



The IESA will provide the leadership to ensure safe, equitable opportunities so students in our member schools can be enriched by participation in interscholastic activities which promote good sportsmanship, integrity and life skills.

August 1, 2024

Welcome to the new school year! On behalf of the IESA Board of Directors and staff, we appreciate your membership and all you do to offer quality activities and experiences to your students. Having participation opportunities available to students at this stage in their development is critical. IESA will continue to focus on providing and supporting positive experiences in education-based athletics and activities.

Enclosed in this mailing are several items. I encourage you to become familiar with the IESA Handbook and the IESA website. Individual activity updates will be posted on our website, so you can download and print them at your discretion. Please be sure these updates are shared with members of your coaching staff as they highlight significant changes and other information pertinent to the respective activities.

Be sure you are aware of the calendar for the upcoming school year. The IESA website has a complete 2024-25 calendar as well as a calendar of activities for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. Please note that in the 2025-26 school year, there will be calendar changes to the activities of baseball, softball, girls basketball, boys basketball, volleyball, and track. I would encourage everyone to look ahead at the dates.

Again, we are offering in-person workshops. This mailing includes information regarding the Athletic Director Workshop on 9/6 and the Speech Workshop on 9/13. If you are a new AD, I would encourage you to attend the AD Workshop.

Please remember that all schools must view the Division Meeting presentation this fall. It will be available in person at the AD Workshop and then online in the IESA Member Center. The online presentation will become available in September, and an email notification will be sent out when it has been posted.

Sportsmanship will continue to be a point of emphasis in all of our activities. Nothing would please us more than to go through an entire school year without any special reports from officials and no ejections of players, coaches, or fans. Administrators---we need your help in clearly articulating to your players, coaches, and especially parents that unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and to provide a safe atmosphere for everyone in attendance at your contests, including the game officials. We will continue to highlight great acts of sportsmanship through Good Sport Reports, Sportsmanship School of the Month, post-season Sportsmanship pins, and the Division Sportsmanship awards. In addition, we will be highlighting/spotlighting officials each month. We hope that you will support these initiatives.

Please contact our office if we can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director