Permission to do Material or Music in all IHSSA events

Please remember you must have permission to do ANY MATERIAL that you use for contest events. We now have agreements with many companies to use their materials for IHSSA contest. For example, if you use some recorded music for background in mime or One Act, unless it is ASCAP music or you have purchased the BMI license, you have to receive permission to use it. If you are using music for short film or TV news you must get rights from the copyright holder and get synchronization rights for that song or songs. If you are reading an inter selection from a book you must receive permission to read that selection or cutting at the contest. In Musical Theatre you cannot do cuttings unless you have permission to do so. You can NEVER cut or rearrange material without receiving permission or using material from the companies we have agreements with. Receiving permission to perform at contest is just that. It does not cover permission to perform at some other event. Also, NEVER allow contest selections to be placed on YouTube or the internet. YOU DO NOT have permission to do so. You can NEVER cut or rearrange material without receiving permission or using material from the companies we have agreements with. Receiving permission to perform at contest is just that. It does not cover performance for other events. Also, NEVER allow contest selections to be placed on YouTube or the internet. YOU DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO DO THAT! It is the responsibility of the local school to secure all performance rights for contest selections. Be sure you have permission to do material before you start a selection for contest. The IHSSA will NOT support any school that does not secure performance rights for selections at contest. Do not put your school district in financial danger by not finding the rights to perform material. Please remember all of your titles are posted on the web and those groups will see what you are doing. Get the proper rights to do material for contest. You as a coach/school must do that.

Well, we are off and running with IHSSA events in our schools. We have had several in-person Judge Certification sessions and a very successful 50th State Debate Clinic on the 19th of September. We are excited about our first session of the IHSSA coaches convention on September 30th at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to attend! Information regarding how to attend is in this SWIFT and also on the web site. Be sure to send in your membership cards. If you did not receive one please contact Deb at the State Office ASAP. Membership without penalty closes in November.

I am greatly pleased about the opportunity for you to receive 3 hours of grad or undergraduate credit if you attend this year’s virtual convention. Please check out this opportunity on the web site or in this issue of SWIFT. We thank Melissa Beall and Marilyn Shaw, who both have been All-State critics and long time supporters of the IHSSA, for providing this course. This course that is being newly offered this year in tandem with the convention is one of the courses you must have if you are going to receive a speech endorsement in Iowa for teaching Speech in the classroom. This course is not offered very often so please take advantage of it this fall. Call the State Office if you need more info on this.

Many of you are sending me info about your fall shows, contests, and how you are proceeding in providing speech, debate, and theatre opportunities. Tim Sheaff from Dowling Catholic told me last Saturday he had students debating at three different contests in three different states. Students of all levels were debating. Kirk Kelloway from CAM is keeping me up-to-date on how he started a brand new debate league in Western Iowa THIS YEAR!! Vince Hrasky from Tri Center sent me information on how they have been rehearsing, and their fall show will open Oct 3rd on the football field with the audience socially distanced in chairs on the field. Stacy Hansen, our Coach At Large, spoke to me about her first practice of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, with 85 students in masks, outdoors on the softball field. Debbie DeVore, Maquoketa Valley, sent me this picture of a rehearsal in her school. However, what was great was what she said: “No one complained at all about masks or protocol. Instead, there was an intense desire by those who auditioned to be part of a ‘family’.” Yes, this year will be different, but we can embrace those changes and still provide GREAT opportunities with our work in the IHSSA family no matter what form we are working in. WE CAN DO THIS!
CONTEST NOTES

JUDGE CERTIFICATION MEETINGS

Listed below are the Judge Certification Training sites as of this issue of SWIFT. We encourage all coaches to go to a certification meeting to become more aware of the rules and the new changes. It is important that we as coaches take a positive role in making our judging more effective for the youth of our state by going to a certification meeting as well as finding those individuals in our communities who would be outstanding judges for the IHSSA. Be sure to take a moment to check out the Judges Test that is on-line now! If more information is needed please call the IHSSA.

VIRTUAL SESSION October 10 at 10:00 a.m. - virtual webinar.

This is open to anyone who wishes to become an IHSSA judge. Please contact the State Office (craig@ihssa.org) for the registration link. This must be done by Oct. 7th. IF YOU ATTENDED THE AUGUST WORKSHOP, THAT COUNTS AS CERTIFICATION IF YOU TOOK THE TEST. Please contact the State Office on this option.

IN-PERSON SESSIONS If you attend one of the following sessions you will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing throughout the event. Please check the web site (ihssa.org) to confirm if the site will be running due to last minute concerns with Covid-19.

SOUTHWEST
Anita CAM (building TBA) Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.

SOUTHEAST
North Scott North Scott High School Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.
Marion Lutheran High School Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.
Grinnell Grinnell High School TBA (this will be in Nov., check web site for date/time)

NORTHWEST
Sheldon Sheldon High School Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.
Le Mars Le Mars Community High School Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Manor Manson NW Webster High School Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.

NORTHEAST
Decorah Decorah High School Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
Jesup Jesup High School Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This was NOT a rule change year so all the rules in your Constitution and By-Laws are the same from last year. You will NOT be receiving any updates to rules this fall. The rules from last year are correct and still in place. Also, there were no changes to any of the comment sheets. WE DID NOT CHANGE RULES THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID 19. No Spring meet - then be a rule change meeting.

MENTORING PROGRAM

The IHSSA would like to help any fellow coaches who believe they would benefit from a mentoring program. All you need to do is give the State Office a call and indicate that you would like to have a fellow coach as a mentor. The State Office will then contact a coach in your area and set up a mentoring program between the two coaches. You will be given a mentor's name and phone number and you can arrange a meeting or conversation to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

A NOTE ABOUT USERNAMEs AND PASSWORDs

Welcome Back!! The usernames and passwords for the on-line forms and registration sites are the same as last year. If you do not have / remember / know your username and password, you can call the State Office 515-401-1832. Please keep your username and password handy, as you will be using it several times during speech season. If you have a new coach, be sure to share your information with them! Have a great year and feel free to call with questions and concerns anytime!

IHSSA Election Results

An election was held for the NW Executive Committee member this fall. The results are on the web site.

Re-elected to his 2nd term is Mr. Russ Adams, Supt. of Schools, MOC-Floyd Valley.

Special congratulations to Mr. Adams for his election to the IHSSA Executive Committee for the next four years.

Executive Committee members serve 4 year terms and they represent the 4 state areas of the IHSSA. One coach at large represents the entire state. Executive Committee members are:

Stacy Hansen, WDM Valley, Coach at Large
Russ Reiter, Supt., Independence, NE District
Russ Adams, Supt., MOC-Floyd Valley, NW District
Kevin Seney, Principal, Grinnell, SE District
Bill Messerole, Principal, Creston, SW District

IHSSA DATES FOR 2020-2021

AUGUST 18, 2020 - JUDGE/COACHES WORKSHOP IHSSA OFFICE BUILDING WEST DES MOINES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 - DEBATE CLINIC Virtual please see web site for time

OCTOBER 2020 - IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION Virtual please see web site for time and location

JANUARY 18 & 19, 2021 - STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT DAVIE, ARKANSAS

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2021 - STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2021 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL, LARGE GROUP EVENTS IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES

MARCH 20-22, 2021 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL, INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA, CEDAR FALLS

Get these dates to your students, parents, and administration so you can plan for these dates next year!

Web link for all Unified Dates for 2020-2025
http://ofp.org/unified/
This is the flyer Dr. Weaver spoke about for membership in this association. Every IHSSA Contest for the liability insurance that is provided with this membership as well as many other benefits.

Coach At Large. Just a helpful reminder when you are speaking to your students about performing in live or virtual events.

Manager is given free membership into this group for hosting contest. The IHSSA encourages all to join.

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2020 UNI 3 Credit Hour Workshop for IHSSA Members

The UNI Department of Communication and Media will partner with IHSSA to provide 3 Credit Hours (undergraduate or graduate) in Argumentation and Debate for Teachers. The course will run from October through the end of the semester in December.

The course covers the following:
I. Research: Sources, Analysis, Application
II. Evidential Support: Making Choices, Making Decisions, Applying Evidence to the topics
III. Argumentation: How to Use Evidence and Logic to Create Cases
IV. Case Building: Putting Research, Evidence, Arguments, and Logic Together to Build Cases of Both Sides of an Issue
V. Types/Genre of Debates
VI. Actual Case Building

More information will be available via Zoom during the IHSSA Virtual Meeting and through emails. You MUST attend all 4 sessions of the Virtual Convention to take this course plus attend a judge certification sometime this year - either through the summer event, in-person this fall, or through the virtual certification on Oct. 10th.

This course is offered in cooperation or sponsorship of the Division of Continuing Education and the Department of Communication and Media. Marilyn Shaw and Melissa Beall are the Instructors of this course. Tuition is reduced because of this long-standing cooperative venture among IHSSA, Communication and Media, and Continuing Education.

Questions? Feel free to contact either Melissa at Melissa.Beall@uni.edu, or Marilyn at Marilyn.Shaw@uni.edu.

Special Thanks to Melissa Beall and Marilyn Shaw and UNI for offering this course. By the way, this course is one of the courses you need to have to receive the Speech endorsement to teach Speech in Iowa.

What a great opportunity to receive this course in the fall of this year!

CONTEST SITES FOR 2021

(Please be aware sites could change due to many issues that we are dealing with this year. Please watch for changes and updates in SWIFT and on the IHSSA web site)

CONTEST SITES FOR 2021

LARGE GROUP SITES: DISTRICT
NORTHWEST
Central Lyon
Ankeny Centennial
Atlantic
Clarke

SOUTHWEST
Shenandoah
CAM
Earlham
Urbandale

NORTHEAST
Cascade
West Hancock
Postville

SOUTHEAST
Mondello
Ottnowa
Montezuma

LARGE GROUP SITES: STATE

WDM Valley
Decorah
CR Kennedy

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SITES: DISTRICT
NORTHWEST
Newell-Fonda
Woodbury Central
Sheldon
Denison-Schleswig

SOUTHWEST
Shenandoah
CAM
Earlham
Urbandale

NORTHEAST
North Fayette Valley
Waterloo Columbus

SOUTHEAST
Cedar Valley
Central DeWitt

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SITES: STATE
ADM, Adel
Waldorf University
Grinnell

STATE DEBATE SITE
DMACC, Ankeny

****DO NOT REGISTER FOR CONTEST ONLINE UNTIL ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSTED IN DECEMBER FOR CONTEST SITES

IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION 2020
VIRTUAL

Listed below are the 4 sessions of the Virtual Convention for the IHSSA this fall. You will need to register by copying and pasting the link in your web browser. After you register, you will be sent a confirmation that you have registered for that session.

Attend one or all 4 - we hope you attend all 4! It is up to you.

If you have any questions on how to do this or have issues please contact the State Office. Enjoy the Convention in 2020

Sept 30  Teaching online - 4:00 (Jacki Pleggenkuhle, Waukee High School)
Doing a play virtually - 4:30 (Matt and Debbie DeVore, Maquoketa Valley High School)

Register in advance for this webinar for the 30th of September:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qfNfbD7vQWyBV4fSQURkDA

Oct 14 Storytelling - 4:00 (Darrin/Robin Crow, Cedar Valley Christian)
Self Care - 4:30 (Allison Rasmussen, Waverly-Shell Rock High School)

Register in advance for this webinar for the 14th of October:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GaauGZotQ4ut4PmtsWjE9Q

Oct 28 Mime - 4:00 (Kevin Hosbond, Grinnell High School)
Short Film - 4:30 (Ted Van Deventer, WDM Walnut Creek & Valley High School)

Register in advance for this webinar for the 28th of October:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GaaufGZotQ4ut4PmtsWjE9Q

Nov 11 Copyright - 4:00 (Dr. James Weaver, NFHS)
What Contest Will Look Like - 4:30 (Craig Ihnen, IHSSA)

Register in advance for this webinar for the 11th of November:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j5p5sIqO5IqOt59O6ho__sg

Be sure to watch for the webinar for the Novice coach in early December