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State HS Associations



Board of Control Approves Changes to Spring Sports, Realignment, 2011–12 Budget

The Board of Control reviewed and approved a number of recommendations that will impact spring sports, gave its final approval for conference realignment that affects a number of leagues in the southeast portion of the state and ratified the Association's 2011-12 budget at its October meeting today.

The Board finalized the conference realignment plan for 2012-13 that divides the Midwest Classic Conference into two leagues, moves Saint Thomas More from the Woodland Conference to a newly configured conference yet to be named that was created with the split of the Midwest Classic Conference. In addition, Pius XI moves from the Classic Eight Conference to the Woodland, Muskego from the Southeast Conference to the Classic Eight and Indian Trails Academy will be placed in the Southeast Conference.

The track and field recommendation to include additional language for wheelchair competitors received unanimous Board approval. Beginning in 2012, wheelchair athletes must compete in a minimum of four meets during the regular season, and schools must register with the intent to compete in the Tournament Series by the first Monday in May. Failure to comply with these provisions would prohibit the student from participating in the Tournament

The Board approved three recommendations in softball. The first moves the season ahead one week in 2013 to the traditional dates prior to 2010 season, when the season was moved back one week. The first allowed practice in 2013 will be March 11 with the State Tournament scheduled for June 6-8. The second approved See Board Approves, page 3 ➤

FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

High School Sports Participation Continues Upward Climb

Participation in high school sports increased for the 22nd consecutive school year in 2010-11, according to the annual High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the NFHS, sports participation for the 2010-11 school year reached another record-breaking total of 7,667,955 participants.

Boys and girls participation figures also reached respective all-time highs with 4,494,406 boys and 3,173,549 girls participating in 2010-11 – an overall increase of 39,578 participants from 2009-10.

"While the overall increase was not as much as we've seen in the past few years, we are definitely encouraged with these totals given the financial challenges facing our nation's high schools," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "The benefits of education-based athletics at the high school level are

well-documented, and we encourage communities throughout the nation to keep these doors of opportunity open.

"Based on the survey, 55.5 percent of students enrolled in high schools participate in athletics, which emphasizes and reinforces the idea that high school sports continue to have a significant role in student involvement in schools across the country."

Cross country and outdoor track and field gained the most participants in boys sports last year, with increases of 7,340 and 7,179, respectively. Other boys sports with significant jumps were soccer (6,512), basketball (5,637) and lacrosse (5,013). Three sports with lower overall participation totals registered large percentage gains in 2010-11 - fencing (up 38 percent to 2,027 participants), weightlifting (up 12 percent to 22,161 participants) and badminton (up 9.4 percent to 4,693 participants).

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Board of Control District 5 Representative

Dr. Brian Busler, superintendent of the Ore-

gon School District, was appointed to the 2011-12 Board of Control by vote of the Board at its September meeting. He replaces Ted Evans as the District 5 representative, who retired last spring from Mineral Point. Brian Busler



Busler will fulfill the remaining year of Evans' term. His appointment on the Board began in September, and he attended his first meeting when the Board met on Oct. 14. ■

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Among girls sports, the emerging sport of lacrosse led the way with an additional 6,155 participants – an increase of nine percent from the previous year. With 74,927 participants nationwide, lacrosse cracked the girls Top 10 listing for the first time as it moved past golf (71,764). Outdoor track and field was close behind lacrosse with an additional 6,088 participants, followed by soccer (5,440), volleyball (5,347) and cross country (2,685).

TEN MOST POPULAR GIRLS PROGRAMS

	Participants	
17,767	1. Track and Field-Outdoor	475,265
16,030	2. Basketball	438,933
15,479	3. Volleyball	409,332
15,338	4. Softball-Fast Pitch	373,535
13,839	5. Soccer	361,556
11,047	6. Cross Country	204,653
10,181	7. Tennis	182,074
9,609	8. Swimming & Diving	160,881
7,164	9. Competitive Spirit Squad	s 96,718
4,266	10. Lacrosse	74,927
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Sports with lower overall girls participation totals that registered the largest percentage gains were wrestling (up 19.8 percent to 7,351 participants), badminton (up 14 percent to 12,083 participants) and weightlifting (up 11 percent to 8,237 participants).

The top 10 participatory sports for boys remained the same from 2009-10: Eleven-player football led the way with 1,108,441, followed by outdoor track and field (579,302), basketball (545,844), baseball (471,025), soccer (398,351), wrestling (273,732), cross country (246,948), tennis (161,367), golf (156,866) and swimming and diving (133,900).

TEN MOST POPULAR BOYS PROGRAMS

Schools		Participants	
1. Basketball	18,150	1. Football 11-Player	1,108,441
2. Track and Field-Outdoor	15,954	2. Track and Field-Outdoor	579,302
3. Baseball	15,863	3. Basketball	545,844
4. Football 11-Player	14,279	4. Baseball	471,025
5. Cross Country	14,097	5. Soccer	398,351
6. Golf	3,681	6. Wrestling	273,732
7. Soccer	11,503	7. Cross Country	246,948
8. Wrestling	10,407	8. Tennis	161,367
9. Tennis	9,839	9. Golf	156,866
10. Swimming & Diving	6,899	10. Swimming & Diving	133,900

Outdoor track and field was the top sport for girls again last year with 475,265 participants, followed by basketball (438,933), volleyball (409,332), fast-pitch softball (373,535), soccer (361,556), cross country (204,653), tennis (182,074), swimming and diving (160,881), competitive spirit squads (96,718) and lacrosse (74,927).

Texas and California once again topped the list of participants by state with 786,626 and 774,767, respectively, followed by New



A contingent representing youth sports directors in Tajikistan toured the state in October and met with the executive staff at the WIAA office in Stevens Point.

Basketball Season Reminders

Several changes take effect with the start of the 2011-12 girls and boys basketball seasons. This year in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 the sectional groupings were configured into two groups (half brackets). Schools will have until December 1, 2011 to appeal the de-



sign of the sectional. If 60% of the schools object to the half brackets, the half brackets will be split into two regional groupings. Those regional groupings will not be identified until after the December 1 deadline. Any school opposed to seeding the half bracket group should email Deb Hauser dhauser@wiaawi.org to record their request to split the half bracket into two regionals.

The Spalding TF 1000 will be the official state basketball for the 2011-12 season. The TF 1000 Legacy is also an approved ball but will NOT be the ball used at sectional and state tournaments. The Legacy ball has a deeper groove compared to the traditional TF 1000 basketball.

On the Basketball page in the School Center, a listing of gym capacities has been posted. Schools are asked to review the listing to verify the accuracy of their gym. This season, the higher seeded team will host regional games through the regional final game

if the school can provide adequate seating. The deadline for changes to this will be Friday, February 17. If a school is unable to handle the crowd interest in a regional game they are to host, the following options are available: (1) surrender hosting rights and the WIAA will assign the game to a neutral site; (2) host the game at an alternate site; (3) surrender finances to another school or simply work out a financial agreement to use someone else's facility. Note: Opponent will be required to sell their half of the ticket allotment and guarantee that sale in advance. No game will be



moved after 12 noon on the day prior to it being played without both schools agreeing to the change. The opponent will be entitled to tickets equal to one half of the stated gym capacity for any regional-level game. Please verify the accuracy of our gym capacity prior to February 17.

This year's state tournament ticket prices have been increased to \$10 per session. Advanced ticket sales will again be provided to member schools beginning in January.

Finally, the starting dates for the 2012-13 girls basketball season have been moved up. The girls season will begin on Monday, November 5, 2012 and end with the State Tournament on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Please make sure your conference schedule has been adjusted accordingly.

York (388,527), Illinois (350,144), Ohio (328,430), Pennsylvania (316,687), Michigan (314,354), New Jersey (255,893), Florida (245,079) and Minnesota (234,901).

Although the rise in girls participation numbers was not as large this past year (due, in part, to significant drops in competitive spirit numbers in two states), the percentage increase rate has more than doubled the rate for boys during the past 20 years – 63 percent to 31 percent. Twenty years ago, girls constituted 36 percent of

the total number of participants; this past year, that number has climbed to 41 percent. In Oklahoma, the number of girls participants actually exceeded the number of boys this past year – 44,112 to 42,694.

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations. The complete 2010-11 High School Athletics Participation Survey is available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.



2011–12 Officials Exams Due Dates

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, officials will not be mailed sport exams. Officials will be required to go online to complete the exam.

SPORT	AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE	DUE DATE
Hockey	September 16, 2011	November 11, 2011
Basketball	September 23, 2011	November 14, 2011
Wrestling	September 27, 2011	November 14, 2011
Gymnastics	October 3, 2011	November 14, 2011
Baseball	February, 2012	TBA
Softball	February, 2012	TBA
Track & Field	February, 2012	TBA

PART II EXAMS (L5 and Master level officials only)

SPORT	AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE	DUE DATE
Basketball	November 28, 2011	December 19, 2011
Wrestling	November 28, 2011	December 19, 2011
Baseball	March 19, 2012	April 9, 2012

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recommendation states that if a multi-game date is postponed, it may be made up without penalty if all games are played on a single date with the originally scheduled teams participating. The third impacts the pre-game protocol, including a coin flip that will determine home and away designation at neutral-site locations.

The summer baseball season generated significant discussion. With the team participation dipping to 56 programs, the Board discussed options on the future of the sport. Ultimately, the Board approved an Executive Staff amended recommendation to retain the summer baseball season and tournament with alterations. Beginning in 2012, the Tournament Series will consist of four sectionals to be played one week earlier than the traditional schedule. Sectionals will be played on July 10, 13 and 16 with a three-game, one-day State Tournament scheduled on July 20 at a site to be determined.

The Board gave its approval to a conservative 2011-12 zero-based, operations budget of approximately \$7.7 million. The budget reflects a growth in projected income from an increase in State Basketball Tournament ticket receipts in accordance with a ticket price increase. It also reflects expenses, including a substantial reduction in legal fees, and an increase in routine tournament costs for venue and tournament administration and facility rental.

Among the other topics discussed in detail was cost containment considerations for the Association. The Board expressed its support to retain current game limits and to not consider any additional games or sports. \blacksquare

2011-12 Winter Sports Meetings

BASKETBALL

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation.

GYMNASTICS

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation.

HOCKEY

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation.

WRESTLING

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. \blacksquare

2012 Baseball Rule Changes

High School Baseball Rules Changes - Emphasize Responsibility of Coaches

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee will place more responsibility on coaches for rules-compliant player equipment, effective with the 2012 high school baseball season.

At its June 5-7 meeting in Indianapolis, the committee also took steps to define a new tamper-evident protocol for non-wood bats. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Prior to the start of each game, each head coach must now verify to the umpire in-chief that all participants are legally equipped and equipment is in accordance with NFHS rules. Such rules include

"compliant bats that are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design and production and helmets that are free of cracks and damage."

Another rule was added to address unsportsmanlike conduct toward umpires after a game has ended and after the umpires have departed the game site. It calls for state associations to determine appropriate action when dealing with these situations.

In addition, umpires no longer will be required to perform pregame equipment checks, as that responsibility will fall to coaches beginning next year. Coaches can still ask umpires at the pregame conference to confirm that equipment is compliant.

"The committee is placing a great importance on increased coach responsibility," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee. "It is one of our top priorities."

Prior to the June 2012 meeting of the Baseball Rules Committee, the NFHS will work with appropriate parties to research and develop a baseball bat tamper-evident protocol for non-wood bats and present the recommendations to the committee for its consideration. The goal for implementation is for non-wood bats manufactured after January 1, 2015.

"Bat tampering is illegal and a major problem in high schools," Hopkins said.

"Everyone is looking for a competitive edge. With this note, we want to make sure that the state associations, coaches, teams and the public are aware that we are committed to minimizing any risk for players with bat tampering."

In addition, a minor change to Rule 1-3-5 states that "No artificial or intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat," based on scientific research that altering the bat damages the bat and poses an unnecessary risk of injury.

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2011-12 NFHS Rule Changes

Weight Classes Changed in High School Wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — The most significant changes in weight classes in high school wrestling in 23 years will take place in the 2011-12 season.

In its April 4-6 meeting in Indianapolis, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee approved an upward shift of the weight classes, beginning with the 103-pound class moving to 106 pounds, which resulted in new weights for 10 of the 14 classes. The changes in weight classes, along with 17 other rules revisions, were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The 14 weight classes approved by the committee for 2011-12 are as follows: 106 (pounds), 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. Three middle weight classes – 145, 152 and 160 – were retained, although they are 7-8-9 in order now rather than 8-9-10. The largest weight class (285 pounds) remains unchanged as well.

"The change in weight classes resulted from a three-to-four year

process utilizing data from the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator," said Dale Pleimann, chair of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee and former assistant executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. "The rules committee was able to analyze data from almost 200,000



wrestlers across the country, with the goal to create weight classes that have approximately seven percent of the wrestlers in each weight class.

"Throughout the process, each state association was kept completely informed and was provided multiple opportunities for input. The results of the last survey of each state association indicated that the majority of states favored a change, and the committee listened and acted accordingly."

The last wholesale shift in weight classes occurred in 1988, when the lowest weight class was increased from 98 to 103 pounds. The only other changes since then were in 2002, when the number of classes went from 13 to 14 and the 215-pound weight class became mandatory, and in 2006, when the 275-pound class was increased to 285 pounds.

Among changes in wrestling holds, the Figure 4 around the head has been ruled an illegal hold/maneuver. Previously, the Figure 4 was illegal around the body or both legs.

"This move was being used by high school wrestlers more and more on the head, so to minimize the risk of injury, the committee voted to outlaw the Figure 4 on the head as well as around the body and both legs," said Bob Col-

gate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee.



Another significant change was made in Rule 2-1-3, which now makes the boundary line inbounds and, thus, expands the wrestling area. Previously, a wrestler was out of bounds if he or she was touching any part of the 2-inch-wide

line which marks the wrestling area.

An additional exception was added to Rule 8-2-1 stating that if the second injury time-out is taken at the conclusion of the second period, and the opponent already has the choice at the beginning of the third period, the opponent would then have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period.

"Previously, at the end of the second period and before the third period, Wrestler A takes his or her second injury time-out, which now gives the choice to Wrestler B," Colgate said. "However, it's already Wrestler B's choice by virtue of the original flip of the disk. Therefore, Wrestler B gains no advantage or benefit from Wrestler A's second injury time-out. With this change, Wrestler B would now have his or her choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period."

In other changes, a revision in Rule 3-1-13 allows the referee the flexibility to determine his or her best position to monitor the clock and wrestlers

Changes to Wrestling Season Regulations for 2011–12

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- a. Weigh-ins must be conducted as outlined in the rule book in terms of length and time prior to wrestling, they must be shoulder-to-shoulder and within the specified time period.
 - (1) Weigh-in must be conducted shoulder-to-shoulder, within the specified weigh-in period by a WIAA licensed wrestling referee. an authorized female, preferably an adult, shall weigh-in female wrestlers. Female wrestlers shall be weighed in first at all dual and/or tournament competitions.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- k. Uniforms
 - (1) Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules provided: a) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and b) participant safety is not jeopardized, the WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.

Note: Female wrestlers shall wear a female cut singlet or a legal, male singlet with a tight fitting short sleeved t-shirt in accordance with NFHS rules.

(2) Schools are required to follow the clean uniform rule. along with school names and/or mascots, all uniforms may be allowed to include the first and/or last name(s) of the athlete one time on the uniform. Names must be displayed in a sportsmanlike manner and location. in addition, no sayings, clichés, advertisements, etc., of any kind will be allowed on the uniform. Manufacturer's logos and commemorative patches will be allowed as described by Rule 4-1-2 in the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book. all Commemorative patches must be approved by the WIAA and meet appropriate size restrictions.

during injury, blood or recovery time-outs. Also, language in Rule 6-2-2 was changed from "forfeit" to "disqualification" to reflect correct terminology.

The rules committee also devoted considerable time to developing rules for multi-team dual meets and team-formatted tournaments. Previously, the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book addressed only dual meets and individually bracketed tournaments. Definitions for individually bracketed tournaments, dual meet/team-formatted tournaments and combination tournaments will be contained in Rule 1-3.

"In recent years, high school wrestling has moved from dual meets and individually bracketed tournaments to tournaments incorporating a dual meet/team format," Pleimann said. "The new Rule 11 will provide rules coverage for this type of tournament format."

"High school wrestling is in great shape across the country as participation numbers continue to increase. The rules committee did propose 18 changes to the rules book, but approximately two-thirds of those changes resulted from incorporating the new dual meet/team format rules," Pleimann added

The final change is one that has been approved by the NFHS Board of

Directors for use in all NFHS rules books regarding the meet referee's jurisdiction. The rule extends the clerical duties of the referee beyond the end of the meet through the completion of any reports required from actions that occurred while the referees had jurisdiction.



Points of emphasis adopted by the committee for 2011-12 include communicable diseases, injury time-outs, coach/referee conference, and concussion recognition and management.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 272,890 participants in 10,363 schools during the 2009-10 season, according to the NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. In addition, 6,134 girls were involved in wrestling in 1,009 high schools. ■



Sports Report "PLUS"

Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

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

FOOTBALL -

Green Bay Preble at Green Bay East Oct. 14, 2011

The staff at Green Bay East was very friendly, greeting us upon arrival with a reserved parking spot and escorting us to our lockerroom. During the game itself, extreme sportsmanship was demonstrated by both teams with opponents picking each other up off the ground and telling the opponent that they made a great play. The coaches for each team were great with questions being asked on particular penalties and accepting the explanation and then informing the players of the mishap and correcting it. The entire experience of the evening was a true demonstration of what high school athletics should be for all involved. Both schools can be proud of their football programs.

Reporting Official: Al Wenig

Greenwood/Granton at Loyal Oct. 14, 2011

This is a big rivalry game between two teams just a few miles apart. Both teams played with a very high level of enthusiasm. The crowd was into the game, and the game was very competitive. The players from both sides congratulated the other team's players when they made a good play, helped the opposing team members up off the ground, and displayed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the contest. The coaches and team members on the sideline displayed outstanding sportsmanship toward the officials and opposing team. We truly want to commend both teams and coaching staffs for an outstanding display of sportsmanship. Reporting Official: Bob Tomlinson

Stanley-Boyd at Cadott Oct. 14, 2011

I would like to compliment both Cadott and Stanley-Boyd High Schools for the sportsmanship during their varsity football game this past Friday night. Both teams played hard, yet helped each other up after a play and moved on to the next play. In particular, I would like to compliment Mr. Sekel and Mr. McDonough from Cadott High School for the hospitality they showed to our crew. From the time we arrived to the time the game finished one or the other was their to assist us.

Reporting Official: Scott Winch

Wild Rose at Bowler/Gresham Oct. 10, 2011

I would like to congratulate the coaches, fans and players from both teams on their excellent sportsmanship. Both sets of coaches were very easy to get along with. The players returned the pleasantries of "thank you" and "sir" all night long. The final score was 18-0, but it was a much closer game.

Reporting Official: Michael Igl

Mineral Point at Cuba City Oct. 7, 2011

We would like to compliment both coaches and their staffs, all the players, fans and game administration for the positive experience and atmosphere that they provided for a high school athletic event. All involved should be proud of their respective schools and communities. We, as a crew, can only hope that each contest we work measures up to this one.

Reporting Official: Daryl Schultz

Notre Dame at Pulaski Sept. 30, 2011

We had the pleasure of officiating the game between Pulaski and Notre Dame. We were very pleased with the positive attitude of the coaches from both schools. During the contest, we observed coaches encouraging their players to play to their potential. When players did make mistakes the coaches turned them into learning situations. The positive attitudes exhibited by the coaches carried onto the field where we observed players from opposite teams helping one another up after a play. This contest saw very few major penalties and this can be attributed to the positive mental attitude of the players, an attitude instilled in them by their coaches. This contest exemplified what high school football should be. We would like to commend the coaches and players from both schools for the outstanding sportsmanship exhibited in this contest.

Reporting Official: Tom Ordens

Sheboygan South at De Pere Sept. 23, 2011

The football game represented what high school sports are all about. The fans for both sides cheered for their team

in a positive manner. Players from both teams helped each other up throughout the game and congratulated the opposing team's good plays. Coach Michalkiewicz and his staff (De Pere) were the most professional and respectful coaches (regardless of level) that I have encountered in my 7+ years of officiating.

Reporting Official: Darin Beschta

Port Edwards at Almond-Bancroft Sept. 23, 2011

Our crew came away impressed with the good sportsmanship and discipline shown by these gentlemen. Both coaching staffs were good to work for and both quarterbacks, Ben from Port Edwards and AJ from Almond-Bancroft were a pleasure to work with. My compliments to both teams for their actions.

Reporting Official: Bob Fletcher

Ashland at Rhinelander Sept. 16, 2011

Both Ashland and Rhinelander need to be recognized for the excellent behavior/sportsmanship displayed by their respective squads. Both communities need to know how well their teams are representing them. Rhinelander's #7 and Ashland's #44 are two of the best young men I've dealt with in some time. These are what captains are supposed to be. Class and leaders from start to finish without the score ever mattering.

Reporting Official: Rich Hohl

Adams-Friendship at Nekoosa Sept. 16, 2011

My crew wanted to take the time to express our extreme gratitude to Nekoosa High School and to Adams-Friendship High School for their good sportsmanship and cooperation. Athletic Director Bob Ness was very accommodating because we were coming from a game in Port Edwards and had our parking spots coned off for us right by the field like we had requested and was very friendly when we arrived. We were also extremely impressed at the job that the chain crew had done. They were very well trained. I wished all chain crews operated like they do. I also would like to commend the Adams-Friendship coaching staff on

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Comments on the 2011–12 Wrestling Rules Changes

New Definition for Individually Bracketed Tournaments (1-3-1 NEW): Section 3 is a new section being added to Rule 1. Section 2 dealt with Dual Meets and Section 3 will deal with Tournaments. Article 1 provides a general definition of individually bracketed tournaments.

New Definition for Dual-Meet or Team-Formatted Tournaments (1-3-2 NEW): Section 3 is a new section being added to Rule 1. Article 2 provides a general definition of dual-meet or team-formatted tournaments.

New Definition for a Tournament that Combines Both a Dual Meet or Team Format with an Individually Bracketed Format (1-3-3 NEW): Section 3 is a new section being added to Rule 1. Article 3 provides a general definition of tournaments that combine both a dual meet or team format with an individually bracketed format.

The Boundary Line is Now Inbounds (2-1-3): The change now makes the boundary line inbounds and expands the wrestling area.

Administrative Duties of Meet Referees Have Been Clarified (3-1-3): This change clarifies that administrative duties for meet referee(s) may need to continue after the meet to document actions that occurred during the meet. This change illustrates the difference between the meet referee(s)' jurisdiction during the meet and other administrative responsibilities – such as submitting specific reports – after the meet. In addition, the change would clarify that state associations may continue to develop and implement policies that allow for review of unusual incidents that occur while the meet referee(s) have jurisdiction or after the meet.

The Location of the Referee During Injury, Blood or Recovery Time-Outs Has Been Clarified (3-1-13): This change allows the referee the flexibility to determine the optimal position based on the situation.

Wrestling Weight Classes Revised (4-4-1): Data from the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator was reviewed over a four-year period. This change will create close to equal distribution of wrestlers in each NFHS weight class as possible. Member state associations were surveyed and the majority favored this change in NFHS weight classes, which will take effect with the 2011-12 season.

Revisions Were Made for Disqualification in Dual-Meet Competition (6-2-2): This change will clarify the rule by using the correct terminology.

Figure 4 Around the Head is now an Illegal Hold/Maneuver (7-1-5r): This change now makes the figure 4 an illegal hold/maneuver around the body, the head and both legs, and will minimize risk to all wrestlers.

Revisions Were Made in Second Injury Time-out (8-2-1c NEW): Prior to this change, at the end of the second period and before the third period, Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out, which now gives choice to Wrestler B. However, it's already Wrestler B's choice by virtue of the original flip of the disk. Therefore, Wrestler B gains no advantage or benefit from Wrestler A's second injury time-out. With this change, Wrestler B would now have his/her choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period.

New Rules Added for Dual-Meet/Team-Formatted Tournaments (11-1-1 NEW): Teams that have a later starting time will now be allowed to weigh-in, in relation to their starting time. (11-1-2 NEW) Teams that have a later starting time will now be allowed to weigh-in, in relation to their starting time. Their deadline to verify entries will now be consistent with their weigh-in time if teams are allowed to weigh in at different times. (11-1-3 NEW) In dualmeet/team-formatted tournaments, team points will be scored as in dual meets; therefore, an uncontested weight class will be recorded as a forfeit the same as in dual meets. (11-1-4 NEW) This change is designed to clearly define the rules for weighing in wrestlers and making substitutions during a dual-meet/team-formatted tournament. This rule makes it clear that teams may weigh in multiple wrestlers in each weight class and move wrestlers to the next higher weight class they are eligible for based on actual weight. (11-1-5 NEW) This change clarifies that Rules 10-2-2, 10-2-3, 10-2-6 and 10-2-7 will now also apply to dualmeet/team-formatted tournaments. (11-2-1 NEW) This change makes it clear that scoring in a dual-meet/team-formatted tournament is the same as in individual dual meets. (11-2-2 NEW) This change clarifies that deducting team points earned in previous rounds could adversely affect advancement in brackets that had already taken place. (11-2-3 NEW) The tie-breaking system used to determine the winner in a dual meet should also be used to determine a winner in a dual-meet/team-formatted tournament when one team has to advance in the bracket.

2012–2013 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2012-13 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 16 enrollment counts that your school provided. If you find a discrepancy in the enrollment listed for your school, please let Joan Gralla know by November 1, 2011. No changes will be made after this date.

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

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Abbotsford 205
Abundant Life Christian 56
Adams-Friendship 530
Albany
Algoma
Alma
Almond-Bancroft
Altoona
Amery
Amherst 289
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Hockey Athletic Directors Need to Keep Records for Injury Potential Penalties and Visit Ice Arenas



One of the best tools an athletic director (of a hockey program) can use to help maintain appropriate conduct with the school hockey team is the game's score sheet. The hockey score sheet iden-

tifies numerous important facts that an A.D. can use to promote and regulate players' actions.

Probably the most significant fact that needs to be reviewed following every game is the penalty section of the report. In reviewing this area, A.D.s must look carefully for injury potential penalties committed by their participants.

In hockey, penalties generally fall into two categories, aggressive or injury potential and restraining. Aggressive penalties are considered to be those penalties with injury potential. Examples of aggressive penalties are slashing, high sticking, charging, boarding, spearing, butt-ending, crosschecking, elbowing, checking from behind, fighting, head-butting and kicking.

Some examples of restraining fouls include: Holding, hooking, interference, and tripping. These lists are not inclusive, but provide a basis for which A.D.s can monitor participant behaviors in hockey. Keeping these penalties in mind, the hockey

A.D. can work with their coach to monitor, discuss and react to escalating situations with some participants.

> Team/school rules can easily be designed to handle any situation where players become involved with excessive or repeated aggressive, injury potential

penalties.

Schools have been known to handle these situations by having a meeting with any player who receives three aggressive penalties during the year. If a player is

given two more aggressive penalties, for a total of five, a parent meeting with this player can be organized. Should any additional aggressive penalties take place, playing time can be limited. Other action plans can easily be developed and implemented in accordance with other school district policies.

Starting a practice of monitoring the hockey score sheet early in the hockey season sends a

strong message to players of the accountability players have to their school program.

One additional suggestion, athletic directors, principals and district administrators are all encouraged to visit ice arenas since almost all ice facilities for WIAA member schools are located off school grounds. Stopping in not only demonstrates an administrator's interest in the hockey program and the student-athletes involved in the program, but also helps to bridge the gap that often exists between the community and school programs and helps administrators to develop rapport with the hockey community. This can be a vital asset when difficult situations develop.

These simple strategies can truly PREVENT major difficulties from occurring later in the season. As administrators of school hockey programs, be sure to obtain a copy of each game's (varsity and JV, when JV is a school team) score sheet and take time to visit your school's hockey team's games and practices.

You'll see that these strategies make a difference in the performance of your hockey program.



WIAA Cash Flow Bulletin

As fundraising programs and non-school entities continue to develop, it is important for school officials to maintain oversight of their sport programs. Through discussions with school administrators, we are learning that non-school organizations (tournament organizers, booster clubs, special interest groups) are being allowed to organize and control events and programs, especially the funds, and, therefore, are not in compliance when it comes to receipt of funding and payment of expenses for their program(s).

Examples of non-compliance funding situations include the following:

Tournaments run by non-school programs without a member school responsible for the event.

Profits encumbered from a high school tournament maintained by a non-school association.

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

Booster clubs and/or non-school associations di-

rectly paying officials fees, a school team's travel expenses, uniforms, gym rental, ice time and/or coaches salaries.

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

Booster clubs and/or non-school associations providing financial assistance for high school player's student fees.

Additional non-compliance situations that violate WIAA amateur status regulations that have been brought to our attention during the past year

Non-school organizers taking photos of key student-athletes and placing them in advertisements in a program.

Training facilities identifying successful studentathletes on their website.

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

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

A student-athlete receiving a reduced student participation fee equal to the amount the student raised during a fundraising campaign.

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

We are sending this Bulletin to all WIAA ice hockey schools in an effort to have each school review their own situation with the examples above in mind. Your help with these funding issues is greatly appreciated.

Coaches Education Information

Joan Gralla

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

The following do not have to take this required training:

A student teacher while student teaching.

An individual with an administrator's or counselor's li-

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

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

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

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

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

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

Holding a license that has expired.

Being a volunteer

Being unpaid

Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

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

Being a nonvarsity coach

Being an assistant coach.

CNLT's can meet the WIAA coaches education requirement by taking either the American Sports Education Program (ASEP) Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles courses

School Associations (NFHS) Fundamentals

of Coaching and First Aid for Coaches courses.

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

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

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 \$60.

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 igralla@wiaawi.org.



Ice Hockey Game Disqualifications Penalties

There are number of special regulations in ice hockey directed to-

ward managing player behavior. Many times we hear school administrators, coaches, parents and fans of ice hockey make comments like "fighting/rough play is part of the sport of hockey." Simply put, behavior like fighting and rough play is not acceptable in any high school ice hockey games for any reason.

High school ice hockey is a great sport where educational principles have to be applied. Ice rinks are ex-

tensions of the classroom, just like football fields, basketball courts, libraries and cafeterias. When incidents occur during a hockey game, suspensions from playing time can be implemented.

The WIAA membership has adopted a series of regulations that have had an impact managing hockey players and creating a great environment for high school ice hockey. Below you will find some of these key rules:

FIGHTING

15., h. A game disqualification penalty issued for fighting results in a three game suspension for the player(s) assessed the penalty.

CONTINUATION OF PENALTIES TO NEXT SPORT SEASON

15., d. Game disqualification penalties will be applied from the end of one season to the beginning of the next season of varsity sports the player is involved.

TEAM REMOVAL FROM WIAA TOURNAMENT SERIES



Tournament Procedures—3., b. Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over two or more games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved. This rule does not apply to game disqualifications received during

the tournament series.

JV GAME DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES

Game disqualification penalties in JV games continue to be a concern. There are student-athletes playing in JV contests who continue to

use excessive power, strength, speed and skill in aggressive, injury-potential ways. Currently, the only penalties available are those applied from WIAA/NFHS regulations where a student-athlete is suspended from competition for the remainder of the contest and then the next scheduled contest. Frequently, this is not enough of a penalty to change the behavior of the player.

There is truly no good reason for a JV high school player to receive a game disqualification penalty during a JV game. These game DQ's are often the result of inappropriate behavior, retaliation and very poor judgment by the player involved.

Consequently, the WIAA Board of Control adopted the following Season Regulation language in 2008:



State Association Regulation—g. WIAA JV ice hockey players and their JV team will be suspended at the conclusion of any game where a Game Disqualification penalty is assessed. The suspension will continue until a review by the WIAA office determines the JV team can be allowed to compete.

The WIAA membership has been very proactive providing school administrators of ice hockey programs with valuable regulations that can be



used to prevent nasty incidents from taking place during the hockey season. School administrators of WIAA ice hockey programs must become familiar with these regulations. As the WIAA season series draws near, A.D.s working with their coaches, including JV coaches, and coaches working with their

players can be a huge advantage to the school teams that are able to teach alternatives for each of these game disqualification penalties. The extra effort of A.D.s and coaches can go a long way in educating their players about each of these aggressive penalties and the potential consequences associated with them.

I am glad to be of assistance to any school administrator seeking to develop, review or implement a practice or policy for addressing aggressive penalties. Feel free to email me at <tshafranski@wiaawi.org> or call me at (715) 344-8580. ■

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Changes to Rules 1-5-8 and 3-1-6 deal with players' equipment on the field. State associations may now authorize exceptions to NFHS rules to provide "reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs and unique and extenuating circumstances," so long as they do not funda-

mentally interfere with the sport. Players and coaches must also clean or remove "any" (formerly "excessive") amount of blood from a uniform or piece of equipment before being allowed back into the game.



Other rules changes approved by the committee include:

- Rule 6-2-2c Note: The starting pitcher may warm up by using no more than eight throws, completed in one minute (timed from the first throw). This rule applies to relief pitchers as well. At the beginning of each subsequent inning, the pitcher may warm up with no more than five throws, completed in one minute.
- Rule 10-1-2: The game officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualification, that are responsive to actions occurring while the umpires had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the umpires' jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a game is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.
- Suggested Double First Base Rules: Runner should use the colored base on initial play at first base (dropped third strike only), unless the fielder is drawn to the

side of the colored base, in which case the runner would go to the white base and the fielder to the colored base.

A complete listing of all rules changes approved by the committee is available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Athletics & Fine Arts Activities" on the home page, and select "Baseball."

Baseball is the fourth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level, according to the 2009-10 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey, with 472,699 participants nationwide. The sport ranks third in school sponsorship with 15,786 schools sponsoring the sport.

This press release was written by Eamonn Reynolds a summer intern in the NFHS Publications/Communications Department and a senior at Ohio University.

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their friendly and enjoyable behavior they showed that night. They always were coaching the kids and never once complained about anything. Also the fans and players for both sides were extremely respectful of us as officials. This was the best game we had ever officiated since we started officiating varsity football about six years ago.

Reporting Official: Scott Ter Maat

Birchwood at Siren Sept. 16, 2011

Our crew would like to recognize Birchwood and Siren for a great display of sportsmanship shown during their football game. It wasn't just one player or one coach for each team that good sportsmanship was shown, but every player and coach on both teams. We wish both teams good luck the rest of the season.

Reporting Official: Pat Plumer

Rio at Randolph Sept.10, 2011

From the time we arrived until the end of the game, both teams' coaching staffs and players, as well as Randolph athletic director Tom Erdmann were exceptional. The players from both teams showed great sportsmanship on the field and after the game made a special point to thank us as well. The coaching staffs on both sides of the field did an excellent job of coaching, encouraging and teaching their teams. This was without a doubt one of the most enjoyable games to officiate that we have had in many years. We would like to congratulate two fine programs on a job well done.

Reporting Official: Jerry Stampfl

Milwaukee Samuel Morse.Marshall/Juneau/ Languages at Turner Aug. 26, 2011

In my years of officiating, I cannot recall having a more enjoyable experience than the experience I had officiating this game. The level of good sportsmanship demonstrated by the coaching staff and players was exemplary. Morse.Marshall/Juneau/Language players were quick to help Turner players up after tackles, or give a Turner player a pat on the back for a good play. The coaching staff and players were polite and showed the utmost respect toward their opponent and the officials. While I am aware the Morse.Marshall/Juneau/Languages program is relatively new, there are a number of talented players who are laying the foundation for a successful future.

Reporting Official: Al Sharpe

Racine Park at Cedarburg Aug. 26, 2011

Both teams displayed good sportsmanship during the recent game at Cedarburg. Our officiating crew was very impressed with all the players' sportsmanship and respect for the game. I wanted to personally recognize numbers 42, 11, and 8 of Cedarburg and 12, 27 and 9 from Racine Park for their encouragement of teammates, assistance helping opponents up from the ground, and their positive attitude throughout the contest. Parents, coaches, and school officials should be proud of these student athletes, recognizing them as leaders both on and off the field.

Reporting Official: Brent M. Thompson

Roncalli at Oconto Aug. 26, 2011

The behavior of all players and coaches involved exemplified what the WIAA and all parents would hope to see. The athletes routinely helped each other off the ground after a play. They complimented each other on a nice tackle or a fine run. The score became a bit lopsided. This is often when the game can become a little chippy. Both teams maintained their composure and treated everyone with respect throughout. It is very refreshing to see young people speak to officials in a dignified manner. There is no doubt that this was learned by observing their respective coaches. Reporting Official: Gary Hagberg

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Ashland at Northland Pines Sept. 24, 2011

I'd like to compliment Brian Margelofsky, the Athletic Director for Northland Pines. As one can well imagine, with three concurrent events underway, he was one busy man for the day. Brian welcomed us to the field, and provided the referee crews with a cooler and iced beverages. The day was gray and cloudy with occasional light rain, so it was especially appreciated that Brian had also arranged for a shelter for the referees to use between halves and between games. At the end of the tournament, he personally delivered some pizza and popcorn to the crews who worked the last game of the day.

Reporting Official: Robert Hom

Edgewood at Madison Memorial (JV) Sept. 23, 2011

It was both a privilege and pleasure to officiate this JV soccer game. The players, coaches, and spectators all were the finest examples of good sportsmanship and a positive atmosphere. No dissent was heard from player, coach or spectator. What was heard were words of encouragement, support and praise from the sidelines and on the field.

Reporting Official: Steve Smithson

North Fond du Lac/Oakfield at Mayville Sept. 15, 2011

The captains of the North Fond du Lac/ Oakfield team exhibited leadership and respect toward their team and their opponent in spite of participating in a losing effort. They helped the officials communicate to their team members, kept their team organized and focused, and encouraged fair and aggressive play to the end of the game. Number 6, Cameron Schmidt, who was playing mid-field and forward showed integrity and respect to officials and teammates, and demonstrated the type of respect every coach would be proud of.

Reporting Official: David Vandermeuse

Green Bay West vs. Green Bay East Sept. 13, 2011

I want to recognize two schools for a great display of sporting behavior. I did the center refereeing for the game that has a long, long, and quite contentious rivalry. There were no cards, no comments from fans or players of a disparaging type. The game ended 2-0 West, yet encouragement was all that was heard from both teams, internally and between teams. There was one "rough" incident, but captains from both teams kept calm, and cooler heads prevailed. Both coaches coached well and positively. One of my best games this and previous seasons.

Reporting Official: Mart Grams

La Crosse Logan at Reedsburg August 27, 2011

This was a well contested game and all players, and coaches were very respectful to the officials. Both teams maintained their composure and treated everyone with respect through out the game showing very good sportsmanship as per WIAA rules. Young athlete's from both teams were well disciplined and communicated with the officials

with dignity and respect. I commend both Reedsburg and La Crosse Logan head coaches in guiding these young men in the right direction. After the game, both coaches and numerous players thanked the referee crew for officiating their game.

Reporting Official: Ananda Sathasivam

VOLLEYBALL

Tri-County at Wild Rose Oct. 11, 2011

Upon our arrival we were greeted by Wild Rose coach Jason Kirby and his AD and coaching staff. Shortly after head coach Jessica Rettler and the Tri-County teams arrived. Both squads had good sized crowds. The match was very well played by both sides and went five sets. Despite the intensity of the match, both teams and coaching staffs showed great sportsmanship. Both coaches approached officials with respect when asking questions. The players from both teams played their hearts out and handled both winning and losing side outs with class. Hats off to these coaches and players.

Reporting Official: Andy Kolff

Middleton at Sun Prairie Sept. 22, 2011

This volleyball match served as a model for what high school sports should be. The match was very well-played, with many fine plays from both teams. As impressed as both of us were by the level of play, the level of sportsmanship was even higher. In a very close five-set match, we had a touch call on a ball going out of bounds off a Middleton player, I blew the ball dead, and I--as the R1--called the R2 and line judge over to have a conference about the play, the line judge states no touch; however, I and the R2 believed there was a touch, that's when Kasey Williams the Middleton Cardinals floor captain came over to tells us that there was indeed a touch on the ball going out-of-bounds; so side out and point to Sun Prairie. Kasey also approached the R2 two more time during the match to give input as her team and floor captain on calls that line judges were not sure of, with both calls going in favor of Sun Prairie. After the match which Sun Prairie won, Kasey led all of her teams captains over to us to shake our hands and thanked us for our services and compliment us on a job well done. Both teams represented their schools, communities and conference very well and all should be proud of their programs.

Reporting Official: Tom Maenpaa

Prairie Farm at Cameron Sept. 6, 2011

This match was a joy to officiate. The scorers, timers, line judges and AD were competent, as well as great to work with. The coaches for both teams were so easy to work with. When a call went against them, they went about their jobs. Players were respectful, as well as pleasant.

Reporting Official: Janice White

Greenfield Video Winner of 2011 PSA Contest

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

Nicholas Schneider produced and edited the video, and Lenn Deltgen was the advisor to the project. The video conveyed the importance of education and athletics working together to form the total education experience and the role the WIAA has in the high school sports experience. (View video at upper right)

Videos receiving honorable mention were produced by Collin Enstad of Sun Prairie High School; Shawna Sprosty and Cacey Ostrander of Seneca High School; and Kenny Swann, Valentina Perez and Trae Seffrood of Monticello. Videos by Waukesha West High School and Luther High School were named co-winners of the first-ever competition in 2010.

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



Time to Consider Mandated Cost-Containment Measures?

Cost containment was one of the most talked about subjects at Area Meetings throughout the state this fall. The concerns address tightening school budgets and their impact on interscholastic activities.

While much was shared, very little could be interpreted as a directive to have the membership, as a whole, enact sweeping and widespread cost control measures that would be mandated by the Association. This, along with the valuable lessons learned from the past, is significant.

For those that recall similar discussions with the membership's focus on energy conservation during the nationwide energy crisis in the late 1970s and early '80s, current dialog provides awareness and helps gauge the position of member schools.

Wisconsin, like its Midwest counterparts, reacted to the energy crisis 30 years ago with policies that placed membership-directed restrictions on schools. As the book *More Than a Game* authored by former WIAA associate director Matt Otte chronicled, "...the Board did the only patriotic thing it could: it did something to conserve fuel."

The mandates included a 10 percent reduction in consumption of fuel for transportation, eliminated interschool scrimmages and banned school involvement in game scouting and a 12.5 percent reduction in mileage for interscholastic athletics. Other energy-saving components included the cancellation of Area Meetings and restructured tournament planning that placed an emphasis on geographic proximity in matching opponents. To verify compliance, schools were required to file their reduction plans with the WIAA executive office. Furthermore, suggested penalties for not complying with the mandates included probation, denial of benefits and membership suspension.

Well, that went over like a lead balloon and the membership responded. To put it into perspective, Otte's book referred to the *Bulletin* editorial in this manner: "...the expression of discontent even rivals the intensity of the unhappiness expressed in conference realignment—the all-time WIAA problem." Within two years, the membership voted convincingly to reject a proposed reduction plan.

Fast forward to today and the concerns surrounding the reduced school budgets and its impact on interscholastic activities. With history as our teacher, any consideration or development of cost-controlling measures should receive overwhelming momentum through support and acceptance from member schools before significant consideration can be given to any plan.

Among the cost-containment suggestions expressed at the Area Meetings included eliminating scrimmages; reducing each sport season; decreasing the required number of game officials in various sports; reducing the number of maximum-allowed contests, particularly in spring sports; issuing user fees; considering foundations and endowments; adding or reducing tournament entry fees; and charging admission for applicable spring tournament events.

The rub with instituting a membership-wide edict on this issue is how it affects and impacts members differently. Reduc-

ing games and seasons may be a cost containment measure for one member and a substantial revenue loss for another. Another component of a membership-wide directive would be the loss of local control on how schools individually manage their resources and programs.

Based on discussions with the membership one thing is apparent. Any uniform and effective action to be taken will require the members' involvement and support, because circumstances and their significance are different today than they were in the late 1970s. Today, families have more choices on where kids attend school through open enrollment options. Local program decisions are determining where families choose to attend school.

Consensus throughout the membership on many cost-containment issues may be difficult. And, there has been little-to-no expression by our members to aggressively pursue implementing cost-containment measures on a statewide level-not yet.

If circumstances change in the future, current discussions will assist in the decision-making process. Until then, it's important we continue to embrace and promote the benefits interscholastic activities provide for students in the membership. School programs offer so much value for so little cost.

Keep These Dates in Mind

October 27 & 29 October 27-28-29 October 28 October 28 October 29 November 1 & 3 November 3-4-5 November 4	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf (Stevens Point) Girls Volleyball Sectionals State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee) Boys Volleyball Regionals Level 2 Football State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids) Boys Volleyball Sectionals State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay) Girls Diving Sectionals Level 3 Football
November 5	Girls Swimming Sectionals
November 7	Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
November 11-12	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Cross Country (Stevens Point)State Boys Volleyball (Milwaukee) State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison) Level 4 Football
	Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice
November 16	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point) Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer & Tennis (Stevens Point)
November 17-18 November 18	Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)
	Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet
November 24	Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game Thanksgiving Day
November 30	

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Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2011-2012 Registration Deadlines

Regular Deadline Late Fee Required September 16, 2011 September 17-30, 2011 October 22, 2011 December 10, 2011 November 4, 2011 November 5-18, 2011 February 11, 2012* January 13, 2012 January 14-20, 2012 April 14, 2012 March 9, 2012 March 10-23, 2012 June 9, 2012 May 4, 2012 May 5-18, 2012

Test Date

ACT - 2012-2013

 September 8, 2012
 February 9, 2013*

 October 27, 2012
 April 13, 2013

 December 8, 2012
 June 8, 2013

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

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