



Dear IHSSCA Membership:

On behalf of the IHSSCA board, I would like to welcome you to the 2011 Boys soccer season! 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.

You can download a Membership Application at IHSSCA.com. All applications for the Boys/Girls Head Coaches must be postmarked by **Monday, October 5th to be valid**. Your **\$25** membership fee covers you for the upcoming boys and girl's season. **If you are a head varsity boys and girls coach, your fall membership applies to the girls season in the spring. Please fill out the application for both the boys and girls schools. If you do not fill out both portions of the application, your membership will not be recorded for the spring and we have no way of knowing if you are a member.** (Note: *this is an individual coach's membership. This is not a school membership. If there is a different head coach for the girl's season, he or she must join separately.*) This means that in order for your athletes to be eligible for any awards, the head coach must join the Association. Your Sectional Coordinator will be contacting you about the All-Sectional meeting which will take place between October 15th – 22nd.

Please, 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.

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. The NSCAA sends a representative to our annual clinic each February. Illinois has been one of the strongest states in the NSCAA so our membership gets a discounted rate from the NSCAA of **\$60.00** (a \$25 saving).

The IHSSCA also works in conjunction with the Chicago Fire for the All Academic Team. Applications can be downloaded from our website later in the fall.

Under Armour and **Brine** are our Association sponsors. **Under Armour** will present our All State players in attendance at our honors banquet with a special gift. Please consider **Brine** and **Under Armour** when selecting any of your teams soccer needs. ***If you have any problems or concerns, you can reach me at school: 815-464-4020 or Home 815-464-4846***

Best of Luck,
Brian Papa
IHSSCA Vice-President