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WIAA to Live Stream Pre-Finals Games of Spring State Tournaments

FSN Wisconsin to Air Tape-Delayed Spring State Tournament Finals in July

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in partnership with When We Were Young Productions, will stream all the pre-final games of the State Girls Soccer, Softball and Spring Baseball Tournaments on its Web portal wiaa.tv in June.

All quarterfinals and semifinals of the State Soccer Tournaments scheduled June 5-6 can be viewed live on the portal. The quarterfinals and semifinals of the State Softball Tournament also on June 5-6 will also be available on wiaa.tv, as will the quarterfinals and semifinals of the State Spring Baseball Tournament on June 10-11.

Contractual arrangements with FSN Wisconsin for the tape-delayed airing of the State Tournament finals exclude those games from being streamed live.

The tape-delayed airing of the State team championship finals are scheduled in July on FSN Wisconsin. The Division 1 girls soccer title game is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 at noon. The Division 2 title game is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 at 2 p.m., and the Division 3 championship match-up is set for Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m.

The airing of the Division 1 softball final is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at noon; the Division 2 title game is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m.; the Division 3 championship game is scheduled for Friday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.; and the Division 4 final is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m.

The broadcast of the Division 1 spring baseball final is scheduled for Thursday, July 10 at 8 p.m.; the Division 2 title game is scheduled for Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m.; and the Division 3 championship game is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m. The date and time for the airing of the Division 4 final has not yet been determined.

The Division 1 State Track and Field Championships will be aired Monday, July 14. The boys show will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the girls program to follow at 8:30 p.m. Dates and times of Divisions 2 and 3 championship programs have not been determined. The State Boys Golf championship highlight show is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 at 4 p.m., and the schedule for the State Boys Tennis Championships broadcasts have not yet been determined.

The WIAA launched the first live streaming of its State Tournaments at the 2007 State Spring Baseball Championships. That three-day, 20-game event drew nearly 12,000 viewers. The Individual Wrestling Championships in February received 131,000 views. The initiative delivers tournament programming that is not scheduled to air on FSN Wisconsin.

For tournament schedules and complete results of all State Championship Tournaments, visit the WIAA Website at: www.wiaawi.org. For a schedule of WIAA events on FSN Wisconsin or to purchase State Tournament DVDs, please visit www.prepfilms.com. †



IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

The tournaments have arrived and the WIAA needs the assistance and cooperation from participating schools and host managers to provide timely, accurate and complete information for tournament programs and website 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 within 20 minutes 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, up-to-date statistics and roster 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 on each team sport's home page. Click on the link named "98 Word Statistics Template" and "98 Word Roster Template" 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 jpeg file for the tournament program. **Please do not put the photo into a word document - email the jpeg file of the photo by itself.** †

Directory Information Deadline

The WIAA staff is currently working on the 2008-09 Membership Directory and is asking your cooperation in receiving information for the publication. Directory information emails were sent to schools on May 1, 2008, with a deadline to be returned by May 30, 2008. If you have not yet returned your directory information updates, please do so immediately.

Please access the on-line high school directory on the WIAA Website by clicking on the link below and access your school's page from the alphabetical listing. Please review and return any changes to the information listed on your school's entry via email to our office at: kgrulkowski@wiaawi.org

<http://www.wiaawi.org/directory.php>

We are aware that a number of staff and/or administrative positions may exist by the deadline. However, in order to complete and distribute the directory as soon as possible in the fall, we need the information by the prescribed deadline. Please list vacancies with "TBA."

Please submit via email, fax or mail updates as the vacancies arise or are filled during the course of the year. †

Spring Sport Deadlines Approaching

Just a reminder that June 1, 2008 is the deadline for spring sport co-op applications and renewals, deadline for schools adding a "new" spring sport for the spring of 2009, and the deadline for schools to opt up one division in a spring sport. †

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Softball and Track & Field



Marcy Thurwachter

Softball Questions & Answers

Reminder: WIAA Softball Season Regulations permit postponed games to be rescheduled even if either of the involved schools has begun the WIAA Tournament. Page 28 of the Season Regulations; "No game may be scheduled (but a game may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition."

Update: In light of the inclement weather we have experienced this spring, the WIAA is also relaxing the restriction on the number of games that may be played on school days. The Season Regulation language indicates that only 14 of the 20 games allowed may be played on school days. Schools need not follow that regulation for the remainder of the softball season.

This year the WIAA included several video clips of illegal pitches in hopes that this would help umpires recognize illegal pitches. It appears that many umpires continue to either ignore or still cannot recognize these illegal pitches. The primary responsibility for calling illegal pitches rests with the base umpire. It is recommended that both umpires watch the pitchers carefully during warm-ups prior to the game and if there is a question regarding the legality of the pitcher inform the coach before the game starts. Failure to call illegal pitches helps no one. It only creates more of an uncomfortable situation for the umpires that

work this pitcher's next game. Use preventative officiating whenever possible and if necessary call the illegal pitches you observe during games!

Question 1: Are defensive players allowed to wear face masks?

Answer: Legal. Rule 1-8-4; "Defensive players are permitted to wear face/head protection in the field, except as in 3-2-14, and as specifically required in 1-7. Face/head protection worn by defenders shall have a non-glare outer surface."

Question 2: If a game is suspended do you start over or pick up where you left off?

Answer: Refer to page 29 of the Softball Season Regulations; "A game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree not to do so (Rule 4-2-3)."

Question 3: I coach a summer league team. Are high school players allowed to practice with the summer team now? Could they play in a tournament?

Answer: Competition is illegal. Refer to the Senior High Handbook, page 37; "A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for com-

peting in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school." It is recommended that athletes discuss their intentions to practice with an outside group with their high school coach.

Question 4: My daughter just had her ears pierced. May she put tape over them in order to compete?

Answer: Illegal. Rule 3-2-12; "Players in the game are prohibited from wearing jewelry such as rings, watches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces..." Putting tape over the jewelry does not make it legal.

Question 5: When must an umpire enforce the warm-up rule which requires the catcher to wear her catcher's helmet and mask/throat protector? Only when squatting or standing too?

Answer: Rule 1-7-3; "Any non-adult warming up a pitcher at any location within the confines of the field shall wear an approved catcher's helmet and mask combination and throat protector." The interpretation would be any time the pitcher is using the underhand pitching motion the rule should be enforced.

Question 6: I've heard that there is a new rule taking effect next season regarding the distance of the outfield fence. Can you explain?

Answer: NEW for 2009: "The right for a higher seed to host any regional game will be determined by the outfield fence being at 185 to 235 feet (as per NFHS 1-1-3a). If the higher seed does not have a field meeting the requirement, the lower seed will host. If neither team has a field that complies, the higher seed will host the game."

Question 7: Player A hits a towering home run over the left field fence. As she rounds third base one of her teammates enters the field to high five her. What is the ruling? Teammate does not have a helmet on.

Answer: Runner is not out. Rule 3-5-4 and 8-6-5 define assistance. Since the ball entered dead ball territory the rules do not apply. Rule 1-6-2 requires a helmet when ball is live. Again, since the ball entered dead ball territory the rule does not apply. However, Rule 3-6-6; "Only the batter, runner(s), on-deck batter, coaches in the coach's box, bat/ball shaggers or one of the nine players on defense are permitted to be outside the designated dugout/bench or designated warm-up areas." Penalty would apply in this situation; "The umpire shall issue a team warning to the coach of the team involved and the next offender on that team shall be restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game. +"

Track & Field Questions & Answers

Question 1: Is it legal to use a bungee cord during warm-ups for the pole vault?

Answer: Illegal. From the NFHS; "Use of the bungee cord for warm-ups at an interscholastic meet is not acceptable under Rule 7-5-16. This restriction would be in effect during the actual competition as well as the warm-up period prior to the event."

Question 2: Several of my athletes have purchased undergarments that have contrasting colored stitching at the seams is this legal?

Answer: Legal. From the NFHS; "The contrasting stitching is considered functional to the garment's construction."

Question 3: Is it legal to take a bandanna and fold it to make it a headband?

Answer: Illegal. Bandannas worn either as headwear or hair control devices are currently illegal.

Question 4: I have an athlete who is signed up to run the Green Bay marathon. Is this legal during the season?

Answer: Illegal. Please refer to the Senior High Handbook,

page 37; "A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school."

Question 5: Is it legal for a thrower to use spray adhesive on their hands during competition?

Answer: Legal. As per the NFHS office; "Rule 6-2-14, ...competitors are allowed to use chalk or an adhesive or similar substance such as rosin on their hands during

competition. Spray adhesive is considered such a substance."

Question 6: I thought that the WIAA had banned the practice of "pooling" implements. Is this true?

Answer: The WIAA highly discourages this practice. From the May 4, 2007 Q & A's; "The WIAA is discouraging the practice of pooling. You are correct that implements, especially the discus are expensive. Throwing implements should be treated the same as pole vault poles, ask the individual if you can borrow it. The owner has the right to refuse." +"

2008 Summer Baseball Seeding Meeting Hosts

Sectional 1 – Whitehall HS, July 9, 2008, 7 p.m. Contact Dave Henrickson, AD, W 715-7538-4364, cell 715-797-1731, email henrickd@whitehallsd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 2 – Howards Grove HS, July 6, 2008, 6 p.m. Contact Thad Gabrielse, AD, W 920-565-5469, H 920-564-2886, cell 920-226-1894, email tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 3 – West Bend East

HS, via e-mail. Contact Jeff Rondorf, AD, W 262-35-5591, cell 262-388-2034, email jrondorf@westbend.k12.wi.us

Sectional 4 – Homestead HS, July 10, 2008, 8 a.m. Contact Charlie Gross, AD, W 262-238-5634, H 262-238-4634, cell 414-659-7729, email cgross@mtsd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 5 – Menomonee Falls HS, July 6, 2008, 3 p.m. at North

Hills Country Club, N73 W13430 Appleton Ave. Contact David Petroff, AD, W 262-255-8497, H 262-255-4799, cell 414-651-7093, email petrдав@sdmf.k12.wi.us

Sectional 6 – Waukesha West HS, July 9, 2008, 10 a.m. in Principal's conference room. Contact Jessica Wagner/New AD, W 262-970-3911 or 262-970-3919. email jwagner@waukesha.k12.wi.us

Sectional 7 – West Allis Hale HS, July 10, 2008, 4 p.m. Contact Steve Seston, AD, W 414-604-3219, H 262-293-3864, cell 414-416-0831, email sestons@wawm.k12.wi.us

Sectional 8 – Franklin HS, July 5, 2008, 8 a.m. in Room 132. Contact Don Kurth, AD, W 414-423-4640 x2005, H 414-331-2496, cell 414-331-2496, email kurthd@franklin.k12.wi.us +



OFFICIALS



Officials interested in regular-season game/meet openings can access the "Officials Wanted" website at: www.officialswanted.com

Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt an official from sport/rule meeting attendance requirements. ALL criteria for an advanced classification must be met, including corresponding test scores.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 20-22, 2008
Site: UW-River Falls
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu
Note: Registration Deadline: April 15, 2008

YOU MAKE THE CALL 3-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 27-29, 2008
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Becky Blank 262-375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

THE RIGHT CALLS GIVING BACK OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 27-29, 2008
Site: Mac Center in Verona
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS/LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CAMP

Dates: July 18-20, 2008
Site: Lawrence University, Appleton
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-841-8813 or 920-788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com
Note: Registration Deadline: July 7, 2008

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: July 25, 26, 2008
Site: Watertown High School
Contact: James Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 2, 2008
Site: Wausau West High School
Contact: Joel Schult 715-581-6886 or schult79@yahoo.com

EWQA/RLOA L1-L3 OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 9, 2008
Site: Racine Case High School
Contact: Jeff Stern 262-632-8855 or 262-639-8404

BSVSOA DIVING CLINIC FOR OFFICIALS AND COACHES

Date: August 11, 2008
Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Site: Neenah High School
Contact: Chuck Heidner 920-469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 13, 19, 2008
Site: Milwaukee Area
Contact: James Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 15, 16, 2008
Site: TBA (Madison Area)
Contact: Dave Jameson 608-212-9268 the jamos@charter.net or djameson@soderholmfoods.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 15, 16, 2008
Site: Kimberly High School
Contact: James Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 22, 23, 2008
Site: Minocqua Area
Contact: Jim Hochevar 262-538-4189 or 414-801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com +

Baseball Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: Thanks for emailing me on the baseball player that was ejected Tuesday. Could I get a clarification for my coach? The player was ejected in the first game of a doubleheader. The umpires did not allow him to play the next game of the doubleheader. This event happened on Tuesday we did not play Wednesday. My understanding is that player would not be eligible for our game today, Thursday. Is this correct?

A.: Please see p. 5 of the Spring Season Regulations, #8. If the player was withheld from the second game of the doubleheader – it would appear to me that he would be eligible for today's game – unless your school or conference rules are more strict. About the only time this rule needs to be considered differently is in those sports, like wrestling, e.g. where you have 'multi event' dates – where a student might be ejected from the first dual in a team dual tournament ... and miss the reminder of the duals that day and yet still need to miss the next scheduled event. In baseball and softball – where each game 'counts one' in the season maximums, each game counts one in this scenario as well.

Q.: This was a test question, and I had 3 different answers from three different officials. It was concerning a pitcher returning to pitch in the same inning as he was replaced, but stayed in the field. How many warmups does he get the second time? I say zero, since he already had his 5 at the beginning of the inning. Other answers were 5 and 8. I would think possibly 8 could be correct because a normal replacement would get 8. Five doesn't seem to be a viable answer. If the pitcher returns during a different inning, I would assume he would get 8.

A.: 8 – if the pitcher wants them

– Rule 6-2-2 exception: "A Relief pitcher may not use more than eight throws to warm-up." Anyone brought in as a relief pitcher has no more than eight throws to warm-up even if he has pitched that inning. Also ref. Rule 6-1-2: A player may be removed as a pitcher only once per inning.

Q.: The question of game length surfaced at a game I officiated last night. If there is a 10 run rule for a 7 inning game, is there a run rule when the schools play two 5 inning games?

A.: No. There is no provision within high school baseball rules that allow for two 5 inning games being considered a doubleheader. All HS baseball games are scheduled for 7 innings - NF 4-2-2b: "Two seven innings games shall constitute a doubleheader." Game ending procedures due to weather or darkness are outlined in 4-2-3.

Q.: I am a high school head baseball coach. We received the WIAA Spring Baseball Summary for one of the schools in our regional, for seeding purposes. I see that they had 2 different doubleheaders in which the games were (evidently) scheduled to be 5 innings each. I had heard that any/all games that were scheduled for 5 innings could not be considered for seeding purposes. I probably shouldn't be making a fuss about this, but am curious. Can you tell me if this is true/accurate?

A.: For those who inquired - they were told there is no provision to play two 5 inning baseball games as a doubleheader. Baseball games by National Federation rules which our association adheres to are 7 innings. A doubleheader of two 5 inning games is a softball rule. It does not exist as an option or adaptation in baseball. NO 5 inning games were approved by this office.

To this point, I have not received an allegation of violation or complaint from a member school's administration, nor have I provided an interpretation on if or how those encounters should be counted or considered. Keep in mind the purpose of the seed meeting is to attempt to identify best teams. The W/L record is only a part of that.

Q.: We had a baseball game suspended in the bottom of the second inning with no outs, runners at 1st and 3rd, score 4-0. Three runs had been scored in the bottom of the 2nd inning. The opposing team wants the game to start from the top of the 2nd inning with the score being 1-0. The umpires ruled that the game would continue from where the game was suspended. Your interpretation?

A.: Please ask opposing team to see spring season regulations, p. 6, # 15b.

Q.: Is there a temperature required in order to play spring baseball? I've seen games played under 40 degrees and it just does not seem right.

A.: The member schools have not identified a specific required temperature. Each game is locally controlled.

Q.: I have a question regarding a pitcher in a suspended game. Last night we had a game suspended in the 5th inning due to darkness, after completing one game earlier in the afternoon. One of the teams used a pitcher for 5 innings in the first game, and then he also threw 2 innings in the suspended game to use up his 7 innings, so he was no longer able to pitch in that second game. When we resume play, will that pitcher be eligible to once again pitch in the suspended game if he has innings available at that time, or does the status of each individual remain as it was at the point of the suspension?

A.: Depending on when the suspended game is completed and the days off/days of rest for this pitcher, theoretically he could come back and throw another 10 innings against you. Look at the fundamental pitching rule p. 4, Spring Regs. 7, D-1. If the pitcher has had two days off, he would have a full game to bring. As an athlete well-being provision (not a competitive equity platform) its foundation is based upon innings pitched over X number of days; not how many innings were thrown vs. a specific opponent, necessarily.

Q.: We had a baseball game suspended after 3 complete innings. The 4th inning never started. Score after 3 innings was 13-1 in our favor. It was a lightning issue that became a daylight problem. Now, the other team has decided and communicated they have no desire to return and finish this game. With that decision, questions arise. 1) Does this constitute a forfeit? 2) If they agree to count it as complete game, can that even be done? 3) Can the stats through the 3 innings count or stand?

A.: Yes, this would become a forfeited game. (WIAA has adopted game ending procedures which declare this a suspended game – 4-4 indicates those must be followed. Since they are not, technically becomes a forfeit.) Score is 7-0 per rule 4-4-2. It could not be counted as a complete game as it stands. Individual stats are up to you. Pitching rule still must be considered/counted.

Q.: Case book 3.1.4. C, Page 25 – F4, for whom the DH is batting, pinch runs for the DH. The DH is eliminated. Next inning the DH re-enters the game and

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Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

QUESTION: Last night a golfer took relief because his ball was in the middle of a cart path. The cart path ran parallel to the green and the hole. Because the area immediately behind the path was red staked, a controversy arose where his nearest point of relief could be identified. Without measuring it appeared that taking relief on the green side of the path actually placed the golfer's ball closer to the hole. In this situation the other option appeared to be taking relief back in the fairway. How would you rule?

INTERPRETATION: Point of Relief Illustration—is an excellent tool for helping coaches and players understand the steps of determining the Nearest Point of Relief.

Nearest Point of Relief is defined as:

(i) that is not nearer to the hole, and

(ii) where, if the ball were so positioned, no interference by the condition from which relief is sought would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition were not there.

Generally speaking, a player needs to determine the spot where the ball is not near the hole and allows the player to make his/her shot without interference by an immovable obstruction, an abnormal ground condition or a wrong putting green. The drop may not take place in a hazard. This spot needs to be the closest spot to where the ball previously lied.

QUESTION: Since I am running the regional and I need to be out monitoring the course for pace of play, who can give my golfers "gps" distances?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Season Regulations for boy's golf now indicate that "one designated coach be allowed to coach during competition." This coach does need to be a contracted golf coach with the school he/she is coaching. If a coach is also running the meet they are involved in, another contracted coach can be the coach wearing the tag for the day; however, this prevents

the coach who is running the meet from providing advice to his/her players.

My best suggestion is to have another school person handle the management of the regional meet so that you are able to coach and provide advice during the golf meet.

QUESTION: Can a school golf team receive a waiver that will allow a coach to use a motorized cart to take a player to the bathroom in emergency situations?

INTERPRETATION: This is an emergency situation where a coach is allowed to use a cart to take a player to the bathroom when needed. This is similar to any emergency situation where a coach would be expected to help out if needed. The player can receive this ride and then be returned to the hole where play is continuing. No waiver is necessary.

QUESTION: Is there a rule in golf on how many balls a player is allowed to use in a meet or have in his bag?

INTERPRETATION: No, there is no rule by either the WIAA or the USGA regarding the number of balls a player can use in a meet or have in their bag. Also, if a player happens to run out of balls, they are able to purchase balls and/or receive balls from competitors or spectators so that they are able to continue their round.

QUESTION: Can I take my team to the regional golf course for practice if I have only had 11 meets during the WIAA regular season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as your high school golf team has played in less than 14 meets, this would allow you to have a practice that counts towards one meet in your meet maximums at the regional site. Please be certain to obtain permission from school administrators as the cost of these practices can be rather expensive with gas prices being as they are.

QUESTION: Can I take my team to the conference golf course for practice if I have only had 11 meets during the WIAA regular season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so

long as your high school golf team has played in less than 14 meets, this would allow you to have a practice that counts towards one meet in your meet maximums at a non-home course site.

QUESTION: If a school administrator believes an eligibility violation has taken place and we are investigating this matter, do the student-athletes involved have to miss the contest on that day of the meet?

INTERPRETATION: If you believe there has been a violation - then they are ineligible from the time the violation occurred. If they play as ineligible players - then the event and/or their contributions - are forfeit.

QUESTION: If a team is playing at a country club for example, and the golfers are required to wear collared shirts and "nice slacks or shorts"...is there any penalty for a coach who shows up in jeans and a t-shirt?

INTERPRETATION: Attire worn by coaches is the responsibility of the school administration. Coaches and players represent their school and community as they compete in their meets.

I advise you to discuss this further with your athletic director to determine whether or not the school involved needs to be contacted.

QUESTION: Do hole by hole results have to be posted for everyone to see? If they aren't...how can any one know if someone reported the wrong score? If hole by hole scores aren't posted, who is responsible for the final addition?

INTERPRETATION: There are no WIAA or USGA regulations that require the posting of meet results. WIAA tournament information requests that meet management follow a protocol posting scores as they come in and then leaving scores up for approximately 15 minutes following the posting of the final scores so that players and coaches can review the hole by hole scores. Conferences may want to identify a similar protocol for the completion of conference meets. Nonconference meets

are organized and managed by the host school.

QUESTION: Does the fact that a player incorrectly marked his scorecard on seven of nine holes and changed these scores only after being questioned by competitors and coaches constitute unsportsmanlike conduct?

INTERPRETATION: USGA Rule 33-7 indicates "If a Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this rule."

QUESTION: Can a coach intervene if he/she sees someone make a "drop" incorrectly?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a drop is a correctable situation. USGA Rule 20-6 identifies that a ball that is incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the rules but not played may be lifted, without penalty, and the player must then proceed correctly. Consequently, I have directed coaches to intervene when they witness a drop being done incorrectly and have the player redo the drop properly.

QUESTION: Can a coach remind a player to replace their marker while playing a hole and on a green?

INTERPRETATION: The answer to this question is now - Yes, a coach can remind a player to replace their marker so long as they do not walk on the green to do so. Keep in mind, it is only the one, designated coach who is allowed to remind the player or give him/her advice.

QUESTION: Can a coach tell a player about a penalty he might have made and save him from being disqualified if he can still go back and correct the mistake while walking with him from the green to the next tee?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a coach could inform a player they have breached a rule (in this situation playing a wrong ball) and can prevent disqualification by going back to the green, remarking, finish the hole and take a two-stroke

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penalty.

QUESTION: Can I provide assistance to another team's player for a ruling while they play a hole?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Season Regulations for Golf now indicate, "One designated coach be allowed to coach during competition. The designated coach may give rule options to their own players anytime, and rule options to other competitors ONLY when asked by that competitor."

QUESTION: Can we reschedule a JV match after the start of the WIAA Tournament Series?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, you may reschedule the city meet to May 25, following the WIAA Regional Golf meets. Per WIAA Season Regulations, page 13, 6., c., No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition. This includes JV matches. Please be certain to consult with school administration for their approval in rescheduling any golf meet.

QUESTION: Can a meet that is played at two different courses over two days only be counted as one meet?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Spring Season Regulations, 6., d., page 13, indicates no meet may continue more than two days. WIAA language remains silent regarding a meet that is played at two different courses.

QUESTION: A golfer took a practice swing while in the fairway and accidentally hit his ball about 10 yards to the right. Is this a stroke?

INTERPRETATION: No, he had no intention of moving the ball – see Definition of "Stroke."

However, he does incur a penalty stroke under Rule 18-2a for moving his ball in play, and the ball must be replaced. The penalty is one stroke.

If the player hit the ball from the spot where the ball was hit to, it would then be the general penalty under Rule 18 of two strokes assuming there is not a serious breach.

QUESTION: Can turtlenecks be worn in place of collared shirts

during the WIAA tournament series?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks can be worn in place of collared shirts during the WIAA Tournament Series.

QUESTION: A player addressed the ball and the ball moved an inch without making contact with the ball. Is there a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: Since the player had addressed the ball, he is deemed to have caused the ball to move and should replace the ball with a one stroke penalty. If the player fails to replace the ball he incurs a two-stroke penalty assuming there is not a serious breach.

QUESTION: A player hit his second shot way to the right. He found the ball and played it. At that time, he realized that his ball was out-of-bounds. Is this a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: Since his ball is out-of-bounds the ball is not the ball in play and thus was a wrong ball when he played it from out-of-bounds. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for hitting a wrong ball. He also must proceed under the out-of-bounds rule by playing a ball as near as possible to where he had played his second shot and incurs an additional one stroke penalty.

QUESTION: We had a spectator who, in the estimation of the coach who witnessed the event, purposefully stepped on the ball of a player. After reviewing the incident, we decided to remove the spectator from the meet. Is this the correct procedure?

INTERPRETATION: Determination of spectator attendance is a local, school decision. Certainly, when someone purposefully interferes with the meet, removal from the competition is appropriate. Other penalties that can be applied to spectators include warnings, written letters of reprimand, suspensions and even prevention from attending.

QUESTION: Just a quick couple of questions before we host the regional. First, what is the rule about small electronics on the course? Second, what phone

numbers should I have handy during the regional? Second, any last words of advice about applying the pace-of-play rule?

INTERPRETATION: First, regarding electronic measuring devices, golfers are not allowed to use them. Coaches and spectators can use them; however, one designated coach is the only person who can share information/advice with players. Spectators may not provide information/advice or instruction to players.

If you are referring to cellphones and other electronic devices, these should only be allowed for use around the clubhouse. Cellphones can be taken on the course, but should only be used in emergency situations. Players identified using a cellphone during play need to be warned first and then a two-stroke penalty is assessed if a second violation takes place.

There are a couple of phone numbers I always keep handy just in case something happens. The first is the local emergency number in case something happens on the course. Having the local school number so that you can contact school administrators is also a good one to have ready. And then there is my number (715) 344-8580 for weather, rulings and other issues when needed. Also, the WSGA in case you are not able to get a hold of me is (414) 718-3796. These numbers should help you out.

Regarding Pace of Play, there are two very simple keys:

1. Keep the first group out moving and on time/pace.
2. Keep everyone else right behind them.

I have plenty of information on the School Center under Pace of Play Information. The WSGA can provide you with a pace of play chart so that you know your times for each hole and group during a round. Feel free to review this, write me or give me a call or call me during the tournament if you get in a situation where penalties might have to be assessed. I'll be glad to help.

QUESTION: Our regional is at

Course X, it is not designated as one of our home courses. Can I arrange a practice round there for my team if they transport themselves and pay for the round? Can I put it on my credit card and have them reimburse me? Can I play with them or be present when they play?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Season Regulations, 9. Prohibition of Practice at Tournament Site, indicates that "A school which practices on a course (except home course(s)) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA Tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets."

Since Course X is not one of your "home courses." This means you have to count a practice there as one of your 14 allowed meets when you are in attendance or make arrangements for the team members to practice there. Players can go there on their own, with relatives, friends, and others; but, should they go there with a coach present, by your direction or via payment by you or the school, it has to be counted as a practice. If you will compete in less than 14 meets this golf season, you are able to take the team there for a practice. I encourage you to obtain school administration approval prior to making arrangements.

QUESTION: If I want to purchase a rangefinder and use it to get and give yardages - I'm allowed to do that? I just have to follow the Coaching On Course Regulations?

INTERPRETATION: Discussions regarding use of electronic measuring devices during tournament competition pertained to players. Players are not allowed to use EMDs. Use of EMDs by coaches during the tournament is allowed. Spectators are not allowed to give players information from their EMD or any advice. Information they wish to share, must be shared with their team's one designated coach. The coach can then determine if he/she wishes to share it with the player(s). ✚

Games Wanted

Schools Should Notify WIAA When Games Are Filled. Listings will be removed after one month from the date they were first listed. The date at the end of each listing is the date that particular listing was first listed.

FALL

Cross Country

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 20, 2008 - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Sept. 23, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 460. (5-5)

Sept. 23, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Sept. 25, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Oshkosh North - Craig Leider 920-424-4020 ext. 643 or craig.lieder@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

GENERAL

2008 - Looking for meets in early to mid-September. Catholic Central - Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (5-13)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 22, 2008 - Fourth team for varsity/JV scrimmage. Grafton - Scott Parsons 262-376-5515 or sparsons@grafton.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Aug. 22, 2008 - Fourth team for scrimmage. Manitowoc Lincoln - John Johnson 920-683-4861 ext. 6105. (4-24)

Sept. 4, 2008 - JV game. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

Sept. 4, 5 or 6, 2008 - Varsity and JV game. West Allis Central - Dax Rodriguez 414-604-3100 ext. 6214 or rodrd@wawm.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

Sept. 6 7 27, 2008 - JV games. Marshall - Coach Kramer 414-393-5752. (5-1)

Sept. 12, 2008 - Varsity game. Northwood - Curt Zamzow 715-466-2297 or curt_zamzow@northwood.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

Sept. 18, 2008 - Freshmen game. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

Sept. 19, 2008 - Varsity game. Shorewood - William Haury 414-963-6951 or bhaury@shorewood.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Sept. 22-25, 2008 - Frosh game (home or away). Medford - Bob Winamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (4-25)

Oct. 9, 2008 - Freshmen game. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

GENERAL

2008 (Week 1) - JV game. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@hufs.org. (5-14)

2008 (Weeks 2 or 3) - Frosh game. Rice Lake - Steve Salisbury

715-234-2181 ext. 1044 or salisbury@ricelake.k12.wi.us. (5-5)

2009 (Week 1) - Game. Sheboygan Falls - Lisa Bocchini 920-467-7890 ext. 3137. (4-29)

2009 (Week 1) - Game. Amery - Renee Chapek chapekr@amerysd.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

2009 & 2010 (Weeks 1 & 2) - Games versus the realigned Southeast Conference schools. These schools include: Racine Case, Park and Horlick; Kenosha Bradford and Tremper; Oak Creek, Franklin and Muskego. Looking for 2-year agreements with home and home scheduling. Looking to match up with another 8-team conference. Please contact any of the following Athletic Directors at their respective schools: Mike Rupnow (Racine Case), Jay Hammes (Racine Horlick) Jim Kerkvliet (Racine Park), Steve Knecht (Kenosha Bradford), Joe Fanning (Kenosha Tremper), Greg Lampe (Oak Creek), Don Kurth (Franklin) and Scott Kugi (Muskego). You may also contact Dr. Larry Fell, conference commissioner of the Southeast at 262-762-3747 or 262-942-2211. (5-13)

2009 & 2010 (Week 6) - Varsity game. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25 or 26, 2008 - Varsity scrimmage. Oshkosh North - Craig Leider 920-424-4020 ext. 643 or craig.lieder@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

Aug. 26-27, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational (3 games). Racine Case - Mike Rupnow 262-619-4258 or mike.rupnow@racine.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

Sept. 8 & 22, 2008 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Ronald Reagan - Coach Magner 414-304-6164 or magnertg@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

Sept. 20, 2008 - Tem for varsity/JV quad. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (5-8)

Sept. 27, 2008 - Teams for JV invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

GENERAL

2008 - JV games. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (5-8)

Girls Swimming & Diving

GENERAL

2008 - Dual meet. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (5-14)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 19, 2008 - Team for 8-team tournament. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 or wfell@ddschoools.org. (5-14)

Aug. 21, 2008 - Team for 8-team tournament. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-30)

Aug. 23, 2008 - Team for quad. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-30)

Aug. 30, 2008 - Teams for 8-team invitational. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-30)

GENERAL

2008 - Dual matches (varsity & JV). Whitnall - Mike Brand mbrand@whitnall.com. (5-6)

2008 - Multi-school match. Oconomowoc - Suellyn Schellpeper srohrer702@sbcglobal.net. (5-1)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 23, 2008 - Varsity and JV teams for scrimmage. Sevastopol - Ron Shefchik 920-743-6282 ext. 104. (5-14)

Aug. 26, 2008 - Team for varsity quad. Kenosha St. Joseph - Ellen Santarelli 262-308-1647 or esantarelli@kenoshastjoseph.com. (5-13)

Aug. 26, 2008 - Team for varsity quad. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Aug. 26, 2008 - Team for varsity tri-match. Abundant life Christian - Lesly Verbeten 608-221-1520 ext. 332 or lverbeten@mail.lakecitychurch.org. (5-6)

Sept. 6, 20 or Oct. 11, 2008 - Berth in varsity tournament. Columbus Catholic (Marshfield) - Lucas Hart 715-387-1177 or hartl@mfldacs.net. (5-5)

Sept. 13, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Holmen - Linzi Gronning 608-526-9208 or grolin@holmen.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

Sept. 19, 2008 - Team for JV tournament. Kenosha St. Joseph - Ellen Santarelli 262-308-1647 or esantarelli@kenoshastjoseph.com. (5-13)

Sept. 20, 2008 - Team for tournament. Whitnall - Todd Smith - tsmith@whitnall.com. (5-8)

Sept. 27, 2008 - Teams for 8-team JV tournament. Round robin, at least 4 games guaranteed. Milwaukee South - Jenny Rath 414-902-8544 or rathja@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-25)

Sept. 27, 2008 - Teams for freshman tournament Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (5-5)

Oct. 6, 2008 - Team for freshmen quad. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

GENERAL

2008 - Varsity/JV/freshmen tournaments or duals. Kettle Moraine - Bill Serb 262-366-0763 or coach2345@hotmail.com. (5-9)

2008 - Varsity/JV games and tournaments. Mellen - Ray Dauphin

nais 715-274-3601 ext. 408 or rdauphin@mellen.k12.wi.us. (5-8)

2008 - Berth in frosh tournament any Saturday besides Sept. 13. Columbus Catholic (Marshfield) - Lucas Hart 715-387-1177. (5-1)

2008 - Varsity games or berth in tournament. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.12.wi.us. (4-29)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 28-29, 2008 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. New Berlin West - Tom Farina 262-789-6483 or Jeff Lewiston 262-789-6447. (5-9)

Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2008 - Freshman game. Brad Bestor 262-968-6273 ext. 4657 or bestorb@kmsd.edu. (4-29)

Dec. 29-30, 2008 - Varsity/JV team for tournament (2 games). Glenwood City - Chase Rasmussen 715-265-4266 or rasmucha@gc-sd.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Games. Wis. Conservatory of Life Long Learning (Milwaukee) - Jerome Wardlow 715-220-9065. (5-8)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. New London - Scott Eggart 920-982-8420 ext. 1004 or seggart@newlondon.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

2008-09 - Varsity reserve and frosh games. Muskego - Ken Adam 414-630-1662 or kadam@wi.rr.com. (5-9)

2008-09 - JV/freshman games (2 each). Oshkosh North - Craig Lieder 920-424-4020 ext. 643 or craig.lieder@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

Girls Basketball

GENERAL

2008-09 - Varsity/JV games or 2 game tournament. Central Wis. Christian - Mark Vander Werff 920-296-7095 or mvwerff@yahoo.com. (5-6)

2008-09 - Games. Milwaukee Madison - John Cunningham, III 414-745-3072 or madisongbb-coachcham@yahoo.com. (5-5)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/freshmen scrimmage to attend. Tomahawk - 715-453-2106 ext. 209 or larsonj@tomahawk.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/freshman games. Grafton - Bob Maronde 262-376-5790 or rmaronde@grafton.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Feb. 7, 2009 - Teams for JV invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1691 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

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Boys Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 23, 2009 - Varsity game in the Milwaukee area. Xavier Co-op (Appleton) - Troy Schwehr 920-740-7054 or tschwehr@fcdadson.com. (5-9)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Game. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

Girls Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 29-30, 2008 - Team for varsity tournament. Reedsburg - Bryan Yager 608-524-4327 ext. 1104 or byager@rsd.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 2 or 4, 2008 - Dual meet. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Dec. 6, 2008 - Team for varsity 8-team tournament. Oconomowoc - Steve Olson steve.olson@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Dec. 13, 2008 - Team for 8-team varsity tournament. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext.

491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (5-14)

Dec. 20, 2008 - Teams for 8-team dual tournament. Waukesha West - Dale Van Keuren 262-970-4091 or dvankeur@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Dec. 22-23, 2008 - Team for 2-day ten dual meets tournament. Milwaukee Hamilton - Craig Belcher 414-327-9331. (5-13)

Jan. 10, 2009 - Team for varsity invitational tournament. Edgar - Jim Steinke 715-352-2352 or jims@edgar.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

Jan. 17, 2009 - Team for 6-team multi-dual meet, round robin format tournament. Madison La Follette - Coach Skiles gskiles@madison.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

Jan. 24, 2009 - Team for 8-team dual meet tournament (guaranteed 4 duals). Wauwatosa - Kent Morin 414-475-0567 or kmorin@wi.rr.com. (5-1)

Jan. 30, 2009 - Team for quad. Black River Falls - Tom Leadholm 715-284-4324 ext. 221. (4-24)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Dual match. Glenwood City - Chase Rasmussen 715-265-4266 or rasmucha@gcsd.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

SPRING

Baseball

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity games. Cassville - Christopher Tubbs 608-725-5116 ext. 113 or ctubbs@cassvillesd.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 18, 2009 - Teams for 8-team invitational (3 games). Big Foot - Tim Collins 262-275-2116 ext. 103 or tecollins@bigfoot.k123.wi.us. (5-13)

May 2, 2009 - Team for varsity multi-school tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236. (5-6)

May 2, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Madison La Follette - Dave Kapp 608-204-1720 or 608-204-3656 or dkapp@madison.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

GENERAL

2008 - Games. Platteville - Greg Quam 608-342-4024 or quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 18, 2009 - Team for event (3 games). La Crosse Central - Joe Beran 608-789-7933 or jberan@sd-lax.k12.wi.us. (5-14)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity games. Cassville - Christopher Tubbs 608-725-5116 ext. 113 or ctubbs@cassvillesd.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

2009 - Varsity/JV games. Algoma - Eric Nelson 920-487-7001 ext. 2209 or enelson@alghs.k12.wi.us. (5-13)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 13 or 14, 2009 - Varsity or JV teams for meet. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (5-14)

Apr. 24, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

May 1, 2009 - Teams for boy's relays. Janesville Craig - Mark Marsden 608-743-5435 or Jeff Deininger 608-743-5390. (5-5)

May 1, 2009 - Co-ed teams for invitational. Pardeeville - Phil Kamrath kamrph@pardeeville.k12.wi.us or Wes Babcock babcwe@pardeeville.k12.wi.us. (5-1)

May 8, 2009 - Team for co-ed 8-team invitational. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 or wfell@ddschoools.org. (5-14)

May 15, 2009 - Varsity teams for invitational. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (5-14) +

Baseball Q&A's

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bats for F4. Can F4 re-enter the game and play defense again for the DH?

A.: Yes, F4 pinch runs for the DH. The DH is now out of the game. He now re-enters under the re-entry rule and now F4 is out of the game. F4 can re-enter since he has only been out of the game once.

Q.: I have a couple of questions. On a base hit, a runner is trying to score. The throw arrives in time, but the catcher bobbles the ball. While the ball is being bobbled, the runner runs into the catcher, knocking him over. Rule book states that a player does not have to slide (8-4-2b2), but also states that runner is out if he does not legally attempt to avoid a fielder in the immediate act of making a play on him (8-4-2c). If the contact was not malicious, could it be considered just a collision, or could the runner still be called out? Also, could interference be called because the batter might advance? Another situation: If a player on a team has been warned for some unsporting action, and then, later in the game, a second player on the bench says/does something unsporting, but the umpire cannot positively identify the player, should the coach be restricted to the dugout or ejected?

A.: In the first scenario if the runner did not purposely go after the catcher and the umpire deems the contact not to be malicious, play on. The catcher is not protected if he bobbles the ball, although the contact may not be malicious. In the second scenario if the warning has been given for 3-1-a-e a team warning may be issued and the next offender shall be ejected. If the second player can not be identified

then it most likely wasn't for an infraction of 3-1-a-e. If it is for barking out of the dugout and the offender can't be identified, ask the coach to take care of it or you will. Another interpreter indicated: Rule 3-3-1 - The coach is responsible for the members of his team. Since it is the second warning, and you don't know who it is, the coach is the one that should be held responsible. You have to remember, we should all work together in improving the behavior of all. If all else fails, restrict the coach to the bench or eject.

Q.: Situation: Runner on 1st base, less than 2 outs. 1st baseman playing well off the bag, not holding runner on. Pitcher in stretch position wheels and throws to 1st base. Is the throw legal, a balk, or an illegal pitch?

A.: Here's what the interpreter's have pointed out to me: As long as the 1st baseman is in proximity of the base there is no balk. Proximity is umpire judgment and is based on whether the fielder is close enough to the base to legitimately make a play on the runner. Case Book 6-2-4, Situation J.

Q.: I have questions about a situation involving obstruction of a runner and in particular when heading back to a base already legally established. I have looked in the Rule Book and Case Book, but it does not have the specific situation with the award of the bases. I have formulated the ruling I think is correct but I would like to doublecheck in case it happens in the season. For instance: F1 attempts to pick off R1 on first. F3, before receiving the ball 1) has his knee blocking the entire base, 2) has his foot in front of the base, in both cases R1

slides into F3's leg and is tagged out. I know blocking the entire base is obstruction, and according to the case book having only part of the base blocked is not obstruction. Therefore, I conclude obstruction in situation 1 and R1 is declared out in situation 2. I just want to be sure on that first? However, the real question comes with awarding the appropriate base on the obstruction. The rule book states, and I am paraphrasing trying to be as close as I can remember, that when a runner is obstructed he is entitled to the base he is going to or coming back to, and should be awarded such bases. (This would seem to mean that R1 would just be placed on first as his award.) However, the rule continues later to say that obstructed runners should be awarded at minimum one base beyond the base already established when the obstruction occurred. This then implies R1 should get second base because he had already established possession of 1st base. Which supercedes? All in all I think that in situation 1, R1 should not be declared out and should be given 2nd base, which seems a little counter-intuitive since he wasn't attempting to move to second base. This would then also apply if there is a run-down between bases and if the runner is obstructed when running back to the previous base he should be awarded the base ahead of the previous base. And then if a runner is advancing to a base and is obstructed he receives the base he was going to and if determined by umpires judgment that he would have gone to a further base past the one he was going to he can be given that base as well? I know it is long winded, but am I correct in this ruling?

A.: This has been a continuous

topic of conversation, I believe because of the way 8-3-2 is written. The second sentence states that "If the runner achieves the base he was attempting to acquire, then the obstruction is ignored." The next sentence seems to contradict that statement and says "The obstructed runner is awarded a minimum of one base beyond his position on base when the obstruction occurred." Think of these statements as two separate situations: Situation 1- If a batter runner hits an apparent double and is obstructed by the first baseman after he rounds 1st base, he will be awarded at least 2nd base after the play is over because he was obstructed after he had reached 1st base and was attempting to acquire second base. If he acquires 2nd base on the play without being put out, and in the umpires opinion would not have obtained 3rd regardless of the obstruction, the obstruction is ignored because the runner acquired the next base after the obstruction. Situation 2 - The runner is attempting to dive back into first on an attempted pick-off play, and is obstructed by the 1st baseman. The runner will be awarded second base. The confusion lies in the word "attempted." Even though the runner was attempting to go back to 1st on the pick off, he was not "attempting" to obtain 1st base because he had already established himself there before the pick-off. Therefore, he shall be awarded 2nd base because a runner is awarded one base beyond his position at the time of obstruction. +

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: I am a current resident of X. My daughter plays softball for X high school. I am looking to purchase a home in Y and move there (over an hour's drive away). My daughter will move with me - will she be eligible for softball in the 2009 season?

A.: If this turned out to be a straight forward, complete and total move of the entire family and not simply establishing a secondary residence and if there were no other eligibility concerns relating to code, academics, undue influence and/or discipline, it would seem very likely that it would be considered a transfer made necessary - and thus your daughter would likely be afforded eligibility. You should schedule a visit with administration at your daughter's prospective new school to discuss eligibility.

Q.: We have a junior moving in from Minnesota with relatives this year. Would this student be eligible for athletics next season, 2008-09?

A.: Given only the information provided below; student would be ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year from the date of enrollment in your school. This student does not meet residence requirement and is a post fourth semester transfer; as a result not eligible unless a waiver was provided. You may also refer to the Rules At A Glance and the Transfers and Waivers Tip Sheet on the website.

Competition & Practice

Q.: Is it permissible for a school playing spring baseball to schedule a game on May 23 with a school that plays summer baseball?

A.: Yes. Be sure to remind the summer team they will need to practice on the first Saturday (and/or Sunday) in order to have their minimum of seven different days of practice in prior to first game.

Q.: I am a high school head baseball coach. We received the WIAA Spring Baseball Summary for one of the schools in our regional, for seeding purposes. I see that they had two different doubleheaders in which the games were (evidently) scheduled to be five innings each. I had heard that any/all games that were scheduled for five innings could not be considered for seeding purposes. I probably shouldn't be making a fuss about this, but am curious. Can you tell me if this is true/accurate?

A.: For those who inquired - they were told there is no provision to play two five inning baseball games as a doubleheader. Baseball games by National Federation rules which our association adheres to are seven innings. A doubleheader of two five inning games is a softball rule. It does not exist as an option or adaptation in baseball. NO five inning games were approved by this office. We have not been asked by a member school's administration, we've not received an allegation of violation or complaint from a member school's administration, nor have I provided an interpretation on if or how those encounters

should be counted or considered. Keep in mind the purpose of the seed meeting is to attempt to identify best teams. The W/L record is only a part of that.

Q.: I cannot find anywhere a prohibition against having high school games on Sunday. Is there one?

A.: The rigid ban on Sunday games was removed approximately eight years ago. Bylaws Art. II, Sect. 5 now reads: "A school shall not participate in contests on Sunday, unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions." Senior High Handbook, p. 26

Q.: Is it legal to play all 20 of our maximum allowed baseball games on school nights, if there is no loss of school time (we have lights)?

A.: As it stands right now, that would not be a correct interpretation. Spring Season Regs, p. 4, #6 states, "...no more than 14 may be scheduled on school days." Obviously Fridays or other school days not followed by a school day could be scheduled above/beyond the 14.

Q.: With the number of events allowed in baseball going up for next year is there any discussion adjusting the number of games you can play on school days from 14?

A.: To this point there has been no discussion or action on increasing school days. The support received in approving this request was in no small part contingent on the fact that no additional loss of school time was a part of proposal. As it stands: A school is not required to play 26, of course. But if a school has lights or their coaches willing to play Saturdays, some extra doubleheaders can be scheduled. Certainly as you know, there are any number of avenues for coaches or AD's to initiate such a request and begin that conversation.

Q.: I would like permission for our track teams to practice at another school's track over the next few weeks. We are having a renovation project completed over the next two weeks and our track will not be available for practice. This was supposed to be done in fall but we ran into some delays that put the project behind schedule. Our athletes would be practicing at the other school after 5:30 p.m. This would be after their team's practice so our athletes would be separate and not practicing at the same time.

A.: If there is no overlap between the two school's teams, technically and strictly speaking, you do not need a scrimmage waiver. When two teams are sharing a facility at the same time, for reasons of extenuating circumstances of the nature you described, that's when a waiver is most appropriately sought. If teams are not practicing together at same site/same time there's no need for waiving the scrimmage rule. As described, this is a local control, facility use matter only.

Participation Issues

Q.: We have a senior athlete that is out for track that failed a math course

for the third grading period. I have talked to the teacher and this athlete is still failing that class. The teacher informed me that the athlete does not have the aptitude for taking this advance class. The athlete's father made her stay in the class even though she failed the first semester. She has fulfilled the WIAA's policy of sitting out 15 days since receiving the failing grade. Our code states though that she has to show a passing grade in all of her classes to regain eligibility. Her teacher states that will be impossible, no matter how hard she tries. Being a senior, she is wondering if we can overlook our code as long as she has fulfilled the WIAA standards.

A.: We would need to say 'no' to this question. Schools may establish rules which are more strict than WIAA minimum requirements, with the caveat they must be applied as written. Selective application of the rule creates havoc and leaves you vulnerable.

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: Am I correct that summer league teams cannot resemble the school team?

A.: We continue to more clearly define the school year from the summertime; with the summertime becoming more liberal. In the summer students can voluntarily assemble any way they wish - without school and/or school coach involvement. So yes, they might resemble the schools team. More information is included in the Eligibility Bulletin emailed to everyone recently.

Q.: I have a question regarding summer volleyball league. I am wondering if we can take money out of our high school 60 fund to pay for a summer volleyball league. This is our fund where our money goes from our fall fundraiser. Can we do this or would it be considered a violation?

A.: Once money is placed in school accounts, including fund 60 it is technically, school money. WIAA Bylaws allow member schools to provide resources and funding for their programs and opportunities only during the actual school season and in the five summer unrestricted contact days. If the league you'd like to enter coincides with your five unrestricted days - then, 'yes,' otherwise, 'no.' It is appropriate to clarify that if there is non school money - such as a booster club willing to cover entry fees for all interested students - that is acceptable via III-F of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: When can a girl playing varsity soccer begin to participate with a summer soccer team?

A.: WIAA rules allow a student to practice with a club team anytime (recommend getting approval from school coach if school team is still in-season). A student can take part in nonschool competition as soon as the school team season is complete.

Q.: I am looking for a rule on playing spring baseball for high school and can a player play recreational softball in the city league. Is this OK to do?

A.: See III-D of the Rules At A Glance. WIAA rules do not prohibit

this scenario, however, check with your school coach to avoid problems with school and/or team rules. Students can be injured just as easily playing rec. softball and be lost to their school team.

Q.: I coach middle school track and have an athlete who competes on our middle school's track team and AAU basketball. He is doing both at the same time. I don't know the details of what the AAU program is about, but he has missed track meets to participate in weekend AAU basketball tournaments. I also understand that there are varsity players and students from other schools who are also participating in AAU basketball while participating in spring WIAA sports. Is there a WIAA rule infraction?

A.: On the surface I can not readily identify a WIAA rule or compliance matter. The member's nonschool competition rule is sport specific, thus if a student is playing club basketball, volleyball, e.g. during the school track or baseball seasons - it does not violate the member's rules. Your message does not contain any detail that would allow us to know whether any amateur status concerns exist or not. Some school boards allow coaches to establish 'team rules' which might set some boundaries and expectations for students who want to play on the school's team but are not willing to make the complete commitment. See III-D and C of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: Nike Outdoor Nationals is being held June 19-21 of this year. Three current seniors and a current junior at our school would like to compete in the 4 x 1 mile relay event. I understand that once the seniors graduate they are no longer bound by WIAA rules. What I want to confirm is the participation of the current junior runner. If he runs in the race will that have any effect on his 2008-2009 school year WIAA eligibility?

A.: Once the high school season is complete, taking part in the running in and of itself would present no obvious peril. I am not able to comment on the potential for any amateur status related concerns based only on the information provided. Be certain your junior runner is 100 percentage crystal clear on amateur status provisions as outlined in the Rules At A Glance; III-C.

Q.: I am the president of the local club volleyball association. I am writing in response to a report that the WIAA has further refined the rule on participation in off season sports competition. As I understand the new rule, no more three (for volleyball) players from any high school team can be on a single "off season" team. Our club has seven teams consisting of girls from age 9 to 17. Although consisting of girls mainly from the local school district, we have players from several other communities as well. Our tryouts are open to everyone and no bias is given for our local girls. Yet, we would not be able to comply with this rule. We are not the only sport club that will have great difficulty meeting these parameters and have to stop offering the

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opportunity to high-school-age athletes. This rule will kill our club. We give opportunities to some girls that may not make a high school team. I do not think it is the intention of the WIAA to remove these opportunities. It is my hope that you will reconsider this refinement in the rule.

A.: You have received accurate information with regard to club team composition during the school year (kids can voluntarily assemble any way they want in the summer time, without school and coach involvement). Certainly the member schools have opportunity to express other perspectives to the Board of Control through any number of opportunities - if they wish to advance other ideas and recommendations. Do keep in mind that the rule would not necessarily need to end club opportunities - though depending on how the opportunities in your area form and function, there might be adjustments needed.

Q.: A parent was looking for ruling on competing in a baseball all-star type program. There is some program try out team in the Milwaukee area that is looking for star players of 18 and under from the state of Wisconsin. My first thought was this a Babe Ruth-type organization, but it is not. I have two junior boys that are interested in trying out, but to me it sounds much like an all-star team - are these legal or illegal in the sport of baseball?

A.: If in fact there is a bona fide open try out, made known and available to any student interested in trying out, then technically it is not an all-star event or an all-star concern. An all-star team is picked based on reputation.

Coach Contact

Q.: Can a spring head baseball coach a summer baseball legion team?

A.: Simple answer is yes - though it cannot be an opportunity limited in a manner which just recapitulates the schools team.

Q.: We have an individual that is thinking about coaching a club volleyball team, which would include a group of the high school's athletes. This individual is also interested in being an unpaid volunteer assistant next fall for the high school team which will have a few of the same girls on it. I am checking to make sure this will not be a violation of any WIAA rules.

A.: Whether paid or volunteer, a coach is a coach is a coach is a... This individual may not have coaching contact outside of the season and then come and coach the team in the fall (the exception is that they could always coach their own child, only, and they could coach a club on the five unrestricted contact days your head coach identifies in the summer, from the end of school to July 31).

Q.: We are going to have a youth coaches clinic just for our community's football program where varsity coaches present to our youth coaches. Is it legal for us to use current high school players to demonstrate drill work? We've stayed away from using current players in the past because I assumed it was against the rules.

A.: It still is against the rules to use players with remaining eligibility. You could use this year's seniors who have exhausted their eligibility, recent graduates, or you could use 8th graders.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: Have you come up with the "Rules of Eligibility" that we should give our parents that they will "sign-off" on for next year? We are preparing our materials for the fall and they are on hold until I get that information. My other question is will the rules of eligibility include information on roster limits for club teams during the school year? This limit is not in affect during the summertime - correct? Does this rule only cover school teams - for example - fall ball, spring leagues. How are we suppose to track what club teams our students are on? For example - there are a bunch of different club volleyball programs in the Milwaukee area - how am I suppose to make sure that there are not more than three of our athletes on one team? We have nothing to do with these teams ,and I am not sure I can dictate who can make what team.

A.: We have just recently put finishing touches on a sign-off form and have emailed the document to all schools, as well as placed it on our website. School year club team roster limits are included in this document. We are also adding the nonschool competition roster limits to our handbook for next year, which addresses nonschool participation during the school year. a. During the unrestricted summer contact days, coaching contact is permitted and assembly may resemble the school team. b. Outside of the five unrestricted days, students can voluntarily assemble without school and coach involvement. During the school year, no assembly can resemble the schools team practicing and/or competing outside the season...the numbers came as a response to requests for something more clear than the "token wrestler." School administration is responsible to educate coaches athletes, parents and others. We advise you to begin with your coaches and proceed to athletes and parents at every/through every available channel.

Q.: I have a quick question for you pertaining to football. With our five contact days during the summer, if I opt to have our kids wear football helmets (for protection), and they currently are all certified and reconditioned by the way, when the kids hand them back in, do I have to get them certified again? What are my options? What does WIAA recommend?

A.: You essentially have two choices on how to handle this: Get helmets reconditioned again following their issue and use (you might choose to have the users pay for the second). When the helmets comeback, put a wire/twist name tag (or tape) on the face mask with the player's name and see the same student is re-issued the same helmet in the fall that he used in the summer. That keeps it within the locus of control of the student. Of course, always good/wise to ask the student when he returns the helmet if he experienced any problems and to perform thorough inspection of the helmet and a full re-fit - even though its the same student and same helmet, in the fall.

Q.: I have a couple of questions regarding football: 1. They now get five days and can be non-consecutive during the summer (done by 7/31) correct? 2. My coaches have heard rumblings of team camps where teams go and scrimmage at a university with full gear. I told them I find this hard to believe, but I just want some clarification. If there are indeed "team camps" out there can a team go to it, fully suit up, and actually scrimmage live? I know there are position camps where kids get equipment from their schools and go to the camp, but team camps and scrimmaging I found hard to believe.

A.: You are correct on the change in summer contact days in football. With respect to team camps, potentially - yes. Your school board has to authorize issue of pads. Opportunity must be part of unrestricted contact days. Lastly, keep in mind just because you "can do" does not mean you should. At least not without what you must decide to be proper acclimation.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: I need some clarification on allowed activities at open gyms. What is allowed and what is not allowed by coaches? What is purely recreational? For example, we have a very young head volleyball coach. Can she play with players during an open gym? Can she participate in "hitting lines?" Can she set to those hitting lines? Could our basketball coach join one of the groups of players who are involved in full court games? (Winner keeps playing format.)

A.: Open gym is not a code word for out-of-season practice. The text on Open Gym in the Rules At A Glance is some of the most specific and crystal clear text we have. With regard to skill development - the text states it's something kids do on their own. And we think the "philosophy" for open gyms is also made clear.

If it is recreational play and truly an open gym made known and available to all interested students. Coaches can recreate/play. Not all open gyms and open gym activities are conducive to coaches taking part. Organized hitting drills are a time for coaches to be supervising only.

Q.: Many of our football players will be attending a team camp this summer, but it is not part of our unrestricted summer contact days. An individual has offered to pick up the cost of a bus to transport the players so they do not have to pay for this on their own. My feeling is that this may be construed as a free opportunity and impact amateur status according to Article IV, Section 2C #5 on page 38 of the Handbook. I do believe this scenario is OK if each player or parent pays an equal share of the costs of the transportation.

A.: The rules surrounding camps, clinics, specialized training, etc., provide that only a student and family are able to cover 100 percentage of costs associated with specialized training/instruction during restricted times. (You are correct that if this was

during the unrestricted days of opportunity - the school could pay for, or provide transportation.) In the scenario you describe there is a community benefactor willing to remove or reduce the cost associated with this particular camp - at least with respect to transportation. So long as it is available to all students interested - and the same amount of money for all interested, it would be in compliance with the interpretation of this area in the rules.

Q.: We have a grant to help underprivileged students attend summer school academic/activity classes. My question is if it is legal to provide these same students reduced or free admission to our summer sports camps? We have never done this in the past and some of these families have asked the question. These would be students entering 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 grade.

A.: No. When it comes to camps, clinics, special training and/or instruction - student and parents must cover 100 percentage of associated costs. Would your grant be enough to allow you to do a free camp - for everyone interested? Obviously, a free camp has no cost associated to anyone.

Health & Behavior

Q.: My question concerns the addition to Article VII - Health and Behavior/Compliance. In the receiving by parents of the WIAA Rules of Eligibility, does that mean they have to be given a paper copy of the rules or can we inform them where they can be found on the WIAA website. I informed my administration of that change today and they questioned the paper usage of it. We have approximately 700+ athletes out for sports, plus there are nine pages of rules listed in the WIAA Handbook. When you start adding that up that is a lot of paper being used. Maybe you have heard what other schools will be doing to fulfill this requirement, if so please pass that on to us.

A.: The actual text of the new rule requires you to have on file written acknowledgement (parent signature) that the parents received your school code and the WIAA's rules of eligibility - how you chose to provide them that information is up to you. We will provide a form - it's use is not mandatory, but that the parents receive WIAA ROE and you keep their signature is now required.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: We have student clubs that do fundraisers during the year. My questions is "Can club money be used to fund summer league involvement?"

A.: If the money is kept in school activity accounts it is "school money," regardless how it got there. School money can be used to cover leagues/tournaments, camps clinics that take place on your five unrestricted contact days in the summer and during the actual school season. If the fund raised money is kept in a booster club account and the booster's wished to cover the costs for all students interested in summer league play, they could cover costs associated with competition. +

Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafanski

QUESTION: If players and doubles teams must be played in rank order for the WIAA subsectional, then as an example, if #2 singles is sick, must #3 play #2, #4 play #3, etc. Is there any option of direct substitution meaning JV #1 stepping into the #2 varsity singles spot and everyone else staying where they normally are?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, during the regular season and for WIAA subsectional lineups, players and doubles teams must be placed in rank order. Coaches in each sectional will now have the opportunity to view line-ups from other schools in their sectional starting on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm.

Direct substitutions are one option if a player is injured, becomes ill or receives school discipline ONLY after entries have been entered (12:00 noon on Sunday, May 18) and before the first match is called for the subsectional. The second option is to move everyone up in the lineup, maintaining rank order.

QUESTION: I have a boy who is just returning from an injury during the season. Can he play at the number two singles position if he has three matches in singles completed?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Tennis Season Regulations, Tournament Procedures, page 39, g., (1), "A singles player shall play in a minimum of three singles matches (Flights 1, 2 and 3 only) during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament.

QUESTION: Can I take my #1 singles player and combine him with my #2 singles player to form my #1 doubles team for my subsectional lineup?

INTERPRETATION: There are a couple of questions that need to be asked before an answer can be provided for this question:

1. Have these two players played three matches together in doubles so that they meet the three match minimum allowing them to play at the #1 doubles position?

2. Are they the best doubles team on your school's boy's tennis team?

If both of these questions can be answered "yes," then they can be your #1 doubles team.

QUESTION: Both my number one and two singles players are not able to compete in the WIAA subsectional and I will only have eight players available. Can I forfeit the number one and two singles positions and have my players compete at their normal positions?

INTERPRETATION: No, teams must fill their lineups starting at the number one positions. Forfeited positions must be the lowest positions (#4 singles or #3 doubles) first unless a majority vote of the subsectional coaches allows otherwise.

QUESTION: Can a coach run a summer school tennis program?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, page 26, Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, A.,

1), A school may not assemble athletes or perspective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport, and during the approved summertime contact period noted below in B - exceptions.

Although a summer school class may not be offered, tennis coaches are allowed to assemble their players in the summertime for up to five (5) days prior to July 31. In addition, tennis coaches are allowed to have contact with players they will be coaching the following year from the first day of their school's summer vacation until school begins in the fall.

QUESTION: I just wanted to make sure it was okay to have alumni come and play/compete with my team in practice one night before the State Tournament.

INTERPRETATION: Yes, it is okay to have individual alumni come in and play/practice with your team. We need to be careful with the term "compete" as alumni scrimmages do have to count as a meet. However, I believe what you are attempting to accomplish is to have a player or two from past teams return to hit, practice and play a practice match during practice with current team members. Some schools do this in preparation for the State Tournament so that they get experience against stronger, faster, harder hitting players. This is OK to do. What you are not able to do is to have the team scrimmage against six to ten alumni.

QUESTION: We had scheduled a scrimmage at the beginning of the season which got rained out while the students were finishing their first set. Is it legal to reschedule a scrimmage since the original was never completed?

INTERPRETATION: If a scrimmage gets underway and is then rained out, school teams have used their scrimmage. Since a scrimmage is a practice between two or more school teams, the scrimmage has taken place if the teams are able to complete any portion of the practice.

QUESTION: I see that the Spring Season Regulation book has the #3 Seed (placement) in flight 1 for division 2 going on the top line of the bottom half of the bracket. This is the same thing that caused the difficulty last fall since that is different from what was done in the past and since it causes the #3 seed to have to cross over versus the #1 seed from the other subsectional. This is going to cause problems as some coaches will try to avoid proper placement, some subsectionals will not place in that manner..and most importantly its not fair to the player or doubles team that earns the 3rd seed.

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Tennis Information provided to Tournament Managers will now indicate

that Flight One for Division Two competitors needs to be seeded as follows for the Sectional Meets:

1A vs. 2B; 3A vs. 4B; 4A vs. 3B and 2A vs. 1B

QUESTION: We have an upcoming match with a school that has a player who has chosen a "gamesmanship" tactic in previous matches and I need to know what the correct remedy is. The tactic involves stalling between points (taking more than 20 seconds between serves or turning his back to the server, so that he doesn't have to play to the pace of the server, as the rules specify). After warning, is this treated as a code violation? If not, how is it treated?

INTERPRETATION: Per USTA regulations regarding stalling, time violations of delay between points are penalized as follows: **First offense - warning; each additional violation - One Point Penalty. Know that the server has up to 25 seconds (since the time between points is 25 seconds when a player has to chase a stray ball) to put the ball in play and is allowed to dictate the pace of play as long as it is reasonable. (A pace of 12 to 15 seconds is considered reasonable - USTA Comment 21.7). However, the server must strike the second serve without delay. (USTA Comment 21.5)**

Enforcement of this during a regular season match is the difficult part. As you have seen at the State Meet, we use stop watches with the officials. I suggest following a format of indicating in advance to the visiting coach that concerns are being brought to your attention regarding a player that is having difficulty maintaining the 25-second rule between points. Let him know in advance that should this situation be brought to your attention, you are planning to have a person (athletic director or another school administrator) available who has a fairly good background and understanding of tennis and will be neutral to both schools to monitor any matches where delay problems are being reported. Have a stopwatch available so that that person can keep track of the time between points. Also, review with the individual other regulations regarding stray balls and how the time limit does not apply when stray balls have to be chased.

As far as a receiver turning their back to a server, so that he doesn't have to play to the pace of the server, again, the same rules apply. **Once the 25 seconds expires, unless a ball has to be tracked down, the receiver must be ready. If the receiver is not ready, it is a warning the first time and a one-point penalty for each additional violation.**

QUESTION: During the month of May myself and a mother from our middle school plan to provide instruction for our middle school (6th - 8th) kids that have an interest in tennis. Since we are currently in the boys ten-

nis season I believe I can have contact with any of these kids with the exception of 8th grade girls who will play for me in the fall. The mother I mentioned earlier would be responsible for providing instruction to those girls. Do you agree?

INTERPRETATION: No, the best location to get this information is from WIAA Rules at a Glance, I. and II., C.

First, a school is only able to provide a clinic during the summertime period. Next, varsity and JV coaches can have contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year. Again, this regulation allows this contact to take place only during the summertime period.

QUESTION: Can we go to indoor courts about 25 miles from our high school to practice if these might be the same courts we will use for the WIAA subsectional meet, these indoor courts are considered to be our home indoor courts?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, since these indoor courts are considered to be your "home indoor" courts, you are able to practice at these courts.

Please keep in mind that the fundamental regulation pertaining to use of courts comes from WIAA Season Regulations, 9. Prohibition of Practice at Tournament Site, pg. 36 of the Spring Season Regulations. Here you will find, "Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for subsectional, sectional and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments."

The only sites a school team can practice at are those that are considered to be their "home courts." In tennis, a school team is allowed to have one outdoor home court and an indoor home court.

QUESTION: Can we use parents to transport students to these indoor courts?

INTERPRETATION: Please check with your school's athletic director, principal or school administrator regarding the transportation of students. WIAA regulations remain silent regarding this matter; however, most school districts will have policies and procedures whenever students are transported off of school grounds.

QUESTION: At our conference tournament, we play at three sites. At this tournament can we have two varsity coaches and one JV coach (one coach per site) giving instruction as long as they are under contract with the school or is it two coaches maximum giving instruction when there are three or more sites?

INTERPRETATION: Two coaches per level of programming/team are now allowed. This means that only two coaches are allowed to coach/instruct during a match if it is only a varsity event. +

WADA INSIGHTS



FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

"Athletic Administration: Improving your Game"

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When the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) convenes its annual WADA Workshop this fall, it will feature the theme, "Athletic Administration: Improving Your Game."

Remember, circle your calendar with the 2008 dates for the largest event of the school year for the WADA organization. The 42nd annual statewide convention will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, through Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008 – although the events on Nov. 8 are for the WADA Past Presidents & WADA Executive Board.

Attendance at the WADA Workshop is open to any WADA member, and membership in the WADA is open to any athletic administrator at the high school and/or middle school level in the state. Remember, all registration material for current A.D.'s will again be on-line, via the WADA website at www.wadawi.org. It will be the fourth year of such a registration process, as material is no longer mailed to current A.D.'s.

The event typically draws more than 400 A.D.'s from around the state, as well as vendors from all over Wisconsin and several from the Midwest. The event will again be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel & Convention Center, 333 W. College Ave., in downtown Appleton, about 5 miles east of Highway 41.

Businesses which desire to book exhibit space at the annual WADA Workshop are invited to contact Brad Nemecek at Somerset High School

regarding vendor rates and reservation information for the 2008 event. His contact info and specific vendor info may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

Other Key Items

In addition to finalizing plans for the WADA Workshop, individuals spent nearly two full days in a comprehensive Strategic Planning session, as many aspects regarding the future of the WADA were discussed. The details will be presented and reviewed in June, 2008 by the WADA

Executive Board, and the WADA membership will vote this fall on a proposed change in the Mission, Vision and Purpose statement. More info is available on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

WADA Workshop

An overview of the event will be available on the WADA website, and more material will be updated over the summer months and into the fall, as details are finalized.

Retired A.D.'s who are unable to download the Registration Pack when it is posted this fall should contact Jim Scandin, the WADA Retired A.D. Liaison at (608) 251-1186 or via mail at 125 N. Hamilton, # 702, Madison, WI 53703. Also, retired A.D.'s are needed to assist with the event, and individuals who can volunteer are asked to contact Scandin.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the event typically includes Leadership Training Courses, the CAA Exam, booths from numerous vendors in the ex-

hibition hall, an orientation session for new athletic administrators and first-time Workshop attendees, the Opening Session with a keynote address by a speaker to be announced, the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet, a Women's A.D. caucus (in a move from the Monday schedule), Spouse-Guest Hospitality session, and the WADA/Vendor Social.

The schedule on Monday, Nov. 10, includes: District caucuses (which traditionally have been on Sunday afternoons), plus booths from exhibitors will again be available, a Spouse/Guest Breakfast and Activity, the Workshop Keynote Address with a speaker to be announced, several sets of mini-sessions, the WADA Awards Luncheon sponsored by Healy where the presentation will be made of the special awards and A.D. of the Year award, more LTC class offerings, and a Monday Night Football party.

Activities for the final day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, include a Fellowship of Christian Athlete Breakfast, the WADA Annual Meeting where elections are held for the new WADA Vice President and the NIAAA delegates to the national convention, plus voting on the proposed Mission, Vision and Purpose statement, the WIAA Open Forum, and the wind-up luncheon.

Make plans to attend, and mark your calendar: Nov. 8-11, 2008.

The website for the WADA is www.wadawi.org, and Mike Bates may be reached at mbates1@new.rr.com. +

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ASEP Course Offerings

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June 21, 2008

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July 16, 2008

Arlington Heights, IL

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July 27, 2008

Rockford, IL

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Coaching Principles & Sport First Aid

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Sports Report "PLUS"

Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

Baseball - Varsity -

Lancaster & Dodgeville

Three Lancaster batters were hit by pitches in the top of the first inning of a doubleheader. The batters calmly took their bases without any comments to the

Dodgeville players. Dodgeville was not having much success, trailing 8-1 after three innings, but emotions still remained calm and they eventually only lost 8-6. Any questions by the coaches were done calmly and civilly, and there was even

some friendly banter between the Lancaster catcher and Dodgeville batters.

Lancaster won the second game 14-0, and I still didn't detect anything but positive comments from the Dodgeville coaches. I also never heard any yelling

between teammates, something that happens too often when things are not going smoothly.

This was a great game to umpire!

Jerry Schewe
Platteville

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EDITORIAL

Out-of-Season Competitions A Potential Mine Field

It's not unusual for student-athletes in any given sport to compete in nonschool related activities before or after the high school season; however, school coaches and administration are becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the prospect of rule violations for student-athletes' involvement in out-of-season competitions.

The WIAA membership's focus in recent years has resulted in dramatic changes and liberalization of its summertime contact and activity restrictions. Those same liberties, however, have not been extended to nonschool competitions during the school year.

The rules established by the membership state that "except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity they (student-athletes) are engaged in should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out of season" with the exception of in the summertime.

Enhanced scrutiny of nonschool teams in various sports would most likely identify a significant number that are tip-toeing on a thin line of what constitutes resembling the school team in "any way," and a significant number may actually be leaving nothing to the imagination.

Apprised of the current situation and the potential for unpleasant repercussions if one or more member schools are clearly not in compliance with the rule, the Board of Control directed the executive staff at its February meeting to determine a quantifiable measure to clarify a nonschool team resembling the school team.

The executive staff determined the maximum number of individuals on a nonschool team that could come from the same school program vary from sport to sport. The numbers that were shared with the membership at the Annual Meeting in April were three for basketball, hockey and volleyball; four for football; five for baseball; and softball and six for soccer. These numbers would not include seniors who have already exhausted their final season in each respective sport.

This appears to be logical step in clarifying what is considered a nonschool program resembling the school program. Some of the reactions and concerns we have received with the initial maximum numbers presented would indicate an indictment of nonschool programs in various sports that are currently resembling the school program with these measures in place. This revelation further necessitated the discussion to clarify the exist-

ing rule by altering the language with quantifiable measures, or perhaps, to revisit the merits of the rule itself. The membership's options are to maintain the status quo, modify the rule or abolish the rule altogether.

Modification and clarification of the rule seems to be a move in a reasonable direction. Elimination of the rule altogether has consequences the membership has repeatedly stated through the years is contrary to the purpose of this Association.

Allowing school teams to voluntarily assemble at anytime during the school year would, quite conceivably, have a great deal of divisiveness associated with it. There already has been a member school that is considering a policy prohibiting participation in any nonschool sports during a particular sport's school season.

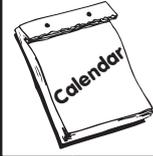
Coaches within schools are in competition for the same athletes, who are playing in a nonschool program at the same time they are competing for the school program in a different sport. One could first question the merits of this on the physical well-being of a young athlete, and second, on the well-being of a young student.

In addition, expectations and pressures placed on student-athletes to specialize in a given sport year around is more likely with the risk of future consequences associated with not fulfilling those expectations.

An untimely nonschool event that entices a standout teammate away from the school team in a different sport during the season or tournament could jeopardize the entire team's goals of winning a conference title or a trip to the State Tournament. The student-athlete carries the pressure and burden of making that decision and its affect on friendships and teammates, coaches and parents.

Eliminating the rule would also compromise the Association's position on national tournaments. If a team chooses to "voluntarily" assemble after the State Tournament for a national tournament, the rules in place prohibiting competitions of this nature may become futile.

The leadership of the WIAA encourages membership feedback on the current language and interpretation of its out-of-season competition provisions, its modifications or its elimination. We look forward to these discussions throughout the coming months at Coaches' Advisory and Area Meetings next fall. +



Keep These Dates in Mind

- May 22 & 24 Girls Soccer Regionals
- May 23, 27, 28 & 30 Spring Baseball Regionals
- May 26 Memorial Day
- May 27-28 Boys Golf Sectionals
- May 29 Softball Sectionals
- May 29-30-31 State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
- May 29 & 31 Girls Soccer Sectionals
- May 30-31 State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
- June 2 Officials License Reapplication Deadline
- June 2-3 State Boys Golf Tournament (Madison)
- June 3 Spring Baseball Sectionals
- June 5-6-7 State Softball Tournament (Madison) State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)
- June 6-7 State Boys Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)
- June 9 Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
- June 10-11-12 State Spring Baseball Tournament (Appleton)
- June 18-19 Advisory Council Meeting
- June 19 Board of Control Meeting
- July 17 Media Day
- July 18 & 22 Summer Baseball Regionals
- July 25 Summer Baseball Sectionals
- July 30-31 State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)
- August 6 New AD Workshop
- August 8 Board of Control Meeting
- August 11 Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice
- August 12 Earliest Day for Football Practice Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
- August 14 Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet
- August 16 Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet
- August 18 Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice
- August 20 Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet
- August 25 Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice
- August 26 Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game
- August 28 Earliest Date for First Football Game
- September 1 Labor Day

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2007-2008

Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration
	Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

ACT - 2008-2009

Test Date	Test Date
September 13, 2008*	February 7, 2009**
October 25, 2008	April 4, 2009
December 13, 2008	June 13, 2009

** Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2008 test is not scheduled in that state. The test date restriction may continue for the 2008-2009 testing year. +