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High School Participation Increases for 25th Consecutive Year



The number of participants in high school sports increased for the 25th consecutive year in 2013-14 with a record total of almost 7.8 million, according to the annual High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Based on figures from the 51 NFHS member state high school associations, which includes the District of Columbia, sports participation for the 2013-14 school year reached an all-time high of 7,795,658 – an increase of 82,081 from the previous year. This one-year increase was the highest since 2009-10.

Girls participation increased for the 25th consecutive year with an additional 44,941 participants from 2012-13 and set an all-time record of 3,267,664. Boys participation eclipsed 4.5 million for the first time (4,527,994), breaking the mark of 4,494,406 in 2010-11.

The increase in boys participation was due in part to the first increase in football numbers in five years. An additional 6,607 boys participated in 11-player football in 2013-14, pushing this past year's total to 1,093,234. In addition, another 1,715 girls participated in 11-player football last year, an increase of 184 from the previous year.

"We are pleased with the increase in participation numbers in the sport of football for the 2013-14 school year," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "With the precautions that are in place nationwide to address concussions in all high school sports, including football, we have maintained that the risk of injury is as low as it ever has been. Certainly, this rise in football numbers is a confirmation of those beliefs and indicates the strong continued interest nationwide in high school football."

Among the top 10 boys sports, baseball registered the largest gain with an additional 7,838 participants, followed by football and soccer (6,437). The top 10 boys

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Board Of Control Passes Recommendations Impacting Spring Sports

First Consideration of Lakeland Conference Realignment, Uihlein Extension and 2014-15 Operational Budget also Approved

The Board of Control acted on a series of spring sport coaches' recommendations that will alter the season regulations for those respective sports and a number of other administrative items at its October meeting.

The Board supported three recommendations in track and field. The first assigns a fourth official to WIAA sectional meets as a field referee beginning in 2015. Also effective next spring, a school's wheelchair team must compete in a minimum of four meets in order to be eligible for tournament competition. The third modification to the season regulations allows for flexibility in the throwing events for subvarsity competitions.

The Board approved two of the recommendations advanced by the coaches in softball. The first implements a 15-run rule that ends pre-State WIAA Tournament games after three innings if a team is 15 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat. The rule will not be applied to games in the State Tournament. The other change requires batting helmets to be school colors or neutral colors with only school logos allowed, with the provision that reward and commemorative stickers remain permissible.

The single baseball recommendation approved by the Board reverts to the previous tournament schedule of subregionals on Thursday, semifinals on the following Tuesday and the regional final on Wednesday. The sectionals will be scheduled on the Tuesday following the regional final. The revised schedule will be implemented in 2016.

The Board approved the first consideration of a conference realignment plan that involves the Washburn High School co-op and the Lakeland Conference for football only. The plan moves Washburn/Bayfield/South Shore to the North Division of the Lakeland Conference and moves Frederic from the North Division to the South Division beginning in the fall of 2015. Membership rules required a 40-day window for schools involved in realignment plans to appeal the first consideration of the Board before it takes final action. Thus, schools have until Nov. 19 to file an appeal of the Board's initial vote.

A five-year extension to the agreement with Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee to host the Boys and Girls State Soccer Tournaments was also granted by the Board. The decision extends the agreement through the 2019-20 seasons. Uihlein Soccer Park has served as the State Tournament venue since the 2003-04 seasons.

The Board gave its approval to the 2014-15 zero-based, operations budget of approximately \$8.4 million, which is a slight decrease from last year. The budget continues to be largely driven by Tournament Series revenues and expenses, and is significantly influenced by weather and matchups. The new budget reflects a steady flow of revenue from tournament gate receipts and a modest increase in royalties. It also acknowledges an increase in expenses for maintaining the executive office building and grounds, a commitment to enhancing technology-related hardware and software, legal fees and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of boys basketball.

Among the other topics discussed were potential Constitutional amendments, Area Meeting discussions, coaches education requirements, conference realignment options and co-op programs. In addition, the Board received reports from the liaisons of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ■

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2014-15 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Interpretations

SITUATION 1: At the state meet, the coach of Team A notifies the meet referee between the consolation finals and finals of the 50-yard freestyle that his/her swimmer is withdrawing from the finals with a declared false start. The coach provides the referee with the reason, although not required. The referee acknowledges the declared false start, reminds the coach that the competitor is eligible for further competition in the meet and then notifies the appropriate meet personnel of the declared false start. No change in seeding occurs as the consolation finals are completed.

RULING: Correct procedure. The event counts as one of the competitor's events.

COMMENT: A competitor may withdraw from an event during the preliminaries or the finals, including diving, with a declared false start. Notice must be given to the referee at a specified time set by the referee. It is preferred that this time be set before the championship finals to allow a reseeding. (3-2-3, Points of Emphasis)

SITUATION 2: A diver from Team A approaches the board for the first dive

of the competition and the diving referee observes that the diver is wearing tape for support on one knee. No note for medical reasons for the tape has been provided to the official. The diving referee takes no action and the diver completes his/her first dive of the competition.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: Divers may wear tape or a wrap for support with no limitation to the location on the body. (3-3-4b)

SITUATION 3: During the individual medley, the swimmer, when finishing the backstroke section, does not complete the stroke with some part of his/her body on or above the surface of the water. The swimmer is disqualified.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: Within the individual medley, each section must be finished in accordance with the finish rule that applies to the style concerned. (8-2-5, 8-2-1e)

SITUATION 4: All divers have been allowed a specified amount of time for practice prior to the start of the meet. Once the diving competition begins, the coach from Team A approaches the diving

referee at the completion of the preliminaries stating that the divers are to have at least two practice approaches during this break before the semifinals commence. The diving referee clarifies to the coach that the requirement for the practice approaches applies to the time immediately prior to the start of diving competition and thus, does not apply to the time between preliminaries and semifinals in this meet as semifinals immediately follow the preliminary rounds.

RULING: Correct procedure. (9-2-1)

SITUATION 5: In a championship meet, the meet director informs the coaches at the coaches' meeting that the order of the divers shall be seeded after each cut based upon the divers' scores.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: In championship meets, the meet director has the option to seed the finalists based on their semifinal scores (lowest to highest). This option is only permitted between the end of the semifinals and heading into the finals. (9-2-2) ■

2014 WIAA Eight-Player Football Jamboree

Saturday, Nov. 1

Stiehm Stadium, Schofield, Wis.

10 a.m. - #4 North vs. #4 South
1 p.m. - #3 North vs. #3 South
4 p.m. - #2 North vs. #2 South
7 p.m. - #1 North vs. #1 South

2014 Football Championships

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 20-21

Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Division 7: 10 a.m.
Division 6: 1 p.m.
Division 5: 4 p.m.
Division 4: 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

Division 3: 10 a.m.
Division 2: 1 p.m.
Division 1: 4 p.m.

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WIAA Wrestling Points of Emphasis - 2014-15

Our Need for Officials

We all realize that Wisconsin is in dire need of young officials to replace the baby boomers. I encourage all official's associations state wide to adopt a mentoring program to help develop young officials. In addition, I suggest all high school coaches encourage their athletes to consider obtaining a limited restricted license through the WIAA. This will allow them to officiate all youth through middle level wrestling events. There is absolutely no fee to be paid by them for this license. They pick up some spare cash and hopefully will continue after they graduate. What a great impact it would have if each high school would send forth one wrestling official each season or even every other season. Our concerns would be addressed.

Assistant Referee

The use of the assistant referee has been approved by the WIAA and the coaches association for use throughout the 2014-15 season. During the post season, it will be used in the finals and semifinals at both State events. The coaches and the WIAA agree that training is vital in making this effort successful. In order to be eligible to use it anytime during the season, you must be certified to do so. Certification can be obtained by watching an on-line power point through the WIAA website or by attending the officials' clinic on Nov. 1, in Green Bay. If you're not certified by the end of 2014, you won't be considered to work at either of the State events. There is much to learn to be a good AR and it will take repetition to make it work. Please take the time to obtain certification and then practice using it as often as possible throughout the season. There will be an updated handout on the responsibilities of the AR that will be located on the resource center of the WIAA website. Please copy it so you have it as a reference. Challenge yourself to make a commitment to use the AR during the finals of all multiple team events the entire season.

2-3-4 Point Near Fall New Interpretation

There has been an interpretation change from the NFHS in awarding the 'extra point' for stoppage of the match in a NF situation. This is referenced in the Case Book on page 25, situation 5.11.2 G. We are all aware that if the defensive wrestler bleeds or is hurt we must stop the match. If a near fall situation is imminent when the match is stopped you award 2 points, if 2

NF has been earned you get 3, if 3 has been earned, you get 4. The rule also applies if the defensive wrestler commits an illegal hold, TV, UR, or a USC during a NF situation. When you stop the match to award the penalty point you also award 1 extra point - just like a stoppage for defensive blood or injury. However, starting this season, if you stop the match because they went out-of-bounds, or the period ended prior to the near fall situation ending, you only get what was earned. Why? - Because the illegal maneuver did not cause you to stop the match. That was due to the boundary line or end of period. So in that scenario - if imminent you get 2, if holding 2 you get 2, if you are holding 3 you get 3. Plus any points earned due to the illegal maneuver. So if/when you stop the match to award the penalty point, you also award the extra point for the near fall.

Injury Time, Blood Time, and Recovery Rime

Last year we had a clarification in mid season regarding IT, BT, & RT. It basically said that if you are waiting for an AHCP to attend your injured or bleeding wrestler that the official could suspend the clock until the health care professional arrived to attend the athlete. Once they arrive - again start the clock. If the official feels that a particular school or coach has found a way to abuse this interpretation, please file a report to the WIAA.

Female's Uniform

A female wrestler must wear a uniform designed for a female or a male uniform with a suitable t-shirt. It is possible that the female uniform will not satisfy the requirement without an approved t-shirt. The uniform and t-shirt must be inspected and approved by the referee. His decision shall be final.

Velcro Shoulder Wrap

Over recent years, shoulder wraps/supports that wrap around a wrestlers shoulders to provide additional support have become more prevalent. Generally they are attached by Velcro and/or tape. From my experience they are usually black in color. They are viewed as abrasive, or potentially abrasive and must be covered with an appropriate t-shirt. In addition, they are easy to get your fingers caught within and frequently unwrap. Both the wraps and shirt would have to be inspected by the referee.

Hand Shakes

There have been a number of instances that individuals/entire teams are intention-

ally presenting their left hands to their opponent before or after the match for the hand shake. This is unacceptable and could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. If necessary, the referee should be proactive and bring it to the attention of the coach or the team to avoid penalizing.

Random Draw

The random draw occurs prior to the weigh in and the weight that is drawn is always the first match wrestled and is considered an "odd" match. EX: If 113# is drawn prior to weigh in, that will be the odd match and the 120# will be the even. Even if there is a double forfeit at 113, 120 is still an even match.

Ultimate Tie Breaker

Remember that in the UTB controlled wrestling by the offensive wrestler is not stalling. If you do observe stalling, the first time you always call a stalemate. Even if that wrestler already had a stalling warning - a stalemate should be called. If stalling continues again by the same wrestler, then a warning or penalty should follow. This would even apply if the defensive wrestler stands and the offensive wrestling does not attempt to return them to the mat.

Bad Time

We had a number of instances last year that involved bad time and they were not handled correctly. If the match is over and bad time has occurred sometime during the match it can be deleted if no re-wrestling is required. To do this the wrestler or the coach of the offended wrestler must have remained in the mat area. Bad time will be deleted and the score adjusted. If re-wrestling is required then it must be done prior to the beginning of any subsequent period.

Remember

Officials must always check in the wrestlers to make sure you have the correct contestants. Once the wrestlers have properly reported, they may not be withdrawn without a forfeit. This is not a correctable error. Even if it is the wrong contestant it will count as a loss for him as well as an exposure for both of the wrestlers. It is vital that all wrestlers are checked in properly by the mat official. Officials, don't be lazy! Likewise, coaches must make sure their wrestler knows who he has to wrestle before going to the table. Officials, coaches and wrestlers must all accept some responsibility in getting the correct wrestlers to report. ■

NFHS Wrestling Comments on the Rules - 2014-15

BAD TIME CLARIFIED (5-1-1): The committee clarified wording with regards to bad time. The previous definition of bad time did not specifically include the situations where the wrong wrestler was given choice of position at the start of the

second 30-second tiebreaker or the start of the ultimate tiebreaker.

WRESTLER ADVANCEMENT IN A BRACKET CLARIFIED (10-2-9): The current rule addresses which wrestler advances into the consolation bracket when

both wrestlers simultaneously cannot continue in the championship bracket. This rule change further clarifies which wrestler will advance into the consolation bracket when points have been scored in the match. ■



AVOIDING WRESTLING AND ENCOURAGING WRESTLING IN CENTER OF MAT

Going out of the wrestling area by either wrestler or forcing an opponent out of the wrestling area at any time as a means of avoiding wrestling is a technical violation (Rule 7-3-1). There are many occasions when this happens and no call is made or a wrestler is called for stalling when the appropriate call would be a technical violation for fleeing the mat. There can be no technical violation of fleeing the mat if near-fall points have been earned.

One common scenario that occurs is often initiated from the offensive/defensive starting position in the center of the mat when both wrestlers work their way to their feet and the action goes out of bounds. It can be difficult to determine if the offensive wrestler is pushing the defensive wrestler out of bounds, if the defensive wrestler is running out of bounds to make it look like the offensive wrestler is pushing him/her out, or if it is aggressive action by both wrestlers. Another common scenario is when one wrestler has a single leg in the air near the out-of-bounds line, and the other wrestler tries to jump or spin out of the situation and ends up out of bounds.

In the above situations as well as similar situations where a wrestler may be using the edge of the mat to get out of a situation, judgment is required by the referee with the primary question being "Was the wrestler wrestling aggressively and trying to stay in bounds or using the edge of the mat as a means to avoiding wrestling?" If he/she was using the edge of the mat as a means of avoiding wrestling, a technical violation should be called. Good wrestling action requires both wrestlers to make an honest attempt to stay within the wrestling area.

PREVENTING FALSE STARTS FROM CREATING INJURIES – PREVENTIVE OFFICIATING

Preventive officiating must be on every referee's mind. One area of concern is injuries that occur during false starts from the neutral position. To avoid such injuries, the referee should stretch his/her arm(s) out between and parallel to the starting lines before blowing the whistle. By doing so, the referee can block either wrestler who false starts prior to the whistle, thus reducing the potential for injury to one or both wrestlers.

AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFF-MAT REFEREE TO CALL FLAGRANT/UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

The jurisdiction time of the referee begins when he/she arrives at the site of the competition and concludes with the approval of the scorebook in dual-meet competition and after signing the bout sheet after the last match in tournament competition. In either dual meets or individual tournaments, when a referee is not on the mat working, he/she still has jurisdiction in the mat area and responsibility for enforcing NFHS wrestling rules associated with the mat area. The referee on the mat is responsible for his/her match, but other referees involved in the competition should offer assistance in the mat area when necessary. Referees are reminded that just because they are not officiating a match, they still have responsibilities for enforcement of rules that extend beyond officiating a match.

HAIR COVERINGS

The NFHS wrestling rules define special equipment as any equipment worn that is not required by rule. Whenever a wrestler has hair that does not conform to the rule, a legal hair covering must be worn. Because of the physical contact in the sport of wrestling, hair that does not meet the rule is considered a safety issue as it may pose a risk to an opponent. Using a legal hair covering for hair that does not meet the rule helps to minimize the risk.

Legal hair coverings must be made of a solid material, must be nonabrasive and must be attached to the wrestling ear guards. The attached legal hair covering may be worn either inside or outside of the wrestling ear guards. The attached legal hair covering must be brought to weigh-ins and inspected by the referee to determine their conformity to proper grooming with the legal hair covering on. The legal hair covering must be removed before the wrestler weighs in. If the referee does not con-

duct the weigh-ins, then the referee must check the legal hair covering prior to the meet.

The goal of wrestling is to have a continual match without interruptions except for normal out-of-bounds situations, the end of periods, etc. Legal hair coverings that are secured to the wrestling ear guards have less of a chance of coming off during the match than hair coverings that are not secured to the wrestling ear guards.

The manufacturers of legal hair coverings and wrestling ear guards have been alerted a year in advance of this rule change and some have chosen to modify their legal hair coverings accordingly. This new rule will significantly improve the continuity of matches whenever a wrestler is required by rule to wear a legal hair covering.

CLEANING WRESTLING MATS AND WRESTLING EQUIPMENT

Communicable diseases are a major concern in the sport of wrestling. It is imperative that ALL schools continually use best practices to control the spread of communicable diseases. A major aid in preventing the spread of communicable disease is to properly clean all wrestling mats and wrestling equipment.

Practice and competition wrestling mats must be cleaned prior to practicing or competing on them. Cleaning wrestling mats prior to use is highly recommended. An effective disinfectant is a solution of 1:100 chlorine bleach and water (1¼ cup chlorine bleach to each gallon of water, or 1 tablespoon of chlorine bleach to each quart of water). There is no advantage of using a stronger chlorine bleach and water solution than what is recommended above. Commercial disinfectant products are also available.

When cleaning wrestling mats, it is beneficial to walk backwards in an effort to minimize contamination from the shoes of the individual who is cleaning the wrestling mat. Be sure that any product used states that it is effective against viruses, fungi and bacteria. Typically, the label will state the cleaner is bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal. Please follow the label directions closely for the best effectiveness.

Several items should be kept at wrestling mat side to effectively deal with blood or other body fluids, including disposable towels and/or gauze pads, spray bottles containing a 1:100 chlorine bleach and water solution or a commercially prepared disinfectant solution. Protective gloves and disposable plastic bags must also be readily available to clean up blood or bodily fluids.

Likewise, it is imperative to clean all wrestling equipment daily. All workout gear should be cleaned after each practice. This includes towels, clothing, headgear, shoes, knee pads and any bags used to transport this equipment. In addition to cleaning wrestling equipment and wrestling mats properly, a few basic steps must be taken by all involved in the sport in order to minimize the risk of spreading communicable diseases.

- Educate coaches, athletes, referees and parents about communicable skin conditions and how they are spread.
- Maintain proper ventilation in the wrestling room to prevent the build-up of heat and humidity.
- Emphasize to the athletes the importance of showering immediately after each practice and competition with antibacterial soap.
- Wash all workout clothing and personal gear after each practice.
- Perform daily skin checks to ensure early recognition of potential communicable skin conditions. Athletes cannot be allowed to practice or compete if an active infection is suspected, even if the infection is covered.
- Do not share towels or personal hygiene products (razors) with others.
- Refrain from full body (chest, arms, abdomen) cosmetic shaving.

Communicable diseases are preventable. Following these steps can certainly decrease the chance that these communicable diseases will be spread among the athletes in the wrestling room and/or during competition. ■

Sports Participation from page 1

sports remained unchanged from last year: football, outdoor track and field, basketball, baseball, soccer, wrestling, cross country, tennis, golf, and swimming and diving.

Volleyball gained the most participants among girls sports (9,426) from the previous year, and its total of 429,634 was within 3,710 of basketball for the No. 2 position. Track and field, with an additional 5,946 participants from 2012-13, re-

mained the No. 1 sport for girls, followed by basketball, volleyball, soccer, fast-pitch softball, cross country, tennis, swimming and diving, competitive spirit squads and lacrosse.

"This past year's report on sports participation in our nation's high schools was another great statement about the importance of these education-based programs," Gardner said. "We are encouraged that schools are continuing to respond to the

funding challenges, and are particularly pleased to see that the increase this past year was evenly distributed between boys and girls."

In terms of combined participation, lacrosse continued to register sizeable increases as overall participation for boys and girls increased by 9,744 to 188,689. The sport ranks 10th for girls and 11th for boys.

The top 10 states by participants remained in the same order as last year, with Texas and California topping the list with 805,299 and 783,008, respectively. The remainder of the top 10 was New York (389,475), Illinois (343,757), Ohio (325,448), Pennsylvania (317,318), Michigan (299,246), New Jersey (285,020), Florida (268,266) and Minnesota (232,909). Overall, 33 states reported higher figures from the previous year, up from 30 states that had increases the previous year.

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TEN MOST POPULAR BOYS PROGRAMS

Schools	Participants	Schools	Participants
1. Basketball	18,099	1. Football-11-Player	1,095,993
2. Track and Field-Outdoor	16,218	2. Track and Field-Outdoor	575,628
3. Baseball	15,838	3. Basketball	535,289
4. Football-11-Player	14,241	4. Baseball	474,219
5. Cross Country	14,155	5. Soccer	411,757
6. Golf	13,624	6. Wrestling	272,149
7. Soccer	11,600	7. Cross Country	248,494
8. Wrestling	10,407	8. Tennis	159,800
9. Tennis	9,841	9. Golf	152,725
10. Swimming & Diving	7,001	10. Swimming & Diving	133,823

TEN MOST POPULAR GIRLS PROGRAMS

Schools	Participants	Schools	Participants
1. Basketball	17,768	1. Track and Field-Outdoor	468,747
2. Track and Field-Outdoor	16,143	2. Basketball	436,885
3. Volleyball	15,569	3. Volleyball	418,903
4. Softball-Fast Pitch	14,142	4. Soccer	370,975
5. Cross Country	13,970	5. Softball-Fast Pitch	367,023
6. Soccer	11,127	6. Cross Country	212,262
7. Tennis	10,058	7. Tennis	180,870
8. Golf	9,667	8. Swimming & Diving	160,456
9. Swimming & Diving	7,221	9. Competitive Spirit Squads	108,307
10. Competitive Spirit Squads	4,916	10. Lacrosse	74,993

Sports Report "PLUS" Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.



The following reports of good sportsmanship have been submitted to the WIAA. Appreciation goes out to those officials taking the time to give recognition to those schools and individuals deserving of acknowledgement.

FOOTBALL

Stoughton at Oregon – Oct. 3, 2014

We were very proud to work this game. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and maturity throughout a competitive and closely contested game. A special thanks to the game management and coaches who were very professional and coached in manner that should be consistently used to develop these student athletes.

Reporting Official: Paul Antonson

Oconto Falls at Seymour – Oct. 3, 2014

Our crew was welcomed as soon as we got out of the vehicle in the parking lot and escorted to our locker room. Dale Volkman, our contact, and Mark Zahn, the Seymour AD, made sure we were well informed and taken care of throughout the evening. They made it very clear that if we had any concerns what-so-ever they wanted to know about it and address them. We were escorted to the field for pre-game and in our meetings with each head coach, Matt Molle - Seymour, and Jeff Trochil - Oconto Falls, we heard them both emphasize to us that "any issues with any of their players, they wanted to know about it and would take care of it!" So clearly the tone of sportsmanship was set from the leadership from the get go! And as you might expect given that tone, we didn't have a single issue with any players throughout the game. It was common for players from both teams to help each other up out of a pile throughout the night. What an enjoyable environment to officiate a high school football game! Our hosts took good care of us and as we departed the losing head coach personally shook each of our hands and thanked us for working the game! Our crew wants to recognize and appreciate both programs for a job well done!

Reporting Official: Tim Marquart

North Fond du Lac at Kettle Moraine Lutheran – Sept. 27, 2014

I would like to give accolades to both teams in this game and to their coaching staffs. This was a very well-coached game and the players maintained the best degree of sportsmanship during what was a lopsided game. Regardless of what the score was both teams did an excellent job helping each other up, handing the ball where it needed to go, patting each other on the back, etc. These schools both showed that they are truly a class act.

Reporting Official: Josh Deppe

Black Hawk at Potosi – Sept. 26, 2014

Both teams played hard and showed great respect for each other. Players from both teams helped each other off of the ground after making tackles. This was done by many players

from both teams and from the start of the game until the very end. Both coaches Cory Milz from Black Hawk and Mark Siegert from Potosi were very professional coaching their teams. Not once during the game did any player come to any official and complain about being held, blocked in the back or being hit late. The schools and communities can be very proud of their teams as this was truly what high school sports is all about. Hats off to both teams and keep up the GREAT sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Tracy Krueger

Clintonville at Winneconne – Sept. 26, 2014

On many occasions as either team was knocked down, it got back up. The nice thing to see was that when a player was knocked down during a play, that player was often helped up by his opponent. These young men (on both teams) showed style and class. They had been skilled in good sportsmanship and this is what sports are all about ... learning good sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Dave Grey

Sheboygan Falls at New Holstein – Sept. 26, 2014

My crew had the pleasure of working this game and would like to commend both teams on their play. It was one of the cleanest games we have ever been involved with over our years of officiating with a total of one penalty called the entire game. Both teams played hard, showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the game to their opponents and to my crew, and to their own teammates. Both coaching staffs were excellent to work with, both before the game and during the game. I honestly have no idea how these teams are doing record-wise this year but on this night, both teams were winners.

Reporting Official: Bob Fletcher

Spooner at Ladysmith – Sept. 26, 2014

The officiating crew wishes to report outstanding sportsmanship that was displayed by the schools, coaches, fans and players. We were treated well by the athletic director, and he went out of his way to accommodate us. Second, the coaches did a great job of being in the coaches' box and maintaining control of the behavior and conduct of their players. Plus, the coaches never had a derogatory comment about the officials or their players; they stayed very positive with their words and actions. Third, the fans cheered for their team and never strayed from that objective, and fourth, players illustrated true sportsmanship by providing each other with words of encouragement and helping opponents off the ground after a tackle. Though the game was spirited, players took the responsibility

to keep their own teammates from straying from the goal of outstanding sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Shawn Umland

Tomah at La Crosse Logan – Sept. 19, 2014

I would like to recognize La Crosse Logan senior football player Evan Verota for what is fantastic about high school football in Wisconsin. Evan is captain that reflects many qualities that the NFHS and the WIAA has in mind for a leader, as well as a player. Not only did Evan play a decent game Friday, both ways, but he lead his school in being a captain. He was the main spokesman for Logan on penalty decisions, but he also led by example on how to play the game. Early in the game, both schools were flagged for taunting, and when Logan was penalized for taunting, he reminded the player that it is not the way they (Logan) plays the game. After this incident, there no more taunting calls made by my crew. This young man truly deserves to be recognized for the type of leadership and playing the game as it should be.

Reporting Official: Gary Hanan

Fort Atkinson at Milton – Sept. 19, 2014

Our crew would like to recognize and compliment the players, coaches and fans, from both Milton and Fort Atkinson, for their display of sportsmanship during their football game. It was a pleasure to officiate a game where the focus was on the participants and the way they played the game. Players and coaches were respectful of each other and the officials. A rivalry game should be contested like this one, being close throughout and the outcome was not decided until the final play. Again, thanks to the players, coaches and fans for making it such an enjoyable experience.

Reporting Official: Daryl Schultz

Mukwonago at Arrowhead – Sept. 19, 2014

On almost every play, opponents would be trying their best to impose their will on each play, and yet, when the whistle sounded, they would help each other off the ground and tell their opponent what a good job he had done. It was controlled aggression during the play and true sportsmanship once the play ended. And it was easy to see where the sportsmanship was learned, because the coaching staffs for both sidelines were under control and respectful the entire game. No one had to preach good sportsmanship because these football teams lived "good sportsmanship." The facilities and facilities coordinators also handled the officiating crew with style and class.

Reporting Official: Dave Grey

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2015-2016 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2015-16 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 19, 2014 enrollment counts that your school provided. If you find a discrepancy in the enrollment listed for your school, please let Joan Gralla know by November 14, 2014. No changes will be made after this date. Note: If your school has a charter school that is a WIAA member those enrollment numbers will be added to your enrollment. e.g., Mauston 482 plus ILead Charter 28 will give Mauston a total of 510 for tournament placement.

Note: Schools that have no enrollment number listed did not submit information prior to printing deadline.

Abbotsford	204	Cedarburg	1160	Grafton	747	Luther	252
Abundant Life Christian	72	Central Wisconsin Christian	87	Granton	67	Luxemburg-Casco	641
Adams-Friendship	487	Chequamegon (Glidden-Park Falls)	263	Grantsburg	258	Madison Country Day	95
Albany	114	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	270	Green Bay East	1281	Madison East	1610
Algoma	243	Chilton	363	Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran	119	Madison La Follette	1453
Alma	69	Chippewa Falls		Green Bay Preble	2165	Madison Memorial	1924
Almond-Bancroft	120	Clayton	126	Green Bay Southwest	1184	Madison West	2067
Altoona	442	Clear Lake	166	Green Bay West	902	Manawa	212
Amery	447	Clinton	377	Green Lake	93	Manitowoc Lincoln	1571
Amherst	303	Clintonville	472	Greendale	937	Manitowoc Lutheran	223
Antigo	812	Cochrane-Fountain City	208	Greenfield	1308	Marathon	240
Appleton East	1365	Colby	289	Greenwood	137	Marinette	616
Appleton North	1534	Coleman	198	Gresham Community	83	Marion	143
Appleton West	1092	Colfax	243	Hamilton	1434	Markesan	235
Aquinas	311	Columbus	400	Hartford Union	1410	Marquette University	2166
Arcadia	329	Columbus Catholic	125	Hayward	532	Marshall	352
Argyle	100	Cornell	116	Heritage Christian	162	Marshfield	1208
Arrowhead	2257	Cornerstone Christian Academy	0	Highland	73	Martin Luther	363
Ashland	700	Crandon	238	Hilbert	134	Mauston	482
Ashwaubenon	1048	Crivitz	202	Hillsboro	148	Mayville	408
Assumption	155	Cuba City	246	Holmen	1152	McDonnell Central	166
Athens	197	Cudahy	733	Homestead	1282	McFarland	718
Atlas Preparatory Academy	283	Cumberland	277	Hope Christian	237	Medford Area	648
Auburndale	245	D.C. Everest	1660	Horicon	234	Mellen	72
Augusta	146	Darlington	209	Hortonville	1098	Melrose-Mindoro	216
Badger	1433	De Pere	1346	Howards Grove	267	Menasha	992
Baldwin-Woodville	463	De Soto	167	Hudson	1749	Menominee Indian	245
Bangor	170	Deerfield	219	Hurley	197	Menomonee Falls	1376
Baraboo	975	DeForest	1043	Hustisford	124	Menomonie	984
Barneveld	124	Delavan-Darien	784	Independence	135	Mercer	32
Barron	320	Denmark	466	Iola-Scandinavia	239	Merrill	881
Bay Port	1812	Destiny	290	Iowa-Grant	214	Messmer	727
Bayfield	129	Divine Savior Holy Angels	1368	Ithaca	112	Middleton	1973
Beaver Dam		Dodgeand	255	Janesville Craig	1664	Milton	1016
Belleville	259	Dodgeville	386	Janesville Parker	1419	Milwaukee Academy of Science	187
Belmont	82	Dominican	300	Jefferson	636	Milwaukee Arts	935
Beloit Memorial		Drummond	128	Johnson Creek	152	Milwaukee Bay View	841
Benton	96	Durand	306	Juda	102	Milwaukee Bradley Tech	910
Berlin	544	East Troy	535	Kaukauna	1119	Milwaukee Career and	
Big Foot	520	Eastbrook Academy	54	Kenosha Bradford	1551	Technical Education	444
Birchwood	71	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	124	Kenosha Christian Life	274	Milwaukee Collegiate Academy	261
Black Hawk	102	Eau Claire Memorial	1725	Kenosha Indian Trail	2224	Milwaukee Hamilton	1713
Black River Falls	524	Eau Claire North	1337	Kenosha Reuther	393	Milwaukee Juneau Complex	160
Blair-Taylor	172	Edgar	211	Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic Academy	317	Milwaukee King	1481
Bloomer	364	Edgerton	580	Kenosha Tremper	1777	Milwaukee Lutheran	594
Bonduel	326	Edgewood High School of the		Kettle Moraine	1412	Milwaukee Madison Academic Campus	870
Boscobel	234	Sacred Heart	585	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	394	Milwaukee North	694
Bowler	100	Elcho	103	Kewaskum	611	Milwaukee Pulaski	1147
Boyceville	252	Eleva-Strum	170	Kewaunee	312	Milwaukee Riverside University	1601
Brillion	302	Elk Mound	328	Kickapoo	149	Milwaukee Ronald W. Reagan	
Brodhead	346	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	157	Kiel	454	College Prep	1266
Brookfield Academy	332	Elkhorn Area	900	Kimberly	1457	Milwaukee Samuel Morse-Marshall	810
Brookfield Central	1324	Ellsworth	503	Kohler	106	Milwaukee School of Languages	568
Brookfield East	1285	Elmwood	104	La Crosse Central	1040	Milwaukee South	1369
Brookwood	213	Evansville	547	La Crosse Logan	801	Milwaukee Vincent	1403
Brown Deer	572	Faith Christian	51	La Farge	64	Milwaukee Washington	711
Bruce	161	Faith Christian Academy	5	Lac Courte Oreilles	53	Milwaukee Wisconsin Conserv. of	
Burlington	1171	Fall Creek	250	Laconia	322	Lifelong Learning	253
Butternut	59	Fall River	137	Ladysmith	300	Mineral Point	218
Cadott	256	Fennimore	198	Lake Country Lutheran	244	Mishicot	280
Cambria-Friesland	103	Flambeau	167	Lake Holcombe	108	Mondovi	261
Cambridge	262	Florence	117	Lake Mills	407	Monona Grove	925
Cameron	254	Fond du Lac	2100	Lakeland	691	Monroe	713
Campbellsport	417	Fort Atkinson	952	Lakeside Lutheran	350	Montello	223
Carmen HS of Science &		Fox Valley Lutheran	555	Lancaster	305	Monticello	105
Technology (Milw.)	617	Franklin	1453	Laona	72	Mosinee	650
Cashton	155	Frederic	152	Lena	95	Mount Horeb	758
Cassville	78	Freedom	559	Lincoln	203	Mukwonago	1594
Catholic Central	181	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	424	Lincoln Hills	440	Muskego	1618
Catholic Memorial	665	Germantown	1399	Little Chute	410	Necedah	215
Cedar Grove-Belgium	350	Gibraltar	220	Living Word Lutheran	132	Nenah	1900
		Gillett	174	Lodi	514	Neillsville	319
		Gilman	113	Lomira	350	Nekoosa	434
		Gilmanton	46	Lourdes Academy	221	New Auburn	88
		Glenwood City	210	Loyal	169		
		Goodman	30	Luck	132		

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New Berlin Eisenhower	848	Roncalli	336	Waukesha South	1379	Hayward	
New Berlin West	813	Rosholt	198	Waukesha West	1178	HACIL	41
New Glarus	250	Royall	155	Waunakee	1163	Janesville	
New Holstein	338	Saint Ambrose	51	Waupaca	689	Arise Virtual Academy	74
New Lisbon	179	Saint Anthony	587	Waupun	558	Rock River	201
New London	786	Saint Croix Central	393	Wausau East	1022	Tagos Leadership Academy	57
New Richmond	916	Saint Croix Falls	317	Wausau West	1361	Kenosha	
Newman Catholic	157	Saint Francis	561	Wausaukee	154	Kenosha E-School	88
Niagara	138	Saint Joan Antida	442	Wautoma	421	Kenosha Harborside	435
Nicolet	1036	Saint Lawrence Seminary	398	Wauwatosa East	1139	Kenosha Lakeview Tech	435
Norris	84	Saint Mary Central	246	Wauwatosa West	1056	Kiel	
North Crawford	139	Saint Mary's Springs Academy	229	Wauzeka-Steuben	109	Kiel eSchool	5
North Fond du Lac	405	Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy	49	Wayland Academy	185	Kimberly	
Northland Lutheran	69	Saint Thomas More	493	Webster	204	Kornerstone	37
Northland Pines	420	Salam (Milwaukee)	137	West Allis Central	1431	La Crosse	
Northwestern	452	Sauk Prairie	834	West Allis Nathan Hale	1726	LaCrosseRoads (Logan Campus)	31
Northwood	119	Seneca	75	West Bend East	1163	LaCrosseRoads (Central Campus)	22
Notre Dame de La Baie Academy	786	Sevastopol	157	West Bend West	1139	7 Rivers Community School	40
Oak Creek	2087	Seymour	710	West De Pere	823	Little Chute	
Oakfield	131	Shawano Community	767	West Salem	567	Little Chute Career Pathways	79
Oconomowoc	1546	Sheboygan Area Lutheran	170	Westby	326	Manitowoc	
Oconto	321	Sheboygan County Christian	106	Westfield Area	352	McKinley Academy	62
Oconto Falls	506	Sheboygan Falls	540	Weston	89	Marshall	
Omro	409	Sheboygan North	1467	Westosha Central	1145	Marshall	7
Onalaska	868	Sheboygan South	1088	Weyauwega-Fremont	253	Mauston	
Oneida Nation	120	Shell Lake	175	White Lake	68	ILEAD Charter	28
Oostburg	324	Shiocton	244	Whitefish Bay	995	Mercer	
Oregon	1094	Shoreland Lutheran	311	Whitehall	215	Mercer Environmental Tourism	0
Osceola	534	Shorewood	658	Whitewater	531	Middleton	
Oshkosh North	1220	Shullsburg	98	Whitnall	793	21st Century	27
Oshkosh West	1637	Siren	113	WI School for the Blind & Visually Impaired		Clark Street	112
Osseo-Fairchild	246	Slinger	968	Wild Rose	163	Milwaukee	
Owen-Withee	149	Solon Springs	82	Williams Bay	164	Alliance School of Milwaukee	177
Ozaukee	215	Somerset	495	Wilmot Union	1124	Assata	119
Pacelli	222	South Milwaukee	1197	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	329	Audubon Technology	353
Palmyra-Eagle	320	South Shore	52	Winneconne	473	Banner Preparatory	62
Pardeeville	258	Southern Door	364	Winter	69	Career Youth Development	41
Parkview	252	Southwestern	157	Wisconsin Dells	454	Community High School	245
Pecatonica	122	Sparta	723	Wisconsin Heights	207	Golda Meir	142
Pembine	77	Spencer	244	Wisconsin Lutheran	727	Grandview	225
Pepin	68	Spooner	361	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	1451	Groppi	245
Peshigo	380	Spring Valley	201	Wisconsin School for the Deaf	35	Hmong American Peace Academy	256
Pewaukee	812	St. John's Northwestern Military Academy	344	Wisconsin Valley Lutheran	62	MATC Emerging Scholars Program	51
Phelps	37	Stanley-Boyd	298	Wittenberg-Birmamwood	350	Milwaukee Community Cyber	192
Phillips	258	Stevens Point	2139	Wolf River Lutheran	14	New School for Community Svc.	159
Pittsville	181	Stockbridge	60	Wonewoc-Center	96	Nova	103
Pius XI	904	Stoughton	1055	Wrightstown	446	Project Excel	10
Platteville	431	Stratford	300	Xavier	594	Shalom	105
Plum City	100	Sturgeon Bay	374	Young Cogs Preparatory	178	St. Charles Education Ctr	22
Plymouth	813	Sun Prairie	2204	Youth Initiative	68	Montello	
Port Edwards	117	Superior	1341	Associate Member Schools (Charter)		High Marq Environment	
Port Washington	862	Suring	119	Appleton		Racine	
Portage	785	Tenor	236	Appleton Career	103	Real School Charter	
Potosi	113	The Prairie School	265	Appleton Central		Walden III	304
Poynette	352	Thorp	189	Appleton eSchool	19	Rhineland	
Prairie du Chien	331	Three Lakes	159	Renaissance School for the Arts		Northwoods Community	40
Prairie Farm	109	Tigerton	81	Tesla Engineering	120	Rice Lake	
Prentice	134	Tomah	936	Valley New School		Northern Lakes Regional	42
Prescott	384	Tomahawk	452	Wisconsin Connections		Ripon	
Princeton	117	Tri-County	190	Augusta		Lumen Charter	66
Providence	18	Trinity Academy	42	Widlands Research	40	Sheboygan	
Pulaski	1096	Turner	457	Barron		Central High	207
Racine Case	1989	Turtle Lake	125	Advance Learning of Wisconsin	56	George D. Warriner	128
Racine Horlick	1979	Two Rivers	509	Birchwood		The IDEAS Academy	143
Racine Lutheran	223	Union Grove	1016	Birchwood	11	Shorewood	
Racine Park	1588	Unity	258	Butternut		New Horizons	21
Racine Saint Catherine's	320	University Lake School	81	Promethean	4	Sparta	
Randolph	176	University School of Milwaukee	387	Cameron		High Point	32
Random Lake	294	Valders	346	North Star Academy	35	S.A.I.L.S.	27
Reedsburg Area	820	Valley Christian	65	Cameron Academy of Virtual Education	31	Verona	
Reedsville	211	Verona Area	1511	Denmark		Verona Exploration Academy	71
Regis	238	Vertias (Milwaukee)		Denmark Empowerment	21	Viroqua	
Rhineland	794	Viroqua	314	Eau Claire		Better Futures High School	7
Rib Lake	131	Wabeno	138	McKinley	75	Laurel	40
Rice Lake	682	Washburn	177	Glenwood City		Watertown	
Richland Center	399	Washington Island	16	Glenwood City Trans. Skill Center	10	Endeavor	39
Rio	140	Waterford	1090	Green Bay		Wausau	
Ripon	503	Waterloo	279	John Dewey Aca. Of Learning	54	Wausau Engineering & Global Leadership	70
River Falls	953	Watertown	1264			Wausau Enrich Excel Achieve Learning	52
River Ridge	136	Watertown Luther Prep	440			West De Pere	
River Valley	451	Waukesha North	1157			Phantom Knight Charter School	22
Riverdale	183						

2014 Sportsmanship Summit



Wednesday, December 3
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Stevens Point, WI



For registration
or for more information
call (715) 344-8580 or visit the
WIAA website www.wiaawi.org.
Registration deadline November 17.



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WIAA To Conduct Eighth Biennial Sportsmanship Summit In December

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance will conduct a Sportsmanship Summit Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wis.

Additional Sportsmanship Summit information and registration materials was provided to member schools in September.

The Summit will feature two keynote addresses and three time slots for five different break-out sessions, which focus on the ideals of sportsmanship/citizenship. The morning keynote address will be presented by professional speaker and author Craig Hillier. The afternoon keynote address will be presented by Olympic silver medalist and former University of Wisconsin goalie Jessie Vetter.

Participants will also attend three morning break-out sessions. The subjects for the five break-out presentations available during the three time slots are "The Coach and Participants Role in Sportsmanship" by Mark Maas, a veteran teacher and coach; "School Sportsmanship Expectations" by John Frizzell & Mel Dow of the WIAA Sportsmanship Committee; "Sportsmanship: The Officials Prospective" by Ken Koester, a veteran WIAA licensed official; "Peer Leadership for Better Sportsmanship" by Dan Hoppe, Kim Kargus and Rachel Ley representing the Wisconsin Association of School Councils; and "Sportsmanship Roundtable Discussions" moderated by Shane Been of the WIAA Sportsmanship Committee.

School teams will consist of six members. The make-up of each team is left up to the school. Traditionally, teams attending the Summit have included mostly students, student-athletes, coaches and school administrators; however, some teams have included members of the community, booster clubs and local media.

The purpose of the Summit, co-sponsored by Rural Mutual Insurance, is to assist membership schools in addressing citizenship and sportsmanship issues with students, student-athletes, adult fans, advisors, parents and booster clubs; developing plans to improve or maintain good sportsmanship; defining appropriate behavior; and setting sportsmanship expectations as a means to educate.

The cost of the event is \$125 per team, which includes Summit materials, souvenir t-shirt and lunch. The Summit is scheduled to begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. with the first keynote speaker to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude following the afternoon keynote speaker and closing at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Schools interested in registering for the 2014 Sportsmanship Summit should complete the online registration form by Monday, Nov. 17 to reserve participation in the Summit. Please contact the WIAA with any questions regarding the Summit by calling (715) 344-8580, or by emailing to tclark@wiaawi.org.

Schools wishing to reserve hotel rooms the night prior to the Summit should contact the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point by calling (715) 344-0200. The room rate for the Summit is \$99 for a double occupancy. ■



Craig Hillier



Jessie Vetter

Live Scoring At State Golf Meet

Live scoring at all holes will take place during the 2014-15 State Golf Meets. This is the first use of mobile devices to score high school golf tournaments throughout the country.

Greenside Hole Captains are able to directly enter scores for each player after they complete each hole. Use of the Golfstat scoring program allows player, coaches, parents, spectators and all interested golf enthusiasts to follow their school's players/individuals as they play each hole.

Using their mobile device connected to cellular service that is available throughout the course at University Ridge, inputting scores to the Golfstat program allows each player's score at each hole to be posted for one and all to view.

Scores can be viewed via the WIAA website <wiaawi.org>. In addition, a live webcast on Play On Sports was again made available. The live scoring added additional value to the production of the event and the overall broadcast. ■

Basketball Rules Changes - 2014-15

3-5-3: Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves and tights are permissible:

- Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is a sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
- The sleeves/tights shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the uniform and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by teammates.
- All sleeves/tights shall be the same solid color.
- Meet the logo requirements in 3-6. Note: In general, a brace is defined as anything that contains hinges and/or straps or an opening over the knee cap.

4-19-3d: Intentional fouls include but are not limited to: Excessive contact with an opponent while the ball is live or until an airborne shooter returns to the floor.

9-1-4g: A player occupying a marked lane space...may enter the lane on the release of the ball by the free throw shooter.

10-6-12 NEW: The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a ball handler/dribbler:

- Placing two hands on the player.
- Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
- Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
- Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands. ■

2015 State Team Tournament Schedule

Note the changes in dates and times

Friday, March 6, 2014

(one session)

Division One Quarterfinals – 5:30 p.m.

Division One Semifinals – 7:30 p.m.

Weigh-ins – 4:30 p.m.

Admission \$13 for one session

Saturday, March 7, 2014

(two sessions)

Division Two/Three Semifinals – 10 a.m.

Championships in all Divisions – 3 p.m.

Weigh-ins all divisions – 9 a.m.

Admission \$8 for each session

Pre-sale tickets are only available at participating schools. Tickets for this event are not sold online. Cash and checks are accepted at the door. Credit cards are not accepted at the door. ■



2015 State Individual Wrestling Championships

Kohl Center, Madison

Session 1 - Thursday - Six Mats

Div. 1 Preliminaries – 3 p.m. Weigh in: 1:30p.m.

Div. 1 Quarterfinals – Approximately 5:15 p.m.

Div. 2 & 3 Preliminaries – 7:15 p.m. Weigh in: 5:00 p.m. (Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div. 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 2 - Friday - Six Mats - All Weigh Ins: 8:30 a.m.

Div. 1 Consolations – 10 a.m. (all mats)

Div. 2 & 3 Quarterfinals – Approximately 11:15 a.m. (Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div. 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Div. 1 Consolation Semifinals – Approximately 1:45 p.m. (all mats)

Div. 2 & 3 Consolation Semifinals – Approximately 2:45 p.m. (Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div. 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 3 - Friday - Six Mats

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Semifinals – 7 p.m. (Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 4 - Saturday - Six Mats - All Weigh Ins: 9:30 a.m.

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Consolation Wrestlebacks – 11 a.m. (Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Fifth Place* – (Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Third Place* – (Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

* Fifth-place matches will take place after all consolation matches are completed, and third-place matches will take place after all fifth-place matches.

Session 5 - Saturday - Three Mats

March of Champions - 6 p.m.

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Championships – (Div. 1 on mat 1; Div. 2 on mat 2; Div. 3 on mat 3)

2014-15 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Interpretations

***NOTE:** The following are clarifications with the "Summary of Penalties" in the 2014-15 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book:

- Boarding (6-4-1) and Checking from Behind (6-7) should no longer be affiliated with a minor penalty. Both infractions result in at least a MAJOR penalty. If either infraction is flagrant, it will result in a MAJOR and MISCONDUCT or GAME DISQUALIFICATION.

SITUATION 1: Teams are skating at equal number of players. The referee signals a delayed minor penalty to TEAM A. Before play is stopped, TEAM B scores.

RULING: The signaled penalty is assessed; however, the penalty time is not served and the penalty is recorded on the scoresheet. (4-10-2)

SITUATION 2: Teams are skating at equal number of players. The referee signals two delayed minor penalties to TEAM A. Before play is stopped, TEAM B scores.

RULING: The first signaled penalty is assessed; however, the penalty time is not served. The second signaled penalty time is served. Both penalties are recorded on the scoresheet. (4-10-2)

SITUATION 3: TEAM B is shorthanded. The referee signals one or more delayed minor penalties to TEAM A. Before play is stopped, TEAM B scores. **RULING:** The first signaled penalty is assessed; however, the penalty time is not served. The second signaled penalty time is served. Both penalties are recorded on the scoresheet. (4-10-2)

SITUATION 4: TEAM A is shorthanded. The referee signals a delayed minor penalty to TEAM A. Before play is stopped, TEAM B scores.

RULING: The minor penalty then being served is terminated. The signaled penalty is assessed and penalty time served and recorded on the scoresheet. (See Rule 4-2-2). (4-10-2)

SITUATION 5: TEAM A is shorthanded. The referee signals two delayed minor penalties to TEAM A. Before play is stopped, TEAM B scores.

RULING: The penalty then being served is terminated. Both signaled penalties are assessed, recorded on the scoresheet and penalty time is served. (See Rule 4-2-2). (4-10-2)

SITUATION 6: Player A1 contacts Player B1 away from the boards. The violent contact throws Player B1 into the boards.

RULING: Penalty for boarding must be assessed. Official's discretion: (a) MAJOR, (b) MAJOR AND MISCONDUCT OR (c) GAME DISQUALIFICATION. (6-4-1)

SITUATION 7: A1 is stick-handling the puck along the boards toward his attacking zone. B1 comes up from behind and pushes A1 with both forearms below the shoulder blades.

RULING: Penalty for checking from behind. If the player is checked toward open ice – MAJOR. If the player is checked into the boards – MAJOR and MISCONDUCT or if flagrant, GAME DISQUALIFICATION. (6-7-1) ■

Lomira at North Fond du Lac – Sept. 12, 2014

During an injury to the neck/head area, both teams stayed on the field in support of the injured player to include a North Fond du Lac player kneeling at the Lomira's player side. The sportsmanship displayed during this time and throughout the whole game from the players and coaches was incredibly positive and an example that should be set every night for players, coaches and fans. It was an honor for our crew to work this game and be a part of it for everyone involved and I wanted to pass this on as there are too many times the negative side of sports comes out and not enough showing the quality men and women involved in this game.

Reporting Official: Patrick Buechel

Kaukauna at Neenah – Aug. 22, 2014

"The spirit, the will to win, and the spirit to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur."

--- Vince Lombardi.

This quote was well demonstrated Friday night the season-opening football game. The players and coaches for both teams had the qualities that should endure long after the football season ends. Players and coaches were in control and did not have to be reminded about good sportsmanship, and they demonstrated it can exist in a hard-fought football game. Considering that this was the first game of the 2014 season, both teams showed discipline in the playing on the field and discipline in controlling their emotions. What a great way to start the year. Our hats off to Neenah High School for its courteous treatment of the game officials. We appreciate Neenah's kind and caring treatment before, during and after the game.

Reporting Official: Dave Grey

Regis at Stanley-Boyd – Aug. 22, 2014

Our crew was very impressed at the level of sportsmanship exhibited by both Coach Brenner and Coach Koenig during the game last evening. Their positive behavior both to the players and officials is just what the WIAA promotes. This game was touted by the local media as one of the biggest matchups of the year. Even with the extreme importance of this game, the coaches "coached." Each penalty that was reported was accepted without debate. They should be commended by their respective school administrations for actually "living" the level of sportsmanship the WIAA expects!

Reporting Official: Jon Hehli

VOLLEYBALL

Black Hawk at Juda – Oct. 7, 2014

We witnessed two coaches using positive encouragement to their athletes during the match. Both Rachel Wolff, the coach of Black Hawk, and Scott Anderson, the coach of Juda, continually encouraged their athletes to play hard. The sets were close the entire night as one team would gain an advantage and then the other team would work harder and come back. Sometimes the ladies played so hard they would miss the call when the whistle would blow. The coach would explain the call to the athletes. It was a pleasure working the match.

Reporting Official: David Conway

Bloomer at Barron – Sept. 18, 2014

The players, coaches and fans from both Barron and Bloomer are to be commended on what was one of the most enjoyable nights of volleyball in which my officiating partner and I have been involved. The level of play was outstanding, the coaches were positive and supportive of their players, and the student sections provided a festive, tournament-like atmosphere. Students from both schools wore patriotic clothing rather than school colors which created a sense of "we're here together" rather than the usual "us versus them." It was an intense match between storied rivals and it brought out the best in everyone.

Reporting Official: Carlo Kumpula

Platteville at Dodgeville – Sept. 9, 2014

We were greeted immediately by the Dodgeville Athletic Director Scott Tolzman, who reviewed the agenda for the evening in a friendly business manner. The coaches from both teams approached us in the same manner before the match to double check the evening's agenda with us. My partner and I talked after the match, and it was a combined good sportsmanship effort from both Dodgeville and Platteville's players, coaches and spectators. All we heard throughout the night was positive encouraging words directed from player to player, coach to player and the spectators to both teams. To top off our night on our way to the scorer's table the players from the teams came up and thanked us for officiating. On behalf of my partner and I we want to congratulate both schools for all of your good sportsmanship and wanted to let you know it does not go without notice.

Reporting Official: Wayne Hannes

Mellen at Northwestern – Aug. 28, 2014

The coaches, athletes and fans were great sports. Very positive. Also, both coaches did an excellent job teaching their athletes during the competition and coaching in a very positive manner.

Reporting Official: Laura Hager

Wabeno/Laona at Crivitz – Aug. 26, 2014

I was impressed by the sportsmanship and leadership of #3 Ceanne Harrison on the Wabeno/Laona team. Even after seven hours of matches, Ceanne Harrison definitely proved that she is a leader and has a strong desire to encourage her teammates. Her encouragement to teammates after they did not complete their attack, or when they couldn't set or bump were from the heart, and not from something she had to do. Her passion for the game was displayed during all of the matches that were played. I enjoyed officiating the matches late in the day knowing that she would be on the court and watching Ceanne's flawless exhibition of leadership and sportsmanship. Coach Michelle Boor and the high schools of Laona/Wabeno can be proud of her accomplishments.

Reporting Official: James Kostura

BOYS SOCCER

Green Bay Southwest at Ashwaubenon – Sept. 16 2014

Vladimir Toropov (#23) of Green Bay Southwest demonstrated some of this year's best sporting behavior. He addressed all players cordially, referred to myself and other officials as sir and showed his enjoyment of the game in all aspects of play before, during and after the match. Well done, son!

Reporting Official: Mart Grams

Racine Horlick at Kenosha Tremper – Sept. 9, 2014

Racine Horlick coach Peter Laboda has consistently shown the utmost focus and conviction in instilling proper sportsmanship in his players, taking every moment as a teachable moment even at the cost of winning. It is abundantly clear that Coach Laboda prioritizes education and developing his players into proper and respectable young men. In instances where I have issued verbal warnings to players regarding play that was close to being worthy of a caution, Coach Laboda subs them off the next chance he has, makes certain his players are clear about what I was addressing, and sits them out for long enough it could effect the team's chances to win. No matter who the player is, Coach Laboda is consistent across the board. Lastly, he is always even-tempered, which transfers to his team as they all are very respectful. Coach Laboda not only is having profound effects on his players as growing men and athletes, but also improving the culture of high school soccer as a whole. To my mind, he is a model coach.

Reporting Official: Matthew Tuttle

McFarland at Jefferson – Sept. 2, 2014

This was one of the best examples of sportsmanship in a boy's soccer game that I experienced. The score was tied for most of the game, with a final winning goal by Jefferson in the last few minutes. Even though it was highly competitive I observed:

- Opponents helping up the other teams player after a hard foul or falling down.
- Opponents giving high fives and pats on the back of the other teams players after a good play or a good goal.
- Players respecting the free kick distance
- No dissent with calls or complaining about the other team's players.

It was a great game for the players, fans and officials.

Reporting Official: Thomas Vergeront

Rhineland at D.C. Everest – Sept. 2, 2014

This was a great soccer game tonight. We noticed that both teams showed respect to each other, teammates, coaches and officials. They were helping each other after fouls and were competitive but careful with how they treated each other.

Reporting Official: Rob Wiese

Algoma at Freedom – Aug. 29, 2014

What a contest! Algoma jumps out to a quick lead in the seventh minute and holds off an undefeated Freedom team until a looping shot from 12 yards escapes the Algoma keeper's jumping try to knock it down in the 61st minute. The score remained tied until a last second shot slipped under Algoma's keeper and crossed the goal line at 89:59, a fraction of a second before the final whistle. After double checking such a close play with my assistant referee and confirming that the entire ball had crossed the goal line before the whistle, it was mayhem. Here is where the complaints and questions usually abound. Instead, the Algoma coach, Brian Dawson, came out to shake hands and said its our call and it is what it is. His entire team came up to shake hands and thank us for working their game. Not one complaint, not one sneer, nobody faking good gestures. Incredibly classy of their entire coaching staff, team and not to forget their very supportive parents who had come to watch. Hats off to Algoma for representing their school, community and themselves in such bright light. Our sincerest appreciation.

Reporting Official: Alan Sprague

Cambridge at Belleville – Aug. 26, 2014

Both teams played very well with a lot of energy and team cohesion. The game was exciting and was tied 1-1 until the last :04 of the game when Belleville scored. Sportsmanship was exhibited on both sides, even when players went down, the other player was there to help him up. Cambridge, even though they lost in a heart breaker, came over and congratulated the other team and the official. This was an exciting game to watch and a pleasure to officiate.

Reporting Official: Thomas Vergeront

Coaches Education Information

If you have coaches that are not licensed to teach (CNLT) in the state of Wisconsin, it is a WIAA requirement that they complete the required coaches education training before they can begin to coach their second year.

The following do not have to take this required training:

- A student teacher while student teaching.
- An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.
- Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

Anyone that has coached in an educational institution for five or more years (prior to the 1994-95 school) with or without a current teaching license.

The following must take the approved courses before they can coach a second year:

Anyone that does not fit one of the above listed categories.

Anyone that does not have a current license to teach in Wisconsin.

The following conditions do not exempt a person from the requirement:

- Holding a license that has expired.
- Being a volunteer

Being unpaid
Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

Having been a student teacher, but is no longer officially in that capacity.

Being a nonvarsity coach
Being an assistant coach.

CNLT's can meet the WIAA coaches education requirement by taking either the American Sports Education Program (ASEP) Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles courses or the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches courses.

Both the ASEP and NFHS courses are offered online and can be accessed from the WIAA homepage.

The cost of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching is \$35 and the First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches is \$35. The cost of the ASEP Coaching Principles is \$70 and Sport First Aid is \$50.

If you have any questions about the coaching course offerings or about the WIAA coaches education requirements, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office 715-344-8580 or jgralla@wiaawi.org. ■

First Aid, CPR and AED Training Needed in Preparing Coaches

What topic involving high school athletics, whenever addressed, receives unanimous acceptance and support, and yet, fewer than half of all coaches are trained and equipped to respond in a proper manner?

The answer to the question is student-athlete safety as it relates to first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) certifications by coaches.

Student-athlete well-being has always been a priority of the WIAA and its member schools, as well as parents and society at large that view interscholastic athletics as healthy, life-enriching activities. For this reason, the executive staff has made a point to include those components of coaches education on the agendas for the Area Meetings, Annual Meetings and committee meetings the last couple of years.

From a WIAA historical perspective, coaches education and student-athlete well-being have been intertwined since the 1950s. Properly preparing coaches has been considered a long-standing responsibility of schools in providing the safest school sports experience attainable. In 1986, the WIAA began requiring basic education for coaches who were not licensed as teachers. In 1993, the WIAA launched an optional national coaches education program, which covered sports medicine, psychology, pedagogy and sports law/liability.

However, little progress has been made in coaches education since that time, even though the whole landscape of interscholastic athletics and the world around it has changed dramatically. How kids play and train is much different; there are more non-staff coaches today, and more coaches that were not physical education majors in college or had coaching as a minor; in addition, attitudes toward liability and litigation, as well as the role of government legislation have changed significantly.

In Pennsylvania, legislation was proposed requiring all school districts to have an AED at every high school sporting event. With multiple levels for multiple sports and different venues during a typical school week, the cost of coverage would have an impact on school budgets and on the responsibilities of host administration to verify the AED is on site.

Based on an informal survey taken at each of the WIAA Area Meetings this fall, less than half the membership requires coaches to be trained in CPR procedures. A recent national survey indicated that almost half of the states have coaches education requirements that include CPR certification.

Discussions have yielded a number of reasons coaches may not be required by schools, including costs for schools and/or coaches, time constraints and the concern for the impact adding responsibilities will have on hiring and retaining coaches. Is it reasonable to expect more that just the X's and O's from a school coach?

It's a solid game plan to equip coaches, who are entrusted with the welfare of students in their programs, with the knowledge and procedures of proper first aid, CPR and the use of AEDs. It may not be possible to have an athletic trainer, nurse or doctor at every high school event. Having coaches properly trained in first aid, CPR and AED is the next best to respond to a medical emergency involving student-athletes.

Research indicates that more than three-quarters of the time, coaches are the first responders to health emergencies at high school athletic events. Furthermore, it would be prudent to encourage all coaches—not just head coaches—to know proper emergency response procedures. While the head coach is the person most likely to be present at all practices and contests and the first to respond to emergencies, who would help the head coaches if they were to have the medical emergency?

According to a recent Wisconsin Medical Journal article, 90 percent of athletic directors can agree that a required coaches education program is a step in the right direction; however, how does the membership embrace the planning and implementing of the requirements, beginning with basic first aid, CPR and AED training? Despite the overwhelming acceptance of the concept, the article also revealed only 55 percent of athletic directors support mandating requirements.

It was shared at the Area Meetings that some schools provide incentives for coaches to be trained in CPR and AED procedures. And, what assistance can the Association provide to enhance coaches education for its members? Is making it mandatory, like the Coaches Not Licensed to Teach requirements, the best method of gaining widespread acceptance of the program? Or, can there be other membership incentives for schools that can verify their coaching staffs are certified in first aid or have completed a coaches education program?

The safety components of a coaches' education certification program are the most compelling to support the cause, but instruction on other topics such as coaching philosophy, sportsmanship and the importance of maintaining participation rates would also be beneficial for school-based sports. A number of courses are already available at no cost through the NFHS website.

It's a concern that we need to address before we no longer have the opportunity to develop our own strategies, protocol and timeline, because some other entity may be inclined to make those decisions for us.

Please continue the conversation we presented at this fall's Area Meetings with your coaches and administration in your schools and districts. We want to continue to be leaders in assuring the safety and well-being of all involved with interscholastic athletics. In the case of first aid, CPR and AED training for coaches, lives may depend on it. ■

Keep These Dates in Mind

October 30 & November 1 Girls Volleyball Sectionals
 October 30-31 & November 1 State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)
 October 31 Boys Volleyball Regionals
 October 31 & November 1 Level 2 Football
 November 1 State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)
 November 4 & 6 Boys Volleyball Sectionals
 November 6-7-8 State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)
 November 7 Girls Diving Sectionals
 November 7-8 Level 3 Football
 November 8 Girls Swimming Sectionals
 November 10 Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice
 Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
 Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice
 November 12 Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer (Stevens Point)
 November 14-15 State Boys Volleyball (Milwaukee)
 State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
 Level 4 Football
 November 17 Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice
 Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice
 Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice
 Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Cross Country
 November 18 Coaches Advisory Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point)
 Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game

November 20-21 Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)
 November 21 Earliest Day for First Hockey Game
 November 25 Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game
 Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet
 November 27 Thanksgiving Day
 November 28 Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet
 December 2 . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point)
 December 3 . . . Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
 December 4 . . . Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
 December 5 . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
 December 9 . . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football (Stevens Point)
 December 11 . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Tennis (Stevens Point)
 Medical Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
 December 25 . . . Christmas Day
 January 1 New Year's Day
 January 12 Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
 January 27 Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
 January 27-28 . . . Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
 January 28 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
 February 13 Boys Diving Sectionals
 February 14 Wrestling Individual Regionals
 Boys Swimming Sectionals



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Test Dates

Students participating in interscholastic sports often find conflicts between these events and college test dates.

Listed below are the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2014-2015

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Oct. 25, 2014	Sept. 19, 2014	Sept. 20-Oct. 3, 2014
Dec. 13, 2014	Nov. 7, 2014	Nov. 8-21, 2014
Feb. 7, 2015*	Jan. 9, 2015	Jan. 10-16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14-27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9-22, 2015

ACT - 2015-2016

September 12, 2015	February 6, 2016*
October 24, 2015	April 9, 2016
December 12, 2015	June 11, 2016**

* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

** See Non-Saturday
(<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/nonsat.html>) testing for information related to this test date.

Thanks to all the member schools that attended the 2014 Area Meetings this fall. Representatives from 407 of the 505 high schools in the membership attended the meetings. That represents 80 percent of the senior high membership. ■