



IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Serving Idaho's Youth Since 1926

Ty Jones, Executive Director

Julie Hammons, Assistant Director Mike Federico, Assistant Director
8011 Ustick Road Boise, ID 83704
Phone#: (208) 375-7027 Fax#: (208) 322-5505
website: idhsaa.org e-mail: admin@idhsaa.org

2020-21 Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Synopses November 11, 2020 ZOOM Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance

Deanne Clifford, District I Tim Standlee, District III Natalie Galloway, District V
Natalie Galloway, District V David McDonald, District VI Randy Winn, Officials Rep.
Madison Tesnohidek, Student Advisory Council

Committee Members Absent

Tami Church, District II Richard Whitelaw, District IV

IHSAA Staff

Ty Jones, Executive Director Mike Federico, Assistant Director

Welcome

- Introduction of new members, Randy Winn – Officials representative (new position) and Madison Tesnohidek – Student Advisory Council representative. Tami Church and Richard Whitelaw were excused due to school commitments. Recorded ZOOM video was sent to absent members

Review 19-20

PA Announcers:

- Review – Point of emphasis for Athletic Directors – a “neutral” announcer is important for an education-based atmosphere at all sites. PA Announcer Guidelines and courses are available on the sportsmanship page on the IHSAA website as well as from NFHS Learn.

IHSAA Sportsmanship Manual:

- Reviewed by committee members
- Manual will be sent to Athletic Directors/Administration for review

School of Excellence:

- Reviewed by committee members
- Manual will be sent to AD's/Principals/Superintendents
- Encouraged year long participation from schools at all levels

Web Site:

- Reviewed sportsmanship page on website
- Requesting AD's/Schools to forward articles/videos etc. of positive examples or programs for promotion
- Encouraged to use all forms of social media to distribute positive examples of sportsmanship

Board of Control Meetings:

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

Congratulatory Letters:

- Reviewed process of Congratulatory Letters to AD/Principal/Superintendents – Continue practice
- Research information concerning flag protocol

Review of 19-20 Goals:

- Social Media – increase presence on social media with positive sportsmanship message
 - Ask SAC for increased focus on their social media with a sportsmanship message
- Sportsmanship Webinar – Move to 20-21 due to COVID
- Sportsmanship Symposium (Lead & Achieve Summit) – Moved to 20-21 due to COVID
- Student lead sportsmanship announcement – scripts were changed to add the SAC message – schools are encouraged to have students read the pre-game sportsmanship announcement for all games.
- Create school/district level contests – schools are encouraged to promote sportsmanship through print/announcements/contests/social media/parent meetings/video messaging/advertisements
- Coordinate with the Student Advisory Council on Lead & Achieve Summit
- New Sportsmanship T-Shirt Contest – accomplished
- Add Officials Representative to the Sportsmanship Committee – Randy Winn

IHSAA Items

Staff:

- Tyler Ostler has taken a new position – Ali Tedford and Mike Federico are working on social media

Social Media:

- Promotion of sportsmanship through twitter/instagram/facebook and the IHSAA Express

Student Advisory Committee:

- Madison Tesnohidek, from Fruitland HS represented the SAC
- SAC has been meeting monthly via ZOOM
- SAC plans to have spring Lead & Achieve Summit in every district
- Battle of the Fans contest is current – information can be found on the “student” page on the IHSAA website

IHSAA Rule Changes:

- Reviewed updated information of Rule 4-3 (unsportsmanlike ejections) – Fans/Parents that receive a 4-3 ejection will now miss two contests following an ejection

Discussion

Officials Retention:

- Shortage of officials is a concern - Promotion of sportsmanship will help in recruiting and maintaining officials. Schools are encouraged to communicate this need with parents, booster clubs and coaches to emphasize that without officials we won't be able to have games. A pro-active approach that is positive concerning fairness, respect, leadership, role modeling was encouraged. Creativity in this area such as giving rules quizzes to parents and/or having student leaders encourage sportsmanship ideals to fans/parents.

NFHS Parent Credential:

- Promote this program from the NFHS

Statement concerning race/religion:

- Suggestions from the sportsmanship committee as well as the student advisory committee were to focus on respect for everyone

School Yellow Cards:

- School specific “yellow cards” are available with each school's logo. This card is given to fans that need to demonstrate appropriate behavior at a contest. Some schools are using them with success, used at state soccer tournament.

AD “Buy In” to Sportsmanship:

- Committee wants to recognize the Athletic Administrators across the state that helped make having activities possible this year. Use social media and any other forms of recognition to those school leaders that have worked very hard during this pandemic

Fan Guide to Sportsmanship:

- Suggestion to create a document on “Fans Guide to Sportsmanship” for distribution to schools. Financially something for future discussion

Student Section Guidelines:

- The SAC will meet and discuss the option of printing “Student Section Guidelines” for schools to work toward as a goal for student behavior

State Sportsmanship Award:

- State Award is for sportsmanship representation at the state tournament only – Schools and Conferences are encouraged to implement sportsmanship awards at the local level. Districts could use officials as judges and award presenters

District Reports

District I

- Deanne Clifford reported:
 - Discussed process/protocol for handling sportsmanship complaints
 - Plans to report to Board of Control and District I Principals
 - Encouraged all districts to thank all school Athletic Directors and Coaches for working to keep kids participating this fall

District III

- Tim Sandlee reported:
 - Discussed consistency between school expectations
 - Encouraged conferences and school administration working together to develop and maintain consistency with sportsmanship during activities
 - Encouraged administration communication and presence amongst students at events

District V

- Natalie Galloway reported:
 - Discussion of involving all spirit groups in coordination of positive sportsmanship
 - Offered services in “More Than Sad” program to the SAC and schools
 - Concerned about student ejections in the district

District VI

- David McDonald reported:
 - No major issues from administration
 - Worked hard to create a positive experience for parents by working with parent expectations

Student Advisory Council

- Madison Tesnohidek reported:
 - SAC will focus on Battle of the Fans
 - Promote Sportsmanship through social media

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.
 - Thank you for including officials on this committee

Goals for 2020-21

Promotion:

- Recommendation that all schools promote positive sportsmanship messages via social media
- IHSAA will send congratulatory letters to AD/Principal/Superintendent of state sportsmanship winners
- Promote NFHS Parental Credential
- Create school and district level contests of sportsmanship
- Recognize local Coaches and AD’s for their contribution to activity programs
- Coordinate with the Student Advisory Council on Spring Leadership Symposium
- Promote the need for new officials and retention of officials
- Encourage sportsmanship to be a part of every pre-season parent meeting