



# IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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2023-2024 Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Synopsis  
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IHSAA Office

## ***Committee Members in Attendance***

Josh Hegstad, District I      Katie Ball, District II      Richard Whitelaw, District IV  
Hallie Hanohano, District V      Gregg Baczuk, District VI      Randy Winn, Officials Rep.  
Owen Tiegs, Student Advisory Council      Braylyn Bayer, Student Advisory Council

## ***Committee Members Absent***

Tim Standlee, District III

## ***IHSAA Staff***

Mike Federico, Assistant Director      Morgan Potter, Account Executive – IHSAA Sports Properties  
Zach Hoffman, General Manager – IHSAA Properties

## ***Welcome***

Introduction of new members – Josh Hegstad, District I & Owen Tiegs, Student Advisory Council  
Tim Standlee was excused due to school commitments.

## ***Review 22-23 School Year***

### **IHSAA Sportsmanship Manual:**

- Reviewed by committee members – No changes

### **IHSAA Citizenship Through Sports Manual:**

- Reviewed by committee members – No changes

### **School of Excellence:**

- Reviewed by committee members
  - Encouraged yearlong participation from schools at all levels
  - Social media posts throughout the school year as a reminder for schools

### **Web Site:**

- Reviewed sportsmanship page on website
- Requesting AD's/Schools to forward articles/videos etc. of positive examples or programs for promotion
- Added – Fundamentals of Sportsmanship
- Changed messaging – Officials Video
- Add video covering school administration at events "Treating Officials with Hospitality"

### **Board of Control Meetings:**

- Sportsmanship committee members will report and be part of the board of control meetings in each district.

## ***22-23 Points of Emphasis***

### **Officials Shortage:**

- Data shows an increase in officials state-wide
  - Officials report that the elimination of fees for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year officials is working
- Work is needed to retain officials

### **Review of Rule 4-3:**

- Recommendation to remove Rule 4-3-3b. (give 4-3 card prior to leaving event)

### **Student Reading Sportsmanship Announcements:**

- Successful at all schools
  - Recommendation to continue practice and expand message and methodology

### **Sportsmanship Symposium:**

- Student Advisory Council Fall Meetings
  - Great discussion, need more participation from member schools
  - Student Sections were discussed and best practices shared

### **Bench Bad Behavior Campaign:**

- Available on the IHSAA Sportsmanship webpage

### **Event Management:**

- Add NFHS training video to IHSAA Sportsmanship webpage

### **NFHS Educational Courses:**

- NFHSLearn.com is a great resource for Coaches/Students/Administration/Parents

### **Skyline Ranking System:**

- Gregg Baczuk reported on the pilot program at Skyline HS. Gregg gives officials an opportunity to provide feedback about the coaches, players, parents and student section when it comes to behaviors displayed at games. Evidence did support where sportsmanship was positive and areas of improvement.
- Contact Gregg Baczuk for information

## ***IHSAA Items***

### **Staff:**

- Zach Hoffman and Morgan Potter discussed the option of sponsorship opportunities at member schools.
  - Suggestion for “pull up” messaging with a common brand/message
  - Asked the SAC to work toward an Idaho brand

### **Promotional Opportunities:**

- Promotion of sportsmanship through twitter/instagram/facebook and the IHSAA Express
  - Schools can send positive messaging to the IHSAA for promotion

### **T-Shirt Design Contest:**

- Hannah Skinner, Hansen HS won the contest and her design will be on all IHSAA sportsmanship t-shirts that are distributed at the state tournaments.

### **Rule Change – 3-1-2:**

- Board of Directors approved non-certified teachers that are coaches are required to take the “Teaching and Modeling Behavior” course from the NFHS.

### **Student Advisory Committee:**

- Battle of the Fans contest deadline is March 1, 2024 – Information is on the IHSAA Student Page
- Reported on the Fall Sportsmanship Symposium
- SAC plans to have spring Lead & Achieve Summit in every district
- Student Lead Pre-game Sportsmanship Announcements – Student leaders reading the sportsmanship announcements prior to each game.
- SAC behavior videos are in production

## ***23-24 Discussion Items***

### **Students Section Location:**

- Location/logistics of student sections at sporting events were discussed. Recommendations included a request to the IAAA to create guidelines/considerations for school administrators when determining the location of student sections.
- Possibly a break-out session at the IAAA Conference

### **Time-Out Idaho:**

- Discussion centered around a program that allows for a "Time-Out" to be called during a game in which the fan behavior is getting out of control.
  - Committee recommends to move forward with the idea; however, is concerned with logistics

### **Coaches Behavior:**

- Encourage students through the SAC to have players discuss coaching behaviors with administration
- Have coaches be the example of sportsmanship with players, parents and officials
- Encourage AD's to speak to students about appropriateness of speaking up

### **Parent Behavior:**

- One of the biggest issues facing member schools
  - Discussed adding two parents to the sportsmanship committee to represent and share message with parents. We will ask the newly formed parent committee for recommendations

### **Player Behavior:**

- Encourage all coaches to recognize the importance and influence they have on the behavior of their players

## ***District Reports***

### **District I**

- Josh Hegstad reported:
  - Turnover of school administration creates a need for mentoring and training with sportsmanship

### **District II**

- Katie Ball reported:
  - Asked to encourage coaches to attend "in-person" rules clinics to communicate issues between officials and coaches
  - Encouraged administration communication and presence amongst students at events

### **District IV**

- Richard Whitelaw reported:
  - Encouraged anyone to share acts of positive sportsmanship with the state

### **District V**

- Hallie Hanohano reported:
  - Discussed having a mercy rule in soccer due to the unsportsmanlike scores

### **District VI**

- Gregg Baczuk reported:
  - Discussed the Sports Officiating Course at Skyline HS

### **Student Advisory Council**

- Owen Tiegs & Braylyn Bayer reported:
  - Social Media is an issue for students
    - NFHS Course educating students on social media use
  - SAC will focus on Battle of the Fans
  - Sportsmanship Videos
  - Captain's Handbook for all schools

### **Officials Representative**

- Randy Winn reported:
  - Officials in District IV give out a sportsmanship award each year to school that demonstrates the best sportsmanship during girls' and boys' basketball season.

### ***Recommendations/Goals/Points of Emphasis for 2023-2024***

- District Tournament Sportsmanship Recognition
  - Present a sportsmanship t-shirt and certificate of appreciation at each district tournament to all member schools
- Create common language for a state-wide sportsmanship campaign
  - SAC will begin this work
- Digital advertising from the SAC on a state-wide and district level
- Create a "Strategic Student Section"
- Social Media Awareness for all student-athletes
  - Some school districts have policies in place
- Mental Health Education at sporting events
- Change 4-3-3b requirement
- Administration promoting Sportsmanship at all parent meetings
- Student Lead Sportsmanship Announcements
- Focus on the Good"
  - Promotion of positive behaviors at events by fans, parents, students, coaches
- Rotate the Sportsmanship Committee meetings around the state
- Add two parents to the 24-25 Sportsmanship Committee as members