

# IESA MARCH UPDATE

## MEMBER CENTER HIGHLIGHT

Multiple surveys will be conducted in March. The Emerging Activities Committee will have a participation survey available in your IESA Member Center beginning March 10th. The survey will be located in the Important Messages area of your Member Center until March 31. If you have an interest in any of the emerging activities, please participate in the data collection.

The IESA has been offering the Scholar Attitude Award since 1999. To ensure that the program is still relevant and user-friendly, we are asking for your feedback. Whether you have submitted an applicant or not, please take a moment to complete a quick [survey](#). We thank you in advance for your comments.

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year will begin March 31. Please review the [Pre-Registration Checklist](#) prior to accessing the registration link. If you have any questions or need password information, please contact the IESA Office.

## 25-26 ENROLLMENT

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The IESA staff would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the administrators who serve on the IESA Board of Directors. Their leadership is instrumental in fostering the growth of our association on a strong foundation.

In addition to their important roles in managing their own students, they generously dedicate their time and efforts to enhancing participation opportunities for all our member students. Their commitment to our mission truly makes a difference, and we are grateful for their unwavering support and dedication. Thank you!



# ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes from Activity Advisory Committees with Board action may be found on each activity webpage. Fall activities had their minutes and recommendations presented to the Board of Directors in January.  
[Golf](#)—[Baseball](#)--- [Softball](#)--- [Speech](#)--- [Cross Country](#)



## RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Athletic Directors juggle many responsibilities both personally and professionally to make sure that the activities offered at your school are top-notch. Thank you to everyone who took an opportunity to recognize their Athletic Directors!

## SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Coal City who was selected as the IESA Sportsmanship School of the Month for February! Coal City 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: GOFAN

IESA is proud to partner with GoFan, who serves as the Official digital ticketing system of the IESA post-season.

With GoFan:

- Fast & Easy Checkout – No hassle, just tickets in seconds!
- Secure & Quick Entry – No more paper tickets or delays.
- No Lost Revenue – Every ticket tracked; every dollar accounted for.
- Lower Event Costs – Less staff, more efficiency!
- Simple Setup & Management – Perfect for games, performances, and more!
- Powerful Insights – Real-time reports at your fingertips.

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For more information, click [here](#).

Be sure to download the GoFan app and make IESA a favorite!





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

The IESA Celebration of Excellence allows the Association to express gratitude and recognize remarkable individuals who have dedicated their time and talents to the students within our member schools. These outstanding individuals have made significant contributions to their activities in collaboration with the Association, leaving a lasting impact.

This event recognizes those who exemplify sportsmanship, maintain longevity in their activities, achieve high performance, and foster lifelong friendships with the IESA. The Association is proud to celebrate their remarkable contributions and accomplishments.

You can find information on the Celebration and all the IESA Award programs on our [awards site](#).

Congratulations to all of our 2024 recipients! 2025 award winners will be recognized this April.



## 2025 IESA WORKSHOPS

Each year the IESA hosts workshops for Athletic Directors and activity coaches.

The Annual Athletic Director workshop will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington on Sept. 5. Registration information will be available in April. This event is a wonderful opportunity to network and build your knowledge base.

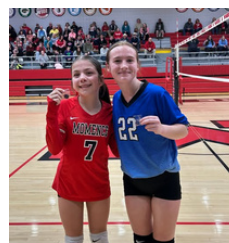
On Nov. 7, the IESA will be hosting the Scholastic Bowl workshop for coaches, sponsors, and moderators. This workshop will also be hosted at the Double Tree Hotel. Information will be available online in May.



## 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!



# IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT- LEADERSHIP

Leadership Through Sports is one of the most effective ways schools can equip students for future success. Beyond enhancing athletic skills, sports foster critical leadership qualities such as communication, teamwork, decision-making, and accountability. These skills are cultivated through dynamic, real-time situations in sports, where quick thinking and collaboration are essential. By encouraging students to take on leadership roles in athletics, schools help shape confident and responsible individuals who are well-prepared for challenges in academics and future careers.

The benefits of developing leadership through sports extend far beyond the athletic field. Students who gain these skills become better equipped to handle academic challenges, workplace responsibilities, and community involvement. This investment not only enhances individual growth but also elevates the school's reputation as an institution that values holistic education. Ultimately, by emphasizing leadership in sports, schools can inspire the next generation of leaders who will positively impact society.

- World School Sports Federation (WSSF)



## BUYING NEW UNIFORMS?



Uniforms are a significant investment!

Before purchasing any new uniforms for the upcoming season, review the uniform requirements detailed in the appropriate NFHS Rulebook. Uniform information for most athletic activities can also be found on the IESA website. It is also important to double-check with your uniform supplier that they are familiar with all NFHS specifications.

If you or your supplier have any questions regarding the legality of your uniforms, please reach out to the appropriate IESA administrator.

## CALENDAR UPDATES AND REMINDERS

An ad hoc committee met during the 2023-24 school year to review the IESA Calendar. Their recommendations will be implemented during the 25-26 school year. The **online calendar** reflects all of the changes that have been adopted. The Committee's recommendations can be found [here](#).

In addition, the Baseball and Softball Committees recently recommended changes to the post-season calendar. You can review their recommendations by accessing the Advisory minute links included in this newsletter.

