



# IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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## 2024-2025 Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Synopsis November 6, 2024 IHSAA Office

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

Josh Hegstad, District I  
Richard Whitelaw, District IV  
Randy Winn, Officials Rep.

Katie Ball, District II  
Hallie Hanohano, District V  
Zach Kelsey, Parent Rep.

Dan Lunt, District III  
Zairrick Wadsworth, District VI  
Owen Tiegs, SAC

### ***Committee Members Excused***

Kymerli Jensen, SAC

Kelli Knowles, Parent Rep.

### ***IHSAA Staff***

Mike Federico, Assistant Director

Zach Hoffman, General Manager – IHSAA Properties      Morgan Potter, Account Executive – IHSAA Sports Properties

### ***Welcome***

Introduction of new members – Dan Lunt, District III; Zairrick Wadsworth, District VI; Kymerli Jensen, SAC; Kelli Knowles, Parent Rep.; Zach Kelsey, Parent Rep.

### ***IHSAA Items***

#### **Staff:**

- Zach Hoffman, Morgan Potter and Owen Tiegs discussed the proposed IHSAA Sportsmanship Brand
  - “GEM State of Mind” **G**ive **E**veryone their **M**oment
  - Present to the IHSAA Board of Directors for approval

#### **Promotional Opportunities:**

- Promotion of sportsmanship IHSAA Express
- Promote positive acts of sportsmanship

#### **Student Advisory Committee:**

- Battle of the Fans contest deadline is March 15, 2025 – 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 – Successful program
- Captain's Handbook – Spring 2025 debut goal

## ***23-24 School Year Review***

### **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

### **Web Site:**

- Reviewed sportsmanship page on website

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

- Attend 2 Board of Control meetings per year. One prior to, and one after the sportsmanship committee meeting

## ***23-24 Points of Emphasis Review***

### **District Tournament Sportsmanship Recognition:**

- Local recognition programs are successful

### **Common Language/Brand for state-wide campaign:**

- GEM State of Mind

### **Create a “Strategic Student Section” plan for AD’s**

- Presentation was given at the IAAA Conference

### **Mental Health Education**

- Social Media awareness
- Spring summit focus
- Student Section behaviors

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

- Recommendation to IHSAA Board of Directors to re-write Rule 4-3-3b. (give 4-3 card prior to leaving event)

#### **CURRENT LANGUAGE**

- The officials shall **issue a card** to the coach or school administrator when a player/coach/staff/parent/fan/spectator is ejected from competition. The **card must be issued at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.**

#### **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

- The official/commissioner shall ~~issue a card~~ **report an ejection to the school’s Principal and Athletic Director** ~~to the coach or school administrator~~ when a player/coach/staff/parent/fan/spectator is ejected from **a** competition. The ~~card~~ **report** must be ~~issued at or prior to the conclusion of the competition~~ **submitted within a 24-hour period** of the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.

### **Administrative Support at Parent Meetings:**

- Recourses available through the IHSAA and NFHS

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

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

### **Sportsmanship Committee Rotation:**

- Denied – IHSAA office convenient for statewide travel

### **Parents on Committee:**

- Two parents were added from the IHSAA Parent Committee

### **Event Management:**

- Strategic student sections
- Work with conference ADs on sportsmanship strategies

### **NFHS Educational Courses:**

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

### **Bench Bad Behavior:**

- Downloaded materials from the NFHS at <https://benchbadbehavior.com/>

## ***District Reports***

### **District I**

- Josh Hegstad reported:
  - Turnover of school administration creates a need for mentoring and training with sportsmanship
  - Opportunities to combine AD/Principal meetings allows for growth and consistency

### **District II**

- Katie Ball reported:
  - Believes that GEM State of Mind will be a positive brand for Idaho
  - Encouraged administration communication and presence amongst students at events

### **District III**

- Dan Lunt reported:
  - Encouraged shared success
  - Work together as a local district for commonalities implementing sportsmanship

### **District IV**

- Richard Whitelaw reported:
  - District IV BOC sub-committee to establish sportsmanship guidelines

### **District V**

- Hallie Hanohano reported:
  - ISU partnership for officials training program

### **District VI**

- Zairrick Wadsworth reported:
  - Management of the number of people on the sidelines at football games
  - Soccer parent education on sportsmanship

### **Student Advisory Council**

- Owen Tiegs reported:
  - Student focus on mental health

### **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.

### **Parent Representative**

- Zach Kelsey reported:
  - Add resources for parents on the IHSAA parent page
  - Student testimonials
  - Information on "the care ride home"
  - Communicating with your son/daughter after the game

### ***Discussion Topics***

- State Sportsmanship Award Proposal
  - Softball – Denied due to multiple field use
  - Tennis – Denied due to multiple sites and individual sport

### ***Recommendations/Points of Emphasis for 2024-25***

- Approve/Develop/Promote State Sportsmanship Brand
  - GEM State of Mind
- Change Sportsmanship T-Shirt Script to add "WHY"
- Define Board of Control expectations for sportsmanship committee members
- Develop Dragon Fly report for notification of Rule 4-3 ejections
- Yellow cards for fans
  - Available by contacting the IHSAA
- New AD training program – IHSAA office
- Change sportsmanship committee meeting date to spring – focus on following school year
- Add best practices in being a sports parent on IHSAA parent page
- Revision of Rule 4-3
- Student Lead Sportsmanship Announcements
- Focus on "Good Sportsman Behavior"
- Promotion of positive behaviors at events by fans, parents, students, coaches