

2018-19 IESA SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

January 9, 2019

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Shayla Grantham (Committee Chair), Christine Lewis (Carthage, Coach), Damon McParland (Springfield Iles, Coach), Shawn Smith (Jacksonville MS, Coach), Connie Papineau (Wilmington Stevens, Coach), Jimmy Ulrich (Peoria Heights, Coach), Julie Jeffers (St. Joseph, Coach). Not in attendance: Robert Blackburn (Springbay Riverview, Coach)

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting on January 9, 2019, discussed the following:

Selection of Coach Award Winners

- a) Distinguished Service- Susan Niendorf, Frankfort Hickory Creek
- b) Class Act- Susan Lipcaman, Mt. Sterling St. Mary

Points of Emphasis

1. Participating schools should communicate to their hosts as early as possible any changes to their entries. This would include letting their host know if they are using "empty" or blank entry spots.
2. Reminder that oral comments may or may not be given by the judge. Coaches should make sure that their kids are prepared for either possibility.
3. Team Improv games will be the same as 2018. Please review the guidelines for Team Improv and Invention.
4. Legal entries for contest.
5. How to question a rating.

Discussion Topics

1. Discussed the changing the Individual Limitations with regard to eliminating the requirement of performing a scripted event to be eligible for Team Improv. No recommendation. The Committee reaffirmed that if a student made a good faith effort to perform a scripted event but was unable, they would still be eligible to perform in Team Improv.
2. Discussed introductions. Introductions are not required. The Committee recommends evaluating a performance's time when making a decision regarding including an introduction. If the judge asks for the names of the performers prior, this should not be included in the performance time.
3. Discussed various ways to help judges become more comfortable with adjudicating Team Improv. No recommendation.
4. The 2019 Team Improv games will remain the same as 2018.
5. The Committee encourages hosts to secure judges as early as possible.
6. Discussed making adjustments to the time requirements. The Committee had discussion regarding making the minimum requirement 4 minutes. No recommendation.
7. Discussed eliminating tables as a prop. No recommendation.
8. Discussed moving the entry deadline from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1. No recommendation. A reminder that the IESA standardized calendar will "roll" next year. All schools should be aware of contest dates and deadlines for next year.
9. Review of judge pay. No recommendation.
10. Reviewed current events. A survey will be conducted in the fall regarding possible new events or interests.

Shawn Smith and Connie Papineau were thanked for their service.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @ 10:00 am