

# IESA DECEMBER UPDATE



## MEMBER CENTER HIGHLIGHT

The Activity Tracker is a great way to monitor all the activities your school has registered for. It also lists head coach information, includes task lists, and indicates the status of co-ops and co-ed 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 get in touch with the IESA Office.

## FALL ENROLLMENT COUNTS

If you have not already done so, please log-in to your Member Center and enter your 2025-26 7th and 8th grade enrollments. You will need your School Password to access the submission link.

Enrollment numbers should be entered no later than Friday, December 12th.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

IESA will continue to award **Outstanding Sportsmanship pins** during the 25-26 seasons! Those selected will be featured on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We thank the Regional and Sectional hosts in advance for facilitating this program. #showyoursportsmanship



**Good Sport Reports**—We look forward to receiving Good Sport Reports this year. It is wonderful to see all the support our coaches and athletes show each other, their opponents, and officials!

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Board elections for Divisions C, G, I, K, and O have now concluded. Member schools in those Divisions received notification of the voting results.

The Board of Directors will next meet on January 30. If there are items that you would like the Board to discuss, please get in touch with your Division representative.

Contact information for your Board Representative can be found in your Member Center.



# SCHOLAR ATTITUDE APPLICATION

Application materials are now available. Each member school may submit one application for consideration. The deadline for application submission is January 15th.

More information on the program can be accessed [HERE](#).



## SHOW US YOUR SPIRIT!

From November 1 to March 1, we want to see your fans and students showing off their school pride during any of your IESA activities! Snap a photo or video of your crowd, cheer squad, or team in action! Email your photos, videos, or social media links to [bailey@iesa.org](mailto:bailey@iesa.org) for a chance to be featured on our official IESA platforms! (Each school may submit one entry per activity.) The winner of our Show Us Your Spirit Contest will have school representatives invited to attend our annual Celebration of Excellence in April!

## DIVISION MEETING

Every member school is required to review the Division Meeting presentation. It is currently available online through the IESA Member Center. Please complete this requirement by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR UPDATES AND REMINDERS

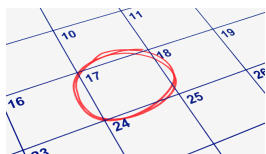
Please keep an eye on these upcoming deadlines:

**December 1-** Wrestling and Volleyball Cooperative Deadline

**January 28:** Entry Deadline for Bowling and Chess

**January 29:** Music Host Deadline

**February 5:** Music S&E, Org Entry Deadline



## EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING

Having a well-developed Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is essential to ensuring the safety of students, staff, and spectators at your events.

The NFHS offers a FREE course that explains the purpose and importance of EAPs, shows how to build a venue-specific EAP tailored to your activities, and provides practical steps for rehearsing and implementing your EAP. By the end of the course, you'll have the confidence to create, execute, and maintain an effective EAP for your program.

[NFHS FREE course](#)

[IESA EAP template](#)

[IHSA EAP template](#)



# SUPPORTING YOUR MIDDLE-SCHOOLER

Middle school can be a tough time for students. Participation in activities can be an excellent way for students to get involved with their classmates and the school community. Parents have a tremendous impact on their child's experience. By supporting their student and demonstrating good behavior in the stands, they can go a long way toward promoting a positive, rewarding experience.

The NFHS Learning Center, in collaboration with the Middle School Advisory Committee, has created a brief, engaging video designed for middle school parents. We encourage you to share this video with your parents during preseason meetings or play the audio before contests.

[Video Link](#)

[Audio Link](#)



## SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Pleasant Valley Middle School in Peoria, which was selected as the IESA Sportsmanship School of the Month for November! Peoria Pleasant Valley will be 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 Sports Reports submitted throughout the month. The Officials Advisory reviews all submissions during that month and selects the program to be recognized.

Congratulations, to the Panthers!



## OFFICIAL BALLS

The IESA works with two great companies to provide the balls used in the State Series. The "Officials Balls" are required for post-season play.

### IESA Official Ball Models

**Girls Softball-** Rawlings **RIESASB**

**Boys Baseball-** Rawlings **RIESABB**

**Girls Basketball-** Rawlings **CNTR285-IESA**

**Boys Basketball-** Rawlings **CNTR295-IESA**

**Girls Volleyball-** Mikasa **VQ2000**

For Sales Representative Information, please click [HERE](#).

As a reminder, Mikasa will be offering [special pricing](#) through February.



## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: GREAT LAKES CREDIT UNION



We are excited to invite schools in **Divisions A, C, and D** to participate in a meaningful community service opportunity: the "Pack the Pantry" Food Drive powered by Great Lakes Credit Union, taking place throughout the month of February. This initiative is designed to benefit your local food bank and make a real impact on the fight against hunger.

### **How Does It Work?**

Schools will collect pantry items February 1 – February 28. There will also be an online donation option, so that families and community members can make monetary donations in addition to pantry items.

Schools in the mentioned Divisions should have received information via email. If you did not receive information, please contact the IESA Office.