



***Sportsmanship:
The Administrator,
the Parent, and the Coach***





Illinois High School Association

Do What's Right Program

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Do What's Right Sportsmanship Program

- ***Established to promote and recognize good sportsmanship and to address sportsmanship issues.***
- ***Annually, schools can register for the DWR program. By registering, schools acknowledge that they will educate their players, coaches, and fans about and demonstrate the Do What's Right sportsmanship principles:***
 - ***Represent their school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players.***
 - ***Use positive yells, chants, songs, or gestures.***
 - ***Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.***
 - ***Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of officials.***
 - ***Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interaction and social media comments.***



Sport A Winning Attitude

SAWA Reports

- ***Officials and school administrators can submit a SAWA report for exemplary displays of sportsmanship.***
- ***SAWA reports are shared with the schools and on social media.***

Near the finish line of the Girls 2A State Championship race, I noticed one runner assisting another runner that was in distress. In that moment, Hadley [REDACTED] thought more about helping a fellow athlete that was clearly struggling to complete the race. Cross Country is a sport where place matters. The more athletes you beat to the finish line, the lower the team score. At the biggest meet of the year, the State Championships, Hadley stopped to aid an athlete in their moment of need. When I approached Hadley and the competitor from St. Ignatius, Hadley was reluctant to let go of her. The care and concern from Hadley was very evident. As an official that has had the opportunity to work Track and Field meets from Middle School up to the US Olympic Team Trials, in my 30+ years of officiating show the compassion that Hadley demonstrated. She should be commended for actions.



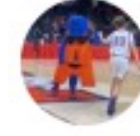
Sport A Winning Attitude SAWA Reports



Add A. Tude @IHSAddATude · Feb 6



Some @IHSAOfficials wanted to recognize these coaches and teams for their acts of sportsmanship this winter. Thanks for being a great example of how to #DoWhatsRight!



Add A. Tude @IHSAddATude · Jan 10



👏👏👏 #Sportsmanship Appreciation Post: @MCRaiderNation shared this story of the kind gesture by the @OlySpartans boys' basketball team. #DoWhatsRight





State Final Sportsmanship Awards

- ***State final sportsmanship awards may be earned in team-bracketed sports.***
- ***To earn an award:***
 - ***Schools must be registered with the Do What's Right program.***
 - ***Schools must earn 26 out of 30 possible points on the evaluation form. (10 points for teams-players and coaches, 10 points for student sections, and 10 points for adult fans)***
- ***Administrators, coordinators of officials, workers, and/or members of the Do What's Right or Student advisory committees serve as evaluators.***



State Final Sportsmanship Awards

Home:			Student Fans	Away:
0	1	2	Interactions With Opposing Spectators/Students	012
0	1	2	Interactions With Opposing Players and Teams	012
0	1	2	Positive Cheers and Chants	012
0	1	2	Humility In Victory or Defeat	012
0	1	2	Interactions with Officials	012
			Athletes/Coaches	
0	1	2	Interactions With Opposing Spectators/Students	012
0	1	2	Interactions with Opposing Players and Teams	012
0	1	2	Anger Management During Contest	012
0	1	2	Humility In Victory or Defeat	012
0	1	2	Interactions with Officials	012
			Community/Adult Fans	
0	1	2	Interactions With Opposing Spectators/Students	012
0	1	2	Interactions with Opposing Players and Teams	012
0	1	2	Positive Cheers and Chants	012
0	1	2	Humility In Victory or Defeat	012
0	1	2	Interactions with Officials	012
Comments/Evidence For Home Team			Comments/Evidence For Away Team	

**WINTER STATE FINALS
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

COMPETITIVE DANCE BENTON	COMPETITIVE DANCE CHAMPAIGN CENTRAL	COMPETITIVE DANCE OSWEGO EAST
BOYS BASKETBALL GLENWOOD	BOYS BASKETBALL ST. ANTHONY	GIRLS BASKETBALL ALTON
GIRLS BASKETBALL ST. EDWARD	GIRLS BASKETBALL NASHVILLE	GIRLS BASKETBALL & DUAL TEAM WRESTLING WASHINGTON
DUAL TEAM WRESTLING HERSEY	DUAL TEAM WRESTLING VANDALIA	DRAMA-GROUP INTERPRETATION RICHARDS
COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING CARTERVILLE	COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING BREEZE CENTRAL	COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING ELK GROVE



Do What's Right Advisory Committee

- ***1 principal and 1 athletic director from each of the 7 geographic divisions in Illinois plus 1 at-large activities director and 1 licensed official of any sport(s)***
- ***The committee meets three times a year to discuss challenges and issues with sportsmanship.***
 - ***Hate speech and harassment policy***
 - ***Ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct***
 - ***Spectator behaviors***
 - ***Barstool social media accounts***
 - ***Inappropriate music***
- ***May propose recommendations to policies or submit by-law amendment proposals.***





Student Advisory Committee

- ***21 students - 1 student from each IHSA legislative district***
- ***Discuss sportsmanship and has created content to promote sportsmanship in interscholastic activities***





Student Advisory Committee

- ***Conducts annual Student Section & Spirit Showdown***
 - ***Schools showcase their student sections, school spirit, and contributions to their school and local communities in a 90-second to 3-minute video***
 - ***Student Advisory Committee judges the videos and recognizes finalists at girls basketball state finals***





Sportsmanship Toolkit

SPORTSMANSHIP

THE PURPOSE OF THE IHSA IS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, SUPERVISION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WHICH ITS MEMBER SCHOOLS CHOOSE TO ENGAGE.

DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS, COACHES, STUDENT BODIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO DEMONSTRATE POSITIVE SPORTSMANSHIP & A CONSISTENT MESSAGE OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR TEAMS, STUDENTS AND FANS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS!

DO WHAT'S RIGHT PROGRAM IS GUIDED BY:

- 18 PERSON SPORTSMANSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, ONE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR, AND ONE OFFICIAL
- 21 PERSON STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF STUDENT LEADERS - ONE FROM EACH DISTRICT!

"SPORT A WINNING ATTITUDE!"

MEET **ADD A. TUDE**

THE NATION'S FIRST & ONLY SPORTSMANSHIP MASCOT!

ADD A. TUDE JOINED THE IHSA IN 1987

ADD A. TUDE STANDS FOR SELF-CONTROL, POSITIVE SUPPORT AND RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY AND PEERS.

- RESPECT**
Show respect for opposing players, coaches and spectators.
- INTEGRITY**
Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- POSITIVES**
Looks for positives in athletes and coaches.
- TEAMWORK**
Emphasize teamwork in sports; teach them to think "We" instead of "Me".
- RESPONSIBILITY**
Accept the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community.
- DIFFERENCE**
Spectators can make a difference—be positive!
- MODESTY**
Lead by example in sportsmanship; Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- APPRECIATION**
Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.

DID YOU KNOW?

- THE AVERAGE AGE OF OFFICIALS HAS INCREASED FROM 53.3 TO 56.7 SINCE 2017.
- 54% OF OFFICIALS HAVE EJECTED A COACH.
- 67.4% OF OFFICIALS HAVE HAD A SPECTATOR REMOVED FOR POOR BEHAVIOR.
- 55.3% OF OFFICIALS HAVE BROKEN UP A FIGHT DURING A CONTEST.
- 49.3% OF OFFICIALS REPORTED HAVING FELT UNSAFE AT A CONTEST DUE TO BEHAVIORS OF OTHERS.
- 11.9% OF OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED DURING OR AFTER A GAME.

2023 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS SURVEY

FROM THE 21-22 SEASON TO THE 22-23 SEASON THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE IN EJECTIONS.

- 29.2% INCREASE IN PLAYER EJECTIONS.
- 22.2% INCREASE IN COACH EJECTIONS.
- 28.3% INCREASE IN SPECTATOR EJECTIONS.

DATA FROM IHSA SPECIAL REPORTS

OVERALL EJECTIONS INCREASE

PLAYER EJECTION SPECTATOR EJECTION COACH EJECTION

WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. SPORTSMANSHIP IS FOR EVERYONE.

THE SPORTSMANSHIP TOOLKIT IS PROVIDED BY THE IHSA IN CONJUNCTION WITH NFHS & CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.IHSA.ORG/RESOURCES/SPORTSMANSHIP/DO-WHATS-RIGHT/SPORTSMANSHIP-TOOLKIT

RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- THE PARENT SEAT
- NFHS LEARN POSITIVE PARENTING WITH SCHOOL PROGRAMS COURSE
- NFHS LEARN SPORTSMANSHIP COURSE



The Sportsmanship Toolkit is provided by the IHSA in conjunction with NFHS.

The Parent Seat is a free interactive video course brought to you by the NFHS that gives parents tips on how to exemplify sportsmanship as fans.

The Parent Seat: This video is designed for coaches and athletic directors to use during their pre-season parent meetings. It explains the role of a parent during game day and provides suggestions on how they can cope with the roller coaster of emotions that they will feel.

The Parent Seat: Beyond the Scoreboard: This video is designed to help parents understand the benefits of participation in Interscholastic Athletics and Activities. They go farther than wins and losses!

The Parent Seat: A Lasting Relationship: This video is designed to help parents create healthy, life-long relationships with their child through their participation in interscholastic athletics and activities.

As a parent, there are many feelings and emotions that you will experience during your student's participation in interscholastic activities. For students who are motivated to be a part of a team, it can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Sitting in The Parent Seat requires thought and discipline. It is NOT an easy seat! Click here for [Parent Seat Handouts](#).

NFHS Learn Positive Parenting with School Programs Course: This free course explains the influence that parents have on their children. The course addresses behavior in the stands, conversations with children after games, and interactions with officials. Register for a free [NFHS Learn](#) account to get started.

NFHS Learn Sportsmanship Course: This free course is designed for coaches, administrators, students, parents/fans, and officials. The course will define sportsmanship and discuss appropriate conduct from each role to facilitate a positive environment in interscholastic athletics. Register for a free [NFHS Learn](#) account to get started.

The NFHS Voice: In this 2-minute video, Dr. Karissa Niehoff, CEO of the National Federation of State High School Associations, shares a noteworthy perspective on sports officials. This video is appropriate for coaches, administrators, and all spectators.

[Bench Bad Behavior Flyers](#)

[Customizable Flyer Templates](#)

[Bench Bad Behavior Sample PA Announcements](#)

[Bench Bad Behavior Sample PA Announcements \(2024\)](#)

[Player/Parent Contract](#)

[Best Practices for Interscholastic Contests](#)

[Thank You Letter to Officials Template](#)

[NFHS Sportsmanship Commercial](#)

[NFHS Sportsmanship Commercial Widescreen](#)



Ejection Policies

- ***Coaches or players ejected from a contest are suspended from the next contest at the same level and all contests in the interim, except...***
- ***Beginning next fall, a football player ejected from a contest is suspended for the next 4 full quarters. This by-law change was approved by the membership in consideration of percentage of time suspended in football in comparison to other sports and activities.***
- ***No appeals to player and coach ejections, but the IHSA may review incidents of misidentified players who are ejected or misapplications of playing rules.***
- ***Currently, no penalties for a spectator who is ejected.***



Hate Speech and Harassment Policy

- ***Established in 2020, the policy aims to address incidents of hate speech and harassment during interscholastic contests and protect student-athletes, coaches, and officials from these acts.***
- ***When an incident of hate speech and harassment is witnessed or heard by an official, the offender is ejected from the contest and will follow ejection policies.***
- ***When hate speech is reported to a coach or official but not witnessed, the game is stopped to address the report.***
- ***Athletic administrators are notified of all hate speech and harassment incidents and reports for internal investigations and educational conversations.***



Ejection and Hate Speech Data

Sports/Activities with the most ejections by category

Players

Boys Soccer 534

Coaches

Baseball 81

Spectators

Boys Basketball 57

Girls Basketball 57

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Player Ejection	452	584	1097	1201
Coach Ejection	189	231	183	294
Spectator Ejection	127	163	203	199
Hate Speech & Harassment w/ Ejection	22	25	37	38
Hate Speech & Harassment w/o Ejection	57	41	77	84
Hate Speech & Harassment - School Reported	10	13	16	16

***2021-2022 and 2022-2023 player ejections do not include soccer ejections (coded differently when this data was pulled)



Questions?





***Illinois Elementary School Association
Sportsmanship Programs***

- Division Sportsmanship Award
- Good Sports Reports
- IESA Sportsmanship School of the Month
- Sportsmanship Pins
- IESA Officials Spotlight
- Resources for Schools
- Sportsmanship Committee
- Recognition Committee



Illinois Elementary School Association

Philosophy of Our Programs

- For many families, this is their introduction to interscholastic activities.
- The ultimate educational objectives of the Association and our programs are to:
 1. Evaluate standards of sportsmanship
 2. Encourage the growth of responsible citizenship
 3. Encourage academic excellence
- Promote positive sportsmanship
 1. At our state tournaments we ask that a school representative find the IESA administrator on site.
 2. The IESA administrator on site also meets with the coaches before each game review expectations.
- At our activities, we want to see:
 1. Positive behaviors from players, coaches, and fans
 2. Participants, encouraging each other and elevating their teammates through positive body language, verbal praise, and not arguing with officials.
- We don't want to see:

Standing, yelling, pointing at officials.

Coaches inciting the crowd through actions and behavior.
- In the state series, we do not allow fans to sit in the front row.



***DIVISON SPORTSMANSHIP
AWARD***





***DIVISION SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
CRITERIA***



- ***MUST BE INVOLVED IN AT LEAST 5 IESA ACTIVITIES***
- ***CANNOT HAVE ANY EJECTIONS OR REPORTS OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT***
- ***SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY MUST EXEMPLIFY ALL AROUND GOOD BEHAVIOR***
- ***SCHOOLS CANNOT VOTE FOR THEMSELVES***
- ***WE DO NOT BREAK TIES IN A DIVISION***



GOOD SPORTS REPORTS

- ***FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THINGS SCHOOLS AND ATHLETES ARE DOING***
- ***EVERY ADMINISTRATOR SENDS A WEEKLY REMINDER***
- ***LINK TO A MICROSOFT FORM***
- ***COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OFFICIALS CAN COMPLETE THE FORM***
- ***CANNOT REPORT YOURSELF***
- ***OLD WAY, MAYBE 5-10 REPORTS A YEAR***
- ***1ST YEAR 350 REPORTS***
- ***2ND YEAR 209 REPORTS***
- ***FROM THIS, WE HAVE OUR OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTE ON THE SCHOOL OF THE MONTH***



GOOD SPORTS REPORTS

Illinois Elementary School Association's Post



Illinois Elementary School Association

March 24 · ⚙️

🌟 Good Sport Report 🌟

After the sectional volleyball game at Teutopolis, Sullivan students demonstrated outstanding respect and responsibility. Following their team's celebratory photos, they took the time to clean every piece of trash from their student section. Going the extra mile, they even asked concession stand workers for a broom to sweep the bleachers where they had been sitting.

During the celebration, pom-poms had shed throughout the area, and their student section supervisor made sure everything was cleaned up. He stated, "As far as the student section, I want it to look like you taped it off and no one sat there."

Sullivan's students showed a remarkable level of sportsmanship, pride, and consideration for the host school. Their actions set a fantastic example for others and reflect positively on their school and community. Well done, Sullivan! 🏆👏

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IESA SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOOL OF THE MONTH



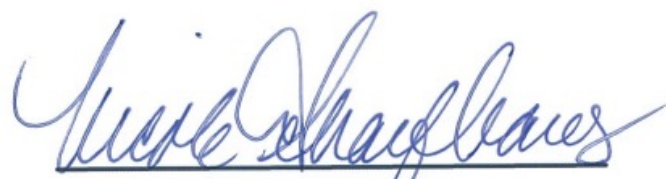
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MARCH IESA SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Donovan

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN
DISPLAYING AND PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP AMONGST YOUR
STUDENTS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY DURING YOUR
INVOLVEMENT IN IESA ACTIVITIES


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

24-25



SPORTSMANSHIP PINS



- ***ACTIVITIES: SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL***
- ***GIVEN AT THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE CONSOLATION AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT***
- ***ONE AWARD TO A MEMBER OF EACH TEAM THAT DISPLAYS THE FOLLOWING:***
 - 1. Shows a positive attitude toward teammates, opponents, and officials***
 - 2. Gives best effort on the court/field.***
 - 3. Does not argue calls and is respectful to officials.***
 - 4. Displays positive body language at all times.***
 - 5. Helps elevate the play and behavior of their teammates and peers.***
- ***HOST ADMIN ASKS FOR INPUT FROM COMPETING TEAMS COACH***



SPORTSMANSHIP PINS





OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT

- ***OFFICIALS RECOGNITION***
- ***MICROSOFT FORM SENT TO OFFICIALS***
- ***WE POST AN OFFICIAL ONCE PER WEEK***

1. NAME

2. SPORTS OFFICIATED

3. YEARS OFFICIATED

4. WHY DID YOU BECOME AN OFFICIAL

***5. WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT WORKING WITH
MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES?***

6. SHARE THEIR PICTURE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



OFFICIAL SPOTLIGHT



Illinois Elementary School Association

January 6 · 🌐

🌟 Officials Spotlight of the Week 🌟

This week, we're thrilled to feature Marv Dampeer, an outstanding official with an incredible 38 years of experience in basketball, softball, baseball, and volleyball!

Marv's journey into officiating began with his desire to stay connected to competitive sports after his college playing days. His passion for the game and his respect for sportsmanship led him to officiating, where he has excelled across multiple sports.

Marv particularly enjoys working with middle school sports because of the meaningful interactions he has with young athletes. He cherishes the pageantry and excitement of scholastic sporting events, finding joy in being part of the athletes' early experiences. As Marv puts it, officiating allows him to embrace the role of "The Constable of Fair Play", ensuring fairness and integrity in every game.

Thank you, Marv, for your dedication and the lasting impact you've made on student-athletes and the sports community over nearly four decades. 🏆

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38 Years Officiating Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball

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Dustin Carter

Congratulations, Marv! The game is better with you involved!



Resources for Schools and Parents

https://www.iesa.org/documents/general/NFHS-Parents_Brochure.pdf

<https://www.iesa.org/documents/general/IESA-PreseasonMeetingExpectations.pdf>

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EJECTION PENALTIES

Players

- **First Offense: 2 game suspension, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course and provide proof of completion to the activity administrator.**
- **Second Offense: 5 games suspension and \$100 fine.**



EJECTION PENALTIES

Coaches

- **First Offense: 2 game suspension, \$100 fine, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course and provide proof of completion to the activity administrator.**
- **Second Offense: 5 games suspension and \$250 fine.**



EJECTION PENALTIES

Fan

- **Must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course and provide proof of completion to their school's administration before they can attend another IESA activity.**



- First full year of our ejection policy was 21-22. That year, we had 123 ejections.

EJECTION COMPARRISONS

<u>2024-2025</u>	Player	Coach	Fan	Total
Softball	0	2	4	6
Baseball	2	6	4	12
Girls Basketball	3	10	25	38
Boys Basketball	9	8	30	47
Wrestling	4	0	0	4
Volleyball	0	1	4	5
	18	27	67	112

<u>2023-2024</u>	Player	Coach	Fan	Total
Softball	0	0	4	4
Baseball	5	7	4	16
Girls Basketball	10	5	18	33
Boys Basketball	6	15	31	52
Wrestling	5	1	1	7
Volleyball	0	2	1	1
	26	28	59	113

<u>2022-2023</u>	Player	Coach	Fan	Total
Softball	1	1	1	3
Baseball	4	8	8	20
Girls Basketball	1	6	21	28
Boys Basketball	7	11	21	39
Wrestling	3	1	0	4
Volleyball	0	0	0	0
	16	27	51	94



Questions?

