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Jim Tenopir Named NFHS Chief Operating Officer

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Dr. Jim Tenopir, executive director of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) for the past nine years, has been named chief operating officer of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), effective July 1.

Tenopir will assume the organization's No. 2 position previously held by Bob Gardner, who officially succeeds Bob Kanaby as NFHS executive director on May 1.

"I am particularly pleased to have Dr. Jim Tenopir join our staff after serving as executive director of the Nebraska School Activities Association since 2001," Gardner said. "He possesses uncommon leadership ability and a good understanding of the NFHS and its issues, and how we plan to move the organization forward."

After graduating from Sterling (Kansas) College in 1970, Tenopir began a 40-year career in education as a teacher and coach at Otis-Bison High School in Otis, Kansas. He moved to Nebraska in 1972 as a teacher and coach at McCook Junior High School and has served in Nebraska for the past 38 years.

In 1974, Tenopir moved into administration as athletic director at McCook (Nebraska) High School and served in that position for eight years. He was activities director and assistant principal at Scottsbluff (Nebraska) High School for one year before beginning an 18-year stint as superintendent of the Cambridge (Nebraska) Public Schools.

Tenopir was named executive director-elect of the NSAA in June 2000 and officially assumed the position in June 2001. Among his numerous accomplishments during the past nine years,

Tenopir was instrumental in moving the NSAA staff into a new building in Lincoln in 2008.

During his years as NSAA executive director, Tenopir was highly involved with the NFHS. He was a member of the 2008-2011 NFHS Strategic Planning Committee and served a four-year term on the NFHS Board of Directors, which was culminated by serving as president during the 2008-09 school year.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from Sterling College, Tenopir earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State University in 1977, a specialist degree in educational administration from Kearney (Nebraska) State College in 1982 and a doctorate of education in administration, curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska in 1993.

Earlier this year, Tenopir received the Award of High Distinction from the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Other honors include the David W. Hutcheson Award from the University of Nebraska in 2004 for outstanding service to education in Nebraska, an alumni citation from Sterling College in 2007, the Outstanding School Administrator Award from the Nebraska Rural Community Schools in 1990 and the Distinguished Service Award from the Tri Valley Health System in Cambridge, Nebraska (1990-2000).

As NFHS chief operating officer, Tenopir will manage day-to-day operations of the national office staff, chair the Rules Review Committee, oversee the NFHS committee process, supervise fulfillment of NFHS publications and products, and guide the staff in providing service to the 51 member associations. +

Membership Approves Changes to Constitution, Bylaws and Eligibility Rules

Liberalizing Summer Contact Rules Fail; Five-Division Basketball Model Highlights Discussions

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The membership of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association ratified a number of amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center yesterday.

Of the nine amendments related to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility up for membership vote, seven passed into membership rule effective May 21.

Two of the approved are Constitutional in nature. The first addresses the placement of programs into divisions when schools consolidate. The combined previous year's enrollments of the consolidating schools will be calculated to determine divisional placement for all the current year's Tournament Series. The measure passed 322-7.

The other amendment to the Constitution stiffens the sanctions on member schools that voluntarily withdraw from a conference for one sport only. The amended language removes a school from its conference in all WIAA-sponsored sports for two years. The amendment passed 315-14.

The one amendment affecting the Bylaws received approval by a 324-8 vote. It alters and formalizes the policy enacted in 2009 by the Board of Control that addresses interscholastic athletic events scheduled when schools close because of infectious and communicable diseases. A tournament contest can now be rescheduled to the earliest possible date when school reopens and the contest can be completed prior to the next scheduled round of the tournament. If a contest can't be rescheduled and a forfeit is issued, the team/individual most recently defeated will advance. Regular season events can be rescheduled if possible within the respective sport's season regulations.

The fate of six amendments to the Rules of Eligibility were determined. The first, by vote of 317-12, eliminates "contribution to victory" appeals during the Tournament Series for the use of an ineligible player in order to prevent disruption of the tournament schedule.

Another amendment, approved with a 319-13 vote, clarifies acceptable conditioning and weight training activities within the open gym provisions. Acceptable activities are limited to supervision by school personnel, instruction on safe and appropriate use of equipment, and useful training regimens and rationale. In addition, weight and conditioning programs must be publicized and accessible to all interested students on a voluntary basis.

The third amendment approved into the Bylaws adds the requirement of the Athletic Emergency Form to be completed, submitted and on file with the school prior to a student's practicing or participating in interscholastic athletics. That proposal received overwhelming support by the membership with a 321-8 vote.

The fourth amendment to the Bylaws prohibits ineligible athletes from being in uniform at WIAA Tournament Series events or participating in tournament award ceremonies. The members approved that action by a 312-19 vote.

The two amendments related to summer coaching contact failed. The membership rejected a measure that would allow unlimited coaching contact during the summer as long as involvement was not school sponsored. That failed by a 210-107 tally. In addition, the amendment identifying the Friday before Memorial Day as the starting date of the "summertime" period and have it extend to the start of school in the fall was voted down 204-131.

Other notable discussion included information on the Interscholastic Licensing Company, the proposed five-division basketball plan, sportsmanship and relief for the three games in 10 days schedule at the end of the football season. +

Board Grants First Approval of Football-Only Conference Realignment Plans; Approves Other Action Items

The WIAA Board of Control approved the first consideration of a pair of football-only conference realignment plans and approved four other notable items at its April and May meetings.

One of the football-only conference realignment proposals involve the current members of the six-school Wisconsin Valley Conference and the 10-school Fox Valley Association. The Board gave initial support of the plan to combine the WVC and FVA and form one, 16-team league containing two separate eight-team divisions, which are to be determined by the schools of the newly formed football conference for the 2011 season.

The second football-only conference realignment plan receiving first approval by the Board affects the members of the CloverWood, Dairyland, Great Northern and Marawood conferences with implementation in 2011. The plan moves McDonell Central from the Marawood to the CloverWood, Augusta from the CloverWood to the Dairyland and Tomahawk from the Great Northern to the Marawood.

The Great Northern Conference released Northland Pines and Tomahawk from its football schedule effective in 2010, making it a five-team league this fall. In 2011, Merrill and Ashland are both sched-

uled to become members of the Great Northern Conference for football only. Until then, Merrill will compete in the Wisconsin Valley Conference with all sports beginning this fall, and Ashland will play an independent football schedule in 2010.

WIAA membership rules require a 40-day window for schools involved in realignment plans to appeal the first consideration before the Board takes final action. Thus, schools have until June 22 to file for an appeal of the Board's initial vote. The Board is scheduled to take second and final action on the realignment plans at its June 24 summer meeting in Green Lake.

At its May meeting, the Board also approved revisions to the WIAA's licensing and royalties policies to reflect the association's licensing agreement with the Interscholastic Licensing Company. The licensing agreement will protect, promote and market the marks of the WIAA and generate new revenues for the association. The WIAA recently launched the WIAA Web store, offering merchandise and apparel bearing the WIAA's logo and marks for purchase at www.wiaa.spiritedfans.com.

In April, the Board approved a recommendation from the WIAA Sports Medical Advisory Committee to immediately rescind the requirement for athletes

to wear a pole vault helmet during competition and make use of the helmet optional.

Several years ago, the Sports Medical Advisory Committee reviewed the high risk of serious head injury sustained in an off-target landing in pole vaulting. Subsequently, the landing pad area was expanded significantly, and an additional safety measure was added requiring pole vault athletes to wear a helmet. Research since that time has shown the expanded landing pad provides significant benefit, while the helmet does not. Use of a helmet will now be at the discretion of the athlete and his/her parents.

In other action at its April meeting, the Board approved all applications for winter cooperative team arrangements for the 2010-11 season. It also supported the Executive Staff initiative to add text to the membership enrollment forms that states the Tournament Series is the collective property of the membership and not of any individual member.

The language also asserts the Association's right to promote and advance the membership's interests with exclusive arrangements; appropriate proprietary pursuits, use of images identifying students, school personnel and member school marks; and restrictive policies to prevent commercial unauthorized exploitation of the tournaments. +

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2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 115th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

Board of Control President Roger Foegen, District Administrator at Bangor, presided. Mr. Foegen opened the meeting by commenting on how he observed when he went to the Area Meetings in the fall, the tremendous passion for high school athletics in the State of Wisconsin by school personnel, student athletes and community members. He welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and encouraged participation. There were 425 delegates in attendance representing 349 schools, which is an increase from previous years. The [2009-10 highlight presentation](#) produced by When We Were Young was shown.

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

[Minutes of 2009 meeting](#) stand as previously published. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Bulletin, in the WIAA Yearbook, and on the web-site.

Treasurer Mark Gobler reviewed the [financial report](#) included in the meeting materials. The total revenue was \$7,661,628 compared to \$7,177,115 in 2008. Unrestricted net assets at the end of the year totaled \$2,824,608 compared to \$3,016,068 in 2008. The projections for 2009-10 anticipate a projected amount of income of \$255,000 less than budgeted due to decreased attendance and \$200,000 increase in legal expenses over budget. An outlook will be delayed until late in the spring. A motion was made by Paul Rozak, Stratford and seconded by Jay Hammes, Racine Case 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, Mark Gobler, Luck, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 1 expiring after the June 2013 meeting. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills, was re-elected for a three-year term for District 6 expiring after the June 2013 meeting.

Jack Klebesadel, Germantown, was elected for a three-year term for District 7 expiring after the June 2013 meeting. Jim Dyer, Pacelli, was re-elected for a three-year term for the Non-Public Schools At Large position expiring after the June 2013 meeting. In the Advisory Council elections, Michael Gosz, Hamilton, was re-elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools expiring after the June 2013 meeting. Scott Winch, Stratford, was elected to a three-year term for the Medium Schools along with Eric Russell, Baldwin-Woodville, who was re-elected to a three-year term for the Medium Schools expiring after the June 2013 meeting. Reed Welsh, Abbotsford, was elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools along with Mark Gruen, Eleva-Strum, who was re-elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools expiring after the June 2013 meeting.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Ted Evans, Mineral Point; Scott Lindgren, Kenosha; Mary Pfeiffer, Neenah; Terry Reynolds, Pittsville, Dean Sanders, Lake Mills and Tim Sivertson, Elk Mound. Board members Jim Dyer, Pacelli and Keith Posley, Milwaukee Public Schools were excused. Board of Control liaison Pam Huston, President-Elect of the

Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association was introduced. John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Michael Thompson, Deputy State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction were excused. Guests in attendance included John Roberts, Matt Otte, and Doug Chickering. This was Mr. Roberts 54th Annual Meeting, Mr. Otte's 53rd Annual Meeting and Mr. Chickering's 32nd Annual Meeting. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well. Media present included Rob Hernandez, Wisconsin State Journal; Mark Stewart, Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel; Dennis Semrau, The Capital Times and Nick Dettmann, West Bend Daily News. Tim Eichorst of When We Were Young presented the live web streaming of the meeting.

Voting procedures for the [amendments](#) were explained by Wade Labecki, 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 3, Note

This change clarifies which enrollment will be used when member schools consolidate. A motion was made by Signe Schecher, Mayville and seconded by Greg Lampe, Oak Creek to support the amendment. There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 322-7.

Proposal #2

CONSTITUTION – Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control, Section 10, C

This change provides sanctions to member schools that voluntarily withdraw from a conference for one sport only. A motion was made Jim McClowry, Sun Prairie, and seconded by Monte Phillips, Janesville Craig to support the amendment. There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 315-14.

Proposal #3

BYLAWS – Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements, Section 6

This change provides formal policy in the event scheduled classes are interrupted due to infectious/communicable disease. A motion was made by Dave Steavpack, Ashwaubenon, and seconded by Mike Rupnow, Racine Case to support the amendment. There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 324-8.

Proposal #4

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article I – General, Section 6, A

This change limits contribution to victory appeals to the Board of Control to regular season only in order to continue the tournament series on schedule. A motion was made by John Gustavson, Whitefish Bay and seconded by Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick to support the amendment. There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 317-12.

Proposal #5

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VI – Nonschool Participation, Section 2, C, 3) b.

This change provides increased summer coaching contact opportunities to all sport coaches, with the exception of football. A motion was made by Tom Curran, Tomah and seconded by Paul Rozak, Stratford to support the amendment.

Paul Rozak spoke of the philosophical stand with this vote with the end result likely being a 50/50 split. Soccer came to us last year and appeared to have difficulties with club coaches and their involvement with students during the summer. It may be good for athletes to play during the summer, but other sport coaches will want to fill summers with activities as well. We better be able to support coaches and settle arguments within athletic departments of who plays on particular nights. This may be good to try, but we better be ready to work it out for what is best for students.

Pam Huston, Wausau West, asked for clarification in section a which talks about talking five days and is this still a school related program and in b there is no school affiliation with that contact. Wade Labecki responded that is correct and the five school days would end July 31. In option b it pertains to unlimited, non-school contact with no school money used.

Barb Chiszar, Hayward, stated in b. what does that mean with regard to makeup of that team that is non-school related. Wade Labecki answered your school will not determine makeup of that team and there are no limits on the roster makeup.

The motion failed by a vote of 107-210.

Proposal #6

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VI – Nonschool Participation, Section 2, C, 3) b, Note.

This change provides a common summer start date. A motion was made by Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford and seconded by Randy Refsland, Waupun to support the amendment.

John Frizzell, Chippewa Falls, asked for clarification of "until the start of school in the fall". Wade Labecki answered that means until the start of a fall sport practice or the first day of classes.

Don Aanonsen, Marion, asked if as a football coach, can he take his five days on August 1-5. Wade Labecki responded that this would allow summer contact from Friday of Memorial Day to the start of school. Not all schools start September 1. For the unrestricted five days, the deadline remains July 31.

Ray Kosey, Superior, asked about the start of school or first day of fall practice and the impact on basketball or hockey leagues. Wade Labecki indicated that is a local decision.

Brian Smith, Waunakee, spoke of his opposition. This infringes on the fall on the back end and spring on the front end. If the intent is to start of fall practices, it should be in there. This doesn't state start of school and it should be stated in this language. There will be more tournaments on Memorial Day weekend.

Tom Curran, Tomah, would like to second what Brian Smith stated. We should look at revisiting some date in June and base it on when spring sport season regionals occur with the only conflict being state tournaments and end on July 31 for infringement on fall sports.

The motion failed by a vote of 131-204.

Proposal #7

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VI – Nonschool Participation, Section 2, C, 3) f.

This change adds clarification to acceptable conditioning and weight training activities within Open Gym provisions. A motion was made by Jack Klebesadel, Germantown and seconded by Nick Been, St. Croix Central, to support the amendment.

John Frizzell, Chippewa Falls, asked if this was intended to cover the summertime as well. Wade Labecki confirmed the out of season and year end clarification.

The motion was approved by a vote of 319-13.

Proposal #8

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance, Sections 1 and 2.

This change adds Athletic Emergency Form as a required document. Editorial changes to the physical examination portion. A motion was made by Shawn Groshek, Adams-Friendship and seconded by Jon Joch, Neenah to support the amendment. There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 321-18.

Proposal #9

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance, Section 2, E.

This change prohibits ineligible athletes to appear in uniform at a WIAA Tournament or to participate in the awards ceremony. A motion was made by Mike Devine, Stevens Point and seconded by Tim Widiker, Webster to support the amendment.

Linzi Gronning, Holmen, asked if this refers to code or academic athletic only and if an injured athlete could still dress up. Wade Labecki answered that is correct. If injured, the athlete may still participate in the awards ceremony. The key is whether the student is ineligible.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, asked if this would allow the athlete to remain in plain clothes on the bench. Wade Labecki answered yes that would be allowed.

The motion was approved by a vote of 312-19.

[Editorial changes](#) to the Rules of Eligibility were presented by Wade Labecki. 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 Kathy Bates, Xavier and seconded by Dan Karius, Slinger to approve the editorial changes.

The motion was approved by a vote of 323-6.

Roger Foegen spoke of how in his first year as Executive Director, Dave Anderson has been hardworking and has the genuine interest of student athletes at heart. He then asked Mr. Anderson to present his Director's Report.

Dave Anderson spoke of how it was nice to see all of you today and he welcomed participation by all. It is constantly becoming more obvious the strength of the organization rests with you. It is important to hear from each of you.

In our review of Old Business, we will recap some of the key items and issues confronted over the course of this past year. Then, as we turn our attention to New Business, that part of this report will include opportunity for the Open Forum and your comments. That we have opportunity to hear from each other and consider those topics and issues which will come back to you for further discussion in Area Meetings or for emphasis, or implementation in the year ahead.

One final piece of information, before beginning our conversation; there will be an opportunity to live blog with Communications Director Todd Clark regarding this Annual Meeting for an hour, immediately following today's discussions. Simply go to the WIAA's website, www.wiaawi.org, and instructions will be provided.

In recent weeks I've had opportunity to sit down individually with the executive staff and several support staff and review this past year. In those sessions I was reminded how fortunate I have been to have had their ideas, help and support in responding to the challenges we've faced throughout these past months. It is my opinion that they have offered their very best to both you and to me and have functioned as a great team in their service to this membership and to me.

As a starting point for our review, I offered a simple theme: That our discussions be focused on improvement: "What's improved from last year – and where/how do we need to improve as we go forward?" Each staff member offered a variety of perspectives and responses to those questions but interestingly, somewhere over the course of our conversations another common observation emerged. That observation, shared by each staff member was "not much has changed". I want to clarify that in the overall context of our conversations that sentiment was offered as a "good thing" from their perspectives.

I know there has been change this year – from the football and basketball plans shared openly and discussed with you in Area Meetings – meetings that in some instances lasted four hours – to soliciting your feedback; to website redesign – and any number of other changes. But the staff's "no change" comments primarily stem from their sense of cohesive and efficient internal operations. The climate in our workplace has been outstanding.

As part of this review of Old Business and this year nearly past, we need to acknowledge it has been a year of transition. With the departure of our friend and Boss, Doug, all of us – Staff, Board and membership found ourselves entering a new chapter for this Association along with the uncertainty that always accompanies significant change. So it is appropriate for me to begin this report with some of my observations on our transition.

Though it wasn't often spoken of by the Board, I think to spare me the added pressures to capably "fill Doug's shoes", I know the Board, Doug, the executive staff and I were all committed to the idea of a seamless transition. Recognizing that periods of transition can be disruptive and unsettling, with organizations left vulnerable, I am both proud of and grateful for the many efforts made by the Board, Doug and staff to assure that programs, services and opportunities for member schools and students have continued without unusual distress or uncertainty. I have repeatedly acknowledged Doug and the Executive Staff for their help throughout this year. Given the insights which are uniquely mine, I believe the successes of this transition is also largely due to the strengths of our Board and President, Roger Foegen. I have come to recognize each Board member as a strong leader and advocate for education based athletics in their own community and each has brought the strength and leadership borne of those convictions to the greater service of this membership.

See [Annual Meeting Minutes](#), page 16 ►

IMPORTANT

Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

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

In addition, the WIAA will again be collecting scores for all team sports and posting results on the WIAA Web site 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 Web site 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. +**



OFFICIALS



Officials Exams Due Dates

Officials exams will be sent with your rule books and also available online. Corrected exams will not be returned to you. You can view your score on the Officials Center. Make a copy of your exam answers before you submit them to the WIAA office so that you may review the ones you may have gotten incorrect once the answers are posted. Answers and rules references will be posted on the Officials Center one week after the due date.

SPORT	DUE DATE
Football	August 21, 2009
Soccer	August 21, 2009
Swimming & Diving	August 21, 2009
Volleyball	August 21, 2009
Basketball	November 13, 2009
Gymnastics	November 13, 2009
Wrestling	November 13, 2009
Hockey	November 13, 2009
Baseball	March 12, 2010
Softball	March 12, 2010
Track & Field	March 12, 2010

PART II EXAMS

Will be sent in the mail only (will not be on the Web site) and are due back on the following dates:

SPORT	MAILED	DUE DATE
Soccer	August 17, 2009	September 11, 2009
Football	August 25, 2009	September 18, 2009
Basketball	November 30, 2009	December 18, 2009
Wrestling	November 30, 2009	December 18, 2009
Baseball	March 22, 2010	April 8, 201

MECHANICS EXAM

Will be sent in the mail only (will not be on the Web site) and are due back on the following dates:

	MAILED	DUE DATE
3-Person Basketball	November 30, 2009	December 18, 2009
Mechanics		

Note: The 3-person Basketball Mechanics exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for regional finals, sectionals and State tournament assignments in 2010. +

2010-11 Middle Level Council Openings

Openings on the WIAA Middle Level Advisory Council will exist in the following positions for the 2010-11 school year. District 1 representative, District 4 representative, Gender At-Large 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. +

Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt official from sport meeting requirements. ALL criteria for an advanced classification must be met. See Page 3 of the Guide for Officials (Officials Center) for details regarding classification advancement requirements.

STATELINE BASKETBALL 3-PERSON & 2-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: June 12, 2010
Site: UW-Platteville
Contact: Mike Pfeil mspfeil@charter.net

NORTHERN WISCONSIN BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 18-20, 2010
Site: UW-River Falls
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu

THREE ZEBRA'S 2 & 3 PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 24-26, 2010 Note: The 2-person camp is on June 26 and the 3-person camp is June 24-25-26.
Site: UW-Madison (Kohl Center)
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com Web site: www.kenneyenterprises.org/uwmadison

UP NORTH OFFICIALS ASSN. 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: June 26, 2010
Site: Lakeland Union High School
Contact: Ed Schaub 715-356-9454 or ejschaub@hotmail.com

STEP AHEAD BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 16-18, 2010
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or showtimesportscamps.com

WIS BASKETBALL YEARBOOK/KAUKAUNA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 16-18, 2010 Note: One day camp – training officials in 2 & 3 person mechanics; 3-person clinic all 3 days/4 sessions; 2-person clinic to be held on Saturday. aft/eve and Sunday.

Site: Kaukauna High School
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-788-5504 or 920-841-8813 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

UP NORTH OFFICIALS ASSN. 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 30-31, 2010
Site: Northland Pines High School
Contact: Dan Meyer hoops131@verizon.net or 715-356-2430

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: July 30-31, 2010
Site: Watertown High School
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 20-21, 2010
Site: Appleton (site TBA)
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 13-14, 2010
Site: Monona Grove High School
Contact: Jack Albrechtson jackla01@gmail.com or 608-231-2227

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 18 & 24, 2010
Site: West Allis Hale High School on Aug. 18 and Milwaukee Lutheran High School on Aug. 24
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 21, 2010
Site: Reedsburg High School
Contact: Thomas Maenpaa tmaenpaa@ft.newyorklife.com or 608-768-8853

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 21, 2010
Site: Lancaster High School
Contact: Jerry Schewe schewe@centurytel.net 608-348-7919

BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Date: August 25, 2010
Site: Ashwaubenon High School
Contact: Chuck Heidner murphyheidner@aol.com 920-469-6923 +

2010-11 Re-Licensing Application

Re-licensing application forms for the 2010-11 school year were sent to all 2009-10 licensed officials on April 9, 2010. This mailing was a presort, so it could take up to 14 days for this envelope to reach officials. If you have not received your renewal application by April 30, you can download a form from the WIAA Web site. Just click on the official's shirt on our homepage to access the 2010-11 application.

To avoid paying the \$20 late fee, all renewal applications need to be posted marked no later than Friday, June 4, 2010. +

State Tournament Time Schedules

2010 Boys & Girls Track & Field State Tournament Time Schedule

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

Friday, June 4

7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Division 1 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition
7:00 a.m. - Division 1 - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
8:30 a.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups. Divisions 2 and 3 coaches may pick up team envelopes
9:25 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies

Division 1 Schedule

FIELD EVENTS

9:30 a.m. - Discus - Girls (Discus #1)
9:30 a.m. - High Jump - Boys (TBD)
9:30 a.m. - Long Jump - Boys (TBD)
9:30 a.m. - Triple Jump - Girls (TBD)
10:00 a.m. - Pole Vault - Girls (Middle)
11:00 a.m. - Shot Put - Boys (Shot Put #1)
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.

All Running Events Start At 9:30 a.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.

3200 Meter Relay - Girls
100/110 Meter High Hurdles - Girls/Boys
100 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
1600 Meter Run - Boys
800 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys
400 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
400 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys
300 Meter Hurdles - Girls/Boys
800 Meter Run - Boys
200 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
3200 Meter Run - Girls
1600 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys

Divisions 2 & 3 Schedule

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition.

8:30 a.m. - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
2:00 p.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups
2:55 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies

FIELD EVENTS

3:00 p.m. - Discus - Division 3 Boys followed by Division 2 Boys (Discus #1)
3:00 p.m. - High Jump - Division 2 Girls (West)
3:00 p.m. - High Jump - Division 3 Girls (East)
3:00 p.m. - Long Jump - Division 3 Girls followed by Division 2 Girls (TBD)
3:00 p.m. - Shot Put - Division 2 Girls followed by Division 3 Girls (Shot Put #1)
3:00 p.m. - Triple Jump - Division 2 Boys followed by Division 3 Boys (TBD)
3:15 p.m. - Pole Vault - Division 2 Boys (Middle)
3:15 p.m. - Pole Vault - Division 3 Boys (North or South)
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.

All Running Events Start At 3:00 p.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.

3200 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls
100/110 Meter High Hurdles - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
100 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
1600 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Boys
800 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
400 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
400 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys

300 Meter Hurdles - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
800 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Boys
200 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
3200 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Girls
1600 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys

Saturday, June 5

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition
9:00 a.m. - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
9:00 a.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups
10:25 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies

FIELD EVENTS

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)
12:30 p.m. - Discus - Division 1 Boys (Discus #2)
10:30 a.m. - High Jump - Division 2 Boys (East)
10:30 a.m. - High Jump - Division 3 Boys (West)
High Jump - Division 1 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys
10:30 a.m. - Long Jump - Division 1 Girls (Pit #1)
10:30 a.m. - Long Jump - Division 3 Boys (Pit #2)
Long Jump - Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys (Pit #2)
10:30 a.m. - Shot Put - Division 1 Girls (Shot Put #2)
10:30 a.m. - Shot Put - Division 2 Boys (Shot Put #1)
Shot Put - Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately

after completion of Division 2 Boys (Shot Put #1)
10:30 a.m. - Triple Jump - Division 1 Boys (Pit #3)
10:30 a.m. - Triple Jump - Division 2 Girls (Pit #4)
Triple Jump - Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls (Pit #4)
10:45 a.m. - Pole Vault - Division 3 Girls (North or South)
Pole Vault - Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls
11:00 a.m. - Pole Vault - Division 1 Boys (Middle)

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.

All Running Events Start at 10:30 a.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.

3200 Meter Relay (Boys)
100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)
110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)
100 Meter Wheelchair
100 Meter Dash (Girls)
100 Meter Dash (Boys)
1600 Meter Wheelchair
1600 Meter Run (Girls)
800 Meter Relay (Girls)
800 Meter Relay (Boys)
400 Meter Wheelchair
400 Meter Dash (Girls)
400 Meter Dash (Boys)
400 Meter Relay (Girls)
400 Meter Relay (Boys)
300 Meter Low Hurdles (Girls)
300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (Boys)
800 Meter Wheelchair
800 Meter Run (Girls)
200 Meter Dash (Girls)
200 Meter Dash (Boys)
3200 Meter Run (Boys)
1600 Meter Relay (Girls)
1600 Meter Relay (Boys)

Note: (1) All finals on Saturday are to be in this order - Division 3, Division 2, then Division 1.

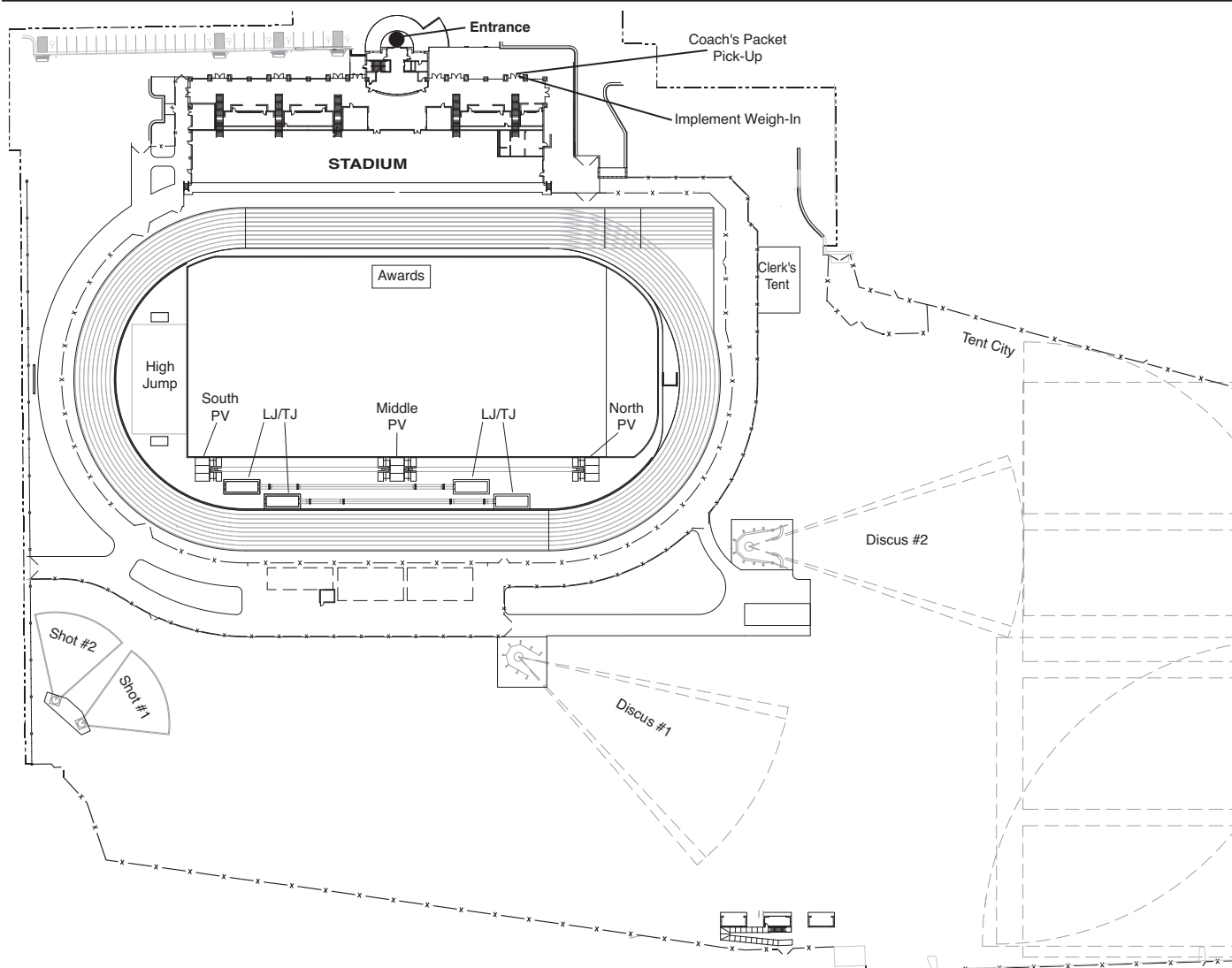
(2) If high temperatures and/or high humidity occurs, the WIAA with the advice of the State Meet medical personnel may revise the track schedule to have the 3200 meter run be the last event on both Friday and Saturday.

(3) 1600 meter run for Division 1 will be run in two sections. In Divisions 2 and 3 there will be one section.

(4) 3200 meter run for all divisions will be run in one section (per division).

(5) 3200 meter relay for all divisions will be run in two sections with timed finals.

(6) 800 meter run for all divisions will be run in two sections, regardless of the number of athletes competing, with timed finals. +



Tickets - State Tournament ticket prices are \$8 for each of the Friday sessions or an all day pass for \$12 (Friday only) and \$8 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.

2010 Softball State Tournament Time Schedule

Madison – Goodman Diamond

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 17 – 9 a.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
(approx. 11 a.m.)

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 17 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Division 1 Semifinals – Thursday, June 17 – 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 18 – 9 a.m.

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

Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 18 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Division 2 Semifinals – Friday, June 18 – 6 p.m.

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

Division 4 Championship Game – Saturday, June 19 – 10 a.m.

Division 3 Championship Game – Saturday, June 19 – 12:30 p.m.

Division 2 Championship Game – Saturday, June 19 – 3 p.m.

Division 1 Championship Game – Saturday, June 19 – 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)

2010 Spring Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

Appleton – Fox Cities Stadium

Tuesday, June 15 – Division 1 Quarterfinals – 8 a.m.

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

Tuesday, June 15 – Division 1 Quarterfinals – 1 p.m.

Game 3 – Sectional #7 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Tuesday, June 15 – Division 1 Semifinals – 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

Wednesday, June 16 – Division 4 Semifinals – 8 a.m.

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

Wednesday, June 16 – Division 3 Semifinals – 1 p.m.

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

Wednesday, June 16 – Division 2 Semifinals – 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 17 – Division 4 Finals – 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 17 – Division 3 Finals – Noon

Thursday, June 17 – Division 2 Finals – 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 17 – Division 1 Finals – 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.

2010 Boys Tennis State Tournament Time Schedule

Nielsen Stadium, Madison

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 3

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 4

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

Saturday, June 5

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

TEAM TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 11

5:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal

Division 1 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #2, Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #4

Lower Bracket

Sectional #7 vs. Sectional #8, Sectional #5 vs. Sectional #6

Saturday, June 12

9 a.m. – Divisions 1 and 2 Semifinal

Division 2 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #4

Lower Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #2

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

Tickets – Student/Adult – \$6

2010 Boys Golf State Tournament Time Schedule

University Ridge – Madison

Monday, June 7

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 8

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

2010 Girls Soccer State Tournament Time Schedule

Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee

Thursday, June 17 – Division 1 Quarterfinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
2 p.m. – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Lower Bracket

5 p.m. – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
7 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Friday, June 18 – Division 3 Semifinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Lower Bracket

2 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Friday, June 18 – Division 2 Semifinals

Upper Bracket

12 noon – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Lower Bracket

2 p.m. – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Friday, June 18 – 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 19 – 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

Aug. 28, 2010 - Teams for meet. Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-3921 ext. 104 or groshek_s@af.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 20, 2010 - Team for 4-team scrimmage. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

Aug. 20, 2010 - Team (varsity & JV) for scrimmage. Catholic Central - Eric Henderson ehenderson@cchsn.net.org. (4-14)

Aug. 31 or Sept. 2, 2010 - JV game. New Holstein - Steve Steiner 920-898-3074 or ssteiner@nhsd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 3, 2010 - Varsity game (prefer home). Williams Bay - Mike Coolidge 262-903-7504 or mico4134@yahoo.com. (4-30)

GENERAL

2010 - Varsity/JV scrimmage. Milwaukee Marshall - Josh Kraner 414-405-6778 or kranerjj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

2010 (Week of Sept. 20) - JV game. Lakeside Lutheran - Paul Bauer 920-648-2321 ext. 216 or pbauer@llhs.org. (4-26)

2010 (Week 1) - Game. Somerset - Brad Nemec 715-247-5552 or bnemec@somerset.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

2010 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Milwaukee Washington - Jeff Kellman 608-346-4528 or tbk1803@yahoo.com. (4-22)

2010 (Week 1) - JV game. Stockbridge - Tom Hanke 920-439-1159 or tomhanke@stockbridge.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

2010 (Week 2) - Freshmen game. Campbell-sport - Kris Langer 920-533-1264 or klanger@csd.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

2010 (Week 2) - Varsity game. Hortonville - Jason Hurley 920-779-7939 or jasonhurley@hasd.org. (4-14)

2010 (Week 3) - Varsity game. Escanaba, MI - Dave Wilson 906-789-5595 or dwilson@dsisd.k12.mi.us. (4-26)

2010 (Week 7) - Varsity game. Milwaukee Bay View - Jeff Geil 414-294-2400 ext. 42639 or geilja@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

2010 (Week 2) - Game. Hilbert - Matt Kuhn 920-853-3558 or kuhn@hilbert.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

2010 & 2011 - Freshmen and/or JV games. Westfield - Mary Mades 608-296-2141 ext. 1006. (4-14)

Girls Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 16, 2010 - Varsity team for invitational at Bulls Eye. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.rg. (5-12)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 20-21, 2010 - Teams for 8-team tournament (3 match guarantee). Central Wisconsin Christian - Gregg Zonnefeld 920-318-1349 or coachz@centralwisconsinchristian.org. (4-16)

Sept. 4, 2010 - Teams for JV quad. Watertown - Mike Daniels 920-262-7502 or danielsm@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Sept. 25, 2010 - Varsity team for invitational. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy (715- 422- 7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.rg. (5-12)

Oct. 2, 2010 - Team for quad. Waupun - Keith Milkowski 920-324-5591 ext. 2816 or kmilkowski@waupun.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

GENERAL

2010 - Varsity/JV games. Franklin - Stojan Jovic 414-975-5340 or stoyfc@yahoo.com. (5-12)

2010 - Varsity games. Ozaukee - John Annis 262-692-2453 or jannis@nosd.edu. (5-4)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 16-17, 2010 - Varsity team for dual format invitational (4 duals over 2 days). Appleton West - Mark McQuade 920-832-4105 or mcquademark@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Aug. 19, 2010 - Teams for invitational. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschoools.org. (5-12)

Aug. 21, 2010 - Teams for invitational. Madison Memorial - Tim Ritchie 608-663-6079. (4-16)

Aug. 28, 2010 - Teams for varsity quad. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or Gary Baier 715-252-3825. (5-6)

Sept. 11, 2010 - Varsity team for 8-team bracket style invitational. Appleton West - Mark McQuade 920-832-4105 or mcquademark@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-29)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2010 - Teams for varsity/JV/freshmen scrimmage. Cedar Grove-Belgium - Dan Coopman 920-668-8686 ext. 552 or dcoopman@cgbdsd.com. (5-4)

Aug. 26, 31 or Sept. 4, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV/frosh dual. Brillion - Peter Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@brillion.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Aug. 27, 2010 - Varsity team for tournament. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondek@aol.com. (5-4)

Aug. 31, Sept. 2 or 7, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV/frosh dual. Valders - Julie Laabs 920-775-9530 ext. 4007 or jlaabs@valders.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Sept. 11, 2010 - Team for varsity tournament. Lancaster - John Hoch 608-723-6425 ext. 210 or hochj@lancastersd.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Sept. 11, 2010 - Varsity team for tournament. Shiocton - Riley Knapp 920-986-3351 ext. 731 or rknapp@shiocton.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 23, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV/freshmen tri. Delavan-Darien - Kathy Kort 262-903-0010 or kkort@charter.net. (4-19)

Sept. 23 or 25, 2010 - Varsity game. Waterloo - Scott Schumann 920-478-3633 ext. 4106 or schumanns@waterloo.k12.wi.us. (4-15)

Sept. 25, 2010 - Team for varsity tournament. Mount Horeb - Dan Grady 608-437-2400 ext. 2154 or gradyd@mhdsd.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Oct. 2, 2010 - Team for JV invitational. Green Bay East - Timothy Flood 920-272-7048 or tflood@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

Oct. 9, 2010 - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Turner - Kathy Leong 608-368-3143 or kaleong@fjhturner.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. Carmen (Milwaukee) - Sarita Rosales 414-384-4444 or rosales@carmenhighschool.org. (5-6)

2010-11 - Teams for duals. Oconomowoc - Michelle Bruss 262-490-1263 or michelle.bruss@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2010-11 - Varsity and freshmen games. New Berlin Eisenhower - Jeff Gabrielsen 262-789-6325 or jeff.gabrielsen@nbexcellence.org. (4-22)

Boys Volleyball

GENERAL

2010 - Varsity/JV matches. Racine St. Catherine's - Chuck Wood 262-632-2785 ext.419 or cwood@saintcats.org. (4-16)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 28-29, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Lena - Russ Buhr 920-829-5244 or buhr@lena.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Games. Green Bay Southwest - Kurt Gundlach 920-272-7049 or kgundlac@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (5-10)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV game. Monona Grove - Dan Zweifel 608-217-9343 or Daniel.zweifel@mgschoools.net. (5-12)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Wauwatosa East - Tim Arndorfer 414-773-2254 or arndorti@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (5-4)

2010-11 - Varsity games. New Berlin Eisenhower - Jeff Gabrielsen 262-789-6325 or jeff.gabrielsen@nbexcellence.org. (4-22)

2010-11 - Games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - David Beaver 414-353-4430 ext. 1102 or dbeaver@destinyhigh.com. (4-20)

2010-11 - Games (one home and one away) Regis (Eau Claire) - Terry Allen 715-830-2271 or tallen@case.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

2010-11 - Games. Central Wis. Christian - Mark Vander Werff 920-324-4233 or mvwerff@yahoo.com. (4-19)

2010-11 - Home game (all three levels). Port Washington - John Bunyan 262-268-5595 or john.bunyan@pwssd.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

2010-11 - Game. Central Wisconsin Christian - Mark Vander Werff 920-324-4233 or mvwerff@yahoo.com. (4-16)

2010-11 - Game (3 levels). Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschoools.org. (4-16)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 26-27, 2010 - Teams for varsity tournament. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

Nov. 26-27, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. (guarantee 2 games). Juda - Phil Trotter 608-934-5251 ext.225 or ptrotter@juda.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. St. Mary Central - Mike Heideman 920-722-7796 ext. 801 or mheideman@tccces.k12.wi.us. (5-12)

2010-11 - Varsity games. Young Cogg's Academy - 414-343-6644 or tmembers732@yahoo.com. (5-12)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV game. Northwood - Curt Zamzow 715-466-2297 or curt_zamzow@northwood.k12.wi.us. (5-12)

2010-11 - JV games. Franklin - Guy Balistreri 414-403-8046 or sabernation@gmail.com. (5-12)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. Marion - Don Aanonsen 715-754-5273 or daanonsen@marion.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV and freshmen game. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (5-6)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Kettle Moraine - JoEllen Dickert-Sturtz 262-574-9089 or dickertj@kmsd.edu. (5-4)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Oconomowoc - Arno Kirchenwitz arno.kirchenwitz@oasd.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. Reedsville - Mike Behnke 920-754-4072 or mbehnke@miller-stn.com. (4-29)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV game. Shiocton - Riley Knapp 920-986-3351 ext. 731. (4-29)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. Racine St. Catherine's - Chuck Wood 262-632-2785 ext.419 or cwood@saintcats.org. (4-26)

2010-11 - Games (varsity/JV/freshmen). New Berlin West - Corey Scheel 262-789-6463 or corey.scheel@nbexcellence.org. (4-22)

2010-11 - Games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - Terry Bennett 414-353-4430 or tbennett@destinyhigh.com (4-20)

2010-11 - Freshmen game. Plymouth - Brad Shutter 920-892-2225 ext. 3501 or bshutter@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Pius XI - Scott Herrick 414-290-7000 ext. 530. (4-15)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 11, 2010 - Varsity team for invitational. Chippewa Falls - John Frizzell 715-726-2406 ext. 1181 or frizzelj@chipfalls.k12.wi.us. (4-15)

Boys Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 26-27-28, 2010 - Team for 4-team round robin tournament. Grafton - Scott Benson 262-789-8535 or scottbenson@hbsclaw.com. (5-10)

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2010-11 - JV games. Grafton - Scott Benson 262-789-8535 or scottbenson@hbsclaw.com. (5-10)

2010-11 - Varsity games. Pacelli - John Raflik 715-342-2018 or jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 4, 2010 - Team for 6-team dual tournament. Milwaukee Hamilton - Craig Belcher 414-327-9331 or belchece@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Dec. 4, 2010 - Teams for varsity dual invitational. Wisconsin Heights - Brian Campbell 608-767-2038 or bcampbell@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

Dec. 4, 2010 - Team for varsity dual invitational. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda 262-385-1979 or cudaf@kmsd.edu. (4-15)

Dec. 11, 2010 - Varsity team for 8-team dual invitational. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (4-16)

Dec. 17-18, 2010 - Team for 8-team dual tournament. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Bart Larson 920-876-3381 or blarson@elgs.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Team for varsity/JV quad. Waukesha South - Dan Domach 262-970-3712 or ddomach@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Teams for 16-team invitational. Richland Center - Vickie Cler 608-647-603. (4-14)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Team for individual invitational. Stoughton - Rich Reitzner 608-877-5621 or rich.reitzner@stoughton.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Teams for 8-team dual tournament. Waukesha West - Dale Van Keuren 262-970-4091 or dvankeur@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Teams for 5-team dual tournament. Spring Valley - Matt Ducklow ducklowm@springvalley.k12.wi.us or Carter Turner 715-778-5554 or turnerc@springvalley.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

Jan. 8, 2011 - Team for 6-team dual. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or w.fell@ddschoools.org. (5-12)

Jan. 8, 2011 - Teams for scramble tournament (varsity & JV). Cadott - James Sekel 715-289-4211 ext.422 or sekelj@cadott.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

Jan. 8, 2011 - Teams for 8-team dual. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext.4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

Jan. 8, 2011 - Teams for varsity scramble. Green Bay West - Josh Murnane jmur-nane@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

Jan. 15, 2011 - Teams for JV 8-team invitational. Oconomowoc - Jon Andersen 262-560-3111 or jon.andersen@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

Jan. 15, 2011 - Team for 8-team dual tournament (guaranteed 5 duals). Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731 or coachpratt@att.net. (5-10)

Jan. 22, 2011 - Teams for varsity dual tournament. Lake Mills - Cale Vogel 920-648-2355 ext. 303 or cale.vogel@lakemills.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

GENERAL

2011 - (Jan. or early Feb.) - Varsity/JV dual. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (4-22)

2010-11 (week of Dec. 13 or Jan. 17) - Dual meet (other dates may work). Menominee, MI - Patrick Ratkovich 906-399-4760 or ratkovip@menominee.k12.mi.us. (4-29)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV duals or double dual matches. Racine St. Catherine's - Chuck Wood 262-632-2785 ext.419 or cwood@saintcats.org. (4-16)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV dual meet. Wauwatosa West - Kent Morin 414-5631-2159 or kmorin@wi.rr.com. (4-14)

2010-11 - Individual dual meet. Madison La Follette - Gary Skiles 608-839-4251 or gskiles@madison.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

SPRING

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 30, 2011 - Teams for varsity invitational. East Troy - John Stockowitz 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or stojoh@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (5-12)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 16, 2011 - Varsity team for 4-team tournament. Stratford - Cal Tackes 715-687-4311 ext. 311. (5-7)

Apr. 29, 2011 - Varsity teams for quad. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (5-12)

GENERAL

2010 - Freshmen games. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-15)

Boys Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

May 15, 2010 - Team for varsity doubles invitational (5 doubles teams). Monroe - Kevin Keen 608-328-7113 or Kevin.keen@monroe.k12.wi.us. (5-6)

May 15, 2010 - Teams for varsity/JV quad. Beaver Dam - Bob Schwoch 920-885-7520 ext. 2249 or schwochb@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

May 19-20, 2010 - Teams for quad. Waukesha West - Scott McConnell 262-538-2726 or rsmconnell@ameritech.net. (5-3)

Track & Field

New High School Portal Now Available

In an effort to better serve the NCAA Eligibility Center's high school customers, it is launching a new portal for high school administrators. The Eligibility Center is excited about this new service to you. The Eligibility Center hopes that you will find this new system to be more user friendly, with enhanced functionality and new search functions. The resource page on this new site will assist you with any questions you may have about NCAA eligibility.

This new site will allow administrators to do the following:

- Review their high school's list of NCAA courses;
- Submit changes to their list of NCAA courses;
- Run reports on registered students to determine receipt of transcripts, test scores and fee waiver status;
- Submit fee waivers; and
- Access an extensive resource and information page.

Here is how to access the new page:

- Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org. Once the new system goes live, you will no longer be able to access the old system from ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- On the Eligibility Center intro page, click on "Enter Here" under the high school heading.

Contact Info

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White Soccer Jersey Required Effective in 2012

Beginning with the 2012 fall soccer season, the home team will be required to wear **solid WHITE** jerseys and socks and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. This is according to a recent newsletter we received from the National Federation with the rule changes for next year. The only area of the jersey in which you may have color is the number, school name, or manufacturer logo. No colored trim.

The requirement for white jerseys is a change from the existing rule that allows a team to wear "light" jerseys at home. This will be a requirement for varsity teams only. Any light jerseys currently being used at the varsity level could be used for subvarsity teams.

This requirement is very similar to the change that was made in the sport of basketball in 2008. In addition, beginning with the 2012 fall season, the goalkeeper jersey will be required to have a number on the back and on the front of the jersey or short similar to a field player's jersey. The number on the back must be a minimum of 6" in height and the front number 4" in height.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, only those names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are permitted on the team uniform. This rule addition prohibits players from wearing any names, patches, emblems, or insignias that represent any soccer club, soccer association or sponsor(s) on their uniform. This rule clarifies that only names, patches, emblems or insignias that represent their school are permitted. ✚

Concussion in Sports Course - What You Need to Know

Available June 2010!

Course will be offered at no charge. Register at NFHSLearn.com!

Course Objectives:

- * Educate coaches, parents, officials and students about concussions
- * Identify the signs and symptoms of concussions
- * Understand the problems associated with concussions
- * Actions to take when a concussion is present
- * Identify responsibilities of coaches, parents, officials and students ✚

WIAA Golf Group Scoring Directions

The objective of group scoring is to provide more accountability for accurate scoring in a group by having everyone in the group keep track of all the other players' scores.

The starter should review with each group the process of group scoring found below during the tee meeting:

1. The starter should identify the group marker to be the player from the first school alphabetically. It is the card that he/she will be scoring that will be used to officially keep track of all the scores during the round. This card will not be the group marker's card, it will be the scorecard for the player representing the last alphabetical school in the group.

2. Players in the group need to exchange scorecards in alphabetical order using their school names as identified in the WIAA Directory. For example: The Antigo player gives their card to the Marshfield player; the Marshfield player gives their card to the Oshkosh North player; the Oshkosh North player gives their card to the Sevastopol player; and the Sevastopol player gives their card to the Antigo player.

NOTE: In this scenario, the Antigo player is the group marker, however, it is the card of the Sevastopol player that is the official scorecard for the group.

3. Following each hole, players identify and mark scores for ALL players in their group on the scorecard they are the marker for.

4. After completion of the group's round, a meeting of all players in the group should take place with a coach/meet official prior to scorecards being turned in. Scores from each hole for each player need to be reviewed. If any player in the group has a different score for a hole than the other players have recorded, a review of strokes for that player on that hole needs to occur.

5. When all scores for each hole have been determined, scorecards from each player can be signed by the marker and by the competitor and returned to the committee.

Key Definitions and Rules

Competitor—A "competitor" is a player in a stroke-play competition.

Committee—The "Committee" is the committee in charge of the competition or, if the matter does not arise in a competition, the committee in charge of the course.

Marker—one who is appointed by the committee to record a competitor's score in stroke play. Each player has another player as their marker for their scorecard.

Group marker—the one who is appointed by the committee to have the official card/scores for the group during the round. This person is the player in the group representing the first school alphabetically.

USGA Rule 6-6a . . . After each hole, the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round, the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one marker records the scores, each must sign for the part for which he/she is responsible.

USGA Rule 6-6b . . . After completion of the round, the competitor should check his/her scores for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the committee. He/she must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card him/herself and return it to the committee as soon as possible.

USGA Rule 6-6c . . . No alteration may be made on a score card after the competitor has returned it to the committee.

USGA Rule 6-6d . . . The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her score card. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands.

Note 1: The committee is responsible for the addition of scores and application of the handicap recorded on the score card – See USGA Rule 33-5. ✚

Golf Team and Individual Photographs Needed

A reminder to WIAA member schools with a boy's golf program that team pictures are needed from all the school teams that make it to the WIAA State Meet. The individual photos are used on the Golfstat Web site and the new team photo is placed in the WIAA State Program.

Schools are asked to follow the directions below when providing photos to the WIAA office:

1. Only electronic photos are allowed. Individual headshots for Golfstat & a team photo for the WIAA State program are required.
2. Use a digital camera to take photos.
3. Any school and individual advancing to WIAA Golf Sectional requires photos.
4. After taking the photo, send a .jpeg photo(s) to < dlepak@wiaawi.org >.
5. Photos must be received by Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 3 p.m.

Any assistance school administrators can provide in helping coaches to get these photos to the WIAA office in a timely matter will be greatly appreciated as there is a very short turn around time for getting these photos into the program for the State Championship Meet. ✚

Senior High Directory Changes

BROOKFIELD ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Steve Morrison

BRUCE HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Jim Janota

CHEQUAMEGON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Brian Eimmermann

CLINTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Louis Jaecks

COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Ryan Handke

COLBY HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Tim Rau

DARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Jim Poss

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Mike Glassbrenner

ELEVA-STRUM HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Casey VanPelt

ELKHORN AREA HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Steve Fisher

GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Matt Martin

JANESVILLE PARKER HIGH SCHOOL – Girls Golf Coach Mary Ross

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach (spelling) Wasserburger

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coaches Dewey Rose & Mike Welter

MILWAUKEE CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE JUNEAU COMPLEX HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE MADISON ACADEMIC CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE MARSHALL CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MILWAUKEE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Richard Case

MONROE HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Brian Jensen

NIAGARA HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Dan St. Arnaud

RIPON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Rick Kelm

SUN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Steve Braatz

TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL – Take off PO Box 67, Zipcode should be 54966-9608

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Dan Lande

WAUKESHA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach Dan Kurth

WAUSAU EAST HIGH SCHOOL – Delete the word (Interim) before the Athletic Director

WAUWATOSA EAST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach John Ravenola

WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Golf Coach John Ravenola ✚

Track & Field



Marcy Thurwachter

Track & Field Questions & Answers

IMPORTANT: The WIAA has received its third injury report for the shot put of the 2010 track and field season. Please review the following safety measures related to the throwing events to ensure no further injuries occur.

1. Meet hosts should consider limiting access to spectators down the sector lines. Whether access is allowed or not, flagging should enclose the throwing area, with flags/rope being placed a **minimum of 10'** from the edge of the sector line and the end of the implement landing area.

2. Prior to the start of any warm-up throws and/or competition, the head judge should review safety rules for competitors, coaches, and spectators:

- Pay attention at all times.
- When shagging an implement, do not turn your back to the throwing circle.
- Prior to throwing carefully check to be sure the landing area is clear.

3. Officials working the event should facilitate safety by continually scanning the area for any athletes, coaches and spectators that are in areas of danger.

4. Warm-up throws may only take place under direct supervision of officials/the athlete's coach and only in the designated throwing circle. No warm-up throws are allowed anywhere else.

QUESTION 1: At a meet last night, the high jump event judge would not allow our athletes to warm up with a crossbar, saying this was not legal. Our high jump coach was present. Is this the correct ruling?

ANSWER: Incorrect procedure. Neither NFHS nor WIAA rules prohibit the crossbar from being up during warm-ups.

QUESTION 2: In a recent invitational the following occurred. With two girls remaining at 8'6" both missed. Therefore, a tie was in effect. The same two girls made the previous height of 8'3" on the first attempt. Athlete M had one miss in the meet at 8' and athlete K had one miss at 7'6". I felt since they both missed 8'6" that the first tie occurred at 8'3" in which they both made on the first attempt, so a tie remained and we should have looked at total number of unsuccessful trials, which would have been one each and a jump off should have taken place since it was for first place. The official disagreed, he said the first tie was at 8'3", so then he moved back to 8' and athlete M had one miss and athlete K had none so athlete K wins and M is second. Was this the correct procedure for breaking the tie?

ANSWER: Incorrect procedure. Please refer to Rule 7-5-30; a) The competitor with the fewest number of trials for the height at which the tie occurs, i.e., the last height successfully cleared, shall be awarded the higher place. b) If the tie still remains, the competitor with the fewest total number of unsuccessful trials throughout the competition, up to and including the height last cleared, shall be awarded the higher place. d) If the tie remains after applying a & b and: it concerns first place, the competitors shall make one more attempt for the height at which they failed. If no decision is reached, the bar shall be lowered by three inches. If two or more of the tying competitors clear the height, the bar shall be raised by intervals, of 3 inches. Each competitor shall attempt one trial at each height until the winner is determined."

QUESTION 3: Our officiating crew is seeing more athletes wearing an Under Armor compression short, as their track bottom, with the waistband showing the Under Armor logo repeated around the waistband. Is this legal? Additionally, we

see Under Armor and Nike compression tights, worn as undergarments, with the contrasting colored top-stitching on the seams. I believe those are illegal this season. Please comment.

Answer: The compression short or tights with the Under Armor logo on the waistband would not be legal as it is in violation of Rule 4-3-1c5 (single manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 1/4" square inches...." You are correct that the NFHS has changed the undergarments with contrasting colored top-stitching interpretation (Case Book 4.3.1, sit. K) to illegal. These types of undergarments can be worn legally if they are the actual uniform top or bottom, not the undergarment. NFHS rules do not prohibit school issued (approved) tops or bottoms with contrasting colored top-stitching.

POLE VAULT WEIGH-IN: Segment 3 begins on Monday, May 17 (week 46). Download a new form from the WIAA Track & Field website. If an athlete will not be wearing a helmet he/she should not be weighed with it on. If they will be wearing a helmet make sure they weigh-in with the helmet on. Weigh vaulters in the presence of the head coach and the athletic director or other suitable administrator. Sign and date the form. If you do not have a current form which is correctly filled out your athletes will not be allowed to compete. Keep several copies fax a copy to the regional meet director by Thursday, May 20 to facilitate the administration of the pole vault at regionals. If your athlete qualifies for sectionals fax the form to the meet director at your sectional immediately. You still must check your athlete in at the event on the day of competition. If your athlete qualifies for State, fax the form to the WIAA office by Tuesday, June 1.

PTTIMING will provide the on-line regional track meet registration this year (not Direct Athletics). Once all regional sites are posted your athletic director will receive notification from the WIAA that entries are now open.

REMINDER: The WIAA has received two reports of athletes competing in non-school road races recently. Please be aware, and make your coaches and athletes aware, that this is in violation of Article VI, Section 1 of the WIAA Rules of Eligibility (Senior High Handbook, page 37). "It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances." This would include road races, fun runs, charity races, etc.

Question 4: I have two pole vault related questions....1) Is it legal for an athlete to clear the crossbar, then jump up and catch the pole before it hits the crossbar? 2) Is the competing athlete the only person who can retrieve their pole if it comes to rest on the crossbar? The athlete cleared the bar but the pole came to a rest on the crossbar without knocking it down.

Answer: 1) Illegal. Rule 7-5-25; "No person shall be allowed to touch the vaulting pole unless it is falling back and away from the crossbar." 2)

Please refer to the Case Book, 7.5.29, sit. F; "A1 successfully clears the crossbar when the released pole comes to rest, even briefly, against the crossbar or standard. RULING: A successful trial." No mention is made regarding who will retrieve the pole so it could be the designated pole catcher, an official, or the athlete him/herself.

Question 5: In a recent meet a freshman relay team reported with two athletes wearing red speedsuits and two athletes wearing white jerseys and red shorts. I explained to the coach that all relay team members must be wearing identical designed uniforms. His response to me was that it was only freshman and that it shouldn't matter. Please comment.

Answer: Please refer to the WIAA Track & Field Regulations, page 51; "The identical relay uniform rule applies to all varsity and nonvarsity teams." A cavalier attitude at the freshman level encourages athletes to ignore the rules and will lead to problems later. In emergency situations, athletic directors should contact the WIAA to discuss a possible waiver due to limited numbers of uniforms for subvarsity athletes. Coaches should make every attempt to field a relay team with matching uniforms.

Question 6: We are having a relay meet. Do field event athletes need to wear identical matching uniforms?

Answer: Please refer to the WIAA Track & Field Regulations, page 51; "All other relays (for example—three person relay, high jump relay, etc.) do not meet rule book definition, thus the regulations of identical uniforms (unless specified by meet management) do not pertain."

Question 7: The assistant starter and I were asked at a recent meet about covering those second logos found on the back of the neckline of Under Armor garments. I

recall reading that officials and coaches should carry tape with them and, in preventative officiating, cover the second logo with a patch of tape. First, am I correct on this recollection? The actual question, then, was if the patch of tape constituted an example of contrasting color on the Under Armor garment. I don't believe it would be since it is not part of the garment and the tape is used to cover something that is against the uniform rules.

Answer: Yes, you are correct that tape may be used to cover additional manufacturer's logos. The color of the tape used would not be considered a violation of NFHS rules.

Question 8: Is it allowable for a runner (distance) to "carry a watch? He is not wearing it as "jewelry" but holding it in his hand.

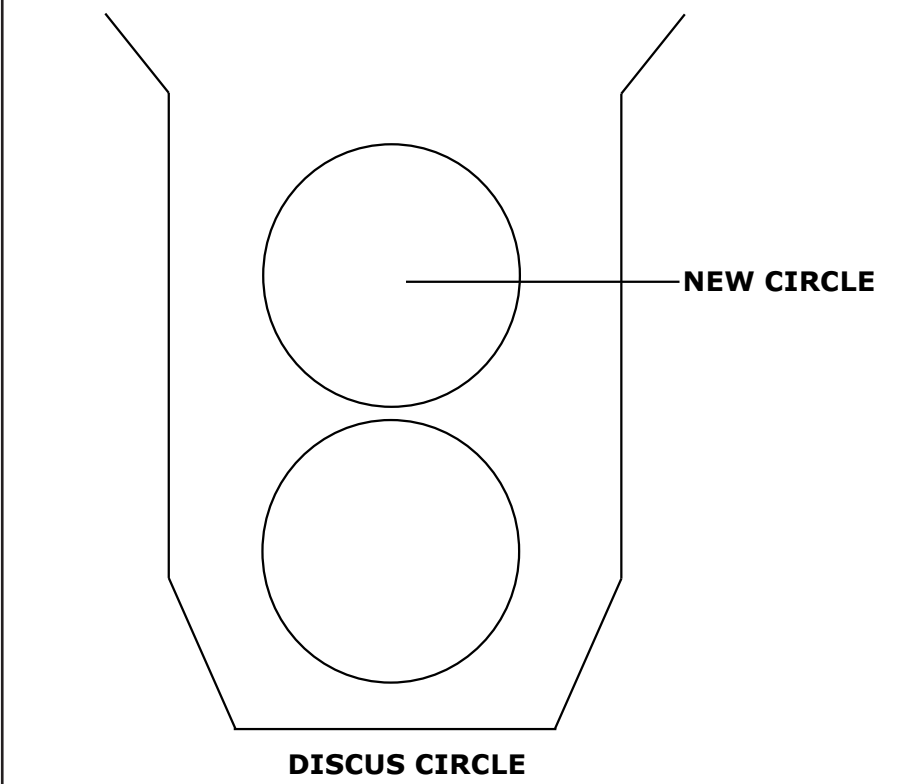
Answer: Illegal. Rule 4-3-3c "A watch may be worn around the wrist."

Question 9: We had two vaulters left, one from XXX and one from YYY. The coach from YYY asked if we could raise the bar 3" instead of 6" because it would allow their girl to try for a personal and school record? The XXX coach asked if that was ok to go up 3" instead of 6" and IF their vaulter wanted to go up 6" would the YYY girl be required to do so? I reviewed the rules sheet on the event clipboard and was going to look at the rules book in my equipment bag when the XXX coach said that's fine, I am ok to go up 3" for both girls and we did. Long story short, the YYY girl did not make the next height that was 3" higher and the XXX girl did to win the event.

Answer: Incorrect procedure; Rule 7-5-18, NOTE: "When only one competitor remains in the competition, the competitor may determine successive height of the crossbar." The bar should have gone up 6" since there were still 2 competitors remaining. This is different than the WIAA Tournament Series. +

State Discus Competition

All discus competition will be held in Circle #1 on both Friday and Saturday at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse with the exception of the Boys' Division 1 Discus which will be held in Circle #2 on Saturday. Due to concerns related to last year's experience with the depth of the cage, a temporary throwing platform has been built and will be installed in front of the existing circle so that throwers will not be as deep in the cage. This is a similar set-up to the north cage at UWL prior to the renovation. See diagram below.



Baseball Questions & Answers



Wade Labecki

Q.: I have recently run across a bat that our officials association as a group are having trouble deeming legal or illegal. The bat is the Demarini Vendetta. The rule states that the bat must have a smooth round cylinder on the bat. The bat has a more squared off handle leading to the barrel. I have run across this bat twice now and am skeptical of letting it be legal in a game. I was just wondering the ruling from the WIAA on this bat and would like to talk to someone if possible.

A.: According to the NFHS rule book, Rule 1-3-2 states: "The bat which may be a wood or non-wood product shall be a smooth cylinder implement with a knob that is permanently and securely fastened. All non-wood bats shall meet the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. No BESR label, sticker, or decal will be accepted on any non-wood bat There shall be no devices, attachments or wrappings that cause the handle to become flush with the knob." In addition, Rule 1-3-2 will change. "Effective Jan. 1, 2012 the bat which may be a wood or non-wood product shall be a smooth implement, from the top of the cap to the top of the knob. All non-wood bats shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient or Resti-

tution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark." Therefore, you may check to make sure the BESR label is silk screened. The bat is legal if it meets the label, 36" -3 rule until Jan. 1, 2012.

Q.: How is a wood bat approved for play in high school. My son wanted to use his wood bat the other day and the coach told him he couldn't as it wasn't stamped with either the -3 or the weight. I have contacted the manufacturer Louisville Slugger and they told me the bat should be a -2 or -3. I was in a sporting goods store last night and none of the wood bats have the weight and length stamped on them or the -3.

A.: In baseball, the bat may be a wood or non-wood bat. The rules which pertain to this are in the NFHS rule book. Rule 1-3-2: The bat which may be a wood or non-wood product shall be a smooth cylinder implement with a knob that is permanently and securely fastened. All non-wood bats shall meet the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent mark. No BESR label, sticker or decal will be accepted on aye non-wood bat. (The rule continues and this is just a portion of it.) Rule 1-3-4: A wood bat may be roughened or wrapped with tape not more than 18 inches from the handle end of the bat. No foreign substance may be added to the surface of the bat beyond 18 inches from the end of the handle. Each bat shall be: In diameter at the thickest part - (wood) 2 3/4 inches or less; In diameter at the thickest part - (non-wood) 2 5/8 inches or less; In length - 36 inches or less; In weight - A bat shall not weigh, numerical, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces). As far as telling the weight and length, it depends on the model. Some models from Louisville are -3 and some are -3 or -4. Most adult bats are at -3 (Maple and Prostock Ash). A prostock Maple might range from -3 to -5. Culled bats are not legal. Best advice is to go to the Louisville Slugger Web site and choose the correct model.

Q.: We purchased a new Reebok Vector to use for varsity this year. It is 32-29, and sold as legal by Reebok. In 5 of the 9 games we have played the umpires have told him he could not use the bat.

A.: Without talking to the officials, I can't tell you why they pulled the bat. Please see the above rule references regarding bat requirements. You may need to check to make sure the BESR label is silk screened. The bat is legal if it meets the label, 36" - 3 rule until Jan. 1, 2012.

Q.: Does the WIAA require that hockey style catcher helmets meet the NOCSAE standard?

A.: Yes. The WIAA rules of baseball are the NFHS rules of baseball. The player equipment rules for NFHS baseball are rules 1-5-2 and 1-5-4. "All face mask/guards shall meet NOCSAE standard."

Q.: A1 is on first base. A2, the batter, hits a deep fly ball to center field. A1 takes off thinking it is uncatchable. A1

rounds second base and the ball is caught on the fly. A1 retreats back to first by cutting across the infield. Is this an appeal play or do the umpires call the runner out for not retouching 2nd before he gets to first base?

A.: The rule your situation references in 8-2-1. In the penalty portion, you will find the appeal process. Umpire would only call runner out for missing a base upon a live or dead ball appeal. If none the play stands. Rule 8-2-5.

Q.: Situation - Runners are on first and third with less than two outs. Pitcher is in his set position when R1 begins running from first to second base ... Without any false motion to deceive the runners, the pitcher makes a pivot in a clockwise motion and steps toward second base to make a put-out on the runner advancing. No throw was made. Balk or not a balk? Just looking for a final clarification because I have been told a pitcher needs to step off the rubber: 1) The pitcher has not come to a set position, but is on the rubber - then the runner takes off to an abnormal lead. 2) He checks a runner at third. 3) Spins while on the rubber. Thus, there is some hesitation. 4) Then goes toward 2nd base. My question would be, the runner is not really going to second, but is taking an excessive lead off to get picked off first. Thus, how can a pitcher do these things without stepping off the rubber?

A.: The key is that the move is continuous toward second on the spin. It is legal also provided there is no pause as they spin toward second. According to the rule, a pitcher can throw to the base the guy is occupying (first) or the base that he is advancing to. Rule 6, Section 2, Art. 4, b.

Q.: Team A has 11 players total to start the game. During the 4th inning A10 replaces A3 and A11 replaces A6. A5 reaches second base after he steals and twists his ankle. He is unable to continue playing. Team A has no legal substitutes. Who can Team A put in to run for the injured player (A5)? What would happen to the batting order? Would Team A have to take an out when A5 came up to bat again?

A.: If he has to be substituted for, the most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for that player. An out will be called each time A5 comes up to bat. Rule 4, Section 4, Art. 1, Notes: #1.

Q.: Offensive Team had a runner at 1st, runner pulls a delayed steal and pitcher properly steps off the rubber and throws to second. Defense runs the runner back towards 1st and after a couple exchanges as offense was in a pickle, the defensive 1st baseman throws the ball to the shortstop now covering second and hits the offensive runner in the helmet. The offensive runner then bumps into the defensive player who was going to tag the offensive player out but couldn't because he didn't have the ball. The offensive player steps on second safely as no play could be made after the ball bounced off of the helmet. The defensive coach called time out and asked to talk with me, insisting that the offensive runner should be called out for interference. I didn't call interference because the throw hit the runner in the helmet and no play could be made on the runner by the now non-receiving defensive player. My call was runner safe at second! Correct or incorrect?

A.: No call since the runner is running directly to the base. No interference since it is not intentional. Question to consider: Why obstruction was not called since the defensive player was in the base line without the ball.

Q.: Situation - runner on first. As the pitcher begins his pitch, the third base coach, from near the defensive dugout, yells at the runner. I thought I heard stop or get back or maybe both. Pitcher stops in mid-motion. The coach right away says that was his fault, not to call the balk (so I do not believe he confused the pitcher intentionally), but my partner didn't hear that and called and enforced the balk. The defensive coach comes out to argue, my partner and I get together, I tell him what I heard, and he reverses his call. Now the third base coach is upset and wants us to "play varsity rules." We leave the runner on first. Later, I looked up the rules on a balk and can only find where the batter is the only one mentioned as far as we don't call the balk. I believe that if I had the same situation tonight, I would call it the same way. In our judgment, the offensive coach caused the defense to error (the balk), and the defense should not be punished for that. Were we correct in our interpretation and enforcement of the rule?

A.: The way you have stated it, in your judgment, the offensive coach caused the pitcher to stop. Rule 3-3-1,0 Any coach, player, substitute or other bench personnel, shall not call time or use any command or commit any act for the purpose of causing a balk. I feel the call was correct. What I don't understand is why the coach first said it was his fault, then later he reverses his judgment and wants a balk. The only thing missing here is the penalty and that is an ejection, which I don't think would be appropriate, but should be conveyed to the coach, that is a rule on all levels of play.

Q.: Is it a balk if a left-handed pitcher, in the set position, turns to throw to 3rd, but does not complete the throw, in one continuous motion, either going to his left or right, with A) a runner only on 3rd; and B) with runners on 1st and 3rd.

A.: The answer can be found on page 53 of the Case Book. Reference 6.2.4. SITUATION C.

Q.: Team 1 had one runner at 2nd base with no outs. Team 2's pitcher was pitching from the stretch in the set position. Before delivering the pitch, Runner takes off toward 3rd base and is about halfway between 2nd and 3rd when the pitcher realizes the runner has taken off. With his foot still on the pitcher's plate he throws to 3rd base. The runner was subsequently tagged out but a balk was called, under the premise he could not throw to an unoccupied base. The coach for Team 2 protests, claiming that since the runner was past halfway to 3rd it should be considered an occupied base and the runner should be called out. Both umpires conferred and ruled as a balk, since 3rd base had been unoccupied. I checked the rule book and upon reading 6-2-4b and now am not certain that this was the right call? In my opinion, (I was the plate umpire) it was clear the pitcher was not attempting to deceive the runner but was "attempting to put out the runner" as stated in 6-2-4b.

A.: You are correct. This is not a balk. +

2010 WIAA Experimental Rule for Softball

"A team's players shall warm-up using the on-deck circle located behind their batter." Right handed batter, next batter uses the on-deck circle located near third base dugout. Left handed batter, next batter uses the on-deck circle located near first base dugout."

Number of schools responding: 156 (42 Div. 1, 45 Div. 2, 36 Div. 3, 33 Div. 4)

Number of umpires responding: 324 (174 Master, 38 L5, 51 L4, 25 L3, 18 L2, 19 L1)

Do you feel the experimental rule provided a safer environment for the on-deck batter?

Schools: 144 yes, 29 no
Umpires: 303 yes, 38 no

Did you observe any on-deck batters being hit by a batted ball while using the experimental rule?

Schools: 6 yes, 166 no
Umpires: 6 yes, 330 no

Did you observe any sportsmanship issues?

Schools: 11 yes, 161 no
Umpires: 7 yes, 329 no

Do you feel the experimental rule caused delays or disrupted the flow of the game?

Schools: 47 yes, 123 no
Umpires: 77 yes, 257 no

In your opinion, should Wisconsin experiment with this rule again next season?

Schools: 97 yes, 35 no, 19 indifferent, 21 adopt as a rule in 2011
Umpires: 229 yes, 50 no, 8 indifferent, 56 adopt as a rule in 2011

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Wade Labecki

Residence & Transfer

Q.: My brother and his family are looking to move into a new school district. Their son will be a senior at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. They are concerned that he will not be eligible for interscholastic athletics at the new school if they move into the school district this summer. In your Q&A section I found a discussion of this topic which I understand to say; as long as the parents live in the new school district that their son will be attending, he IS eligible under WIAA rules. Could you please confirm this?

A.: The member schools have enacted the transfer rule which states: "After their fourth consecutive semester, students shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s)." We are not able to speculate on prospects and possibilities. If and when the student would transfer and become a full-time student at a new school, then the family should schedule to meet with the athletic director to discuss the circumstances of the transfer. The key part of the rule is whether the transfer is necessary. The initial questions to be considered are 1) why was the move necessary? 2) why is the transfer necessary? and 3) can the student still attend the school he/she attended before the move?

Q.: I'm looking to possibly open enroll at a new high school for my junior year of high school. I am currently a freshman. Would I be eligible to play junior varsity lacrosse for a new school my junior year? It is my understanding that I'm not eligible to compete at a varsity level. Would this mean I could compete on JV or would I be completely ineligible to play for the new school my junior year?

A.: If a transfer takes place after the fourth consecutive semester (sophomore year), the student is ineligible for WIAA athletic practices and competition for 365 calendar days. Lacrosse is not a WIAA recognized sport; therefore, your eligibility would be determined by the school for lacrosse. The restriction applies to all WIAA sponsored sports.

Competition & Practice

Q.: Academic eligibility for 4th/final term. Does that take place immediately, as in tournament time this spring, or does it effect the fall sport? If it affects this spring season and occurs during tournament time, can eligibility be regained, (as in an incomplete) and athlete becomes eligible for the remainder of the tournament?

A.: As soon as the grades are out for all students (a uniform date), the spring sport students would begin their 21 consecutive calendar day period of ineligibility. (Their ineligibility does not carry over to the fall unless the school decides to do so.) If they are not spring students and are fall athletes, then the fall students would begin their 21 consecutive day period of ineligibility on the date of their first fall competition. Eligibility can be regained upon completion of the 21 calendar days. Students with incompletes are ineligible until the grade is made up within two weeks and they regain eligibility immediately.

Q.: Does the WIAA have a policy on suspending or cancelling activities due to lightning?

A.: Yes. We follow the NFHS guidelines. The following Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances can be found in the NFHS sport rules books, at the end of the rules section. 1) Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events. 2) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate

nearby shelters. 3) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play: a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately. b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play. c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin. 4) Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

The major change is that if ANY thunder is heard OR a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, play should be suspended, stands should be cleared, and all should seek shelter. Previously, the recommendation suggested that if there was at least a count of 30 seconds between the thunder and the lightning then the storm is far enough away to not be of concern. This is no longer considered appropriate or accurate. The consensus is there is no thunder without lightning and vice versa, so if one or the other is noted, both are there.

Q.: Would it affect a soccer player's eligibility this spring if they participated in a German classes vs. French classes soccer match during the school day. The two classes play a match against each other during the last school period of the day. The score is kept and there is a ref. I just want to make sure no rules are being broken.

A.: The situation described creates a situation where you can have the girls participate as they are in-season. You can have the senior boys soccer players participate as they have used up their eligibility. Underclassman soccer players should not participate as they have remaining eligibility and have played in the fall season and schools may not sponsor two seasons for boys in the same year and athletes are limited to four seasons of a sport. Since you are offering this "school sponsored" soccer opportunity during the school season and it is essentially an "in-house" game, it is considered an intramural activity. WIAA rules do not prevent any student, including seniors and/or underclassmen from participating in intramurals - even if they are members of the school's interscholastic team and the team is still in-season. (The WIAA's prohibition is on non-school competition.) The prohibition on team members playing is a local decision, generally driven by a coach not wanting to see varsity level kids sprain an ankle in intramurals. The fundamental rule text is found in Bylaws, Art. II, Sect. 2A-3, p. 26. The biggest key in this particular instance is that this is being offered during the approved school season - in accordance with the Bylaws. If you were offering the activity in March, e.g., (outside of the school season) then you would allow only individuals who have used up their eligibility to play - but not underclassmen who have past status in the program and remaining eligibility.

Participation Issues

Q.: I work with the Green Bay Bullfrogs and we are having the Military All-Stars come in to play at our stadium this summer. They are a semi-pro team that plays all over the U.S. My question is: Can we have high school players play against them or will that ruin any eligibility for high school or college.

A.: Thanks for checking with our office. Our member schools have the following rule: A student becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from date of last offense for participating

in an all-star game or similar activity. 1) An all-star team consists of students chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation from two or more existing or recently-existing teams. An all-star game is one played between two teams, either of which consists of selected students of two or more existing or recently-existing teams. Note: In individual sports, participation by invitation and with no team affiliation would be exempt from this rule.

Q.: We home school our son and daughter. My son would like to play football. He will be in the 8th grade this fall. Why isn't he allowed to play? My taxes support the school system. He can take a placement test to prove his grades are good enough.

A.: The member schools of the WIAA have determined eligibility is limited to full-time students enrolled at a member school. To begin, please keep in mind that the "WIAA" is a voluntary membership of public and non-public schools who have joined together to create and provide programming opportunities for their students. The Association is not designed to provide to a general public like a YMCA or community recreation program. We do not actually have any language which addresses non-students. There has been no interest from our membership. The rules for eligibility, presently adopted/approved by our members simply provide that a member school may only use their own full-time students on interscholastic teams. As an aside and for more complete background, at least one Association advocating for home based education, the Wisconsin Parents Association has advised its members to enroll students in school full-time if athletic eligibility is a priority. There is concern that athletic eligibility would lead to a form of state or local regulation or oversight. In response, what I see emerging in some parts of WI and in the many other states where the rules of eligibility are similar to Wisconsin's are home educating families forming their own athletic associations (see www.SWCHASAINTS.org). This sort of response brings about a climate in sport more in line with some of the reasons a family may have chosen home educating in the first place. As the WIAA is a voluntary, private organization, the member schools can determine the eligibility of the students participating in their programs.

Q.: I've been getting different answers from people in our district regarding eligibility. My son will be starting 9th grade at a private high school in the fall. The school does not offer a football program. Would he be eligible to play on our public school boundary team or possibly for another private high school team that has a football program?

A.: The member schools have the basic rule of eligibility stating: "A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership." Therefore, your son will only be eligible at the school he attends. The only option for football is if your school has a co-op agreement with another school.

Nonschool Competition/Participation

Q.: Our community is sponsoring a half marathon this spring. I was told by the track coach that, "anyone that is on the high school track team can not participate in your marathon. It is still the high school track season and it would make them ineligible for future participation in high school sports." Is this information accurate or can kids who are in track participate in this charity event?

A.: The member schools of the WIAA have the following rule which addresses your question: It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game, meet, or contest - in any manner - in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school (whether registered or not). This applies whether participation is from start to finish or only a portion of the event. The practice of banding, which is joining a race unofficially, is considered participating. In fact, it is deemed unacceptable behavior and may be a violation of a school's code of conduct. During the track season, this rule applies to all track athletes. During the cross country season, this rule applies to all cross country athletes. Anyone who has completed their season may run with permission of their coach and school administration.

Q.: I want to know what limits there are on varsity level kids participating in NAYS spring tournaments. I see lots of them posted and wondered how restricted the kids would be.

A.: The North American Youth Sports tournaments appear to be organized basketball tournaments which teams may enter. When organized during the school year, our member schools have the following rule: "During the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged during the school year should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season." No pre-season team should be made up exclusively of students from the same school. Merely grade level diversification is not acceptable. Non-school teams should be as diverse as you can possibly make them. During the summer, students may assemble in any manner they wish.

Q.: We have a basketball summer league starting in our area beginning June 1. Our basketball team would like to participate. Does this comply with WIAA rules?

A.: There are two rules which will affect this answer. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the member schools voted down a common start date of the Friday of Memorial Day by a 204-131 vote. Summertime is defined as the last day of school to the first day of school. 1) If your school is in session, then the team may not resemble a school team practicing or competing and must be diversified. 2) If school is out of session, then the students may assemble in any manner provided it is voluntary.

Coach Contact

Q.: I have a player on my summer club team that is being told by her high school coach that she has to play for a different summer team. Can a high school coach dictate to a player who they play for during the off season? Can he hold it against her if she doesn't do what he wants during the off season?

A.: You will find our Rules at a Glance on our website. The portion which may apply is contained in Section I. Coaches may not: 1) Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool activity. 2) Require involvement in out-of-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc. Since there are times when we hear from parents and/or others who would hope to ambush a coach or a member school

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Coaches Participating Against Athletes in the Off-Season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 pro-

gram is conducted, 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." +

Open Gyms

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

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

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

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

School Involvement in Out-of-Season Activity

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

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

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

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

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

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. +

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. +

Softball Questions & Answers



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REMINDER: "A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school." (page 37 of the WIAA Senior High Handbook) Please review this with your softball players. With the overlap of the season and various summer leagues and Memorial Day tournaments there is increased potential for violation of this rule.

OBSTRUCTION: "Obstruction requires a clear defensive infraction. Two separate and distinct conditions must occur for a violation to occur. The first situation is that a defensive player cannot block a runner's access to a base or base path without being in possession of the ball. The second is that, in order for an infraction to take place, the runner must be hindered or impeded. For obstruction to be called, both situations must occur. If a fielder is blocking a base without the ball and the runner has not yet been impeded in any fashion, i.e., she has not been slowed down or had her path altered, she has not been obstructed. As the play becomes imminent, if the field obtains the ball before the runner is hindered, no infraction has occurred. If, as the play becomes imminent, the field's location limits the runner's access to a base or base path, and the fielder does not yet have the ball, obstruction shall be called. Umpires must maintain proper positioning and stay attuned for any potential obstruction or interference violations before focusing on the impending tag. Making the proper call and signal is essential, even when the award may be the base already obtained by the obstructed runner. This communicates to the defense that it has committed an infraction. This is important information and must be communicated so that the team doesn't commit the same infraction again, when the situation is more significant and the penalty much more costly." (From the 2009 NFHS Rule Book)

QUESTION 1: A batter hits a fly in fair area just in front of home plate she has no idea where the ball is and stays in the batters box. The catcher gets up and tries to run forward to catch the short fly. In doing so, the catcher runs into the batter who is in the box and has no clue where the fly is. The catcher cannot get to the ball and it hits fair and rolls foul. Is the batter out for interference or not? If the batter would have one foot out of the box would she then be out for interference?

ANSWER: Please refer to Rule 8-2-6. It is irrelevant whether the batter is in or out of the batter's box. Interference does not have to be intentional. Dead ball, batter is out and runners, if any, return to bases they had at the time of the interference.

QUESTION 2: Just starting out umpiring softball and have been reading through the rules, I cannot find anything that mentions in fastpitch can the pitcher take a step backwards with one foot (non pivot foot) leaving the other one on the plate then make her motion to pitch. Or do both feet have to be in contact with the pitchers plate at all times?

ANSWER: Rule 6-1-2b; "Once the hands are brought together and are in motion, the pitcher shall not take more than one step which must be forward, toward the batter and simultaneous with the delivery. Any step backward shall begin before the hands come together. The step backward may end before or after the hands come together." Rule 6-1-1; "Prior to starting the delivery, the pitcher shall take a position with the pivot foot on or partially on the top surface of the pitcher's plate and the non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate." NFHS does not require both feet in contact with the plate to deliver the pitch

QUESTION 3: At a game recently the plate umpire had called a ball fair after it left the bat it hit the plate. I thought the plate was always foul ball territory? What is the ruling on this?

ANSWER: Correct call. Please refer to Rule 2-22; "Home plate, the foul lines and poles are considered part of fair territory."

QUESTION 4: At a recent game, all players were wearing green pants but one player had on black. What is the ruling?

ANSWER: Illegal. Rule 3-2-1. PENALTY: Rule 3-6-1; "Illegal equipment shall be removed or made legal."

QUESTION 5: In a recent game our opponent's first base coach indicated to the umpires that our second baseperson was using a first base glove and that it was illegal. The umpires ruled the glove illegal, stating that only the first base person could use such a glove. Is this true?

ANSWER: Please refer to the NFHS Rule Book, no such prohibition exists. Rule 1-4-3 gives the following dimensions; maximum height of 14", maximum width of 8" from the webbing to the little finger edge, and 5 3/4" across the webbing. Information provided by Coach XXXXX indicates the glove in question to be 11 3/4", 7 1/4", and 5 1/4". This would be a legal glove.

QUESTION 6: Our game ended last night with the field umpire calling our runner out for missing 2nd base. The coach from the visiting team stated, during our handshake, at the end of the game that no one on his team made an appeal. Did the umpire make the correct ruling?

ANSWER: Incorrect ruling. Please refer to the following rule references: 8-6-7, 2-1-2a and also Case Book; 2.1 and 8-3-1, sit. A.

QUESTION 7: Runner on first immediately heads to second base on fly ball hit to center field. Fly ball pops out of center fielder's glove on first catch attempt but is caught by that fielder for the out prior to the ball even coming close to hitting the ground. Meanwhile, the runner has not gone back to tag up at first and ends up on second base. Play is appealed properly at first base by defensive team and runner on second is called out for not going back and tagging up. Question: Is the runner required to tag if a fly ball is not cleanly caught on fielder's first attempt? Is there a difference in a fly ball bounced around by one or more fielders prior to it being caught relating to a tag up by a runner being required?

ANSWER: Correct call. Since the play described involved only one fielder (no contact by another fielder, runner, or umpire) the play was correct as called. Please refer to the Case Book page 13 for similar situations.

QUESTION 8: This must be the year for weird stuff. Runners on 1st and 2nd, I checked with the home book to see how many outs there were. I wanted to be sure. I was told one out. I communicated with my partner that there could be a possible in-field fly. There was we called it and the infielder dropped the ball. We called the runner out and the other runners advanced on their own. After the play was over and before the next pitch. The opposing coach said that there were two outs at the time and the inning should be over. Again, I checked with home book and after several minutes, she said she had missed an out. We then put the batter on 1st and continued, since the fielder dropped the ball and the runner did reach 1st base. Were we correct?

ANSWER: Correct call although if any question exists as to the number of outs the umpire should review the scorebook to verify the score. Please reference Rule 10-2-3 and Case Book 10.2.3, sit. D. Interesting to note that Case Book 10.2.3, Sit. E references the need for the infielders to know when an infield fly can be called.

QUESTION 9: The bases are loaded with 1 out. Fly ball out to right field, as the right fielder positions herself to catch the ball, which she did not catch, the following events happen. The runner from third (R3), takes off from the base upon the batter contact with the ball. R3 crosses home plate without touching the plate, while the coach at first instructs the R3 to return to tag up at third. On R3 touches home plate on her way back to third. The runner at second base (R2) tagged up at second and advanced to third and then home as the ball was being thrown around in the in-field. R2 passed R3 as R3 returned to third and R2 touched home plate. By this time the player at third had the ball and tagged R3 for an out. After the dust settled, we ruled: Seeing there was no need to have R3 tag up at third, (because the ball was dropped), she did legally touch home plate before R2 scored. R2 legally touched third and home, both runs scored. However, here in lies my question. R3 returned to the field of play assuming she did not legally acquire the base. Would she be considered an illegal re-entry and be out or not? Or is just no harm no foul?

ANSWER: From Mary Struckhoff (NFHS): "Once R3 legally touched home (sounds like on her way back to third), her run scored (2-49, also see Case Book 2.49 and 9.1.1.B). Unless her returning to third was judged to be intentional or deliberate by the umpire to confuse the defense, there is no interference (8-6-18). R2 is not out for passing a runner

and was never tagged, so her run would score as well.

QUESTION 10: A young lady was wearing a black wrist band/arm band about halfway up her arm (made of terry cloth). I asked her to remove it as I thought it may "break" the jewelry/bracelet rule and her coaches asked me about it. He said she had a sore arm in that spot. I tried to find in the rule book anything about wearing this on the arm and couldn't find anything illegal. Was I wrong to have her remove it?

ANSWER: Incorrect procedure. There is not anything in the Rule or Case Books that would indicate this wristband would be interpreted as jewelry. Provided you did not find the band to be dangerous to the athlete or others it would be allowed.

QUESTION 11: Unreported substitute bats (opposing team), runners on 1st and 2nd base and is issued a base on balls. At this point I called time out and tell the ump that the visiting team has batted out of order. The umpire checks the line-up card and the girl who just walked is not on the line-up card, front or back. After some discussion, the girl is called out and allowed to bat again as a substitute for the same batter she had just batted for and gets on base on a hit. The way I read it in the rule and case book is that she is simply given a team warning and she remains on base via the base on balls, with the next team violation being that the individual would be restricted to the dugout. I know she shouldn't have batted a 2nd time but I was under the impression that she was simply substituted in for the next batter in the line-up.

ANSWER: Rule 2-57, page 27 states: "Unreported substitute. An unreported substitute is a substitute who has the legal right to participate in the game but has not reported to the umpire prior to her participation (3-6-7). All substitutions must be reported to the umpire." Thus, in the play described the unreported substitute not listed on the lineup card, is legally in the game once she enters the batter's box (3-3-3d). Since the Federation rules indicate she is a legal player she can participate and thus there is NO batting out of order. Once it was brought to the umpire's attention the call should have been: Warning to coach per 3-6-7. Her advance to first on the bases on balls and the advance of other runners stands. The next batter is the batter who follows the batter who did not bat. See also Case Book for additional information (3.6.7)

QUESTION 12: The ball is hit sharply back thru the middle, deflects off the pitchers glove towards the shortstop. Runner from second base runs into the shortstop while she is attempting to field the ball. Umpire rules interference on the runner, calls dead ball and declares runner out. Correct Call?

ANSWER: From John Peterson: "Normally, Rule 8-6-10, page 65, governs, "the runner is out when she interferes with a fielder attempting to make the initial play on a fair batted ball." However, in this situation, we must review the definition of Initial Play, Rule 2-47-3 page 25. A fielder is considered to be making an initial play on a fair batted ball when she: a. Has a reasonable chance to gain control of a ground ball that no other fielder (except the pitcher) has touched. So, if third baseman had touched the ball as described then it is not interference on the runner because the shortstop was not making the initial play. But since the pitcher is exempted, the pitcher is not considered to have made the "initial play" and thus the shortstop IS protected. Umpire made the correct call."

QUESTION 13: A player that slap hits and here's what he described to me she does. She follows the rule of starting with both feet completely in the box and she finishes with both feet in the box. But when the pitcher starts her motion (left hand hitter) she steps out of the box with one or both feet turns her body and runs up and back in to the box slapping the ball towards the third base side of the diamond. It's like she takes a running start to slap the ball and steps to the side and gets a running start to hit the ball. Now we both looked in all the books to find some kind of ruling but it never talks about stepping out of the box as the pitcher begins her motion so it must be legal. The question is simple! Do you have to remain in the batter's box all the while the pitch is being released and on the way to the plate if you are going to swing and hit the ball? I promised him an

answer soon before he plays whomever is doing this action? Thanks for any help you can give!

ANSWER: Legal, Rules 7-3-1 & 7-4-8. Rule 7-4-3; "The batter disconcerts the pitcher by stepping out of the box on one side of home plate to the box on the other side while the pitcher is in position ready to pitch."

QUESTION 14: There was a ground ball on the infield with a close call at first base. (the call could have gone either way) The base umpire called safe. The home plate umpire came out and called out because he said he had seen it differently.

ANSWER: Please refer to Rule 10-1-4; "No umpire shall criticize or interfere with another umpire's decision unless asked by the one making it."

QUESTION 15: I worked a softball game last evening and now need a clarification. A reporter/photographer was standing on the inside of the fence parallel with the first baseline and between home plate and first base. He was taking pictures of the home team as each home player batted. Additionally he took pictures of the home team pitcher several times during the game. I asked the first base home team coach if this individual is here in that location every game. Coach stated, "Yes" and that it has not been a problem. I informed both the coach and reporter/photographer that if there was a play in that area and it had any affect whatsoever I would call fan interference. I would like to know if there is any rule that prohibits someone like this to be in this area or could this be at the umpire's discretion.

ANSWER: Illegal. Please see Rule 1-1-7 & 5-1-10. Host schools should clearly mark media areas.

From Todd Clark, WIAA Communications Director:

Just wish to send out a reminder of NFHS rules regarding media in live-ball areas which have again come to our attention. National Federation rules prohibit media photographers from being present in any live ball areas.

Rule 1-1 ART 7 – Media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area, unless marked. The home team or game management shall designate a lined area for the media.

If designated areas are not provided in an area inside the fences (live-ball area), photographers must remain in areas off the playing field (outside the fenced-in live-ball area).

The most appropriate designated photographer areas are located immediately inside and against the fence on the outfield side of the dugouts along the first and third base lines, not to be located anywhere away from the fence. These locations must be identified with a chalk or paint outline. During play, once a ball enters the designated area identified, it is a dead ball.

NOTE: The NFHS recommended distance from the foul lines to the nearest obstruction or dugout/bench should be a minimum of 25 feet. If distance from foul line to fence or designated media area can not meet the minimum of 25 feet, a designated area should not be provided in the live-ball area.

QUESTION 16: Last night during our pre-game warm-up the umpire would not let our pitcher throw warm-up pitches from the mound. Our catcher was in full gear. Is this a rule?

ANSWER: Legal. There is no NFHS rule or WIAA regulation which would prohibit this practice. Coaches should be certain their conference does not have a rule, which addresses this issue. Rule 1-7-3; "Any non-adult warming up a pitcher at any location within the confines of the field shall wear an approved catcher's helmet and mask combination and throat protector. It is NOT required to have the catcher in full gear for warm-ups."

QUESTION 17: Last night during our game the umpire would not let the girls step out of the batter's box between pitches. He wanted them to keep at least one foot in the box at all times, except on a passed ball or wild pitch. Is this the rule?

ANSWER: Incorrect procedure. Please refer to Rule 7-3-1 in regards to the time limit and restrictions on the batter. There is not a rule which would prohibit the batter from stepping out of the batter's box. Baseball, however, does have this rule. +

WIAA Eligibility – Summer Reminders

By: Wade Labecki, WIAA Deputy Director



There are a few things that athletic directors might want to review relative to WIAA rules, as students participate in their summer activities.

1) Remind those that might need to know, the rules affecting transfer students. Distribute the Transfer Rules and Waivers Quick Facts (available on the WIAA website) to the appropriate people including your guidance and admissions staff.

2) Review with coaches as necessary, the out-of-season coaching contact rules for their sport. Provide coaches with the summer contact form so they can provide you with a schedule of their planned contact days in advance. Remember that volunteer coaches are the same as paid coaches for purposes of this rule and that the second time someone shows up at practice to help coach they are considered a school coach.

a) All WIAA sport coaches are allowed up to 5 days of unrestricted coaching contact in the summer, between the end of school and July 31.

b) A reminder that varsity and junior varsity coaches can have coaching contact with 8th grade students on down up until the point of those 8th graders actually starting their 9th grade year. Someone designated as a frosh coach cannot have coaching contact with the 8th graders except as a part of the approved unrestricted contact days.

3) Remember that schools cannot be involved in out-of-season sports activities for students in grades 10-12. The only exception is during the summertime within the unrestricted coaching contact period. School facilities are sometimes used by nonschool groups for out-of-season camps and clinics. If this is to be done Board of Education policy for non-school use of the facility must be followed. This may involve rent, and it is advisable that those conducting the activity have insurance protection.

a) If conducted, a nonschool camp should be available to students from surrounding areas and not just returning athletes at your school. An acceptable non-school program may not be restricted based on school and/or team status.

b) Out-of-season coaching rules apply.

4) Schools cannot conduct summer school classes in sports fundamentals,

etc., in excess of the approved unrestricted contact days and community education is a school program with the same restrictions and exceptions.

5) Schools may issue uniforms and/or protective apparel for nonschool activity, only with formal approval of their school board or governing body.

6) Students must pay their own way to any camp, clinic, or specialized training. Nonschool groups can pay expenses related to actual competition, such as entry fees into summer leagues, e.g. The school cannot have any involvement with out-of-season camps, clinics or competition unless the activity is part of the approved unrestricted contact opportunity, is school sponsored and available to all interested students on a voluntary basis.

7) Open gyms can be conducted in the summer but open gym rules apply including restricting students from other schools from attending.

8) Remind students of amateur status and all star rules. You may wish to ask students to contact you prior to participating in all summer sport activities so you can assess the activity and help protect their eligibility.

9) Remind students they must conclude their nonschool activity when the school season in that sport starts.

10) It is important to remind students and coaches that out-of-season and summertime activities must be voluntary. Taking or requiring attendance, providing incentives or connecting playing time and/or lettering requirements to out-of-season programs is prohibited.

11) A reminder that the academic eligibility requirements apply to spring tournaments and an athlete can become academically ineligible and miss the opportunity to play in a State tournament. Also, the period of ineligibility for the fall is 15 scheduled school days or 21 calendar days, depending on when school starts. The WIAA will publish a chart this spring to help you determine when eligibility is regained.

These rules apply to high schools. Some may also apply to middle level but the rules at the middle level are significantly different. These are not all-inclusive but hopefully will serve as a reminder in a number of important areas. Working to prevent the loss of athletic eligibility is always worth the effort. ➔

Summer Contact

All sport coaches have five days of unrestricted coaching contact opportunity during the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted opportunities allow you to use school support and facilities as you would during the season. Unrestricted means teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be applied, schools can sponsor the events/activities. The 5 contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. Unrestricted contact days are open to any interested student in your school. They are not allowed during the school year.

In the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, unlimited "non-school" contact may be used by coaches during the summertime. The summer being defined as when school is not in normal session, provided such non-school programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. An "acceptable non-school program" is one which is not limited based on school and/or team status. Unlimited contact is open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. No school monies and resources can be applied, schools cannot sponsor the events/activities. Use school support and facilities must be done in the same manner as any other non-school group such as 4-H, boy scouts, or local rotary.

During the summer, athletes may assemble in manner they wish. During the school year, no activity in which students are participating should resemble a school team practicing or competing. During the summer, captain's practices are allowed. They are not during the school year. The Booster Club is considered non-school.

What Types of Contact Allowances are Provided to Coaches in the Summer?

Unrestricted Contact

Students on your school teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be used,

schools can sponsor the events/activities.

- Contact is limited to 5 days from the last day of school until July 31.

- Days do not need to be consecutive but must be the same for all levels within a program.

Unlimited Non-School Contact (limited to certain sports)

Open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. NO school monies and resources can be used, schools cannot sponsor the events/activities. School facilities must be contracted for in accordance with your school district policies.

- Contact may occur from the end of school until the first day of school in the fall.

What Type of Contact Can Coaches Have With Their Athletes?

All Sport Coaches

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)

Baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling coaches

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)

- Unlimited Non-School Contact (see definition above)

How Can Athletes Assemble on Their Own?

Summer (Last day of school until first day of school in the fall)

- During the summer, athletes may assemble in any manner they wish. There are no restrictions as to the number of athletes from the same school allowed on a given team.

- During the summer, captain's practices are allowed.

School Year (First day of school until last day of school)

- During the school year, no activity in which students are participating should resemble a school team practicing or competing. While there are not specific roster limits, it is advised that there be diversity on any team of this type competing/practicing during the school year.

- During the school year, captain's practices are not allowed. ➔

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rather than help them to address or fix a problem if there is one, we ask that they contact the local athletic director to be a part of the solution.

Q.: Just clarifying my understanding of the out-of-season rule for current 8th graders involved in basketball. A varsity or JV coach could coach these current 8th graders throughout the summer an unlimited number of days. However, this would limit these incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) to be able to play only on the freshman team this coming winter season as that varsity/JV coach had already coached them during the summer months beyond the five days. The same scenario would hold true for a school with a sophomore team in addition to a JV team. If the sophomore coach has more than five days contact with incoming freshmen then those freshmen are not able to play the coming season on that sophomore team. Is this correct?

A.: During the summertime, varsity and JV coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year. This does not limit them to the 9th grade team, hence, the 9th grade coach is limited to the five days. Keep in mind, some schools do not have 9th grade teams. This is the one exception.

Q.: Can a current player of a coach's high school team assist the coach with AAA youth hockey practices during the summer prior to July 31?

A.: Hockey coaches are restricted in their contact with students they will coach to the sport season and five days during the summer before July 31. Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children).

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: I have a question that has to do with rules for teams in regards to open gyms/open fields that are offered for students/athletes. We have been getting different answers from different people and just want to be clear so we do not violate any rules or regulations. Can we give the students a playbook to use when they are running seven on seven? We are not coaching at these open gyms/open fields, the kids are running them by themselves. Can we observe these open gyms/open fields? Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions, we just want to be crystal clear with everything, so we do not violate any rules.

A.: You have several rules which affect this situation. First the open gym rule. Open gyms are school sponsored recre-

ation for students. They cannot be organized practices by the coach or any other person. Open gyms are "pick up" situations. 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 are interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic. 2) There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else. 3) Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted. 4) There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc. "Open Gym" is not a code word for out-of-season practice. The philosophy of the

open gym is students from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills, 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 the host school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) During the school year, no activity in which they are engaged during the school year should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season. (Handbook, p. 39, Art VI, Sect 2, Par A). With this rule, "Captains Practices" may not be held during the school year. Participants must be diversified and coaches/schools may not be involved. They are allowed during the summertime where limitations on athletes assembly are removed. If the players are organizing in a practice situation, then this rule comes into play. The question to be asked: Is the situation you describe an Open Gym or a spring practice designed to appear as an open gym? In a true open gym, the kids grab a ball and recreate. If they are running plays, then I would say they are practicing. ➔

Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

QUESTION: The championship team meet of our one-day, eight school, multi-event had to be canceled due to weather. Can this meet be rescheduled without an impact to our 14 allowed meets?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, meets associated with weather related cancellations can be allowed, so long as competitions are between the schools involved in the original meet and school administrator's approval is provided.

QUESTION: We were involved in a two-day, four team multi-dual. The first day, two of the schools were able to complete their match. Due to inclement weather, no other matches were able to get started. Can we reschedule the matches that were not played?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as the matches are scheduled with other teams involved in this multi-event, no more than two days are used by each school involved and school administration approve of the schedule change.

ALUMNI HITTING DURING PRACTICE

QUESTION: Are we allowed to bring in a player who has graduated in order to 'hit' with a current player? If yes, is that person considered to be a 'clinician' and is limited to a one time occurrence?

INTERPRETATION: Text related to this request (Rules At a Glance) provides that member schools may include "members of the community" in school sponsored open gyms and in-season sport practices at their discretion. So long as the graduate is considered a member of the community, he/she is allowed to practice with the team. I would also encourage gaining local administrative approval just in case something were to happen to this individual during practice.

You are also correct, if a "clinician" is brought in to provide instruction, they may do so one time during the season. Otherwise, they have to be considered to be a "coach."

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

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

WIAA TOURNAMENT LINEUP SITUATIONS

QUESTION: I see that the subsectional brackets from the School Center have the pigtail matches (#8 vs. #9 seeds) playing onto the second line of the top of the bracket. The WIAA Season Regulations on page 41 have a different bracket design. Which is correct?

INTERPRETATION: The brackets

provided in the School Center are correct. The on-line version of the Season Regulations have been updated with the new brackets that were recommended by the WIAA Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee and then approved by the Board of Control this past January. The Season Regulations that are sent to member schools goes out prior to the January Board of Control meeting causing these rule changes to be left out.

QUESTION: How do the flight one WIAA sectionals now get cross bracketed?

INTERPRETATION: Players advancing from the subsectional will be cross bracketed as follows for the sectional meets:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRACTICE/SCRIMMAGE SITUATIONS

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

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

USTA RULES

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

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

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

As far as a receiver turning their back to a server, so that he doesn't have to play to the pace of the server, again, the same rules apply. Once the 25 seconds expires, unless a ball has to be tracked down, the receiver must be ready. If the receiver

is not ready, it is a warning the first time and a one-point penalty for each additional violation.

CLINICS/CAMPS

QUESTION: During the month of May myself and a mother from our middle school plan to provide instruction for our middle school (6th - 8th) kids that have an interest in tennis. Since we are currently in the boys tennis season I believe I can have contact with any of these kids with the exception of 8th grade girls who will play for me in the fall. The mother I mentioned earlier would be responsible for providing instruction to those girls. Do you agree?

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

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

PRACTICE FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

COACHING DURING A MEET

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

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

Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

QUESTION: Do you have any input on whether or not I can take the team to a practice outing at our regional course? Other coaches have indicated that this is a possibility because we had an invite rained out and, therefore, have an open contest.

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Spring Season Regulations, 9., page 24, indicates: "A school which practices on a course (except home course(s)) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets." So long as a WIAA school golf team will not exceed their 14 meet maximum and with school administration's approval, a team is allowed to practice at a regional site and count it as one of their 14 allowed meets. Allowance of loss of class time is determined by the local school administration.

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

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

QUESTION: All of our 14 meets are scheduled and planned to be played. Our regional site is not a "home course" of ours. If my players go to the regional site for a practice round and I use school funds to pay for their round, does it have to count as a meet even though a coach was not in attendance?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, whenever school funds are used to pay for a practice round at a course that is not a "home course," this can only be viewed as a practice by the school team. Consequently, it does have to count as one of the 14 meets allowed during the regular season.

Keep in mind that golfers may go to WIAA regional and sectional sites on their own accord with parents, friends, relatives, etc. When they go to these sites on their own accord, they do need to pay for their green fees and other amenities on their own.

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

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

QUESTION: Can we reschedule a JV match after the start of the WIAA tournament series?

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

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

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

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

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

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

son, you are able to take the team there for a practice. I encourage you to obtain school administration approval prior to making arrangements.

Investigating Scoring Issues

QUESTION: What is the official WIAA procedure to deal with cheating?

It is my understanding that the kids are expected to police themselves. However, a parent has complained to me of numerous cheating incidences that are going unchecked. Some involve scoring where kids continually give the wrong score. Others involve infractions, such as not playing correctly out of hazards, grounding their club in the sand trap, etc. As a coach, I will explain to kids the proper interpretation of a rule if I happen to be with that group, but what if no coach is around? This parent wants to know if he has the right to call a rules infraction on a player. I said I would contact the WIAA and get their advice. It is extremely frustrating for parents to witness this. The parent makes a good point in saying that his kid has to keep everyone's score which isn't right since he has enough to worry about with his own score. It brings up a point that I think the WIAA has neglected for a long time.

INTERPRETATION: Allow me to begin by indicating the WIAA handles these situations for WIAA tournament series competitions only. Conference meets need to be handled via conference regulations or determination by conference officials. Non-conference events are handled by the host school.

Whenever I receive concerns regarding scoring problems or cheating. Here is how I handle things during WIAA tournament series meets:

First, a couple of questions:

1. Are you using the group scoring procedure?
2. Do you have a starter's meeting with each group prior to the start of a group's round? (see information below)

PREVENTING SCORING PROBLEMS

In an effort to prevent nasty scoring problems during golf matches, simple steps can be taken prior to, during, and after tournaments that can truly make a difference:

1. STARTER MEETING with each group – In this meeting, review the following issues:

- *Introduction of players

- *Local rules

- *Special conditions or situations for that day's play

- *Pace of play expectations

- *Reminder to players: If a competitor sees or believes they see a violation of the rules, they must report the allegation to the competitor at once. Rules violation cannot be "saved" and reported after scorecards have been signed.

- *If a "drop" is done incorrectly, inform competitor immediately and have them "redrop" from that same location.

- *Play two balls if a coach or official is not immediately available to assist with a ruling, record both scores and check with meet officials as soon as possible.

- *Good sportsmanship – competitors should help prevent rule violations (i.e., replacing ball mark when moved out of the line of a putt, fix ball marks on the green, etc.) and applaud good shots by competitors. Most importantly, have fun and enjoy competing in this WIAA golf tournament.

3. Are coaches checking on players during their round to see if any questions are developing?

All of the above are solid strategies for preventing cheating and scoring issues.

When a scoring/cheating issue is brought to my attention during the tournament series, I have the host manager thoroughly investigate so long as it is before all the scores are posted. If reports of scoring issues or cheating come in after the scores are posted, then the meet is concluded per WIAA Season Regulation 15., i.

If the meet is not completed, then I have that person get the members of that group together and have the tournament manager review every shot on the hole or holes where cheating or questions about a players score have taken place. Players involved should be questioned first, with coaches present – this normally results in an accurate score for that hole(s). Spectators can asked what they saw if a consensus of what actually happened can not be reached.

In this investigation, I have the tournament manager ask each player to describe each shot they witnessed of the player in question on that particular hole. This way, we are normally able to obtain a clear vision of what occurred.

PREFERRED LIES

QUESTION: At our invite, we had to use "preferred lies." A player used his club to roll the ball to his "preferred lie." Is this a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: First of all, we always recommend that "preferred lies" be used only when absolutely necessary. USGA regulations can be very complicated for high school

golfers when these regulations are used. The common practice during unusual circumstances like this in high school events is to first give the player a "warning" on his/her first offense. A second offense would then result in a one-stroke penalty per Appendix 1, Part B, 4., c.

THROWING CLUBS

QUESTION: At a recent match various levels of club throwing were reported. Can you review for me the WIAA regulations for this?

INTERPRETATION: 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.

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 can not 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, particularly in a windmill-type motion. Or, if thrown in the direction of anyone.

ON COURSE COACHING

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

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

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

QUESTION: What is the penalty when a player uses a "GPS" during his/her round?

INTERPRETATION: When a player is identified during his/her round using a "GPS," it is treated like an unsportsmanlike conduct violation. WIAA Season Regulations, 15., c., indicates the first violation results in a "warning;" the second violation is a two-stroke penalty; and should a third violation take place, the penalty is disqualification from the competition.

Also, keep in mind, that if use of a "GPS" is not identified until after the close of the meet, WIAA Season Regulations indicate in 15., j., "A golf meet is closed and all committee decisions will stand once results of the meet have been officially announced."

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

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

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

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

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

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

USGA RULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

COACH'S ATTIRE

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

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

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

SCORING

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

INTERPRETATION: There are no WIAA or USGA regulations that require the posting of meet results. WIAA tournament information requests that meet management follow a protocol posting scores as they come in and then See Golf Interpretations, page 18 ►

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I offer these observations and sentiments about the Board, staff and Doug to in part express my gratitude – but also to make you aware of the tremendous team effort that’s taken place “behind the scenes” in order that it may appear to you and the public as though nothing has changed. In speaking of transition and the contributions made, there is not a single moment where your efforts, patience and support have been taken for granted or overlooked. Perhaps most credit of all, for any successes that might mark this year, must go to you – the superintendents, principals, AD’s and coaches – who along with your students, parents and communities, serving on the front lines, continue to value, fight for and provide the many learning experiences inherent to the curriculum of education based athletics and you have made this a seamless transition.

Don’t misconstrue my comments to suggest that we loosely or casually label a year to have been successful. All of us recognize there are still many ideas, needs and challenges that require our collective energies and best efforts. But from the perspective of a period in transition, if we may mark the successful completion of our fall and winter seasons and accompanying tournaments, as well as our continuation into our spring season offerings, as a measure of success, from that perspective alone, we should take pride. If you feel as though “nothing much has changed”, then I am pleased and believe that all of us may feel we have achieved some measure of success for our efforts this year.

In continuing to reflect on Old Business and some of the challenges we’ve addressed for this year, several stand out.

H1N1

As the 2008-09 school year was coming to a close and the current school year was still very young, the Board and membership were confronted by a new threat – Pandemic flu. As we were learning about and attempting to respond to this new threat, several things became apparent. First, we observed that the level of concern and response to this virus, by the CDC and other health organizations, was unlike anything we had witnessed in modern time. Second, we began to learn about the unusual characteristics of this virus for fatally attacking adolescents and school-aged children – in addition to the very young and very old. Next we observed that Association policy regarding school closings, which had been developed in response to teacher strikes, snow days and deer hunting, provided no satisfactory guidance in responding to the threat of infectious, communicable and potentially fatal disease. In light of these observations and the responsibility to preserve and provide tournament opportunity, the Board, acting under their Constitutional charge and authority, adopted the provisional policy which we’ve operated under until the topic could be re-visited today by this membership assembly.

In the midst of the emotion of tournaments and through the clarity only provided through hindsight, this policy was seen as harsh and hard. What was lost in the emotion was the perspective that we were confronting something new, something more important than our games. Something that needed to be recognized as a public health concern; a virus that not only threatened the population of a closed school but also the populations of other communities, whose athletes, students and fans would be exposed as a result of interscholastic events. It was recognized that going forward with competition, allowing a member to compete even though they were closed as a result of infectious disease, not only exposed another member to a potentially fatal virus, but also exposed the closed school to assertions of negligence. There are few worse days in our offices then those days where a member is informed they are removed from a tournament. You have voted today as a large, representative assembly and your policy will be carried out as you have directed by your vote. Your policy will be applied as evenly and consistently as we are able. Still, we know the emotions that swirl around our events. We know there may be more challenges and frustrations still to come, as health organizations tell us there will be something new next year. In those times, your leadership and clarity are crucial to help educate students, coaches and parents to see another perspective amidst their frustrations; the ability to see the potential life-lessons made possible as a result of adversity and disappointment and to understand that no game is of life or death importance.

Litigation

This past year the legal dispute between the WIAA and the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and Gannett has continued forward. After multiple attempts to reach settlement failed, counsel for both sides have now completed their documentation of the dispute. The stipulations of facts, affidavits and briefs are now on file with the District Court and a Judge has been appointed to the case. With all documentation filed and both parties seeking summary judgment, we are hopeful of hearing a decision sometime late this summer.

This has been an expensive disagreement. Though some of the costs are covered by insurance, the Association has been responsible to bear a significant amount of expense. Despite these costs, we believe this continues to be a dispute that is necessary to be resolved. Because of the threat to our ability as an Association to fund, promote and reasonably control our events, we must receive answers to some fundamental questions; such as:

- Does the Association own its tournaments?
- Does the Association have a right to enter into exclusive agreements in order to protect and promote membership interests?
- Are we able to exercise reasonable control over our Association’s tournaments and their portrayal?
- Perhaps the most important question to be answered is – where does real time/live reporting end and entertainment begin?

The answers to some of these questions will determine how we are able to perform our member’s business for years to come. I will add that it’s not only the WIAA concerned about this issue. This is a case being closely watched by all other State Associations, the National Federation and the NCAA.

The WIAA entered into its first exclusive agreement to broadcast our state basketball tournament in the 1960’s. Those agreements expanded into the 70’s and 80’s to include broadcast of our football and hockey finals. Those, along with more recent agreements have provided the Association with an important source of revenue as well as the opportunity for greater exposure of the WIAA and all its tournaments. As a result of our exclusive agreements, we’ve been able to enhance our tournaments and meetings with video highlights, provide on-line rules meetings and live stream this meeting over the Internet.

For over 50 years, we have been able to enter into agreements which have allowed us to serve our membership and advance its interests and increase its exposure as well as provide first class, statewide high school tournament entertainment to generations of fans. It is our hope that the courts will accept our arguments in order that we may sustain this part of the high school sports experience for generations to come.

From Area Meetings

Last fall’s Area Meetings contained a number of high profile topics – two of those are summer coaching contact and a uniform start date – which you have voted on here today. However, none of last fall’s topics generated as much robust debate and membership involvement as the discussions of the football districts and the rural/urban basketball proposals. It is not necessary to recapitulate all the details of those plans or the many discussions that the ideas fostered. Those ideas were rejected.

There are a couple elements of those plans and discussions that are significant and noteworthy, however. First and perhaps most importantly, these two proposals brought forth a level of membership involvement and engagement – whether you were “for or against” the ideas – that must be appreciated and respected. Someone once said, “Democracy is a messy process.” That this membership was willing to engage and take part in the debate must be recognized as a positive indication of your depth of caring.

A second, significant revelation from those discussions was that in too many instances there appeared to be a disconnect in communication across some districts. Information about both of these plans – as well as information about the H1N1 policy – were made known to the membership in a timely manner, yet as the time for a decision drew near, we heard too many times, some administrator state that they had only just learned of the matter. I must take responsibility for that and admit that when we communicate to the member’s identified contact person, assumptions have been made that information will be shared at all levels within the member school. As a Board and staff, we discussed some ideas that we hope will facilitate better communication in the future.

The third significant aspect of last fall’s football and basketball discussions lies in what has come in the wake of the rejection of those two ideas. Keeping in mind that the ideas were formed in response to real needs and persisting concerns, the failure of those proposals has not diminished the need for relief or assuaged the persisting concerns. As a result, new ideas for: football-only conference realignment, football-late season exposure and another look at divisional placement in basketball are topics currently being discussed and will be going through our advisory committee review process in the weeks ahead. We will cover some of these topics more when we come to New Business. With respect to Football-only conference realignment, the Board held the first two such realignment hearings yesterday.

There are two more topics that I want to address under Old Business. The first is Assembly Bill 520. This was legislation proposing to make it illegal for a public school to belong to an interscholastic athletic association that did not adhere to open records/open meeting laws. It was later amended to include private schools (mostly in the Milwaukee area) who received state-aid for students open-enrolling to their schools. I will not go into the many reasons we had for opposing this legislation. I want only to tell you that with the close of the legislative session last week, the bill was unsuccessful and that I am sincerely grateful to those of you who provided help and encouragement throughout the process. I will also share that I learned some things over the course of this experience. One of the legislators on the Education Committee repeatedly stressed the WIAA has an image problem and perhaps we do. We will visit this again in New Business.

Lastly under Old Business, I want to say a few words about another one of last year’s amendments – and sportsmanship. Last April you voted to implement a suspension for assaulting or disrespecting a contest official. That came in the wake of a single incident of a

hockey player striking an official. Your vote indicated zero tolerance for such behavior and the timing of this amendment’s adoption appears to have been pitch-perfect. Regrettably, I need to share with you that thus far this year, we have had five reported violations of this provision.

September 21 - Lomira - Boys Soccer - Player pushed official

October 22 - Grafton - Boys Soccer - Player chest bumped official

February 15 - Marion - Boys Basketball - Player pushed official

February 20 - Hortonville - Wrestling - Wrestler pushed official

February 25 - Milw. Wash. - Boys Basketball - Player struck official in chest

These sorts of behaviors – MUST STOP!

There are repeated indications in our Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility that point to the responsibility of school administration to have control of their athletes, students and fans. Coaches must have control of their players, before, during and after a contest. I hope you are as alarmed by this increase in these absolutely unacceptable behaviors as I am. We must make the strongest of statements when in-servicing coaches, athletes and parents and maintain zero tolerance for such loss of self-control and recklessness.

Sportsmanship – which we claim to be one of the foundations for what we do, one of the lessons we believe should be an outcome of the interscholastic experience – at its most fundamental level can be defined as respect. What makes this simple lesson of respect so powerful and so important is that it is learned and tested within the crucible of competition. It is when the adrenaline is pumping and the emotions are feverish that we must teach, model and reinforce this valuable, life-long lesson of poise, composure, self-control and respect. Frankly speaking, there is little point or purpose for having sport in schools if we fail to demand that they provide the positive learning and growth experiences we claim and expect to see.

There are two other important casualties in this break down in institutional control. First is the recruitment and retention of officials. These sorts of incidents, if allowed to take place, cannot help in efforts to respond to the shortage of officials we hear about in some sports and in some parts of our state. No official deserves to be assaulted by a player, coach, or fan for working a contest.

The second casualty is the undermining of your efforts to preserve funding for sports opportunities. When confronting decisions about canceling academic programs and laying off staff, these along with other highly visible breakdowns in sportsmanship provide the free ammunition to those who see interscholastic athletics as a waste of valuable and increasingly scarce, financial resources. As a footnote on Sportsmanship, the WIAA will be sponsoring its Biannual Sportsmanship Summit on September 29 in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn.

I recognize this may not have been an all-inclusive list of Old Business topics. Are there any other topics you would like to address under Old Business?

Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick, commented since 1999 and Columbine, you can go anywhere, but if you are a visitor, you have to identify yourself. We provide education-based program which go beyond 3:00 p.m., so why are we allowing anonymous people in our buildings without identifying themselves? The NIAAA requires identification and promotes a product called Z-Pass. It would be free to schools. He asked that the WIAA please endorse this product. We provide events and it is a privilege to attend those events but not a right. Dave Anderson thanked Mr. Hammes and this will be considered with on-line ticketing.

Luke Francois, Middleton, spoke of how the Soccer committee brought forward summertime contact and that amendment was advanced and discussion brought back in all sports. Nonschool participation was defeated and soccer never had its day to be heard. He asked that this be reconsidered for soccer. Dave Anderson asked Mr. Francois to provide the staff with the specific language and it will be brought to the Area Meetings and through the committee process. It has the potential to come back to the Annual Meeting next year.

New Business

As we begin the discussion of New Business, I want to make clear that these are some of the topics and issues that are known and being talked about now. Some of them the Board will be expected to take action on in the weeks ahead in accordance with their elected authority. Others will come back to you for additional discussion and input at next fall’s Area Meetings. I am certain there will be other topics that you will want to add to this list and there will likely be topics, as yet unknown, that will be added between now and the Area Meetings. We will also hear as well as any other comments you care to offer.

This first item, more for your information and awareness; is the inclusion of the clarifying note that has been added to membership renewal forms. It is the same note that was approved in editorial changes to the Handbook. This has been added in response to some persisting, antagonizing confrontations for Board and staff, along with threatening emails from a small number of individuals who refute the Association’s claim of ownership of its tournament events. These antagonists appear to be mostly individuals who moonlight taking tournament photos and selling them with-

out following our licensing procedures. The note is to clarify that WIAA Tournament events are the property of the collective membership and not of any individual school. The note makes no change, in any way, to how tournaments have been conducted or administered in the past.

One of the topics we will be addressing at our fall meetings will be the authorization for Physician Assistants to independently perform preparticipation exams and approve students for athletic participation. At present, your Rules of Eligibility only permit a licensed MD and APNP’s to independently approve a youngster for participation. This request came to us mid-year and a presentation was made to our Medical Advisory Committee a little over a week ago. That committee went on record approving the inclusion of PA’s to our current list of providers. If our future discussions remain favorable, the question will be brought back to you next April for membership consideration. For the coming year there is no change in our current requirements in this regard.

On-line ticketing is a topic we look forward to hearing more from you about in the fall. Some of you are already utilizing some form of electronic ticket service for your regular season contests. Some of you have expressed interest in being allowed to use on-line ticketing when hosting WIAA tournament events. At this point we hold no strong position, either for or against use of this technology – but are interested in hearing from you and learning more before identifying a uniform position for the tournaments.

One of the hottest issues we need to continue addressing is concussions. With the continuing advancement of medicine, the understanding of and concern about concussions has skyrocketed. The debate is unprecedented. Though the WIAA has been a leader – with the help of our SMAC and WADA, in providing educational literature and making this a point of emphasis in contact sports for over a decade; in light of latest research and the climate surrounding the topic, we believe all of us must do more to educate and create awareness for coaches, athletes and parents.

In addition to providing you with educational tools we need to talk to you about our current football season model. As part of last fall’s football district plan, we explained that one of its features would be to allow us to get rid of the current format of three games in ten days and allow the end of season games and first two rounds of the playoffs to be spaced the same as contests are during the regular season.

This is one of the topics I mentioned earlier – that even though the district proposal was abandoned, some of the underlying needs and concerns remain.

In the weeks ahead, the Board will be considering how to best address this residual concern. Because of the unprecedented conservative climate surrounding this topic – and in the best interests of students, the member schools and the Association, we believe our current late season format must be addressed. While this is one of those topics that can bring forth very emotional responses and reactions, we believe it’s a topic that school administration must take a lead on. This is a topic we will be asking the Board to take action on, possibly as early as their June meeting. At this point I’d like to ask

Mr. Labecki to share some information about concussion resources and possible ways to address the end of season for football.

Wade Labecki explained in the past the WIAA has been a leader in providing concussion information to its membership and rules meetings including material from the CDC along with a concussion kit and information in the Medical Policies and Procedures and information on the WIAA website. The Sports Medical Advisory Committee incorporates the Zurich method of concussion management and an updated rule was implemented last year and is the most stringent rule in the country. The NFHS has brought forward a rule that any person with symptoms of concussion shall be removed from contest. Each school will get a DVD on it with course material approved by the CDC. It will provide an opportunity to educate your coaches, parents and students and when it becomes available, it will be placed on the WIAA’s website. We anticipate having the DVD by June 1 and there will be a tracking system to monitor who has viewed the video.

The three games in 10 days in football was addressed next. A survey went to all 432 schools that sponsor football. A total of 288 responded. In 2011, the season will start on week 5, Wednesday, August 5 and on August 1 in 2012. This would eliminate week 9. Eliminating the scrimmage is not an option supported by the Medical Advisory Committee. Moving the state championship one week later or reduce playoff field to 112 was mentioned. This information will be shared with the Board of Control in May and in June.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, asked if the Medical Advisory Committee opposed eliminating the scrimmage. Wade Labecki answered yes. Mr. Knecht then asked if the membership has the opportunity to reassess among the other options. Wade Labecki answered 67 had that listed as their choice and they could email the WIAA another option.

Barry Schmitt, Independence, did not find any options desirable and liked the District proposal. He See **Annual Meeting Minutes**, page 17 ►

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would like a seven game season and then 18 districts play in semi-playoff scenario resulting in a maximum of 13 weeks. This would eliminate the three games in ten days. He would like seven equal divisions and recognizes this would open up some byes in some districts. Everyone would be guaranteed nine games and possibly ten. Dave Anderson asked Mr. Schmitt to get that plan to the WIAA office and we will share with it with the Board and at Area Meetings.

Luke Francois, Middleton, felt the WIAA vacated the District model too soon with unanswered questions on lower level play and conference responsibilities. If there is a revote, we should reconsider a district vote as well. Dave Anderson explained it is important to identify and make clear the opportunity to provide feedback should be not construed as a formal vote. Feedback is always appreciated.

Cal Tackes, Stratford, spoke of moving forward too quickly without end of season stats to back this up. There hasn't been discussion on when concussions take place. He feels there are no more concussions during playoff games than during the regular season. We should have that information before changing the process. Moving the season later collides with basketball and potential bad weather. Economically schools would not like to start the season earlier because they would have to pay the coaches for a longer, earlier time period. As coaches, they do not want to lose contests. We need research on this confirming more occurs during the playoffs.

Greg Smith, West De Pere, asked what was the second choice on the survey. If the Board acts on this in June meeting, we don't want problems with communication. Wade Labecki explained 98 of the total 288 supported starting the season earlier, 77 voted eliminating the scrimmage. There were 56 votes in support of eliminating week 9, 36 supported move state back and 21 supported reducing the playoff field to 112. Mr. Smith said one of the issues with problems with the District plan was that it was discussed well at Area Meetings but he heard in the caucus, we need to be in an environment to hear what other districts have to say.

The Athletic Directors received the survey in a link to an email. They were asked to address this with administration prior to voting so everyone had input. The membership was also asked to provide feedback to the staff and the Board.

Jack Klebesadel, Germantown, stated since one choice (eliminating the scrimmage) is not valid, the survey is not valid. He asked that the survey be made valid. Dave Anderson indicated he would share this feedback and this could be done.

The economy and funding is a topic we could spend the rest of the day on – but we won't. I mention it here to make you aware of discussions among our staff that we will be asking your input on in the weeks ahead and in the fall. Like each of you, we are looking for ways to become greener and more cost effective within our own operation without loss of services. We are looking for what we can do to provide more revenue back to you.

The first areas we are looking at internally has to do with our publications, shipping and postage. In the weeks ahead, we will be addressing with the Board and the various advisory committees such things as our physical forms, alternate year cards, our handbooks, desk calendars, season regulations and the Bulletin. In recent years, and as we move forward, we recognize the increasing use of our website for information and we will be looking for input as we contemplate taking another step in that direction by putting more material on-line.

With respect to looking for ways to help provide more dollars back to you, there are two primary ways – the first is to increase ticket prices. At this juncture that has not been a topic that's come to the table. Given our relatively recent increases; it is not a topic I would like to see advanced until we are a bit further along in economic recovery. Our current ticket prices are still family friendly and we recognize the struggles many families have faced in recent years and that many still face and are reluctant to increase ticket prices at this time.

The second avenue for finding funding is to look for new ideas and new revenue streams. One possibility we've been working on has been a licensing agreement, where schools may be able to receive cash for the merchandizing of their school's name, mascot and logos. This is an idea similar to one being advanced by the National Federation to all State Associations. However, unlike the National Federation's plan – which we have decided not to sign on to – none of the dollars which may be generated are returned to the National Federation or the State Association. In addition, the ILC seeks to help you create your own, on-line store.

I'd like to ask Mr. Clark to provide a brief update on the status of this opportunity.

Todd Clark explained the developments with the ILC. A meeting was held last week and objectives and strategies detailed. Licensing can be accomplished at no cost to schools. Schools may market or rebrand their logos and a website created at no cost. They will work with sponsors and vendors on quality products at the lowest cost possible. Mr. Clark strongly encouraged schools to look into this.

At our fall meetings we want to engage you in a discussion of our exceptional athlete waiver provision found in the Rules of Eligibility. This is a waiver that was designed as a means to allow outstanding student athletes to take part in extraordinary competition opportunities. It was also designed with a significantly high threshold in order to assure coaches and teammates would not be without their most talented players and school teams abandoned for the sake of individual pursuits. There is also a competitive equity element inherent to the rule, attempting to keep WIAA tournament opportunities on a level playing field.

Mr. Shafranski will provide some additional insights for the discussions we look forward to having. Depending on our fall discussions, this is a topic that may come back to the membership next April.

Mr. Shafranski explained there has been tremendous change in the world of nonschool competitions. Nonschool event sponsors manipulate the language to entice athletes. They specify a number of international competitors and place them in certain competitions so nonschool events may be held during the school season. There will be further discussions on this. Many requests are coming from the southeast portion of the membership. Wealthy families make most requests and this should be evaluated at the local level and will be a topic for the Area Meetings.

As I mentioned earlier, the image of the WIAA was recently described to me as being in bad shape. I want you to know those words have struck in my mind and if indeed there needs to be improvement, we will work on that. One of the ideas we've launched has been to ask your students to create a video about what the WIAA means to them. As many of you have already noticed we have reshaped our website attempting to get more helpful information about this Association right up front. But in the end, I believe our greatest resource in efforts to improve our image rest in your hands. The Board and staff are going to need your help – in educating students, parents and the public about what the WIAA is and what the WIAA does and how we do it. As we consider our image as an Association, all of us must do a better job of educating. Most people have very little understanding of who or what we are, what we do or how we do it. We need to remind students, parents, coaches and others; the WIAA is truly a member directed organization. As an Association we have no rules except those this collective membership has established. The Board and executive staff have only as much authority as you, the members, have determined we should have . . . If we are to improve our image, the first thing we must do is recognize each member school – your school – is the WIAA. The rules are collectively, your rules. How we function is how you have collectively decreed. We will be discussing this topic again at our fall meetings and I hope you will have some ideas to help us maintain a strong and respected image of your Association.

The last topic that I have under New Business and before hearing any additional comments you might have, has to do with basketball. As you know, the rural/urban divisional placement proposal advanced last fall was not adopted. This is another one of those topics where concerns for competitive equity persist.

At this time I've asked our Board President, Roger Foegen, to provide some perspectives on our efforts with respect to basketball and then

Deb Hauser will provide some additional details about the 5-Division Proposal currently before the Board. This is a proposal we expect the Board will take action on at their June meeting.

Roger Foegen explained this has been discussed since the Area Meetings. The model that was shared was based on rural/urban and components of the 5-Division format. There has been many discussions and scrutiny of the plan and much interest in 5-Division model. There was no support for treating the nonpublic segment of the WIAA differently. On December 4, the Board directed the WIAA Executive Staff to develop a 5-Division plan. There were no adjustments to the Basketball tournament model when nonpublic schools joined the WIAA while all other sports secured additional qualifiers or divisions were added. There should be no different treatment of one segment of membership from another. Maintaining the three day state tournament format with no additional loss of school time was essential along with maintaining the Kohl Center site and statewide television coverage. The 5-Division plan does this and eliminates Thursday morning play. There would be equal representation in all five divisions and enrollment is a key part of the plan. Every school is placed in a division based on the enrollment ratio of 2 to 1 or less. A more level playing field is created and we no longer have schools competing against schools nearly three times their size in Division 1. The recent adjustment to keep 8 sectionals has been outlined with the super sectional idea on Tuesday of state tournament week.

Rich Reitzner, Stoughton, spoke for those schools with enrollments between 950-1400. Mr. Reitzner explained 40 years ago he played at state and it was one division. He pointed out the schools we beat were great teams and he felt bad because those players didn't have same opportunity as I had. He was glad when the WIAA went to A, B, C divisions. Now 41 years later, we are looking at 5 Divisions. Our enrollment is dropping

about 50 a year. When the topic was private/public schools, the debate was is it equitable and fair. He asked about the equity for schools between 950-1400. He stated concern at Area Meetings a few years ago. He again expressed concern to Doug Chickering. There is a large gap in Division 1 in enrollment. He has been around education for 35 years and spoke of hypocrisy in education. We need to do what's best for the majority but we end up doing what is best for me/our team/our bottom line. He knows the reason for the other divisions and understands attendance at the State Basketball Tournament is down. We need to reenergize the State Basketball Tournament and 5-Divisions will do that. We need to do what is best with 5-divisions. The WBCA and the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee should support the 5-Division format and said let's go 5-Divisions and not be hypocrites.

Paul Rozak, Stratford, indicated he liked everything in plan with exception of the Super Tuesday. Even if Division 1 schools need to start earlier, he would prefer to have that regional game on that Saturday so everyone knows on Sunday morning those teams being represented at state. This Board and ones previous to this have taken the "bull by its horns" on issues and looked at all aspects so it is not a fair criticism that this decision was made in advance.

Deb Hauser explained the Super Tuesday could be slid back to Saturday. The Super Tuesday concept was introduced so they would have their own night and not competing against other schools in other divisions. This adjustment could be made.

Steve Ferger, Beloit Memorial indicated the Big 8 Conference has discussed this plan. How many student athletes do these 76 schools represent? This is taking half of state tournament entries away from that segment of membership and has the WIAA came to other divisions and asked to cut numbers in advance. We don't think this plan is bad. If we eliminate games on Thursday, could we move them to Wednesday night? Other factors have been asked and there have been no answers. Please remember a significant amount of athletes are represented with these schools and we have to be equitable to all students.

Deb Hauser stated Wisconsin is only state in the Midwest without equal number of teams represented at the state tournament. Many would argue that those schools with enrollments from 935-1200 are getting representation now with the 5-Division plan. Data will show schools making it in Division 1 have enrollments of 1200 or more. If a school has an enrollment of 935-1200, if it makes it to State in Division 1, it is very likely the school lose in the quarterfinals. Not many people look at the range in enrollments in Division 2, which is now from 934 to 393. This plan treats all members the same and allows tournament at the Kohl Center to be held over three days. Again, schools will look at where they fall in the plan and then pass judgment.

Don Aanonsen, Marion, stated with 122 schools in Division 5, another 30 to 35 could drop in. Should we have a cap in the number of schools that could be added to a division? Deb Hauser answered these enrollments will need to be reviewed regularly and adjustments will need to be made. There are schools that want to opt up and if the plan does receive approval, there will be possibility for that. We would simply add to the schools in the division if schools opt up. Already two schools indicated they would opt up to Division 1 if this plan were approved. A full bracket is 132 schools and we don't want to exceed that number.

John Maltsch, Pewaukee, felt Division 2 schools will suffer the most with the mid and higher level schools paying the price. He asked that this be considered when making this decision.

Tom Curran, Tomah, recommended placing 20% in each division, as this will stop schools from looking at divisional break-offs and makes it more even across the board – 20-20-20-20-20. Deb Hauser explained the enrollment ranges would become more unreasonable as the majority of schools are mid-sized.

Jon Joch, Neenah, thanked everyone for this dialogue. He asked if it was non-negotiable about Wednesday as he feels most schools are in Madison on Wednesday anyway. He could live with the 5-Division model if Division 1 schools could play Wednesday. The four quarterfinal games are not televised. Logistically it is hard to get prepared for State with play on Tuesday. Consideration should be given to playing on Friday and Saturday rather than on Tuesday and Saturday. Deb Hauser answered we may not be able to get the Kohl Center on Wednesday. Under the new model, the shoot-around is eliminated and play would not start until Thursday afternoon. The dates for the Division 1 games are not locked. Going to a Super Tuesday would allow access to bigger facilities and how other games are played is negotiable. The Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee made a recommendation to change the structure of regional and sectional week with Regionals being on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and Sectionals on Thursday and Saturday.

Mike Rupnow, Racine Case, asked who gets the revenue from the super sectionals. Deb Hauser answered the WIAA will incorporate the normal revenue sharing.

Luke Francois, Middleton, spoke of private schools having more talent and asked if this was addressed.

Deb Hauser stated that was discussed and those minutes were posted on the School Center. For those that analyze divisions, you will see nonpublic members are not the majority of the members of a division with the biggest enrollments and they are usually at the bottom of the division. When narrowing the enrollment ranges, some public schools indicated with this plan if they cannot be successful, there are other problems.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, suggest six divisions for schools who haven't gotten to state as a joke. We are hearing opportunities but we lose opportunities in Division 1. Basketball, football and track best represent the diversity within the state and we lose some diversity by reducing Division 1 to four teams.

Kevin Keen, Monroe, asked why the current year enrollment is not used. Deb Hauser explained the membership wants to know what division they will be in so they may hold facilities open to host and to make assignments as early as possible. This may be discussed this at the Area Meetings. This year's enrollment will be used for next year.

Dave Anderson thanked the participants for this conversation. He asked if there were any new items.

Tim Ritchie, Madison Memorial, had a concern with co-ops. Co-ops were explored when two programs were unable to provide stand-alone programs. Some conferences only approve co-op teams if the team involves conference schools. Any school with a stand-alone program is not eligible to co-op. Now co-ops are developed for economic reasons. Is participation the most reason for formation of a co-op program? Should stand-alone programs be allowed to co-op? Should that be our concern? Should budgetary cuts be reasons for co-op programs? Should co-ops be allowed for stand-alone programs. This will be added to the Area Meetings agenda.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, was concerned about programs from the southeast losing athletes if the exceptional athlete waiver was not provided. This will be talked about in the fall. Dave Anderson reminded all that we should say what you mean, mean what you say, and do what you say. Rules can be amended and have been applied for reasons. If the members wish to change this rule, they are able to do so.

Chris Zwettler, Edgewood, asked if charity runs and raising money for good causes could be brought up at the Area Meetings. We need to look at the spring and allowing track athletes to do those runs. He felt it should be allowed so families could do this and felt more of it will be surfacing in April and May. He understands prohibiting it in the fall with cross country, but this doesn't match for track athletes. Dave Anderson said nonschool competition for track athletes could be discussed.

Brian Smith, Waunakee, indicated the hockey coaches have issues with the present state tournament venue and the facility doesn't live up to expectations of a state tournament.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, asked if reduced man football is a dead issue. Dave Anderson answered reduced player football has gone dormant. Wade Labecki added ten schools are interested in it. She asked if the WIAA could design a one-page communication policy for parents and coaches advising communication with the local Athletic Director first and then the Athletic Director will communicate with the WIAA.

Dave Anderson shared a letter dated April 23 from Ellen Gardner, Activities Director of Royall School District, expressing appreciation for their state tournament experience.

As we confront the harsh realities of funding for extracurriculars, I ask you to keep in mind – what is the price for dreams? What is the cost for experiences of life changing proportion? In almost all instances, extracurriculars are less than 3% of our total budget. In many instances, the dollars are a fraction of 1%.

All of us who spend any time in schools have heard the arguments and challenges to cut extracurriculars. I want to suggest to you here – those such urgings may be short sighted.

One fresh, case in point – comes to mind where one district determined if the referendum failed, extracurriculars would need to be cut. The referendum failed – and the calls and emails to our office numbered in the many, many dozens – all seeking information about open enrollment and transfer eligibility. This was a school of modest size and we established in the first wave of this exodus the cost to the district may have ranged from \$300,000 to \$600,000. There is no estimate for the 7th/8th graders who might eventually matriculate to a neighboring school – where then is the real savings? My predecessor liked to say kids and families follow programs and money follows the kids.

As we continue to advocate for these opportunities, we need to keep in mind that even though they are "extra" these are opportunities, which many believe provide the richness, texture and fullness to a great learning experience. I ask you then as you confront these questions to not look at it as where we do spend – but rather where do we invest?

A motion was made by Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford and seconded by Sandy Freres, The Prairie School to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. +



Sports Report "PLUS"

Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

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

Track & Field

Aquinas Triangular
May 10, 2010

Congratulations to these three "rival" schools for the numerous examples of outstanding sportsmanship among the athletes of the schools during the meet. These athletes cheered each other on no matter which school they were associated with. It was evident in the coaching ranks as well. I saw pre- and post-race interactions between athletes and coaches that further defined what sportsmanship is all about.

Reporting Official: Mark Dahl
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Plymouth Triangular Track Meet
April 27, 2010

On Tuesday evening, April 27, Bob Plahmer and I worked a co-ed triangular varsity track meet at Plymouth High School. The coaches from all three schools (Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls and Kiel) were extremely supportive of all of the athletes throughout the meet, and the athletes themselves made the meet move along very quickly. Despite several instances of timing system delays, the athletes were able to joke about having to get into and out of blocks prior to their races actually being started. After the meet, numerous athletes, coaches and fans from all three schools came up to us to shake hands and thank us for working their meet. Working with these great kids and coaches is a pleasure. Good luck to all of you in the rest of your season.

Reporting Official: Glen Rauwerdink
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Watertown Multi-Team Invitational
April 27, 2010

My partners and I worked a coed varsity track invitational at Watertown High School. This, on paper, was just an early, outdoor season meet on a cool and damp night. The Watertown senior athletes, however, made it special. These kids decided to "make a difference" by making this meet a fund-raiser for The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life program. Before the meet they read a very nice statement and held a moment of silence. During the meet all relay teams carried "golden" batons and kids wrote names of loved ones on their arms in memoriam or honor of those impacted by cancer. Furthermore, during the 15 minutes break after trials, they held a survivor walk down the straitaway for all those who have been impacted by cancer - approximately 35 people participated, from athletes, coaches, spectators and this official. Finally, by selling special t-shirts, they raised over \$1000 for cancer research. It was a special night for many in attendance. Thank you to Watertown High School and their seniors.

Reporting Official: Tim Gifford
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Baseball

Waupaca at Berlin
May 6, 2010

My partner and I had the privilege to work a double-header softball game where all involved exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship. The double-header between Waupaca and host had its bang-bang plays, its close calls at the plate with bases loaded, calls whereby the umpires and coaches were called together and sorted things out, full-

count walks and strikeouts. We had it all, yet, no one became unglued, no one lost their cool, no one complained or argued the outcome. There were only questions, done respectfully, and the game moved on. The coaches set the tone. The players, regardless of the outcome of the calls from the umpires, safe or out, strikeout or ball four, accepted what was presented to them and went on. The players tried hard with outstanding fielding plays, and they had fun. Even the fans from both Berlin and Waupaca never questioned a call. As I told each coach after the game, it was indeed a "privilege" to work their contest. I hope I have the "privilege" to work more games with these teams. Their schools should be proud.

Reporting Official: Jim Hebel
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Columbus Catholic at Loyal
May 4, 2010

I would like to commend both teams in regards to the game we umpired May 4 in Loyal. With the weather and conditions what they were, both teams showed they were both well-coached and, more importantly, well-mannered. Coach Brock from Loyal took care of both teams and both umpires very well. Columbus Catholic and Loyal should be proud and very happy to have both their programs in the hands of these two fine coaches.

Reporting Official: Rich Hohl
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Edgar at Stratford
April 30, 2010

My partner and I were treated to having the outstanding teams and coaches. Coach Coker (Stratford) and Coach Albee (Edgar), were very professional in their questions and conferences with us. Both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship by commenting to each other about a good play made by the opposing team and picking the catcher's helmet and handing it to the catcher. We were impressed by the whole experience, we wish both teams good luck for the rest of the year. Coaches and players you should be proud for showing us how the game should be played and coached.

Reporting Official: Bruce Schoff
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Reedsville at Valders
April 29, 2010

Umpiring a good high school baseball game has always been very rewarding, but it is a special experience, when both schools, although rivals, have displayed excellent sportsmanship. Starting with the players, obviously a reflection of their coaches expectations, the coaches and their fans. Everyone enjoyed a good game and seemed to care about all players involved in the game. Opponents were congratulated on good plays, hits and were genuinely good sports throughout the game. Although this report is enough to clarify the umpires feelings, I decided to talk to the coaches after the game at home plate and expressed how much we appreciated the way the coaches for both teams handled the game and always encouraged their players. Many coaches throughout high school baseball could learn some very important lesson from the Reedsville and Valders coaches.

Reporting Official: Peter Holm
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Xavier at Little Chute
April 27, 2010

It was another great afternoon for high school baseball. I would like to thank both Xavier and Little Chute for their display of sportsmanship during the contest. Riker Lenoble from Little Chute and Dave Ramlet from Xavier your help with the bats and positive comments throughout the contest were noticed. It was a pleasure to work with you. Have a great rest of the year.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel
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Elk Mound at Elmwood
April 26, 2010

Upon arriving to the field in Elmwood we were cordially greeted by the AD, Paul Blanford. Paul was courteous and very personable to both my partner and I. When we went to check equipment we were then greeted by both coaches and had wonderful exchanges. During the game there were numerous times in which both teams exhibited great sportsmanship. Players would say thank you and never argued a call. After the game various players even shook our hands and thanked us for our time. It was a great experience.

Reporting Official: Peter Gaustad
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Green Bay Southwest at Manitowoc Lincoln
April 21, 2010

Kyle Kuske, number 26, from GB Southwest is one of the most pleasant catchers I have ever worked with. He was smiling the whole game and never complained about even one pitch. Even after Manitowoc scored four runs early to take the lead, Kyle stayed positive during the whole game. More kids like this would make it more pleasant to umpire.

Reporting Official: Steve Kiel
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Softball

Platteville at Cuba City
April 29, 2010

I had a most pleasant experience at this game. Coaches and players were respectful at all times and everyone seemed to be enjoying a day at the ball park. The fans were also positive at all times. Early on, it seemed as though Cuba City was going to blow out Platteville, but then Platteville staged a comeback to make the game close. In both situations, everyone remained cool and respectful.

Reporting Official: Scott Stilwell
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Golf Interpretations

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leaving scores up for approximately 15 minutes following the posting of the final scores so that players and coaches can review the hole-by-hole scores. Conferences may want to identify a similar protocol for the completion of conference meets. Nonconference meets are organized and managed by the host school.

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

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

SPECTATORS

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

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

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

QUESTION: Just a quick couple of questions before we host the regional. First, what is the rule about small electronics on the course? Second, what phone numbers should I have handy during the regional? Second, any last words of advice about applying the pace-of-play rule?

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

If you are referring to cellphones and other

Neenah at Oshkosh West
April 16, 2010

As we entered the confines of the field at Oshkosh West, we were greeted with smiles by both teams warming up for the game. It was a cold, windy day, but the weather didn't dampen the girl's spirit to play softball. During the game, Phil and I noted four players who we felt went above and beyond to show positive sportsmanship. Catcher Cassie Zirbel and centerfielder Emily Stacker of Neenah were leaders on the field. We noticed them both assisting teammates and opponents with bats and helmets, showing support of their team with a lot of positive encouragement, and hustling on and off the field. Ms. Zirbel from her catcher position helped many Oshkosh players with their bats and helmets, as well as me, the plate umpire, retrieve foul balls within the confines of the field. Thank you for your help! Oshkosh West also had two players we noted whom were stewards to the game and their school in regards to sportsmanship. C. Gutsmedl (first base) and E. Collins (third base). Both players exhibited hustle on and off the field, encouragement to teammates, and specifically, Gutsmedl & Collins were noted numerous times while batting and fielding assisting opponents with equipment and offering a kind word. Keep up the great work; everyone notices your sportsmanship, which includes the umpires! Have a great season!

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson
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Manitowoc Lincoln vs. Two Rivers
April 17, 2010

After completing the first of two games, we were impressed not only with the way the coaches (Ms. Garceau and Mr. Reynolds) handled the game and coached, but were also very impressed with the sportsmanship and overall good experience presented by the players. It was obvious that both coaches worked with their team to win but also spent a lot of time teaching respect - for the other team, their teammates and officials. The fans were also very good sports about calls and complimenting the other team. Coaches be proud of your players they accomplished what you coached. Players be happy and proud that you have two coaches that are passionate about the game and have the concern displayed for their players. Sounds like an overall super year ahead no matter about wins or losses.

Reporting Official: Peter Holm
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2010 Summer Baseball Seeding Meeting Hosts

Sectional 1 – Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau HS, July 7, 6 p.m. HS Library. Contact Matt Wenthe, AD, W 608-582-2291 x1401, H 608-582-4969, e-mail mattwenthe@getschools.k12.wi.us

Sectional 2 – Plymouth HS, July 3, 10 a.m., HS Amphitheater. Contact Mike Slagle, AD, W 920-892-5004, H 920-892-8106, cell 920-838-3536, e-mail mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us

Sectional 3 – Kewaskum HS, July 5, 1 p.m. Contact Jason Piittmann, AD, W 262-626-8427 x4136, H 920-626-6703, cell 262-685-7623, e-mail jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 4 – Grafton HS, July 7, 9 a.m. Contact Scott Parsons, AD, W 414-376-5515, e-mail sparsons@grafton.k12.wi.us

Sectional 5 – Brookfield East HS, July 7, 6:30 p.m., HS Event Lobby (located immediately south of the Field House; access from west entrance). Contact Corey Golla, AD, W 262-781-1045, cell 262-894-5457, e-mail gollac@elmbrookschools.org

Sectional 6 – Catholic Memorial HS, July 6, 9 a.m. Contact Greg Gamalski, AD, W 262-542-7101 x209, e-mail ggamalski@catholicmemorial.net

Sectional 7 – Pius XI HS, July 7, 10 a.m., HS Field House-Room 074 Lower Level. Contact Kevin Kehoss, Baseball Coach, 414-477-8119, e-mail kehoss@piusxi.org

Sectional 8 – Oak Creek HS, July 7, 10 a.m. Contact Greg Lampe, AD, W 414-768-6108, H 262-764-6688, cell 414-379-3323, e-mail g.lampe@oakcreek.k12.wi.us +

Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

COACHES EDUCATION INFORMATION

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

The following do not have to take this required training:

A student teacher while student teaching.

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

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

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

The following must take 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 ac-

cessed 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. +

WADA INSIGHTS



FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Strategic Plan Continues to be Focus of WADA

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

An updated analysis of the Strategic Plan for the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) was presented to the WADA Executive Board at its latest meeting.

Handouts at the meeting focused on the revised details regarding the Strategic Plan, including items of immediate focus regarding the strategy originally outlined when the WADA held a 2-day gathering in Stevens Point. When those sessions were held, attendees were asked to "step outside the box" to envision what WADA will become in the next 3 to 5 years. It had been determined by the WADA Executive Board that the organization needs to be more than just a Workshop-based identity.

"The WADA Executive Board recently reviewed and updated their Strategic Plan for the organization," said Pam Huston, Athletic & Activities Director Wausau West High School and the WADA president elect. Huston also reported that the officers of WADA Board requested the Strategic Plan be carefully evaluated line-by-line. The two handouts presented at the March, 2010 Board meeting in Madison will help the WADA re-

garding the task of keeping the Strategic Plan in the forefront of the organization's future.

"Major goals for the organization include promotion and retention of athletic directors, promotion of certification and education amongst the members, the ability to enhance and increase the revenue and marketing areas of WADA, and continual improvement of our operational structure," added Huston.

The most current item that will impact the WADA membership is the implementation of the *WADA News*. The first issue came out in March, 2010. An e-Newsletter that is available free on-line, the publication is intended to help with communication, as the WADA seeks ways to grow and improve the organization.

Appreciation was expressed by the WADA Board to all who have made progress to date relative to work with the WADA Strategic Plan. Also, it was pointed out that there is still work to be done, and the Board discussed specific items or topics that will be the primary focus of the WADA in upcoming months.

"Many action steps have been identified to achieve these goals including being present at the WASB and state superintendents conventions, offering regional LTP courses and speakers, maintaining a 3-

year cycle of LTP offerings, develop and implement new corporate sponsorship plan, and explore the possibility of creating an executive director position for WADA," Huston also offered.

Greg Smith, CMAA of West De Pere and WADA past president reminded that the WADA Strategic Plan will always be a work in progress. Linzi Gronning, CMAA of Holmen and WADA president requested WADA Board members to continually review the updated handouts, and provide assistance in areas they are able.

An inaugural WADA Corporate Sponsorship program is almost finalized, as developed recently. Those details will be unveiled soon, according to Luke Francois, CMAA of Middleton and WADA vice president.

Strategic Planning will continue to be on table at upcoming WADA Board meetings, as the organization strives to provide many avenues of service to its membership of athletic directors and athletic directors at high schools and middle schools in Wisconsin.

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

Individuals Encouraged to Run for WADA Positions

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

Like many organizations, individuals who play an active role contribute to the successful operation of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA).

The WADA Executive Board encourages all athletic directors or athletic administrators to become a candidate for a position within WADA, and thereby taking part in the process that will help shape the future of the organization. Without a doubt, the most visible position is that of WADA vice president, although each of the seven districts around the state **also** need quality individuals interested serving in a position as district rep and gender rep.

The vice president of the WADA is one of the 4 individuals who serve as an officer of the WADA Executive Board of Directors: President, vice president, president elect, and past president. The position of vice president requires a 4-year commitment to the WADA – as the person selected will serve one year each, in order, as vice president, president elect, president, and past president.

An election for the position of vice president is held during the WADA Annual Meeting, which is held each fall in conjunction with the WADA Workshop.

To assist anyone interested in serving the WADA membership, a page of basic info for potential

WADA vice president candidates has been developed by the WADA Board, and is posted on the WADA Web site at www.wadawi.org in the Executive Board section. Complete details and duties are also outlined in the WADA By-Laws.

Candidates - Vice President

The 3-step process to become a candidate for WADA vice president is quite simple.

1. Declaration Process: Prior to Oct. 1, a written declaration of candidacy must be received by the WADA election chairperson, who is the WADA District 2 Rep. Items to be included: The written letter declaring candidacy for the position of vice president, and a letter of support from the candidate's building principal and/or the district superintendent. Candidates are welcome to provide more than one letter of support from a few other sources, such as from a conference commissioner, coaches, booster club officer, etc. Additionally, each candidate will submit two items, a "Basic Information Page" and electronic photo, to the WADA information director for use on the WADA Web site.

2. Nomination Process: A formal nomination of each declared candidate will be made at the opening general session of the WADA Workshop in November. Each candidate shall have previously arranged to receive a nominating and a seconding speech from two people during the opening general

session. These speeches should be brief (1-2 minutes maximum).

3. Election Process: Just prior to the election, each candidate shall briefly address the membership, from the podium at the head table, during the WADA Annual Meeting. Voting by written ballot will occur after the candidate speeches. Ballots will be counted by a designated committee of retired ADs. The results of the voting will be announced at the WADA windup luncheon.

Candidates - District Rep or Gender Rep:

The process to become a candidate for district rep or gender rep is likewise easy. Contact your current district rep for more information on how to become involved at the district level within WADA. Those positions involve a 2-year commitment.

Elections are held in each district as follows: In the even-numbered districts in the even years, and in the odd-numbered districts in the odd years. Those elections are conducted at each fall caucus, held in conjunction with the annual WADA Workshop.

WADA is dedicated to serving athletic directors and athletic administrators throughout Wisconsin. Membership is open to those working at Wisconsin high schools and/or junior high/middle schools.

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EDITORIAL

A Decade of Voluntary Membership for All Schools

Time has flown by fast; it's hard to believe it has been a decade since private schools were granted the opportunity to become full members of the Association. To many now involved in interscholastic athletics in Wisconsin, it's difficult to envision an Association that doesn't include and embrace all high schools.

In review of the first decade, a united membership has strengthened the Association and has enhanced exposure, interest, excitement and uniformity to high school sports in our state. The independent and religious school members have been, as have the public school members, engaged and cooperative in compliance to the membership's rules, quality hosts for membership tournaments and willing participants in the democratic process of the membership's governance.

It may be a little-known fact, but pressure to have one comprehensive high school athletic association came more than a decade before the announcement that the former private-school association would be dissolving in 2000.

In the mid-1980s, a senator from Milwaukee expressed his motive to have joint State Tournaments. On three different occasions, legislative bills were introduced to require a combined membership. On each occasion, the former governor line-item vetoed the measure and prevented the bill from becoming law. The writing was on the wall, however. A combined membership, whether voluntary or mandated, was destiny.

A committee, formed in the mid-1990s to study the impact and adoption of the religious and independent schools into the membership, laid the groundwork for a seamless transition in the early stages of the expanded membership option beginning in 2000. That same year, open-enrollment legislation was enacted, which has lessened some of the concerns many construed to be an advantage for many private schools and their lack of district boundaries.

Ten years later, records indicate students that are attending schools in public school districts other than where their parents reside through open enrollment exceeds the number of students enrolled at all the private schools in the membership combined.

The inclusion of the private schools has increased the total number of member high schools to more than 500. That infusion of private schools precipitated a number of changes over the past decade that have addressed the impact of that increase in the membership.

There have been divisions added or increases in the number of individual or team qualifiers to the State Tournament Series events in most sports.

It also brought changes in the eligibility rules. In 2006, the membership voted 269-76 to amend the transfer student language to extend the period of ineligibility for students transferring after the fourth consecutive semester to one year unless the move was necessitated by a complete move of the parents.

The most recent discussion on the placement of members into divisions has been focused on boys basketball, in particular Division 3. As recently as the Area Meetings last fall, the membership, as a whole, reconfirmed its sentiment that no segment of the membership should be treated differently in regards to divisional placement by enrollments other than what their rules already provide.

Spawned from that discussion and a directive from the Board of Control, the Executive Staff created a proposal that adds a fifth division in basketball, a sport that has not altered or increased qualifiers since adding more than 60 members a decade ago. The plan would provide acceptable enrollment ratios within divisional placements with intent to level the playing field in regards to access to the State Tournaments.

The criticisms directed at the membership regarding tournament placements are shared by a relative minority that may be attributed to misperceptions and innuendo about how religious and independent schools operate. A number of those criticisms, divisive in nature, may come from the opinions of individuals in or outside of the membership with biases not supported by facts.

Allegations of recruiting for athletic purposes, as well as granting scholarships for athletics are two of the most common. The WIAA membership has rules in place that identifies violations regarding undue influence and addresses each documented report or accusation appropriately.

As the first decade closes since the religious and independent schools joined the WIAA for the first time, we can acknowledge their commitment has broadened the diversity and quality of the collective membership.

It's apparent—we the membership—still have work to do. It is appropriate to assist in the efforts to educate staff, coaches and the general public on our philosophy and rules that govern enrollment at all our member schools. ➦

Calendar

Keep These Dates in Mind

May 24. Track & Field Regionals

May 24-25. Boys Tennis Subsectionals

May 25-26 Boys Golf Regionals

May 26-27 Boys Tennis Sectionals

May 27 Track & Field Sectionals

May 27, June 1 & 3 Softball Regionals

May 28 & June 1, 2 & 4 Spring Baseball Regionals

May 31 Memorial Day

June 1-2 Boys Golf Sectionals

June 3-4-5 State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)

June 3 & 5. Girls Soccer Regionals

June 4-5 State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)

June 7-8. State Boys Golf

June 8 & 11 Softball Sectionals

June 10 & 12 Girls Soccer Sectionals

June 11-12. State Boys Team Tennis

June 15-16-17 State Spring Baseball

June 17-18-19 State Girls Soccer

State Softball

June 23-24 Advisory Council Meeting

June 24 Board of Control Meeting

July 16 & 20 Summer Baseball Regionals

July 23. Summer Baseball Sectionals

July 28-29. State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)

August 3-4 New AD Workshop

August 6. Board of Control Meeting

August 9 Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment

Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice

Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice

August 10 Earliest Day for Football Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice

August 12 Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet

August 14 Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet

August 16. Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice

August 17 Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game

August 18 Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet

August 23 Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice

August 24 Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match

Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet

August 26 Earliest Date for First Football Game

August 31 Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match

September 6 Labor Day

September 8 Area Meeting – Barneveld

September 9-10 Rosh Hashanah

September 10 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)

September 13. . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)

September 14 Area Meeting – West Allis Central

September 15 Area Meeting – Antigo

Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball & Softball (Stevens Point)

September 18 Yom Kippur

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2009-2010

Test Date

Registration Deadlines

Regular Deadline

Late Fee Required

June 12, 2010

May 7, 2010

May 8-21, 2010

ACT - 2010-2011

September 11, 2010*

October 23, 2010

December 11, 2010

February 12, 2011**

April 9, 2011

June 11, 2011

Registration deadlines for 2010-2011 will be posted on the Web in March 2010.

* The September test date is now available nationwide. It is offered only within the 50 United States and D.C.

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