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2012-13 Board of Control Conducts First Meeting

Terry Reynolds, district administrator at Pittsville, presided over the first meeting of the 2012-13 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control today.

Pam Foegen, supervisor of special education in the La Crosse School District and Ted Knutson, principal at Aquinas were introduced as new Board members. Foegen will serve as the gender at-large representative and Knutson fills the at-large nonpublic school position.

The Board also conducted its 2012-13 officer elections. Dean Sanders, the district administrator at Lake Mills, was elected pres-

ident-elect; and Mike Beighley, the district administrator at Whitehall, will serve as treasurer.

The Board ratified the contract with the PMI Entertainment Group and the Resch Center in Green Bay to host the 2013 and 14 State Girls Basketball Tournaments as announced last April. The tournament is scheduled for March 14-16 in 2013 and March 20-22 in 2014.

The Board approved a ticket price increase for the State Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments at newly renovated Uihlein Soccer Park to take effect next spring with the girls tournament. Admission price will be raised from \$7 to \$8 per session, which is the first ticket increase in soccer since 2003-04.

The Spring Sports Spectacular reviewing the 2012 spring and summer sports State Tournaments is scheduled to be broadcast at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 on WAOW-TV (Wausau), WXOW-TV (La Crosse), WQOW-TV (Eau Claire), WKOW-TV (Madison), WYOW-TV (Eagle River) and WACY-TV (Appleton/Green Bay). The program is scheduled to air Saturday, Sept. 1 on KBJR-TV (Duluth/Superior) at 3 p.m., and at 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 on WMLW-TV (Milwaukee).

The Board also approved new appointments to the 2012-13 Coaches Advisory Committees and a modification to the swimming and diving State Meet school reimbursement policy. In addition, the Board received updates from the liaisons from the Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and discussed this fall's Area Meeting topics, as well as an initial discussion of the 2012-13 operational budget. ■



Pam Foegen



Ted Knutson



Terry Reynolds



Dean Sanders



Mike Beighley

WIAA Celebrates 100th Anniversary Of State Cross Country Meet

The 100th Anniversary of the State Cross Country Meet will be run Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at the The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The WIAA will be celebrating this event with several special events including an Anniversary Dinner (traditional pasta dinner for athletes and coaches) on Friday, Oct. 26, which will feature a short video highlighting the storied history of the meet and introductions of distinguished past champions. These special guests will also attend Saturday's championship races and assist with the presentation of awards.

The WIAA is asking for assistance in locating the following individuals:

Athletes

Fred Parent, South Milwaukee H.S.	1938 Champion
Russ Winkel, West Allis H.S.	1940 Champion
Les Larson, South Milwaukee H.S.	1941 & 42 Champion
Winfred Gross, Milwaukee South	1944 Champion

Coaches

Chester Trost	1952 Coach of Milwaukee Washington
Don Brown	1952 Coach of South Milwaukee
Tom Duffy	1953 Coach of Wauwatosa
Ron Foot	1953 Coach of Milwaukee Lincoln
Orville Evans	1955 Coach of Madison West
Willard Rudiger	1955 Coach of Whitefish Bay
Robert Campbell	1956 Coach of Waukesha
Earl Foster	1956 Coach of Port Washington

Anyone with information regarding these individuals should contact Marcy Thurwachter at the WIAA office. 715-344-8580 or mthurwachter@wiaawi.org

More details on the 100th Anniversary celebration will be released at a later date. ■



NFHS Outstanding Service Award

Dave Weidemann, WIAA Track and Field Official, was honored at the State Track Meet Volunteer breakfast in La Crosse with an NFHS Outstanding Service Award, citing him for his service to Track and Field in the state of Wisconsin. Weidemann, of Winneconne, has been a WIAA official for 40 years and has served as the state meet referee for the past 25 years. ■



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Eight-Player Football Returns

The 2012 football season began with games the week of Aug. 24. The 8-game season features one less game than in previous years and marks the return of reduced-player football as 16 teams embark on the season featuring 8-player teams.

The return of the offering is intended to assist smaller schools maintain football in their schools and communities.

The 16 programs playing 8-player schedules are Abundant Life/St. Ambrose, Birchwood, Bruce, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran, Luck, New Auburn, Northwood/Solon Springs, Prairie Farm, Oneida Nation, Siren, Stockbridge, Three Lakes, Valley Christian, Wayland Academy and Winter.

Schools with a three-year enrollment average of 200 or less are eligible for an end-of-the-season jamboree scheduled in Week 11, coinciding with Level 3 of the football playoffs. All but three schools playing an 8-player schedule this season qualifies for the jamboree. Northwood/Solon Springs, Three Lakes and Wayland Academy each have three-year enrollment averages over 200.

The WIAA sponsored reduced-player football prior to the advent of the football playoff system in 1976. There were 78 schools that fielded reduced-player squads in the late 1950s, 72 of which were 8-player teams and six that were 6-player. However, that number dwindled to just a few programs by 1969.

The 8-game schedule is a result of the Board of Control's approval of a football coaches' recommendation to begin the season one week later to avoid an earlier start to the season. An earlier start date in 2011 was necessary to avoid conducting three games in a 10-day period at the end of the regular season and the start of the football playoffs. The season will return to a nine-game schedule with the earlier starting date in 2013. ■



New AD Workshop

The WIAA and the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association conducted the New Athletic Director Workshop held at the WIAA office on July 23-24. Fifty-six athletic directors attended the event. ■

WIAA Launched New Website July 2

The WIAA released its new website Monday, July 2. This culminates months of design and data movement in collaboration with Gravity Works Design + Development from Lansing, Michigan. The new site will feature many state of the art advancements that were not possible under the old design.

With any new website, patience on the part of school administrators and officials will be critical. Not all features of the new site will be totally functional at launch. Daily work on the site will increase the functionality of the new features that will allow schools, officials, and general public users all the modern conveniences associated with a full integrated website. RSS feeds will allow a user to stay on top of changes as they occur.

Visit the site frequently to become more familiar with all the features available. ■



IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

The WIAA needs the assistance and cooperation from participating schools and host managers to provide timely, accurate and complete information for tournament programs and Web site updates.

In addition, the WIAA will again be collecting scores for all team sports and posting results on the WIAA website each night of regional and sectional competition. Tournament host managers must report scores immediately following the conclusion of the game.

Please report the score by calling **(715) 344-8580** and selecting the respective sport's score-reporting voice box if someone does not answer.

SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Schools advancing teams to the sectional level of the Tournament Series are required to submit a team photo, roster, school facts, results and up-to-date statistics to the WIAA.

Again this year, the WIAA will be requiring schools to use the WIAA Statistics Template to submit team and individual statistics and rosters. The rich text formatted template can be downloaded from the WIAA website. Once logged-in, locate the "Tournament Information" section and then the "Tournament Materials" option on each team sport page. Click on the link named "Season Statistics Template for State Publications" and "Roster Template for State Publications" and complete the form by using established tabs to navigate to the appropriate columns.

Completed templates must be emailed to the WIAA by specified deadline. Please email statistics, rosters and photos to: Lisa Gagas at lgagas@wiaawi.org. Faxed statistics and rosters in various formats will not be accepted. Information must be submitted in the prescribed format to be included in the State Tournament Program. Athletic directors and coaches are asked to make plans now to provide information in a timely manner.

Photos sent electronically must be scanned at 300 dpi, no larger than 5" x 7" and saved as a jpg file for the tournament program. **Please do not put the photo into a word document - email the jpg file of the photo by itself.** ■



Congratulations! 2012 Spring & Summer Tournament Officials

BASEBALL SPRING



Louis Eisenman, Schofield; Lawrence Holschuh, Kimberly; Thomas Kammerude, Blanchardville; Michael Klein, Hewitt; Todd Krueger, Oshkosh; Michael Pfeil, Evansville; Ron Quirk, Racine; Joshua Saylor, Holmen; Steven Sevals, Rice Lake; David Steiger, Hortonville; Daniel Viken, Marshall; Tim Wagner, Jefferson

BASEBALL SUMMER

Keith Bonde, Manitowoc; Michael Contreras, Sturtevant; Dan DeRemer, Waukesha; Kevin Grossoehme, Milwaukee; Ron Held, Slinger; Randy Tylke, Greenfield

GIRLS SOCCER

Denise Anger, Muskego; Eric Bayer, Kewaskum; Barrett Britt, Delavan; Mark Herdeman, West Bend; Anthony Ichella, Green Bay; Jeff Jende, De Pere; Todd Mader, Madison; Brian Mc Kay, Madison; Jamie Michalkiewicz, Appleton; Patrick Murphy, Wausau; Barry Puhl, Oshkosh; Lance Reisen, Oregon; Anthony Voulgaris, Van Dyne



SOFTBALL



Michael Feucht, Rubicon; Thomas Hack, Wausau; Patrick Hammond, Eau Claire; Martin Marasch, Little Chute; Mike Mikalsen, Cottage Grove; Charles Morning III, Bloomer; Bruce Schaefer, Chilton; Michael Steidl, Milwaukee; Tom Ueberroth, Hales Corners

BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM TENNIS

Meet Referee - Joyce Tessiatore

Umpires - Deb Clausen, Sun Prairie; Ryan Denu, Madison; Dan Drvaric, Waukesha; Matt Fehlhaber, West Bend; Peggy Houk, Shawano; Jon Nicoud, Fond du Lac; Gary Schlei, Hartland; Tom Seitz, Brookfield; Courtney Smith, Janesville; Sharon Terry, Janesville; Mark VanderZanden, Appleton; Dorothy Vogel, Janesville; Julia Wallace, Green Bay; Nancy Wilson Schlei, Hartland

TRACK & FIELD

Meet Referee - David Weidemann, Winneconne

Field Referee - Kirby Symes, River Falls; **Starter** - Loren Homb, Monroe; **Starter** - Michael Jahn, Maple; **Starter** - Tim Lee, Viroqua; **Alternate** - Jon Lewis, West Salem ■



2012-13 Board of Control

Front Row (L-R): Mark Gobler, Ted Knutson, President Terry Reynolds, Tim Sivertson; Back Row: Brian Busler, Keith Posley, Pam Foegen, President-Elect Dean Sanders, Secretary Mike Beighley, Jack Klebesadel, Corey Baumgartner

Advisory Council (Non-Public Schools At-Large) Special Election

A special election will take place for a non-public school representative on the Advisory Council. This will be a 3-year term beginning with the Oct. 4, 2012 Advisory Council meeting. This vacancy is due to the election of Ted Knutson of Aquinas to the Board of Control.

Eligible candidates are administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals or assistant high school principals of member senior high schools.

Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

The time line of the special election process is as follows:

Aug. 8, 2012 - Announce that declarations of candidacy will be accepted.

Aug. 22, 2012 - Deadline for filing declarations of intent to run.

Aug. 23, 2012 - If more than twice as many candidates file, a primary election will be held and the primary ballot mailed to schools on this date. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be sent on this date.

Sept. 6, 2012 - Deadline for returning primary election ballot. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be due back on this date.

Sept. 10, 2012 - If primary is needed, general election ballots will be sent.

Sept. 24, 2012 - If primary is needed, deadline for returning general election ballots.

Oct. 4, 2012 - Successful candidate will be seated for the Advisory Council meeting.

Interested and eligible candidates should send a letter declaring their candidacy to the attention of Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. ■



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Tom Shafranski

Cherokee Country Club Chosen as Site for 2012 WIAA Girl's State Golf Championship

At the April 2012 WIAA Board of Control Meeting, the WIAA Board of Control unanimously approved of Cherokee Country Club as the site for the 2012 WIAA Girl's Golf State Meet.

The change in venue became necessary when University Ridge officials informed the WIAA this spring that a green renovation project would begin in August of 2012. This project, which is likely to affect all 18 greens at University Ridge, will require the closing of the course for the remainder of the 2012 season. The reconstruction work is not expected to impact the WIAA Boy's State Meet in June of 2013; consequently, barring any unforeseen reconstruction issues, the WIAA Boy's Golf State Meet continues to be scheduled for University Ridge on June 3 and 4, 2013. During this time, it is also planned to have the indoor golf training facility currently under construction at University Ridge completed.



Perhaps best known as the home course for Steve Stricker, PGA Touring Professional and currently ranked #14 by World Golf Rankings, Cherokee Country Club is a private recreational facility that offers golf, tennis, fitness, racquetball, swimming and dining and is located on the northeast side of Madison. For directions please visit the Cherokee website at www.cherokeecountryclub.net <<http://www.cherokeecountryclub.net>>. For more information pertaining to Cherokee Country Club you can follow them on Facebook at Cherokee Madison.

Cherokee CC will serve as the host course for the WIAA Girl's State Golf Meet for the first time. They have hosted the State Boy's Golf Championships along with Odana Hills during a stretch dating back to 1967 through 1972. Cherokee has also been the host to numerous other high level PGA and WSGA state golf tournaments. The Red Tail Course will be used for the State Championship Meet. It is a par 72 course that measures approximately 5545 yards.



The PGA staff, lead by Head Golf Professional, Mr. Travis Becker, is extremely accommodating and welcome players and their accompanying adult(s) to join them for practice rounds. To schedule a tee time reservation you may call 608-241-4602. Tee Times are mandatory and may be made up to one week in advance. Please identify yourself as a WIAA State High School player when reserving the tee time(s). High School players will be charged a guest fee rate of \$29 plus tax, and accompanying adults will be charged a guest fee rate of \$50 plus tax. Cherokee enforces a dress code that does not allow any denim or t-shirts. Cherokee is also a non-metal spike facility.

Cherokee houses a golf range that may be used anytime throughout the year. Players may purchase balls by the bucket for \$4 (small), \$8 (Medium), or \$12 (Large).



If you have any questions regarding Cherokee please contact Larry Tiziani, Director of Golf, at 608-249-1000 ext. 124 or email ltiziani@cherokeecountryclub.net.

The WIAA staff is extremely excited to have Cherokee CC as our host for the 2012 WIAA Girl's State Golf Meet. Their cooperation easily demonstrates the positive relationships that can be developed with private golf courses and high school programs throughout Wisconsin.

We look forward to seeing you at Cherokee on October 7-8-9, 2012. Please find a way to come to Madison and enjoy the outstanding golf these high school girls have to offer at a truly outstanding golf facility. ■

WIAA Ice Hockey Cash Flow Bulletin

As school-based ice hockey programs continue to struggle with current economic issues, it is important for school officials to maintain oversight of their ice hockey programs. Through discussions with school administrators of WIAA Ice Hockey programs, we repeatedly learn of situations where ice hockey programs, boys and girls, are not in compliance when it comes to receipt of funding and payment of ice hockey student fees and expenses for their program(s).



With the large student fees often required by school districts allowing student-athletes to compete on a school's ice hockey program, it is important to get cash flow situations properly aligned prior to the start of the WIAA Ice Hockey season. This is the time of year to check into the funding of WIAA Ice Hockey programs and should school administrators identify cash flow problems, to get them rectified prior to the emotionally charged period during the season. This often requires modifications to current practices with ice hockey booster clubs and/or rink associations as well as with a school's business office.



Examples of non-compliance funding situations include the following:

1. Monetary funds provided to the school by outside sources are not handled in accordance with school district gift acceptance policies.

2. Booster clubs and/or rink associations directly paying officials fees, travel expenses, uniforms, ice time and/or coaches salaries. WIAA member schools must make these payments.

3. Booster clubs and/or rink associations not allowing student-athletes to try out or participate on a school ice hockey team because player fees or insurance fees have not been paid.

Additional non-compliance situations that violate WIAA Amateur Status regulations that have been brought to our attention include:

1. Booster clubs and/or rink associations providing financial assistance for hockey player's student fees.

2. One school from a co-op program reducing the fees for students from their school to participate in ice hockey, while the other schools in the co-op program do not reduce their fees.

3. One school from a co-op program not providing monies raised in a fundraiser for their school to the lead school of the co-op for distribution amongst all schools/players' participation fees in the co-op program.

4. A student-athlete receiving a reduced student participation fee based upon the amount the student rose during a fundraising campaign.

If your school ice hockey program is allowing any of the examples identified above or if you have questions regarding the cash flow of funding your school's ice hockey program or any other athletic program, please contact Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director, via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org or by calling (715) 344-8580. ■



Sportsmanship and Public Address Announcers (Point of Emphasis):

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Sportsmanship includes the public address announcers who have influence on the sporting atmosphere at all contests. In order for sports to serve a purpose in the educational system, students must obtain positive educational benefits from participation in the game. Players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, game announcers, students and spectators all play a vital role in the promotion of good sportsmanship. It is essential that all individuals involved understand that the playing field is an extension of the classroom. Therefore, values such as respect for self and others, fairness, self-discipline and responsibility must be an integral part of the high school game. Everyone needs to take a part in developing and implementing these fundamental values by setting and reinforcing clear expectations at practice and on the playing field.

Acts that are intended to engender ill will toward individuals, have no place in the educational activities. The rules clearly outline that unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to:



- any "baiting" or "taunting" acts
- acts such as diving into the end zone with no defender present
- excessive face painting or marking of equipment

• inappropriate language that attacks one's ethnicity, race, religion, sex or disability

- use of disconcerting gestures
- one or more back flips

• jump shooting a football as though it were a basketball

• dunking or attempting to dunk a football over the crossbar

• interacting with spectators



• bringing attention to one's self through choreographed movements and displays of symbolic gestures and signs

• standing with crossed arms on chest

• strutting back and forth.

These must be penalized immediately as unsporting acts.

The rules also extend to any acts or excessive celebrations involving the entire team. Team rituals performed at any time including prior to and following games that are designed to intimidate, embarrass, ridicule or demean others should not be tolerated. The WIAA member schools have policies located in the Senior High Handbook.

Since coaches are the most influential persons in teaching good sportsmanship, one of their fundamental responsibilities is to inspire players to conduct themselves in a manner which best represents the values of high school sports. Coaches must stress respect for opposing players and not tolerate conduct that demeans or embarrasses the opponent.

School assemblies involving cheerleaders, pep groups and other student leaders can provide opportunities for informing students and adult spectators of their responsibility to uphold the standards of good sportsmanship conduct before, during and after games.

In summary:

• Individuals, regardless of their roles in athletics, are expected to be aware of their

influence on the behavior of others and act in a responsible manner at all times.

• Coaches, players, cheerleaders, announcers, students, officials and spectators must make an extra effort to model the type of behavior that illustrates the educational values of interscholastic athletics.

• Good sportsmanship maintains an educational perspective and can be exhibited by:

• understanding the game and following the rules of the contest at all times;

• managing behavior at all times by exercising self-control;

• shaking hands with opponents prior to and/or after the contest;

• appreciating skilled performances regardless of school affiliation;

• exhibiting respect for officials and accepting and abiding by their decisions;

• being a good host to opponents;

• displaying pride in your actions at all time;

• losing without excuses and winning without boasting.

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCERS:

The public-address announcer contributes in a major way to the atmosphere for the event. This individual should never be an advocate from behind the microphone, and should always remember that this is an educational event that is taking place as an extension of the classroom. An effective public-address announcer is an individual who sets the proper atmosphere



for the event by doing advance preparation for the game, having the proper voice quality, knowing the

game and officials' signals, knowing when to speak, and maintaining a professional approach to the game at all times. The unseen, but often-heard voice is an important part of the administration and the enjoyment of interscholastic events. To accomplish this, public-address announcers must:

• not attempt to be bigger than the game or event by doing play-by-play or by providing commentary;

• be impartial, with announcements (written or impromptu) being made with no show of favoritism, in a positive, non-disrespectful manner;

• understand that cheers and antics designed to incite the crowd for the purpose



of gaining an advantage are inappropriate such as yelling, booing or heckling officials or their calls;

• use proper language at all times;

• treat the opposing coaches, participants, cheerleaders and their fans as guests;

• never criticize players, coaches or officials. ■

SPLIT-SEASON SPORTS (Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

WIAA rules prevent coaches from having coaching contact with their athletes outside the season, during the school year, in any sport. The rules further prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the WIAA Season Regulations. An athlete working as a clinician, under the direction of his/her coach, is considered to be coaching contact.

This means, for example, that boys' tennis players cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girls' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted during the boys' tennis season. Boys' tennis players cannot practice with the girls' tennis team because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

Summertime – A school may conduct a clinic for students in grade 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. Individual students may be used as clinicians a maximum of 6 days during the summer (when school is not in session). Using students as clinicians in such a manner must conclude no later than July 31. ■



Amateur Status

In a television commercial, free food, up on the billboard, in the black and white newspaper ad, or the glossy brochure.

A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, any cash or merchandise awards for achievement in athletics. This means athletes may not accept items such as shoes, jackets, gift certificates, etc., for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, etc.

They may receive an award which is symbolic in nature, such as trophies, medals, ribbons, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls or other items of no intrinsic value. Rules further prevent athletes from receiving compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture and/or personal appearance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants. A student may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete, or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.

Also, an athlete violates this rule if he/she plays in any contest (school or non-school) under a name other than his/her own.

An increase has been seen in organizations using athletes to show the accomplishments of their service or business. Many times these may be an athlete being showcased in a newsletter such as: returning to competition after having their knee repaired at a clinic or hospital; an athlete making the all-state team and being identified as ACME fitness center's athlete; or an article using an athlete who stayed at a facility or used a facility.

Everyone must be cautious when an athlete is being used to promote a service or business whether profit or non-profit. For photographers there are several rules, but it is important to keep in mind that athletes may not be identified.

Athletic directors need to be aware of possible situations which may lead to loss of eligibility of their student-athletes. Educate your athletes, coaches, and parents. (RE – Art. IV) ■

School Involvement in Out-of-Season Activity

A reminder that schools cannot be involved in conducting out-of-season competition during the school year or during the summer. This means a school cannot conduct 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, co-educational volleyball tournaments, softball tournaments, etc., outside the designated school season for that particular sport. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (5 days for all WIAA sports). This does not prevent outside organizations, such as recreation departments which are not a part of the school, service clubs, etc., from renting school facilities and conducting these types of competitions, but the school itself cannot be directly involved.

A further reminder that the WIAA has a rule which states "A school may not conduct intramural programs which involve athletes with past status on a school team (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman), except during the established school season of a sport." A school cannot, for example, conduct intramural volleyball during the spring, with girls' volleyball players participating. It wouldn't make any difference how many were on a given team, or whether it was co-ed volleyball, if girls' volleyball players were involved, it would be a violation.

WIAA rules do not prevent students from participating in nonschool out-of-season competitions. However, school facilities cannot be used for students to practice for these competitions, unless a nonschool group or organization has made arrangements through normal procedures, to use these facilities.

WIAA Bylaws state that schools, including their administrators, athletic director and coaches, shall not become involved directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, and/or promotion of any kind of all-star game or similar contest involving students with remaining WIAA high school eligibility in any sport, if such all-star games or similar contests are held during the established school year. ■

Open Gyms

Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.

2. There is **no instruction** during the open gym **by a coach or anyone else**.

3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction by the coach or anyone, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.

5. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open gym or weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

Schools and coaches must clearly understand that the philosophy of the open gym is that youngsters from that school may attend, for wholesome **recreation**, or for purposes of improving their skills if they choose, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against your school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) ■

Recent Changes to Nonschool Participation

The WIAA membership has several rules in the Rules of Eligibility which affect the non-school participation of WIAA member athletes during the school year.

NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION - INSEASON

The first rule, during the season of the sport: It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. (ROE, page 37, Art VI, Sect 1, Par A and WIAA Rules at a Glance III - Students - D)

WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with non-school teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages, against other teams. This restriction applies to normal non-school games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, 3-on-3 soccer, 7-on-7 football, etc.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point), fun runs (including "banditing"), etc. Additionally, a student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue non-school training or competition. (RE - Art. VI)

NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION - OUT-OF-SEASON

A second rule, which has just been changed, during the school year is the pre-season assembly rule: It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. (ROE, page 37, Art VI, Sect 1, Par A)

The third part of the rule is the All-Star competition rule: A student becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from date of last offense for participating in an all-star game or similar activity. (ROE, Page 38, Art VI, Sect 3, Par B)

Q: What changed?

A: In the rule, it now states: "Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement." Students may now assemble out-of-season in any man-

ner they choose during the school year and during the summer. However, their high school coaches and high schools may not be involved. The assembly must be open to any and all along with being voluntary.

Q: What has not changed?

A: The fundamental rule with coaching contact. Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). Coaches includes head coaches, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, and coaches who may be coaching the next year. Coach involvement does include organizing, determining nonschool rosters, providing instruction, coaching at the contest, etc.

Also, the athlete may not participate in the same sport during the school season with a nonschool team. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school.

Q: When did the rule take effect?

A: The Bulletin was published and the rule took effect on May 18.

Q: I have already had an alumnus call about organizing training/practice sessions, led by him and other alumni for football players. This would not involve the coaches in any way but they would be on our practice field. Would it matter if these guys assembled in a city park?

A: When looking at the involvement of school, it means the school cannot schedule, provide funds, or resources for the non-school assembly. The rule: "an acceptable nonschool program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status." It is open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. Use of school facilities must be done in the same manner as any other non-school group such as 4-H, boy scouts, or local rotary. So they may check out your football field, but must do so as any other group would do. A city park would work as well.

Q: With the new rule it states cannot involve head coaches, but can assistant coaches and others associated with the particular program work with the student-athletes?

A: No. The rule states "school coaches" which includes head coaches, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, and coaches who may be coaching the next year.

Q: Is the school in possible violation if the football player is playing in a

non-school basketball league during the football season run by an assistant school basketball coach?

A: The football player may participate in a non-school basketball league during the football season. Keep in mind, the basketball player may not participate in a basketball league during the basketball season. But the school's basketball coach may not work with the school's athletes during the school year outside the basketball season or outside the five contact days during the summer.

Q: Can parents coach the team out-of-season during the school year?

A: Maybe. Be clear on the role of the parent with the high school team. If the parent is not a coach of the high school team or not going to be a coach next season of the high school team, then no problem. However, if the parent is also a coach of the high school team, they may only coach their child out-of-season during the school year and summer (except the five unrestricted days) and not members of the high school team the coach will work with next season.

Q: Looking for clarification on the new change to this that was passed at the annual meeting. Article VI-Non-school participation, Section 2 - Out-of-Season. Am I reading this correctly: Frosh and JV coaches can coach varsity teams while varsity coaches can coach frosh and JV teams outside of the season? Any coach, paid or volunteer assistant, can coach another "team" as long as that "team" is not the same "team/level" he/she will be coaching "in season"?

A: The coaching contact rules have not changed. The only change was that the kids could assemble in any manner they choose voluntarily without any school and/or school coach involvement. "Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement." Varsity/JV coaches are considered the same. There is no distinction between varsity and JV coaches, i.e., JV coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice-versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. Technically, you could have the 9th grade coach work with the JV and/or varsity. But then during the regular season, that coach would have to have zero interaction with those athletes. He/she could not be present during try-outs, practices, scrimmages, contests, or sit on the bench with those athletes. ■

New London Video Selected as Winner of 2012 PSA Contest

A video created and submitted from New London High School is the winner of the third annual WIAA Video Contest, which offers a student's perspective of the benefits of interscholastic athletics through membership in the WIAA.

Students Bill Pence and Austin Huntley created and produced the video, and Missy Porath was the advisor to the project. The video conveyed the importance of education and athletics working together to form the total educational experience and the role the WIAA has in the high school sports experience. The video specifically conveys a young aspiring athlete transposed into high school athletes experiencing their dreams of playing interscholastic sports.

Videos receiving honorable mention were created by Paul Riediger, Jacob Carlson and Anna Bechly of Luther High School; Alejandro DeAnda and Cody Kesich of Greenfield High School; and Connor Gosa, Tom Janny, Spencer Ortega, Dan Lato and Will Schultz of Waukesha West High School. Each of the schools receiving honorable mention were previous contest winners.

The videos were judged based on creativity, quality, ability to inspire and a number of other categories. The contest involves interested students in any academic discipline to partner for a multimedia experience detailing the relationship the WIAA has with member schools, their students, their communities and fans of high school athletics.

All member schools were permitted to enter one or more videos in the contest. The winning video and selected honorable mention videos submitted in the correct formats with appropriate and completed consent forms will receive recognition of participation. Correctly formatted videos will be posted on the WIAA's YouTube site and played at available video display boards at venues of future State Tournaments. In addition, each school receiving honorable mention received a certificate. ■

Coaches Participating Against Athletes in the Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. This rule and its interpretation had prevented coaches from participating against their athletes in structured, non-school league competition, during the off-season. The WIAA Board of Control approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate against their athletes in league competition, organized by a non-school entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

It continues to be a violation of WIAA rules for coaches to participate on the same team as their athletes, in out-of-season play, and to be involved in playing pickup activity with their athletes during the off-season except in school sponsored Open Gyms. The other obvious exception to this is in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer (must conclude by July 28 for fall soccer), softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. ■

Interstate Competition Reminders

WIAA Bylaws prohibit member schools from competing against school teams that are not members of their respective state associations. They also limit the number of events member schools may schedule in non-bordering states to one competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season. Schools may schedule any number of events in bordering states within season game maximum limitations. Bylaws also provide that competition which involves out-of-state teams may require additional WIAA and/or National Federation sanctioning.

1. WIAA approval is required for:
 - a. Any interstate competition in which four or more schools participate, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
 - b. Any interstate competition which involves schools from three or more states, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
2. No approval is required:
 - a. If only one adjacent state and a total of no more than three schools are involved.
 - b. If only one other school is involved.
3. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.
4. No approval shall be granted for any tournament, meet, or other contest to qualify for and/or determine a national high school championship.
5. Both schools must count the contest in the same manner (scrimmage or contest). One school may not count it as a scrimmage while the other school counts it as a contest.

Interstate competition approval does not need to be a difficult process. But the WIAA office will need certain basic information to process your request. When considering playing a school from another state look over elements governing interstate competition as outlined on p. 27 of the Senior High Handbook; Bylaw Art. II, Sect. 5G (these are the fundamental elements we need to know in order to approve, or tell you no approval is needed.) You can also forward the following questions to the event sponsor:

- Dates of event.
- Who is sponsoring the event and where the event will be held.
- Does this event require NFHS sanctions? (found in 5G-1 & 2, p. 27)
- If so, has the event received sanctioning?
- Are all schools you will compete against **9-12 high schools?** (no post secondary/prep academies)
- Are all schools you will compete against **members** of their state association?

Please use the Interstate Competition Request Form provided on the WIAA website for this purpose when requesting approval. <http://www.wiaawi.org/0/PDF/Eligibility/InterstateCompRequest.pdf> ■

Spring and Summer Team Sportsmanship Award Winners Selected

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, has selected the team Sportsmanship Award winners for the 2012 Spring and Summer State Team Championships.

The winners of the prestigious award are Notre Dame in boys tennis, Tigerton in softball, Greenwood in spring baseball, the Lake Country Lutheran and University Lake School co-op in girls soccer and Sheboygan Falls in summer baseball.

It is the first time Notre Dame has been named the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award in boys tennis, and it is the sixth time the school has received the award across all sports, including in girls basketball this past winter. In addition, the girls soccer team won the award in 2002 and 2011; the boys soccer program was the recipient in 2007; and the girls tennis program was honored in 2008. The Tritons won the championship in Division 2 this season following a 4-3 victory over University School in the State Boys Team Tennis championship match. They advanced to the title match via a 6-1 win over Edgewood in the semifinal. Homestead and Kenosha Tremper received honorable mention for the award.

Tigerton was bestowed the honor in softball for its efforts to preserve the ideals of sportsmanship en route to a runner-up finish in Division 4 at the State Softball Tournament. The Tigers shutout Thorp 2-0 in the semifinal before dropping a 5-4 decision to Oakfield in the championship game. It is their second Sportsmanship Award in the sport and second overall. The first came in 2010. Schools receiving honorable mention were Appleton East, De Soto, Germantown, Pacelli, Plymouth, Thorp and West De Pere.

Greenwood was selected as winner of the award in spring baseball, which marks the first time the school has receive the Sportsmanship Award. The Indians lost their first and only game of the season to Johnson Creek in the Division 4 semifinals by the score of 8-5. Coleman, Fox Valley Lutheran and Pittsville each received honorable mention.

The co-op of Lake Country Lutheran and University Lake School receives the Sportsmanship Award for the first time. The girls soccer program and its fans demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship with enthusiastic and positive cheers. The Lightning won the Division 3 championship with a 3-1 win over The Prairie School in the title game after downing St. Mary Central in the semifinals, 3-2 in overtime. Honorable mention for the award was extended to Catholic Memorial, Divine Savior Holy Angels, Notre Dame, Oostburg, St. Mary Central, The Prairie School, Waukesha West and Xavier.



Sheboygan Falls was selected as the winner of the award for the first time in summer baseball after receiving honorable mention at the State Tournament last year. It's the second Sportsmanship Award for the Falcons overall. They received the honor in boys team tennis in 1996. They lost their semifinal to eventual champion Oak Creek, 10-0 in five innings. Oak Creek and Waukesha West received honorable mention.

The WIAA/Rural Mutual Insurance Sportsmanship Award is presented to one school and community in each of the State team tournaments. The award winners are determined by the conduct and sportsmanship displayed by athletes, coaches, cheer and support groups, mascots, bands and spectators. Additional consideration is given for the effort of school administrators and chaperones to insure support for their teams are positive and that the highest ideals of sportsmanship are upheld. Award winners receive a plaque and banner in recognition of the honor. Schools receiving honorable mention are acknowledged with a certificate of recognition.

The selection process includes contributions and evaluations from contest officials, tournament management, police and security personnel, crowd control and ushers, WIAA staff members, area hotels and restaurants. ■



WIAA Spring Spectacular to Air on Statewide Network

A one-hour review of the 2012 spring and summer State Tournaments will be featured in the Spring/Summer Sports Spectacular to be aired on the statewide television network at the end of August and early in September.

Below are the dates and times the program is scheduled to air:

Saturday, Sept. 1

Station	Location	Time
WKOW DTV.1	Madison	1 p.m.
WAOW DTV.1	Wausau	1 p.m.
WYOW DTV.1	Eagle River	1 p.m.
WXOW DTV.1	La Crosse	1 p.m.
WQOW DTV.1	Eau Claire	1 p.m.
WACY DTV.1	Green Bay	1 p.m.
KBJR DTV.2	Duluth, Minn.	3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 2

WMLW DTV.1	Milwaukee	11 a.m.
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WIAA to Conduct Seventh Biennial Sportsmanship Summit

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance will conduct a Sportsmanship Summit Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wis.

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

The purpose of the Summit 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 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 former Milwaukee Brewer all-star Larry Hisle.

Participants will also attend three 40-minute break-out sessions. The subjects for the five break-out presentations available during the three time slots are "The Coach & Participant Roles in Sportsmanship" by Bill Collar; "Sportsmanship--The Officials Prospective" by former WIAA official David Kelliher; "Hazing/Initiation Prevention" by Oregon Middle School principal Jim Pliner; "Sportsmanship Discussion Roundtable" moderated by members of the WIAA Sportsmanship Committee; and "Sportsmanship Expectations: Embracing the Ideals" by 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 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.

The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for the 508 senior high schools and 72 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It currently sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information regarding the event, please contact Todd Clark at the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. ■

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.

BOYS SOCCER

Prairie du Chien at Baraboo Aug. 18, 2012

Both teams showed great sportsmanship throughout the entire game. Both teams were well-coached and were always very positive to their players and if there was a problem they quickly addressed it and moved on to the next play "it is constructive coaching." The game management was excellent. Both coaches were courteous and professional from the start to finish. Baraboo Head Coach Sean Breitzman and Prairie du Chien Head Coach Jim Rohde and their staffs also deserve recognition for their professionalism and positive attitudes. Both benches facilitated a very positive game. I would like to thank both teams their coaches and all their spectators.

Reporting Official: Ananda Sathasivam

Xavier at D.C. Everest Aug. 16, 2012

From the moment we arrived and were greeted by Athletic Director Lee Ann Kitchell. We were treated with respect and saw sportsmanship from both teams. D.C. Everest coach CJ Hanson and Xavier coach Kasey Smith both run very classy programs. They are respectful to each other, fans and also officials. They showed during the game that the game is all about sportsmanship. Our crew said afterward that this is the way the sport is supposed to be played and the way young men should act. Thank you to both programs for showing us that sportsmanship and good behavior matter.

Reporting Official: Rob Weise

Coaches Education Information

Joan Gralla



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 not 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 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 for Coaches is \$45. 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. ■

Getting Off on the Right Foot

The 37th Annual Area Meetings

The start of a new school year is upon us and what better way to begin the year than with the attention focused on interscholastic activities. These activities add a valuable segment to the total educational experience for nearly 90,000 students each year.

Those choosing to take part are enriched with valuable lifelong skills and lessons that are as important as those learned in the traditional classroom.

We bang the drum hard and often, but the message and its relevance can not be overstated or taken for granted. Among the inherent benefits are the promotion of responsible social behavior, the gaining of self-confidence, appreciation of physical fitness and learning to work with others to accomplish a common goal.

In the right environment—fostered by caring and nurturing coaches—activities in our schools change lives; they save lives. The responsibility for those who administer these programs is to ensure they remain a viable and desired partner with the traditional classroom in providing the best and most comprehensive investment for our nation's future success.

The Area Meetings in September provide the forum for the membership to reconnect and recommit to interscholastic sports by discussing the issues and challenges we encounter in sustaining this democratic organization governed by the schools themselves. It bears repeating. The strength of this Association is the participation and engagement of its members, and the Area Meeting discussions are what shape the conversation for the year ahead.

Meeting Discussions Seek Membership Input on Leadership and Loyalty

Among the topics on the agenda are concussion and acclimatization education, sports rules meetings and exams, gender equity, crisis scenarios from a media perspective, ranking officials, seeding State Tournaments, creating district sportsmanship awards and reviewing the new WIAA website.

One topic we look forward to having an insightful discussion on pertains to leadership and loyalty as it relates to high school sports. And, where does the ultimate responsibility reside?

At the Annual Meeting last spring, the members rejected a measure that would impose a penalty if coaches neglect their responsibility to regularly rank officials. They requested the responsibility of compliance be placed locally with school administration.

Leadership at the local level is also required to ensure interscholastic athletic programs serve student-athletes through their participation and education. Who determines and establishes the philosophy of what the goals are for school sports programs within our schools? Strong leadership from school administrators and coaches are paramount in determining the course of their programs by focusing not solely on a win-and-loss basis, but how participation in education-based athletics can benefit adolescents.

Is winning the top priority? Should it be? If it is, doesn't that place more pressure on coaches to the point where there may be a greater likelihood to engage in unethical practices or ignore the ideals of education-based athletics and sportsmanship in the heat of competition? And, does such an emphasis on winning make it easier to look the other way when a program, coach or student-athlete "does what it takes" to win, making compliance to the rules or to the spirit of interscholastic activities optional?

Is the community, booster clubs, parents or local recreation leagues influencing decisions in our schools' programs? It takes leadership within programs to embrace and understand the dynamics and motives of various outside groups, but ultimately, it's the member schools with their purpose and philosophy that needs to take ownership of their programs. In the current climate surrounding school athletic programs, it takes leadership to articulate and educate various groups to the role of high school sports.

It's also the school's leadership, values, priorities and philosophy that must determine what role loyalty has in providing opportunities for student-athletes. As a membership, we require student-athletes in our programs to exercise loyalty to the school program. Membership rules prohibit participating in nonschool sports during the same sports school season. As coaches, student-athletes are expected to be committed to the developmental regimen by working on skill development and executing a precise game plan. Is it reasonable and beneficial to embrace a school program philosophy that extends the same loyalty required of its student-athletes?

Traditionally, successful varsity high school programs have been comprised of predominantly juniors and seniors. When freshmen and sophomores are determined to have the skill set to compete and develop at the varsity level, what

happens to those roles traditionally occupied by juniors and seniors? What's afforded the upperclassmen who may have been involved in the program for their entire high school careers, and committing extensive time and effort over the years? Is there a role for them?

While reports indicate student involvement in high school athletics continues to climb on the national scale, some popular sports are experiencing a decline in participation to the point where schools are not able to field teams at all levels within a program. Freshman, and even some junior varsity programs, are disappearing as opportunities for students to connect with their schools.

Research shows that the early teenage years are a formidable and impressionable time. Any manner within the rules of eligibility to engage young students in school activities presents a greater likelihood of them benefiting from the total educational experience and reduces the number of dropouts and the problems associated with truancy and marginalization.

The presumption that participation is a priority in youth and interscholastic sports has been emphasized since their inception. However, has the competitive nature of sports, as well as the ecstasy of winning consumed the ideology of sports at all levels?

While the exuberance of victory and success is an intoxicating reward for commitment, determination and skills, there can be an unintended and detrimental residue that accompanies a narrow focus on winning and anointing elite individuals as members of the next youth or freshman "Dream Team" at developmental levels. Yet, because of the nature and culture of competitive sports, are school programs willing to overlook the big picture in the development of young student-athletes?

Experience tells us a decreased number of participants is already being observed in some sports at the youth level and in ninth and 10th grade school programs as a result of having been relegated to the "B" or "C" team. Developing athletes—likely influenced by parental attitudes—become discouraged and choose to no longer participate. The flip side of this scenario is the "burn out" factor. So much emphasis and pressure to excel at an early age that by the time they reach high school, some begin viewing the activity as laborious and no longer fun, thus choosing to quit.

Perhaps we can brush aside some of these consequences as some of the important life-long lessons associated with competition and interscholastic athletics, but we must be mindful that in order to experience these benefits, kids have to actually continue participating in school activities. Again, program direction, philosophy and responsibility lies with school leadership.

Participation in school-based programs is designed to develop student-athletes for varsity programs and for life beyond high school. This retention requires loyalty and thoughtful consideration of what is best for kids. We look forward to hearing your views on leadership and loyalty and a number of other topics at an Area Meeting near you! ■

Keep These Dates in Mind

August 28	Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match
September 3	Labor Day
September 5	Area Meeting – Barneveld
September 7	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
September 10	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)
September 11	Area Meeting – Greenfield
September 12	Area Meeting – Antigo
	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Softball (Stevens Point)
September 13	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball (Stevens Point)
September 17-18	Rosh Hashanah
September 18	Area Meeting – Watertown
September 19	Area Meeting – Black River Falls
September 24	Sportsmanship Meeting
September 25	Area Meeting – Rice Lake
September 26	Area Meeting – Appleton
	Yom Kippur
September 26-27	Girls Golf Regionals
October 1	Sports Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
October 1-2	Girls Tennis Subsectionals
October 1-2-3	Girls Golf Sectionals
October 3-4	Girls Tennis Sectionals
October 4-5	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
October 5	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
	Deadline for Football Playoff Site Listing



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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 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2012-2013

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18-24, 2012
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	September 22-October 5, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3-16, 2012
February 9, 2013*	January 11, 2013	January 12-18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9-22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4-17, 2013

ACT - 2013-2014

September 21, 2013	February 8, 2014*
October 26, 2013	April 12, 2014
December 14, 2013	June 14, 2014

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

Did you know . . .

Participation in high school activities is often a predictor of future success in college, career and becoming a productive and contributing member of society?



Source: NFHS's "The Case for High School Activities"