

To: Principals, Soccer Coaches, Athletic Directors

From: Julie Hammons, Assistant Director, IHSAA

Re: Sportsmanship in Soccer



Date:

As most of you are aware a Soccer Summit was held on April 3, 2012 to discuss the state of soccer in Idaho, and in particular, the issue of poor sportsmanship from players, coaches and fans. At the conclusion of the summit the committee determined that sportsmanship needed to be a point of emphasis for all schools sponsoring soccer. As part of this emphasis, the IHSAA retained the requirement that a school administrator meet with their soccer players, parents and coaches at the beginning of the season to discuss sportsmanship. Ideally the meeting should take place prior to any games. At the latest the meeting is to take place prior to any regular season games.

This memo serves as notification that such a meeting is required to take place. The "IHSAA Sportsmanship Manual" link on the IHSAA website provides excellent sources of information to be referenced in presenting such a meeting. In addition, sportsmanship issues specific to the sport of soccer and the new Card Accumulation Program Guidelines can be found on the soccer page of the IHSAA website.

To ensure that the meeting takes place, the coach and principal should sign the form below, and fax or mail it to the IHSAA following the meeting.

Soccer Sportsmanship Meeting Verification Form

School: _____ Boys / Girls / Both (circle one)

Meeting Date: _____ Meeting Site: _____

We certify that a meeting in which the importance, fundamentals and responsibilities of sportsmanship were taught to the soccer team members, coaches, parents and administrators from the school listed above took place on the date and at the place listed above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Principal

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Head Coach

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