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## WIAA Membership Passes Student Transfer Amendments; Four Others at Annual Meeting

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association membership voted to adopt six amendments and make several editorial revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its 2006 Annual Meeting held today in Wausau.

One of the amendments impacting transfer students in the Rules of Eligibility, which received the most publicity prior to the today's meeting, was approved 269-76 by the membership. Effective in 2007-08, any student transferring into a member school is ineligible to practice or compete for one calendar year unless the move was made necessary by parents' total change residence or approval is granted by the Board of Control through an existing waiver process.

A second alteration to the student transfer provisions of the Rules of Eligibility was also approved by a 333-9 vote. An academically ineligible student transferring into any member school retains that same status for the same period of time as determined by the former school. In effect, the amendment adds an academic component to the existing rule regarding ineligibility of transfer students based on disciplinary reasons.

An amendment adding requirements to the application process for school's attempting to join the WIAA passed by a 339-4 margin. Schools wishing to join the WIAA will now need to sponsor at least one sport program for one year before it becomes eligible for the Tournament Series in any sport or be eligible to enter into a cooperative arrangement with another school.

The membership also approved an amendment that adds language requiring street drugs and performance enhancing substances to be included in school conduct codes and subject to each school's disciplinary procedures. The amendment was supported by a 338-4 tally.

By a 343-0 vote, the membership approved an amendment that clearly defines the Board of Control's authority to restore eligibility and reduce a career-ending penalty to a student-athlete unknowingly committing an amateur-status violation. Student-athletes may regain eligibility if there is documented extenuating circumstances and complete restitution has been made.

The membership supported a measure that will help ensure representative leadership on the Board of Control and Advisory Council. Election procedures will now require a minimum of 25 percent of the schools in an election set to vote in order for a write-in candidate to be elected or advanced in a primary. That amendment passed 339-1.

The membership also approved six editorial changes to the Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, which are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules, by a 336-7 margin.

Other significant discussions addressed cooperative program requests, national competitions, the possibility of adding bowling as a sponsored sport and the divisional placements of religious independent schools. Alternatives to the present division placement model were presented and a release will be forthcoming.

A total of 432 delegates from 354 schools were in attendance. The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 503 senior high schools and 132 junior high/middle-level schools in its membership. It currently sponsors 25 championship tournament series. ✧

## 2005-06 Election Results

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

### BOARD OF CONTROL

**District 2 – Gus Mancuso, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**District 5 – Kevin Knudson, Barneveld** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Gender Minority At-Large – Peg Ekedahl, Milton** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Non-Public Schools At-Large – Carl Eisman, Martin Luther (Greendale)** – Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Large Schools – Mike Devine, Stevens Point and Randy Refsland, Milton** – Elected to three-year terms, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Medium Schools – Todd C. Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Small Schools – Larry Villiard, Bruce and Jim Friesen, Owen-Withee** – Villiard re-elected and Freisen elected to three-year terms expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Gender Minority At-Large – Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting.

**Non-Public Schools At-Large – J. Patrick Farrell, Catholic Memorial (Waukesha)** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2009 meeting. ✧

## Electronic Scorecard At WIAA Golf Regionals & Sectionals

A golf scorecard will once again be used during the 2006 WIAA State Boy's Golf Tournament series.

This updated scorecard will again feature hole by hole scoring for each golfer. This year's scorecard will also include automatic team qualifier, individual place and team place identification.

Most importantly, use of the electronic scorecard allows the WIAA to post scores from each regional and sectional on the WIAA website <wiaawi.org> following the completion of each tournament series meet.

WIAA electronic scorecards will be emailed to athletic directors hosting WIAA Golf Regional Tournaments on Monday, May 8, 2006. Athletic directors are asked to be certain to provide these electronic scorecards to the golf tournament manager if they are not acting as the host. Please take time to become familiar with these electronic scorecards.

Following completion of the golf meet, tournament managers should email the completed electronic scorecard IMMEDIATELY to the WIAA (tshafranski@wiaawi.org) and then also email a copy to your sectional tournament manager. Email addresses for sectional tournament managers can be found in the information packet for golf tournament managers found on the School Center of the WIAA website.

Questions regarding the electronic scorecard can be directed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director via email at the address found above or by calling (715) 344-8580. ✧

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# 2006 Annual Meeting Director's Report



Doug Chickering

Annual Meeting. Thanks for being here.

As I continue this morning, I will not repeat issues presented in Old Business and New Business, but they will be included in written comments reported to the membership in the official minutes of this meeting.

The WIAA concludes its 110th year of regulating high school athletics in Wisconsin at the end of this academic year. Several key ideas were embodied in the founding of the WIAA that persist today. High school boys and girls under the auspices of secondary school institutions play our games. The responsibilities of interscholastic athletics lie with our administrators. The games are to be conducted in a consistent way, with integrity, based on principles that promote participation and the well being of students under our charge. Our Constitution requires that we organize, develop, direct and control programs, that we offer high school sports as a partner with other activities in educational processes and that we promote uniformity in competition.

Those were our bedrock principles in 1896, and they are the bedrock principles of 2006. Today's actions strengthen the long-held resolve of the WIAA's Constitution.

Expectations of the Association are based on our culture. Today's environment offers challenges not totally unlike those of earlier decades, but our visibility demands more attention to the opinions of those we impact, not just the previous policymakers. We do not exist in a vacuum, uninfluenced by the dynamics of the real world. Our popularity affects what we can and should do.

That many of our rules are decades old raises questions. They have stood the test of time, but creative challenges are frequently emerging. Do waivers sought, if approved, undermine our basic objectives? We have to remain confident that advantages, perceived or otherwise, are not created. Can we do this without making the rules more complex? Do some of our peers act without self-restraint and take advantage of situations for their own benefit?

Financially, our Association is on sound ground. The Board and staff are aware of the financial restraints placed on member schools. We will take every effort to eliminate or reduce cost increases to schools. However, we will not sacrifice institutional control. External funding sources available for programs have to be school controlled. Equity between programs and between genders has to remain under the jurisdiction of local authority.

Just as it played a role in our performance enhancing substance amendment, our legislature, through constituents, has an interest in what we do. Physical education credit for athletic participation and eligibility for non-traditional students will probably emerge as legislative concerns in 2006-07. We have to respect that process. I'm confident we can work with legislators to best serve the needs of our student athletes.

Now, let's look at expectations. The first page has to be directed at the tournaments and divisional placements. Racine St. Catherine's win over Westby gave those already dissatisfied with our present practice a very visible platform. Twenty-five emails were received critical of our placement policies. Each was responded to and several expressed appreciation for listening.

In our four-division model, three religious and independent schools are in Division 1, 15 are in Division 2, 19 are in Division 3 and 26 are in Division 4. Seven do not have programs; their interscholastic needs are met through co-op agreements.

In late February, we began efforts to create a profile of a nonpublic school. The survey instrument and

cover letter shown Board members at the March meeting were not ignored. Sixty-two of 70 schools responded. Forty-nine schools were founded prior to 1975; seven have been created in the last 10 years. Annual tuition payments range from \$1,875 to \$29,750 and average \$6,553. Both the percentage of those granted financial aid and the average amount received were greater for the general student body than for athletes. In those institutions with affiliated K – 8 units, 72 percent of the 9 – 12 students come through those systems. On the average, 62 percent of the total student bodies participate in athletics. I was surprised that only 13 of those responding indicated that an external agency determined financial aid. Fourteen reported that public school open enrollment has an adverse effect on student counts. Seventeen indicated they had transfer provisions other than the WIAA's, but little detail was provided.

Before 2000, a broad-based ad hoc committee considered four options for divisional placement of the non-public schools – (1) a multiplier, (2) playing up one class, (3) a proportional concept, and (4) the face value count. The face value count was ultimately selected, largely because the committee felt a distinct set of the membership should not be targeted and treated differently.

What's next? A review of the four placement options mentioned in the previous paragraph will occur. Last fall, we collected some information on open enrolled students in public schools and students coming to non-public schools from outside the public school district where they are located. Should we review those numbers and apply a multiplier for placement purposes? This treats both public and nonpublic schools in a like fashion. How about out-of-state students at residential schools? The membership's reaction to the transfer amendment is a good indicator that our schools are not interested in changes that can impact just one segment of the membership. One final thought has to be a part of this dialogue -- a Tennessee federal court case may apply first amendment rights to recruiting.

At a recent Board retreat, the Board concluded the divisional placement issue has to be resolved. We are ready to move beyond the study phase. Considerations have to include public school open enrollment students and assignments in multi-high school districts. Stating that one size cannot fit all, the Board suggested a single sport could be selected to build a two-year model for experimental purposes. Success patterns and population distributions can be parts of any suggested options.

My earliest thoughts include (1) if a multiplier is used, apply it to open enrollment counts, as well as religious and independent school membership counts, (2) place religious and independent schools up one division if they are located in public school districts with at least one Division 1 school, (3) allow schools to play up one division in a sport or sports, (4) a school moved up a division by any formula, etc., will not be replaced in the smaller school division, (5) schools appearing in a previous year's state tournament will not be moved down a division if there are enrollment decreases that would otherwise do so, (6) schools providing financial assistance will play up one division, (7) apply an enrollment factor or divisional placement adjustment to any school accepting students who have previously participated at another member school, (8) place new member schools in a division made up of larger schools, and (9) place boarding schools in a division made up of larger schools.

Any movements made by Board of Control approved criteria will be subject to waiver processes yet to be developed.

The staff has been directed to develop plans for review at the 2006 Area Meetings and the October Sports Advisory, Advisory Council and Board of Control meetings. Implementation can be expected in the 2007-08 academic year.

Let's move to national interscholastic events. They are not going to go away. A recent *Sports Illustrated* article contained the following paragraph:

Indeed, not a weekend goes by from November to March without a top team traversing time zones to meet some other elite unit. "There's no question the trend is accelerating," says recruiting guru Bob Gibbons, editor and publisher of *All Star Report*. "For a lot of top teams, the days of playing only schools in your area are long gone."

Are the following worthy of consideration? (1) Add more games in selected sports, but only if all games are played against Wisconsin schools or border schools from

contiguous states, (2) require that any games played with out-of-state schools be against schools that are affiliated with a National Federation member state association, and/or (3) encourage and provide incentives for more nonconference competition against Wisconsin schools outside the "neighborhood" inter-conference contests generally used to fill schedules.

Our National Federation of State High School Associations has just endorsed two national invitational four-team basketball tournaments, one for boys and another for girls, beginning this December. The tournaments will be played in Seattle in 2006 and will be offered through 2008, sites to be determined.

Corporate America's involvement in similar events influenced this decision. Is it a "sell-out" or an attempt to keep interscholastic inter-state contests under the control of state associations?

It is hard to argue that our cooperative team approvals have not gone far beyond the original intents of the amendment first adopted in the early 1980s. Expressed purposes then were to help two small schools establish one team when interest at either school was not great enough for a single school's sponsorship and to allow a small school with insufficient interest to have its own team to co-op with a larger "good neighbor". Large school needs were voiced the second year and the allowances were expanded to meet those needs. History shows that two school cooperatives soon grew to include three, four, five and, currently, up to seven schools. The Board wants some controls placed on cooperative teams, but first wants some well-defined criteria in place before approving new or renewal applications. This charge has been given to the staff. Early considerations include caps on the number of schools, caps on the number of students attending the combined schools and a minimum number of interested students from any one school before allowing it to co-op. Schools not hosting should be expected to have a role in the program's operations throughout the year.

From an internal perspective, I want to briefly mention technology and the WIAA's increasing applications of it. Recent WADA caucuses have made mention of difficulties in responding to our expectations. We will be visiting those needs in workshop efforts to make them more understandable.

We want to remain as current as possible with technology demands. I don't think there are expectations of the membership we can't meet. On the forefront are more interactive applications associated with officials' registration, assignments and on-line testing.

Pleas for bowling as an interscholastic sport under the WIAA's direction are frequently fielded. A page from a souvenir program displaying the location of schools recently participating in a state high school invitational tournament is in the meeting materials. Our member schools have not officially expressed interest. A survey directed at those identified in the handout may follow.

The WIAA enjoys great relations with other organizations within the state. Nothing is taken for granted; we work at it. Regular visits with the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) and the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association (WHSFA) about calendar development and common concerns occur annually. The Department of Public Instruction has a representative from the State Superintendent at our meetings. The staff participates in programs offered by the respective memberships of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA), the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA) and the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). In addition, the WASB has a standing member on our Board and its executive director regularly attends Board meetings. The alliance we have with the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) is perhaps the envy of similar groups in other states, as well as state associations. Those relationships are all strengths.

I offer a sincere thank you to all. Individually and collectively you've positively influenced me and been great sources of comfort and inspiration. Jim Dyer leaves the Board this year. He is an example of the candidates selected by the membership. Jim and the others come without the biases one might expect because of their elector district or at-large status. They come as educators interested in high school sports.

This is a tremendously exciting time in high school sports, and I'm glad we're here together. ✚

# OFFICIALS

## Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

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

### BASEBALL UMPIRE CLINIC

Date: May 6, 2006  
Site: Richland Center, WI  
Contact: Scott Ott (608) 793-1956 or ott@usjunortours.com

### BASEBALL UMPIRE CLINIC

Date: May 21, 2006  
Site: La Crosse, WI  
Contact: Scott Ott (608) 793-1956 or ott@usjunortours.com

### THE RIGHT CALL 3-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 2-4, 2006  
Site: Madison Area Technical College  
Contact: Ralph Sirmons, Sr. (608) 217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 16-18-2006  
Site: UW-River Falls  
Contact: Tom Fiedler (715) 834-0274 or (715) 839-6227

### RLOA 2006 3-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 19-21, 2006  
Site: Racine Park High School  
Contact: Ron Quirk 262-634-2216 or 414-489-2522 ronrefump@aol.com or ron.quirk@goodwillsew.com

### RLOA 2006 3-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 20-22, 2006  
Site: Racine Park High School  
Contact: Ron Quirk 262-634-2216 or 414-489-2522 ronrefump@aol.com or ron.quirk@goodwillsew.com

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

Dates: June 23-25, 2006  
Site: UW-Stevens Point  
Contact: Becky Blank (262) 375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

### VOLLEYBALL REFEREE TRAINING CAMP

Dates: June 29-July 1, 2006  
Site: Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Marcia Alterman (888) 791-2074 OR OTP.camp.director@pavo.org, website: www.pavo.org

### WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS & LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY INVITATIONAL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 14-16, 2006  
Site: Lawrence University, Appleton, WI  
Contact: Don Baumgart (920) 788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

### VOLLEYBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Dates: July 28, 2006 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (classroom)  
July 29, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (on court)  
Site: Watertown High School  
Contact: James Hochevar (262) 538-4189 or (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 11-12, 2006  
Site: Monona Grove High School & Madison La Follette High School  
Contact: Michael Carr mcarr@bus.wisc.edu (608) 262-0572

### VOLLEYBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Dates: August 11, 2006 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (classroom)  
August 12, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (on court)  
Site: Kimberly High School  
Contact: James Hochevar (262) 538-4189 or (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### 35TH ANNUAL IACAO FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 12, 2006  
Site: Naperville North High School  
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Gregg Buchner zebrajb@aol.com

### WISCONSIN HS VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Date: August 16 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (classroom)  
Site: West Allis Hale High School  
Date: August 22, 2006, 5:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. (on court)  
Site: Milwaukee Lutheran High School  
Contact: James Hochevar (262) 538-4189 or (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### VOLLEYBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Dates: August 18, 2006 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (classroom)  
August 19, 2006, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (on court)  
Site: Waunakee High School  
Contact: James Hochevar (262) 538-4189 or (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com ✦

## Officials Center Information

Please check the Officials Center located on our website frequently as new information is continuously being added.

If you can't remember the user ID and password to gain access to the Officials Center, please check your classification card as it is printed there.

Any questions regarding information on the Officials Center, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA. ✦

## Meetings or Clinics

NOTE: These clinics have not been approved for officials advancement at this time.

### LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL CLINIC

Dates: June 2-3, 2006  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (June 2) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (June 3)  
Site: Brookfield Central High School  
Contact: Nick Ortner (414) 443-2790 or nick.ortner@milliman.com

### LAKESIDE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 15-18, 2006  
Site: UW-Milwaukee  
Contact: Russ Thomas (414) 777-7817 or russ@milwaukeeerecreation.net ✦

## 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. ✦

## 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. ✦

# State Tournament Time Schedules

## 2006 Track & Field State Tournament Time Schedule (Boys and Girls) Memorial Stadium – UW-La Crosse ORDER OF EVENTS AND TIME SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Div. 1 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (discus and shots), which will be used in Friday's competition

7:30 a.m.– Coaches may pick up team envelopes

8:30 a.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups

9:25 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies

### Division 1 Schedule

#### All Field Events Start At 9:30 a.m.

Discus (Girls) - South Circle

High Jump (Girls/Boys) - West/East

Long Jump (Boys) - South Runway

Pole Vault (Girls) - North or South

Shot Put (Boys - 11 a.m. starting time for competition) - West Circle

Triple Jump (Girls) - North Runway

Note: (a) 10 minutes of warm-up between flights, (b) 10 minutes of warm-up between trials and finals.

#### All Track Events Start At 9:30 a.m.

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

1 - 3:30 p.m. – Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (discus and shots), which will be used in Friday's competition.

7:30 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes

2 p.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups

2:55 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies

#### All Field Events Start At 3 p.m.

Discus (Div. 3 Boys followed by Div. 2 Boys) - North Circle

High Jump (Div. 2 Girls and Div. 3 Girls) - West/East

Long Jump (Div. 3 Girls followed by Div. 2 Girls) - South Runway

Pole Vault (Div. 2 Boys and Div. 3 Boys) - Middle/North or South

Shot Put (Div. 2 Girls followed by Div. 3 Girls) East Circle

Triple Jump (Div. 2 Boys followed by Div. 3 Boys) - North Runway

#### All Running Events Start At 3 p.m.

3200 Meter Relay (Div. 3/2 Girls)

100/110 Meter High Hurdles (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

100 Meter Dash (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

1600 Meter Run (Div. 3/2 Boys)

800 Meter Relay (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

400 Meter Dash (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

400 Meter Relay (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

300 Meter Hurdles (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

800 Meter Run (Div. 3/2 Boys)

200 Meter Dash (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

3200 Meter Run (Div. 3/2 Girls)

1600 Meter Relay (Div. 3/2 Girls/Boys)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (discus and shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition

9 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes

9 a.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups

10:25 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies

#### All Field Events Start at 10:30 a.m.

Discus – Div. 3 Girls - South Circle, 1:00 p.m. warm-up for Div. 2 Girls - South Circle, and Div. 1 Boys - North Circle

High Jump – Div. 2 Boys - Middle, followed by Div. 3 Boys - Middle

Long Jump – Div. 1 Girls - Southeast, and Div. 3 Boys, followed by Div. 2 Boys - Southwest

Pole Vault – Div. 1 Boys, and Div. 3 Girls, followed by Div. 2 Girls

Shot Put – Div. 1 Girls - East Circle, and Div. 2 Boys - West Circle, 1:00 p.m. warm-up for Div. 3 Boys - West Circle

Triple Jump – Div. 1 Boys - Northwest, and Div. 2 Girls, followed by Div. 3 Girls - Northeast

Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) 10 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (c) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

#### All Track Events Start at 10:30 a.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 10:30 a.m., and 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 Dash (Girls)

100 Meter Dash (Boys)

1600 Meter Run (Girls)

800 Meter Relay (Girls)

800 Meter Relay (Boys)

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 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 – Div. 3, Div. 2, then Div. 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 Div. 1 will be run in two sections. In Div. 2 and 3 there will be one section.  
(4) 3200 meter run for all div. will be run in one section (per div.).  
(5) 3200 meter relay for all div. will be run in two sections with timed finals.  
(6) 800 meter run for all div.s will be run in two sections, regardless of the number of athletes competing, with timed finals.

**Tickets** – State Tournament ticket prices are \$6 for each of the Friday sessions or an all day pass for \$10 (Friday only) and \$6 for the Saturday session (cash or checks only - no credit cards accepted). Tickets are sold only at the UW-La Crosse ticket window at Memorial Stadium. There is no advance sale.

## 2006 Boys Tennis State Tournament Time Schedule Nielsen Stadium, Madison

### INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

#### Thursday, June 1

2 p.m. – First round matches only, singles and doubles Divisions 1-2 (A match-tie breaker will be played in lieu of a third set.)

#### Friday, June 2

8 a.m. – Coaches meeting and briefing session.  
8:30 a.m. – First 12 second round matches in Divisions 1-2 followed by other matches as courts open up through quarterfinals of singles and doubles.

#### Saturday, June 3

Competition continues in singles and doubles as follows:

8:30 a.m. – Consolation Semifinals Divisions 1-2

9 a.m. – Championship Semifinals Divisions 1-2

### TEAM TOURNAMENT

#### Friday, June 9

5:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal Matches

#### Division 1 State Pairings:

##### Upper Bracket

Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #8, Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #7

##### Lower Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #5, Sectional #4 vs. Sectional #6

#### Saturday, June 10

9 a.m. – Divisions 1-2 Semifinal Matches

#### Division 2 State Pairings:

##### Upper Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #3

##### Lower Bracket

Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #4

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

#### Ticket Prices \$6 Student/Adult

## 2006 Boys Golf State Tournament Time Schedule University Ridge – Madison

### Monday, June 5

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 6

7 a.m. – Tee off – Divisions 2 and 3

12 noon – Tee off – Division 1

## 2006 Girls Soccer State Tournament Time Schedule Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee

### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 8

#### 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

#### 2 p.m. (Upper Bracket)

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

#### 5 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

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

#### 7 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 4 – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

### Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 9

#### 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

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

#### 2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 6 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

### Division 2 Semifinals – Friday, June 9

#### 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 7 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

#### 2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

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

### Division 1 Semifinals – Friday, June 9

#### 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Game 9 – Winner of 12 noon game vs. Winner of 2 p.m. game

Game 10 – Winner of 5 p.m. game vs. Winner of 7 p.m. game

### Championships – Saturday, June 10

#### Division 3 Championship – 10 a.m.

#### Division 2 Championship – 12 noon

#### Division 1 Championship – 2 p.m.

**Ticket Prices - \$7 Student/Adult - \$1 Children 6 & under**



## 2006 Softball State Tournament Time Schedule

### Madison – Goodman Diamond

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 8 – 9 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner  
Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 8 – 1:30 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner  
Game 4 – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

#### Division 1 Semifinals – Thursday, June 8 – 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 9 – 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 9 – 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 9 – 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 10 – 10 a.m.

#### Division 3 Championship Game – Saturday, June 10 – 12:30 p.m.

#### Division 2 Championship Game – Saturday, June 10 – 3 p.m.

#### Division 1 Championship Game – Saturday, June 10 – 5:30 p.m.

**Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$6 Quarterfinal & Semifinal -  
\$4 Championship Sessions - \$12 All day Pass for Thursday/Friday**

## 2006 Spring Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

### Appleton – Fox Cities Stadium

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 13 – 8 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner  
Game 2 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 13 – 1 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner  
Game 4 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

#### Division 1 Semifinals – Tuesday, June 13 – 6 p.m.

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

#### Division 4 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 14 – 8 a.m.

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

#### Division 3 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 14 – 1 p.m.

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

#### Division 2 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 14 – 6 p.m.

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

#### Division 4 Finals – Thursday, June 15 – 9 a.m.

#### Division 3 Finals – Thursday, June 15 – Noon

#### Division 2 Finals – Thursday, June 15 – 3 p.m.

#### Division 1 Finals – Thursday, June 15 – 6 p.m.

**Ticket Prices \$6 Child/Student/Adult**

## WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## WADA to Sponsor 22nd Annual Golf Outing on July 18

By Mike Bates, Information Coordinator, WADA

While we have often been treated to nice, summer-like weather so far this spring, hopefully the clubs are out, scores are coming down, and you're getting geared up for the Golf Outing sponsored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

It won't be much longer and it will be time to gather at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids... for the 22nd annual WADA event.

All athletic directors, school administrators, coaches, sports officials, and sponsors/vendors – whether currently active in that role or retired – are invited to participate in the Golf Outing.

It will be held Tuesday, July 18, at a central Wisconsin location which the course owners call “The Hidden Treasure.”

Entry forms are now available on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org), and the event can accommodate 144 golfers in the scramble format. Registration is \$75, and that includes a cart for the rain-or-shine event.

On-site games, included with the registration fee, are Mulligans, Special Holes, and Skins Game. Prizes will be awarded.

The time schedule:

11:00 a.m. – WADA meeting & lunch.

12 noon – Golf, shotgun start.

5:45 p.m. – Pig Roast Dinner, followed by awards and prizes.



**Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids  
Site of the WADA Golf Outing on July 18.**

Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis, and tee assignments are made in the order in which registrations are received. The

registration closing date is July 12.

Questions regarding the golf outing should be directed to Bill Vickroy, athletic director at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids and WADA president-elect, at telephone (715) 422-7179 or via email at [Bill.Vickroy@wrps.org](mailto:Bill.Vickroy@wrps.org).

In conjunction to the golf outing, there will be Leadership Training Courses available on July 17 and the CAA Exam on July 18. Those details are also on the WADA website.

Mark your calendar with the date: Tuesday, July 19.

Find the driving directions to The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

Remember to change your answering machine, to let callers know that you will be “Golfin’ with WADA” on July 18.

And plan to enjoy a great lunch, a fun time on golf course, a fantastic dinner, and maybe return home with a nice prize... all at the 22nd annual WADA Golf Outing in Wisconsin Rapids.

The website for the WADA is [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org), and Mike Bates may be reached at [mbates1@new.rr.com](mailto:mbates1@new.rr.com). ☘



# 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

### FOOTBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 31 or Sept. 1, 2006** - JV game. Arrowhead - Geoff Steinbach (262) 369-3612 ext. 4203. (4-3)

**Sept. 1, 2006** - Game. D.C. Everest -Jack Overgaard (715) 359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Sept. 11 or 12, 2006** - JV game. Winnebago Lutheran Academy - Stephen Berg (920) 921-4930 or wlaad@wlvikings.org. (4-17)

**Sept. 15 or 16, 2006** - Varsity game. Brown Deer - Mike Novak (414) 371-7015 or mnovak@bdsd.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Sept. 21 or 22, 2006** - Varsity game. Middleton - Luke Francois (608) 829-9913. (4-13)

#### GENERAL

**2007 & 2008 (week 1)** - Varsity game (home 2007 with return game 2008). Parkview - Scott Schmiesing (608) 879-2994 ext. 5117 or schmisco@parkview.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**2007 & 2008 (weeks 1 & 2)** - Game. Rice Lake - Steve Salisbury (715) 234-2181 ext. 1044. (4-20)

### BOYS SOCCER

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 2, 2006** - Team for varsity 8-team invitational. Appleton North - (920) 832-4307 or engenpaul@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

**Sept. 5, 8 or Oct. 18, 2006** - Game. Kenosha Bradford - Coach Burger (262) 705-8573 or jburg-er@kusd.edu. (4-11)

**Sept. 8-9, 2006** - Varsity team for 4-team tournament. Homestead - Charlie Gross (262) 238-5634 or cgross@mtsd.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**Sept. 9, 2006** - Teams for invitational. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720 or kgundlach@madison.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Sept. 16, 2006** - Teams for 8-team JV invitational. Appleton North - Paul Engen (920) 832-4307 or engenpau;l@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

**Sept. 21, 2006** - JV game. Waupun - Jason Buchholz (920) 324-5591 or jbuchholz@waupun.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**Oct. 6-7, 2006** - Teams for 8-team varsity invitational. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow (414) 461-6000 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (4-20)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Varsity/JV games. Franklin - Chris Logan clogan15@sbcglobal.net. (4-24)

**2006** - Games. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Instefjord (608) 767-2486 or einste-fjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006** - Berth in JV tournament or games. New Berlin West - Mike Dillett (414) 331-6400. (4-6)

### GIRLS TENNIS

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 15, 2006** - Teams for JV quad. Kenosha Bradford - Megan Vassos (262) 945-2261 or mvas-sos@kusd.edu. (4-6)

**Aug. 17, 2006** - Team for JV quad. Kenosha Bradford - Megan Vassos (262) 945-2261 or mvas-sos@kusd.edu. (4-6)

**Aug. 19, 2006** - Varsity team for invitational. Beaver Dam - Todd Sobrilsky (920) 885-7520 ext. 110. (4-13)

**Aug. 19, 2006** - Teams for varsity tournament. Kenosha Bradford - Megan Vassos (262) 945-2261 or mvassos@kusd.edu. (4-6)

**Sept. 16, 2006** - Team for invitational. Kenosha Bradford - Megan Vassos (262) 945-2261 or mvassos@kusd.edu. (4-6)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Matches. Franklin - Don Kurth (414) 423-4640 ext. 2005. (4-25)

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 25 & 26, 2006** - Team for varsity tour-nament. Cedarburg - Brian Leair (262) 376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

**Aug. 26, 2006** - Varsity team for invitational (8-team round robin format). Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy (715) 422-7179 or bill.vick-roy@wrps.org. (4-11)

**Sept. 7, 9 or Oct. 3, 2006** - Varsity/JV duals. Lakeland Union - Al Wooldridge (715) 358-8499. (4-5)

**Sept. 9, 2006** - Teams for JV invitational. Gillett - Mike Kaczmarek (920) 855-2137 or mkaczmarek@gillett.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

**Sept. 16, 2006** - Team for 8-team varsity invi-tational. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow (414) 461-6000 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (4-20)

**Sept. 22, 2006** - Teams for JV invitational. Port Washington - Eric Burke (262) 268-5500. (4-25)

**Oct. 7, 2006** - Team for invitational. Oconto Falls - Marcia Lemmen (920) 848-4467 ext. 1019. (4-6)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Berth in JV invitational. Port Washington - Eric Burke (262) 268-5500. (4-25)

**2006** - Berth in varsity tournament and varsity/JV/frosh dual. North Fond du Lac - Jim Detert (920) 929-3740 or jdetert@nfdl.k12.wi.us. (4-25)

**2006** - JV berth in tournament or dual. Hamilton (Sussex) - Bill Serb (262) 246-1973 ext. 1434 or coach2345@hotmail.com. (4-13)

**2006** - Berth in varsity tournament. Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Joshua Kubly (715) 845-8274 or jkubly@newmancatholicschools.com. (4-11)

**2006** - Berth in varsity/JV tournament. Argyle - Gerald Benish (608) 543-3318 or ger-aldb@argyle.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

## WINTER

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 24-25 or Dec. 28-29, 2006** - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Kenosha Bradford - Nick Perrine (262) 597-4483 or nperrine@kusd.edu or Steve Knecht (262) 653-6189. (4-11)

**Dec. 27-28, 2006** - Team for 4-team tourna-ment. Albert Lea (MN) - Clay Anderson (507) 379-5350 or canderson@albertlea.k12.mn.us. (4-26)

**Dec. 28-29, 2006** - Team for varsity/JV tour-nament. Sheboygan North - Tom Desotell (920) 452-3025. (4-11)

#### GENERAL

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV games. Thomas Edison (Milwaukee) - Carlos Hubbard (414) 915-5574 or (414) 616-5429. (4-25)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV games. Hortonville - Mike Sexton (920) 779-7933 or mikesexton@hasd.org. (4-25)

**2006-07** - Games. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Instefjord (608) 767-2586 or einste-fjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006-07** - Games (up to 4 levels). Away 06-07, away 07-08. Tomah - Tom Curran (608) 374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV games. Fond du Lac - Brian Skortz (920) 906-6508. (4-21)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV game. Pioneer Westfield - Jake Dodge (608) 296-2141 ext. 215. (4-21)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV game with return game (best dates are Dec. 21 or 22 or Jan. 4 or 29) Highland - Mitch Wainwright (608) 929-4525. (4-21)

**2006-07** - Game. Richland Center - Sharon Long (608) 647-8603 or lons@richland.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2006-07** - Game with return game 2007-08. Regis (Eau Claire) - Terry Allen (715) 830-2271 or tallen@case.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Kenosha Bradford - Nick Perrine (262) 597-4483 or nper-rine@kusd.edu or Steve Knecht (262) 653-6189. (4-11)

**2006-07** - Games. Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterfor-duhs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 17, 2006** - Team for tournament. St. Francis - John Kloppenburg (414) 747-3921 or jkloppe@sfhsmariners.org. (4-6)

**Dec. 27-28, 2006** - Team for 4-team tourna-ment. Albert Lea (MN) - Clay Anderson (507) 379-5350 or canderson@albertlea.k12.mn.us. (4-26)

**Jan. 12, 2007** - Game. Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterfor-duhs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Feb. 15, 2007** - Game. Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterfor-duhs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Feb. 16, 2007** - Game (away). Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bde-ichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

#### GENERAL

**2006-07** - JV game. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720 or kgundlach@madi-son.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV games. Hortonville - Mike Sexton (920) 779-7933 or mikesexton@hasd.org. (4-25)

**2006-07** - Games. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Instefjord (608) 767-2586 or einste-fjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006-07** - Home games (2). Highland - Mitch Wainwright (608) 929-4525. (4-21)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Lakeland - Al Wooldridge (715) 358-8499. (4-13)

**2006-07** - Game (home) with away game 2007-08. West Bend East - Ron Held (262) 335-5608 or roheld@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

### GYMNASTICS

#### GENERAL

**2006-07** - Berth in invitational. Platteville - Greg Quam (608) 342-4024 or quam@plat-teville.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

### BOYS HOCKEY

#### GENERAL

**2006-07** - Game. Sparta - Mike Montgomery (608) 366-3424. (4-20)

**2006-07** - Varsity/JV games. Beloit - Brice Gustafson (608) 368-2939 or bpg71@aol.com. (4-20)

**2006-07** - Varsity games. DeForest - Mike McHugh (608) 842-6651 or mmchugh@defor-est.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

### WRESTLING

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 2, 2006 or Jan. 13, 2007** - Berth in JV tournament. Wauwatosa West/East - Kent Morin (414) 475-0567 or kmorin@wi.rr.com (4-26)

**Dec. 16, 2006** - Team for multi-dual meet. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Dan Stephanie (920) 889-0824. (4-13)

**Dec. 16, 2006** - Teams for JV individual invita-tional. Grafton - Mike Dodge (262) 370-1419 or mdodge@grafton.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

**Jan. 6, 2007** - Teams for tournament. Oconto Falls - Marcia Lemmen (920) 848-4467 or mar-lemme@mail.ocontofalls.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

**Jan. 13, 2007** - Team for 10-team dual. Stevens Point - Mike Riley (715) 345-7303 or mri-ley@wisp.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**Jan. 13, 2007** - Team for 6-team dual meet tournament. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki (715) 748-5951. (4-10)

**Jan. 20, 2007** - Team for 8-team dual tour-nament. Wauwatosa West/East - Kent Morin (414) 465-0567 or kmorin@wi.rr.com. (4-26)

**Jan. 20, 2007** - Teams for diving invitational. Nicolet - Dwight Davis (414) 351-8149. (4-24)

**Jan. 27, 2006** - Teams for freshman/JV tour-nament. Wausau East - Ray Yeager (715) 675-9996 or yeagr2@verizon.net. (4-24)

#### GENERAL

**2006-07** - Duals. Markesan - wopatkev@mark-esan.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006-07** - Matches. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Instefjord (608) 767-2586 or einste-fjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2006-07** - Dual meet. Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterfor-duhs.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

**2006-07** - Dual or multi dual. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann (262) 626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpi-itma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

**2006-07** - Duals or multi duals. Sheboygan North - Tim Brown (920) 803-7661. (4-6)

## SPRING

### BOYS GOLF

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 29, 2006** - Varsity team for scramble. Campbellsport - Kurt Parker (920) 533-4811 ext. 2100 or kparker@csd.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

#### GENERAL

**2007** - Berth in quad or invitational. La Crosse Central - Joe Beran (608) 789-7933 or jberan@sd lax.k12.wi.us. (4-25)

**2007** - Varsity games. Wautoma - Tom Nygaard (920) 787-3354 or nygaardt@wautoma.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

**2007** - Games. Platteville - Greg Quam (608) 342-4024 or quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

### SOFTBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 29, 2006** - Teams for JV round robin (3 games). Thomas More - Terry Benter (414) 481-8370 ext. 106 or tbenter@tmore.org. (4-13)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - JV/frosh games. Franklin - Don Kurth (414) 423-4640 ext. 2005. (4-25)

**2007** - Varsity/JV game or doubleheader. Whitewater - Doug Parker (262) 472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (4-6)

### BOYS TENNIS

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 20, 2006** - Teams for quad. Waukesha West - Scott McConnell (262) 538-2726 or rsmc-connell@ameritech.net. (4-13)

**May 3, 2007** - Teams for co-ed meet. Rib Lake - Dorathy Nelson (715) 427-3222 or dorathy\_nel-son@riblake.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**May 13, 2006** - Teams for JV invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steve Lewis (262) 968-6273 ext. 249 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (4-6)

**Apr. 20, 2007** - Teams for varsity invitational (will run JV relays). Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann (262) 626-8427 ext. 4136. (4-25)

**Apr. 21, 2007** - Teams for invitational. Fond du Lac - Brian Skortz (920) 906-6508. (4-21) ♣

# Coaches Participating Against Athletes in the Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches can provide supervision for athletes, during the off-season, but such supervisory responsibilities do not include situations like playing basketball with athletes. This rule, and its interpretation, had pre-vented coaches from participating

against their athletes, in structured league competition, during the off-sea-son. The WIAA Board of Control, at their April 15, 1994 meeting, approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to partic-ipate against their athletes, in league competition organized by a nonschool

entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volley-ball 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. The obvious exception to this is in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & div-ing, tennis, and track & field, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. ♣

# Golf & Tennis

## Golf Interpretations

**QUESTION:** Does Article VI of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook prohibit a golfer from participating in a men's golf league during the WIAA golf season?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Article VI, Section 1, A., page 37, does prevent a golfer from participating in men's league play and all other nonschool competitions. Once your season is concluded, as determined by the coach and AD, golfers may then proceed to participate in these nonschool competitions.

Please keep in mind, once student-athletes with high school eligibility are able to participate in nonschool golf competitions, this does not allow them to accept prizes except for those items listed under Amateur Status regulations as those with intrinsic/utilitarian value--Article IV, Section 1, page 34.

**QUESTION:** One of the girls on my team came in yesterday and asked if she could use one of our school's girls golf bag now and this summer (so her parents don't have to buy her a new one; her dad is a doctor). I told her that I didn't know if it was within the WIAA guidelines to issue equipment for personal use out-of-season but would check with you. How should I respond to her?

**INTERPRETATION:** First, a golf bag would be in the category of "implements". Much like a bat, football or soccer ball, kicking-T, blocking dummy, shot/discus, etc.

Schools have historically been allowed to issue implements to kids in the summer, at their own discretion.

The golf coach really needs to bring this to the attention of the AD and allow the AD to consider if he/she wishes to go in this direction.

**QUESTION:** I'm inquiring about the selection of three home courses. I chose Course A and Course B as compliments to our current home, Course C. I'm afraid my selection of Course B was a bit hasty. It appears they are not as welcoming as I had hoped. Would it be possible to switch to Ironwood Golf Course? Ironwood presents no conflict of interest for us (Our varsity does not play there). I'm seeking a facility for our 5 varsity players and 4 varsity reserve players. Ironwood is a good fit for us in that it has a good practice facility.

**INTERPRETATION:** It appears you only have two home courses now designated, with the approval of your school administration you are able to identify a third home course.

**QUESTION:** A team has a practice on a Sunday with players that didn't have a tournament or practice the day before (Saturday). The team does have a meet the following Thursday and a tournament the following Saturday.

I understand that the players that practiced on Sunday can't practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, AND Friday because that would be 7 days in a row including the meet and tournament. So they would have to have one of those nights off. Is that accurate?

**INTERPRETATION:** The fundamental regulation here reads as follows: WIAA Season Regulations, Golf (Boys), 3., d., page 13, "Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition."

**QUESTION:** Could they be optionally playing a round, no instruction, while other players (who didn't practice the previous Sunday) are practicing with instruction from the coach?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, members of the golf team can decide to play golf on

their own on their day of rest. This may be on their own, with friends, family, relatives, etc., but must be without direction or instruction from their coach.

**QUESTION:** Or would I have to let the whole team have one of those days off practice?

**INTERPRETATION:** A varsity team may practice on one day while a JV team takes that day off and vice versa. The term "team" refers to each individual level of programming for that sport. Since golf has an "individual" element to it as well, individual golfers must also be given a day off after six consecutive days of practice or competition.

**QUESTION:** I have a question regarding the state golf tournament. We have graduation the same day as the practice round. If we have a state qualifier, and he goes through graduation, what alternative does he have for practice at University Ridge?

**INTERPRETATION:** The fundamental regulation for this situation is found in the WIAA Season Regulations, 9., "...Teams participating in the State Tournament will be allowed one designated practice round on the State Tournament site outside the 14 meet maximum." The WIAA schedules a practice round for the Sunday prior to the WIAA State Golf Championships.

**QUESTION:** If we get to Madison later in the day, can he still play a few holes, or is the course closed?

**INTERPRETATION:** If a graduation happens to be that same day, the WIAA tries to schedule a team so that it is as convenient as possible for team members to play their practice round. If an individual comes late, he/she is welcome to join the practice round in progress and play as

many holes as possible.

**QUESTION:** Can he go play on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday?

**INTERPRETATION:** Officials at University Ridge have allowed golfers to complete their one practice round prior to the Sunday practice round when graduation is on Sunday. However, the WIAA does not approve of golfers getting out of school to complete their practice round when graduation or another event conflicts with the practice round.

**QUESTION:** I am the head golf coach at our school and we need to get more girls involved in our golf program. To help accomplish that I would like to offer a free golf clinic this spring to 7th and 8th grade girls in our area. Is that ok? Also, can girls from my team assist me with the clinic?

**INTERPRETATION:** Please see WIAA Rules at a Glance, II., C.—Clinics held during the school year, outside of the WIAA season can not be school sponsored.

You will need to discuss this further with you're AD, as there may be district philosophies/policies regarding this type of training. Keep in mind there are always "rippling-out effects" from lessons and programs that involve 7th and 8th graders. I can assure you, it will eventually impact across all sport programs.

In response to your second question, girls from your team are not able to act as clinicians during the school year due to the WIAA coach contact rule. During the summer (when school is not in session) they are able to have contact with you and allowed to be clinicians for up to a maximum of six days during the summer and the clinic must conclude no later than July 31. Again, see Rules at a Glance, II. C. ✧



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## Tennis Interpretations

**QUESTION:** We will be missing a lot of varsity players for a tournament we have committed to. If we send our JV to that tournament can we enter our varsity in a tournament on another day? Our varsity will still be within the limited number of matches.

**INTERPRETATION:** This is a contract issue for the schools involved. Unless previously identified, it is most likely the host school is expecting your varsity team to be at the meet. WIAA contracts do include financial forfeitures in cases where a contract is broken.

The best way to handle this situation is to first discuss this with the AD at your school. Then have your athletic director contact the host school to find out if they are willing to discuss options for working out this situation.

**QUESTION:** Can a player speak with anyone he/she wants to during the 10-minute break after they have split sets? If yes, than even if that person is a tennis pro/coach?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, even if the person is a tennis pro, coach, parent, etc., at the high school level we are simply not able to monitor tennis players during the 10-minute break between the second and third set. Consequently, at the WIAA State Championships, we do not monitor tennis players at this time. A conference can develop regulation language regarding monitoring of players during this time.

**QUESTION:** Second, my varsity team is planning on going to watch a dual match. We have already played this team in a dual. We are going because we know the competition will be tough and we want to watch good tennis. We will obviously be very respectful and neutral in our applause.

**INTERPRETATION:** I appreciate your attention to etiquette. During the tennis season, no problem here. You will likely need to obtain administrative approval to transport student-athletes to the site of the meet. I encourage you to check your school's coach's handbook and see your

athletic director for details. WIAA regulations allow coaches to provide this type of transportation during the regular season. However, it is likely, local approval also needs to be obtained.

**QUESTION:** Could you tell me the procedure for implementing a boys' high school team? I am planning on starting one for next spring, hoping everything passes-Administrative Council and School Board. When would we need to apply by?

**INTERPRETATION:** Generally speaking, approval of any new sport program requires approval by local school administration and the local school board. School administrators have access to the forms that need to be sent to the WIAA office. The date for applying for WIAA tournament participation is June 1, 2006, for spring sport teams to participate in the WIAA tennis tournament series in 2007.

**QUESTION:** We are going to another state for some practice during spring break. Can we scrimmage another high school from another state while we are there?

**INTERPRETATION:** First, please carefully review WIAA Scrimmage Regulations as found on pages 35 & 36 of the WIAA Spring Season Regulations. All of these points must be met in order for a school to scrimmage another team.

In addition, scrimmage regulations require that both schools involved in the scrimmage are able to do so. It is possible the other state does not allow a scrimmage or the out-of-state school may have already used their scrimmage option. If one of the two schools involved is not able to identify the interaction between the two schools as a "scrimmage", then this interaction can not be identified as a scrimmage.

**QUESTION:** We have a donor who is willing to give each of our varsity boys a team hat. Can we give this hat to boy's on our varsity tennis team?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, WIAA Amateur

Status Regulations as found on page 34 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook indicates that a student may receive an award which is symbolic (nonmerchandise) in nature such as trophies, medals, ribbons, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, or other items of no intrinsic/utilitarian value. Hats have been interpreted to be an acceptable gift/award that can be provided to student-athletes without violation of this regulation.

**QUESTION:** Can we place a memorial patch on the sleeve of our tennis shirts?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, neither WIAA Regulations nor USTA Rules prevent a memorial patch from being placed or displayed on a tennis uniform. It is recommended the patch be as close to the 2" x 3" requirement for logos as possible.

**QUESTION:** Can we organize an intramural program for 7th and 8th graders in tennis and use girls from our varsity tennis team to act as clinicians during the spring of the school year?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, a school is able to organize an intramural program for junior high students. An intramural program is one where student-athletes from that school get the opportunity to compete against one another through the direction and organization of an instructor.

The use of student-athletes as clinicians is not allowed. Use of clinicians indicates this is not an intramural program, but rather a clinic. Schools may not become involved in a clinic during the school year. See WIAA Rules at a Glance, II., C.

**QUESTION:** A server is bouncing the ball 15 times before serving each serve. Is this considered to be delay?

**INTERPRETATION:** Please review USTA Rule 21, page 17 of Official Rules of Tennis.

For the first serve, it is OK to bounce the ball many times prior to serving as 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)

**QUESTION:** If the first serve is an obvious fault, is it unsportsmanlike and/or a delay to return the serve?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, it is considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct and a delay to return a serve that is obviously a fault. In accordance with USTA Point Penalty System, Table 7, page 115 of Friend at Court, the violation shall be penalized as follows: First offense—Warning; Each additional violation—One Point Penalty.

**QUESTION:** In doubles, if a receiver turns their back to the server in an effort to slow down the pace of play, is this a delay?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Rule 21—the receiver shall play to a reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the serve being ready.

USTA Comment 21.2—The receiver cannot become unready unless outside interference occurs.

USTA Comment 21.7—Should the receiver be penalized for delay if the receiver was not getting into a ready position until 18 seconds after the end of the previous point even though the server was ready to serve within 15 seconds? Yes, the receiver is subject to a time violation. The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server.

Yes, if a receiver turns their back to the server in an effort to slow down the pace of play, it is considered to be a delay. In accordance with USTA Point Penalty System, Table 7, page 115 of Friend at Court, the violation shall be penalized as follows: First offense—warning; Each additional violation—one point penalty. ✧

# ■ Eligibility Questions & Answers

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## Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** Yesterday at the annual meeting someone asked about the new, 4th semester transfer rule and its impact on the private/religious school student athlete and/or open enrolled students - who simply moved across the street. Would they be eligible? Your response seemed restrained and as a result, not as clear as it might have been.

**A.:** You're right. In part, just not being able to pull the right thoughts together at just the right time, contributed. In addition there are times and places where simple "YES/NO" answers might be the best fit for the situation - but fall short of clearly answering the question as well as the underlying issues and concerns and as a result, lead to more questions, spontaneous answers and ultimately, greater confusion and uncertainty. Bottom line, however, I "kicked" that one. Should have done better. Thanks for the opportunity to answer the question, again. "Would a complete and total move "across the street" meet the requirement for eligibility after the 4th consecutive semester"? NO !! The text of the rule is written very specifically - "A transfer made necessary as a result of a complete and total move of the family, etc." Obviously, a move of any short distance would not appear to justify or necessitate a transfer and would not be acknowledged at the executive staff level. Second, when considering the many dimensions and layers in eligibility and compliance, a frequent litmus test is whether a situation conforms to the "spirit" of the rule. Or whether the situation has the feel and flavor of "compliance or circumvention." One must consider the rationale for the rule, why did the members adopt it?...what was the problem or purpose the regulation was designed and adopted to address? In this situation, despite a trend over the past five years towards liberalizing transfer student eligibility, our members have come to recognize the destructive nature and grave potential of unchecked transfer students. It has apparently reached a point where the bad feelings between member schools, the anger and frustration heard by both the displaced student at the new school and the abandoned coach and team-mates at the former school - all to advance a self-interest - have resulted in the strong show of support by the members for this rule change. Based on all these perspectives, while it clearly leads to a simple "NO" to the question. The "No" does not convey either the gravity of the situation or the conviction/determination behind the action taken to address this problem by our members. In addition, the rule will be applied to transfers the same across the membership, whether - public school, religious/independent school and/or residential school. It will also apply to students whose parents have divorced or separated. Unless a transfer has been made necessary by the complete and total move of the family, or a waiver has been provided, the student will not be allowed to practice or compete at their new school for a calendar year. A move "across the street" will not meet - either the letter or the spirit of this rule change and will not bring eligibility after the 4th consecutive semester.

## Amateur Status

**Q.:** I am a parent of an athlete and have a quick question for you. Is it ok for her to be filmed in a commercial for a restaurant? She is not receiving any compensation for it. Her friend's parents own the restaurant and the commercial will be played only in the local movie theatre.

**A.:** Careful – If your student is "just a face sitting at a table" (no reflection of being an athlete - in any way) then it's not likely to present any real hazards. An athlete may be identified as such by text/apparel/props...careful! I can't state strongly enough - you ought to speak with your AD about this and have first rights to review - before going to "air".

## Competition & Practice

**Q.:** I am one of many concerned parents and would like to know what the rule is for a high school athlete who was arrested for disorderly conduct and battery charges. This student was given a one day suspension from school but has not had to miss any of their sport this year and no other discipline action taken. I know the school has a Code of Conduct rules and the school is not following them.

**A.:** What does your school's code say? If these sorts of behaviors are a violation of your school's code - (as they would be regarded in most codes) - a minimum of a one complete

game/meet suspension is required.

All contests the student would appear in - until the suspension is served will be forfeited. You can find the WIAA requirements with respect to participation codes in the Sr. High Handbook on our website. See: Rules of Eligibility, Article VII, Section 2 (p. 39).

**Q.:** We have had two area schools cancel their baseball programs because of low numbers. I have a question/inquiry from coaches and AD's on whether or not they would list any game they wouldn't be able to reschedule nonconference-wise in place of these games as forfeits on their schedules in regards to seeding info. Can you get back to me on this issue when you get time. One school gave the conference notification on March 1 and the other school notified me they were canceling on March 27.

**A.:** When a school has dropped a program late, there is some precedent for "counting" the conference games as forfeit victories. This has been the standard in football, where conference wins is critical for playoff qualifying. In baseball, where "all qualify," this would be as much for purposes of identifying a conference champion, I suppose. In the reality of things, what difference will it really make in attempting to use/"count"/argue one game, "not played," for seeding purposes. On the matter of "win/loss" records...counting or not counting the forfeit win for those contests not able to be replaced will be up to the school.

## Participation Issues

**Q.:** Our girl's soccer team wants to go watch the Minnesota Thunder play on a Sunday afternoon. It is their "high school" day. The Minnesota Thunder will conduct a clinic for the high school kids from 1-3 and then the high school teams will watch the Thunder play. Is this legal for our high school team to participate in a clinic of this sort during the season?

**A.:** Yes (should be a voluntary thing). See ROE, Handbook p. 38, C-5-Note.

**Q.:** A local family will soon be hosting a student from Germany, as will about 20 other families from our community. Their son is currently a member of the school's track and field team. Could this student be allowed to join the team for the 30 days he will spend in America? This is an opportunity he doesn't have in his country.

**A.:** Handbook p. 33 addresses international students and eligibility. There is no provision for eligibility for students here less than one semester. Student could be allowed to practice if you wished to allow.

## Nonschool Competition/Participation

**Q.:** I have a couple of track athletes who would like to participate in a Cancer Run (5K) held the last weekend in April. Are they ok to run this race during the "track" season. It is my understanding that during the cross country season, this would not be acceptable. How does it apply during the track season?

**A.:** No. Running sport..same restriction... same risk to your school's team. Students could enter as walkers...but not as runners.

**Q.:** I am Special Education teacher along with an agency manager for Special Olympics. I have an athlete that is in 9th grade who has been participating in Special Olympics track and field. Now that he is a freshman he has also joined the high school track team. Is he eligible to participate in both extracurricular events at the same time?

**A.:** There may be some opportunity for your student to do both. It's called an exceptional athlete waiver. It may not be unlimited, however. Put together a schedule of events for Special Olympics, and the school's schedule. Meet with your AD and review the Sr. High Handbook, p. 37, Article VI, Sect. IA-4. There may be some potential for a waiver in some instances.

**Q.:** My 13-year old daughter plays softball for her middle school. She also plays on a summer nonschool softball team. I know my daughter can not compete in games while the school season is in session, but is she allowed to practice with her summer team?

**A.:** Yes. To "try out" for a club team in order to secure a spot, to practice with a club team (same sport/same season) as the school's team, does not violate the "WIAA's" nonschool competition rules. Notice in III-D of attached, "scrimmaging another club team" is not permitted. Inter-squad scrimmage is allowed. I must always suggest your daughter discuss this with her school coach, in advance. If / when "we lose one of our best players" as a result of over-use or other injuries, all the

team is diminished as a result. There are times when coaching techniques, strategies on how to play/respond in situations may be very different from one coach to another. That can put an athlete in an awkward and at times conflicting position and the school coach in a difficult position, and/or parents feeling the school coach "doesn't know what they're doing." There are times that a coach might view out side involvement as a "lack of dedication/loyalty" and give more time and turns to those kids "we know are going to be here." Any/all of these scenarios are destructive/divisive elements.

**Q.:** I have questions on the eligibility for my son in regards to baseball and soccer. He is currently on the freshman baseball team at the high school. He was on the soccer team earlier last fall, and will play again next fall. He is currently signed up for a rec soccer team. They practice during the week, after baseball practice, and they have games on the weekend. This is during the school year, but outside of the soccer window. He is also signed up for a summer rec baseball league. This league is not an all-star team in any way. The majority of players on the team do not even participate on the high school team. They do not play any games until after the school year is over. The coach, who is not affiliated with the school team, wants to have practices during the school year, on the weekends, and not to interfere with the current high school baseball teams doings. It is my understanding of the rules that I found on your website, that he has done nothing to jeopardize his eligibility in either of the high school sports he participates in. Is this correct?

**A.:** Your son is an active young man. Good for him. As you have described this scenario, your assumptions are accurate. Article III - D of the Rules At A Glance addresses nonschool participation. There is also considerable FAQ/A's on this topic on our website, under the regulations menu.

**Q.:** There is a junior student, that, up until last night, played baseball. He is also playing AAU basketball. He started baseball knowing that there would be scheduling conflicts between them but was doing both. When put on the spot by the baseball coach to choose one or the other because of increasing conflicts he chose AAU. This is the questionable area. His parents are not helping him out in the AAU part, have not paid any fees or provide transportation to the events, which are usually in Madison or Milwaukee. The financial part is being paid by another parent in the school district, no relation whatsoever to the boy. Nor does he have the parent's permission to do so. He does not have a child participating so it's not like he is offering a ride to him simply since they are going to the same place. This parent makes a special point to get this student to the AAU activities. Is there a violation here? Will this affect his status in his senior year in school? And if the person running him to these events has paid his fee (and I'm sure has purchased meals as well) wouldn't that be accepting gifts (both direct and indirectly) and in violation of amateur status rules?

**A.:** You may find the rules that interface with this summarized in our Rules At A Glance. The information you've provided is not sufficient to determine whether there is a "problem" here or not. There could be an amateur status concern relating to special benefit, but no argument or assertion is made in that direction. An athlete can be reimbursed the actual and necessary costs associated with competition. For related rules see Article III-F and III-C there is also considerable Q/A on this topic on our website, under the Regulations icon. Participating in AAU falls within the rules regarding nonschool competition outside of the school season. As I said, much more information would be needed. It could be there is a violation at the root of this...but it could also be that there's nothing more then allowable costs associated with competition – travel, meals, entry fees and accommodations are all an acceptable part of that reimbursement. And we have received no documented complaint from a member alleging a violation.

## Coach Contact

**Q.:** I have been asked to help coach an 8th grade club soccer team this summer. I will be coaching a high school freshman team, which will inevitably include members of this club team. I have tried to wade through these regulations the best I can, and the most important thing to me is not doing anything that would harm my ability to coach the high school freshman in the fall. The major rule that I have not yet been able to get a clear answer from anybody is: in the first paragraph of "WIAA Rules at a Glance". When it states that

varsity and JV coaches may have coaching contact with 8th graders up until they actually begin their ninth grade year, does that include freshman coaches (JV meaning freshman as well). The most distinct and definite answer you could give would be great since I want to have something to bring to my athletic director for final approval.

**A.:** If you desire to coach a 9th grade school team next fall - *do not* coach a summer/club team that has students who would be identified as West 9th graders next fall. The text is very specific, actually. The "fundamental rule" is that coaches may not have coaching contact with students outside of the school season, that they will coach again in the next school season. Remember that as your basic/foundational provision. Then the text does go on to identify a couple of "exceptions" to the fundamental rule. Parents can always coach their own children: JV and varsity coaches can work with students until they actually enter 9th grade (this exception does not extend to frosh coaches - fundamental rule applies to you in this situation); all school sport programs are afforded some "unrestricted contact days in the summer - up to five days for soccer. These days are to be identified by the AD and/or school's head coach and on those same five days coaches in the school's program can "do what ever they want" (almost). There are some sports whose coaches might have contact in the summer with athletes beyond the five days, but soccer is not one of those.

**Q.:** I have a volunteer coach at the freshmen level. He is a university student and an education major. I plan on him volunteering again next year at the freshmen level. The question is: Can he work with the graduated freshmen (next year's sophomores, the same group he helped to coach this past season) during the summer? I was thinking of having him coach the boy's in summer league at the YMCA. This volunteer coach will not be associated with the sophomores or varsity next year.

**A.:** YES - I respond to this question regularly, in the WIAA Bulletin, Eligibility Q/A. You will find all of this archived on our website: pull down on Regulations icon. Provided there is zero interface including practice, scrimmage, on the team bench - even at "State" then, contact with some of your school's athletes would not violate membership's provisions. Keep in mind Rules of Eligibility prohibit any assembly out-of-season to resemble a school's team practicing and competing. The coach would not be an eligible candidate for a JV position.

**Q.:** I just need a clarification about softball. According to the 2006 spring season regulations page 27 part d. #3 c, It states that coaching contact beyond five days is okay for softball coaches. My question to you is this: Does this mean that a softball coach who is coaching during the regular season is allowed to coach her girls during the summer?

**A.:** In a simplistic/concise answer - Yes. There are caveats, however. Above and beyond the five unrestricted days, softball, baseball and several other sport coaches have for a long/long time been allowed summer contact. However, all other days where there might be contact must be nonschool sponsored, and the opportunities must be known/available to all interested – and MAY NOT resemble the school team practicing/competing outside the season.

**Q.:** During the summer months, I'm aware of the five contact days rule as it relates to basketball. However, beyond the five days, I have questions? 1) Can an unpaid high school coach have contact with players from his school? Does it matter if you're a frosh/JV or varsity unpaid volunteer? 2) Can a coach issue school practice uniforms for players to use during the summer? What about basketballs? 3) Can players use school basketballs at an open gym? 4) Lastly, if you suspect a violation of these rules, what should someone do?

**A.:** 1) Your question is broader than you are aware. But the "safest/best" answer is - "No"- in this case...

Whether paid or not, a coach is a coach is a coach... The fundamental rule is that a coach may not have contact during "restricted times" with athletes they will be coaching in the next school season. See Rules at a Glance Art. I and summer contact reminders attached below. 2) Yes to both - with official authorization of your school board. Basketballs are considered implements. Have "always" been able to be let out. 3) Yes. And other "implements" like rebounding devices and etc. See Article

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**II-D (Rules At/Glance) for more on School Sponsored "Open Gym". 4) Document/Document/Document, in detail. Who/what/when/where. The more details and specifics, the better. Suggest you will discuss your concerns with your school's administration. School administration is required - by terms of membership, to forward concerns of violation.**

**Q.:** I am still unclear why wrestling falls under the five-day rule. I thought they were granted unrestricted contact from the end of school until July 31.

**A.:** Unrestricted contact - affords "schools" the opportunity to sponsor, the group assembled may "resemble the school's team practicing/competing." School may assume responsibility, schools might "pay" the coach, etc., not to exceed the five days. Coaches can do "whatever they want" (almost). Above and beyond - in addition to the five unrestricted days, wrestling coaches have been added to the list of those sport coaches who in the summer are afforded "unlimited" contact opportunities - in *nonschool* sponsored settings.

**Q.:** On page 38 of the Senior High Handbook it states the following – "c. Coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of this section." What does this mean for our wrestling coach? Please clarify.

**A.:** First, consider you are referencing ROE, Article VI: "*Nonschool" sponsored opportunities*. To begin, during the five *unrestricted* days, your coach can do "whatever he wants" (almost). The five unrestricted days can even be "school sponsored" opportunities - as a result of recent Bylaw changes. (between the end of school and July 31). Outside of / above and beyond those five days, your wrestling coach (and other coaches as listed) could still have coaching contact with some of your school's student athletes. There are caveats, however. These "additional opportunities", *may not be school sponsored* - so then, must be provided by an entity other than the school, e.g., Park/Rec, Booster Club, Optimists, YMCA, Country Club, etc. Your school's golf or tennis coach may be the "teaching pro" or summer league organizer at the area golf course or aquatic center, e.g., (nonschool entities). And so long as participation is voluntary, "open to any one" / not limited to students just from "our school and/or team" and does not resemble the school's team practicing/competing outside the season, there may be coaching contact in those sports identified. Think of a softball or baseball coach managing the legion baseball or summer softball league teams (typically) composed of a variety of participants from across the area and across age groups (may not be limited/restricted to just the "school's team"). If your wrestling coach is similarly employed/engaged as any of the examples given and the opportunity conforms to the caveats outlined, your wrestling coach might have coaching contact with a wide range of youngsters in the summer, including students from your own school and students who may be a part of next year's school team. If he takes on a private business - privately sponsoring this sort of coaching interaction he ought to not be delusional...it will be his personal responsibility for any IRS and liability/injury matters as should arise. *It is not / may not be* the burden of the school - above/beyond the five unrestricted days. This should not be taken on in a casual or mindless manner. Who is sponsoring, who is responsible/accountable, being in compliance ought to always be crystal clear.

**Q.:** I understand that a basketball coach can have five days of practice during the summer with his players. He was wondering if you can have five days with grades 10-12 and then another five just with in-coming freshman or is it five days total.

**A.:** Technically, the rules which had - for a long time - governed summer contact between JV and varsity coaches, has not changed - much. (The deadline for using HS athletes as clinicians - for up to six days - used to be "the last Saturday in July". Now, it is July 31.) But, what remains unchanged is that "schools may provide camps/clinics opportunity for students who've just finished 8th grade and below...in the summertime." There is no five-day restriction on middle level/grade school programming. And, the second dimension which has not changed is that JV and varsity coaches are allowed contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade.

**Q.:** Does coaching beach volleyball count the same as coaching regular volleyball as far as contact with the kids during the summer.

**A.:** Yes. For reasons which take in skill-sport and the "ball" itself, this is categorized exactly the same as three-on-three basketball or other gimmicks which are subject to the same coach contact restrictions as volleyball/basketball played in a traditional manner or venue.

**Q.:** My question pertains to when 8th grade students are officially considered freshman by the WIAA. Is the freshman coach allowed to coach them in spring tournaments while they are still in 8th grade? What about the summer months prior to their enrollment in high school or do they fall under the five days of contact rule which applies to the other high school basketball players? Is the freshman basketball coach allowed to coach them in summer leagues, tournaments, etc.?

**A.:** A freshmen coach may not have contact with next year's freshmen players in the spring while these students are still in 8th grade, nor in the summer, *except* during the five unrestricted days.

**Q.:** We have a summer city rec coach that coaches our summer swim league. She is now applying for the high school girls swim coach position. If she would get it can she still coach for the summer city rec program which does include some of the high school girl swimmers? What about a boys high swim coach coaching the summer rec league?

**A.:** Simplest answer to your question is yes. In the summer time, swim coaches, baseball, softball, running sport, wrestling and gymnastics coaches are able to have coaching contact with athletes from their schools in the manner you've identified, via a nonschool provider. There are caveats. "An acceptable nonschool program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status." The nonschool team may not "resemble the school's team practicing / competing outside the school season." Please review our Rules At A Glance. # 3-c confirms the "yes" interpretation I provided. You might also go to Eligibility Q/A - under the "Regulations" icon and click on coach contact.

**Q.:** A question regarding senior high coaches working with junior high athletes. My understanding is that the senior high volleyball coaching staff can work with the junior high (and younger) athletes at any time. Once the school year ends, let's say June 2, the 8th grade class now becomes 9th graders, thus the senior high staff cannot coach those athletes anymore in a league, camp, or tournament unless they choose to use some of their contact days - is that correct? Basically, when does it become illegal for the senior high coaching staff to work with athletes not a part of the high school yet?

**A.:** Rules At A Glance - (Art. I) identifies one of the few "exceptions" to the fundamental coach contact rule, and that is that JV and varsity coaches are able to work with students until those students actually enter 9th grade - this is in "effect" both during the school year as well as the summer. (Typically that will be seen as first day of a fall sport practice and/or first day of class.) Not true for 9th grade staff...for them, fundamental rule applies. Then Article II-A of same Rules At A Glance brings added dimension - that even though a coach might be allowed to work with a group of school aged children...that group may not resemble the school's team practicing and/or competing outside the season.

**Q.:** We have boys basketball players involved in three different leagues this summer. My coach is wondering if it is legal to use one of his five contact days in the summer to determine placement of kids onto one of the three teams.

**A.:** Would say no – not appropriate. While summer contact has become more liberalized, for those days outside of the "unrestricted" contact days, the text and interpretations remain in affect. The current and still "applicable" text with respect to nonschool programming, is found in Rules At A Glance. See - last full sentence before numbered (1-2-3) added clarifications/examples.

**Q.:** I am a varsity girls' basketball coach. I have been contacted to coach an AAU team that consists of current 8th grade girls, starting May 1 and continuing throughout the summer. One of the players is an eighth grade student in my school district. She is a good player who could possibly play varsity basketball next year as a freshman; however, it is not realistic given our numbers and position players. Am I allowed to coach the team?

**A.:** Simply put; yes. JV and varsity coaches are able to have coaching contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade. It is one of the few "exceptions" in the coaching contact provisions. You can review the "basic" rule in article I of the attached document. Also, there is an abundance of this sort of Q/A on our website, check under the "Regulations" icon and click on Eligibility Q/A."

## Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** We had a student open enroll into our school. He played soccer here last fall, now has gone back to home school and wants to participate in track. Is he eligible at his new-old school?

**A.:** Transfer student is not eligible - UNLESS - You have been sent the transfer student from the "new/old" school AND have indicated "no reason to object" on that form and returned it to the school. THEN - the student could be afforded non-varsity eligibility. The student will not be eligible for varsity competition - without a waiver request from the school and approved by the WIAA. Please be certain the other AD is aware. To use the student w/o your approval - or a waiver from here, would result in forfeiture for use of an ineligible athlete.

**Q.:** A student from ABC has toured our school and thinks he would like to transfer here. He would be a junior next year. He is going to live in ABC with his mother (as the parents are divorced or soon to be) and he will drive back and forth. His father lives in ABC but works here in XYZ. The father is contemplating moving to XYZ and has indicated that he might. I don't know what the custody arrangement is in this situation. I guess my questions are around this issue: Child transfers here but lives in ABC with mom. Dad moves to XYZ sometime in the fall. As the weather gets bad, child decides to stay with dad in XYZ. Realizes this is much more convenient than the 30 minute drive back and forth everyday. So in spring son decides to spend more nights with dad to save the commute time. Do any eligibility issues come up during this story? I'd like to let the people know where the child stands before they fill out any papers, pay any money, and I don't want that, "if someone would have told me before" coming out of anyone's mouth.

**A.:** It's a little difficult to address the hypothetical. The student will (evidently) have legitimately established their eligibility...residing with a parent (mom) full time in primary residence (ABC) and commuting to your school. In the scenario you are describing, the student would not have changed schools - but rather parent and residence. Depending on what actually develops and the "timing" of those developments, I'd suggest being careful. The arrangement that's being described could easily be seen or presented as a *secondary* residence. Just an apartment to facilitate access to a school and not really in compliance with the residence requirement. If events were to lead to legal divorce, living with dad could then become a legitimate residence arrangement.

First, living in ABC with mom and commuting is and will be seen as clearly within the rules. If the legal divorce is "finalized" and AT THAT SAME TIME the student moves in with father to new full time/primary residence - XYZ, there likely would be little issue. The finalized divorce is viewed as a significant door of "change" in a student's life...it is quite typical that at the time of divorce - living arrangements might also need to change. A transfer waiver is likely to be approved. If there is just a "trial" separation and/or "informal/unofficial" parting of the parents and one of them takes an apartment in town, this is likely to lead at the very least - to the assertion of "secondary" residence. Be thorough, be careful...watch out for your programs. Get the specifics - documented. Do not allow vagueness in the answers you need.

## Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

**Q.:** I have a few students who are talking about putting a team together for a summer co-ed high-pitch softball league. This league does give out cash prizes at the end of the year. If they participate will they be in violation Article III? I was not sure because of the type of sport.

**A.:** Simple answer would be: If the students accepted, received or directed to another - any sort of cash or merchandise awards - for their performance or achievement in this summer softball league, it would be an amateur status violation (Rules of Eligibility, Article IV - Senior High Handbook) - and career ending. However, be clear, this does not mean that the students can not put a team together, participate/compete and have fun. But make it clear on their entry form, make it clear to the league organizers, these are HS, amateur athletes, competing for "fun" and may not/will not accept any sort of prize other than those symbolic awards as identified. Also, caution your players to stay as far away from anything which would be able to be "alleged" later on. That experience can be distressing and distracting, the day before the regional tournament. In this setting most common allegations we hear next fall are that: Parents or "college friends" accepted \$\$ - and "kids" received it under the table later on; Rather then cash, team got "free food"; In around summer leagues, alcohol is sometimes present/available; Playing under an assumed name.

**Q.:** Our district offers numerous summer school offerings (including various sports/activities) and one of them is a volleyball fundamentals for students currently in grades 3-8. They are done in two different three week sections. Are current 8th graders (next years 9th graders) allowed to participate in this summer school activity? One of the sessions is taught by one of the Phys. Ed. teachers and the other session is taught by our girls VB coach. Does this make a difference?

**A.:** Current 8th graders would be allowed to participate in this course. If one of the course instructors is the 9th grade vb coach, then the coaching contact restrictions would be applicable. JV and varsity coaches are allowed contact until students begin 9th grade.

**Q.:** My son is interested in playing high school football next year. During the summer, he would like to attend camp where helmets and pads are being worn. I understand that this may not always be allowed. Can my son wear a helmet and pads in camp and still be eligible to play high school football in the fall?

**A.:** Fundamental answer to your question is yes. Attending a "padded camp" in and of itself would not adversely affect your son's eligibility. The larger question is about who is issuing the pads - the camp or your own school? If "your school" is inclined to issue, then that requires official school board approval.

**Q.:** Are athletes prohibited from being instructors for school sponsored summer schools courses? Examples – Swim Instructors; Athletic Camp Leaders (directors).

**A.:** Not sure I have enough information to be real accurate or detailed here. An athlete can be employed. It is not uncommon that a school district might sponsor swim lesson through their community ed program and swimmers sometimes make great life guards and beginning instructors. Not a problem with that at all - provided the employment opportunity is posted and available to all interested applicants. Not certain of the specifics you might have in mind, though.

## Open Gyms and Camp Issues

**Q.:** Can the wrestling booster club pay for individual wrestlers and/or a team of wrestlers to attend a wrestling camp in the summer?

**A.:** No. If the camp is part of the five *unrestricted* days (which can be school sponsored) - the "school" may sponsor the opportunity (for all interested students). Boosters can always "gift" the school...but all interested students must have same access opportunities - to all school sponsored programs, all have fees paid and etc. If not a part of school program / not within the five unrestricted days (end of school to July 31) only student and family can pay and are responsible for 100 percent of fees. Ref: HB, ROE, Art. VI, Sect. 2C-5 and "note" (p. 38). Also: III-F of RAAG.

**Q.:** We have a co-op for girls hockey with another school. Can those girls come down here and participate in our summer speed and strength class.

**A.:** Yes. Had to check into that one a bit. There is some precedent for allowing students from "co-op" partners to engage in open gym opportunities. Opportunity should be made known to/available to all interested students w/in the related set. Interpretation does not extend to all students/all sports - outside of the co-op.

## Health & Behavior

**Q.:** I was informed by a business owner that one of our athletes was involved with a police task force that sends underage people into businesses to buy alcohol. He was directed to enter a bar and try to buy beer. If he is successful, then the business is issued a ticket. I feel that this practice puts us in a difficult situation because our policy states that a student is suspended from co-curricular activities if they use or possess alcohol. I will contact the police to see if they can stop the use of co-curricular participants. I wanted to get your take on this situation.

**A.:** The WIAA would not view this activity - working voluntarily in cooperation with, and under the direct supervision of law enforcement - in the same light as illegal possession and/or consumption. We would not view this as a violation of the participation code. In fact, might be described and "counted" in some districts as civil/community service. Second, you've gotten a story "second hand" from a business owner. I strongly suggest you have the police verify. Otherwise, you may have a clever alibi being offered.

## Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

**Q.:** I am filling in as head coach until our school hires someone. I just have one quick question for you. Can a booster club help pay for a team camp?

**A.:** No. See Article III-F of the Rules At A Glance. Also, there is an abundance of this sort of Q/A on our website, check under the "Regulations" icon and click on Eligibility Q/A. ✧

# Baseball Questions & Answers

**Q.:** We have had two area schools cancel their baseball programs because of low numbers. I have a question/inquiry from coaches and AD's on whether or not they would list any game they wouldn't be able to reschedule non-conference wise in place of these games as forfeits on their schedules in regards to seeding info. Can you get back to me on this issue when you get time. One school gave the conference notification on March 1st and the other school notified me they were canceling on March 27.

**A.:** **When a school has dropped a program late, there is some precedent for "counting" the conference games as forfeit victories. This has been the standard in football, where conference wins is critical for playoff qualifying. In baseball, where "all qualify," this would be as much for purposes of identifying a conference champion, I suppose. In the reality of things, what difference will it really make in attempting to use/"count"/argue a/one game "not played" for seeding purposes. On the matter of "win/loss" records...counting or not counting the forfeit win for those contests not able to be replaced will be up to the school.**

**Q.:** Is it legal to wear a "grill" (removable cosmetic jewelry for teeth)?

**A.:** **No. Rule 1-5-12 prohibits jewelry. Evidently you can Google "grills," and will be a few clicks away from some diamond studded jewelry to bring 'bling' to your smile. If not an orthodontic/medical/dental device, it will be considered jewelry/adornment and must be appropriately addressed if/when detected. The grill should be removed prior to competition unless it is a permanent orthodontic device. Comment: Coaches should be aware of any athletes who wear a grill and remind them to remove it prior to competition. Officials are not expected to check athletes for this type of jewelry (similar to the navel ring under the shirt). If detected the rules must be applied.**

**Q.:** Our baseball coach has been on staff for the past seven years. He is a teacher at our elementary schools. He is a strongly principled young man - when he is aware of the principles and rules involved. To elaborate on the details: Two officials were scheduled but one could not get off of work and then neglected to inform anyone that he could not be there. There were two officials for the JV game but one of them did not show up either. I don't believe our coach was aware of the rule in the spring Handbook. He should have been. At our coaches meeting in the spring he was given a copy of the season regulations and rule book and he attended a rules interpretation meeting. Obviously when told to familiarize himself with the rules he just used the rule book and did not use the WIAA Handbook and season regulations. I will need to be more diligent in making sure that our coaches follow through. I am certain our coach's motivation, although not legal, was that they wanted to play, as it was the first game of the season in our part of the state and the other school agreed, so they played.

**A.:** **Thanks AD, we will add this to the record. First, understand, the text in the Season Regulations does not state, "Recommended" number of Officials. Be advised, another such occurrence could well result in the removal of your team from the tournament series this season - and/or in the future. Coach may think we are off our rockers for making an issue of this. He needs to understand....it's the type of mistake that can quickly "haunt" him, the contest official, your school and the Association - for a long/long time. Though catastrophic injury is not a frequent visitor to school sports, any thin veneer we may once have had - covering the perception of immunity for players was shed a long time ago. In addition, we have placed a contest official in a position of lose/lose/lose: Lose his license? Lose his house? When he can't get to second or third for a close call, which ultimately decides the game, he loses his ranking and will be escorted from the field by a coach or parent who want to tear him apart. We accept your explanation and appreciate your confidence in / endorsement of, your**

**coach. However, this can not happen again.**

**Q.:** I had the occasion to work the plate for a freshman baseball game recently. I really think a reminder needs to be sent out to umpires regarding the new rule about any white or gray on a pitcher's glove being illegal. I had two pitchers from one school who both took the mound with gloves having white on them. I had both of them change the gloves and the coach even told me the 2nd pitcher had used the glove in two previous games without incident. I advised the coach to carry a black marker with him to correct the gloves in the future. Uniformity is needed in enforcement because if others don't and one does, the one who does enforce looks like the bad guy.

**A.:** **You are correct. When approached wisely - a frosh contest can and should be a terrific learning environment for players, coaches and officials. First - A 9th grade game is not an excuse for an ump to simply show-up, collect a check, make minimal contribution and allow mistakes to persist - by ignoring them - if in fact that was what took place. Second - The coach also needs to know - "they did it last game" - is never an acceptable defense or explanation. It is his/her responsibility to know the rules, to be 100% certain his/her team is properly prepared to play, legally equipped. It is every bit as much a part of the coaches duty as is game plan, strategy and tactic of a contest.**

**Q.:** Last week a coach was quizzing us on whether or not a logo, in this case a wildcat, could be put on the catcher's helmet. I and my partner are not sure if this is allowed, and if so, what kind of limitations are placed on the logo?

**A.:** **The rules (1-5-1 - 1-5-4) appear silent on this topic. It is generally held - that which is not "prohibited" or addressed as "illegal" is considered "acceptable," unless it indirectly conflicts with another section within the rules. In the absence of "parameters" defining an acceptable logo - I would look to make certain a logo did not hinder inspection of the equipment, did not conceal any cracks or obscure the NOCSAE emblem. I might also want to "judge" if it presented a glare or in any other way hindered an umpire or base runner. The logo should be the same as the schools, not something created to look like the name.**

**Q.:** I coach a team and we played a game tonight. Team A (my team) was the home team and we were ahead 4-2 at the end of 6 innings. At this point darkness was a real concern, but the umpires decided to start the 7th inning. Team B scored two runs to tie the game and at this point the umpires decide to call the game due to darkness with two outs in the top of the 7th. When the teams come together to finish the game where do we pick it up? Second, if the teams decide not to complete the game, for travel reasons and other concerns, then what is the ruling?

**A.:** **See Spring Season Regulations, p. 6, # 15 b & c. Also NF 4-3-1 and 4-2-3 note. If it is not finished, it is a tie.**

**Q.:** Runner on 2nd base and two outs. The next batter hits a long fly ball to the outfield. The runner from 2nd rounds 3rd and is assisted by the coach before the fly ball is caught. The runner crosses home plate. The fly ball is caught after the runner crosses home plate. Does the run count or is he the third out? If the runner would be the third out, who leads off the next inning? Is it the next batter or is it the last batter from the previous inning that hit the fly ball?

**A.:** **I needed help on this one...Did this really happen in one of your games? Our final answer is: Case book 3.2.2 – Caught fly is third out. Run does not count. Next batter on Line-Up card leads off the next inning.**

**Q.:** Could you clarify what constitutes a player being charged as playing a full game? Courtesy runner: pinch hitter (one time only): playing the field: any others?

**A.:** **Appearing in more than one inning. Spring Season Regulations. p. 4, 7A.**

**Q.:** At our officials assoc. meeting two questions came up. 1) With a runner on third base and one out, B1 hits a fly ball to left field. R1 leaves early after the catch. The ball is thrown to the plate where the runner is caught in a rundown. During the rundown and while attempting to get back to third base, there is obstruction by the

defense. The runner is tagged out. What is the correct ruling? We had several thoughts. Because the runner had not legally tagged up, the base award might be third base. Others thought that the runner is awarded home, and the defensive team then had the option to appeal the runner leaving early. However, the argument was made that the player may have tagged up legally had there not been obstruction. A third thought was that the runner is awarded home, but he could walk to third to legally tag up before touching home. Which is correct? We could not find a case to back our reasoning. 2) The lineup card indicates Jones as the third batter wearing number 12. However, the coach made an error and Jones is really wearing the number 22. Is this just a correction to the card without penalty provided the name is correct?

**A.:** **1) Delayed dead ball, award runner home. Since runner had not touched succeeding base, (home) when the ball became dead (obstruction), he retains the right to go back and touch third during the award. (He must do so immediately and before he touches home.) If he does not go back and touch third, the runner shall be out upon proper appeal. (8-2-5) 2) Correct card, no penalty. (1-1-3)**

**Q.:** During my last two games I have had a request in each game that I am not sure how it should have been handled. Should umpires allow a baseball team to use an extra hitter and bat 10 players at the freshman level of play if both coaches agree to it? How about at the JV level of play if both coaches agree to it? How about at the varsity level of play if both coaches agree to it? Should umpires allow a baseball coach to use a courtesy runner if they only have 9 players total on the team to speed up the game? The courtesy runner would be the player that made the last out. Should this be allowed at the freshman level of play? Should it be allowed at the JV level of play? Should it be allowed at the varsity level of play? I am referring to 10 batters in the line-up. Is this permissible if both coaches agree to it? What about the courtesy runner if there are only 9 players (using the last out as a runner)?

**A.:** **To paraphrase the footnote on WIAA adaptations...it states: neither coaches or officials can modify the rules on their own, or even if everybody agrees. Since we have the DH rule, there is no need to circumvent the rules at any level to add more players to the game. I feel that the coach is responsible for substituting players getting into the game. I believe the DH rule plus re-entry allows the coach many options to play the players he wants. This way the integrity of the rules stay in tact. Courtesy runners: to answer the question, no. The CR was put in to speed up the game and give an opportunity to eligible substitutes to enter the game. If no subs are available then play accordingly. Few things can be worse then having a head coach ask you at the pregame conference "What rules are we playing by tonight?"**

**Q.:** Can we schedule a "varsity reserve" baseball game that will involve only students who do not receive much playing time (certainly not 20 games)? This game would be on top of our 20 game schedule for the varsity, but no individual participating will exceed the 20 game limit.

**A.:** **As you have proposed this - no. Sorry. It is, in effect, a 21st game even though no individual will exceed their individual maximums. What you can do in the future to address this is go through your procedures and process for adding programming and establish approval for sponsoring "varsity reserve" level programming.**

Going through this properly and procedurally not only "authenticates" the programming - but will generally lead to the broader discussions which will address - "how do we justify/explain why this program can do this," and/or, "How do we provide comparable opportunity to the girls", or the soccer team, etc., e.g. The rules do not prevent you from sponsoring programming opportunities at almost any level and configuration you wish. Frosh, soph, JV, varsity, reserves - are most common. Each level can have a schedule of games up to the identified maximums presently allowed. (As you know,

**most reserve schedules will typically range from approx. 1/3 to 50% of what the max might allow.) Each level should have a clear and separate, published schedule.**

**But, you may not add a 21st varsity contest.**

**Q.:** Batter hits a home run but crosses home plate without touching the plate. Doesn't the ump wait until it is appealed before making the call?

**A.:** **Yes. I would make no signal unless there is an appeal. Or, until such a time as no appeal was apparently forthcoming and normal play is ready to continue or would be delayed....indefinitely, waiting.**

**Q.:** The following situation occurred in a recent game. We were the defensive team, with one out and an opposing runner at 2B. Our pitcher throws a legal pitch in the dirt. Our catcher shifts out and blocks the ball and it rolls toward the opposing team's on-deck area. The runner advances from 2B to 3B easily. As the ball rolls toward the on-deck hitter, he reaches down and picks it up, then realizing it was a live ball drops it. Our catcher then retrieves it, the runner holds at 3B. I argued that once the on-deck hitter picked up the ball, it should have been ruled a dead ball, and the runner return to 2B. The umpire chose to ignore the interference and allow the runner to advance. I strongly disagreed, though I admitted that there would have been no play on the runner, the touching of a live ball by a non-active player should have made the ball dead. I checked the following areas: Rule 5, Art. 1 e – in the dead ball table it states that the runner would be out and other runners return. I only thought the runner should return. Other sections referenced were 7-3-5, 8-4-2g and 8-2-8. Case book, page 40, situation K is the closest I could find. In no area could I find reference to an on-deck hitter, just non-playing personnel. Please let me know what the proper ruling should have been.

**A.:** **1. Interference 2-21-1-a – Leave runner at third since he had already attained that base before the ball became dead due to the interference call. 2. I agree the ball is dead when the on deck batter picks up ball. I would have a hard time ruling interference. The runner got his base, coach agrees there would have been no play. End result, runner on 3rd, dead ball. The on deck batter had absolutely no effect on the play.**

**Q.:** I copied a portion of an email I received from our head baseball coach this morning. Our "bull pen" is down the left field line and is in play. We have a mound and home plate. Please read: *"Last night I was told by the home ump that our pitchers who warm up in the pen during the game must have a helmet on. I was at the spring rules meeting and did not hear that new rule and that just blows my mind that a pitcher down in the pen has to wear a batting helmet. We haven't been told that at any other game. Any idea on this one?"* Is there a rule that the pitcher must wear a helmet while warming up in the bull pen if the bull pen is in play?

**A.:** **Here's the question I sent out - to double check my self and the rsvp's received: "I couldn't find anything in 1-5 about this, but for some reason, felt it had been discussed, either between ourselves or at the NF meeting. Your thoughts/recollection." The responses: 1. "No problem letting them go to the bullpen without helmets. My only recommendation is, that they use a sub to watch their backs while warming up." 2. "I know we discussed this at one point in our meeting or at one of mine. I can't find specific rule coverage, but when I run into this situation, I send a third player, with a glove and helmet, to protect pitcher and catcher. I do not require pitcher to wear a helmet, but catcher must be properly equipped as in 1-5. The reason I ask the third player to wear a helmet is because I've seen instances where they will forget what they are down there for and turn there back to the field. This is not a big problem, happens to me once or twice a year." The idea of having a 3rd player out as a personal protector is what I most distinctly recall - depending on the location of the bullpen. Makes "best sense" if you wish to be sure the pitcher warming up is safe and not distracted. But there is not specific rule coverage for the "call" made in this case. †**

# 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes

**April 26, 2006**

The 111th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 commencing at 9:05 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau.

Board of Control President Jim Dyer, President at Pius XI High School, presided. There were 432 delegates in attendance representing 354 schools. The President opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates and relaying the importance of the Annual Meeting. The 2005-06 highlight presentation produced by Todd Clark was shown. Mr. Dyer then reviewed the materials in the meeting packet and introduced the head table which included Executive Director Douglas Chickering, Deputy Director Dave Anderson, President-Elect Scott Lindgren of Kenosha Public Schools, Treasurer Peg Ekedahl of Milton Public Schools, Administration Coordinator Julie Kage and Parliamentarian Dr. William Davidson of Stevens Point.

Minutes of 2005 meeting stand as presented. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Bulletin and in the WIAA Yearbook and acted upon by the Board of Control at a subsequent meeting.

Treasurer Peg Ekedahl reviewed the financial report included in the meeting materials. Total revenue for FY2005 was \$6,734,804 and operating expenses were \$6,831,527. Other revenue was \$98,262, resulting in a net increase in earnings of \$1,539. The June 30, 2005 fund balance was \$2,793,243. A balanced budget with income and expenses of \$6,911,250 is expected. Fall tournament results were about \$154,000 above net projections. Doug Chickering noted the comments made at WADA caucuses on tournament host costs and increased expenses to schools. The Budget forecast for the 2006-07 year will maintain present returns to schools and potential increased reimbursements to schools for tournament hosting expenses will be a focus in the Budget development in 2007-08. Regional, sectional and state tournament per session admission fees will remain at this year's levels. A motion was made by Paul Rozak, Stratford and seconded by Jim Johnson, Milton to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Joan Gralla presented the Election Report. In the Board of Control election, Gus Mancuso, Wisconsin Rapids, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 2. Kevin Knudson, Barneveld, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 5. Peg Ekedahl, Milton, was re-elected for a three-year term for the Gender At-Large seat. Carl Eisman, Martin Luther was elected to a three-year term for the Non-Public School at Large seat. In the Advisory Council election, Randy Refsland, Milton, and Mike Devine, Stevens Point were elected to three-year terms for the Large Schools. Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild was re-elected to a three-year term representing Medium Schools. Larry Villiard, Bruce was re-elected to a three-year term and Jim Freisen, Owen-Withee was elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools. Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay, was re-elected to a three-year term for the Gender At-Large seat. J. Patrick Farrell, Catholic Memorial was re-elected to a three-year term for the Non-Public School At-Large seat. Election winners were introduced.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Roger Foegen, Bangor; Kevin Knudson, Barneveld; Gus Mancuso, Wisconsin Rapids; Jim McCartney, Horicon; Terry Reynolds, Shell Lake; Jim Smasal, Winneconne and Walter Wetzal, Neillsville. Board member Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee Public Schools was excused. Board of Control liaisons John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Bill Vickroy, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association were introduced. Guests in attendance included Tom Beattie, Executive Director, AWSA, John Roberts and Matt Otte. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well.

Voting procedures for the amendments were explained by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director. He explained that 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. Voting delegates have been appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, will conduct the vote count. Tellers assisting with today's meeting were Renee Chapek, Amery; Bob Knight, Benton; Ed Space, Crandon; Ken Flaten, Notre Dame; Greg Kuhn, Dodgeville and Melissa Nigh, Weston.

**Proposal #1**

CONSTITUTION--Article III--Membership, Section 2 – Admission

This change would further define senior high membership requirements and provide that new members must sponsor at least one interscholastic athletic program, separate and independent from other schools and cooperative team programming. A motion was made by Pete Miller, Merrill and seconded by Signe Schecher, Mayville to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 339-4.

**Proposal #2**

CONSTITUTION--Article V--Board of Control Organization, Section 4 – Elections

This change would help to ensure representative leadership within the Association by establishing a minimum vote requirement for write-in candidates. A motion was made by Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest and seconded by Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 339-1.

**Proposal #3**

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article II--Residence and Transfer, Section 3 – Transfers

This change would impose an extended period of ineligibility on students who transferred after the fourth consecutive semester without an accompanying total change in residence by the parent(s).

Recommend implementation in 2007-08. Waiver provisions would remain in place. A motion was made by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln and seconded by Pam Huston, Wausau West to support the amendment.

Tom Johansen, D.C. Everest asked if this change would affect foreign exchange students, split parent homes and 18 year old students that are living independent from their parents. Mr. Anderson responded provisions would remain in place providing eligibility for foreign exchange students through CSI-ET exchange programs. Students from split parent homes will need documentation for waiver requests after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into ninth grade. The rule applies to 18 year olds living with or independent from their parents. Mr. Johansen said it contradicts DPI regulations and choice programs and provides a disincentive to choice.

Nic Been, Barron questioned the rationale on why the student would be ineligible for practice and competition and asked for clarification on how a school could determine if the last day of attendance or practice should be used. Dave Anderson responded there are two sides to the issue--school choice or, on the other side, free agency. Once school starts, a calendar date is established.

Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick, spoke in support of this rule but said he hopes it is not interpreted as open recruiting between now and 2007-08. Dave Anderson indicated a great deal depends on how we educate students and their families.

A question was asked by Machell Schwarz, Baraboo if waivers would be granted automatically if programs are cut.

Barb Chiszar, Hayward asked if someone open enrolled for grades 9 and 10, if eligibility would continue at the school into which they were open enrolled. Dave Anderson answered as long as there was not a break in enrollment. Barb Chiszar asked if the WIAA determines change in residency or if the local school does. Dave Anderson indicated if someone new moves in, it is best to seek a waiver from the WIAA.

Melissa Thompson, Waukesha South asked what happens in cases when there are transfers within a district without parental movement. After four consecutive semesters, that student will not be eligible for a calendar year without the accompanying total change in residence by parents was explained.

Dave Zimmerman, Milwaukee Custer asked if there was any thought about limiting the number of transfers allowed. They had a student who had three transfers before the conclusion of his sophomore year. This has not been discussed previously but has been registered here.

Again the question was asked by Machell Schwarz, Baraboo if an athletic program is dropped, will there be an automatic waiver. Mr. Chickering responded the executive staff/Board would likely be sympathetic in that case.

Bob Houts, Edgar asked if there would be a difference in impact between public and private schools. Dave Anderson answered there would be no difference. Mr. Houts continued to question the change of residence aspect and if this would require a move out of the county, district. Mr. Anderson said there needs to be a complete and total move, not

necessarily a move out of the county or district.

Jan Bahr, Lake Country Lutheran asked if other options were explored and if all this work is needed based on her experiences while living in Indiana. Doug Chickering shared the past history and how this would be effective.

The motion was approved by a vote of 269-76.

**Proposal #4**

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article II--Residence and Transfer, Section 3 – Transfers

This changes would result in an academically ineligible transfer student retaining the status of ineligibility at their new school for the same period as prescribed by their former school. A motion was made by Kathy Bates, Xavier and seconded by Linzi Gronning, Holmen to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 333-9.

**Proposal #5**

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article IV--Amateur Status, Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility

This change would more clearly identify the Board's authority to restore eligibility to a student who has unknowingly violated amateur status rules. It would also create uniformity in text (Article VI--Nonschool Participation) and greater awareness within the membership. A motion was made by Joe Fanning, Kenosha Tremper and seconded by Randy Refsland, Milton to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 343-0.

**Proposal #6**

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article VII--Health and Behavior, Section 2 – Code of Conduct

This change clarifies wording in code of conduct standards to include street drugs and performance enhancing drugs and substances.

Doug Chickering shared with the membership the 2003 WASB resolution asking the WIAA to address performance enhancing substances per standards of the Olympic Blood Doping model. This was brought to Area Meetings and the Annual Meeting. The membership was not in favor of it due to the costs involved. This was explained in a three-page letter to the WASB. In 2006 it came back at the WASB Convention but was modified by the Resolution Committee. Also, Senate Bill 280 called for the adoption of the Olympic Blood Doping model. Doug Chickering met with the chair of Senate Education Committee and shared similar legislation in other states. This is a working document. It is best for membership to pass this and not the Legislature. The language before the delegates was drafted by members of the Medical Advisory Committee. There will be continuing dialogue at the WADA workshop and Medical Advisory Committee will start developing a list of what is likely to be used and available in Wisconsin at its meeting in May.

A motion was made by Mike Younggren, Wausau East and seconded by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 338-4.

Editorial changes to the Rules of See **Annual Meeting**, page 12 ►



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Eligibility were presented by Dave Anderson. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the interpretation of the rule. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes. A motion was made by Wayne Fell, Delavan-Darien and seconded by Todd Langseth, Antigo to adopt the editorial changes.

The motion was approved by a vote of 336-7.

## Old Business

Geoff Steinbach, Arrowhead asked when the provisions pertaining to performance enhancing drugs will go into effect. This will occur in the fall of 2006. Information will be provided by the Medical Advisory Committee after it meets on May 10. Mr. Steinbach asked what do performance enhancing drugs consist of and was advised that the Medical Advisory Committee says it includes anything that improves athletic performance.

Tom Johansen, D.C. Everest spoke about the statewide radio network plans. He said a local radio station had concerns about this and his district feels it may be left with no local radio/media coverage. Doug Chickering explained the WIAA had informed the membership about a potential statewide radio network starting in the 2004-05 school year. It is difficult for smaller stations to understand and the WIAA is far from a final decision on this. On April 12 representatives from radio stations throughout Wisconsin met at the WIAA office to discuss this. Doug Chickering assured the membership that the WIAA will respond with an unbiased opinion.

## Public/Private School Dialogue

A meeting with nonpublic schools was held on December 13, 2005 at Pius XI High School to discuss the success of those schools in WIAA tournament series. Forty-five schools were represented. Nonpublic schools make up 14% of membership and have won 24% of championships in 5 plus years. Dissatisfaction is more media general public generated than from within the membership.

A survey was conducted to develop a profile of nonpublic schools. A total of 64 of the 70 schools responded. Results were shared:

- 49 were founded prior to 1975, 7 have been created in the past ten years
- Annual tuition payments range from \$1,875 to \$29,750 and average \$6,553
- Both the percentage of those grant-ed financial aid and the average amount received were greater for the general student bodies than for athletes
- In those institutions with affiliated K-8 units, 72% of the 9-12 students came through those systems
- 62% of the total student bodies participate in athletes
- 13 of those responding indicated that an external agency determined financial aid

In the 4-division tournament model there are 3 nonpublic schools in Division 1, 15 in Division 2, 19 in Division 3 and 26 in Division 4. The impact of nonpublic schools is most felt in the two small school divisions.

The Board of Control, at a retreat on April 6, 2006, determined something needs to be done about the perceived

imbalance in state tournament participation and religious and independent schools' success cycles. The following suggestions were offered:

- Experiment with one sport and sunset the model after two years.
- Make determinations of divisional placement based on past success.
- Make determinations of divisional placement based on population of counties.
- Make playing up an option.
- Include public school open enrollment and intradistrict transfers in the considerations.
- Don't ignore the unique privileges of boarding schools.

Possible divisional placement adjustment factors were outlined. All would be subject to an appeals process. This will be a marquee item at Area Meetings, discussed during the October Sports Advisory, Advisory Council and Board of Control Meetings with implementation anticipated in 2007-2008.

Terry Fondow, Green Bay East felt the WIAA needs to consider student demographics when determining enrollments and shared how Green Bay East's enrollment fluctuates and is influenced by mobility and economic issues. Doug Chickering said Minnesota is looking at a reduction factor considering special needs, free and reduced price meals and transfer students. Wisconsin is monitoring Minnesota's deliberations.

This will continue to be discussed at the Board of Control Meeting in May.

## Preferred Seasons for Girls and Boys

The Michigan Association's case addressing the placement of sports seasons continues to bounce between Federal District and Appellate court levels. There will be no consideration until this is determined.

## National Events

The NFHS Board of Directors recently endorsed 4 girls and 4 boys invitational basketball tournaments beginning in 2006 and running through 2008. The WIAA has granted waivers for travel over the 600-mile limitation if within the game maximums to appease increased travel interests.

The WIAA may consider more games but the additional games would have to be played in Wisconsin. If competition were outside the state, current game maximums would be apply. The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association thinks national events are a recruiting tool and may result in problems with public/private schools. The urban/rural and private/public school differences need to be considered. Mr. Chickering relayed how Newman, Boyceville and Flambeau traveled and played against each other and the positive public relations that resulted.

Dave Zimmerman, Milwaukee Custer indicated his coach played a national schedule, was successful and it was a good experience for the kids to see parts of the country not seen before. Their school put an entry on "Games Wanted" and only got one call. No one wanted to come to Milwaukee for alleged safety concerns.

## 8th Graders on 9th Grade Teams

Tom Shafranski shared the historical data collected the last two years. In 2004-05 waivers were granted primarily for football and volleyball. Red flags

came up when requests came in for basketball, baseball and softball. Those concerns dealt with red-shirting, recruitment, extra year of eligibility, fiscal impact with sports programs, use of non-school programs for school team selection process and selection of players as early as grade 7 for future teams. At the April 2004 Annual Meeting, a motion was approved 289-55 stating "Middle level students (Grades 6-7-8) are not eligible to compete with or against a member school's students enrolled in grades 9-10-11-12". In light of the concerns, the staff proposed removing the "Note" from WIAA Season Regulations 17, b. which had allowed in emergency situations a waiver. With this in mind, waivers were granted for football only in 2005-06. Alternatives such as encouraging 10th graders play on 9th grade teams, 9th graders on 8th grade teams and 7th and 8th grade combined teams were shared along with the current waivers granted for extra quarters/innings. This will be a discussion topic at the Area Meetings this fall. Questions and concerns should be directed to Tom Shafranski at the WIAA.

Joshua Kubly, Newman Catholic asked why the WIAA decided to suspend this. Tom Shafranski explained because of the concerns identified earlier. Coaches committees supported the change. Mr. Kubly said there is good criteria in place and in the Marawood Conference over 25% of the schools apply for this and have been granted waivers. This is a small school issue. It is helpful to have 8th graders play up. We still don't have enough kids and we need the sophomores for the varsity level. Tom Shafranski encouraged small schools to look at 7/8 and 9/10 grade programs to provide opportunities for participation. Other conferences have been able to provide remedies.

## New Business

None from the floor.

## Bowling

A list of Wisconsin High School Bowling Clubs was provided to attendees in their packets. Ohio has been the 18th state to announce it will be sponsoring interscholastic bowling for boys and girls next year. Wisconsin will do this if 10% of its member schools ask for regulation of the sport. Schools need to consider funding and management of the program in their decision-making processes.

Dave Petroff, Menomonee Falls said there is lots of interest in his part of the state and the Menomonee Falls' team has been in existence for eight years. They are very much in favor of adding the sport.

Kelley Hood, Neenah asked if it would be a winter sport for girls only. That was true in the past but the present intent would be to include boys. Neenah, too, would be in favor of adding it.

Tom Curran, Tomah said they are interested in adding bowling.

Ken Dill, Tri-County said Plainfield has a club team now. The school would be concerned with funding, where bowling is conducted and prefers to leave it as a club activity.

Doug Chickering said there may be follow up inquiries made on an individual basis.

Performance Enhancing Drugs were discussed earlier.

## Co-op Teams

A staff developed position listing

quantifiable criteria for Board consideration has been requested. Perhaps there should be a maximum number of schools and students involved and/or minimum number of students from any sending school. Michigan will not allow co-ops to have more than 3,500 students from the combined schools. The Board granted approval in June 2005 for a girls hockey team consisting of 7 high schools with a combined enrollment of 12,000 students for one year. They renewed it for an additional year with the acknowledgement that the staff will be developing this criteria. Co-op teams will be an Area Meeting discussion topic.

Mike Devine, Stevens Point asked when those parameters will be shared. This is not an implementation timeline as of now. Ron Perry, Melrose-Mindoro questioned the minimum number of students concept and spoke about instances where a school may have only one athlete in a program. Open enrollment gives student options, co-op teams are not the only alternative acknowledged Doug Chickering.

Bill Vickroy, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association, announced invitations were included in delegates packets on WADA LTC courses and the July golf outing.

President Dyer introduced Doug Chickering for the annual Director's Report (see page 2 in this issue).

Jim Dyer thanked the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting and for their participation.

A motion was made by Gene Spindler, Menasha and Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Open Forum began at 11:50 a.m.

Bob Buchholtz, Waukesha, thanked the WIAA for the good things it does for kids but has some concerns. Waukesha's Board of Education is debating math and reading vs. extracurricular participation. Athletic programs will not exist in the form they currently do. He asked that the WIAA Board of Control give heavy consideration to any proposal that financially impacts local school districts such as allowing additional games and special specifications on facilities to host. It is definitely a different era in Wisconsin than it was 30-40 years ago. You could argue that it is an era not for talking about national high school exposure and not one to take away opportunities from local radio stations but rather to focus on educational opportunities for kids. He would prefer the WIAA provide assistance to school districts and ways to market and promote athletic opportunities for kids.

Todd Carlson, Suring was concerned about proposals on structuring divisions and looking at tournament format calling for different placements into divisions. He was concerned about Suring's moving up to a different division. He was told a previously announced recommendation would not be advanced.

Rick Waski, Northland Pines asked when discussions will continue with conference realignment in northern Wisconsin. Deb Hauser said she will be convening a meeting before school is closed for the summer. The Northern Lakes Conference is willing to take Northland Pines according to a memo received from Laona.

The open forum concluded at 12:05 p.m. ✦



# Softball

## Softball Questions & Answers

**QUESTION 1:** Is it legal for a coach to wear jeans?

**ANSWER: Illegal. Rule 3-5-3; "Cutoffs or any type of jeans are prohibited."**

**QUESTION 2:** Is the pitcher allowed a re-entry?

**ANSWER: Legal. Rule 3-3-2. "A substitute may replace any player when the ball is dead or time has been called." This includes the pitcher.**

**QUESTION 3:** Girl hits an out-of-the-park homerun. She fails to touch home plate. The defensive team wants to appeal but the umpire does not have a ball as the homerun ball is still out of play as well as the extra ball. In the meantime, the player, who has not left the playing field, returns to touch home. The umpire declares her out because he felt if a ball had been available the defensive team would have made an appeal resulting in the player being called out. Was this the correct call?

**ANSWER: Incorrect call. Please refer to Rule 2-1-3b2; "The dead-ball appeal may be made: If the ball has gone out of play, runners must be given the opportunity to complete their base running responsibilities before the dead-ball appeal can be made." Also refer to the Case Book 8-8-16.**

**QUESTION 4:** We had a situation about when do the hands come together. The pitcher came on the pitching plate with her hands apart. The ball was in her right hand. She took the sign, then covered the ball with her glove hand, but the hands were not touching each other. She then brought the hands together as she stepped back. As the umpire, I could not see when the hands touched. How should this be handled?

**ANSWER: Rule 6-1-1a, b, and c. When you are in doubt you should speak to the pitcher (during warm-ups) and remind her that you (as the umpire) must see movement that brings the hands together "for not less than one second...." as opposed to starting the motion with her hands already together as was indicated in the situation above where she covered the ball with her glove. Recommend to include the coach in this discussion as well.**

**QUESTION 5:** Does the fielding team have to appeal the situation when a runner has missed a base? I thought when an umpire sees a runner miss a base they will automatically call the runner out when the play is dead.

**ANSWER: Rule 8-3-1; EFFECT; "Offensive players could be ruled out on a proper appeal by the defensive team" This puts the responsibility on the defensive team not the umpires.**

**QUESTION 6:** Is it legal to wear sunglasses while pitching?

**ANSWER: Legal. In the umpire's judgement Rule 3-2-14 might come into effect in reference to Rule 1-8-4; "non-glare surface".**

**QUESTION 7:** Our new bat's ASA stamp is wearing off. Is it still legal?

**ANSWER: Legal provided it is on the ASA Approved Bat List. Coaches and umpires are required to carry the current ASA Approved Bat List. This list takes precedence over the ASA stamp.**

**QUESTION 8:** Does the hockey style catcher's helmet need an additional throat protector?

**ANSWER: No. Rule 1-7-1. I am not aware of any hockey style helmets that do not have a built-in throat protector.**

**QUESTION 9:** Must a non-adult who is retrieving bats where a batting helmet/face protector?

**ANSWER : Yes. Please refer to the Case Book; 1-6-1, sit. B.**

**QUESTION 10:** The directions for installing our new face protector's indicated that the screws should be attached from the inside of the helmet. This leaves a very small part of the screw exposed on the outside of the helmet. Is this OK?

**ANSWER: Failure to follow the manufacturer's directions could invalidate the warranty.**

**QUESTION 11:** Runner going to second base. The second baseman was standing about 2-3 feet in front of the base ready to receive the throw. The ball clearly got to the fielder before the runner slid toward the base. However, the ball popped out of the second baseman's glove and the runner slid into her. The slide did not cause the ball to become loose; the second

baseman never controlled the ball as it popped out of her glove. The fielder then caught the ball as it popped back into her glove and tagged the runner who was under her. I called her out. The runner couldn't get to the base on the initial slide when she contacted the second baseman. Is this still obstruction? In a related matter, what if the second baseman had caught the ball in the above situation and dropped it before the runner slid into her?

**ANSWER: Rule 8-4-3b; "a fielder not in possession of the ball or not in the act of fielding a batted ball impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running bases." Key word is "possession". In both situations the fielder did not have possession of the ball. Ruling: obstruction.**

**QUESTION 12:** Runner advancing to second on a ground ball collides with the second baseman who is fielding a ball that initially ricocheted off the pitcher. Is this obstruction?

**ANSWER: Yes. Rule 8-4-3b; "a fielder....not in the act of fielding a batted ball". Because the pitcher made initial contact with the ball the second baseman is not in the act of fielding a batted ball.**

**QUESTION 13:** Bases are loaded, ball is thrown to the catcher on the bounce. Catcher pins the ball between her glove and her chest protector. The ball is not in her glove but between the outside of her glove and her body. I called her out. Is this the correct call?

**ANSWER: No, incorrect call. Please refer to Rules 2-10-1, 2-10-5a, and 8-6-3, also Case Book, 2-10-6. "A catch is the act of a fielder who, with her hand(s) and/or glove-mitt, securely gains possession of a batted, pitched or thrown ball."**

**QUESTION 14:** What is the procedure if the batter's box lines are removed prior to the start of the game (during infield) or prior to the arrival of the umpires?

**ANSWER: From the NFHS office; "No penalty can be assessed prior to the jurisdiction of the umpires. However, once they arrive they should instruct game management to remark the lines. If this occurs during infield and it is done purposefully and witnessed by the umpires, it can be penalized (Rule 3-6-17). Again the umpires should instruct game management to remark the lines."**

**QUESTION 15:** I have a freshman pitcher who has developed a slap against her glove during her windmill. She gains no advantage, but probably hurts her speed by the tap of her glove. Umpires have watched her closely and in all but one case have said that she is legal. Their feeling was it was no different than a pitcher that hits her hip as she pitches. This is how I see the situation and have instructed the pitcher not to worry about it. Is she legal?

**ANSWER: From your description I do not find anything that would be illegal about this pitching delivery. Keep in mind that it is always difficult to give an answer without personally observing.**

**QUESTION 16:** 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: 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 a batter from stepping out of the batter's box. Baseball, however, does have a rule which require "The batter to keep at least one foot in the batter's box throughout time at bat." I am assuming the umpire was thinking of the baseball rule.**

**QUESTION 17:** If I had my batter batting on the left side to bunt and she has two strikes on her can I move her to the right side of the box?

**ANSWER: Legal. Please refer to Rule 7-3-1 and 7-3-3 for restrictions including the Penalty and Effects.**

**QUESTION 18:** Some of our parents are insisting that if a runner is advancing to home, and the play is at home, the runner must slide. Is this the official rule?

**ANSWER: No, there is not a requirement for sliding. Please refer to Rule 8-6-14; runner could be declared out at home if she "maliciously crashes into a defensive player". Also Case Book 8-4-3, sit. E; runner doesn't slide, collides with catcher jarring**

**the ball loose. RULING: "There is no obstruction or interference. This is viewed simply as a collision. The run scores." Coaches need to discuss when it is appropriate to slide. Players may not run over or knock down defensive players (malicious contact). The decision to call malicious contact is a judgement call by the umpire. Rule 8-6-13 may also be applied; "...runner does not legally slide and causes illegal contact and/or illegally alters the actions of the fielder..."**

**PENALTY: Ball is dead and the runner is out.**

**QUESTION 19:** Is there really a strike called for intentionally removing the coach's box boundary line? Would an umpire really call a strike for the coach removing part of the coach's box?

**ANSWER: Yes, that is the correct penalty. Rule 3-6-17; "Team personnel shall not intentionally remove any lines of the batter's box or on the field of play."**

**QUESTION 20:** Two outs, two balls and two strikes. The batter swings at a pitch that hits the front of the plate and bounces over the backstop out of play. What is the proper call?

**ANSWER: Batter advances to first base. Rule 8-4-3-1c; "a wild pitch or passed ball lodges in or goes under, over or through the backstop."**

**QUESTION 21:** Is it legal for the starting pitcher to warm-up throwing off the pitching rubber on the game field prior to the game or prior to either team taking infield warm-ups?

**ANSWER: Legal. There is no NFHS rule or WIAA regulation that would prohibit this practice. Coaches should be certain their conference does not have a rule which addresses this issue.**

**QUESTION 22:** Batter is hit by a pitch in the act of swinging. The ball struck her right hand and rolled foul. The count was 2-2.

**ANSWER: Batter is out. Please refer to Rule 8-1-2b, Penalty 2: "If the batter is hit anywhere on the body, including on the hands, while swinging at a pitch and hits the ball fair or foul, the ball is dead and a strike called. If it is strike three, the batter is out."**

**QUESTION 23:** Our pitcher has developed blisters on her pitching hand fingers. Is she allowed to put tape on them?

**ANSWER: Illegal. Please refer to Rule 6-2-2; "The pitcher shall not at any time during the game be allowed to use tape....or contact points of the pitching hand or fingers..."**

**QUESTION 24:** Runner at first with one out. Batter swings at strike three and gets in front of the catcher as the runner steals second. What is the call?

**ANSWER: The information you have provided is somewhat limited, but if the umpire determines that this is interference Rule 8-2-6 would be in effect. The batter is out and the runner at second must return to first.**

**QUESTION 25:** My friend has a daughter who plays softball on the high school team. I would like to know if there is a rule regarding how many consecutive games or innings she is allowed to pitch. She is the only pitcher on her freshman team. She pitched last night (Tuesday) and pitched all seven innings. She has a game Friday and a tournament on Saturday.

**ANSWER: The NFHS (governing rules body) and the WIAA do not have restrictions on the number of days or innings that a pitcher may pitch. Current medical research shows that if a pitcher has correct technique the number of injuries are minimal. I would comment that a coach would be helping his/her program by developing another pitcher in case of illness, injury, or an emergency situation arises.**

**QUESTION 26:** In our game yesterday, we were losing 22 to 0 and the umpire called the game, citing the 15 run rule after 3 innings. This rule has not been applied when we have been on either side of lopsided games in the past, only the 10 run after 5 inning rule has been used. Is this a WIAA rule that is to be applied in all games?

**ANSWER: No. You will need to check on your conference rules. Conferences are allowed to end a game after three innings if a team is 15 or more runs behind and has**

**completed its turn at bat. This information is on page 29 of the Softball Season Regulations.**

**QUESTION 27:** If a softball bat is on the approved list but does not have the appropriate laser printing on it, is it legal?

**ANSWER: The ASA approved bat list always takes precedence over the approved mark on the bat. If the bat does not have a marking but is on the current approved list it is legal.**

**QUESTION 28:** Runner is on third base with no outs and a 2 and 2 count on the batter. The batter swings at strike three and misses. The ball rolls to the backstop. The runner from third breaks for home and the pitcher moves to cover home. The batter is running towards first base on the inside of the baseline. The pitcher and the batter-runner collide approximately 4 to 5 feet inside the baseline. Runner from third is safe at home and the catcher throws out the runner at first. Should this be obstruction by the pitcher, which would send the runner back to third base and allow the batter-runner to reach first base?

**ANSWER: Rule 8-4-3b. Batter-runner is awarded first base. Run scores. If the umpire determined that the batter-runner interfered with a fielder attempting to throw the ball (Rule 8-6-10c), the ball is dead and the batter-runner is out. "Each other runner must return to the last base legally touched at the time of the interference." (PENALTY: Arts.10 through 14).**

**QUESTION 29:** Batter hit the ball to the third baseman. The third baseman threw the ball low to the first baseman and it got past her. The first baseman turned to run after the ball, which was a few feet away, and made slight contact with the runner. Obstruction was called on the first baseman and the runner was awarded second base. Is that the correct call?

**ANSWER: Correct call if in your judgement she would have reached second base if there had not been obstruction. Rule 8-4-3b; PENALTYc: "When a runner, while advancing...is obstructed by a fielder who neither has the ball nor is attempting to field a batted ball...the obstructed runner, will be awarded the base or bases which would have been reached, in the umpire's judgement, had there been no obstruction."**

**QUESTION 30:** Runner on first. Batter receives a walk and hustles to first base. Coach directs the catcher to throw to first. The batter-runner overruns first by one step and turns to the left back onto first where she is tagged by the first baseman. Is the batter-runner out?

**ANSWER: No. Rule 8-8-9; "A batter-runner overruns first base after touching it and returns directly to the base."**

**QUESTION 31:** Two outs. Runner on 2nd. Ball hit to 3rd, 3rd baseman fields the ball and makes a throw to first to put out the batter-runner. Simultaneously, the runner on 2nd has collided with the shortstop. Umpire calls obstruction, but since this had nothing to do with the third out play it is obstruction or the third out and end of the inning?

**ANSWER: Inning ends. The third out takes precedence over the obstruction in this situation. ⚡**

## Reminder for Softball Umpires

The WIAA has received reports that in some areas of the state umpires are not asking for the coach's ASA Approved Bat List. Umpires should ask for the list. If the coach does not have the list remind the coach that they are required to carry the list. The umpires should then use their own list to check that all bats the team uses are on the ASA Approved Bat List. Simply checking for the ASA Approved Mark on the bat is not acceptable. The ASA has rescinded approval for some bats. The ASA List always takes precedence over the ASA Mark. ⚡



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# Swimming & Diving

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## 2006-07 Major Swimming & Diving Rules Changes

1-3-7 – “... triangular involves three teams that compete among each other for points (7-1-2f).”

**Rationale** – Previous rule contained contradictory definitions of triple dual and triangular meets. This clarifies the nature of a triangular meet of all teams competing for the same points.

3-3-3 – Note: A competitor with a disability requesting specific accommodation(s) in the start, strokes, turns, etc., who does not require equipment, must seek written approval from the state association, which may be granted providing the accommodation(s) does not fundamentally alter the sport and/or no advantage is gained. Written approval shall be presented to meet referee.

**Rationale** – The current rule addresses only situations where a disabled competitor uses artificial equipment. This note clarifies that reasonable accommodations are considered for a competitor who cannot perform the strokes legally due to a disability that does not require artificial equipment.

4-2-2 – Notify the competitor’s coach of a violation of Rule 3-3-4 observed during competition. This may be accomplished with a verbal announcement if the competitor’s

coach cannot be reached without delay of the meet.

**Rationale** – Duties of the referee to include notification to the coach of an athlete warned for wearing jewelry/illegal attire during competition. This emphasizes the coach’s responsibility to assure that competitors are properly attired and to avoid major subsequent penalties for the competitor(s) if found in violation.

4-6-4c – “...without consulting each other, report *in writing* any violations to the referee...”

**Rationale** – This requires written reporting of violations observed by any relay takeoff judge, clarifying the proper procedure for documenting such violations for dual confirmation.

7-1-2f – Triangular: two or more entries per team per event; scoring shall follow 7-1-3a.

**Rationale** – The previous rule appeared to permit only two entries per team in triangular meets. The increased availability of larger pools (more than six lanes) or the desire to allow greater participation (multiple heats in each event) required modification of the two-entries only parameter. Triangular meets may now accommodate as many entries as the host school deems appropriate, with scoring determined by the

existing table of Rule 7-1-3a.

8-1-6 – ART. 6...When one or more swimmers have obtained an unfair advantage at the start, the race shall continue without recall.

**NOTES:**

1. If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, the race is recalled and the referee/starter (referee and starter in championship meets) may disqualify the swimmer(s) leaving the mark before the start of the signal.

**PENALTY** – The swimmer or relay team is disqualified from the event.

2. The referee/starter may recall the entire heat when he/she is not satisfied that the race was properly begun. It is not necessary to charge any swimmer with a false start under these conditions.

**PENALTY** – In championship meets, when there is dual confirmation of false start by the referee and starter, the swimmer or relay team is disqualified from the event.

**Rationale** – Based on the committee-authorized experiment in 2005-06, the rule was eliminated requiring recall of all swimmers when one or more swimmers gained an unfair advantage at the start. Because the first start is generally the swimmer’s best start, the rest of the heat is disadvantaged by the

action of one. The offending swimmer is disqualified at the completion of the race. All other violations in an event are penalized at the completion of the race, i.e. stroke violation, relay takeoff, etc., so this change has penalties administered in like fashion.

8-2-2c – On the start or turn, one arm stroke beyond the hipline followed by one *breaststroke* kick may be made while the swimmer is underwater; *except that after such arm stroke and before the breast-stroke kick, a single downward butterfly kick is permitted.* Some part of the head must break the surface before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke after the start and after each turn.

**Rationale** – A single downward dolphin kick at the start and each turn is now permitted in the breaststroke with all further stroke cycles of the swim using the breaststroke kick. This is a more natural movement for all swimmers. The same rule has been updated (late 2005) by NCAA and USA Swimming.

8-2-2f – “...except as provided in 8-2-2c above”

**Rationale** – Clarifies the only instances when the single downward butterfly kick is permitted in conjunction with the breaststroke. ✧

## False Start Recall Eliminated in High School Swimming

INDIANAPOLIS (April 11, 2006) – Eight rules changes in high school swimming and diving were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Swimming and Diving Rules Committee at its March 27-28 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

One significant change eliminates the recall of all swimmers in a race when one or more of the competitors gains an unfair advantage at the start of the race. The offending swimmer or relay team now will be disqualified at the completion of the race. The referee/starter may recall a heat under certain conditions. This change followed a year of experimentation with the procedure conducted by six NFHS member state associations.

“Because the first start is generally the swimmer’s best start, the rest of the heat is disadvantaged by the action of one,” said Doug Glaeser, chairperson of the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

Rule 8-2-2c was changed to allow

a single downward dolphin kick at the start and at each turn in the breaststroke with all other stroke cycles of the swim using the breaststroke kick.

“This is a more natural movement for all swimmers,” Glaeser said. “The same rule has been updated by the NCAA and USA Swimming.”

Another rule change now requires that a referee notify an athlete’s coach when the athlete has been warned for wearing jewelry/illegal attire during competition, emphasizing the coach’s responsibility to ensure that athletes are properly attired.

Due to an increased availability of pools with more than six lanes and the desire to allow for greater participation, Rule 7-1-2f now allows triangular meets to accommodate as many entries as the host school deems appropriate.

Other rules focused on clarifications — Rule 1-3-7 explains that a triangular meet involves three teams competing for the same points, and Rule 8-2-2f clarifies when the single downward butterfly kick is permitted in conjunction with the breaststroke.

Rule 3-3-3 Note clarifies that with written approval from the state association, competitors with disabilities who do not require equipment may be granted reasonable accommodations in the start, strokes, turns, etc. Furthermore, Rule 4-6-4c clarifies that violations observed by any relay takeoff judges must be reported in writing.

According to the 2004-05 High

School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS, 251,908 student-athletes participate in swimming and diving nationwide.

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### Senior High Directory Changes

**GLENWOOD CITY HIGH SCHOOL** – Delete PO BOX 339, Change Address To: 850 Maple St and Zip Code To 54013-4346  
**MANAWA HIGH SCHOOL** – Spring Baseball Coach Carey Celske  
**PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL** – Girls Soccer Coach Jude Desotelle  
**SHELL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL** – Girls Soccer Coach Joe Mooney  
**WEST ALLIS HALE HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Director Fax Number (414) 321-8487  
**WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL** – Girls Soccer Coach Mark Preston

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**MENOMINEE TRIBAL MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Address Change from N Highway 47 to W 6817 Church St  
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# Coaches Education

## American Sport Education Program Course Offerings

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On April 1, 2004 ASEP began offering the Sport First Aid Course online and on May 1, 2004 they begin offering the Coaching Principles Course online. For information on the online courses and to access them, please go to [www.asep.com](http://www.asep.com).

**Newman Catholic High School (Wausau)**  
Date: Aug. 5, 2006  
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Joshua Kubly (715) 845-8274 or (715) 581-3726 or [jkubly@newmancatholic-schools.com](mailto:jkubly@newmancatholic-schools.com)

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If you want to have an ASEP course offered in your area, contact the appropriate ASEP instructor listed below. Keep in mind both parts of the ASEP course are needed to fulfill the WIAA requirements for Coaches Not Licensed to Teach; Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid.

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# Track & Field

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## Track & Field Questions & Answers

**QUESTION 1:** Is it legal to wear a "grill" (removable cosmetic jewelry for teeth)?

**ANSWER:** No. Rule 4-3-3 prohibits jewelry. The grill should be removed prior to competition unless it is a permanent orthodontic device. Comment: Coaches should be aware of any athletes who wear a grill and remind them to remove it prior to competition. Officials are not expected to check athletes for this type of jewelry (similar to the navel ring under the shirt). If seen, use preventative officiating and/or new penalty (warning, followed by disqualification).

**QUESTION 2:** Is it legal to wear a skull cap during competition?

**ANSWER:** No. WIAA Season Regulations allow only headbands or knit caps. Head coverings worn for religious reasons require a waiver from the WIAA.

**QUESTION 3:** Is it legal to wear acrylic fingernails?

**ANSWER:** There are not any rules prohibiting fake fingernails.

**QUESTION 4:** Is it legal to use an acceleration zone for indoor relay events?

**ANSWER:** No. Wisconsin Season Regulations prohibit the use of an acceleration zone for indoor meets "unless all legs of the relay are conducted in assigned lanes."

**QUESTION 5:** If three members of a relay team choose to wear upper body undergarments does this mean the fourth member of the team must also wear a matching undergarment or can he/she just wear their jersey?

**ANSWER:** Rule 4-3-2b does not require all members of the relay team to wear undergarments. If members do choose to wear either a shirt or tights those members must be wearing the same color.

**QUESTION 6:** How many places are scored in a seven team invitational. We have a six lane track.

**ANSWER:** Rule 2-1-2 allows the games committee to score 6, 7, or 8 places. On a six lane track scoring only 6 would be the simplest although the

WIAA does run some regional meets on six lane tracks and scores 8 places.

**QUESTION 7:** What are the individual participation limits?

**ANSWER:** Please refer to the Track and Field Season Regulations, page 48; "...he/she may compete in a maximum of four events, but in no more than three running or three field events."

**QUESTION 8:** Rule 5-7-2 & 3 gives starting commands that are determined by the length of the race, but I've been told that is not correct. Please clarify.

**ANSWER:** Please refer to the Track and Field Season Regulations, page 50; "The appropriate starting command(s) should be selected not by the length of the race, but by the starting positions of the involved runners (block or standing)."

**QUESTION 9:** We have a brass shot that rattles when you shake it. Is this a legal implement?

**ANSWER:** Yes. Please refer to the Case Book 6-5-1, sit. A and 6-5-1, sit.

**C; "There is no advantage gained by internal movement of an implement."**

**QUESTION 10:** If an athlete's tights have contrasting zippers or stitching does this violate Rule 4-3-2b; "relay races – visible garments worn under the top or bottom shall be a single color . . . .?"

**ANSWER:** No. This rule would be in reference to striped or patterned undergarments.

**QUESTION 11:** Is it legal to have stickers on a pole vault helmet?

**ANSWER:** Legal. Unless the meet referee determines that the stickers are offensive in nature.

**QUESTION 12:** Are athletes allowed to "hold" throws?

**ANSWER:** The term "hold" is incorrect. An athlete may choose to "pass" an attempt which does count as an attempt. Athletes in the long jump, triple jump, shot put, and discus usually take an attempt each time their name is called although they may take two or all three of their throws at once. ✚

FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

## NFHS Uniform and Equipment Changes



### Baseball

1) Effective January 1, 2006, no BESR label, sticker or decal will be permitted on any non-wood bat. Bats must be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark.

2) Pitcher's glove/mitt must not contain any gray or white color.

### Basketball

Beginning in 2007-08, the home team

must wear white jerseys.

### Football

Effective in 2010, visiting jerseys must be white.

### Gymnastics

For round-off entry vault, board safety mat required around the front and side of a vaulting board.

### Ice Hockey

Goalkeeper's blocker glove and catching

glove may not exceed 9 inches width and 17 inches length.

### Soccer

1) Beginning in 2007, shin guards must meet NOSCAE standard.

2) Molded face mask permitted to protect facial injury.

### Softball

Effective January 1, 2006, batting hel-

metts shall have a NOSCAE-approved face/mask guard protector.

### Volleyball

1) Placement of number on center front of uniform top may be located no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline, ribbing, placket or seam.

2) Libero player's uniform number must not be a duplicate of a teammate. ✚

# Open Gyms

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

1. The open gym is open to any student 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, however, it is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, private or public.

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

3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but

they may not instruct, organize drills, etc., nor may they participate with the students.

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

The philosophy of the open gym is that youngsters 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 your school's athletes. ✚

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## EDITORIAL

# On The Same Page

### United Membership Passes Amendments at Annual Meeting

The strength of an association nearly 111-years into its existence was again present in a crowded assembly room in Wausau a couple weeks ago.

Each year, the WIAA designates a time and place for its Annual Meeting, and the membership assembles to reconfirm the reasons why the WIAA has enjoyed success and good standing with its membership.

Year after year, the membership meets its obligation to determine the rules and policies that will govern life-enriching school experiences through sports for thousands of student-athletes. It is with conviction and enthusiasm high school sports have grown and prospered for over a century.

How history will define the decisions made at this year's Annual Meeting can only be determined through time. But, imagine all those who have gone before and cast their ballots. They, too, determined the direction of high school athletics in this state and the positive impact it made on the many thousands of students over the years, including most of us.

Like those who cast their votes just a couple weeks ago, they probably didn't envision themselves as true visionaries. Instead, their focus was on providing sport opportunities for young people while focused on the ideals of participation as part of the total educational process.

History can proclaim "well done" to those visionaries of yesteryear. By involvement and participation in the decision-making process, we will continue this legacy and anticipate the future of this Association to reflect on this era with the same sentiment.

A membership united, is a membership that prospers. Use any axiom you wish "United we stand; united we fall!" or "All for one, and one for all!" and you can grab the concept.

Six amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility were brought before the membership two weeks ago, and each one not only passed, but passed convincingly. The combined vote total was 1623-90! That's almost 95 percent in agreement. Now, that's united!

An amendment to the the transfer student provision received the most debate prior to the meeting. Even than, that provision passed by a resounding 78 percent. It declares student-athletes who transfer after the there second year ineligible to practice or compete for one calendar year unless the transfer was necessary because of a total change in residency by the parents or for other extenuating circumstances determined

through the existing waiver process.

Such a united stand on the issue diffused any potential controversy associated with the rule. Much of the credit for the landslide decision on the amendment is given to a membership that values its membership and the purpose for which the WIAA exists.

We acknowledge times are different than they were when many of our rules were created, and we embrace change for the common good of the Association. However, it was quite evident by the discussion and debate prior to the meeting that the issue of transfers was a concern with a vast majority of the membership.


Why is it a concern? There may be any number of reasons why, but one of the most widely identified reason is the divisiveness it creates. With many transfers, the circumstances and suspicion of undue influence or exploitation by special interests often accompany them. There are rules already in place that promote the ideals of loyalty to teams, schools and communities. When a student-athlete transfers, too often the adherence to those ideals are questioned.

The hopes and dreams of friends, teammates, coaches, student bodies, parents and communities are impacted by individuals taking their talents and "education" elsewhere for reasons other than the prescribed ideals of this membership. Also affected is the cohesiveness, friendships and team roles at the school receiving the transfer. There is a divisive element when a team member is displaced by a transfer made only for self-seeking interests, as if free agency in interscholastic athletics ever has any place as a partner in the total educational experience.

An association with ideals and the best interests of an entire membership--not those of a select few--has made its decree. These ideals include interscholastic activities as a partner in the total educational experience and should not be a precursor to education. The exploitation of schools, athletic programs and student-athletes by self-serving individuals or groups will face scrutiny by a united membership devoted to maintaining the high ideals created for this Association long ago.

A unified membership acts as a whole, not in divisions. "A kingdom divided by itself can not stand."

This membership, by its unified commitment and participation, has again defined its purpose--just as it has in the past and will do in the future. ✧



# Keep These Dates in Mind

May 7. . . . .	Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
May 10. . . . .	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 12. . . . .	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 15. . . . .	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 18, 23 & 25 . . . . .	Softball Regionals
May 22 . . . . .	Track & Field Regionals
May 22-23. . . . .	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 23-24 . . . . .	Boys Golf Regionals
May 26, 30, 31 & June 2. . . . .	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 25. . . . .	Track & Field Sectionals
. . . . .	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 25 & 27 . . . . .	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 29 . . . . .	Memorial Day
May 30 . . . . .	Softball Sectionals
May 30-31. . . . .	Boys Golf Sectionals
June 1-2-3 . . . . .	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
June 1 & 3 . . . . .	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 2-3 . . . . .	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 5-6. . . . .	State Boys Golf Tournament (Madison)
June 6 . . . . .	Spring Baseball Sectionals
June 8-9-10. . . . .	State Softball Tournament (Madison)
. . . . .	State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)
June 9. . . . .	Officials License Reapplication Deadline
June 9-10 . . . . .	State Boys Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)
June 12 . . . . .	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
June 13-14-15 . . . . .	State Spring Baseball Tournament (Appleton)
June 21 . . . . .	Advisory Council Meeting
June 22. . . . .	Advisory Council/Board of Control Meeting
July 14 . . . . .	Summer Baseball Regionals
July 18 . . . . .	Summer Baseball Regionals
July 21. . . . .	Summer Baseball Sectionals
July 26-27 . . . . .	State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)

## Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2005-2006		
	Regular Registration	Late Registration
	Postmark Deadline	Postmark Deadline
	(regular fee)	(additional fee required)
Test Date*		
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006	May 19, 2006

ACT - 2006-2007		
	Regular Registration	Late Registration
	Postmark Deadline	Postmark Deadline
	(regular fee)	(additional fee required)
Test Date*		
September 16, 2006***	August 18, 2006	August 25, 2006
October 28, 2006	September 22, 2006	October 6, 2006
December 9, 2006	November 3, 2006	November 16, 2006
February 10, 2007	January 5, 2007	January 19, 2007
April 14, 2007	March 9, 2007	March 23, 2007
June 9, 2007	May 4, 2007	May 18, 2007

**\*Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2006 test is not scheduled in that state. This test date restriction may continue for the 2006-2007 testing year.**

**\*\*\*The September 16, 2006, test dates are available ONLY in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington. †**