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2021-22 Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Synopses November 10, 2021 IHSAA Office

Committee Members in Attendance

Deanne Clifford, District I Katie Ball, District II Richard Whitelaw, District IV
Scott Miller, District VI Randy Winn, Officials Rep. Brynlee Simmons, Student Advisory Council
Maysi Bright, Student Advisory Council

Committee Members Absent

Tim Standlee, District III District V - TBD

IHSAA Staff

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Welcome

- Introduction of new members – Katie Ball, District II – Scott Miller, District VI - Maysi Bright – Student Advisory Council – Brynlee Simmons, Student Advisory Council. Tim Standlee was excused due to school commitments. District V representative is TBD

Review 20-21

PA Announcers:

- 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. Encourage ALL PA announcers to use the education-based model for their work.

IHSAA Sportsmanship Manual:

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

IHSAA Citizenship Through Sports Manual:

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

School of Excellence:

- Reviewed by committee members
- Encouraged yearlong 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
- Added - State Tournament Sportsmanship selection rubric
- Added – Fans Behavior Guide to State Tournament

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

Officials Retention and Recruitment:

- Discussed reasons for less officials – Discussed solutions
- Discussed District VI Sports officials symposium – Other districts should contact the IHSAA for information

NFHS Parent Credential:

- Requirement for parent ejection beginning 2021 school year – Continue practice
- Watched parent production of “The Parent Seat” = Encourage ADs to show at pre-season parent meetings

School Yellow Cards:

- Specialized Yellow Cards are available for all schools on request – Continue practice

AD “buy in” to Sportsmanship:

- Inform AD and Principals of resources available through the IHSAA and NFHS Learn – Continue practice

Student Section Guidelines:

- Produce “Student Section Guide for Student Leaders and Administrators” – send to all administrators and student council advisors

Sportsmanship Symposium:

- Student Advisory Council will have district summits this April for each district – more information to follow
- Lead and Achieve Summit – SAC will develop and lead each district

Students Read Sportsmanship Announcement:

- Positive feedback from students reading pre-game sportsmanship announcements

District Level Sportsmanship Contests:

- District IV presented a model where basketball officials select “school of the year” – rubric will be sent to all basketball commissioners for review and possible implementation

IHSAA Items

Staff:

- New Staff at the IHSAA
 - Mindy Powers, Director of Officials
 - Zach Hoffman, Marketing
 - Conlin Coburn, IHSAA Intern

Promotional Opportunities:

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

Student Advisory Committee:

- Large Schools – Maysi Bright – Concerned with how coaches are behaving toward officials and their own players
- Small Schools – Brynlee Simmons – Concerned with student sections and parent behaviors
- Battle of the Fans contest deadline is March 1st 2022 – Information is on the IHSAA Student Page
- SAC plans to have spring Lead & Achieve Summit in every district

IHSAA Rule Changes:

- Reviewed updated information of Rule 4-3 (unsportsmanlike ejections) – Fans/Parents that receive a 4-3 ejection will now be required to obtain the “Parent Credential” from the NFHS

21-22 Discussion

Random Acts of Excellence:

- The IHSAA and the NFHS produce 1000 certificates for schools to recognize students, players, coaches, fans for acts of sportsmanship examples throughout the 21-22 basketball seasons. Each district representative will distribute.

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. Encourage student leaders to work with parents and coaches.
- SaYes to officiating is a valuable tool in the assistance of recruiting officials

Coaches Behavior:

- Present/Discuss the IHSAA Code of Ethics with all coaches
- Have coaches be the teacher of sportsmanship with players, parents and officials
- Watched video on coaches understanding their behavior

Statement concerning race/religion:

- Suggestions from the sportsmanship committee as well as the student advisory committee were to focus on respect for everyone. Request the IHSAA Board of Directors will discuss these items during a board meeting

NFHS Learn Courses:

- Reviewed and encourage all coaches, students, parents and administrators to research courses on the NFHS Learn platform. Over 80 courses specific to high school and most are free.

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. Request to add the rubric to our sportsmanship page

District Reports

District I

- Deanne Clifford reported:
 - Participation at all events has increased – positive sign
 - Discussed how the District I Board of Control and Principals have a yearly sportsmanship report/discussion
 - Encourage schools to

District II

- Katie Ball reported:
 - Very few issues in District II
 - Official shortage is a concern
 - Encouraged administration communication and presence amongst students at events

District IV

- Richard Whitelaw reported:
 - Discussion of involving all spirit groups in coordination of positive sportsmanship
 - Concern about shortage of officials
 - Encouraged anyone to share acts of positive sportsmanship with the state

District VI

- Scott Miller reported:
 - Discussed District VI symposium – great success and discussion – next step is positive action
 - Some schools are working with the Positive Coaching Alliance
 - Introduced the Hillcrest HS “re-culture” mock game – great results
 - Encouraged Superintendents to promote the message of sportsmanship to district wide coaches

Student Advisory Council

- Maysi Bright & Brynlee Simmons reported:
 - SAC will focus on Battle of the Fans
 - Promote Sportsmanship through social media
 - Spring Summit in each district (need speakers, sites, students)
 - Coaches' behavior needs improvement

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. Will share that with other commissioners state-wide
 - Discussed an officials promotion at Jerome HS – suggested that information be sent to Idaho schools

Points of Emphasis for 2020-21

Promotion:

- Recommendation that all schools promote positive sportsmanship messages via social media
- Positive behavior/examples from coaches in treatment of players
- Promote NFHS Learn Courses for administration, coaches, parents and students
- Create district level contests of sportsmanship in basketball
- Coordinate with the Student Advisory Council on Spring Leadership Symposium
- Promote the need for new officials and retention of officials
- Encourage sportsmanship/The Parent Seat video to be a part of every pre-season parent meeting
- Students reading pre-game sportsmanship announcements
- Local sportsmanship symposiums as needed
- Post Student Section Guidelines at your school
- Recognize positive sporting behavior and present an Award of Excellence