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2009 Board of Control and Advisory Council Election Results

The results of the recently completed Board of Control and Advisory Council elections are as follows:

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 2: Terry Reynolds, Pittsville - Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

District 5: Ted Evans, Mineral Point - Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Gender At-Large: Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay - Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Non-Public School At-Large: Carl Eisman, Martin Luther - Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large Schools: Mike Devine, Stevens Point and Eric Burling, Burlington - Devine re-elected and Burling elected to three-year terms, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Medium Schools: Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild - Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Small Schools: Brad Ayer, Clear Lake and Bill Perry, Gilmanton - Elected to three-year terms expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Gender At-Large: Beth Sternig, Oak Creek - Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Non-Public School At-Large: Ted Knutson, Aquinas - Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2012 meeting. +

Positions on Sportsmanship Committee Available

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is accepting names of individuals interested in serving a three-year, once-renewable term on the Sportsmanship Committee, beginning this fall.

The Sportsmanship Committee, which was established in 1977, meets annually to advise the membership on developing policies and initiatives to enhance and promote sportsmanship at all interscholastic athletic events. Other committee responsibilities include planning and managing the Sportsmanship Summit. The Sportsmanship Committee meetings are scheduled early in May each year.

The committee is comprised of administrators from schools representing small, medium and large school districts from various geographic locations in the state. A term of three years was implemented in 2001 with an option for a maximum of two successive terms on the committee.

In addition to the three new members of the committee, serving on the 2008-09 committee are Lee Ann Corning at Milwaukee Madison High School; Brian Smith, Athletic Director at Waunakee High School; Scott Winch, District Administrator at Stratford High School; Scott Swenty, Principal at Tomahawk High School; Jeffery Krull, Associate Principal at Adams-Friendship High School; Gene Spindler, Athletic Director at Menasha High School; Paul Mirman, Officials Representative and Linda Schrage, Representative from the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches.

Any athletic director or school administrator interested in serving on the committee should submit a letter of interest to Todd Clark at the WIAA by fax (715) 344-4241 or by e-mail (tclark@wiaawi.org). The deadline for expressed interest in serving on the committee is June 1, 2009. +

Middle Level Council Openings

Openings on the WIAA Middle Level Advisory Council still exist in the following positions for the 2009-10 school year. District 1 representative, Ethnic At-Large representative and Non-Public School At-Large representative.

The Middle Level Council includes a representative from each Board of Control District, an ethnic at-large, gender at-large, and a non-public school at-large representative along with liaison representation made available to the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators, Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association.

For the Ethnic At-Large position the candidate would have to have origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other

Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

Membership on the Council is open to administrators, or building administrators and/or athletic directors of WIAA member middle level schools containing Grades 6-8 students (or any combination thereof).

An election does not take place for Middle Level Council representatives. A listing of interested candidates is provided to the Board of Control who then appoints an individual to fill the position. The position is for a three-year term.

This Council meets three times a year. For more information on this Council or if you are interested in filling one of these vacant positions, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. +

IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

The WIAA needs the assistance and cooperation from participating schools and host managers to provide timely, accurate and complete information for tournament programs and 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 and up-to-date statistics to the WIAA.

Again this year, the WIAA will be requiring schools to use the WIAA Statistics Template to submit team and individual statistics and rosters. The rich text formatted template can be downloaded from the WIAA website 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.** +

WIAA Membership Approves Changes to Constitution; Rules of Eligibility

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association membership voted to pass four amendments and make three editorial revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its 114th Annual Meeting held today in Stevens Point.

In his final State of the Association address, Doug Chickering thanked all those that have contributed to the success of the Association during his tenure as executive director. He will be retiring July 31 after more than 23 years as executive director.

"I've had a great ride, and I'm fortunate," he said. "I leave with a sense of satisfaction, but also with a much larger appreciation and awareness of the skills and commitment of those who allowed me to be successful. Thanks to all of you. I close with a pledge that I will never say good-bye but simply say 'see you

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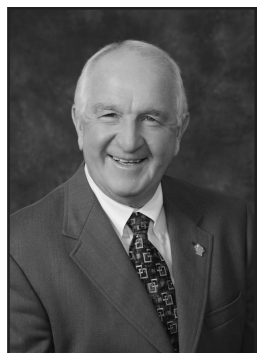
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2009 Annual Meeting Director's Report



Doug Chickering

My remarks this morning will precede Dave's, and I will be brief. I gave what amounted to an exit address last year and will update you on several issues, but identifying future direction cannot be a large part of my message today.

I remind everyone that the meeting format remains consistent with that of last year. The Director's Report precedes Old and New Business and the Open Forum opportunity of years past is now a part to New Business.

In last year's Report, I identified eight initiatives I wanted to reach closure with prior to separation. The money purchase program, the audit provider, the awards supplier, facilities contracts, trademark protection, television and internet concerns, and legal representation are in place for seamless transitions. Television and internet concerns remain more open than closed; the suit with the Wisconsin Newspapers Association speaks to that. Live web streaming of tournament contests is at the heart of the dispute largely because of some exclusive agreements we have with providers. More will be said during New Business discussions.

A ninth was relationships. Partnerships with affiliated organizations are key to our success. Last year I stated, *"Those relationships can only be maintained through face-to-face contacts and participation in education (professional development) programs."* I urge Dave to be as visible as possible.

Other than to identify several continuing considerations, I won't elaborate. Future agendas will address:

- Communication in the local school houses has to be emphasized. Examples that cause me to say this are, (1) comments at the most recent meeting of the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee implied a "disconnect" between coaches and administrators, specifically relating to the public-nonpublic divisional placement positions, (2) local knowledge of what's going on in the club programs has too many variables for a rule from this office to solve, and (3) the Performance Enhancing Substances education program we require appears to be largely ignored.

- Cost containment and new revenue sources – the Federation publication, *High School Today* recently announced a merchandising initiative. A more locally centered plan will be presented to WIAA member schools this summer. For schools that participate, all proceeds will be yours and not divided between the Federation, the WIAA, and the member school.

- National tournaments, both invitational and championship, are directed at the most talented individuals and teams and lack the comprehensive educational values our programs promote.

I've had a great ride. Since 1986, I've had the privilege of working with fifty-six Board of Control members, perhaps even more Advisory Council members, and countless committee members, coaches, and officials. Add to that eleven dedicated executive staff members, two administrative assistants, and as committed an Operational Staff as anyone could ever enjoy. Friendships too numerous to count have been developed; my extended family has no limits. I'm fortunate. I leave with a sense of satisfaction, but also with a much larger appreciation and awareness of the skills and commitment of those who allowed me to be successful.

Thanks to all of you. The process of passing the torch is well under way in daily operations and at Board of Control meetings. It continues at this Annual Meeting. In a moment I will introduce Dave; I close with a pledge that I will never say good-bye but simply say "see you later, friends." ✚

There are several reasons to address you again at this time in our agenda. They will not take long today.

The first is to greet you as the next Executive Director of the WIAA when we begin the 2009 school year. And, to humbly ask for your help as well as the commitment of your greatest creative energies and your patience as we take these next steps together, in order to perpetuate the special qualities and opportunities inherent to the WIAA and school-based athletic competition.

I can promise you that your executive staff – Deb, Marcy, Todd, Tom and I – along with our assistants and support staff will always give our best to you in return. We will work tirelessly with the Board of Control, the Advisory Council the many great and hard working athletic directors of WADA and sport advisory committees. We will reach out and listen to coaches, school and district administrators, to school boards, DPI and all others who might share interest in improving and advancing student growth, learning, citizenship and sportsmanship through the medium of interscholastic athletics.

As we go forward, we recognize our good fortune and are grateful that Doug and his Boards have delivered to us a healthy Association and starting point – as evidenced by this attendance and the modest Constitutional changes you've just adopted.

Today's agenda has identified some of the topics we will address in the months ahead. Undoubtedly, there will be others. It may be impossible to know with certainty whether our next big challenge will be: The economy/financial, or charter schools, or home school eligibility, seasonal placements or steroids and supplements, hazing/bullying, out-of-season competition, legislative oversight, litigation or transfers and recruiting, or others not mentioned here. There is no question but that there will be enough opportunities to test us.

With that acknowledgement I believe nonetheless that we can be encouraged, guided and sustained by the examples of our past.

As when in early 1931 in the immediate aftermath and uncertainty of the Great Depression, the editorial in the Bulletin read in part: "The year just closed will go down into the records of our nation as a most difficult one, a year of little faith and great fear. The year we are just entering is full of possibility and promise. Let us lay aside our fear and translate hope into action." Despite then needing to cancel most State Tournaments in 1933 this Association survived. It has survived and flourished in the wake of depression and the darkness of the World War. By strength of your resolve we emerged from the 1970's still together and stronger despite 10% cut-back on fuel, the loss of scrimmage and scouting opportunities, and reorganization of tournaments around geography, a 12% cut-back on regular season travel and cutting non-varsity schedules.

For all we know the challenges ahead may prove to be equal to some of these. Yet, knowing this membership possesses the same great level of care, identical qualities of wisdom and determination, I believe that with these qualities applied to our efforts we can also look forward to the years we are entering as being "full of possibility and promise." So long as we do not take for granted school sports or those who care greatly about them, and this remarkable, voluntary Association of public, religious and independent schools; so long as we respect each idea and embrace one another's concerns, we might lay aside our differences and fears and as in the past translate our hopes into actions and continue to prosper as a vital Association and partner in the education of our children. ✚



Dave Anderson

Thank You Medical Providers

The WIAA would like to thank the following for providing medical services at the 2008-09 Winter State Tournaments:

Basketball (Girls)

Dr. Conrad Andringa, Madison; Dr. David Bernhardt, Madison; Dr. Alison Brooks, Madison; Dr. Kathleen Carr, Madison; Dr. Dave Gronski, Madison; Dr. Anne Marsh, Madison; Dr. Brian Reeder, Sun Prairie; Trainers – UW

Health Sports Medicine Clinic

Basketball (Boys)

Dr. Brian Reeder; Dr. Deanne Eccles; Dr. Conrad Andringa; Dr. Scott Escher; Dr. Jeff Yaeger; Trainers – UW Health Sports Medicine Clinic

Gymnastics

Dr. John W. McDonough, Wisconsin Rapids; Dr. Wayne R. Christie, Wisconsin Rapids; Trainers – McDonough Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center

Hockey

Dr. Alison Brooks, Madison; Dr. Deanne Eccles-Rotar, Stoughton; Dr. Brian Reeder, Sun Prairie; Trainers – UW Sports Medicine Clinic

Swimming/Diving (Boys)

Dr. Anne Marsh, Madison; Dr. Carolyn Oagland, Madison; Dr. Dave Ulery, Oconomowoc; Dr. Jeff Yaeger, Middleton; Trainers – UW Sports Medicine Clinic

Individual Wrestling

Dr. Conrad Andringa, Madison; Dr. David Bernhardt, Madison; Dr. Alison Brooks, Madison; Dr. Deanne Eccles-Rotar, Stoughton; Dr. Andy Peterson, Madison; Dr. Dave Ulery, Oconomowoc; Trainers – UW Training Staff

Team Wrestling

Dr. Andy Peterson, Madison; Dr. David Ulery, Oconomowoc; Trainers – UW Training Staff ✚



OFFICIALS



Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt an official from sport/rule meeting requirements. ALL criteria, as listed on Page 3 of the Guide for Officials, for an advanced classification must be met.

THREE ZEBRAS 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: May 15-16-17, 2009
Site: Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or 608-253-6698 or briankenney98@yahoo.com, www.kenneyenterprises.citymax.com

YOU MAKE THE CALL 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 19-20-21, 2009
Site: Lakeland College
Contact: Becky Blank 262-275-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

WIS BASKETBALL YEARBOOK/KAUKAUNA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 17-18-19, 2009
Site: Kaukauna High School
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-788-5504 - 920-841-8813 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

STEP AHEAD BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP (3-PERSON)

Dates: July 17-18-19, 2009
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or dkelliher@sbcglobal.net

BASKETBALL REFEREE BOOT CAMP

Dates: July 24-25, 2009
Site: Catholic Memorial High School (Waukesha)
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (7/24); starts at 8 a.m. (7/25)
Contact: Bill Gromacki 262-785-1961 or wgromacki@att.net, website: refereebbootcamp.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: July 24-25, 2009
Site: Watertown High School
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

NORTH LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL CLINIC

Date: July 25, 2009
Site: Lakeland High School (Minocqua)
Contact: Ed Schaub 715-892-1599 or ejschaub@hotmail.com

SMART START FOOTBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Date: August 1, 2009
Site: Racine Case High School
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Contact: Jeff McDorman 262-632-1699 or jeffmcdref@aol.com

BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION DIVING CLINIC

(for officials & coaches)

Date: August 10, 2009
Site: Neenah High School Pool – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Contact: Chuck Heidner 920-469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 14-15, 2009
Site: Monona Grove (classroom instruction); Madison LaFollette (scrimmage)
Time: 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. (8/14); 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (8/15)
Contact: Dave Jameson djameson@soderholmfoods.com or thejamos@charter.net

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLINIC

Date: August 15, 2009
Site: UW-Platteville Williams Field House – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Scott Ringgenberg 608-342-1571

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 19 & 25, 2009
Site: Milwaukee Area
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 21-22, 2009
Site: Waunakee High School
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 22, 2009
Site: Lancaster High School
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Jerry Schewe (608) 348-7915 or schewe@centurytel.net +

Officials Clinics

(Not approved for classification advancement)

LAKESIDE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MINI-CAMP

Dates: June 26-27, 2009
Site: MSOE Kern Center
Contact: Brittany Mack 414-475-8227 or mackbl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

Officials Association Meetings

METRO SWIMMING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

August 17, 2009 – 6 p.m. at Brookfield East High School – Diving clinic by Carol Rose
September 21, 2009, January 18 and February 22, 2010 – 7 p.m. at The Butler Inn, 12400 West Hampton Ave, Butler, WI
Contact: Chip Martin 262-957-6352 or csmartin@firstweber.com +

Annual Meeting

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later, friends.”

Deputy Director Dave Anderson, who will become the executive director on Aug. 1, also addressed the membership. “I greet you as the next executive director of the WIAA when we begin the 2009 school year,” he said. “I humbly ask for your help, as well as the commitment of your greatest creative energies and your patience as we take these next steps together, in order to perpetuate the special qualities and opportunities inherent to the WIAA and school-based athletic competition.”

There was one change to the Constitution and three alterations to the Rules of Eligibility. The constitutional change creates an associate membership for charter schools that are under the auspices of a member public school. The change would create an opportunity for charter school students to participate only at the school their residency places them. Associate members would not have voting or co-op team privileges. The measure passed by a 285-21 vote.

With the Rules of Eligibility, the membership approved a proposal that reclassifies the sport of cross country from a team sport to an individual sport for the purpose of violation administration. Rationale for the change identifies a means to exclude an individual from team scoring without disqualifying an entire team or other individual competitors. The membership passed the amendment by a 281-4 vote.

By a 293-12 margin, the membership

approved an amendment that eliminates language from the Waivers section of the Residence and Transfer Article in the Rules of Eligibility that reduces the chance of confusion by eliminating the “home-life betterment” text.

The membership also approved a penalty for inappropriate behavior directed toward a contest official. The amendment declares a student-athlete immediately ineligible for 90 calendar days from the date the player intentionally and aggressively contacts, or spits on, an official. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete in the first 25 percent of the next season in that same sport the altercation occurred. It passed by a 188-121 vote.

The amendment presented to the membership that would have added soccer to the list of sports that allow coaches unlimited coaching contact in the summertime was defeated by a 130-173 vote.

The membership also approved the editorial changes by a 298-9 margin. Editorial changes are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules.

Among the significant topics addressed and discussed were supplements, divisional placements, seasonal placements, out-of-season competition, interest in nine-man football, a football playoff with all schools qualifying, consolidation to one baseball season, and an update on the lawsuit with a media conglomerate and the state newspaper association over Internet streaming rights. +

WIAA, Advisory Panel Warns Officials who Double-Book

Wisconsin high school officials who double-book games during the regular season may be in danger of losing their eligibility to work post-season games under a recommendation that was OK'd by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Board of Control.

The board approved Jan. 28 an Officials Advisory Committee recommendation that officials named by conference commissioners and athletic directors to have purposely double-booked or dumped games for better games could be reported to the WIAA for consideration to be stripped of tournament eligibility for the current season. The recommendation applies to all sports and went into effect immediately.

“We’ve had conference commissioners and athletic directors express concerns to our office that officials are double-booking,” said Joan Gralla, house manager for the WIAA. “When it comes time, they are picking and choosing which games they want to do and putting off a game that they had already booked to another set of officials that they are choosing, and they’re not notifying the conference commissioner or athletic director. When the time comes for that game, the athletic director has people showing up that he or she had no idea were coming.”

The 13-member advisory committee consists of officials that represent 11 different sports, plus two liaisons (conference commissioner and athletic director).

“Athletic directors and such have gotten fed up with officials booking dates and then, at the last minute, they end up calling the athletic director and canceling because they have a better offer,” said Wausau West Athletic Director Pam Huston, who serves as a liaison to the advisory committee. “It’s very frustrating. In most sports, the number of licensed officials is going down every year. When you get put in a situation a day before the event of losing a varsity official to find a replacement that is at an equal or better level, it is virtually impossible.”

The committee reviewed a double-booking case from the current school year with the WIAA, but the situation was resolved and the officials were not denied their tournament eligibility, according to Gralla. “We leave it to the onus of the conference commissioner or athletic director to make sure that they’ve checked into everything and to make sure there wasn’t a clerical error, like two contracts that shouldn’t have been (issued),” she said. “Sometimes there are reasons why that may happen. In that particular case, there was a reason.”

But in many other cases, officials are dumping games for better match-ups or sometimes out of convenience because the game site is closer to where they live.

“Under this new legislation, I would report this official to the WIAA and say that this official came off this assignment and we determined that he took a contract someplace else, and now he loses tournament classification,” said Russ Thomas, the commissioner of the Milwaukee City Conference and liaison to the advisory committee.

In order to secure top officials, some conferences, especially in northern Wisconsin, often schedule individuals for varsity games multiple years in advance. If an official doesn’t record the game on his or her schedule or overlooks it, mishaps occur, but the advisory committee is more concerned about officials who knowingly schedule more than one contest on the same date.

The double-booking problem is especially rampant in areas with colleges and technical schools that have sports programs. “I think you have more problems in those areas because some officials are dumping a high school game to take a college game,” Huston said.

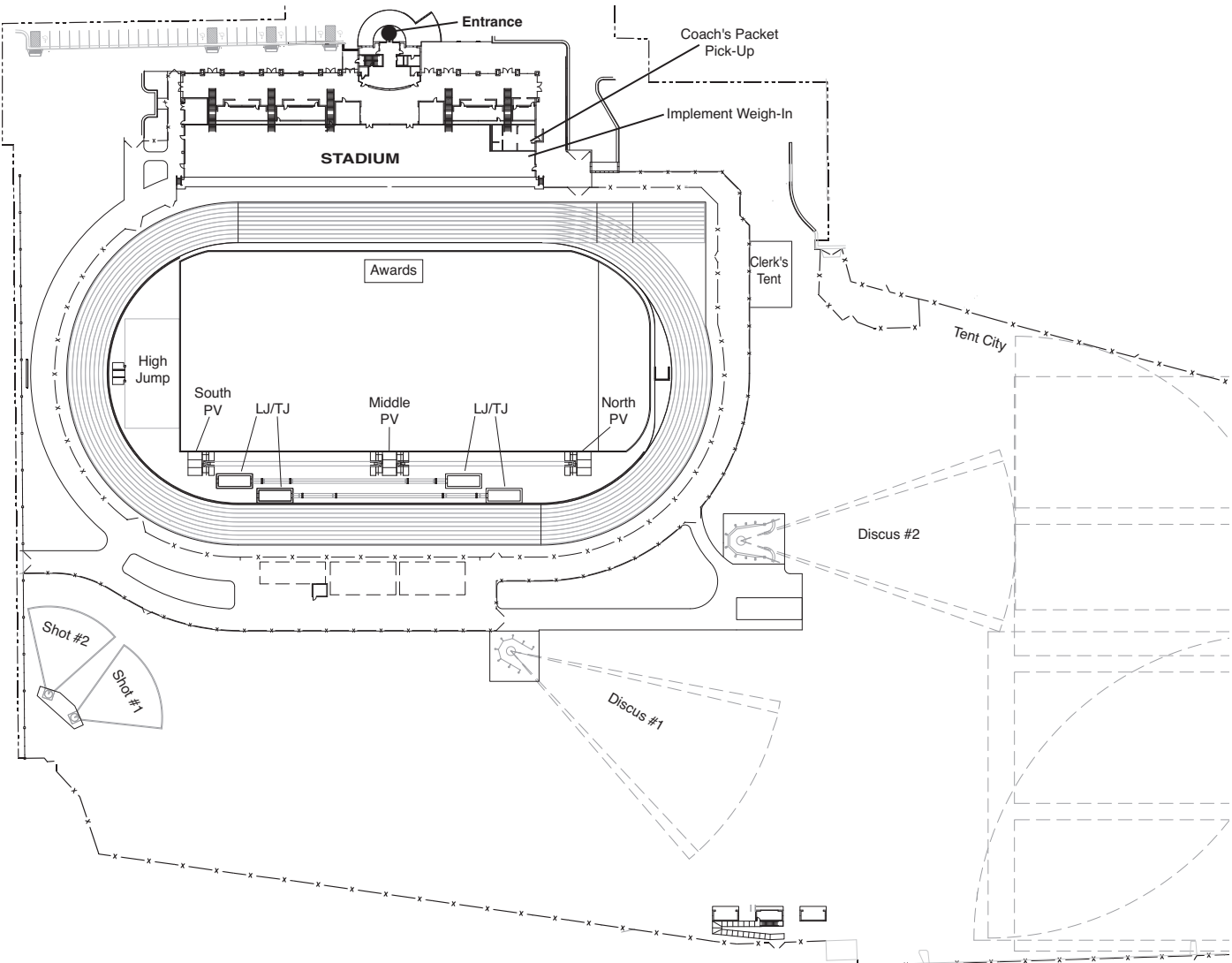
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State Tournament Time Schedules

2009 Boys & Girls Track & Field State Tournament Time Schedule

Memorial Stadium – UW-La Crosse
ORDER OF EVENTS AND TIME SCHEDULE

<p>Friday, June 5</p> <p>7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches may pick up team envelopes</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups. Division 1 coaches may pick up team envelopes</p> <p>9:25 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>Divisions 2 & 3 Schedule</p> <p>FIELD EVENTS</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Discus – Division 3 Boys (Discus #2) Discus – Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys (Discus #2)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – High Jump – Division 2 Girls High Jump – Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Long Jump – Division 3 Girls Long Jump – Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – Pole Vault – Division 2 Boys</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – Pole Vault – Division 3 Boys</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Shot Put – Division 2 Girls (Shot Put #1) Shot Put – Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls (Shot Put #1)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Triple Jump – Division 2 Boys Triple Jump – Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Boys</p> <p>Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) the final 20 minutes of the general warm-up are exclusively for athletes in the first flight, (c) 20 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (d) 15 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.</p>	<p>All Running Events Start At 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.</p> <p>3200 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Boys</p> <p>100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>100 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>1600 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Girls</p> <p>800 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>400 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>400 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>300 Meter Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>800 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Girls</p> <p>200 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>3200 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Boys</p> <p>1600 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys</p> <p>Division 1 Schedule</p> <p>1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Division 1 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (discus and shots), which will be used in Friday's competition.</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups</p> <p>4:25 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>FIELD EVENTS</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – Discus – Girls (Discus #2)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – High Jump – Boys</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – Long Jump – Boys</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – Pole Vault – Girls</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – Shot Put – Boys (Shot Put #1)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – Triple Jump – Girls</p> <p>Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) the final 20 minutes of the general warm-up are exclusively for athletes in the first flight, (c) 20 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (d) 15 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.</p>	<p>All Running Events Start At 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>3200 Meter Relay – Boys</p> <p>100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Girls/Boys</p> <p>100 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys</p> <p>1600 Meter Run – Girls</p> <p>800 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys</p> <p>400 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys</p> <p>400 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys</p> <p>300 Meter Hurdles – Girls/Boys</p> <p>800 Meter Run – Girls</p> <p>200 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys</p> <p>3200 Meter Run – Boys</p> <p>1600 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys</p> <p>Saturday, June 6</p> <p>8 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition</p> <p>9 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes</p> <p>9 a.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups</p> <p>10:25 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>FIELD EVENTS</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Discus – Division 3 Girls (Discus #1) Discus – Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls (Discus #1)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – Discus – Division 1 Boys (Discus #2)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – High Jump – Division 2 Boys High Jump – Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Boys</p> <p>High Jump – Division 1 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Long Jump – Division 1 Girls</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Long Jump – Division 3 Boys Long Jump – Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys</p>	<p>Noon – Pole Vault warm-up for Division 1 Boys and Division 3 Girls</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Pole Vault – Division 1 Boys</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Pole Vault – Division 3 Girls Pole Vault – Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Shot Put – Division 1 Girls (Shot Put #1)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Shot Put – Division 2 Boys (Shot Put #2) Shot Put – Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Boys (Shot Put #2)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Triple Jump – Division 1 Boys</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Triple Jump – Division 2 Girls Triple Jump – Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls</p> <p>Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) 20 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (c) 15 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.</p> <p>All Running Events Start at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.</p> <p>3200 Meter Relay (Girls)</p> <p>100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)</p> <p>110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)</p> <p>100 Meter Dash (Girls)</p> <p>100 Meter Dash (Boys)</p> <p>1600 Meter Run (Boys)</p> <p>800 Meter Relay (Girls)</p> <p>800 Meter Relay (Boys)</p> <p>400 Meter Dash (Girls)</p> <p>400 Meter Dash (Boys)</p> <p>400 Meter Relay (Girls)</p> <p>400 Meter Relay (Boys)</p> <p>300 Meter Low Hurdles (Girls)</p> <p>300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (Boys)</p> <p>800 Meter Run (Boys)</p> <p>200 Meter Dash (Girls)</p> <p>200 Meter Dash (Boys)</p> <p>3200 Meter Run (Girls)</p> <p>1600 Meter Relay (Girls)</p> <p>1600 Meter Relay (Boys)</p> <p>Note: (1) All finals on Saturday are to be in this order – Division 3, Division 2, then Division 1.</p> <p>(2) If high temperatures and/or high humidity occurs, the WIAA with the advice of the State Meet medical personnel may revise the track schedule to have the 3200 meter run be the last event on both Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>(3) 1600 meter run for Division 1 will be run in two sections. In Divisions 2 and 3 there will be one section.</p> <p>(4) 3200 meter run for all divisions will be run in one section (per division).</p> <p>(5) 3200 meter relay for all divisions will be run in two sections with timed finals.</p> <p>(6) 800 meter run for all divisions will be run in two sections, regardless of the number of athletes competing, with timed finals.</p>
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Tickets – State Tournament ticket prices are \$6 for each of the Friday sessions or an all day pass for \$10 (Friday only) and \$6 for the Saturday session (cash or checks only - no credit cards accepted). Tickets are sold only at the UW-La Crosse ticket window at Memorial Stadium. There is no advance sale.

2009 Softball State Tournament Time Schedule

Madison – Goodman Diamond

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 11 – 9 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 11 – 1:30 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

Division 1 Semifinals – Thursday, June 11 – 6 p.m.

Game 5 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 6 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (approx. 8 p.m.)

Division 4 Semifinals – Friday, June 12 – 9 a.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

Division 2 Semifinals – Friday, June 12 – 6 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner (approx. 8 p.m.)

Division 4 Championship Game – Saturday, June 13 – 10 a.m.

Division 3 Championship Game – Saturday, June 13 – 12:30 p.m.

Division 2 Championship Game – Saturday, June 13 – 3 p.m.

Division 1 Championship Game – Saturday, June 13 – 5:30 p.m.

Tickets – Tickets for each session are sold only at the Goodman Diamond ticket window in Madison during the State Tournament. There is no advance sale. (Quarterfinal & Semifinal – \$6, Championship – \$4, All day pass for Thursday/Friday – \$12)

2009 Spring Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

Appleton – Fox Cities Stadium

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 16 – 8 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 16 – 1 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Division 1 Semifinals – Tuesday, June 16 – 6 p.m.

Game 5 – Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
Game 6 – Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Division 4 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 17 – 8 a.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Division 3 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 17 – 1 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Division 2 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 17 – 6 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Division 4 Finals – Thursday, June 18 – 9 a.m.

Division 3 Finals – Thursday, June 18 – Noon

Division 2 Finals – Thursday, June 18 – 3 p.m.

Division 1 Finals – Thursday, June 18 – 6 p.m.

Tickets – Tickets are \$6 for each session and are sold only at the Fox Cities Stadium ticket window in Appleton during the State Tournament. There is no advance sale.

2009 Boys Tennis State Tournament Time Schedule

Nielsen Stadium, Madison

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 4

Play will involve all first round matches and will begin at 2 p.m.
(A match-tie breaker will be played in lieu of a third set.)

Friday, June 5

8 a.m. – Coaches meeting and briefing session.
8:30 a.m. – Competition continues through quarterfinals of singles and doubles.

Saturday, June 6

Competition continues in singles and doubles as follows:
8:30 a.m. – Consolation Semifinals
9 a.m. – Championship Semifinals

TEAM TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 12

5:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal

Division 1 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #4 vs. Sectional #8, Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #7

Lower Bracket

Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #5, Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #6

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. – Divisions 1 and 2 Semifinal

Division 2 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #4

Lower Bracket

Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #3

2 p.m. – Divisions 1 and 2 Championship Finals

Tickets – Student/Adult – \$6

2009 Boys Golf State Tournament Time Schedule

University Ridge – Madison

Monday, June 8

6:30 a.m. – Coaches Meeting (Division 1)
7 a.m. – Tee off – Division 1
11:30 a.m. – Coaches Meeting (Divisions 2 and 3)
12 noon – Tee off – Divisions 2 and 3

Tuesday, June 9

7 a.m. – Tee off – Divisions 2 and 3
12 noon – Tee off – Division 1

2009 Girls Soccer State Tournament Time Schedule

Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee

Thursday, June 11 – Division 1 Quarterfinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner
2 p.m. – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner

Lower Bracket

5 p.m. – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
7 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Friday, June 12 – Division 3 Semifinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Lower Bracket

2 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

Friday, June 12 – Division 2 Semifinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Lower Bracket

2 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

Friday, June 12 – Division 1 Semifinals

5 p.m. – Winner of 12 noon game vs. winner of 2 p.m. game
7 p.m. – Winner of 5 p.m. game vs. winner of 7 p.m. game

Saturday, June 13 – Championships

10 a.m. – Division 3 Championships

12 noon – Division 2 Championships

2 p.m. – Division 1 Championships

Tickets – State Tournament – Student & Adults – \$7; Children 6 & under – \$1

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. 12, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Roncalli - Dave Mueller 920-686-8148 or dmueller@roncallijets.net. (4-13)

Sept. 22, 2009 - Teams for relay meet. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV scrimmage. Burlington Catholic Central - Todd Willems 262-763-1510 ext. 406 or twillems@cchsnet.org. (4-23)

Aug. 21, 2009 - Teams for 6-team varsity scrimmage at UW-Oshkosh. Oshkosh Lourdes 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Aug. 28, 2009 - Freshman team for 4-team scrimmage. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Matt Renwick 715-422-6182 or matthew.renwick@wrps.org. (4-8)

GENERAL

2009 (Week 9) - Varsity game. Brillion - Peter Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@brillion.k12.wi.us. (4-27)

2009 & 10 (Weeks 3 & 9) - Varsity/JV game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dc3.k-12.wi.us. (4-17)

2010 (Week 1 & 2) - Game. Columbus - Rich Abegglen 920-623-5956 or rick_abegglen@columbus.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

2010 (Week 8) - Varsity game. Aquinas - Ted Knutson 608-784-0287 ext. 211 or ted.knutson@couleecatholic-schools.org. (4-27)

Girls Golf

GENERAL

2009 - Meets. Oconto - Rick Sherman 920-834-7812 ext. 317 or rick.sherman@oconto.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 29, 2009 - Team for quad. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1106. (4-27)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity dual. Kohler - Becky Luedtke 920-459-2920 ext. 1002 or luedtkeb@kohler.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Girls Swimming & Diving

GENERAL

2009 - Dual meets or invitational berth. Kohler - Becky Luedtke 920-459-2920 ext. 1002 or luedtkeb@kohler.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

2009 - Small team dual meet. Wittenberg-Birnwood - Tina Bacon 715-253-2211 or tbacon@wittbirn.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 18, 2009 - Varsity team for 8-team invitational. Neenah - Jon Joch 920-751-6900 ext. 104 or jjoch@neenah.k-12.wi.us. (4-23)

Aug. 21, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Watertown - Mike Daniels 920-262-7500 ext. 3003 or danielism@watertown.k-12.wi.us. (4-21)

Aug. 22, 2009 - Teams for quad. Madison Memorial - Tim Ritchie 608-663-6079 or tritchie@madison.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

Aug. 29, 2009 - Teams for quad. Janesville Parker - Justin Long 608-931-0790 or longja31@uww.edu. (4-29)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25, 2009 - Varsity meet. Kenosha Tremper - John Matera 262-359-2307 or jmatera@kUSD.edu. (4-27)

Aug. 28-29, 2009 - Teams for 24-team varsity tournament at UW-Whitewater. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Sept. 3, 2009 - Team for JV quad. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson - 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

Sept. 5 (or 1, 2, 4) - Berth in JV tour-

nament. Shoreland Lutheran - Tim Treder 262-859-2595 ext. 224 or ttreder@slhs.us. (4-27)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for 8-team varsity tournament. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver, Jr. 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Sept. 26, 2009 - Teams for 5-team varsity/JV tournament. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver, Jr. 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Varsity team for invitational. Oshkosh North - Craig Lieder 920-424-4020 ext. 2419 or craig.lieder@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Oct. 10, 2009 - Team for 8-team varsity tournament. Lodi - Jeff Lund 608-592-3853 ext. 4412 or lundje@lodi.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Oct. 17, 2009 - Team for 8-team varsity invitational. Mondovi - Randy Pongratz 715-926-3656 ext. 356. (4-29)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity/JV dual. Kohler - Becky Luedtke 920-459-2920 ext. 1002 or luedtkeb@kohler.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

2009 - Varsity/JV/freshmen matches. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

2009 - Berth in freshmen invitational. Green Bay Preble - Dan Retzki 920-272-70-46 or dretzki@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

2009 - Berths in JV & freshmen tournament. Brookfield Central - Scott Spiess spiessvb@hotmail.com. (4-10)

Boys Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 12, 2009 - Varsity team for invitational. Neenah - Jon Joch 920-751-6900 ext. 104 or jjoch@neenah.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 21, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV scrimmage. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

Nov. 28, 2009 - Team for scrimmage. Madison Memorial - Tim Ritchie 608-663-6079 or tritchie@madison.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

Dec. 3-4, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV game. Almond-Bancroft - Art Pagel 715-366-2941 or apagel@abschools.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Teams for 4-team varsity/JV tournament. Port Washington - John Bunyan 262-268-5595 or john.bunyan@pwssd.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

GENERAL

2009-10 - Team for Thanksgiving tournament (varsity/JV). Varsity/JV/frosh game. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Racine Horlick - Jason Treutelaar 262-880-7159 or Jason.treutelaar@racine.k-12.wi.us. (4-23)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Menomonee Falls - Ben Siebert 262-255-8444 or siebben@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Juda - Phil Trotter 608-214-3671 or ptrotter@juda.k-12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009-10 - Freshman games. Oak Creek - Bernie Lindner 414-768-6260 ext. 5302 or b.lindner@oakcreek.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009-10 - Games (will do 2 year home-home contract). Cambria-Friesland - Jim Bylsma 920-348-5135 ext. 107 or jbylsma@cf.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461. (4-13)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Green Bay Southwest - Mark Ziebell 920-428-9559 or mziebell@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

2009-10 - Berth in Christmas tournament and/or home varsity/JV/frosh games. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 27-28, 2009 - Teams for 4-team varsity tournament. Milw. South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k-12.wi.us. (4-21)

Nov. 30, 2009 - Team for scrimmage. Oconomowoc - Arno Kirchenwitz arno.kirchenwitz@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Dec. 3-4, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV game. Almond-Bancroft - Art Pagel 715-366-2941 or apagel@abschools.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Dec. 11, 2009, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 16 or 23, 2010 - Games (all levels). Wauwatosa West 414-773-3208 or pietromi@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (4-27)

Dec. 29, 2009 - Varsity game (Madison area). Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Badow 920-845-2336 ext. 419 or jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

GENERAL

2009-10 - Games (varsity/JV/freshmen). Monona Grove - Jeff Schreiner 608-221-7417. (4-27)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Milw. South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Juda - Phil Trotter 608-214-3671 or ptrotter@juda.k-12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Sheboygan North - Kelly Gephart 920-459-34087 or kgephart@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Badow 920-845-2336 ext. 419 or jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 30, 2010 - Teams for invitational (we have a spring floor). Oshkosh West - brad Jodarski 920-424-0143 or brad.jodarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

Boys Hockey

GENERAL

2009-10 - Game. Kenosha - Toby Thomas tthomas@pactiv.com. (4-20)

2009-10 - Games. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

2009-10 - Varsity games. McFarland - Brad Minter brad_minter@mcfarland.k-12.wi.us. (4-13)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 1, 2009, Jan. 12, 15 or 22, 2010 - Match/dual. Stoughton - Rich Reitzner 608-877-5621 or rich.reitzner@stoughton.k12.wi.us. (4-27)

Dec. 3, 2009 - Varsity or dual meet. Sheboygan North - Herb Tyler htyler@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Dec. 5, 19, 2009, Jan. 3 or 30, 2010 - Berth in varsity multi-dual or round robin tournament. Winneconne - Don Molitor 920-582-5810 ext. 1801 or molitord@winneconne.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Dec. 12, 2009 - Team for 24-team dual tournament at Chula Vista Sports Dome in Wis. Dell (5 matches guaranteed). Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461 ext. 1005. (4-13)

Dec. 19, 2009 - Teams for individual invitational. Stoughton - Rich Reitzner 608-877-5621 or rich.reitzner@stoughton.k-12.wi.us. (4-10)

Dec. 19, 2009 or Jan. 9, 2010 - Berth in JV tournament. Sheboygan North - Herb Tyler htyler@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Dec. 19, 2009 & Jan. 23, 2010 - Berth in JV tournament. Winneconne - Don Molitor 920-582-5810 ext. 1801 or molitord@winneconne.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Dec. 23, 2009 - Teams for individual invitational. Stoughton - Rich Reitzner 608-877-5621 or rich.reitzner@stoughton.k-12.wi.us. (4-10)

Jan. 5, 7, 28 or 29, 2010 - Dual meet.

Rosholt - Steve Schoofs 715-677-4541 or stschoof@mail.rosholt.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Jan. 9, 2010 - Teams for 8-team dual tournament (5 matches guaranteed). Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext. 4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

Jan. 9, 2010 - Team for 8-team dual tournament. Hudson - Chris Hansen 715-381-0055 or hansencg@hudson.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Jan. 16, 2010 - Teams for 6-team varsity multi-dual. Ozaukee - Jerry Hoffmann 262-692-2453. (4-8)

Jan. 16, 2010 - Teams for 10-team dual tournament (each team will get 5 matches). Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731 or coachpratt@att.net. (4-23)

Jan. 23, 2010 - Teams for JV invitational. Ozaukee - Jerry Hoffmann 262-692-2453. (4-8)

Jan. 30, 2010 - Team for 6-team invitational. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158 or thomjef@rbsd.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

Feb. 11, 2010 - Teams for JV tournament. Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-3921 or groshek_s@af.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

GENERAL

2009-10 - JV tournament. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

2009-10 - Duals. Hamilton (Sussex) - Mike Gosz 262-246-1805 ext. 1125 or goszmi@hamiltondist.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

2010-11 - Teams for individual dual meets, possible home and away annual series. Madison La Follette - Gary Skiles gskiles@madison.k12.wi.us. (4-27)

SPRING

Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC

May 9, 2009 - Team for 2-game tournament. Gilman - Brian Phelps brphelps@gilman.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

Girls Soccer

GENERAL

2009 - Games or 2 or 3 game tournaments. Menasha - Gene Spindler 920-967-1808. (4-21)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

May 15-16, 2009 - Team for varsity invitational. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matthew Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeeclutheranhas.org. (4-29)

May 16, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Bloomer - Chad Steinmetz 715-568-5300 ext. 4108. (4-10)

May 29, 2009 - Freshmen team for doubleheader. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonj@mail.milton.k-12.wi.us. (4-29)

GENERAL

2009 - Freshmen games in May. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonj@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

2009 - Varsity game (doubleheader). Watertown - Mike Daniels 920-262-7500 ext. 3003 or danielism@watertown.k-12.wi.us. (4-21)

2009 - Varsity games (either single games or one doubleheader). Oakfield - Dave Cohen 920-583-3141 or dcohen@oakfield.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

May 12, 2009 - Varsity team for invitational. Kettle Moraine Lutheran - Len Collyard 262-677-4051 or lcollyar@kmlhs.org. (4-21)

May 15, 2009 - Teams for boys relays. Janesville Parker - Rick Lehman 608-743-5645 or rlehman@janesville.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

Apr. 13, 2010 - JV co-ed teams for meet. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Softball Questions & Answers



Marcy Thurwachter

Please be aware that the WIAA continues to receive complaints regarding illegal pitches. It is your responsibility as a WIAA licensed umpire to be knowledgeable regarding illegal pitches and to call them on a consistent basis. Carefully watch the pitcher's warm-up and whenever possible use preventative officiating to remedy the situation prior to the start of the game. If you need to review please use the NFHS website: www.dartfish.tv/webpresenter/channelhome.aspx?cr=p2655 Umpires who do not call illegal pitches only make it more difficult for their peers! The next umpire that works that team does not want to hear "no one has called that all season."

Question 1: Is it legal to use a first baseman's glove in the outfield?

Answer: Legal. There are no prohibitions as long as the glove meets the specifications in Rule 1-4.

Question 2: Are players allowed to use their opponent's on-deck circle?

Answer: Illegal. Rule 1-1-6; "Neither team's players shall warm up in the other team's on-deck circle."

Question 3: Is temporary fencing allowed?

Answer: Legal. Be certain that if metal posts are used to secure the fencing some type of protective cap is used on the metal posts to prevent injury.

Question 4: One team was allowed to use a courtesy runner, even though all of the eligible substitutes for that team had been in the game. Has this rule changed?

Answer: Illegal. Rule 8-9-3; "Players who are currently in the game or have participated in the game in any other playing capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners."

Question 5: A bat must meet 2004 test standards. Is a bat with only a 2000 ASA mark legal?

Answer: Legal. Rule 1-5-4; "All bats shall meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear EITHER the 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification Mark..."

Question 6: The team at bat has bases loaded and nobody out. The infield is playing in. The first baseman is even with the bag and about 6 feet towards second base. The batter hits the ball between first and second base. The first baseman steps backward making an attempt to play the ball, but misses and does not touch the ball. The runner from first to second base is hit by the batted ball after it passes the first baseman. Is this an immediate dead ball and the runner called out?

Answer: In the situation you have described, Rule 8-8-4 would apply. Runner is not out, ball is live provided in the judgment of the umpire no other fielder had a chance to make a play.

Question 7: Runner is on third with no outs. On a fly ball to left field the runner leaves early and scores. Since she has already touched home can she try to return safely to third and if so does she need to retouch home on her way back to third?

Answer: Rule 8-3-2; "When a runner must return to a base while the ball is in play or dead, the runner must touch the base(s) in reverse order." Exception: "On a foul ball". Please also reference Rule 8-3-9 for additional information.

Question 8: Regarding the new attempted bunt rule, there is about 2 feet in front and 1 foot behind the plate that a batter can stand in the batter's box. The batter could square around and have the bat NOT in the strike zone (over the plate by definition). Does the batter have to withdraw the bat?

Answer: If the batter holds the bat above the plate but pulls it back before the pitch reaches the plate area, then it won't be considered an attempt. It doesn't matter where the batter stands. Having the bat over the plate is essentially in front of her body and within the strike zone. The strike zone is over the plate even if the batter is behind or in front of the plate.

Question 9: Who gets credit for the put-out when a runner gets called out for leaving second base early?

Answer: The fielder at the base where the appeal is made.

Question 10: I was recently told that on a tag out the ball can be in the opposite hand of the tag/glove and still count as an out. I thought you had to tag the runner with the ball in order for it to be an out?

Answer: Runner is not out. Rule 8-8-7; "A runner is touched while off a base; b) with a hand or glove of a defensive player and the ball is in the other hand."

Question 11: Isn't it true that you have to pull your pitcher if you call two timeouts in the same half inning?

Answer: Rule 3-7-1 PENALTY; "After three charged conferences in a seven inning game, or for any charged conference in excess of one in each extra inning, the pitcher shall be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game."

Question 12: I was the plate umpire for a recent game. Before the game started the pitcher asked about an Ace type bandage that she had on her pitching arm. To make sure the bandage stayed in place she put a small piece of white adhesive tape on the bandage. When she checked with me I told her she should remove the small piece of white adhesive tape. Was it necessary to have her remove the tape?

Answer: Tape was most likely legal unless, as per Rule 3-2-9; "A pitcher shall not wear any item on the pitching hand, wrist, arm or thighs which

may, in the umpire's judgment be distracting to the batter."

Question 13: Our JV team was scheduled to play on 4/26. Due to a conflict we did not play. I suggested that to make-up the game when they travel to our school the JV teams play two 5-inning games. The athletic director at the other school said that the WIAA does not allow 5 inning games to be played. Is that accurate?

Answer: Please refer to the Spring Regulations, page 29, National Federation Allowed Adaptations; "The number of innings for one or both games in a doubleheader may be scheduled for five innings."

Question 14: At last night's game the umpire told our players they could not wear metal spikes? Please address this in your next Q & A.

Answer: Beginning with the 2008 season, metal spikes have been legal per NFHS rules and allowed in Wisconsin.

Question 15: Is there a written rule on how many innings a player can play between JV and varsity combined? If we have back-to-back games (varsity followed by JV game) and I have a pitcher who pitches 3 innings of the varsity game, is she limited to 4 innings of the JV game?

Answer: Please refer to the Spring Regulations, page 28; "A student may not participate in more than 18 individual games and two multi-game dates. Playing in one inning of a game does not count toward the maximum number of games." In the scenario you describe, the athlete that played 3 innings of varsity and 4 innings of JV has used 2 of her 18 games. The interpretation would be the same for the doubleheader.

Question 16: If the batter is in the batter's box and they kick dirt and then the dirt covers the batter's box line, would that be a strike awarded to the batter?

Answer: Judgment call by the umpire. Rule 7-2-1i; "a strike is charged to the batter when: a member of the offensive team intentionally removes a line." The umpire must determine whether "kicking dirt" was an intentional attempt to remove a line.

Question 17: The batter hits a ground ball down first base line and the ball bounces in play then angles into foul territory, F3 tries to make a play on the ball and hits F3's glove while in foul territory. Is that a fair or foul ball?

Answer: Rule 2-25-1a; "a foul ball is a batted ball that: settles or is touched on or over foul territory between home and first base, or between home and third base."

Question 18: If the batter makes contact with the ball and it lands in the batter's box, is the ball fair or foul?

Answer: Umpire's judgment call. Rule 2-22-2; "Fair territory is that part of the playing field within and including the foul lines from home plate to the bottom of the home run fence and vertical. Home plate, the foul lines, and poles are considered part of fair territory." See batter's box diagram on page 11 of the NFHS Rule Book.

Question 19: I wanted to review the training videos on crowhop and leap pitches for softball but cannot locate them or a link. Can you direct me to the site?

Answer: www.dartfish.tv/webpresenter/channelhome.aspx?cr=p2655

Question 20: We are hosting a tournament on Saturday with eight teams. Games are scheduled with a 90-minute time limit. In the case of a tie, we want to use the international tiebreaker rule. Can we use such a rule in WIAA competition?

Answer: The WIAA has not approved a tie-breaking procedure at this time.

Question 21: We recently had a player ejected for throwing her bat. Could you please address the two rules pertaining to this issue?

Answer: The umpire must determine whether the bat was thrown "carelessly" (Rule 3-6-3) or "deliberately" (Rule 3-6-16). If Rule 3-6-3 applies, a team warning shall be issued to the coach and the next offender shall be restricted to the bench/dugout. If it was deliberate, the umpire shall eject the offender unless the offense is judged to be of a minor nature. If minor, then warn the player and eject if repeated. Rule 7-4-14 may also apply; the batter is out if she throws her whole bat and interferes with a defensive player attempting a play.

Question 22: At a recent game our player was called out for leaving the base too early on a caught fly ball. Isn't the defensive team supposed to appeal?

Answer: You are correct. Rule 8-6-6; "The runner leaves a base to advance to another base before a caught fly ball has touched a fielder, provided the ball is returned to the infield and properly appealed." If no appeal was made, the umpire does not have the authority to call the runner out.

From Rich Frost, president of the Wisconsin Fast-pitch Softball Coaches Association:

Over the first weeks of the season there have been reports of problems with the enforcement of the NFHS pitching rules. In an effort to work with the WIAA and umpires around the state the WFSCA would like to remind coaches of the following appropriate actions:

If you are coaching a pitcher who is not throwing

legally please take the time in the next few days to address this with your pitcher. Work with your pitcher to show them what they are doing incorrectly. Please do not be the coach who knows that your pitcher is throwing illegally but will wait to see if an umpire will make the call in a game.

Conversely, if you feel a pitcher is throwing illegally in a game, you do have the right to question the umpire appropriately. If the umpire does not agree with your interpretation of the rule, accept his/her decision just as you would with any other rule interpretation. It does not help to continually question the legality of the pitcher's delivery with the umpires, opposing coaches, fans, and especially where the pitcher herself is affected. If you have valid concerns contact your conference commissioner or the WIAA to address your concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Marcy Thurwachter or myself.

Richard Frost, WFSCA President

Question 23: Is it legal for teams to use a bat boy/girl? This would be a grade school age kid.

Answer: Legal, provided the bat boy/girl follows Rule 1-6-3; "Non-adult bat/ball shaggers shall wear batting helmets while in live-ball area, even if the ball is dead."

Question 24: At a recent game the base umpire told me that it wasn't necessary to make the delayed dead ball signal and that players/coaches don't need to know when it's being called. Please comment.

Answer: Incorrect procedure. Rule 2-25; "A situation in which a violation of a rule occurs and is recognized by the umpire by giving a delayed dead-ball signal, but is not ruled upon until the ball becomes dead." This has been a point of emphasis from the NFHS for the past two seasons.

Question 25: Recently, an umpire told me that "There is no girl in high school coordinated enough to crow hop." I know that illegal pitching, both leaping and the crow hop have been points of emphasis for several years. Why would someone say this?

Answer: More than likely this person has not kept up with the advancement in girls' high school softball. While illegal pitching is not the type of advancement we would like to see, it is true that girls have become stronger, better pitchers. Please see the following article, which was printed in the WIAA Bulletin in 2007:

Keys to Catching the Crow Hop

How can an umpire tell for sure if a pitcher is crow hopping in fast pitch? It takes a practiced eye, to be sure. But perhaps this explanation of those tactics and some suggestions on what to look for will help you in your efforts to call those offenses.

There are three types of crow hops. All are illegal and afford an unfair advantage not intended by the rules (2-16, 6-1-2c and Note 2).

Coaches often confuse leaping with crow hopping. When the crow hop technique is used, the pitcher hops, steps or slides the pivot foot forward and establishes a new push-off point to begin a new delivery motion that is not associated with the pitcher's original motion. Because the pitcher is initiating new momentum and is pitching from in front of the pitcher's plate, the pitcher gains a tremendous advantage when using the crow hop.

With the traditional crow hop, the pitcher hops forward, replants her pivot foot and pushes off anew in front of the pitcher's plate. The base umpire must concentrate on the pitcher's pivot foot but must not confuse the stabbing of the pivot foot in the ground, as she completes her legal pitching delivery with her stride foot forward, with an illegal replant that occurs before the stride foot passes the pivot foot.

Also, if the pivot foot stabs the dirt as the pitch is released, a crow hop has not occurred because the stabbing of the dirt and the release of the ball are nearly simultaneous. However, if the pitcher's pivot foot is on the ground in front of the pitcher's plate prior to the pitcher parting her hands, a crow hop has almost assuredly been committed. Only with diligent study, quality instruction and experience will an umpire be able to identify a crow hop.

While the base umpire must carefully observe the pitcher's pivot foot, the umpires must also watch to see if there is a bobbing of the pitcher's head. A pitcher who employs an illicit traditional crow hop shows an uncanny resemblance to a crow hopping in a field. As a result, it's important to watch the pitcher's head as well as her feet.

A subtle but advantageous crow hop occurs when the pitcher simply steps in front of the pitcher's plate with her pivot foot and starts her delivery motion in front of the pitcher's plate. Lacking the aggressive nature of the traditional crow hop, the step crow hop is another form of the crow hop that provides an unfair advantage for the pitcher and must be penalized.

The third type of crow hop is a sometimes practically imperceptible crow hop defined as a "creep." With the creep, an adroit pitcher keeps the weight on her pivot foot and does not transfer her weight forward until the pivot foot slides into a second push-off point in front of the pitcher's plate. The creep is the most difficult crow hop to determine because it can appear to the untrained eye as the follow through on a legal pitch rather than the illegal second replanting and push off that's blatantly illegal. Generally, the base umpire must assume primary responsibility for

2010 Softball Date Changes

Earliest practice: March 22
First game: March 30
Regionals (Div. 2, 3, & 4) . . . May 27, June 1 & 3
Regionals (Div. 1) June 1 & 3
Sectional semifinals June 8
Sectional finals June 11
State. June 17, 18, & 19

Dates for 2011 are available on the WIAA website; WIAA Info, 3 year calendar. Sectional semi-finals will now be held at two separate sites on Tuesday prior to the sectional championship game which will be held on Friday. +

detecting that crow hop.

Listen carefully when a manager or coach complains about the opposing pitcher's delivery. The manager or coach may be confused about the actual violation, if there is a violation. Armed with superior knowledge, you can gain the respect of a manager or coach by giving intelligent responses.

A pitcher should not gain a reputation as a legal or illegal pitcher. Each pitch must be judged on its own merits. No umpire should knowingly ignore infractions that provide a pitcher with an unfair advantage not intended by the spirit of the rules.

As a reminder, pitchers work long and hard to perfect their skills. It is imperative to realize that most complaints are lodged against good pitchers, and most good pitchers pitch within the rules.

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Question 26: Ball coming in from an outfielders throw, ball leaves the field of play. Are the runners awarded 2 bases or just one? The only thing in the rule book close to this is if the fielder intentionally throws the ball out of play, then, the runners are awarded 2 bases.

Answer: Please refer to Rule 8-4-3f; "the ball is in play and is overthrown (beyond the boundary lines) or is blocked by the defense. PENALTY: All runners will be awarded two bases, and the award will be governed by the positions of the runners when the ball left the fielder's hand."

Question 27: At one of our varsity softball games the opposing pitcher was wearing optic green shoes. The rule book does not address the color of shoes so I have to assume that they are legal.

Answer: Shoes are not part of the uniform. Rule 3-2-9; "A pitcher shall not wear any item on the pitching hand, wrist, arm or thighs which may, in the umpire's judgment, be distracting to the batter."

Question 28: Is it legal for softball players to practice basketball with their summer teams while the softball season is going on?

Answer: WIAA rules would not prohibit softball players from practicing basketball during the softball season. Prohibition would need to be approved by the local school district's administration.

Question 29: When using a flex player, is it necessary to designate one other player in the lineup as a DP? I have been told that there is no need to designate a DP and that there is no need to use one as the FLEX can play for anyone in the lineup on defense.

Answer: Incorrect procedure. Rule 3-3-6b; "The name of the player for who the DP is batting (FLEX) will be placed in the 10th position in the lineup."

Question 30: Player A hits a homerun over the fence and rounds the bases. When player A rounds the bases she touches all the bases except home. She takes two steps heading toward the dugout; the ump puts out a delayed dead ball sign. The on deck batter tells her to touch home and pushes her toward home. Player A comes back and touches home. Is this a homerun or is Player A out for having been touched by another player on her team, or is she safe because it is a dead ball situation?

Answer: First, umpire should not signal delayed dead ball. Nothing has happened that qualifies for that signal (Rule 5 chart). Second, since a runner is considered to have touched a base once she passes it, only the defense can appeal that she missed home. Since it is a dead ball appeal anyone on the defensive team can simply ask the umpire who would then rule on the play (Rule 2-1-3b). Rule 8-6-5 states, "Any offensive team member, other than another runner, physically assists the runner" that runner is out. So, if in the umpire's judgment the push physically assisted the runner, the umpire would call time and call the runner out. Runner is credited with a triple.

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Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

MAXIMUM ALLOWED NUMBER OF MEETS

QUESTION: When is a golf meet a completed meet?

INTERPRETATION: For WIAA tournament series meets, a "completed meet" officially occurs when all players have finished nine holes. Conference regulations may identify other language that supercedes WIAA regulations for conference meets.

QUESTION: We were only able to get three holes completed for our meet when rains came and washed it out. Is this a meet that counts towards our 14 allowed meets?

INTERPRETATION: By WIAA standards, the information provided does not exceed the nine-hole maximum necessary to complete a meet. Based upon this information and assuming there was no other criteria established for the maximum number of holes to be played, this meet would not count as a completed meet. All school teams involved would have their schedules reduced by one meet.

QUESTION: We were rained out of a meet, can we join another meet already scheduled?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a school team rained out of a meet has at least one meet opening in their schedule. Rescheduling into another meet, with school administration approval, is an allowed option.

QUESTION: If we are not able to reschedule into another meet following a rain out, can we use that open meet in our schedule to practice one day at the regional site?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, with school administration approval.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

QUESTION: Can you please review the new coaching regulations including the use of an electronic measuring device by a coach?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Golf Coaching Contact regulations now indicates: One designated coach is 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. The designated coach is not allowed on the greens or in the bunkers. The person acting as the coach must be under contract with the school as a golf coach. Players may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. Notes, tees, and other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited. Coaches cannot align players while the player is at address nor delay Pace of Play in any way. Penalty for violation of the coaching rule is two strokes on first offense and disqualification of player on second offense by same player.

Coaches are allowed to use Electronic Measuring Devices (EMDs) and provide distance information to players. Spectators are also allowed to have EMDs; however, spectators are not allowed to provide distance information or other advice to players. Spectators can provide distance and other information to the designated coach. The designated coach is allowed to relay this information to a player or players if the designated coach wishes to do so.

QUESTION: What is the penalty if a player is found using an EMD during a meet?

INTERPRETATION: So long as the EMD is just a distance measuring device, the first penalty is a warning. The second violation is a two-stroke penalty and the third violation for using an EMD is disqualification.

If the EMD also has the technology to identify other conditions that might affect play (e.g., wind speed/direction), per USGA Rule 14-3, then the penalty becomes disqualification.

QUESTION: Why can't high school golf teams use measuring devices (Sky Caddie)? Since they play by the USGA rules which now accepts them shouldn't they be acceptable? They are also acceptable in almost all other tournaments.

INTERPRETATION: The WIAA Board of Control reviewed the use of Electronic Measuring Devices (EMDs). In reviewing

this matter, the BOC determined EMDs should not be allowed to be used during high school golf meets by golfers as the cost for these devices was simply too high. This cost would allow some golfers to be able to afford EMDs while others would not be able to do so.

Coaches have been afforded the opportunity to use electronic measuring devices and relay information to their players. Spectators are also allowed to use electronic measuring devices, but may only relay information/distances to the coach. During a meet, they may not provide this information directly to the players. Once the coach is provided information from a spectator/parent, he/she can determine whether or not they wish to provide it to the player.

USGA RULES

QUESTION: Is there a new USGA regulation allowing a player to pick up their ball in a hazard?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, USGA Rule 12-2 has been amended to allow a player to lift his ball for identification in a hazard. The ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification when lifted.

QUESTION: Is a stone a "moveable obstruction" in a bunker?

INTERPRETATION: On page 110 of the USGA Rules, 5. Stones in Bunkers indicates, "Stones are, by definition, loose impediments and, when a player's ball is in a hazard, a stone lying in or touching the hazard may not be touched or moved (Rule 13-4). However, stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by the player's club in an attempt to play the ball) and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game."

When permission to lift a stone in a bunker is warranted, the following Local Rule is recommended:

"Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)."

QUESTION: Once a player takes his stance in the bunker, if he accidentally skims the surface of the sand as he prepares to hit the ball – is this considered grounding? or is there a matter of interpretation between accidentally touching the sand surface and intentional grounding?

INTERPRETATION: USGA 13-4 a. and b. – Players must not: a. Test the condition of the hazard or any similar hazard; b. Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or club.

Basically, so long as a player's ball is in a hazard, he/she is not able to touch the sand with their club. If they do, it is a two-stroke penalty. There are a variety of situations to support this interpretation.

If a player is falling, reaches for a rake, picks up his/her ball to identify it and touches the sand in a hazard, then there is no penalty.

QUESTION: Can a player take his golf bag into the bunker with him and lay it down?

INTERPRETATION: USGA Rule 13-4 indicates: "Providing nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the hazard or improves the lie of the ball there is no penalty if the player . . . (b) places his clubs in a hazard."

QUESTION: Team A – golfer 1 & 2 are competing vs. Team B 1 & 2 in the 1st four-some and the other golfers from each team are in similar pairings. May the golfers in Team A give advice concerning club selection since they are teammates (partners) competing with Team B? I have been given different interpretations of the rule on advice and would prefer that you give me the correct insight into what this ruling should be.

INTERPRETATION: USGA Rule 8-1 indicates "During a stipulated round, a player must not: (a) give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than his partner . . ."

Based upon the information you have provided, it seems the competition you are referring to involved players having a partner. In these situations, advice is allowed unless directed otherwise.

Please be aware, that during a golf meet, the No. 1 player is not allowed to

receive or provide advice to the No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, or No. 5 player and vice versa when partners are not part of the game being played. Only the one designated

QUESTION: A player hit a tee shot down the center of the fairway. When the group goes towards their tee shots, this player's ball is not found. It is apparent the ball has plugged in the fairway somewhere; however, the group is not able to find the ball. No local rule for embedded ball has been approved by the committee. How does the player proceed?

INTERPRETATION: USGA Rule 25-1c – generally speaking, this rule indicates that when the ball can not be found, there is not a local rule in place and when the area a player has hit into is not casual water or ground under repair, then the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 which requires the player to identify this as a lost ball situation. This requires a two-stroke penalty and the player to return to the tee unless a provisional ball has been played.

QUESTION: A player hits a ball where he/she is not able to see it. The player hits a second shot into the same area; however, does not identify either of the balls to the other players in the group.

When the group gathers to search for this player's balls, they are able to locate both balls; however, the player is not able to determine which ball is the original. How does the player proceed?

INTERPRETATION: USGA Situation 27/11 – Solution 4 indicates: "One could argue that both balls are lost. However, it would be inequitable to require the player to return to the tee, playing 5, when the player has found both balls but does not know which is the original and which the provisional. Accordingly, the player must select one of the balls, treat it as his provisional ball and abandon the other."

AMATEUR STATUS

QUESTION: I have a question regarding the purchase of golf clubs for players. I have a parent who needs financial support to help her son, a player on our team, purchase golf clubs. He needs a driver and a putter. She submitted a request to our Tribal Council for support and they in turn asked me about the player and his need and the amount the player would need. The Tribal Council is prepared to provide the parent with the amount needed for the purchase. Our home golf course has used clubs the player can purchase.

My question, will this be a violation of the Amateur Status Rule?

INTERPRETATION: Please understand that we recognize the kindness you intend – from the goodness of your heart – and the support and best interest the Tribal Council has as well.

First, there is no way that clubs can be given to a high school golfer or that money can be provided to that player or his family so that he can purchase clubs or other items. Both of these procedures will result in amateur status violations and render the student ineligible for the remainder of his high school career.

However, with some slight modifications here, there are ways that we can make this work: First, consider having this young man work for you or the Tribal Council. Help this student to get a job so that you can provide him with money for his work to go and purchase his clubs. Another way of doing this is to donate money to the school so that school officials can purchase clubs and have them available for student-athletes participating in golf. Either of these procedures are acceptable ways of handling this matter.

CLUB THROWING

QUESTION: What constitutes throwing a club? For example, a player tosses a club across a green to his/her bag.

INTERPRETATION: It is easy to establish when a club is thrown – whenever a club leaves the hand except when placed back into the bag. Clubs cannot be "tossed" back to a player's bag. Clubs cannot be "thrown" out of the bunker. Each of these is interpreted to be a violation of this regulation.

The more flagrant violation has players throwing a club up in the air, particu-

larly in a windmill-type motion Or, if thrown in the direction of anyone.

The WIAA Spring Season Regulations, page 15, contain the language you are looking for: 15., c. Coaches aware of unsportsmanlike conduct (throwing or burying of clubs, swearing, etc.) should report the violation to the tournament manager. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be penalized as follows:

(1) Player: first violation<warning; second violation<2 stroke penalty; third violation<disqualification from competition. Players may also assess another player a warning for the first violation and 2 stroke penalty for the second unsportsmanlike conduct violation, but must report a third violation to the tournament manager for disqualification.

In addition, a two-stroke penalty will be assessed to a player who throws a club, which, even inadvertently, strikes any person. Any flagrant throwing of a club, causing danger to any person will result in disqualification and that player will be required to miss the next meet.

8th GRADERS PRACTICING ON HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

QUESTION: I have an 8th grade student in the district that has inquired about practicing with the varsity boy's high school golf team. He would not compete in any meets, but his father was wondering if he could come over to the course and just play with the older guys. Is this permissible?

INTERPRETATION: While taking "time and turns" away from students already "in high school" would never be recommended, here, WIAA rules do not prevent middle level students in your district from "practicing" with the high school team, if that's what your administration approves of. Because of ramifications across all your schools programs, this ought to be an administrative determination, perhaps even school board approved so as to protect school administration, but not a coaches prerogative.

I would presume this to be an opportunity your district would make available then to all the district's middle level students with the same circumstances and interest in such an opportunity. We have found grave unhappiness and concern to exist in parents and student-athletes of a feeder program when only certain middle level students are provided the opportunity to practice/work out with a high school team. It will be the school administration answering questions should concerns develop.

ON-COURSE COACHING

QUESTION: With the new coaching rules – coach providing advice in fairway – reading breaks on the greens, etc., should the host of the meet indicate that pace of play will be enforced rigidly? Without question the coaching in the fairway will slow down play. Besides the host of the meet – who else can be designated to monitor pace of play and issue cards?

INTERPRETATION: The best way for the host manager to handle this situation is to keep the first group on pace with the pace of play schedule provided for that course. This requires all other groups to maintain pace with that group. In this way, if a group falls more than one hole behind (where Group A finishes a hole and Group B has not yet reached the teeing area – for par 4 or par 5 holes) then a warning can be given to that group. Once the group that was issued the warning catches up, the warning can be removed.

WIAA Season Regulations specify the host manager is responsible for marking cards. The host school is also responsible for determining an appropriate length of time to play a course. The host school is allowed to identify other personnel, including visiting coaches to assist with the monitoring of pace of play. However, it is the host manager who is responsible for giving out warnings and penalties for pace of play.

Additional information regarding Pace of Play issues and situations can be found on the WIAA School Center in the Boy's Golf section. +

Soccer



Deb Hauser

Approved Soccer Facilities

Schools are reminded that they MUST be listed on the Approved Site List in order to host during the girls soccer tournament series. Even if you plan to host at another facility, your school name must be listed on the Approved Site List. In order to be an approved site, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum field size of 65 x 110.

2. Able to charge admission.

3. In the spring you are allowed to play on your football field.

Deadline for getting on the Approved Site list was Friday, May 8.

as Identified 4/14/09			
Amery	70 x 110	Green Bay West	65 x 110
Appleton East	70 x 120	Greendale	65 x 120
Appleton North	65 x 110	Greenfield	65 x 110
Appleton West	70 x 115	Hamilton	75 x 120
Aquinas	70 x 120	Hartford Union	70 x 120
Arrowhead	75 x 110	Hayward	65 x 120
Ashland	80 x 120	Heritage Christian	70 x 120
Ashwaubenon	65 x 110	Homestead	70 x 110
Assumption	76 x 122	Hortonville	72 x 120
Badger	75 x 120	Hudson	65 x 110
Baraboo	65 x 110	Hustisford	70 x 110
Barron	65 x 110	Janesville Craig	72 x 110
Bay Port	70 x 110	Janesville Parker	73 x 120
Beaver Dam	73 x 120	Kaukauna	75 x 118
Belleville	65 x 110	Kenosha Bradford (Ameche)	72 x 114
Big Foot	65 x 115	Kenosha Christian Life	65 x 110
Brookfield Academy	70 x 120	Kenosha Tremper	72 x 114
Brookfield Central	75 x 120	Kettle Moraine	75 x 120
Brookfield East	75 x 120	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	75 x 120
Burlington	70 x 110	Kewaskum	75 x 120
Campbellsport	65 x 110	Kiel	75 x 120
Catholic Memorial	75 x 120	Kimberly	75 x 110
Cedar Grove-Belgium	65 x 110	La Crosse Central	70 x 120
Cedarburg	70 x 120	La Crosse Logan	70 x 120
Central WI Christian	75 x 120	Lakes Mills	70 x 120
Chippewa Falls	75 x 120	Lakeland	65 x 120
Clintonville	70 x 110	Little Chute	66 x 120
Columbus	65 x 110	Lodi	70 x 117
Columbus Catholic	75 x 120	Lomira	70 x 110
Conserve	65 x 120	Luxemburg-Casco	65 x 110
D. C. Everest	75 x 114	Madison East	70 x 120
De Pere	65 x 110	Madison Edgewood	70 x 120
Delavan-Darien	65 x 110	Madison Memorial	70 x 120
Dodgeville	65 x 120	Madison West	65 x 120
Dominican (Bavarian)	76 x 118	Manitowoc Lincoln	65 x 110
Divine Savior	75 x 120	Marquette Uni.	75 x 120
Eau Claire Memorial	65 x 120	Marshfield	75 x 120
Eau Claire North	65 x 110	Martin Luther	65 x 110
Elkhorn Area	65 x 120	Mayville	75 x 120
Evansville	75 x 120	McDonell Central	75 x 120
Fond du Lac	75 x 115	McFarland	66 x 110
Fort Atkinson	65 x 114	Menasha	65 x 110
Fox Valley Lutheran	67 x 118	Menomonee Falls	68 x 110
Frrredom	65 x 120	Merrill	75 x 115
Germantown	70 x 110	Middleton	65 x 120
Grafton	70 x 110	Milton	65 x 118
Green Bay NEW Luth	72 x 110	Milwaukee Lutheran	72 x 110
Green Bay Preble (at West)	65 x 110	Monona Grove	68 x 110
Green Bay Southwest	65 x 110	Monroe	65 x 110
		Mosinee	65 x 110
		Mount Horeb	75 x 120
		Mukwonago	65 x 110
		Muskego	75 x 120
		Neenah	65 x 110
		New Berlin Eisenhower	70 x 115
		New Berlin West	77 x 120
		New Holstein	65 x 110
		New London	72 x 115
		Newman Catholic	75 x 110
		Nicolet	70 x 120
		Northland Pines	72 x 110
		Notre Dame	65 x 114
		Oak Creek	65 x 110
		Oakfield	68 x 115
		Oconomowoc	65 x 120
		Onalaska	75 x 120
		Oostburg	65 x 110
		Oregon	65 x 110
		Osceola	75 x 120
		Oshkosh Lourdes	75 x 120
		Oshkosh North	65 x 110
		Oshkosh West	65 x 110
		Ozaukee	65 x 110
		Pacelli	80 x 120
		Palmyra-Eagle	66 x 115
		Pewaukee	75 x 120
		Phelps	70 x 110
		Pius XI	70 x 120
		Platteville	65 x 110
		Plymouth	80 x 120
		Port Washington	75 x 120
		Poynette	65 x 111
		Pulaski	67 x 110
		Racine Case	70 x 120
		Racine Horlick (Levonian)	70 x 120
		Racine Lutheran (Pershing)	70 x 120
		Racine Park	70 x 120
		Racine St. Catherine's	70 x 120
		Random Lake	75 x 110
		Reedsburg Area	75 x 120
		Rhineland	75 x 120
		Rice Lake	70 x 120
		Richland Center	70 x 120
		River Falls	65 x 120
		River Valley	75 x 110
		Roncalli	72 x 110
		St. Lawrence Seminary	67 x 110
		St. Mary Central	70 x 110
		St. Mary Springs	75 x 115
		Sauk Prairie	65 x 110
		Seymour	75 x 120
		Sheboygan Area Luth	70 x 120
		Sheboygan Cty. Christian	70 x 120
		Sheboygan Falls	70 x 120
		Sheboygan North	70 x 110
		Sheboygan South	70 x 110
		Slinger	65 x 120
		Somerset	65 x 110
		South Milwaukee	71 x 120
		Sparta	70 x 120
		Spooner	70 x 110
		Stevens Point	80 x 120
		Sturgeon Bay	75 x 110
		Sun Prairie	65 x 110
		Superior	65 x 110
		The Prairie School	75 x 120
		Thomas More	66 x 112
		Three Lakes	65 x 120
		Tomah	65 x 110
		Two Rivers	75 x 120
		University Lake	74 x 110
		University School	75 x 120
		Verona Area	70 x 115
		Washburn	70 x 110
		Waterford	67 x 110
		Watertown	70 x 110
		Waukesha South	75 x 120
		Waukesha West	69 x 110
		Waunakee	75 x 120
		Waupaca	75 x 110
		Wausau East	70 x 120
		Wausau West	70 x 120
		Wauwatosa East	75 x 120
		Wauwatosa West	75 x 120
		West Allis Central	76 x 110
		West Bend East	75 x 120
		West Bend West	75 x 120
		West De Pere	72 x 120
		West Salem	70 x 120
		Whitefish Bay	67 x 110
		Whitewater	75 x 120
		Whitnall	65 x 116
		Wilmot Union	75 x 120
		Winnebago Lutheran	75 x 115
		Winneconne	65 x 120
		Wisconsin Heights	65 x 110
		Wisconsin Lutheran	75 x 120
		Wisconsin Rapids	76 x 122
		Wrightstown	77 x 120
		Xavier	70 x 120

Softball Q & A's

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Question 31: Could I get a clarification on obstruction? If a runner is diving back to first on a pick-off play by the catcher and is obstructed, does she get first...or second? In baseball the rule reads one base beyond the last one acquired, but in softball I see no such reference, only the base they are trying to acquire. That would mean in baseball they would get second, but in softball only first. Is that correct?

Answer: Case Book, 8-4-3, sit. C; awards base they would have reached had there been no obstruction. Runner is safe at 1st.

Question 32: Please clarify the look-back rule (8-7).

Answer: From John Peterson: When the pitcher has the ball within the circle a runner who is stopped and not on a base, must immediately return to last base or advance to next base (Rule 8-7-1). When the pitcher has the ball within the circle a moving runner may stop once but then must immediately return to last base or advance to next base (Rule 8-7-2). When the pitcher has the ball within the circle a runner who has stopped on a base may not leave that base (Rule 8-7-3). None of these three above rules apply to other runners until the batter-runner touches first base Rule 8-7-1. None of these three apply when the pitcher makes a play on any runner (8-7-4 Exception). A batter-runner may overrun first base (for example on a walk). If she does she must follow the requirements of 8-7-4. Summary, if she overruns and

turns right, she can only go back to first. If she overruns first and turns left she may go to second or back to first. If she overruns first, turns left and moves toward second, she can only go to second. If she overruns first, turns left and moves back to first, she can only go to second. A violation of these requirements is a dead ball runner is out. Case book play 8-7-4 deals with batter-runner and a play being made on a runner by the pitcher. In (a) she steps toward third which is not considered making a play and batter-runner is not released and must follow the requirements of 8-7-4. In (b) if the umpire considers the step toward first by the pitcher as making a play then batter-runner is released and does not have to follow requirements of 8-7-4.

Question 33: Defensive obstruction of a runner occurs when first basemen contacts batter-runner, base umpire signals delayed dead ball, runner continues until she is thrown out at third base. At the end of play, the umpires confer and base umpire says that runner was only going to be awarded second base. When the runner was thrown out at third base, the out stands because the runner is only protected to the base they would have been awarded, correct? The umpires ruled that the out stood because the runner was only protected to second base and she advanced to third base with the opportunity to be put out. Is this the correct call?

Answer: Correct. Rule 8-4-3b, Penalty (b).

Question 34: Runners on 2nd and 3rd base, one out. Batter hits sacrifice fly to outfield, runner on third legally tags and scores, two outs. Runner on 2nd is appealed for leaving too early and is called out. Does the run count?

Answer: Yes. Rule 2-1-11. "If an appeal is honored at a base to which a runner was forced to advance, no runs would score if it was the third out." In this play, runner leaving 2nd base for leaving early is not a force play (2-24-1), run scores.

Question 35: In a softball game the other night the pitcher was completely behind the rubber with neither foot in contact, presented the ball, simulated taking a sign, and proceeded to move forward onto the pitching rubber with hands together to begin pitch. Is this legal? I thought that the pitcher needed to have at least one foot in contact with the rubber when taking or simulating taking a sign.

Answer: Per Rule 6-1, the pitcher shall take a position with her feet on the pitcher's plate with hands separate and take or simulate taking a signal from the catcher.

Question 36: In a recent game with Team XX, a coach would go out to the mound every inning coaching the pitcher during her warm-up pitches. Is this a charged conference for their team? Is it legal to be on the playing field every inning as the pitcher warms up?

Answer: No charged conference. During warm-up time a coach or member of the team could work with any defensive player.

Question 37: Our opponent had their 9th batter

up to bat, she took one pitch from our pitcher, which was called a ball. The coach came out on the field and indicated that she wanted a pinch hitter to bat for the 9th batter. The umpire allowed the switch and the new batter started with one ball. Is that legal. My thoughts were that since our pitcher already pitched to the 9th batter she had to remain a batter and if she did come out it would either be a strike awarded or an out. Can you clarify that situation?

Answer: Correct call. Case Book, 3.3.2, sit. A.

Question 38: We had a runner (the illegal batter) on second and the girl after her was on first along with the next batter in the batter's box. Next, the coach appealed that the girl on second base had batted out of order. What should we have called? My understanding from reading the rule book is that since batters had batted after the illegal batter, and that no appeal was made, the batters follow the order after the illegal batter until correct batter is due up and no penalty is called. Please help.

Answer: Correct call. Case Book 7-1-21 sit. C. Error cannot be corrected until the next time through the batting order.

* Please remind your players that softball has a no jewelry rule (3-2-12). This include body piercings covered by tape. Players should check carefully that they do not have bobbie pins or barrettes in their hair as they are included as prohibited items. Coaches are verifying that their players are legally attired when they meet with the umpires for the pre-game conference. Follow through by having your players jewelry free! +

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: We have just had a girl trackster return from her time spent in Michigan playing on a girls hockey junior non-inter-scholastic team. She lived with a host family and only went to classes at the Michigan high school. This is just like our hockey player of years past and similar to a hockey player from the neighboring district. She wishes to be involved with track this spring. Her parents live in our district, have never moved and she is a junior. Have I missed anything? Is she legal?

A.: From your description – student would appear to be eligible at your school – provided grades, code, etc., all pass muster. By WIAA transfer rules, student was ineligible in Michigan. She has returned to your school, where her eligibility has remained per rule.

Q.: My daughter wishes to transfer from a private HS to the public high school starting her sophomore year. Can she transfer and compete at the varsity level immediately?

A.: Provided your daughter meets all eligibility requirements, including the residence rule (an open enrollment) – and that there is no indication the transfer comes as a result of recruitment or undue influence – and provided there are no objections from her current school – yes.

Q.: One of my athletes this year (sophomore) ran cross country this year and began the wrestling season in our school. Part way through the season, there was a domestic issue and his mother had him go live with his grandmother in another district for part of term two and all of term three. The domestic issue has been resolved and he has moved back here for term four. He did not participate in any sports while living with grandmother. Can he participate in track this year in our school and cross country next fall? He would have been in our district all year had it not been for the issue at home.

A.: If the student began the current school year with you, then transferred – and if he did not establish eligibility with the other school, then he is eligible back at your school so long as he is a full-time student there. If he competed at the other school, that will need to be reconciled via the waiver process through your AD.

Q.: I have a nephew that lives out of state. Would he be able to live under my roof, attend our private high school, and be granted full eligibility? Seems to me it would be like being at a dormitory school.

A.: No. See Rules of Eligibility Article II, Sect. 2. Our member's residence rule for our religious and independent members provides that a student is eligible when they are residing with their parents. Relatives and/or guardians are not viewed the same. We are not aware of your school being a residential school. Now, having said that – if your relative is a 9th or 10th grader and was living with you, he could be provided non-varsity eligibility for one year, then if he continued enrollment with you, restrictions could be removed in year two. ROE Art. II, Sect. 2B.

Q.: We had a young man that attended our school as a freshmen. There were academic struggles, as well as problems in the home. He has spent the last year at a school that our church body operates for wayward kids; kids that have major enough problems that their parents and/or traditional schools don't feel equipped to handle them. It's a very strict environment with lots of one-on-one attention. This young man has evidently progressed well enough that they feel he is ready to try a regular school situation again. This is his sophomore year. They are thinking about enrolling him back in our school for his junior year. Dad asked me yesterday whether he would be eligible to play football. He needs motivation, "a carrot in front of his eyes", as his dad put it, to keep him focused. There are no sports offered at his last school. He hasn't participated in anything since football his freshman year. Would his eligibility still be intact here? If not, would the reasons for the two transfers fit under the waiver rule? If not, would this be a legitimate case to appeal?

A.: If/when this student returns to your school it would be appropriate to go through the waiver process. If student is going back to same home, probably not a home life betterment argument – but there may be extenuating circumstances that can be documented. We do not provide "waivers in advance." We are not able to speculate on prospects and possibilities. If and when the student would transfer and become your full-time student again, then you should schedule to meet with the family to

discuss the circumstances of the transfer. You will determine whether the circumstances meet the member's definition of extenuating circumstances – and whether you find the reasons compelling, thus making you willing to advocate for your new student. His past status as a student in your school is significant.

Competition & Practice

Q.: I have been asked by the area youth soccer association to try to set up a scrimmage soccer game for this spring. There is a group of 16-year old boys traveling from Great Britain through an organization called Teamlink. They are coming through this area and would like to play my HS GDU team. Afterward they are asking for a Wisconsin tailgate party which I am willing to throw. My players are all freshman and sophomores. Is it legal for me to do such a thing according to WIAA?

A.: WIAA Season Regulations (p. 19 and 20) provide that WIAA members may not scrimmage or compete vs. non-school affiliated club teams. (Season Regs 4A-1 and 6A1)

Q.: Last Saturday, school A played a doubleheader baseball game vs. school B. In the first game, a "B" player was ejected but then played the entire second game. School B won that game. In that second game, a school A player was ejected and will be sitting out the next game, which is scheduled for tomorrow. Our question is: because the school B player did not sit out a game as the rules stipulate, would that result in a forfeit for them?

A.: The player ejected as described below, should have been withheld from the second game of the doubleheader. If he competed, it was as an ineligible participant as a result of Baseball Season Regulation #8. If he competed – as an ineligible player the contest must be forfeit as outlined in ROE Art. I, sect. 5.

Q.: I have a question about what constitutes a scrimmage/game. What if one team wants to count a game as a scrimmage and the other team involved wants to count it as a game. What is the ruling on this? Do they both have to agree on it being a game? Please let me know because I have been told a couple of different things.

A.: The baseball season regulations contain the member's exact text on this topic. The pertinent statement in this case is, "Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams." Please tell me what schools you are aware of being confused on the provision. It has been a point of emphasis the past two seasons and is written quite clearly – I think.

Q.: Can physicians assistants (PA's) cover WIAA sporting events without a physician at the event, but available by phone?

A.: Yes. Keep in mind, the WIAA does not require a physician be on-site at events. There are some members that are not able to have an athletic trainer at some events. I must imagine a PA would be welcome by many of our members. It is also important to recognize that the PA would NOT be afforded the status as an MD on matters of injury/illness/skin conditions/casts, e.g., – where by the playing rules, clearance and/or return to compete must be authorized by an MD.

Participation Issues

Q.: I have a student who is attending a program for his HSGED. Can he participate in track? Full-time student is the status for sports, correct?

A.: A student enrolled in a GED or even GEDO 2 program – might be afforded eligibility. The critical element – is that the student's program meets the requirements to be afforded full-time student status and/or full-time student equivalent. There is not a requirement a student receive a traditional diploma – or be on track for one, in order to be eligible. The requirement is that they must be enrolled as a full-time student, meet academic eligibility requirements, etc. ROE Art. V is reference.

Q.: Our son will be entering high school this next fall, and he wants to go to a small private school. They do not offer football for a fall boys sport, only soccer. Can he play football for another school if they are willing?

A.: No. A member school can only use their own, full-time students on their interscholastic athletic teams. Member schools can, with interest and cooperation, form co-op programs with other member schools. Timelines exist. This is a topic for discussion with school administration.

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: We have a girl who is a senior and was out of school for a week with a family excuse and she suddenly showed up as a runner in a non-profit fundraising run on this past Saturday. We found out because our head coach had volunteered to help time. Our question is what type of penalty needs to result from her participation? Coach has explained these runs are not to be entered into but she did any way.

A.: ROE Art. VI Sect. 1A – (p. 37) Assuming the student had begun the season with your school this year, she is not eligible to compete for the remainder of the season. If she competed for your school team after she had taken part in the non-school event – it would have been as an ineligible participant.

Coach Contact

Q.: We have a youth coaches clinic on May 11 which our high school coaches sponsor and run. The goal of this clinic is to educate our youth coaches about the game of football. Can our staff use our football athletes to demonstrate drills at this clinic for those coaches to see first hand?

A.: The only football players they could use without peril are this year's seniors – who have no remaining football eligibility. During the school year coaches are not allowed coaching contact with their athletes except during the actual school season itself. If coaches wished, they could wait until the end of the school year and use one of their unrestricted contact days and then work with any interested football player in this clinic setting.

Q.: I am a high school soccer coach and also coach summer travel soccer. I was wondering if there were any rule changes made at the April WIAA meeting that would allow more contact with high school players during the summer.

A.: No. The status relating to soccer coaches summer contact remains unchanged. The proposal which would have afforded unlimited summer coaching contact – under certain circumstances – was defeated by membership vote, 173 no – 130 yes.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: Can our booster club give a student-athlete money to go to a summer camp (such as a scholarship)? Also, we do a fundraiser every year, can I use some of that money so a kid could go to a camp?

A.: Simple answer is no. See III-F of attached. If camp were to be part of/counted within, your unrestricted contact days – then booster's could gift the school. Then that and other school funds could be used to provide camp opportunity for – ALL – interested students. Must be part of unrestricted days otherwise, camps/clinics are 100 per cent responsibility of student and family.

Q.: Is there anything in the guidelines against open gym opportunities being extended to 8th grade athletes? In talking with the boys' staff about spring open gym opportunities and we want to make sure we're in compliance.

A.: Technically – the Open Gym Text contained in II-D of attached identifies open gym being allowed so long as it is available to all the students in the "designated population of that school." Generally speaking, if middle schools wish to have open gyms – they can and should do that. Nothing prevents your coach from offering to supervise a middle school open gym. Now, if you are talking about summer time open gyms – then yes, not a problem as the 8th graders from your feeders are afforded matriculation status.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: I have a question regarding the fees for summer basketball leagues. Can a booster group pay the registration fee for a basketball team to participate in a summer basketball league? I know what the rule reads as far as sending individuals to camps and clinics, that it is the responsibility of the parents.

A.: Yes. So long as any student who wants to have fees paid for the opportunity can also get reimbursed. This opportunity may not be a "benefit" based on performance, e.g. making the varsity. See III-F of the Rules At A Glance. +

Recruiting Guidelines

WIAA rules prevent the recruitment of students for athletic reasons. The specific rule in question states: "No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school."

It's important to note that persons not connected with the school can violate this rule, resulting in a loss of eligibility. Schools are ultimately responsible for the eligibility of all of their students and the school needs to communicate rules and pay close attention to the circumstances that bring students to the school.

Obviously, public schools and private schools encourage students to enroll and this certainly can be done without violating the undue influence rule. The following gives some examples of acceptable and unacceptable practices. This list cannot be considered all-inclusive, but should be helpful as an example.

Acceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school to explain programs and encourage all interested students to attend.
- Inviting all interested students from a middle school/elementary school to visit.
- Providing game tickets to all interested students and/or team members from a middle school/elementary school or **area** youth teams.
- Providing informational pamphlets which describe the high school to all interested students at a middle level/elementary school.
- Providing tuition reduction to prospective students, based on need and/or scholastic achievement.

Unacceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school sport team to encourage players to attend.

- Inviting selected students, because of athletic potential or ability, to visit.
- Providing game tickets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing promotional pamphlets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing tuition reduction to selected students, based wholly or in part on athletic potential or ability.
- Community or booster club member(s) contacting a potential student, because of athletic ability or potential, and encouraging attendance.
- Providing items of apparel and/or other incentives to students.

Additional Examples

- Interpretation of this provision now allows youth athletic teams to receive invitation/complimentary admission to high school sporting events and to be acknowledged or introduced at those events.
 - Teams may also perform and/or scrimmage in connection with a high school event
 - Under no circumstances may a youth team be introduced, etc., at more than one contest per season.
 - This interpretation provides for admission, acknowledgment and performance and/or scrimmage opportunity.
 - These events may not extend or prolong the contest or periods beyond the limits provided by rule.
 - Participating in the high school team's game preparations is not permitted (e.g. pregame, half-time, sidelines, locker room).
 - Under no circumstances will it be considered acceptable to single out any individual youth/middle level student athlete separate from or disproportionate to the remainder of the team.
- It is the responsibility of schools to contact other schools and report any possible violations of WIAA rules. The WIAA is always willing to provide rules clarifications and, where necessary, will impose sanctions on schools and programs. It is far better for schools to provide leadership and control to prevent problems than to have to deal with these issues after the fact. +

Coaches Participating Against Athletes in the Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. This rule and its interpretation had prevented coaches from participating **against** their athletes in structured, non-school league competition, during the off-season. The WIAA Board of Control approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate **against** their athletes in league competition, organized by a **non-school** entity, during the off-season.

Open Gyms

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

1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.
2. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.
3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, ie., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

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

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

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

School Involvement in Out-of-Season Activity

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

A further reminder that the WIAA has a rule which states "A school may not conduct intramural programs which involve athletes with past status on a school team (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman), except during the established school season of a sport." The interpretation of this rule is obvious.

Split-Season Sports (Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

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

This means, for example, that boys' tennis players cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girls' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted during the boys' tennis season. Boys' tennis players cannot practice with the girls' tennis team because the

ous. A school cannot, for example, conduct intramural volleyball during the spring, with girls' volleyball players participating. It wouldn't make any difference how many were on a given team, or whether it was co-ed volleyball, if girls' volleyball players were involved, it would be a violation.

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

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

boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

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

High School Out-of-Season Concerns

WIAA Bylaw, Article II, Section 2, A., 2), indicates "A school may not assemble athletes or prospective 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." This includes the summer period, meaning that schools cannot conduct a summer school class, or community education program, on basketball fundamentals, for their basketball players. It doesn't matter if the class is open to all students. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (5 days in all WIAA sports).

This same Bylaw has another provision, indicating "A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of a sport." Off-season weight-training programs are fine, as long as they are not sport specific. If a weight-training program is con-

ducted, and is available to anyone interested, and the activities that go on are not sport specific, then it is acceptable under WIAA guidelines. There cannot, however, be incentives put in place to encourage athletes to be involved in these off-season programs. For example, it is not appropriate to indicate that any football player attending a given number of weight-training programs, will receive a T-shirt. It is also unacceptable for schools to provide a T-shirt to a basketball player, who attempts so many shots during the off-season. Another example, of unacceptable incentives, would be to include off-season activities into the determination of who gets to start during the season, or who gets to play, or for participation in these activities to be included in eligibility for a letter in that particular sport.

Captains Practices: WIAA Rules of Eligibility allow students to voluntarily assemble in the summertime without school and/or coach involvement. These assemblies may sometimes be referred to as "captains practices." +

Athletes and Photographers

WIAA athletes, and photographers, should adhere to these guidelines, relative to individual pictures. WIAA rules allow photographers to:

1. Display pictures of students in athletic wear (letter jackets, jerseys, uniforms, etc.) in their studio windows, on premises of studio and in connection with other photographic displays and exhibits.
2. Use pictures of students in athletic wear (as indicated above) in advertising brochures, postal cards, sample boards, collages, direct mailings, and similar situations.
3. Use pictures of students in athletic wear

in advertising form in a publication (newspaper, magazine, etc.) or for television advertising, or names of students identified as athletes in radio advertising.

WIAA rules continue to prohibit athletes from:

1. Receiving the equivalent of cash or merchandise in the form of discounts in cost of pictures, waivers of sitting fees, free wallet-size photos, and similar inducements, if identified as an athlete or selected because of being an athlete.
2. Providing an endorsement, as an athlete, in any promotional event. +

Baseball Questions & Answers

Q.: The rule book states that all players must have the same color and style of uniform. We would like to dress several JV players for a varsity game but do not have enough uniforms. They are the same color but the styling is different. Is it legal to have a player wear a different uniform?

A.: Generally speaking - NO. Not at the varsity level. As you identified, baseball has a team uniform requirement. There are times when it is waived - for coaches - in order to put more kids in team uniforms. Having said that - kids wearing different uniforms and being in the dugout should present no problem. If it is your intention to put them in the game - prioritize those most likely to get in and get them dressed uniformly.

Q.: I've been told that the WIAA has sent out a memo stating that black shirts are OK for baseball umpires. At our baseball rules meeting we were told only navy and powder blue are acceptable. In my area several coaches have had umps using black for games. Could you please answer this question?

A.: No such permission has been provided from this office. We would like to know names of the officials who you know to be wearing any color other than navy or powder so that we may provide them with the correct information.

Q.: Last Saturday, school A played a double-header baseball game vs. school B. In the first game, a "B" player was ejected but then played the entire second game. School B won that game. In that second game, a school A player was ejected and will be sitting out the next game, which is scheduled for tomorrow. Our question is: Because the school B player did not sit out a game as the rules stipulate, would that result in a forfeit for them?

A.: The player ejected as described below, should have been withheld from the second game of the doubleheader. If he competed, it was as an ineligible participant as a result of Baseball Season Regulation #8. If he competed - as an ineligible player the contest must be forfeit as outlined in ROE Art. I, sect. 5.

Q.: At the WIAA baseball rules interpretation meeting, the rules interpreter mentioned that coaches did not have the discretion to play five innings instead of seven. In other words, if two teams agreed to play a doubleheader, they could not agree to play both five inning games, not seven - correct? I discussed this with an athletic director and he said, "Where does it say that?" I searched the NFHS Rules, WI Adaptations, Rules meeting handouts and WIAA Spring Regulations, but could locate nothing in print to support this assumption. Am I mistaken or could you or one of your staff members point me to where I might be able to find supporting evidence?

A.: National Federation playing rules: 2-17-1 and 4-2-1: "A regulation game is seven innings." 4-2-2: "Two seven inning games constitute a doubleheader." There is no provision for 'modification or adaptation' to these rules identified anywhere in the National Federation Rule books. Second - There has been no WIAA modification or adaptation discussed or approved, for any level. Next: WIAA Bylaws, Art. I, Sect. 2 - Requirements: "All requirements for WIAA recognized sports as contained in Association Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility and Season Regulations shall be adopted for member school programs." Art. II, Sect. 1 - Sport Season Requirements - A. "A school is required to follow season regulations, playing rules and tournament procedures as annually revised and published"...etc. Lastly, penalties for non-compliance with WIAA membership provisions is found on p. 19 of the Senior High Handbook.

Q.: I have a question on a baseball rules interpretation. B1 hits a soft pop fly in foul territory between 3rd base and the plate. Player F5 comes in and grabs the ball in the air and then tumbles to the ground and stops with the ball clutched between his legs. Player F1 then reaches in and grabs the ball from between the legs without the ball ever touching the ground and I declare a catch using rules 2-9-1 (Catch) and 2-11(Ball, Dead). The coach for the team at bat stated that it was an illegal catch and should have been declared "foul." What is the correct call?

A.: Foul ball. No catch. A player must secure possession of a ball in flight in his hand or glove. This scenario, if I read it right, says the ball was trapped between his legs, then secured by another player. If the ball would have rebounded to that player, then I would have a catch, but in this instance the ball was trapped by F5's legs.

Q.: Situation: There is a base runner on second base and no other runners on base. The pitcher is working from the stretch position. The pitcher has come set, but has made no motion to signify the start of his pitching motion. While still set, the runner breaks toward third base. Question: Does the pitcher need to step off of the pitching rubber with his pivot foot prior to running at the breaking base runner or can the pitcher simply run toward the runner without stepping off the rubber? What if the pitcher "wheels" and steps toward second before running at the runner? What if the pitcher steps toward the shortstop position or toward third base without stepping off with the pivot foot?

A.: Here's what the master's had to say: A) If the pitcher is going to run at the runner, he must first step backwards off the pitching plate with his pivot foot. Rule Book 6-1-3. If the pitcher wheels and steps toward second

or if he steps toward third in an attempt to put out or drive back the runner this is legal. If he steps towards the shortstop...balk. 6-2-4b. B) Lots of good questions here. Let me dissect and answer each one: Does the pitcher need to step off of the pitching rubber with his pivot foot prior to running at the breaking base runner or can the pitcher simply run toward the runner without stepping off the rubber? If the pitcher decides to run at the runner from the set position, he must first step off the back of the rubber prior to making any movement toward the runner. What if the pitcher "wheels" and steps toward second before running at the runner? Permissible. What if the pitcher steps toward the shortstop position or toward third base without stepping off with the pivot foot? If the pitcher steps toward the SS without stepping off it is a balk. It is permissible for the pitcher to step toward third provided it is in an attempt to put the runner out. (i.e the runner is not standing on second base) Rule reference is 6.2.4b.

Q.: My first pitcher starts the game and I have visited him/her three times by the 4th inning. On the 4th visit, I must remove pitcher #1. After pitcher #2 comes in and having exhausted my three visits in a seven inning time frame, if I visit the mound, do I have to remove the pitcher #2 and put in pitcher #3 or are they granted another three visits per pitcher. Also, can I visit the pitcher more than once in a inning and not have to remove them?

A.: Pitcher # 2 must be removed. See 3-4-1 - penalty (p. 33). Coach is allowed three charged conferences per seven inning game - and one conference per inning in extra-inning games. Each new pitcher DOES NOT get another three conferences afforded. See Case 3-4-1G and D. Conferences are no accumulative and are not carried over into extra inning games. I see nothing in the rule which prohibits more than one conference per inning - in a regular seven inning game. In an extra inning game - the rule affords only one charged conference per extra inning. There, it becomes impossible to have more than one legal conference/inning.

Q.: I have a question about what constitutes a scrimmage/game. What if one team wants to count a game as a scrimmage and the other team involved wants to count it as a game. What is the ruling on this? Do they both have to agree on it being a game? Please let me know because I have been told a couple of different things.

A.: The baseball season regulations contain the member's exact text on this topic. The pertinent statement in this case is, "Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams." Please tell me

what schools you are aware of being confused on the provision. It has been a point of emphasis the past two seasons and is written quite clearly - I think.

Q.: May 29 is the scheduled first round of the regional baseball games. On that night we have our high school graduation at 7:00 pm. Would it be possible for us to schedule our first regional game for Thursday, May 28 to not interfere with our graduation?

A.: The contest may be scheduled earlier in the day it has been assigned.

Q.: Does it count as a game for a player when he is used as a courtesy runner more than once in a game? I know one inning doesn't count as a game, but if the player is used twice in a game, two different innings, for the pitcher, for example.

A.: Yes.

Q.: I have a question on the baseball rules test for you. #76 - A pitcher defaces a ball and then delivers a pitch. The answers state rules reference as 6-2-1 penalty. When reading that on page 42-43, it states, "For defacing the ball (a-d), the ball is dead immediately. The umpire may eject the pitcher. If such defaced ball is pitched and then detected, it is an illegal pitch." Where does this state this to be called a balk? According to the reference, the pitcher is ejected or an illegal pitch is called. I am just looking for clarification.

A.: Please ref. 2-18 (p. 21)

Q.: I am seeking guidance on umpires wearing earrings on the field of play during games. I have been umpiring for awhile and I have always heard and seen umpires take their earrings out of their ears before they step onto the field. Nowhere in my years of umpiring have I ever seen an umpire wear an earring until recently. A gentle reminder brought a tirade that the rules don't pertain to umpires and that as a lower classified official I should mind my own business. Can you please clarify the rule?

A.: About the only piece of jewelry I consider acceptable is a wedding band. Medical alert bracelets are not considered jewelry, but can be covered in a manner to diminish all but essential detail. Additional thoughts from high level officials follow: 1) We had this discussion a couple years ago and the consensus was umpires should abide by the same rule as the players. In the umpires manual on page 6, #4 indicates umpires should dress and maintain their appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the game of baseball. My advice would be to quote the umpires manual and repeat what is stated above. If a tirade ensued, I would work the game with professionalism, then call the assignor and request not to be assigned with that umpire any longer. 2) In my opinion it doesn't matter how long the guy's been officiating, he should take the earring off or stay home. It's common sense to me. +

Track & Field Questions & Answers

Please note that the deadline for submitting your regional entries is less than a month away (May 21). Although it is not expected that you make any entries at this time, it is recommended that you begin entering your roster on Direct Athletics: www.directathletics.com Directions are located on the School Center, which is a secure site. You will need to get the user name and password for the School Center from your athletic director. Once on the School Center, select Spring Sports, Track & Field; Materials for AD & Coaches, Submitting On-Line Entries. In addition, thoroughly review the Tournament Series Information that is also posted.

Once on the Direct Athletics website you will need to enter your user name and password for that site.

Last year we had coaches who tried to enter their athletes on the School Center and other websites (PTTiming, etc.). Direct Athletics is the only site to enter athletes for the WIAA Track & Field Regional Meet.

Coaches are reminded that jewelry, including bobbie pins and barrettes are not allowed. Using tape to cover pierced body parts is illegal as well. Reports have been received that athletes continue to be in violation of the no jewelry rule. From the Season Regulations; "Individuals discovered wearing jewelry will not be allowed to compete until jewelry is removed (NFHS Rule 4-3-3). Penalty: If jewelry is discovered during or after completion of the event, the individual will be warned that a second offense will result in disqualification from further competition. Reporting official must notify the meet referee, who will record the violation." Even though there is not an immediate disqualification, it is your duty as a coach to remind your athletes that jewelry is not allowed. Coaches verify that their athletes are legally attired prior to the start of the meet . . . please follow-through!

Question 1: In a recent relay race the incoming athlete was in the exchange zone but the baton

was when the exchange was made. We disqualified the relay team. Now I think we made a mistake...

Answer: Incorrect call, legal exchange. Rule 5-9-6; "The baton must be passed while the baton is within a 20 meter exchange zone."

Question 2: Are there limitations on decals that can be placed on pole vault helmets?

Answer: No. Provided the decals are in good taste there are currently no limitations.

Question 3: Athlete takes his mark for the start of a sprint race while using blocks. The athlete's knee is resting across the starting line but when he moves to the set position he is entirely behind the starting line. We called everyone up and explained that he needed to be behind the line when at his mark. The coach argued that Rule 5-7-4b only says "Having any part of the body in contact with the starting line or running surface beyond the line, when the starting device is fired." What is the correct ruling?

Answer: Use of preventative officiating was correct. Rule 5-7-2; "On your mark, at this signal, the competitors will immediately take their proper positions behind their starting lines." This applies then to Rule 5-7-4a; "Failure to comply with the starter's commands." This is a starting violation which constitutes a false start.

Question 4: Is it legal for a coach to view a video, not show it to the athlete but use what he saw to help coach the athlete?

Answer: Legal. Case Book, 4.5.8, sit. B; "...may A1's coach watch the videotape and then call A1 from the triple jump competitive area between flight or trials to tell him or her what adjustments in technique need to be made to get more distance? RULING: Yes, this is permissible between events or trials, as long as it is done in an unrestricted area."

Question 5: Please clarify this for me as we

were told "illegal" in one meet and "legal" in the next. Relay Uniforms: Athlete #1 has traditional shorts - these shorts are black with white piping on the edges. Athlete #2 has boy cut spandex shorts - solid black, no white piping.

Answer: Rule 4-3-2a; "...each team member shall wear the same color and design of school uniform...." The white trim makes the bottoms different in design. The fact that the style is different wouldn't matter just the trim.

Question 6: One of our athletes would like to participate in a charity run on May 9. Is this legal?

Answer: No. As per the WIAA 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." May is a popular month for road races and charity events. Track athletes may only participate if they are WALKING in the event.

Question 7: We're having a difficult time getting weight stickers from Altius for our pole vault poles. What should we do?

Answer: The manufacturer states that prior to 2006 the Altius Pole did not have a weight label, only the engraved weight rating. Due to this development the NFHS and the WIAA are allowing the use of the Altius Pole (prior to 2006) with only the engraved weight rating (Rule 7-5-3 Note).

As per Rule 7-5-3 Note, with the exception of the Altius pole, all poles must have the weight sticker. Verification from the school's athletic director or receipts from the manufacturer indicating the replacement stickers have been ordered will not be accepted. Until a replacement sticker is actually applied to the pole, poles with only engraved weight markings will continue to be illegal.

Question 8: When does an outgoing runner

have to become set before the exchange begins. Here was the situation. In the 4 X 200 relay, the exchange between the 3rd and 4th runner. As the 3rd runner was coming down the backstretch, the 4th runner leaves the acceleration zone and starts walking toward her incoming teammate. Then she turns around and walks back inside the acceleration zone, pauses momentarily (about 1 second), and then starts the exchange. Was this a legal exchange? I can't find anywhere in the rule book where it states when the runner must be set inside the zone.

Answer: Refer to Case Book, page 58, 5.9.9 SITUATION A and 5.9.9 SITUATION B. The "COMMENT" in SITUATION B addresses the question you raised. Reference is made to establishing a "stationary position" prior to beginning her/his acceleration. There is not a precise "time" that a runner must be stationary. This would be a judgment call by the meet official.

Question 9: Regarding check-in and check-out procedures. Can another athlete or coach do this?

Answer: Incorrect procedure. Rules 4-1-2; "Contestants officially become competitors when they report to the clerk of the course or field event judge for an event in which they are entered." Check-out procedures can be found in the Case Book, page 70, 7.2.7; "The competitor must receive permission from the event judge."

Question 10: Our school colors are red and white. At a meet recently one of our shot putters had on a blue undershirt. The shot put official made him take it off as it was not one of our school colors, or white, grey, or black. This isn't a track rule is it?

Answer: Incorrect procedure. Undershirts must only meet the requirements of Rule 4-3-1d; "...a single, solid color and unadorned except for..." I believe this official has the rule confused with another sport. +

Tennis Interpretations



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ELECTRONIC PLAYER SEASON RECORD FORM

QUESTION: Will the new electronic forms replace the old system of FAXING in Player Season Record Forms?

INTERPRETATION: Player Season Record Forms are still needed for all players/teams who qualify for the WIAA State Individual Tournament and for all players/teams who want to be considered as Special Qualifiers. These electronic forms have been provided to WIAA Tennis schools via email and need to be emailed and/or faxed to the WIAA office by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 29.

QUESTION: What is the official form for requesting a Special Qualifier?

INTERPRETATION: The official form for requesting a Special Qualifier is now the electronic form that is to be emailed to the WIAA office. For now, we will continue to accept the faxed PSR form as well.

QUESTION: Do coaches still need to email in a Player Season Record Form for all state qualifiers even if we are not requesting a seed?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, the WIAA Seeding Committee has requested that coaches send in a Seed Request Form for all qualifiers of the WIAA State Individual Tournament. The more information we can obtain on each participant, the better job that can be done to appropriately seed the State Individual Tournament. Coaches only need to mark the seed request box in the upper right-hand corner if they are requesting a seed.

SUBSTITUTIONS/RANK ORDER

QUESTION: My question is about substitutions. If I have players out of a match, I can either bump everyone up, or sub directly at the vacant position(s). I still should strive to maintain a rank order though, correct? Or does using "direct" subs allow for the players (esp. on small teams) to temporarily not end up anywhere near order from strongest to weakest as a team? I ask because it seems possible to take a very low level player and stuff them into a higher flight, although it winds up equaling pairing up two completely incompatible opponents.

INTERPRETATION: USTA and WIAA regulations indicate teams must always be entered in "rank order." This means that the best singles player on a team must play at the #1 flight, second best at the #2 flight, etc. Same is true for doubles.

Please do not misinterpret WIAA regulations for handling a substitution after entries have closed and prior to the start of a WIAA sectional tournament. The regulation you are questioning is only for that substitution situation, not for any other situation. Conferences should develop language to handle other substitution issues in order to maintain "rank order."

COACHING DURING MATCHES

QUESTION: Carefully reading the USTA rules this spring before matches

began, I understood (and understand from past years) that a coach can coach his players ONLY once during a match on a change over. Yesterday, I was corrected by another coach. He said the rule allows for coaching on a change over ONCE per set, not once per match. Is that true?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Season Regulations, 15, c., page 37, indicates: No coaching which interferes with continuous play will be allowed. (Continuous play starts with warm-up.) (1) One time during each set and between the second set, and the match tie break, with a maximum time limit of two minutes and with the understanding that the player(s) remains on the court. (2) Between the first and second sets with a maximum time limit of two minutes and with the understanding that the player(s) remains on the court. (3) Between the second and third sets (when applicable) during the ten minute rest period.

RACKET ABUSE

QUESTION: Looking for a place that defines "racquet abuse". I saw a player smack his racquet against the court (in frustration) a number of times recently. When I approached his coach about it, he said, "did the racquet leave his hand?"

INTERPRETATION: USTA, Friend at Court, page 119, 17., c., defines Racket Abuse as "throwing or breaking a racket other than in the normal course of play."

Guidelines for assessing penalties can be found on page 125 of Friend at Court. Here you will find that "throwing a racket that, even inadvertently, strikes a person," is always penalized. When a player, throws a racket into the fence or net; throws a racket in anger or any manner that could endanger any person or that damages any part of the court surface or equipment; or, breaks the racket is generally penalized. Tossing a racket into the air; tossing a racket at the player's bag; or bouncing a racket on the court are actions that are sometimes penalized.

Smacking a racket against the court in frustration has potential to be a penalty. It generally is penalized whenever damage occurs to the racket or the court. If damage is not occurring to either the court or the equipment, during a regular season match, my best advice is to inform the player's coach of these potential penalty situations. The coach of the player can then determine whether or not to inform the player.

This rule is not penalized only "when the racket leaves a players hand."

WIAA TOURNAMENT

QUESTION: Does a singles player who will play in Flights 1, 2 or 3 need to play in a minimum of three singles matches at that flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the sectional tournament at that flight? How about a doubles team?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a singles

player or doubles team must have played in at least three matches in Flights 1, 2 or 3 for singles and Flights 1 or 2 for doubles in order to be entered in the sectional tournament at that flight.

QUESTION: To be seeded in singles in Flights 1, 2 or 3, must a singles player have played in at least three matches at that flight? In doubles to be seeded in Flights 1 or 2, must a doubles team have played in at least three matches together in that flight?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a singles player or doubles team shall play three matches in that flight during the regular season to be considered for a seed at that same flight in the sectional tournament. By a majority vote of the coaches, this provision can be waived in order to seed the bracket accurately.

QUESTION: Do singles players and doubles teams have to be placed in rank order for the WIAA Subsectional Entries? How is this appealed if a coach does not believe another coach has his/her entries in rank order?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, singles players and doubles team for each school team need to be placed in rank order. Using the new computer system, all coaches will be able to view the entries of each team following the closing of entries at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 24. Appeals of rank order must be made by coaches at the subsectional coaches meeting. Coaches making appeals must be able to document challenged rank orders and all coaches being challenged need to be able to document rationale for their order of entries.

QUESTION: During the WIAA State Tennis Tournament series, a coach can move everyone up or direct substitute. However, for direct substitutions the line-up still has to be set from strength to weakness. Therefore, if the number one player was ill, a #5 JV player couldn't take his spot at #1-everyone would move up a flight and the JV player come in at #4 singles. Is that correct? How is that a direct substitution then? Is this true for dual matches also or does the conference set that rule?

INTERPRETATION: The following are the substitution options available from the time subsectional line-ups are turned in until the first match of the subsectional is assigned to a court for reasons of injury, illness, or school discipline:

(1) Move everyone up. (Can't substitute from singles to doubles or vice versa.)

(2) Direct substitution at that position.

This regulation is just for the WIAA subsectional and it only pertains to the period of time underlined above. It does not apply to regular season meets. Conferences can and should have their own regulations in place. During regular season meets, rank order must be maintained.

Since the WIAA tournament series is both an individual and team com-

petition, both substitution options need to be available.

FEMALE MANAGERS

QUESTION: Can a female manager toss balls to male tennis players during practice?

INTERPRETATION: Female managers are allowed. However, girl tennis players are not allowed to practice, serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the boys' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, boys' tennis players are similarly restricted during the girls' tennis season. Girls' tennis players cannot practice with the boys' tennis teams because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, boys' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

One exception to this rule that WIAA Rules do not prevent is a senior girl who has completed her girl's tennis eligibility from hitting with the boy's team.

MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

QUESTION: If a quad was cancelled last Saturday and they can't get a make-up date for a Saturday to work can we play the other teams on separate days and still be considered one date? Or would they be considered duals and then be over our limit of contests for the season?

INTERPRETATION: Since your school did not compete in this quad, this means the meet was cancelled as far as consideration for your school goes. Consequently, your boy's tennis team has one additional multiple school meet now open on their schedule. Multiple school meets can be two days in length; therefore, if allowed by the school's administration and maintaining the schools involved, two dual meets on two separate days could be scheduled. This would be considered one multi-event.

QUESTION: If I have a quad scheduled as a scrimmage and my team only has 13 matches, if there is another team at the quad with 13 matches, could both schools count them as a regular match?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Spring Season Regulations, page 36, 4., Note: All schools involved in a scrimmage must count this practice as a scrimmage. One or two schools can not count it as a scrimmage while the others count it as a contest.

SCRIMMAGES

QUESTION: I have a few players suspended and I would like to know if I can count a scrimmage as one of their three suspended matches?

INTERPRETATION: Scrimmages are not considered to be competitions, consequently, they can not count as one of the competitions used to reduce a student-athlete's suspension. +

Directory Changes

SENIOR HIGH

GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL - Boys Tennis Coach Brian Byer

HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL - Girls Soccer Coach Allie Knutson

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2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 114th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

Board of Control President Kevin Knudson, Principal at Barneveld, presided. There were 384 delegates in attendance representing 313 schools. The President **opened the meeting** by welcoming the delegates. The **2008-09 highlight presentation** produced by When We Were Young was shown.

Mr. Knudson then reviewed the materials in the meeting packet and introduced the head table which included Executive Director Douglas Chickering, Deputy Director Dave Anderson, President-Elect Roger Foegen of Bangor, Treasurer Jim Smasal of Winneconne, Administration Coordinator Julie Kage and Parliamentarian Dr. William Davidson of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Minutes of 2008 meeting stand as previously published. A motion was made by Kevin Keen, Monroe and seconded by Paul Rozak, Stratford to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried by a voice vote with no dissents noted. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Bulletin and in the WIAA Yearbook.

Treasurer Jim Smasal reviewed the **financial report** included in the meeting materials. Total revenue for FY2008 was \$7,177,155 and operating expenses were \$7,211,894 resulting in a net loss from operations of \$34,779 primarily caused by depreciation of property and equipment. There was a decrease in net assets of \$80,434. Fall tournament results were about \$67,000 below net projections. An outlook will be delayed until late in the spring. A motion was made by Mike Younggren, Wausau East and seconded by Jack Klebesadel, Germantown to **approve the Treasurer's Report**. Motion carried by a voice vote with no dissents noted.

Joan Gralla presented the **Election Report**. In the Board of Control election, Terry Reynolds, Pittsville was elected to a three-year term for District 2 expiring after the June 2012 meeting. There was a tie between Jeff Athey, Dodgeville and Ted Evans, Mineral Point for a three-year term for District 5 so there will be a second vote with a May 1 deadline. The three-year term will expire after the June 2012 meeting. Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay, was re-elected for a three-year term for the Gender At-Large position expiring after the June 2012 meeting. Carl Eisman, Martin Luther, Greendale was re-elected for a three-year term for the Non-Public Schools At Large position expiring after the June 2012 meeting. In the Advisory Council elections, Mike Devine, Stevens Point was re-elected to a three-year term and Eric Burling, Burlington was elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools expiring after the June 2012 meeting. Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild was re-elected to a three-year term for the Medium Schools expiring after the June 2012 meeting. Bill Perry, Gilmanston was elected to a three-year term and Brad Ayer, Clear Lake was elected to a three-year team for the Small Schools expiring after the June 2012 meeting. Beth Sternig, Oak Creek, was re-elected for a three-year term for the Gender At-Large position expiring after the June 2012 meeting and Ted Knutson, Aquinas was elected to a three-year term for the Non-Public Schools At-Large position expiring after the June 2012 meeting.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Dave Bardo, Wittenberg-Biramwood; Carl Eisman, Martin Luther, Greendale; Mark Gobler, Luck; Scott Lindgren, Kenosha; Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay; Keith Posley, Milwaukee and Tim Sivertson, Elk Mound. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills was excused. Board of Control liaisons Linzi Gronning, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards were introduced. Michael Thompson, Executive Assistant to the State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction was excused. Guests in attendance included John Roberts and Matt Otte. This was Mr. Roberts 53rd Annual Meeting and Mr. Otte's 52nd Annual Meeting. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well. Media present included Rob Hernandez, Wisconsin State Journal; Art Kabelowsky, Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel and Dennis Semrau, The Capital Times. Tim Eichorst of When We Were Young presented the live web streaming of the meeting.

Voting procedures for the **amendments**

were explained by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director. He explained Robert's Rules of Order govern if not inconsistent with the WIAA Constitution. The authority of the Board of Control to designate a time and place for the meeting was reviewed. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The Constitution states the President of the Board of Control shall chair the meeting. A delegate may speak by going to the microphone, being recognized by the chair, give his/her full name and the name of the school represented. The Constitution of the WIAA states "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 percent of the member high schools." He also explained if a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting.

Proposal #1

CONSTITUTION—Article III, Membership, Section 1, 6 and 2, D

This change creates an associate membership opportunity for charter schools authorized by public school districts and an opportunity for eligibility for charter school students at their school of residence. A motion was made by Jeff Ehrhardt, Mercer and seconded by Jim McClowry, Sun Prairie to support the amendment. Mr. Ehrhardt shared with the membership that an appeal was made to the Board of Control seeking some type of eligibility for charter school students resulting in this amendment.

At this point, Kevin Knudson introduced the delegates who were appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, conducted the vote count. Tellers assisting with today's meeting were Jeff Carley, Frederic; Jim Campbell, Shell Lake; Cathy Reed, Viroqua; Mary Randall, Bloomer; Sue Steffes, Eau Claire Memorial; and Ante Udovicic, South Milwaukee.

The motion was approved by a vote of 285-21.

Proposal #2

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article 1 – General, Section 5

This change reclassifies the sport of cross country as an individual sport for violation administration purposes. A motion was made Graeme Williams, Loyal and seconded by Signe Schecher, Mayville to support the amendment.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 281-4.

Proposal #3

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article II – Residence and Transfer, Section 5

This change eliminates unnecessary text and lessens opportunities for confusion. A motion was made by Brian Smith, Waunakee and seconded by Wade Labecki, Baldwin-Woodville to support the amendment.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 293-12.

Proposal #4

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VII – Heath and Behavior/Compliance, Section 3, B

This change adds an Association penalty for inappropriate behavior directed toward a contest official. A motion was made by Stephanie Hauser, Stevens Point and seconded by Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild to support the amendment.

John Cleaver, Oshkosh Lourdes, asked who's call this is and if it is up to the officials or coaches. Dave Anderson answered it most commonly originates from officials or one of the member schools.

Jason Schultz, Chippewa Falls, was concerned about the language. He specifically asked if it would result in a sanction after a report from one official in an isolated incident or numerous officials after repeat events. Dave Anderson responded an investigation will follow each alleged infraction. The WIAA is not interested in arbitrarily punishing a student without a thorough investigation. There is no language in the WIAA Handbook that identifies thoroughness but it is part of established procedures.

Russ Thomas, Milwaukee, asked if there

will be a reporting form and if it will be the duty of the school to complete it. Mr. Anderson explained the WIAA often get reports, calls or emails from officials with this information. Mr. Thompson wondered if an official exaggerates the facts if there is the opportunity for athletes to give their side of the story. Mr. Anderson responded the WIAA would do an investigation and communicate with all parties. There is no assumption of guilt without a thorough evaluation of the situation and if the facts support it, the penalty is applied.

Scott Swenty, Tomahawk asked if a student could be ineligible, eligible, and then ineligible again. Dave Anderson responded that could occur.

Evans Stephens, Milwaukee Madison felt 90 days is a long time and questioned how much punishment is enough. If a student becomes ineligible and is looking for scholarships, then 25% of the next season is a long time. Mr. Stephens indicated he didn't want any official to be harmed but felt we have to be adults and recognize that students make mistakes. We should not punish beyond the limits of reason. Mr. Anderson responded similar concerns have been articulated by members of the Sports Advisory Committee, Advisory Council, and Board of Control as this recommendation as been promulgated and brought forward. Some felt a calendar year is not too extreme but doing nothing is not acceptable.

Jim O'Brien, Milwaukee Pulaski asked if the wording "upon review" could be added to the language instead of "immediately". He felt the current language implies if you are reported, you are done. Mr. Anderson responded any amendments can be changed editorially later. In terms of application, the rule is applied in full force. There is a good chance officials may have ejected the athlete already. If the situation does not rise to the threshold of assault, the school can apply its own code as appropriate.

The motion was approved by a vote of 188-121.

Proposal #5

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VI – Non-school Participation, Section 2

This change adds soccer to the list of sports in which coaches are allowed unlimited summertime coaching contact. A motion was made by Barb Deichl, Waterford and seconded by Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest to support the amendment.

Corey Golla, Brookfield East, felt this should apply to all sports or none of them.

Bill Loss, Beaver Dam, said it would be nice to open it up for all sports and felt the coaches association shouldn't be penalized for bringing this forward.

Rick Johns, University School of Milwaukee, agreed with both Mr. Golla and Mr. Loss but also indicated we shouldn't accept everything coaches associations bring forward. We have to think what is best for all programs and look at the whole package.

Doug Chickering noted if this is defeated, soccer will be the only girls sport offered in spring without a summertime coach-athlete allowance.

The motion failed by a vote of 130-173.

Editorial changes to the Rules of Eligibility were presented by Dave Anderson. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making changes in the rules. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect recent Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.

A motion was made Linzi Gronning, Holmen and seconded by Greg Gamalski, Catholic Memorial to approve the editorial changes.

Mike Younggren, Wausau East asked about competing at a higher classification. Dave Anderson responded the request must be made yearly.

The motion was approved by a vote of 298-9.

President Knudson introduced Doug Chickering and Dave Anderson for the Director's Report (see page 2 in this issue).

Old Business

There was no old business from the floor.

At the April 26, 2006 Annual Meeting, the membership voted 338-4 to support passage of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section B "affirming opposition to the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other **performance enhancing substances**. Member schools shall devote time each year to positive pro-

grams which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES." Doug Chickering reminded schools to yearly review this.

At the April 3, 2009 Board of Control Meeting, a discussion on **public/nonpublic schools** were discussed in light of the winter tournaments. Seven of the 12 schools advancing in State Basketball from Divisions 2-4 were from religious and independent schools. With the religious and independent schools being part of the WIAA for ten years, now may be the time to review tournament elements. Nonpublic school profiles may need to be updated. Divisional models will be explored. The Board directed the WIAA staff to provide data driven information at its May 15 Board meeting directed at rural vs. urban focusing on Divisions 3 and 4. Data will measure the effect of the transfer rule along with resident information from the three-year study on basketball champions. Open enrollment will be part of the discussions along with the economy's impact on choice. The recruiting data compiled as part of a doctoral thesis will be included. The Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee had asked that the WIAA staff develop a plan to address public/nonpublic issues for presentation at the 2009 Area Meetings applicable for both girls and boys basketball programs. They believe there is some disconnect between coaches and administrators concerning this. The staff has concerns about developing one plan for all sports. Consideration has to be given to conducting a pilot in one sport rather than an application to all sports immediately.

The Michigan court case on **season placements** has been discussed for several years. The WIAA has three boys sports in preferred seasons and only one, girls golf, in the preferred season. Tom Shafranski conducted a survey of swimming schools and both boys and girls coaches felt changing the seasons would be detrimental, harm programs, and result in fewer offered programs. Holding both the girls and boys swim seasons in the winter has significant ramifications. There is sentiment to retain the present seasons. However, US Swimming has started a national directive to influence states to hold both the girls and boys programs in the fall. There has been recent concern about girls soccer in the spring.

Out-of-season competition and a uniform start date were addressed by Dave Anderson. Last year efforts were made to bring definition to this and numbers assigned to each sport. Those numbers have been rescinded. The WIAA staff continues to have discussions in this area and had been identified in caucus minutes as well. It is important that the language in the WIAA Handbook reflect the members' wishes. It is critical to identify what's going on. If we wish liberalization, we can accomplish that by membership vote. Opening up summer activities and coaching contact is being evaluated. Summer generally starts earlier for students from private schools. When considering a common start date, we need to take into account spring tournaments and school ending dates. A common start date allows equal access. The WIAA needs to hear from the membership on this topic. This also was noted in the WADA caucus minutes.

New Business

Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest, suggested the WIAA staff revisit the football playoffs and the impact of nonconference losses. He asked that all schools enter the playoffs. The Wisconsin Valley Conference has agreed to this. Dave Anderson indicated this will be brought to the Area Meetings and through the committee process. We will also look at current qualifying procedures and see if modifications can address these concerns.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, said the Southeast Conference is split within the conference regarding spring and summer baseball. They would appreciate one season. He asked if there would not be compliance with Title IX unless there is summer softball for girls. Doug Chickering responded the summer softball option was offered a number of years ago and there was no support or interest in it. If you deny access to a program and there is interest in it, then there is a potential for non-compliance.

Mike Gosz, Hamilton, felt we should revisit combining baseball into one season. With tight budgets, this would decrease travel and with starting two weeks later, you may experience better weather. He cited an April 1-June

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30 season. This would allow July to be open for contact. We should not allow outside groups to dictate educationally based athletic programs.

Mike Gosz, Hamilton made a motion which was seconded by Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, **to direct the Board of Control to combine baseball into one season.**

Ante Udovicic, South Milwaukee, expressed concerns about the April 1 start indicating he has already cancelled his ninth softball game this year. A May 15 start date is significantly different. There would also be more facility and umpire issues.

Steve Salisbury, Rice Lake, said he would welcome more teams into the football playoffs because many nonconference schedules are difficult to fill. High school athletics unify communities and as Deb Hauser works on conference alignment, she/we know it doesn't bring about unity. Realignment affects all sports.

Chris Zwettler, Madison Edgewood, brought up girls basketball starting on November 18. He suggested it be moved back to November 16. The girls start competition over Thanksgiving weekend and he felt the boys and girls should start the same time. Deb Hauser explained the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee had a motion before it calling for a November 16 start but it failed for lack of a second. The boys want two days alone in the gym without the girls.

Brian Smith, Waunakee, felt we should move all sports so they start later.

Barry Schmitt, Independence, indicated Independence plays in the Dairyland Conference and supports summer baseball and the present status. As a small school, they rely on boys for other traditional spring sport programs to survive. He acknowledged some girls play softball and track to keep their numbers up. Mr. Schmitt added the Dairyland Conference did support summer softball.

A show of hands indicated support for advancing the concept of one baseball season to the Area Meetings and through the committee process.

Joe Beran, La Crosse Central, was interested in why the boys coaches did not want to second the motion regarding the starting date for girls basketball. He felt it makes sense for the girls to have the opportunity to practice on Monday and Tuesday of that week.

Jason Schultz, Chippewa Falls, stated every student athlete has chance to play for a state title except for those who play football. He supports having an open state tournament for football. He feels the WIAA should revisit

the transfer rule to allow for a nonvarsity status. Often parents split and it becomes a student's choice where to move to better themselves. If they are a junior or senior, they have to sit out a year. He would like to see the option to play nonvarsity. This would not result in any varsity eligibility changes to the transfer rule for juniors or seniors.

Dave Anderson acknowledged Mr. Schultz' comments. He also indicated the concern was advanced through all WADA caucus groups though the minutes reflect no uniform position. There is also some interest expressed in making the transfer rule more restrictive. This, too, will be discussed at the Area Meetings.

Pam Huston, Wausau West, spoke up in favor of a different tournament structure for the football playoffs. She also challenged the membership to speak with coaches and take a good look at ways to improve the playoffs.

Len Collyard, Kettle Moraine Lutheran, spoke of how girls basketball's later tournament is hard on spring sports. All sports have to be considered when changes are made.

Jeff Rondorf, West Bend East, felt they would consider playing summer baseball if the start date was at a reasonable time.

John Frizzell, Wisconsin Dells, wondered if a motion could be made concerning the girls basketball starting date. He was told it would be advisory to the Board of Control.

A motion was made by Joe Beran, La Crosse Central, and seconded by John Frizzell, Wisconsin Dells, **to direct the Board of Control to start the girls basketball season on November 16, 2009, the same Monday as boys basketball.**

Randy Johnson, Durand, spoke in support of eliminating the 9th week in football and adding a level to football to consist of 8 divisions with 64 teams each. This should not add to the length of the season.

The WIAA entered into a **lawsuit against the Wisconsin Newspaper Association** in December. A Federal court scheduling hearing is scheduled for May 5. The original complaint has been amended and the WNA has filed a counterclaim against the WIAA.

For a number of years, the WIAA had a Media Advisory Committee. To increase participation, the WIAA then began to offer a Media Day. At the 2007 Media Day, Art Kabelowsky indicated the radio, tv, and print media are more alike than different.

Exclusivity agreements were entered into to expand coverage to more sports. The live web streaming is in noncompliance with the

WIAA's existing agreements, included that with When We Were Young. Attempts were made to settle this and reach an agreement before the winter sports season concluded. The WNA did not want to compromise so the WIAA filed for a Declaratory Judgment. This is a management issue. The WIAA respects those who report high school athletics and this does not relate to how high school sports are reported to the public. The live air streaming is the only issue left. Discussions to resolve this issue are underway.

The concept of **9-player football** has come and gone on agendas for the past few years. There has been significant interest in the northwest part of the state. Dave Anderson attended a meeting in New Auburn resulting in a game played in week 10 involving 9 players. This was brought up with the Football Coaches Advisory Committee and there has been no clear indication of direction to take. In the WADA caucus minutes, 11 schools and two conferences supported 9-player football. On Wednesday, May 13, there will be a meeting involving schools interested in 9-player football. There has to be a reasonable number of teams to participate to offer a playoff opportunity that would not be held at Camp Randall. If there comes a time where 32 schools would adopt the 9-player rules, then the contest may be held at Camp Randall.

Brian Henning, New Auburn, asked that the WIAA continue to explore 9-player football. New Auburn will organize again a 9-player game to be played on the 10th week this coming season. Interested schools should contact Mr. Henning.

WADA caucus minutes key points included:

- There is no interest in seeing the transfer rule instituted at the 9th grade level. Some feel the present rule is too severe and the one year suspension is too long. JV eligibility was proposed for consideration.

- 9-player football was raised.

- There was little support for sportsman-ship banners and some were in conflict with local businesses. There is some desire for WIAA initiatives to raise money but little desire for schools to help out. Increasing hosting allowances was noted and the WIAA understands the hours spent to run events. The WIAA would appreciate reporting of all scores and submission of financial reports. In an attempt to listen and support one another, more conversation can be held.

- There was sentiment the WIAA should not regulate nonschool teams or identify roster numbers.

- There was little discussion or support for middle school championships.

- There has been one confirmed and as many as six potential wheelchair athletes from the District 5 area.

- Some feel there must be a multiplier as it relates to public/private school opportunities. There is sentiment that all members should be treated the same. One proposal discussed limitations on financial aid that private schools can provide.

- Cost containment ideas and economy driven observations were noted. Some caucuses asked for no more increases in contests.

- Several caucuses mentioned the need for increased communication between athletic directors and coaches.

- There was some support for heading back to two officials in regular season play for basketball.

- A single season in baseball was expressed as a cost containment idea. The second season in the sport is not self-sustaining.

- Previous Boards have not provided relief (eligibility) when a school drops a program but the WIAA staff wants the membership and its Board to be prepared if a program is no longer available in light of the emotion associated with dropping a program.

Greg Smith, President of WADA, congratulated Doug Chickering on his retirement and wished him well. WADA couldn't ask for a better partner. A picture of the 2003 dedication of the new Lambeau field and an autographed picture of Bart Starr was given to Mr. Chickering along with expressions of thanks.

Kevin Knudson thanked the Board of Control for all their hard work during the 2008-09 school year. He spoke of the process to select the new Executive Director and thanked Deb Hauser for all her efforts and wished Dave Anderson good luck. Mr. Anderson is working hard now to find his own replacement. The WIAA is the nation's best state organization because of Doug Chickering's leadership. His impact on lives of student athletes is immeasurable. He spoke of words to describe him and summarized him as a great man. A plaque was presented to Mr. Chickering acknowledging his numerous contributions to the WIAA.

Kevin Knudson thanked the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting and for their participation.

A motion was made by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids and seconded by Barb Deichl, Waterford to **adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.** ✚

Coaches Education

Joan Gralla



ASEP Course Offering

Coaching Principles & Sport First Aid

Date: May 23, 2009 or June 27, 2009

Site: Marion Elementary School

Contact: Debbie Malueg 715-754-2016

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Online ASEP Course Offering Through UW-Platteville

UW-Platteville now offers Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid in an online format. Coaches don't have to travel or organize anything, they can study at home and take the certification exam. If they choose, they can also take both classes for academic credit and use it for teacher recertification. For further information go to www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/ click on Professional Development and then ASEP Coaching Education Program. These classes are being offered in partnership with the American Sports Education Program (ASEP). If you have any questions, you can contact Rick Morgan at morganr@uwplatt.edu. ✚

Coaches Education Information

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

The following do not have to take this required training:

A student teacher while student teaching.

An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

The following must take an approved course before they can coach a second year:

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

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

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

Holding a license that has expired.

Being a volunteer

Being unpaid

Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

Having been a student teacher, but is not longer officially in that capacity.

Being a nonvarsity coach

Being an assistant coach.

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

for Coaches courses.

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

Periodically there are instructor-led ASEP courses offered which are listed in the Bulletin and on the WIAA web site. There are no NFHS instructor-led courses offered in Wisconsin.

The cost of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching is \$35 and the First Aid for Coaches is \$45. The cost of the ASEP Coaching Principles is \$60 and Sport First is \$50.

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

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EDITORIAL

Football Playoff, Baseball Season Discussions Rekindled at Annual Meeting

A number of discussions at the Annual Meeting in April addressed the old business segment of the agenda, including performance enhancing substances, divisional placements of public and nonpublic schools, season placements, out-of-season competitions and uniform starting dates for those opportunities.

However, what is less predictable are the issues that resurfaced during the new business portion of the agenda.

The theme of the new business forum this year may have taken on the flavor of "old business" with the most significant comments directed at topics resurfacing after these once "hot" issues have cooled.

The fact these topics have resurfaced is not surprising. A set of new circumstances or perspectives that moves an issue back to the front burner is always possible.

Such is the case with the football playoffs, and the spring and summer baseball seasons. Both of these topics have been brought forward for encore discussions after sentiment was expressed to have the membership revisit the feasibility of altering the football playoff qualification criteria and eliminating the summer baseball tournament.

The evolution of football playoff qualification criteria has a long history of alterations since the WIAA first sponsored an experimental four division tournament in 1976. The biggest concern then was the qualifying criteria would exclude unbeaten teams from the playoffs.

Over the next quarter century, a sixth division was added to go along with numerous revisions to the qualifying criteria. In 2002, the tournament field expanded to seven divisions and 224 teams. Since then, the qualifying criteria has undergone only a few cosmetic changes.

The impetus for this latest round of qualifying criteria review appears to be the criteria's impact on season scheduling, as well as the popular contention it is the catalyst for conference realignment requests.

Both are legitimate discussion points. It is apparent a vast majority of realignment discussions include football considerations. And, at least one conference is struggling to fill non-conference slates for lack of takers, who fear losses to teams in traditionally strong conferences will significantly reduce the chance of qualifying for the playoffs.

If history is any lesson, changing the criteria may be treating only the symptoms, not the problem. Advocates for a tournament format that includes all teams qualifying for the football playoffs claim it will eliminate much of the

realignment requests. Proponents of placing less emphasis on overall record in the qualifying criteria process assert that it will make it easier to find willing non-conference opponents. However, the 1946-47 WIAA Yearbook—thirty years before the playoffs were implemented—stated schools experienced troubles with filling schedules because of the "non-accessibility" of schools or "outside" contests.


Objectively, without emotion and attachment, the system isn't broken. It encompasses all the elements intended and emphasized when the staff and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association cooperatively developed and modified the criteria. The answers may not lie in the criteria or playoff structure, but with the education and proper emphasis on the purpose of interscholastic involvement. The ideology of teams not willing to play other teams homogeneous in nature or expanding the playoffs so teams with sub-.500 records have an opportunity to win a State title is something we need to address in discussions moving forward.

Following comments at the Annual Meeting in 2004, various committees reviewed the preference for a common season a significant majority of baseball-playing members espoused. It was determined the WIAA would revisit the issue once the number of schools sponsoring summer baseball dipped below 64 teams—the number required to fill a one-division bracket. A survey of athletic directors in 2004 revealed 71 percent favored a common season. Since that time, summer baseball participation has dropped from 89 schools to 67.

Now, a majority of the membership appears unwilling to wait for summer baseball participation to drop below that threshold, approving a motion directing the Board of Control to combine baseball into one season.

There are a number of considerations required before any decision is made. Proponents of summer baseball are adamant that its season is a culture in their communities, and the weather is much more conducive to the sport. Proponents of one baseball season state ease of scheduling, reduction in travel costs, more effective program supervision while school's in session and the rationale, in essence, of five divisions for the sport with two seasons.

It's time to dust off the files and review the notes from the last time these topics were addressed. Much of the information and sentiments will still apply. Nonetheless, the evolution of ideas and circumstances may warrant closer scrutiny, not only from a policy standpoint, but from an ideological one as well. ✚



Keep These

Dates in Mind

May 8	Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
May 15	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 21, 26 & 28	Softball Regionals
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26	Track & Field Regionals
	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 26-27	Boys Golf Regionals
May 27-28	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 29	Track & Field Sectionals
May 28 & 30	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 29 & June 2, 3 & 5	Spring Baseball Regionals
June 1-2	Boys Golf Sectionals
June 4	Softball Sectionals
June 4-5-6	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
June 4 & 6	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 5-6	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 8-9	State Boys Golf (Madison)
June 11-12-13	State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
	State Softball (Madison)
June 12-13	State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
June 16-17-18	State Spring Baseball (Appleton)
June 24-25	Advisory Council Meeting
June 25	Board of Control Meeting
July 17 & 21	Summer Baseball Regionals
July 24	Summer Baseball Sectionals
July 29-30	State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)
August 4-5	New AD Workshop
August 7	Board of Control Meeting
August 10	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment
	Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice
August 11	Earliest Day for Football Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
August 13	Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet
August 15	Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet
August 17	Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice
August 18	Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game
August 19	Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet
August 24	Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice
August 25	Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match
	Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet
August 27	Earliest Date for First Football Game
September 1	Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match
September 7	Labor Day
September 9	Area Meeting – Watertown
September 11	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
September 14	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)
September 15	Area Meeting – West Allis Central
September 16	Area Meeting – Fox Valley Lutheran
	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball & Softball (Stevens Point)
September 19-20	Rosh Hashanah
September 20	Eid Al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
September 22	Area Meeting – Antigo
September 23	Area Meeting – Barneveld
	Middle Level Council Meeting
September 28	Yom Kippur
September 29	Area Meeting – Black River Falls
September 30	Area Meeting – Rice Lake
September 30-October 1	Girls Golf Regionals

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2008-2009 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2008-2009

Regular Registration

Postmark Deadline

(regular fee)

Late Registration

Postmark Deadline

(additional fee required)

Test Date

June 13, 2009

May 8, 2009

May 9–22, 2009

ACT - 2009-2010

September 12, 2009*

October 24, 2009

December 12, 2009

February 6, 2010**

April 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

* The September test date is not offered in the U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, or Canada.

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