

IESA DECEMBER UPDATE

MEMBER CENTER HIGHLIGHT

The Activity Tracker is a great way to monitor all of the activities for which your school has registered. It also lists head coach information, includes task lists, and indicates the status of coops and coed designations. Before the start of each season, take a quick look at the Activity Tracker to ensure all information for your teams is in order. If you have any questions about your tracker, please contact the IESA Office.

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

The next Board of Directors meeting is January 31. If there are items that you would like discussed, please contact your IESA Board Representative. This information may be found in your Member Center. After logging in, click on the Email Center link. Your representative's information will be listed



SPORTSMANSHIP- STUDENTS

Sportsmanship is crucial in school sports for several reasons. It sets a positive tone for the game and can inspire other athletes to behave similarly. Additionally, it helps build character and instills important values such as fairness, respect, and perseverance. Furthermore, sportsmanship fosters a positive atmosphere and encourages healthy competition. When athletes demonstrate good sportsmanship, the game becomes more enjoyable for everyone involved, including spectators, coaches, and fellow athletes.



Here are a few key ways students can exhibit good sportsmanship:

1. Respect your opponents.
2. Play fair.
3. Be gracious in victory and defeat.
4. Support your teammates.
5. Control your emotions.

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:

December 1: Final entry deadline for Cheerleading

January 29: Entry Deadline Bowling

January 29: Entry deadline for Chess

February 6: Entry deadline for Music



SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Taft Elementary School in Lockport, who was selected as the IESA Sportsmanship School of the Month for November! Lockport Taft has been highlighted on our social media platforms, and will also receive 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: CUBBY HOLE

IESA is proud to partner with The Cubby Hole as the official provider of State Series apparel. The Cubby Hole is a family business located in Carlinville, IL. They take pride in being the premier destination for custom apparel needs. Whether you're looking to create custom t-shirts for your sports team, personalized uniforms for your staff, or customized merchandise for your event, they've got you covered! The Cubby Hole has been a part of the IESA family since 2003.

Find them online [HERE](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently 963 member schools, making the IESA the country's third-largest interscholastic athletics and activities association. Thank you for being so supportive of the IESA and interscholastic activities!

BY-LAW REMINDER: TRANSFER STUDENTS

A student who transfers from one school to another school during the school year will be eligible to participate under the following guidelines:

- The student did not participate in a tryout, organized practice, or contest in that sport at their previous school during the IESA-designated season for that sport.

If the student meets the first criteria and all other eligibility requirements, they would be eligible to participate in a contest for their new school on their eleventh day of attendance.



SCHOLAR ATTITUDE APPLICATION

The application for Scholar Attitude is available. The submission process will be done completely online.

If you would like to nominate a student from your school, please log-in to IESA Member Center using your School password. Click on the Scholar Attitude application link that is listed under Important Messages. Enter the information for the student that you would like to nominate. A link and passcode will be generated. Please pass along that information to your student. They will need that information to submit the application materials. If you have any questions about the program/process, please contact jonathan@iesa.org or amanda@iesa.org.

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!

