



IDOA August/September Newsletter

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If you have questions about any of the included information or any other IHSA dance official questions please feel free to reach out to any of the above members of the Board of Directors

Be sure to bookmark the IDOA website at www.ildanceofficials.com for resources, FAQ's and more!

IDOA Membership Renewal

You can renew your membership by using this [link](#) Membership for the 2022/23 season is only \$20!

Did you know that **70%** of IHSA dance officials and **100%** of the 2022 state final officials are IDOA members?

Why Join IDOA?

Our primary goal is to advance the general betterment of Illinois dance officials and officiating, through the clarification and interpretation of rules for all **Illinois High School Association** sanctioned competitive dance events, as well as providing in-depth training of dance officials through live training, online training, and mentoring programs. In **IDOA** our focus is on **YOU!**

The **IDOA** works in cooperation with the **IHSA** and their mission to govern the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience for student athletes.

Our goals this year include:

- Ensuring that all dance officials feel confident and educated
- Create a welcoming environment for all new and veteran officials
- Develop strong relationships between mentors and mentees

Dance Official Clinics

The IHSA Dance clinicians will be offering several clinics this season. There will be no virtual clinics this season.

- August 13 @ South Elgin, 9am - 1pm (register by Monday, Aug. 8)
- September 10 @ Oak Forest 9am - 1pm (register by Saturday, Sept. 3)
- See this [link](#) for more information. Please email Gina Dryden @ Reginadryden@yahoo.com to RSVP for either of these 2 clinics.
- There is a \$20 fee to attend, you can pay in cash at the clinic.

*If you do not have an NFHS Rules book and want to purchase one, the cost is \$10. These will be available the day of the clinic.

There will also be a clinic hosted on October 1 in Decatur. For more information on this clinic, please contact Cyndi Kramer @ ckraemer65@aol.com

Why attend a clinic every year?

Although your officials center may tell you that you are in compliance for 3 years, it never hurts to be completely up to date on any changes and updates to the IHSA dance rules. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other dance officials and get some well needed practice before the season begins! We hope to see you at one of the clinics this year!

IDOA Member Spotlight: Samantha Phillips

Years as an IHSA official? This coming season will be my third, and I cannot wait!

Why did you become an official? I loved coaching dance team, but the time commitment was too much for the stage of life my family is in right now. I wanted to stay involved in the dance world, and I've always been curious about the role of an official, so I gave it a shot. I'm so glad I did because I LOVE IT!!! I've found that I can still provide helpful feedback and watch teams grow throughout the season, which is one of the most rewarding parts of coaching. Now, it's like I am a coach for dozens of teams, rather than just one!

What is your dance background? I took dance classes on and off as a kid, as I was more into gymnastics or softball depending on the year. Once I got to high school, though, dance team became my entire life and I loved every minute of it! I went to Vernon Hills High School during our TDI era, and I was captain my senior year. Once I became a teacher, I got right back into dance and coached at Deerfield for a year and then at Vernon Hills (where I teach now).

How do you feel you have grown as an official over the past few years? I have gained a stronger understanding of the rubric and how to give quick, detailed feedback in a short timeframe. At my first few competitions, I felt like I was sprinting a marathon. Now, I have found more of a rhythm. Also, I've quickly grown to love and appreciate the positive community that dance officials have created among each other. It keeps me coming back for more!

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I love to spend time with my boys (Zachary is 2 and Harrison is 3 months), read (English teacher here), and try out new recipes (cooking and/or eating!).

Favorite vacation spot? Positano, Italy — specifically, the private beach at Da Adolfo

Explaining the IHSA Officials Center

When logging onto the IHSA officials center, there is a lot of information to unpack and some of it can be really confusing. Let's take a closer look at the IHSA Officials Center information!

The screenshot shows the IHSA Officials Center dashboard. At the top left, there is a 'Log out' button and user information: 73744 Christina Erickson, with a 'Main menu' link. The main header features the 'OFFICIALS CENTER' and 'IHSA' logos. Below this, there are several sections: 'YOUR PHOTO' with a profile picture and options to delete or upload a new image; 'PERSONAL DATA' with links for personal information, membership card, association memberships, affiliated schools, and a daily availability calendar; 'FORMS AND REPORTS' with links for reports, special reports, SAWA reports, and advisory committee surveys. The central area contains 'MESSAGES' (no recent messages), 'STATE SERIES ASSIGNMENTS' (no recent assignments), and 'COMPLIANCE ITEMS' (two items regarding Concussion Management and Hate Speech & Harassment). Below these is a 'LICENSE STATUS & AVAILABILITY SUMMARY' table. At the bottom, there is a note about monitoring and updating the daily availability calendar.

State Series Assignments: If you are assigned a Sectional or State assignment it will show up here in early January. If you receive one, be sure to accept it!

Compliance Items: This area will tell you if there are any IHSA required items you need to complete. Included in this is the Concussion Management Program & Exam and the Hate Speech & Harassment video

Ratings: We will get deeper into this area in our next newsletter!

Personal Data: this area is where you update any school affiliations & availability calendar

This area lists the sports you are licensed in and your renewal status.

This area lists the Exam, Last Rules Meeting and Last Clinic Attended. If the area is highlighted in **RED** it means action is needed.

State Series Availability: This is an area that **you** are responsible for updating. This is what the IHSA uses to assign officials for Sectionals and State. You also need to update your **number of contests worked**, which gets calculated into your Power Rating.

Certification Level, Years as an Official and Recommendation Status. If you are eligible for a promotion the area will be highlighted. If you are eligible for a promotion we suggest doing so as this increases your likelihood of getting a state series assignment & your Power Rating.

Assignors: These are individuals that assign contests via the IHSA.

Do you feel like you need to guidance as you move through your first few years as an IHSA Dance Official? Join IDOA's mentoring program and you will have someone there for you to answer your questions and mentor you to be the best official possible. If you are interested, please email our VP Katie Kaczanko at katieavery82@gmail.com