



Dear IHSSCA Membership;

On behalf of the IHSSCA board, I would like to welcome you to the 2007 Girls soccer season! My name is Brian Papa and I am the IHSSCA Girls and Boys Vice-President. One of my duties as Vice-President is that I'm in charge of getting to you the application/registration for our Association. Our Association is the means in which soccer athletes of the State of Illinois, receive All Section, All State and All American honors. This letter will give you important information on how you can obtain membership to the Association. **Please read the information carefully so there will be no delay in receiving your voting cards.**

Enclosed is a copy of the membership application for the 2006 – 07 season. All applications for the Girls Head Coaches must be postmarked by **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> to be valid.** Your 13 All Sectional game voting cards and the name of your Sectional Coordinator will be sent to you upon receipt of your application and dues. Your **\$25** membership fee covers you for the upcoming girl's season. If you've joined this past fall during the boy's season, you need not rejoin. Your membership is valid throughout this spring season. I must warn you that if you joined in the fall, but are the head coach of a different school in the spring, you must contact Joe Moreau, our Association's treasurer, to make sure he is aware that you are coaching at 2 different schools. Please do not assume anything, if you have a question about your membership, please contact Joe. ( note: *this is an individual coach's membership. **This is not a school membership.** If there is a different head coach for the girls, he or she must join separately. They are not under your membership.*) This means that in order for your athletes to be eligible for any awards, the head coach must join the Association.

**\*\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*\*** The sooner you send in your membership application and dues, the sooner you will receive your cards. **The IHSSCA membership coordinator, Joe Moreau, will mail your cards out the next day after your application and fees are received. (NO SCHOOL CHECKS).** The majority of our problems are due to coaches submitting their application to their school's business office and then the school business offices took weeks to process the check. To limit these problems, we ask that you submit a personal check and then get reimbursed through your school.

Last season, the delays on receiving cards were minimal. In fact, the main delays came from the coaches that do not teach at the school. Their problem is that they do not get their mail from the school. If you know of a new coach or a coach that doesn't teach at the school he's coaching, please inform him about the letter. Applications are available at: [ihssca.com](http://ihssca.com)

The number of All-Midwest and All-American high school players that Illinois receives is based on the high school membership to the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America). In order for an Illinois player to receive any National recognition, **their coach must be a member of the NSCAA. A NSCAA membership form can be obtained at the NSCAA website: [nscaa.com](http://nscaa.com).** The IHSSCA strongly supports the NSCAA and encourages you to join.

The IHSSCA also works in conjunction with the Chicago Fire for the All Academic Team. Applications for this award can be will be given out by the Chicago Fire. Applications can be downloaded from our website.

A reminder for all Head Coaches. As the season progresses, give some serious thought to your section's nominees for our IHSSCA post season awards: Soccer Person of the Year, Asst Coach of the Year, Sportsmanship, Media Person of the Year, and Head Coach of the Year.

The IHSSCA Board is very pleased to announce that **Soccer Plus** will be our Association sponsor. Our agreement runs through January 2008. **Soccer Plus** will present our All State players in attendance at our honors banquet with a special gift from Adidas. They are also the sponsor of our Coach of the Year award and our annual IHSSCA indoor All Star game. **Soccer Plus** has made a substantial commitment to the high school soccer players of Illinois through the IHSSCA. Please consider **Soccer Plus's** outstanding service, when selecting uniforms, warm-ups, and shoes when budgeting and ordering for next year. **Soccer Plus** also offers discounts for members of the IHSSCA. Our IHSSCA rep at Soccer Plus is Derek Jones. Derek can be reached at 847-776-7954 or [djones039@earthlink.net](mailto:djones039@earthlink.net). John Erfort has recently joined the Soccer Plus sales team. John can be reached at 847-776-7954 or [Erfort7@aol.com](mailto:Erfort7@aol.com).

***INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:***

***IHSSCA.com is our website. All applications can be duplicated off of our websites. If you have any problems or concerns, you can reach me at school: 815-464-4020 or Home 815-464-4846***

Best of luck this season,

Brian Papa  
IHSSCA Boys Vice-President

## **IMPORTANT IHSSCA DATES FOR 2007**

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April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Deadline
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final card Postmark Date
May 13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	All Sectional Meetings
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Coordinators Meeting
May 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	IHSA State Finals A
June 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	IHSA State Finals AA
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Honors Banquet – Diplomat West

**\*\* GIRLS DEADLINE \*\***  
**APRIL 18, 2007**

***Send \$25.00 Payable to: IHSSCA***

***Mail to: Joe Moreau***  
***2360 95th Street***  
***Naperville, Illinois 60564***

## ***CHICAGO FIRE ALL- ACADEMIC TEAM***

***The Chicago Fire will choose 22 players for their All Academic Team.***

***If you are interested in nominating any of your players, please use this application that the Fire has provided.***

***You can obtain the nomination form from our website at: [ihssca.com](http://ihssca.com)***

***The Chicago Fire runs this award so if you have any questions please call: David Quinn  
(708) 496-6789***

***or email Dave at: [dquinn@chicago-fire.com](mailto:dquinn@chicago-fire.com)***

