



Dear IHSSCA Membership;

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 below.**

This past January, there have been some adjustments to our Board of Directors. Joe Moreau our new President. Brian Papa will remain as Vice President. Norm Hillner and Jim Lindbloom will be co-directors for the Boys and Girls Award Banquets. Bob Topor will remain as Web Site Director. Barry Jacobson will be the director of membership and association's Treasurer.

Enclosed is a copy of the membership application for the 2008 – 09 season. All applications for the Girls Head Coaches must be postmarked by **Thursday, April 6th to be valid.** 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.** (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.

*******NOTE***** The IHSSCA membership coordinator, Barry Jacobson, will mail you the sectional procedures, and the name of your sectional coordinator after your application and fees have been received. Please, NO SCHOOL CHECKS!**

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.** The IHSSCA strongly supports the NSCAA and encourages you to join.

This year, the IHSSCA will be working with the new Chicago Red Stars in conjunction for the All Academic Team. Applications for this award 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, and Head Coach of the Year.

The IHSSCA Board is very pleased to announce that **Soccer Plus** will continue to be our Association sponsor. Our agreement runs through January 2010. **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.

Also adding to our sponsorship is **Under Armour**. They will be sponsoring our honors banquet awards and All State gifts for 2009.

We also renewed our sponsorship with Brine. They will be sponsoring our Sportsmanship award And our Senior Classic.

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 2009

April 6 th	Membership Deadline
April 30 th	All Nominations must be submitted to coordinators
May 10 th -16 th	All Sectional Meetings
May 17 th	Coordinators Meeting
May 29 th & 30 th	IHSA State Finals 1A
June 5 th & 6 th	IHSA State Finals 2A & 3A
June 11 th	Honors Banquet – Diplomat West

