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Dear Mr. Jayne,

This is in response to your letter regarding the Christian prayer offered at the 2017 IHSA Bass Fishing State Finals. As you noted in your letter, a representative of Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) initiated a Christian prayer prior to the start of the tournament. His actions were not anticipated nor planned by IHSA administrators on site. We apologize for the action as the IHSA has a policy that would prohibit this.

As a result, I have communicated with our administrator of bass fishing to notify representatives of FLW in the future that our policy prohibits prayer from the public address system. This matter will be resolved.

Sincerely,

Craig D. Anderson  
Executive Director

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