

# 2019-20 IESA SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

## Minutes and Recommendations

January 15, 2020

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), Jordann Langner (Sterling Challand, Coach), Lynn Mueller (Watseka Glenn Raymond, Coach), Nina Andrews (Dunlap Valley, Coach), Julie Jeffers (St. Joseph, Coach), Shari Pagel (Shorewood Troy, Coach). Not in attendance: Robert Blackburn (Springbay Riverview, Coach)

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting on January 15, 2020, discussed the following:

### Selection of Coach Award Winners

- a) Distinguished Service- Beth Sadler, Bradley West
- b) Class Act- Brandy McQuen, Ottawa Rutland

### 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 students are prepared for either possibility.
3. Team Improv games have been updated. Please review the guidelines for Team Improv and Changing Channels.
4. Legal entries and substitutions for contest.
5. Please remember to rate judges after contest. This may be done online in the Speech Entry Center or a paper form may be submitted: [https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-SP\\_JudgeRatingForm.pdf](https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-SP_JudgeRatingForm.pdf)
6. If more than two lines/prompts are given, the judge will consider that to be excessive prompting and the performance will be lowered by one rating. The judge will consider lines/prompts provided by performance partners, teammates, coaches (head, assistant, and/or volunteer) and audience members toward the total.

### Discussion Topics

1. Discussed various ways to help judges become more comfortable with adjudicating Team Improv. IESA administrator will work on a video featuring performances. Emphasize in the host material that Team Improv events should be assigned to the Judge Rep. and another experienced judge. Provide a place for the contest hosts to enter the email information for their judges so that the IESA administrator can communicate event information directly to them.
2. The 2020 Team Improv games have changed slightly. Coaches should review the information for Changing Channels.
3. The Committee encourages hosts to secure judges as early as possible.
4. Discussed making adjustments to the time requirements. The Committee had discussion regarding making the minimum requirement 4 minutes or 6 minutes. No recommendation.
5. Discussed how to question a rating at contest. Coaches should address any contest rating questions with the Judge Rep. prior to leaving contest for the day.
6. Discussed limiting Improv Duet participation to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. No recommendation was made; however, the committee would like to note that many teams have this as an internal rule.
7. Reviewed current events. A survey will be conducted in the fall regarding possible new events or interests.

Julie Jeffers and Damon McParland were thanked for their service.

### Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 10:00 am

**Possible Survey Questions**

Are you satisfied with the current event offerings for IESA Speech? Yes or No

Are there any events you would like the committee to consider adding? (Add an entry field)

What topics/issues would you like the IESA Speech Advisory Committee to discuss/address?