

2016 FALL INFORMATION PACKET
JULY 1, 2016

SIJHSAA MEMBER SCHOOL:

This is the 2016 Fall Information Packet, which contains valuable information for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Please share this information in this packet with your coaches, staff, administration, and community.

95% of the calls and e-mails I receive wanting information could be found on the website. The SIJHSAA website (www.sijhsaa.com) has most of the information you need to know concerning our organization. Encourage all to use the website as a useful tool in gaining information about the SIJHSAA.

A majority of my correspondence with member schools will be by e-mail. All school contacts should check the website for your school information. If any changes are needed, e-mail (sijhsaa@gmail.com) for fax (618-357-2987) the attached School Contact Information Form to my office.

If you have any questions about the 2016 Fall Information Packet, feel free to reach me at the contact numbers below.

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with the legislation. The SIJHSAA secured codes as ordered per school for the IHSA Concussion Management Program. Make sure that your coaches meet the above mentioned deadline. Any further codes needed are the responsibility of each school to obtain from the IHSA. Contact Kirk Gibson (IHSA) 309-663-6377.

***This past year the IHSA and NFHS have launched a new initiative called PlaySmartPlayHard! It is a website that contains valuable information pertaining to concussions, heat related injuries, overuse injuries, etc.. The SIJHSAA is a supporter of this website and its content. Use this site to gain valuable sports medicine information. Please make sure that your athletes, parents, coaches, and administration are aware of this website!** www.PlaySmartPlayHard.com

7. **Corporate Advertising Opportunities:** The SIJHSAA will be offering corporate website advertising opportunities. For more information, contact my office if you have a business in your community that might be interested.
8. **Residence Issues:** I strongly suggest that parents or guardians of students complete an Affidavit of Residence each year during registration. This puts the burden on the parent or guardian providing the correct residence of the student. In many eligibility rulings this document establishes residence and speeds up the process. I have attached one that IHSA uses.
9. **Important Administrative Dates (2016-2017):** (Attached)
10. **Annual Sports Calendar (2016-17 & 2017-18):** The 2016-17 and 2017-18 Annual Sports Calendar is on the SIJHSAA Website. (www.sijhsaa.com)
11. **2015-2016 State Series Results:** (Attached)
12. **Sportsmanship:** Again, sportsmanship is a point of emphasis in all sports in the SIJHSAA. Much improvement needs to occur in this area. The only way it will improve is by increased efforts by member schools. I am listing things that may be done to improve sportsmanship.
 - A. **Player/Parent/Coaches Meeting:** Previous to each season – have a meeting for players, parents, and coaches concerning sport rules, school rules, and sportsmanship. I have attached a sportsmanship video on how to be a sports parent.

- B. **Player/Parent Sportsmanship Agreement:** You could have each player and parent sign off on team rules and sportsmanship agreement. Signing this signifies that they know all the penalties for violating these rules.
- C. **Imposed School Penalties:** Create school-imposed penalties for fan ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct that exceeds SIJHSAA penalties.
- D. **School Handbook:** Insert SIJHSAA Sportsmanship By Laws in your school handbook.
- E. **Sportsmanship Announcement:** Use sportsmanship announcements at your athletic contests on your PA System. I have attached some SIJHSAA announcements that can be used pre-game, during-game, and after-game. (Attached)
- F. **Post SIJHSAA Sportsmanship By Laws and School Rules at events.**
- G. **Add A. Tude Handbook:** The IHSA Website (www.ihsa.org) will have this informative sportsmanship handbook soon in PDF format. Go to the IHSA website / Resources / Sportsmanship / Add A. Tude to find the handbook.

***EJECTIONS**

***Pay attention to the Ejection By Laws: Article VIII: Section 2 and 3. They deal with player, coach, and fan Ejection.**

***ALL EJECTIONS MUST BE REPORTED TO MY OFFICE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE EJECTION BY THE HOST SCHOOL!
(AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT EJECTION FORM IS ATTACHED)**

***AS LAST YEAR – ANY FAN EJECTED FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL SIT OUT 2 GAMES. (ARTICLE VIII: SPORTSMANSHIP / SECTION 3)**

- 13. **SIJHSAA By Laws Deal With 7th & 8th Grade Contests:**
SIJHSAA By Laws apply to only 7th and 8th grade contests. A reminder to all schools that 8th grade contests may have 8th graders and younger participating – 7th grade contests may have 7th graders and younger participating. Some schools were allowing 8th graders to participate in 7th grade contests. This act is illegal by SIJHSAA By Laws.
(SIJHSAA By Law Article IV: Contests / Section 7)
- 14. **Board of Control Elections – Spring 2016:** Regions 1, 2, & 3 seats were up for election. The following individuals won seats on the BOC.

Region 1: Mike Hanson (Shawnee) *Ran Unopposed

Region 2: Greg Frehner (Vienna) & Tom Roper (Marion)

Region 3: John Crabb (Harrisburg) & Ryan Fritch (Pope County)

*A complete listing of the present Board of Control, Steering Committee, and Geographic Regions is attached and posted on the SIJHSAA website. (www.sijhsaa.com)

15. **2016 Fall State Series Information:** Information for Baseball, Softball, and Cross Country will be posted on the SIJHSAA Website around August 15, 2016. (www.sijhsaa.com) On the right side of the home page you will find information listed per sport.

****Note that the reason for this late posting of these state series assignments is due to the uncertainty of funding from the State of Illinois to local schools. Some schools are contemplating not opening, opening late, or opening for a few months – then closing until the funding crisis is over. Schools will have until August 15 to make a final decision of their participating in baseball, softball, and cross country.**

16. **Article V: Physical Examinations (395 Day Physicals):** Please note that the present athletic physicals last for 395 days (13 months). I have attached a letter from the Illinois Dept. of Human Services dealing with this issue for your school nurse. This went into effect 3 school years ago.

17. **Season Limitations:** Remember that the only sport that the SIJHSAA has season limitations is Girls and Boys Basketball. The season starts the first day of school and ends the last day of their respective state tournament. Game limitations for Girls and Boys Basketball can be found in the SIJHSAA By Law: Basketball (Boys and Girls) Section 2a. All other sports have no game limitations or opening season limitations.

SIJHSAA By Law: Basketball (Boys & Girls) / Section 2a:

*16 games and 3 tournaments

*17 or 18 games and 2 tournaments

*19 or 20 games and 1 tournament

*21 or 22 games and 0 tournament

18. **SIJHSAA By Law: Article I: Eligibility / Section 3 a,b,& c:** Please read over this by law dealing with Eligibility. It is up to each school to determine their eligibility rules dealing with academics. The SIJHSAA only states that the student shall be doing work sufficient for promotion. What “sufficient” relates to is up to each schools rules for

academics. Also, a student repeating a year's work, or any portion of a year's work, is ineligible for all SIJHSAA sports during that time frame. (SIJHSAA By Law: Article I: Eligibility: Section 3c)

19. **Girls Participating on Boys Team: SIJHSAA By Law: Article I: Eligibility/Section 11:** This deals with girls participating on boys teams. Follow the protocol with the Illinois State Board of Education stated in this by law. **This must be done each school year and have a copy of your gender equity confirmation, from the Illinois State Board of Education, on file in the SIJHSAA Office.**
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*Boys can't participate on girls teams if that issue come up.
(SIJHSAA By Law Article I: Eligibility / Section 11a5)

20. **Media Policy for SIJHSAA State Series Events:**
Broadcast rights, copyright privileges, and other intellectual property rights to or related to all state playoff events belong to the Southern Illinois Jr. High School Athletic Association ("SIJHSAA"). The SIJHSAA has the right to determine if any of these events may be broadcast, televised, webcast, tape recorded, filmed, or photographed for any "commercial" purposes. The SIJHSAA has the exclusive right to establish the terms and conditions upon which such a production or reproduction of these events may be permitted.
21. **Scheduling Regular Season Games During The Regional Window:**
Schools are reminded not to schedule games or matches during the regional for all sports that conflict with the completion of your regional. Many AD's do this and expect the other regional schools to work around them. Please use your common sense in this area!
22. **RECENTLY PASSED BY LAWS:**
A. **(2) IHSA Licensed Officials Hired: SIJHSAA By Law Article IV: Contests: Section 14:** During regular season games two (2) IHSA licensed officials must be hired for baseball, softball, and boys and girls basketball -one (1) IHSA licensed official for volleyball - with the exception in case of late notice of an official's cancelation that a non-licensed official may be substituted.
*Athletic Directors are at a disadvantage as they don't have access to the IHSA Officials Directory. My advice would be to contact the athletic director at the high school district in which your school resides. He or she will have access to the officials information that you will need to fill officiating dates.

B. Eligibility Sheets for Regional & State Tournaments may be altered up to the first game, meet or match of a regional or state tournament. (SIJHSAA By Law Article II: Eligibility Verification)

C. Basketball Mercy Rule: For the 2016-17 Girls and Boys Basketball Season the attached Basketball Mercy Rule will be in effect. During regular season games, both coaches must agree in the pre-game meeting with officials, to comply with this mercy rule. If both coaches fail to agree – the mercy rule will not be in effect for that game. Regular Season Tournaments may use this rule if deemed so by the tournament manager. This is being used during the regular season only! The SIJHSAA will survey schools at the end of the girls and boys basketball season for further use of this rule.

23. **5 Year Schedule Books:** I presently have 5 year schedule books for member schools. I will distribute them as I see all this fall. At our Fall Board of Control Meeting in October– I will be giving a surplus to your Region Board Member. You may get them from him or her at that time.