



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, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. For the past 90 years, IESA has been the state's leader in providing education-based, interscholastic activities for students in our member schools. Thank you for being a member of the Association and for allowing us to be of service to your school and your students. On behalf of the IESA Board of Directors and my staff, we appreciate your membership and what you do to offer quality activities to your students. IESA is very unique---we are the only activity state association in the country that is solely devoted to jr. high/middle school activities. No other state does what we do here in Illinois.

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 are shared with members of your coaching staff. These updates highlight important changes from last year and other information pertinent to the respective activities.

Schools are reminded of the requirements of Senate Bill 7 which requires all of your coaches to complete a concussion training program. The link to the video and test as required by Illinois state statute is available on the IESA website through the Member Center. There is no fee to take the test.

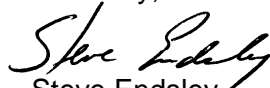
Be sure you are aware of the calendar for the upcoming school year. There is a complete 2018-19 school calendar located on the IESA website as well as a calendar of activities for the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 school years.

A change to the IESA pass card policy has been approved and is now in effect. The pass cards that are enclosed with this mailing may be used for admission at regular season contests and any IESA state series contest where admission is charged EXCEPT the Cheerleading Competition, the Boys Wrestling State finals, and the State Track and Field finals. The pass cards are not honored for free admission at these three events. These pass cards are to be distributed to school personnel only. They are not to be given to parents.

We must continue to stress the importance of sportsmanship in all of our activities. Nothing would please us more than to go through an entire 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. As a reminder, any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct must serve a one game suspension and any coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct must serve a two game suspension.

Please contact Nicole, Leslie, Chris, or me if we can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,


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