

IESA NOVEMBER UPDATE

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome to our new IESA member schools:

Mt. Vernon Casey, East Moline Glenview,
Durand, Fairview Heights Grant, St. Charles St.
Patrick, and South Holland Calvary.

If you have not already done so, please log-in to your Member Center and enter your 2024-25 7th and 8th grade enrollments. You will need your School Password to access the submission link.

ENROLLMENT REMINDER

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Board elections for Divisions B, D, F, H, and J have begun. Members in those Divisions have been emailed voting instructions.

Next IESA Board Meeting is January 31, 2025.



SPORTSMANSHIP

A quick reminder to our coaches as we head into the Winter activities. The first line of defense in sportsmanship is coaches. Coaches are the most powerful piece in improving overall sportsmanship as they create the environment and lead by example in their behavior toward officials.

The sportsmanship of the spectators is often a direct reflection of the coaches. We ask that you empower your coaches to be role models and shining examples of the behavior we want our spectators to reflect. Now is the time for all of us to right the (sportsman)ship and a united front!



DIVISION MEETING

As a reminder, the Division Meeting is available in the IESA Member Center. Per IESA by-laws, all schools are required to view the presentation. If you have not already done so, please make sure that a representative of your school views the presentation prior to Dec. 20th.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

Here is a listing of upcoming activity deadlines:

November 1: Final entry deadline for Wrestling, Scholastic Bowl, and Track and Field

November 20: Entry Deadline for Cheerleading- Please remember that the competition date is Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025

December 1: Final entry deadline for Cheerleading



SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Morton JHS, who was selected as the IESA Sportsmanship School of the Month for September, and to Morton Blessed Sacrament, who was selected as the October representative! Morton and Blessed Sacrament have been highlighted on our social media platforms, and each also received a \$100 DICK's gift card.

Schools of the Month are selected from all the Good Sport Reports submitted by the Officials Advisory Committee during the designated month.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: MIKASA



IESA is proud to partner with Mikasa USA, who serves as the Official Volleyball of the IESA. Mikasa is a leader in the industry through their development of an incredible product and their dedication to growing the sport of volleyball at all levels. From the Olympics to the IESA state series, Mikasa works to enhance each player's game experience and we look forward to providing that to our member schools.

Please take advantage of special product pricing only available to IESA member schools.

EMERGING ACTIVITIES: BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The IESA created a Boys' Volleyball Advisory Committee that met on October 10th, 2024, and would like to propose the start of IESA Boys' Volleyball in the 2026-27 school year to the Board of Directors at the January 2025 board meeting. Please complete the [SURVEY](#) to indicate your school's participation if the season were to run from Week 31 through Week 43. (February 1, 2027 - May 1, 2027).

BY-LAW REMINDER: FEEDER SCHOOLS

What is a feeder school?

Feeder schools are elementary attendance centers located in the same school district that feeds the junior high school. The Executive Director of the IESA has the discretion to authorize the use of students from member feeder schools in junior high activities. However, the feeder school must have paid IESA membership dues for these students to be eligible.

The junior high school principal must submit a Feeder School Notification Form to the IESA before the students may participate in any activity. The principal assumes full responsibility for the students' conduct during all activities in which they represent the junior high school.

How may feeder school students be used?

In order for 5th and 6th-grade students from member feeder schools to be eligible to participate in junior high activities, they need to meet all of the eligibility requirements listed in the by-laws (i.e., current physical, grade eligible, age eligible, etc.).

In addition, students from member feeder schools:

- May not be members of a grade school team in a sport, scholastic bowl team, speech chorale reading group, or music organization group that is entered in the IESA state tournament series.
- Must be members of the junior high school athletic or scholastic bowl team for at least one-half of the regular season contests.



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



Starting October 28 and ending March 1, show us your fans/students school spirit during one of your IESA activities.

Where to send?

Email photos, video and social media links to bailey@iesa.org

What we are looking for?

Photos or Videos of POSITIVE school spirit, i.e., face paint, whiteouts, blackouts, school colors

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to all those who had individuals selected for post-season **Outstanding Sportsmanship pins!** Those selected have been featured on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Special thanks to all the Regional and Sectional hosts for providing this information.
#showyoursportmanship

Good Sport Reports—Thank you to everyone who has submitted a Good Sport Report this year. It is wonderful to see all the support our coaches and athletes show each other, their opponents, and officials. Keep up the great work!

