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2006 New AD Workshop

On August 2, Executive Director Doug Chickering, greeted thirty-three new athletic directors who were in attendance for the WIAA's annual New AD Workshop.

The day's program included presentations by Stephanie Hauser on sportsmanship, Jan Doleschal on Risk Management, and Bryan Yager and Don Dalton on Athletic Department Structure and general administrative details.

The WIAA staff presented sessions on eligibility, use of the WIAA Handbook and Season Regulations, and hands on computer training using the WIAA School Center along with general media policies.



WADA representatives Jeff Sitz and Bill Vickroy presented information about the WADA Convention in November and information on LTC classes. AD's in attendance were encouraged to become active members in WADA and NIAAA. New AD's were also given the opportunity to sign up

for the WADA mentoring program. It is hoped that the mentoring program will assist new AD's in getting through their first year as an AD knowing they have someone they can call with questions.

The 2007 Workshop will be held next August and it is anticipated several athletic directors may opt to attend again. +

Spring and Summer Team Sportsmanship Award Winners Selected

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in cooperation with Rural Insurance, has selected the team Sportsmanship Award winners for the 2006 Spring and Summer State Championships.

The winners of the prestigious award are Neenah in boys tennis, Portage in spring baseball, Marquette in summer baseball, Ashwaubenon in softball and Slinger in girls soccer.

Neenah advanced to the semifinals of the State Boys Team Tennis Tournament in Division 1 before being defeated by eventual champion Nicolet, 6-1. The Rockets defeated Brookfield

East in the quarterfinals, 6-1. It's the second WIAA/Rural Insurance Sportsmanship Award presented to Neenah in boys tennis. The Rockets also received the honor in 2001-02. It is the seventh overall Sportsmanship Award presented to the school, having been chosen the winner three times in boys basketball, once in girls soccer and tennis and now twice in boys tennis.

Portage won the Division 2 championship at the spring baseball tournament. The Warriors beat West De Pere in the title game, 8-2, after defeating Medford in the semifinals, 10-6. It's the first Sportsmanship trophy presented to Portage in any sport. Barneveld, De Pere, Green Lake, Middleton, Shell Lake, Waterloo, West De Pere and Wisconsin Lutheran received honorable mention.

Marquette received impressive sportsmanship evaluations and were selected winners of the award for the summer baseball tournament. The Hilltoppers won their first baseball championship as a result of a 5-3 victory over Arrowhead in the title game. It is the second sportsmanship award won by Marquette. The Hilltoppers other recognition came in boys volleyball in 2002. Arrowhead received honorable mention for the award.

Ashwaubenon won the Division 1 title at the State Softball Tournament. The Jaguars edged Chippewa Falls in the championship final, 1-0 in eight innings, advancing to the title game with wins over Tomah and Verona in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. It is Ashwaubenon's fifth State championship and its second Sportsmanship Award. The Jaguars also received the award in

football in 1996. Schools receiving honorable mention include Assumption, Highland, McFarland, Plymouth, Sevastopol, Tomah and Verona.

The sportsmanship demonstrated by Slinger at the girls soccer tournament earned the Owls the Sportsmanship Award. They dropped a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to Edgewood in the semifinals in Division 2, yielding the only goal of the game with seven minutes remaining. It's the first Sportsmanship Award presented to Slinger. Eau Claire Memorial, St. Mary Central and De Pere received honorable mention.

The WIAA/Rural Insurance Sportsmanship Award is presented to one school and community in each of the State team tournaments. The award winners are determined by the conduct and sportsmanship displayed by athletes, coaches, cheer and support groups, mascots, bands and spectators. Additional consideration is given for the effort of school administrators and chaperones to insure support for their teams are positive and that the highest ideals of sportsmanship are upheld. Award winners receive a plaque and banner in recognition of the honor. Schools receiving honorable mention are acknowledged with a certificate of recognition.

The selection process includes contributions and evaluations from contest officials, tournament management, police and security personnel, crowd control and ushers, WIAA staff members, area hotels and restaurants. +



2006 Area Meetings

The 2006 Area Meetings will be held at the following sites on the dates indicated. You may attend a meeting at any of the sites. It is not essential that you attend the meeting in your elector district. Coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m. and the meetings will convene at 9 a.m.

- District 1** – Tuesday, Sept. 12 – WITC Campus, Rice Lake
- District 3** – Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Arrowhead Lodge, Black River Falls
- District 2** – Tuesday, Sept. 19 – Northstar Lanes, Antigo
- District 5** – Tuesday, Sept. 26 – American Legion, Barneveld
- District 4** – Wednesday, Sept. 27 – Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton
- District 6** – Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Holiday Inn Express, Watertown
- District 7** – Wednesday, Oct. 4 – West Allis Central High School

Predetermined agenda items include: 1) processes for amending the Constitution; 2) recent constitutional changes; 3) conference affiliations; 4) divisional placements; 5) transfer students; 6) performance enhancing substances and 7) cooperative teams. The advantages of more regular season games will also be discussed.

Complete agendas will be distributed at the meetings. +

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Football Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: We have a JV game Monday, September 25 against ABC and a JV game scheduled for Thursday, September 28 against XYZ. Our head football coach, just went to the rules meeting last night and they said we could not play two same level games during the a calendar week. The last two years we have been playing it like this and it has not been an issue. Due to scheduling conflicts this is the only way we can get this game to work. I did look at rule 6C Page 12 (Fall season regulations). As a new AD do I have to reschedule this or can we still play these games?

A.: You will need to reschedule these games. They may not be played as presently scheduled.

Q.: Interceptions in the end zone. Can or can't return them?

A.: "Can"... See case 7-5-2H (p. 50)

Q.: I am writing to ask how to address the issue of holding, regarding it's interpretation. I and we as a staff understand what constitutes holding but have run into numerous occasions of being called for holding due to "pancaking" or "burying" defensive linemen. Being on top we must get up and let them go. There hasn't been a definitive explanation as to how long or when they should be allowed to get back up. On half dozen occasions during varsity football and another half dozen between freshmen and junior varsity level games we have been called for this. Watching the film myself, I don't know "when" they are not letting them up or how the referee determines this. It looks at times to be too arbitrary. If my issue is unique would you please advise me on how to approach this with the crews and my players or if more coaches have expressed concern could this be a point of emphasis for next season. You being a former coach, I know you would want your players to be aggressive in their execution. I don't want to hinder their performance because now they have to be cautious about how they drive their opponent to the ground.

A.: Here's the perspectives I've gotten back so far. As a defensive guy...keep in mind I'm already - hot - because my guy got knocked off his feet, now your big turkey's laying on top of him like a beached whale. It is not a good day - or a happy sideline. The official "Better" call

your guy for holding...because otherwise, I want a piece of him and "my kid" - for losing his feet in the first place. Now, truth be told, I don't feel nearly so upset when it's your kid who got knocked down...and it's my kid laying on top (and my kid doesn't look near so much like a beached whale....just struggling to get his feet under him, is all). Then I can see the appropriateness of "no-call", of course. So, what's an official to do? A) The "pancake block" can occur on three types of plays: (1) Running plays, (2) Passing plays, (3) Return plays, such as kickoff returns, punt returns, or pass interception returns. (1) A typical running play takes about 7-seconds to complete and the pancake block should not be a problem because the play is completed before the opponents can unpile. (2) A typical passing play takes about 14-seconds to run and, here, too, the pancake block should not be a problem because of the time element and because the play is, most likely, way downfield from the block. (3) Return plays can take from about 10-seconds to about 30-seconds and this is where pancake blocks could cause problems. The most likely situation for complaints about pancake blocks is on kickoffs. A kicking team member may be blocked near the receiving team's free kick line and the opponent may lay on him with arms outstretched -- indicating that he is not holding. In this case an official will, normally, stay near the two opponents while observing action around the ball carrier. If the runner is downed away from the pancake block, then nothing has happened. If, however, the runner approaches the two opponents on the ground, then "holding" could be called. Problems arise when the downed Team K player tries to get up and starts to push and shove his opponent. That is why an official stays near the two players -- to separate them and prevent fouls. The definitions of "blocking" (Rule 2, Section 3) do not include "holding" and that term is undefined in Rule 2. The list of "illegal blocks" (Rule 9 Section 3) also does not include

"holding." However, the "illegal personal contact" statements (Rule 9, Section 4, Article 3) state that a player shall not "pile on any player who is lying on the ground." If the defensive player is prevented from making a tackle, then a flag could be thrown. But discretion must be used because the defensive player may be allowed to get up from the ground and then be blocked legally, again. B) I see this on a fairly regular basis. It occurs most often on punts. I rule it to be holding because it prevents a defensive player from continued participation in the play. I usually yell at the offensive player to get up and if he doesn't, I throw a flag. It would be helpful if the "laying on" would appear in section 2,3,2 under the definition of holding.

Q.: I was wondering if I could get a little clarification on the rule regarding knee braces and the need to cover them. I looked in the Rules Book, page 20 (1-5-3d). The question I have is: If the manufacturing company provides "a sleeve" that is specially designed to cover the hinges, that are located below the pants, would the brace still need to be covered by the 1/2" padding?

A.: If there is uncovered, hard surface below the knee pad, YES..must be covered - as you described. Same as a hard surface of a cast. See NF Rule Book p.20.. 1-5-3d "ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT" Text is specific and I think, clear.

Q.: Are prescription face shields allowed on helmets in high school football?

A.: A prescription face shield could be worn so long as it met rule requirements for manufacture/construction (rigidity) and was 100% clear and untinted.

Q.: During football I have a problem with my eyes; the lights cause me to have real bad headaches. Last season I wore a tinted visor and it took care of the problem, I can't wear any type of sun glasses because I have to be able to read the plays on my wrist coach, so the eye shield works out perfect. During about half of the games last year the officials would make me take it off saying that anything other than a 100% clear visor was against WIAA rules. I went and got a note from my doctor, but some officials still would-

n't allow me to wear it, so I was wondering if I sent you a copy of my doctors note, if you could send me some sort of WIAA certified note okaying me to wear the visor?

A.: There is not a waiver for this National Federation playing rule. I am sorry to learn of your discomfort. I do have to tell you - that any/all football officials who are doing their job - well, should make you remove the tinted visor in a game setting (you can wear it for practice if you wish). And, your head coach is not doing you any favors by allowing it to be worn into a contest setting..and - he's running the risk of your team being penalized, since he verified his players were legally equipped. About the best suggestion I could offer is to see an eye and lens specialist...who might be able to recommend a tinted sport goggle that would allow you to read your wrist band...or coach will have to shuttle players.

Q.: I just purchased shoes that have plastic cleats, with flat metal tips on the end, and they can be changed and replaced by screwing them out. I was wondering if I can use these in JV games, or if I have to buy all rubber or plastic replacements?

A.: 1. Metal tip cleats may be legal if they conform with rules...as outlined in your coach's football rule book. (NF football rules p. 17) 2. Asking a question of this kind - after making the purchase - makes little sense. 3. It is not the sort of question that is appropriately brought to the National Federation - but rather to your school coach and/or AD.

Q.: Can you tell me the distance that a score board post needs to be from the playing field for high school football. Does it need to be any further than the 5 yard barrier shown in the rule book.

A.: There is no specific setback rule. Obviously, experienced judgment tells us what "feels" to be a safe/reasonable distance. If you are setting up a new scoreboard and there is space available, get as far away from where a player may run out-of-bounds as possible. 10 yards is not excessive set-back. But, that's just my opinion. +



OFFICIALS



2006-07 Officials Exams Due Dates

Officials exams will be sent with your rule books and also available online. Remember that corrected exams will not be returned to you. Make a copy of your exam answers before you submit them to the WIAA office so that you may review the ones you may have gotten wrong once answers are posted. Answers will be posted on the Officials Center once the due date has passed. You will also access your exam score off the Officials Center.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Return Deadline</u>
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PART I EXAMS

Football	August 25, 2006
Soccer	August 25, 2006
Swimming/Diving	August 25, 2006
Volleyball	August 25, 2006
Basketball	November 17, 2006
Gymnastics	November 17, 2006
Hockey	November 17, 2006
Wrestling	November 17, 2006
Baseball	March 23, 2007
Softball	March 23, 2007
Track/Field	March 23, 2007

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Return Deadline</u>
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PART II EXAMS

Soccer	August 22, 2006	September 15, 2006
Football	August 29, 2006	September 22, 2006
Basketball	December 4, 2006	December 22, 2006
Wrestling	December 4, 2006	December 22, 2006
Baseball	March 20, 2007	April 6, 2007

MECHANICS EXAM

3-Person Basketball Mechanics	December 4, 2006	December 22, 2006
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Note: The 3-Person Basketball Mechanics Exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for sectional and State tournament assignments in 2007. +

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.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLINIC

Dates:	September 23 & 24, 2006
Time:	8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Place:	UW-Parkside (Kenosha)
Contact:	Brian Henson (414) 525-1028 or umpref1@aol.com

WFOA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Dates:	Select Sunday evenings between Sept. 10 and Oct. 29, 2006
Site:	Pius XI High School (Milwaukee)
Contact:	Daron Lindemann (414) 704-1698 or dlindemann@gracedowntown.org Mike Steidl (414) 840-1198 or mikeref@wi.rr.com

EAU CLAIRE PARKS/RECREATION 2-PERSON BASKETBALL CLINIC

Date:	October 21, 2006
Site:	Eau Claire YMCA
Contact:	Dawn Comte (715) 839-5032

WRESTLING OFFICIALS' CLINIC

Date:	November 11, 2006
Site:	Gerritts Middle School, Kimberly, Wisconsin
Contact:	Mike Blasczyk (920) 733-7784 or mcblas@sbcglobal.net

THREE ZEBRA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Date:	May 18-20, 2007
Site:	Wisconsin Dells
Contact:	Ron Quirk (414-489-2522 or (262) 880-1944 or ron.quirk@goodwillsew.com +

Meetings or Clinics

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

SWOA

Dates:	September 13 and October 11, 2006
Place:	The Coliseum Bar Meeting Room (Madison)
Contact:	Mike Carr mcarr@bus.wisc.edu or www.swoa.info

METRO SWIMMING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Dates:	September 18, October 16, November 20, January 15, February 19, 2006
Place:	Wauwatosa West High School
Contact:	Ted Haasch (414) 425-7465 or thaasch@wi.rr.com
Note:	All swim officials and interested coaches are invited to attend all meetings +

Congratulations State Summer Baseball Tournament Officials – 2006

Michael DeWyre, Glenwood City; Steve Hensgen, Waterford; Rick Laufenberg, Dodgeville; Jim Meyers, Kaukauna; AJ Minick, Bayside +

2006-07 Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)

All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website.

BOYS SOCCER

Aug. 21, Mon. Madison Memorial

SWIMMING & DIVING

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center and Officials Center on the WIAA Website.

GIRLS TENNIS

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website.

GYMNASTICS

Oct. 9, Mon. Menomonie, Oshkosh North
Oct. 10, Tues. D.C. Everest
Oct. 11, Wed. La Crosse Logan, Waukesha South
Oct. 16, Mon. Madison La Follette

BASKETBALL

Oct. 10, Tues. Green Bay Southwest, Janesville Craig, Kenosha Tremper, La Crosse Logan, Menomonee Falls, River Falls (Middle School)
Oct. 11, Wed. Darlington, Lakeland, Portage, Sun Prairie, West Bend, Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Oct. 17, Tues. Algoma, Ashland, Bay Port, Oshkosh North, Rhinelander, Tomah
Oct. 18, Wed. Chippewa Falls, Middleton, Neillsville, Seymour, Waupun
Oct. 23, Mon. Baraboo, New Holstein, Rice Lake (WITC), Wausau West, Wis. Lutheran (Milw.)

HOCKEY

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center and Officials Center on the WIAA Website. There will be a meeting in conjunction with the WHCA Clinic in Madison on Saturday, Oct. 28.

WRESTLING

Oct. 23, Mon. Hillsboro, Spooner, Two Rivers
Oct. 25, Wed. Holmen, Oconto Falls, Union Grove
Oct. 30, Mon. Brodhead, Cadott, Oshkosh North
Oct. 31, Tues. Menomonie, Sun Prairie, Wis. Rapids Lincoln
Nov. 1, Wed. Cudahy, Mineral Point, Tomahawk

TRACK & FIELD

Feb. 13, Tues. Fennimore, Nicolet, Rhinelander, Turtle Lake
Feb. 14, Wed. Altoona, Greenfield, La Crosse Logan, Waupun
Feb. 19, Mon. Drummond, Green Bay Southwest, Middleton, Wis. Rapids Lincoln

GIRLS SOCCER

Feb. 14, Wed. Menomonee Falls
Feb. 20, Tues. Stevens Point (WIAA Office)
Feb. 21, Wed. Chippewa Falls
Feb. 26, Mon. Madison Memorial
Feb. 28, Wed. Neenah

BASEBALL

Mar. 5, Mon. Ashland, Bay Port, Dodgeville, Nicolet
Mar. 6, Tues. Eau Claire North, Middleton, Union Grove, Wautoma
Mar. 12, Mon. Appleton North, Crandon, Janesville Parker, Wisconsin Dells
Mar. 14, Wed. La Crosse Logan, Marathon, Rice Lake, West Bend

SOFTBALL

Mar. 5, Mon. Hudson, Lakeside Lutheran, Stevens Point, Westby
Mar. 6, Tues. Drummond, Holmen, Mukwonago, Oshkosh North, Portage
Mar. 12, Mon. Ashwaubonon, Belleville, Phillips, West Bend
Mar. 13, Tues. Eau Claire North, Fennimore, New Holstein, Oak Creek, Wausau East

BOYS GOLF

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website.

BOYS TENNIS

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website. +

Big 8 Conference Officials

Thank you all for your commitment as a WIAA official for the Big 8 Conference. Beginning fall 2006, the Big 8 Conference will operate from a website that will offer athletic officials a number of services.

Please go to www.assignbyweb.com/big8conf.

Thank you all for your cooperation and as always if you have any questions, please call the MMSD District Athletic Office at (608) 663-5212. +

Volleyball Sports Meetings

The following individuals assisted the WIAA with the Sports Meetings:

Becky Blank, Cedarburg; Diane Doden, Appleton; LuAnn Schuppener, Madison; Karen Sorenson, Spooner and Marcy Thurwachter, WIAA. +

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. +

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: About the new, 4th semester transfer rule and its impact on the private/religious school student-athletes and/or open enrolled students - who simply moved across the street. Would they be eligible?

A.: "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 un-checked 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 teammates 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.

Q.: We have a new student who was home schooled for 2nd semester last year but went to another school during first semester. He is supposed to be a 10th grader, but I'm sure he is credit deficient. We tried to get records on him from the other school but there won't be anyone in the office until August 17. I need your help to determine his eligibility.

A.: Good Call - in recognizing the need to check further on this student. **1. Once you have secured your necessary administrative forms (physical, signed code, parental permission and emergency treatment cards/forms) you could allow student to begin practice. But al-**

ways wise to withhold from games until you are 100 percent certain of eligibility status. 2. In the meantime, get the transfer student form over to the sending school and see what the form indicates for the student's status. Not a bad idea to even call and chat with that AD. 3. You also must identify a couple other details/have a few more questions answered, i.e., where do the parents of this student reside (full-time in primary residence)? If they live in the other district, did the student open-enroll to your school? Did the family make a complete and total move to your district? Are they paying tuition? Do they live in your district and had open enrolled to the other school? You need to verify the residence of the parents and how it is that the student is coming to your school as your student. 4. Also, for all but first-time 9th graders, sport eligibility is an "earn-as-you-go" proposition. All students beyond entry level 9th graders must "make the academic grade" in order to sustain eligibility. With a home-schooled student another ROE (Rule of Eligibility) enters into the consideration - academic eligibility. Our member's rules require that a student not receive more than one failing grade in the most recent grade reporting period. For eligibility purposes - this student had no second semester grades - the eligibility equivalent of "all F's".... So he would not be academically eligible - even if the residence questions all get answered...except in accordance with the fall sport eligibility matrix. You need to sort through these details, as well as verify this student could still be eligible if still at the former school. 5. You will also want to share with this student that his "consecutive semester" eligibility clock did not "stop" while he was not in school. He may wish to make-up any credit deficiencies you may identify via summer school or other acceptable avenues, in order to graduate on-time. Student may be allowed to practice and scrimmage, but should not compete at any level until you have gotten answers to the questions.

Q.: Student A open enrolls from her residence, District A, to District B. The student has no code violations and no academic violations. Is Student A clear for eligibility?

A.: From what you've described, "YES." I see no obvious red flags. Should the student become "homesick," remind her if they transfer back to "A" after attending a practice and/or a day of class at "B" they will be ineligible or have limited/restricted eligibility back at "A." If you haven't sent and received back, the completed transfer student form do so - for your own "insurance." **Keep this document in your files...on EVERY new student transfer (any student who hasn't matriculated from w/in your system from the last year).**

Q.: Does a senior student who elects to stay in their current district after parents move have eligibility issues if at a later date they decide to move with their parents to the new school?

A.: Yes. By staying at their original school beyond the parents moving from within the district - and then, transferring at a later date, the student would be considered ineligible at the school they transferred to -

(or, at the very least, limited to non-varsity eligibility). **The "window" for re-establishing their eligibility at a "new" school is closely connected to the dates surrounding a families' complete/total move into a new district. A transfer "removed" from proximity to the actual move is viewed more as a manipulation and/or "change of mind" then a "transfer made necessary as a result of a complete and total move of the family."**

Q.: I have two questions for you today. I'm a coach and parent. 1. If a volleyball player participates as a freshman, transfers this year as a sophomore then as a junior transfers back. Will she be eligible as a junior. 2. May an incoming ninth grader participate in the five contact days for basketball if he has not yet registered in the school.

A.: 1. No. Effective in '07 the members have determined a transfer after the 4th consecutive semester will result in the student being not eligible to practice or compete for a calendar year. 2. Yes - but unless it was quite firmly established the student was 100 percent committed to attend the given/particular school, it could leave a school, coach and athlete "vulnerable" to assertions of recruiting, conducting/participating in a "try-out," etc.

Q.: Obviously this is not a formal request for ruling so any advice that you give will be purely informational. We have a student who is entering his senior year at XYZ. He was an ABC HS athlete for two years but transferred to XYZ after moving with his mom into the XYZ HS attendance area. He established eligibility here but is considering leaving back to ABC. The circumstances of the "move" are that mom's residence will remain in the XYZ HS boundaries but his dad lives in the "optional attendance area." Art 2, Section 2 R & T. states, "In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility. For the purposes..." Does this suggest that (prior to the implementation of the '07-'08 4th semester rule) a student in this situation can move between residences prior to the "beginning of the school year?" If our district allows him to enroll at ABC HS might he be deemed an eligible athlete or would the waiver residency request be required?

A.: To your specific question - in a word, "yes." Your reference is most common/applicable to situations where dad lives in City A and mom in City B. **Bottom line in your specific situation at present time / under current rules is ROE, Article II, Section 1A-10 - (Multiple HS's in your District) Local determination - if you (the district) wish to allow such a transfer and maintain eligibility. You are also correct to acknowledge that in '07-'08, the membership's fourth consecutive Transfer Rule will supersede local control in this situation.**

Q.: I have two questions concerning the new transfer rule taking effect for the 2007-2008 school year. First, with four high schools in our district how will it work for kids that want to transfer from the non-public to the public schools. If they live in the attendance area of west or north, will they not have to have a "total change" of residence to be eligible to compete after their sophomore year? Also, will any local school board rules for us take precedent over the WIAA rule

since we are a multi-high school district (namely if our district allows a student, junior or senior, to transfer from one public school to the other will they be eligible if there is no total change in parent residence)? Lastly, if a student has open enrolled in our district as a freshman in 2006-2007 and open enrolls again each year at our school for the remainder of their high school years (and there is no "total change in parent residence"), am I correct to assume they will be eligible throughout their high school career at our school?

A.: Effective in the 2007-08 school year, whether transferring out of - or into - a public or religious/independent school - if the transfer takes place after the student's 4th semester - student will not be eligible - "Unless the transfer has been made necessary because of a complete/total move of a family" or unless a waiver is provided. This fundamental rule prevails whether a community has one high school or multiple high schools. It will also prevail at least initially, in situations where the parents have been divorced for some time, (not proximate to the transfer). Local school board determination will not take precedence over the WIAA rule. Open-enrolled students in the situation you have identified would remain eligible unless enrollment was broken, or code or academics would enter into the picture.

Q.: Our son will be a junior in high school this year. He would like to go to a prep school in Minnesota for his junior year and possibly return to his home high school for his senior year. We understand the four semester rule for school choice, but do not know how it would affect an out of state prep school. Would he be able to participate in his old high school's sports upon return?

A.: In most succinct terms, "No, not without a waiver." For a variety of reasons, our member school's just this past April voted overwhelmingly to strengthen their "school loyalty provisions." The net result is that - effective with the '07-'08 school year, a student who transfers after their 4th consecutive semester of school - (after entering 9th grade) - where the transfer has not been made necessary as a result of a complete and total move of the family - will be ineligible to practice and compete for a calendar year.

Q.: We have a student (incoming freshman) for the coming '06-'07 school year who resides in another district with his parents. I received an email from the other school's AD today informing me that the young man had attended their schools through 8th grade, but then his parents wanted him to repeat eighth grade. That school told them no - they then wouldn't allow him to repeat eighth grade. I have no idea what the reasoning is for them wanting him to repeat eighth grade. They took him to a parochial/private school where he repeated the eighth grade. Last winter the family filed the papers for open enrollment and in the spring came in to visit our high school and did the paperwork, etc., for him to be able to register for classes this August.

A.: Most families will tell you it was so the youngster can "catch-up" emotionally. Obviously, the former school district did not think it necessary. **Bottom line: If this student has legitimately been accepted to your school as an open enrolled student**

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and you accepted him as a 9th grader, he should be eligible without restriction (unless there is some reason for the sending district to object, e.g., for recruiting/undue influence or - other reason). The student will have up to eight consecutive semesters of HS eligibility once he enters 9th grade - unless he turns 19 prior to Aug. 1 as a senior.

Q.: If a student open enrolls through the state mandated open enrollment provision, what rules apply for sports participation? When you say open enrollment students have unrestricted eligibility, where can they participate in sports - in their home district, their OE district, or both?

A.: Open enrolled students may be afforded unrestricted eligibility. Beginning in '07-'08 that simple interpretation will change. Starting with that school year, students who transfer after their 4th consecutive semester in high school will be ineligible to practice or play - for a calendar year - unless the transfer has been made necessary by a complete/total move of the family and/or a waiver has been provided. No student is able to have eligibility at two schools (at the same time/or in the same school year). When a student applies and is approved/accepted for OE, our member's rules acknowledge State Law and the privileges it provides. The way OE "works" with sport eligibility is that a student could establish their unrestricted (varsity status) eligibility at either school A (resident district) - or - at school B (OE district). The WIAA does not require a student must follow through with open enrollment. However, where ever the student attends "a day of practice and/or a day of class" that is where they "anchor" their unrestricted eligibility for the school year. If the student decides they want to transfer after attending a day of class and/or a day of practice...they will be ineligible (or at best, be provided restricted/non-varsity status) at the school they transfer to.

Q.: A student who resides in a neighboring district will be attending our high school under open enrollment to start his junior year this fall. It is my understanding that he would be eligible for varsity competition this year because the new transfer rules do not go into affect until '07-'08. Is he eligible?

A.: Yes - you are "right-on" in your understanding/interpretation. In addition, a student who applies / is accepted for OE this coming Feb. (06-07 SY) will still be allowed to transfer w/o restriction since application is completed in advance of 07-08 school year implementation date.

Q.: We have a student transferring from X to Y. Our academic eligibility rule is that a student must have a 1.75 GPA and passing all of their classes. X has a rule that students must be passing all but one class and have a 1.5 GPA. This student earned a 1.55 GPA last quarter and passed all classes. Since we are bound by previous school's athletic code regarding new students, am I correct to rule that this student is eligible based on meeting X's criteria even though he doesn't meet our standards?

A.: Yes. Changes made just this year provide that the sending school's academic, as well as behavioral code are applied. Be sure to get the completed, transfer student form for your records!

Q.: I have a student-athlete who is transferring from a private HS (which is located in city X) to X high school. She and her family live in city X. She wants to

transfer because of problems with friends and tuition at the private school. Do I need to get a waiver from the WIAA in order for her to be cleared?

A.: Since the student's parents reside in your district. If she did not/has not attended a first day of fall sport practice at the private HS, then she could enroll at your school and establish her eligibility there - assuming the former HS has no objections. Fax the transfer student eligibility form over to their AD. If student has attended the first day of a fall sport practice at the private HS, then her unrestricted (varsity) eligibility is anchored there for the school year.

Q.: An ABC district resident would like to have his 17-year old son who has been home schooled all his life attend the XYZ school district. The parent has agreed to pay full tuition to XYZ. The student has requested senior (twelfth grade) status and would like to participate at the varsity level in football and baseball. He has not participated in high school athletics before. Would the student be eligible?

A.: Potentially - Yes. There are some "caveats." 1. For upper-classmen eligibility is an "earn as you go" proposition. As you have described it, this student will not meet academic eligibility requirements - initially. (i.e., Not more than one F in most recent grade reporting period.) For eligibility purposes, the student has 'no' passing grades from any school and subsequently will need to serve fall academic ineligibility suspension prior to being eligible to compete. 2. If ABC has reason to "object" - due to recruiting/undue influence - our rules provide that no student will be afforded eligibility if their attendance is as a result of recruiting/undue influence. But, beyond those "conditions" our rules provide that Board of Education approved, tuition paying student can be afforded eligibility.

Amateur Status

Q.: I am a head coach and member of the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association. Our board of directors is considering a banquet to be held a few weeks after the State Tournament. We are considering inviting all of the all-state players rather than just the seniors. If I am reading the WIAA rules correctly if these players are still in school and playing other sports or let's say they are a junior and will play volleyball again next season, they are required to pay for their meal. Also if I am in understanding of the rule the amount they pay for the meal is arbitrary. I would appreciate it if you could let me know if we are understanding the rules and legality of this possible banquet correctly.

A.: WIAA Bylaws provide that - with the school's consent, such a recognition banquet as you describe, would pose no eligibility risk to students. Even underclassmen. The Bylaws allow for providing food/a meal/a recognition dinner. There would be no requirement that the students "pay" for their meal. If you move forward with such a thing, I suggest you "invite the player" through his/her school's AD or principal.

Q.: I have a daughter entering high school this fall. Currently, she is going to a school that does not offer girls hockey, just boys. If she does try out and plays JV hockey on the boys team this year, and she transfers to a different HS next year that offers girls high school hockey, will she have to sit out one year before being able to play?

A.: The member's new transfer rule goes into effect beginning next year, '07-'08. The new transfer rule

imposes a calendar year of ineligibility on students who transfer after their 4th consecutive semester after entering 9th grade. However, at the end of next year, your daughter would be completing her freshman year (2nd semester) and about to "enter" 10th grade. Provided she applied and was accepted as an open-enrolled student this coming Feb. '07 - for the start of her sophomore year (3rd semester) she would not have to miss a year of practice and competing.

Q.: I have some athletes that wish to enter a bowling league this summer. There is some cash payments for placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. Can they do this and still be eligible for athletics this school year?

A.: Actually, right now, yes they can. Amateur status rules require a student to be an amateur in all WIAA sports in order to be eligible in any WIAA sport. We presently do not sponsor bowling.

Q.: I am on the board of directors of a youth sports organization in Wisconsin. We are a non-profit organization providing recreational and competitive sports for about 4000 kids grades K through eight in baseball/softball, soccer, basketball and track. We have an issue in our baseball program getting enough qualified coaches (we have about 100 baseball/softball teams). We have tried coaches clinics but cannot get many people to show up. Our thought is while they may not show up for a clinic X hours long on a specific date, if we provided a training video with teaching techniques and drills and teach them how to run an effective practice they MAY watch it at home in their spare time. To put this video together we would like to use HS & college players to demonstrate the drills and techniques (out-of-season), and we would like to pay them a small amount for their time, without affecting their eligibility. Would this be legal? This DVD would not be sold. It would be GIVEN to our volunteer coaches and they would return it at the end of the season. No one or no organization would profit off of these kids in anyway.

A.: In most simple terms - "Yes". On the matter of pay - An athlete may be employed in this manner. Friendly advice, keep records and communicate in advance - the specifics and details to your AD. On the (possible) matter of coaching contact - school baseball coaches may be involved in this enterprise - both during the school's season and even in the summer (when school is not in session) - at these times, school coaches are allowed contact with their student athletes. Best advice - if in the summer (when no assembly may resemble the schools team practicing/competing outside the actual school season) - "mix things up" personnel-wise. Use athletes from several different schools in the area. If done, during the school year but outside the school baseball season, school coaches may not have coaching contact with their own school's players. During the school year is a restricted contact time, limited to the actual season itself.

Competition & Practice

Q.: The 2006 Season regs say in #3 section (d) page 8: Host schools cannot permit participating teams to practice on their facility. However, if you are host and participant, I'm assuming you can still practice on your facility.

A.: Absolutely - schools may practice at their own facilities.

Q.: We have a foreign exchange stu-

dent being sponsored by Rotary 6250 Central States. In the past, this group was approved. I noticed they are not on the Approved List for this year (06-07). Does this mean the student is eligible for non-varsity competition only?

A.: That's correct.

Q.: If an athlete does not report for the 1st day of the girls swimming season would they lose eligibility if they compete in a swim meet from August 11-14, 2006 and the season starts August 8? And if they do report the 1st day and compete in the meet do they lose eligibility? My reference is to the USA zone meet for club swimmer's that is being held in Indianapolis in August. Is the WIAA allowing athletes that are competing in this meet exemption from WIAA rules?

A.: First swim meet may not be held until after seven days of practice in swim, so - "NO" - would not lose eligibility, so long as student did not miss first school competition. A student would lose eligibility if they report to the team and then participate in a nonschool competition. If student wishes to delay their reporting in accordance with the rules - then delay reporting! Once they "connect" with the school and school season, then the nonschool competition prohibition takes effect.

Participation Issues

Q.: My son is home schooled and wants to play football. Last year, we had contacted the school district that we are in and the counselor had told me that he had never been asked this before and said that WIAA did not allow this. I need to know the truth. We have friends in other districts (who are also home schooled) and their children are involved in football, wrestling, and baseball. I want to know why my son is not allowed to play in this district? If you can help me I would appreciate it. Please get back to me ASAP so I may get him involved. Also, If this is something that schools need to know it should be known to all school districts and not to just a few.

A.: You were provided accurate information by the school counselor, last year. The rules put in place by our member schools provide that a member school may only use their own, full-time students on interscholastic athletic teams. Please provide me the names of those schools you believe are allowing non-students to participate and I will follow-up immediately.

Q.: I will be hosting a foreign exchange student through CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange). I have printed out your eligibility form for my student, but have been told by a local foreign exchange coordinator that my student may not be eligible to play at the varsity level. They informed me that eligibility is different for each exchange program. I do not want to jeopardize our football team's eligibility if he is not allowed to play at the varsity level. He has never played US football before and is from Sweden. We will be filling out the eligibility form and mailing it in in the near future, but would like to know if he is eligible to play at the varsity and/or junior varsity level.

A.: Thank you for the tenor of your note and for considering the over-all interests of your school's students and programs - while exploring the opportunities available for your "son." Our members have extended an opportunity for foreign students to experience as many segments of US student life as is reasonably possible. Unfortunately abuses and exploitation by some, in recent years

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Games Wanted

Schools should notify WIAA when games are filled. Listings will be removed after one month from the date they were first listed. The date at the end of each listing is the date that particular listing was first listed.

FALL

Cross Country

GENERAL

2006 - Meets. Milwaukee Hamilton - Craig Belcher (414) 327-9352 or belchece@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 18, 2006 - JV game. Deerfield - John Polzin (608) 764-5431 or polzinj@deerfield.k12.wi.us. (7-27)

GENERAL

2006 (Week 3) - JV game. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann (@62) 626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (8-8)

2006 (Week of Oct. 12) - Freshmen game. Waupun - Lucky Wurtz (920) 324-5591 ext. 2804. (8-7)

2007 (Week 6) - Varsity game. Stratford - Cal Tackes (715) 687-4311 ext. 311. (8-7)

2007 & 2008 (Week 2) - Game. Madison Memorial - Tim Ritchie (608) 663-6079. (8-7)

2007 & 2008 (Week 2) - Game (2-year contract). Riverdale - John Willey (608) 739-3116 ext. 3001 or mrwilley@riverdale.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 8-9, 2006 - Team for 8-team invitational. Mukwonago - Toby Ackerman (262) 363-6217. (8-7)

Sept. 16, 2006 - Two varsity teams and 1 JV team for tournament. Richland Center - Aaron Mithum (608) 647-8603. (7-26)

GENERAL

2006 - Freshmen games. New Berlin Eisenhower - Jim Keller (414) 350-6134 or jkeller@crash1.com. (8-7)

2006 - JV games. Milwaukee Hamilton - Dave Shadlen (414) 327-9570 or hamilton-wildcatsoccer@hotmail.com. (7-27)

Girls Swimming & Diving

GENERAL

2006 - Meets. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow (414) 461-6000 or mpankow@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (8-8)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 16, 2006 - Team for quad. Mukwonago - Toby Ackerman (262) 363-6217. (8-7)

GENERAL

2006 - JV meets. Badger - Jim Kluge (262) 348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 9, 2006 - Freshman team for invitational. West Allis Central - Mark Czaplewski (414) 604-3100 ext. 6117 or czapm@wawm.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Sept. 16, 2006 - Team for JV quad. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow (414) 461-6000 or mpankow@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (8-8)

GENERAL

2006 - JV game. Racine St. Catherine's - Jeff Tarkowski (262) 632-2785 or jtarkowski@stcatherines.k12.wi.us. (8-8)

2006 - Games. Marshall - Dan Grady (608) 655-1310 ext. 509. (7-26)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 28-29, 2006 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Lena - Russ Buhr (920) 829-5244 or buhr@lena.k12.wi.us. (7-27)

Girls Basketball

GENERAL

2006-07 - Varsity/JV games. Badger - Jim Kluge (262) 348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Boys Hockey

GENERAL

2006-07 - Games. Greendale - Paul Szepi (414) 852-7535 or iceforcehockey@yahoo.com. (7-24)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 13, 2007 - Teams for varsity invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (7-26)

SPRING

Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 21, 2007 - Team for 4-team tournament. Riverdale - John Willey (608) 739-3116 ext. 3001 or mrwilley@riverdale.k12.wi.us. (7-31)

Boys Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 30, 2007 - JV teams for 4-person 18-hole 2-man scramble. Portage - Ed Carlson (608) 742-8545 or carlson@portae.k12.wi.us. (7-26)

May 4, 2007 - Varsity teams for 5-person 18-hole stroke play. Portage - Ed Carlson (608) 742-8545 or carlson@portae.k12.wi.us. (7-26)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 21, 2007 - Team for 8-team invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (8-7)

May 5, 2007 - Teams for 4-team varsity tournament. Milton - Jim Johnson (608) 868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (8-7) +

Cross Country & Volleyball

Marcy Thurwachter



New Jewelry Rule Penalty in Effect for 2006 Cross Country Season

Following the lead of track and field this past spring, cross country will institute a new penalty for NFHS Rule 9-6-7. The current rule remains in effect; "individuals discovered wearing jewelry will not be allowed to compete until jewelry is removed. **NEW PENALTY: "If jewelry is discovered during or after completion of the event, the individual will be warned that a violation in the next competition will result in disqualification from that meet. Meet officials must notify the WIAA. WIAA staff will notify school administration/coach that if the athlete is found in violation of Rule 9-6-7 in the next meet, they will be disqualified."**

Officials will find a submittable form located on the Official's Center under Cross Country. Violations must be reported immediately after the meet in which the violation occurred. Cross Country Officials without internet access will receive a hardcopy, which can be copied for use during the season. This form must be faxed immediately following the meet.

WIAA staff will contact the athlete's school administration/coach regarding the violation. School administrators must provide the date and host of the next scheduled cross country meet so that the WIAA can notify the meet referee of the up-coming meet. A second consecutive violation will result in disqualification from that meet. +

Cross Country Coaches Should be Aware of the Following Season Regulations

*Physical examination must be on file prior to practice.

***Prohibition of practice at a tournament site.**

a) Applies to teams or individuals directed by the coach.

b) Individuals acting on their own are not considered in violation of this regulation.

c) It is not practical to allow teams to preview courses. Opportunities exist by entering team in earlier meets.

d) The host school is allowed to practice on their home course.

e) This prohibition is applied to all WIAA sponsored sports.

***Post competition "Fun Runs".**

a) Open race held after competitive

games should not include any team members.

b) The following issues are of concern:

Exceed season maximum for number of meets.

Violation of scrimmage rule.

Question of race sponsorship.

***Road races in season.**

a) Athletes may not participate in nonschool competition during the schools season, in the same respective sport.

b) Examples of prohibited events: Charity events. May only participate in "walk" portion.

Road races.

Marathons.

Running portion of triathlon. +

Volleyball Rule Book Corrections

Rule 8-2-6a. Signal 6 is correct but should read "Net foul/Net serve" not "Ball Lands Inbounds".

Rule 9-5-6b. Sentence should read; "Set the ball using overhand finger action while on or in front of the attack line extended, for a completed attack on a ball completely above the height of the net."

Interpreters should include this in your presentation. +

Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

ASEP Courses

ASEP offers both Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles online. For information on the online courses and to access them, please go to www.asep.com.

For other information about ASEP course offerings in Wisconsin, please call 1-800-747-5698.

ASEP Instructors

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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2006 NFHS Soccer Rules Interpretations

SITUATION 1: May a soccer game be played on a football field where all markings are in white?

RULING: Yes; however, the NFHS recommends that the soccer markings contrast in color to the football markings. (1-2-1)

SITUATION 2: Many school districts are building multi-use artificial turf facilities primarily for soccer, football and track. May soccer goals be placed on the end line of the football field even if they are not two yards in front of the football goal posts?

RULING: No.

COMMENT: Rule 1-4-1 states that "portable goals...if used on football fields should be anchored at least 2 yards in front of the existing football goal posts."

SITUATION 3: Can schools purchase nets with the name or mascot of the school stenciled on it?

RULING: Yes. (1-4-2)

SITUATION 4: If the required team area markings are absent, should the coach be restricted to the area directly in front of the team bench?

RULING: Yes. (1-5-3)

SITUATION 5: A player from Team A has a violent collision with an opponent when attempting to play the ball, is knocked down, and in the judgment of the official was apparently unconscious. The player is removed from the game and after being checked by the school's athletic trainer, is sent to the table by the head coach to re-enter the game.

RULING: Incorrect procedure. When this player was determined by the official to possibly be unconscious, the player may not return to play that day without written authorization by a physician (MD/DO). (3-3-2-b-3)

SITUATION 6: Both teams have players checked in at the scorer's table prior to a dead-ball substitution opportunity (injured player). Once the dead-ball substitution opportunity occurs and the referee beckons the players onto the field, must these players enter the field of play?

RULING: Yes. (3-4-1-a)

SITUATION 7: Must shinguards bear the NOCSAE logo for the 2006-07 soccer season?

RULING: No; however, effective with the 2007 fall season, shinguards must meet NOCSAE specifications and bear the NOCSAE seal. (4-1-1)

SITUATION 8: May a team use a navy and white striped jersey as both home and away uniforms?

RULING: No.

COMMENT: There is no predominant color, and the home jersey must be light and away jerseys dark. (4-1-1)

SITUATION 9: The contest officials notice in their pregame inspection that some members of Team B are wearing visible, red compression shorts under their uniform shorts and others on the same team have visible, white compression shorts under their uniform shorts. Is this acceptable?

RULING: No. Team B may wear compression shorts under the uniform shorts, but all team members must wear the same single, solid color. (4-1-1)

SITUATION 10: (a) Player No. 1 on Team A is wearing sport eyewear and (b) player No. 2 is wearing non-prescription sun glasses. Are these pieces of equipment legal?

RULING: Legal in (a) and not legal in (b). (4-1-1)

SITUATION 11: Can schools put players' names on the backs of their jerseys?

RULING: Yes, as long as the names don't obstruct the players' numbers. (4-1-1-j)

SITUATION 12: May players other than the goalkeeper wear gloves?

RULING: Yes; however, if in the opinion of the referees the gloves are dangerous or confusing, they are illegal. (4-2-1)

SITUATION 13: Are padded headbands made of soft material legal for field players?

RULING: Yes, as long as the product does not contain any hard or unyielding material. (4-2-3)

SITUATION 14: A player is wearing a protective face mask that is molded to the face with no protrusions. The player, who does not have a facial injury, has a medical release signed by a physician that suggests she wear the mask to prevent possible future injuries.

RULING: Illegal. Only players with facial injuries are permitted to wear a protective face mask. (4-2-8)

SITUATION 15: A state association defines "immediate surroundings" to include that area between the field of play and the entrance to the parking lot. After the game, the referee is verbally assaulted by a coach (a) somewhere between the field of play and the parking lot; (b) in the parking lot. The referee gives a red card to the coach in both situations.

RULING: Legal in (a), Illegal in (b). A report to the proper authority must be filed in both situations. (5-1-2)

SITUATION 16: During the pregame inspection just prior to the kickoff, a player dissents to the referee. The referee issues the player a caution.

RULING: Legal. (5-1-2)

SITUATION 17: Is it permissible for officials to wear a shirt with the USSF logo on it?

RULING: Only if permitted by the state association. (5-1-3)

SITUATION 18: Is it mandatory for the head referee to address coaches and players prior to the game about good sportsmanship?

RULING: Yes.

COMMENT: The NFHS has instituted this practice in all sports. (5-2-2)

SITUATION 19: Are officials mandated by rule to use the official NFHS Soccer Signals in a contest?

RULING: Yes. (5-3-1-b)

SITUATION 20: If a game is terminated by the referee due to fighting, regardless of the score at the time, does the official have the authority to declare a winner?

RULING: No. The matter must be reported to the state association, which will declare a winner. (7-1-3)

SITUATION 21: Under NFHS rules, must the player actually touch the ball to be judged offside for "interfering with play?"

RULING: No.

COMMENT: Although other rules bodies may interpret this way, the high school game does

not require that the player touch the ball in this situation. (11-1-3, Diagrams 8, 12, 13)

SITUATION 22: A player from both Team A and Team B are involved in misconduct at the halfway line while Team A is in possession of the ball on the 18-yard line near Team B's goal.

RULING: Allow the play to exhaust its momentum and then assess a card to both players for their actions.

COMMENT: Since it is an on-the-field infraction, by rule there would be a restart with a drop ball at the spot of the fouls. (12-8-1, 2, 3)

SITUATION 23: The coach from Team B complains to the referee that the coach from Team A is text messaging his assistant coach who is in the spectator stands.

RULING: Illegal. The coach must be cautioned for unsporting conduct. (12-8-1-e)

SITUATION 24: A head coach is assessed a second yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct. What should the official do?

RULING: The proper procedure for a coach or bench personnel receiving a second yellow card is to disqualify that individual from the contest by displaying a red card (for second caution/yellow card) and request them to leave the immediate surroundings of the contest. (12-8-3)

SITUATION 25: If an assistant coach is awarded a subsequent (second) caution for unsportsmanlike conduct, must he/she leave the field?

RULING: The issuance of a second caution to a coach or bench personnel results in the display of a red card and the coach/bench personnel is disqualified for the remainder of the contest and must leave the immediate surroundings of the field. (12-8-3)

SITUATION 26: A player from Team A is guilty of spitting at (a) an opponent and (b) a game official. The restart shall be a direct free kick in both situations.

RULING: In (a) a direct free kick; in (b) an indirect free kick. (12-8-3 d and e) +

Major Rules Revisions For 2006 Fall Sports

2006-07 Swimming & Diving Rules Revisions

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 take-off 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 breaststroke 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. †

2006 Volleyball Rules Changes

2-1-4 Note - Clarifies the flexibility for the centerline court marking to be a shadow line which designates the required 2 inch centerline.

2-2-2 - Cables, which are used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system and located only on one side of the net, are playable overhead obstructions.

4-2-4f - The placement of numbers on the center front of the uniform top may now be located no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline, ribbing, placket or seam.

5-4-1d - Specifies the umpire shall verify the line-up has been entered correctly on the scoresheet by the official scorer.

5-6-1, 2 & 3 - Officially adds the position of the assistant scorer (libero tracker) due to addition of libero play. Responsibility is to record libero replacements. Location at score table is next to official scorer.

6-3-2; 4-2-2; 5-1-1; 5-5-2; 6-3-3a; 9-9-1k - The rules relating to the libero have been changed to place the items in more appropriate sections of the rules. Further clarification has been included in the rules to incorporate uniform numbering location of libero at moment of serve; game administration and penalties involving unnecessary delay.

7-1-1b - The designated libero for the match shall be identified on

the team roster. The libero may be listed with two uniform numbers with the first as the non-libero number and the second as the libero number (i.e. 15/L4). "The libero number may not be a duplicate of any other player on the roster."

9-5-1c; 9-5-5 - Definition of a block is changed to having a player close to the net who is reaching higher than the net and deflects the ball coming from an opponent. "Block attempt," "completed block," and "collective block" are defined. Back-row players may not complete a block or collective block.

9-5-6 - Specifies during play those player actions which are not legal for the libero. This placement puts libero player action with other player actions in Rule 9.

10-4-1,2,3,4,5 NEW - Clarifies and defines within the rules when, how and where a libero replacement takes place, when the replacement is illegal, redesignation of the libero, proper procedures for handling NEW exceptional substitutions and disqualifications involving the libero.

12-2-6 - Allows the head coach to stand in the libero replacement zone during any dead ball to instruct his/her players. The privilege is lost and the head coach must remain seated as outlined in 12-2-5 if a card is issued to anyone on the team bench. †

2006-07 Soccer Rules Revisions

4-1-1 - Beginning with the 2007 fall season, shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) specifications.

4-1-1f - If visible apparel is worn under shorts, it shall be of a similar length, all alike and of a solid color (delete, "the same basic color of the uniform shorts").

4-1-1g - One manufacturer's logo/trademark "or reference" is permitted on the outside of each item...

4-2-8 New - A protective face mask may be worn by a player with a facial injury. The mask may be made of a hard material, but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions. A medical release for the injured player signed by a physician (MD/DO) shall be available at the game site.

5-1-2 - The jurisdiction of the officials shall begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the game and end with they are leaving the field of play and its immediate surroundings. †

2006 Football Rules Revisions

1-2-3g - Advertising and/or commercial markings may be permitted in the end zones.

1-3-5b - The official line-to-gain and down indicators shall be operated approximately 6 feet outside the sideline, where facilities permit.

1-5-1 - Beginning in 2010, the visiting team shall wear white jerseys. Also, the home team has additional limitations as to how much white may be on its jerseys.

1-5-1a - At least a four-snap chin strap shall be required to secure the helmet.

1-5-1i - Mouth guards shall be of any readily visible color, other than white or clear.

1-5-1f2 - Beginning in 2008, when measuring the length of a non-removable cleat, the measurement shall be from the tip of the cleat to the sole of the shoe.

1-6-2 - Phones and headsets are permitted for use by anyone during an authorized sideline time-out.

2-6-2a - An authorized sideline time-out shall be held directly in front of the team box and within the 9-yard mark.

2-29; 3-7-6; 9-6-4a - The language and definition of participation and substitution have been revised.

2-31-8 - A definition has been added to define when a runner becomes a kicker.

2-40 - The word "intentional" has been removed from the spearing rule.

4-2-2 - A holder may now recover a snap and retain the same options of going back to a knee for the kick, advance, pass or running the ball.

7-2-8 - The option to use a "planned loose ball" has been removed.

7-5-13 - The act of illegally touching the ball by an ineligible player carries the same penalty whether the act occurs behind, in or beyond the line of scrimmage.

Six, Eight, and Nine Player - The 9-yard mark required in 11 player has been modified to 7-yard mark.

Points of Emphasis

Concussions
Spearing and Illegal Helmet Contact
Making the Difficult Call — Assisting the Runner; Officials Professionalism
Goal Line and End Zone Calls †

Swimming & Diving

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Designated Weeks for Voluntary Dives

	GIRLS SEASON		BOYS SEASON	
Week 1	Aug 14	Forward Group	Nov 20	Forward Group
Week 2	Aug 21	Back Group	Nov 27	Back Group
Week 3	Aug 28	Inward Group	Dec 4	Inward Group
Week 4	Sept 4	Twisting Group	Dec 11	Twisting Group
Week 5	Sept 11	Reverse Group	Dec 18	Reverse Group
Week 6	Sept 18	Forward Group	Dec 25	Forward Group
Week 7	Sept 25	Back Group	Jan 1	Back Group
Week 8	Oct 2	Inward Group	Jan 8	Inward Group
Week 9	Oct 9	Twisting Group	Jan 15	Twisting Group
Week 10	Oct 16	Reverse Group	Jan 22	Reverse Group
Week 11	Oct 23	Forward Group	Jan 29	Forward Group
Week 12	Oct 30	Back Group	Feb 5	Back Group

Swimming Pool Depth & Starting Platforms

At their April 2002 meeting, the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Swimming and Diving Committee reaffirmed the decision to no longer permit starting platforms in water less than four (4) feet deep.

As we begin the 2006-07 swimming and diving season, we are re-submitting to all District Administrators, Principals, and Athletic Directors the attached "WARNING" information regarding the dangers of forward starts into your school district's swimming pool(s) and the 100-Yard/Meter Relay Event Warning.

You may recall that in April 1998, the WIAA Board of Control took action to place regulations in effect immediately that increased the attention given to supervision and techniques being taught in competitive swimming and diving programs. The Nineteenth Annual Report from the National Catastrophic Sports Injury Research published by Frederick O. Mueller, Ph.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, reaffirms this action:

"Catastrophic injuries in swimming were all directly related to the racing dive in the shallow ends of pools. . . . The competitive racing start has changed and now involves the swimmer getting more depth when entering the water. Practicing or starting competition in the deep end of the pool or being extremely cautious could eliminate catastrophic injuries caused by the swimmer striking his/her head on the bottom of the

pool."

Once again, we are encouraging your continued awareness of the dangers involved in the use of forward starts in your school district's swimming pool. Information continues to indicate to us that supervision and coaching practices are a significant part of this issue.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. **A Pool Safety Email Survey will be sent to Athletic Directors of WIAA swimming and diving schools on August 1st. It is intended to draw attention to WIAA State Association rules and NFHS Water Depth regulations. Athletic Directors are to complete this survey and return it to the WIAA office by Friday, August 25th.**

Again enclosed this year is an article from the August 2005 edition of the Wisconsin School News, a magazine published by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. In this magazine, Mr. Ed Steele has provided an article entitled "Staying Out of the Deep End". This article provides an excellent pool-safety check list for school administrators. We hope it will be helpful in getting your pool(s) prepared for the 2006-07 school year.

Enclosures
Starting Platform Warning
Relay Event Warning
"Staying Out of the Deep End" article +

Volunteers Needed for State Boys & Girls Swim Meet

The Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held this year on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), November 10-11, 2006 and the Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), February 16-17, 2007 both at the UW-Madison Natatorium.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and deck stewards. Please provide this form to interested individuals. The completed form should be returned to the WIAA: Deborah Lepak, WIAA, PO Box 267, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or via email <dlepak@wiaawi.org >

The state meet schedule is as follows:

Friday – Girls: November 10, 2006 – Boys: February 16, 2007

2:30 p.m. — Diving competition to completion (approximately 5:30 p.m.)

6:30 p.m. — Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Saturday – Girls: November 11, 2006 – Boys: February 17, 2007

10 a.m. — Diving competition to completion (approximately 1:30 p.m.)

3 p.m. — Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 6 p.m.) +

Sport Meeting Video Available for Golf • Swimming & Diving • Tennis

Available for any coach or official in the sports of Golf, Tennis and Swimming and Diving are the video presentations of the 2006-07 WIAA Sport Meetings.

The links to your presentations are found below –

Golf - <http://wasda.mediasite.com/wasda/viewer/?peid=35afbe4b-27ec-4e12-8c9c-1a55c734d994>

Tennis - <http://wasda.mediasite.com/wasda/viewer/?peid=f3a78a78-b4c5-44ab-b579-7534d7efc66bU>

Swimming & Diving - <http://wasda.mediasite.com/wasda/viewer/?peid=c-8710ae1-bb72-4d64-bbc9-641128bed899>

Coaches and officials can easily access these sites. Coaches simply need to obtain the User Code and Password from their A.D. to gain access to the WIAA School Center. Officials can use their User Code and Password to gain entrance to the Officials Center. Simply click your cursor on these sites in each of these Centers and your computer should take you directly to this site.

If you have any questions or problems viewing the video, please feel free to call Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director, at (715) 344-8580 or contact him via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. +

Relay Event Warning

During the 2003 Girl's Swimming and Diving Season concerns were brought to my attention that presents a true safety danger to WIAA schools involved with swimming and diving. This matter relates to conference swimming relay meets, invitationals and other meets that include a 100 Yard/Meter Relay event.

Concerns have been expressed about including these relay events after schools have removed their starting blocks from the shallow end and are now using this same shallow end for relay deck starts. All 100 Yard/Meter Relays require participants to enter the pool, head first, in almost all cases from a deck start, into a depth where starting platforms may have been removed.

In addition, these 100 Yard/Meter

Relay events are highly emotional and when deck starts are being used, there is not generally non-skid surfaces for participants use when entering the water. In many cases, participants are entering the water from a slick gutter area. In addition, this is not an entry that is practiced on a regular basis.

In reviewing this matter with the WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee, they have asked that conferences review their use of these events in their swimming and diving events. This event should only be used when the school hosting a relay meet has a pool with a deep end (four feet or more) at both ends of their pool and a non-skid surface for relay starts. The committee has asked that I notify member schools and commissioners of this matter. +

Swimming & Diving Interpretations From Sport Meeting Video

Question: Can a boy be a manager on a girls swimming and diving team? Can they be a lifeguard? Can they time a meet?

Interpretation: Yes, a boy can be a manager on a girls swimming and diving team and vice versa. However, WIAA rules prevent coaches from having coaching contact with their athletes outside the season, during the school year, in any sport. Rules further prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the WIAA Season Regulations. An athlete working as a clinician, under the direction of his/her coach, is considered to be coaching contact.

This means, for example, that boy swimmers cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girl's swimming and diving season, in the school program. Obviously, girl swimmers are similarly restricted during the boy's swimming and diving season. Boy swimmers cannot practice with the girl's swimming and diving team because the boy's season is defined in the WIAA Winter Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girl swimmers and divers are similarly restricted. Soccer, golf and tennis are other sports where the seasons are split and where these rules apply.

Recently, we have had situations where managers became involved in practice, either as clinicians (demonstrators), participants, and/or assistant coaches. Consequently, I am providing coaches with the safest practice to prevent the eligibility of a swimmer or diver from being jeopardized in the short time I have to present on this topic during the video. Unfortunately, there is plenty of temptation for a student-athlete to become involved in a drill or workout sometime during the season.

Timing at a meet and/or writing down splits and times have been considered to be "managerial duties" that have been allowed. WIAA regulations have allowed boys to be "managers" on girls teams and vice versa so long as it is only duties like using a stop watch, recording times, taking attendance, getting towels and setting up lanes that these "managers" are involved in. The duties they are responsible for must be strictly managerial duties—not coaching, demonstrating, assisting and/or participation in or during a practice or meet.

Being a lifeguard during a meet or practice is also allowed.

Question: If there is a different coach for girls and boys swim team can the manager swim practices with the team?

Interpretation: No, the WIAA season for boy's swimming and diving is during the winter sport season. Boys who even get in the pool during a girl's practice in the fall are considered to have participated in the one swimming and diving season they are allowed during a school year. In other words, if a boy practices one day with the girl's team, they have

used their eligibility for swimming and diving and are not allowed to participate in the winter boy's season.

Question: Can a player start practice without turning in a WIAA physical form?

Interpretation: No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VII—Health and Behavior, Section 1—Physical Examination, page 39, A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

—Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

Question: I qualified to swim representing Wisconsin at the USS Zone meet in Indianapolis, IN. the week of August 10th through the 13th. What do I need to do to be released from my high school team for that week without facing sanctions?

Interpretation: Although it is the philosophy of the 503 WIAA member schools for student-athletes to have loyalty and allegiance to their school team during their school season, girls in the sports of swimming and diving, golf and tennis are allowed by WIAA regulations to complete their summer period nonschool competition without jeopardizing their eligibility. This can be done by not reporting to the school team for practice until after you have completed the nonschool competition. Please keep in mind that you may not report to the school team—even for practice—until you have completed the nonschool competition. You may want to discuss this with your school team's head coach so that he/she is aware of this as well.

Question: One of the rules indicates competition cannot occur against a school with 8th grade competitors or below. I have officiated meets in western WI and these schools often compete against Minnesota schools which may have 8th grade swimmers. Can a meet occur if, although these schools may have 8th grade swimmers on the team, these swimmers don't compete in the meet? Or does the rule indicate that the meet cannot occur because these swimmers are on the roster whether or not they compete in that particular meet?

Interpretation: Yes, a meet can occur if a school from Minnesota has 8th graders competing on their school team. Since Minnesota

schools have approved of 8th graders competing on their varsity teams, they are allowed to do so out-of-state as well as during competitions in Minnesota. Consequently, if a Minnesota school comes to Wisconsin, they are allowed to have their 8th graders compete against WIAA varsity and non-varsity level competition.

Question: We had a captains meeting to discuss our upcoming year and we also discussed our "Team Theme" in which we decorate the pool, and our t-shirts. We have come across a swimsuit that matches our theme perfectly... I was not quite clear on the ruling for what is exactly on the swimsuit that is illegal or legal. This suit does not have any logos on it, so I was just checking to make sure that it would be okay. Our theme this year is... "this deck is stacked" we plan on incorporating playing cards into our theme. I have attached a picture of the suit that we are very interested in purchasing for our team (Queen of Diamonds card on front of suit—theme on back of suit), please let me know if there is any problem.

Interpretation: On page 23 of the National Federation of High School Rule Book, NFHS Rule 3-3-1 it indicates that "competitors shall not be permitted to compete in attire (suit and caps) which includes advertising or a name other than the name and/or number of the competitor, school or mascot." I am not able to identify the Queen of Hearts card as the AAA school name or mascot. In addition, I do not believe this will be the way school officials will want to have AAA H.S. represented as your school team competes in numerous home and away meets. Consequently, I am sorry to inform you that this suit would not be allowed in competition during the WIAA regular season or the tournament series.

All school uniforms need to be approved by school administration prior to their use in competition. I encourage you to work with your school's head coach and the school administration to identify a suit that will represent AAA High School and the community of AAA in the most appropriate manner.

Question: At a swim meet when the home team has an electric scoreboard that shows the order of finish and the time of each finisher, is this information to be verbally announced as well as shown.

Interpretation: NFHS Rule 4-13, b., indicates that the announcer should announce the results of events, including disqualifications. I suggest that officials review this with the announcer, when available, prior to the start of a meet. With no-recall in place this year, this will be a needed communication device when DQ's take place.

Question: On the swimming/diving schedule, do conference relays and conference meets count as more than one varsity meet?

Interpretation: Regarding your question about conference relays and conference meets, I hope I have interpreted your question correctly.

Each conference relay meet and each conference meet count as one of the 14 maximum meets allowed during the regular season. No meet may continue more than two days. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.

Question: Can a junior high event be held in conjunction with a high school swimming and diving meet?

Interpretation: No, WIAA Season Regulations, 6., g., Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g., Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.

Question: A diver gets into the forward starting position and then waits (delays) for 30-40 seconds before executing the dive. Are there steps to take to remedy this long period between the starting position and performing the dive?

Interpretation: Unlike the swimming referee (NFHS Rule 4-2-2-b & h) the diving referee is not charged with the responsibility of keeping things moving along. Really, the only part of NFHS Rule 9 that applies is 9-8-3-c, which carries the "death penalty" for unnecessary delay, which is a concept defined by the diving referee without any guidance, either in rule or case book.

In a dual meet, the diving referee needs to take a diver-friendly approach. If a diver stands in the starting position and takes an inordinate amount of time, first be very, very patient. Most of the time a diver will eventually get to their dive.

Then, during a break or whenever an opportunity presents itself, talk to the diving coach of the delaying diver. Have the coach remind the diver of the penalties involved in delaying a dive.

If the delays continue with the next dive, ask the diver to step back. Once they are at ease, approach the board and ask the diver: (1) If they are ok? (2) Do they know the dive that was announced that they are to perform? (3) If they are familiar enough with the dive to perform the dive safely? (4) Then explain they are to perform the dive without unnecessary delay. Finally, return to the judging area and ask to have the dive repeated by the announcer. The diver will normally perform the dive and proceed without delay.

If the diver continues to delay for a prolonged period after all of the above has been done, a diving referee can ask the diver to step back and then the diver is disqualified.

In a larger meet that response to a prolonged delay/procrastinating diver is not always greeted with enthusiasm by competing diving coaches. These coaches will argue that unnecessary delays interrupt the momentum of the event and create stress on the remaining divers who are used to an orderly and efficient competition. In these meets, the diving referee will need to use good judgment considering the elements of the competition and act according to fairness for all divers. +

Tennis



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Tennis Interpretations From Sport Meeting Video

QUESTION: Does the conference tennis tournament count as one of the 14 meets and one of the six multi-school meets that count towards a school tennis teams meet maximums?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Season Regulations, 6., b. indicates, Conference Tournaments must be included in the count of regular season maximums. In addition, conference meets count as one multiple school meet toward a school's maximum allowed meets.

QUESTION: Can a player start practice without turning in a WIAA physical form?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VII—Health and Behavior, Section 1—Physical Examination, page 39, A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

—Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

QUESTION: Should a player who turns in a note from a physician who approves of the player starting practice before completion of a physical be allowed to practice?

INTERPRETATION: No, the player should not be allowed to practice until the completed green WIAA Physical Card is completed and turned into the school office. There are no waivers available for physical examinations. Even though a physician gave the student-athlete a note extending the previous physical exam, this does not meet the requirements of this regulation.

QUESTION: Can a student-athlete sit on the sidelines and watch practice prior to completion of their physical exam?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA regulations do not prevent student-athletes from attending and watching practice. Athletic directors and coaches will want to be certain these players are not getting involved in the practice in any way.

QUESTION: Can we schedule a scrimmage after the first regular season tennis meet?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA tennis does not currently list any restrictions regarding scrimmages during the regular season. Athletic directors and coaches do need to be aware that a scrimmage must be counted as a scrimmage by all of the schools involved in the scrimmage. In other words, one school may not count the competition as a scrimmage while the other counts it as one of their 14 meets toward their meet maximums. Scrimmages may not be scheduled during the WIAA tournament series.

QUESTION: We have a tennis player who would like to compete in a tournament out of state and needs to report to the team late. Can she do so?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, per WIAA Nonschool Participation regulations, page 37 of the Sr. High School Handbook, A., 2), the fall-sponsored sports of tennis, golf and swimming and diving, are allowed to report after the start of the season provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet. Student-athletes who will delay reporting to the high school tennis team are not allowed to practice with the school team until they have completed nonschool competition.

QUESTION: Can an incoming freshmen boy participate in practice with the girls tennis team and still be allowed to compete on the boys tennis team in the spring?

INTERPRETATION: No, the boy's season is determined by the dates listed in the WIAA Spring Season Regulations. If a boy even participates in one drill with the girl's team or an individual during a practice, they have now participated in tennis for that school year.

QUESTION: Does a scrimmage count as an interscholastic meet if a tennis player will have to delay reporting to a school team? Does the player have to report prior to the scrimmage?

INTERPRETATION: A scrimmage is generally regarded as a practice. If a student-athlete must delay reporting to the school team, they will not jeopardize their eligibility by not reporting prior to a scrimmage.

QUESTION: Can 8th graders practice with varsity, JV or freshmen tennis teams?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA regulations remain silent regarding 8th graders practicing with high school level athletic programs. Because of the strong reaction school coaches and administrators can expect once an 8th grader or numerous 8th graders begin to practice with high school programs and the perceptions that such an act will cause, it is strongly encouraged that prior to this discussions be held with coaching staffs, school administrators, school boards or governing bodies and even with parent groups to develop appropriate policy.

QUESTION: Can we give money (scholarships) to tennis players to attend local clinics and camps?

INTERPRETATION: No, giving money to student-athletes for clinics/camps is a violation of WIAA Amateur Status regulations. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food, and lodging paid in connection with playing a contest shall not be regarded as a violation. However, receiving payment/scholarships for attending a clinic or camp is a violation of this policy.

QUESTION: As a coach, can I still work a camp after July 31?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, tennis coaches are allowed to work a camp after July 31.

QUESTION: Can I work with tennis players I will be coaching during the coming year after July 31?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, in tennis coaches are allowed to have contact throughout the summer period with players they will be coaching during the upcoming school year.

QUESTION: Can a player on the boy's team be a manager as long as they do not hit with the girls players? In this role they handle equipment and keep stats that kind of activity but they do not play the girls, provide any instruction or run any drills.

INTERPRETATION: A boy can be a manager for a girl's team. However, you want to be especially careful in tennis. Managers are only allowed to do "managerial" duties. These duties may be things like taking attendance, keeping stats, providing towels, providing water, sweeping the courts, etc.

You are correct, they may not hit with the girls, and they may not even toss balls to the girls, provide demonstrations or participate in drills in any way. Only "managerial" duties are allowed.

QUESTION: My #1 singles couldn't play a 3rd match of a quad because he was ill. We had to forfeit, does that count as a loss for him? Does it go on his record sheet?

INTERPRETATION: When a player forfeits a match due to illness during a tournament or quadrangular match in this case, tennis terms utilize the term "walkover" to describe this event. A walkover occurs when there has been an administrative error or when a player, after completing a match in an event, and before (or during the warm-up for) the next match in that event, decides not to play because of injury, illness, or personal emergency.

In a tournament without an alternate available to play, the referee may allow a player who does not play a first match to play in the consolation draw. Consequently, a walkover is treated just like a loss. Therefore, this loss needs to be counted on the record (and/or a win

given to the #1 singles player for School AAA) with the following note: "Walkover due to illness" or Wo[ill] Source: USTA Regulations, I.m, pg. 103, Friend at Court

QUESTION: Can I, as a coach, play a tennis match against one of my players during the summer months when school is not in session?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, you are allowed to play with your tennis players during the summer. Under I. Coaches and Coaching Contact, in the WIAA Rules at a Glance, you will find in the second paragraph that coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the five unrestricted days in the sport of tennis. This allows coaches to play matches with and/or against students they will have on their tennis team the next year during the summer (that period when school is not in normal session).

QUESTION: What do you suggest doing about parents who try to coach from the sidelines (mine and/or the other team's parents)?

INTERPRETATION: First, keep in mind; you are responsible for informing and developing awareness with the parents of your school program. Perhaps at a conference meeting you can discuss with other conference coaches the importance of discussing appropriate etiquette at school tennis matches and the expectations coaches in your conference have. As you work with these new strategies, you can share your experiences with other coaches, both the positives and the negatives.

It is best to review with parents USTA and WIAA rules that pertain to coaching and advise. These include but are not limited to WIAA Season Regulations, 15., c., Note—which indicates "Parents are not allowed to coach while players are on the court." The only individuals who can provide instruction during a match are the two designated coaches for a school team.

In addition, you will want to review THE CODE as found on pages 46-53 of the Official Rules of Tennis (ORT). Rules #1, #5, #13, and #17—Spectators never to make calls, are good places to start. In addition, you may want to review USTA Rule 30 Coaching and the comments that are included on page 30 of the ORT.

Other etiquette you will want to touch on is that spectators should only be allowed to applaud and provide positive comments such as "nice shot" and "way to go!" Spectators are not allowed to speak in private to competitors, only coaches are allowed to do so unless there is a 10-minute rest period between the second and third set and the player decides to leave the court area. +

Golf



Tom Shafranski

Golf Interpretations From Sport Meeting Video

QUESTION: Can a player start practice without turning in a WIAA physical form?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VII—Health and Behavior, Section 1—Physical Examination, page 39, A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rulebook or WIAA tournament policies apply.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

—Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

QUESTION: I am the new girls golf coach at my high school. I've been informed that we will be in the AAA sectional and the BBB regional. Some parents have asked me if I know what courses will be used for these particular sectionals regionals. I was unable to find that on the website. Is that information available or is there someone I could contact to obtain that information?

Also, there is a question about playing outside tournaments/events. If a girl is participating in outside tournaments, it is my reading of the rules that she cannot practice with the team while she is doing this. It is also my understanding that she must "report" to the team by the time of the first scheduled meet. Could I get a confirmation of my interpretation of this?

INTERPRETATION: You are correct that your school will be in the AAA regional and the BBB sectional. We have sent a request to each host school and will be post-

ing the courses to be used and other information once we receive this information on the WIAA website. As of this time, we have not received any information from either of these host schools. Once received, we will post it for you.

Regarding reporting to the school team and participation in non-school events, your interpretation is correct. In the fall, girl's golf participants may delay reporting to the team to participate in non-school competition. However, if they choose to do so, they may not practice with the team and must report prior to the first interscholastic meet.

QUESTION: I have a girl golfer who would like to participate in her club championship. It is held in September, obviously right in the middle of our season. Can she compete?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Non-school Participation regulations as found in the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, pg. 37, indicate that it is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school.

Exceptional athletes can be waived from this regulation; however, a local club championship does not meet the criteria required for a waiver to be granted.

QUESTION: Can girls participate in the junior club championship at our golf club after reporting to the school golf team?

INTERPRETATION: No, once girls have reported or the first interscholastic meet of the girl's fall season is held, they are no longer eligible to participate in club championships or any non-school events. I encourage high school coaches to talk with local PGA professionals and other junior tournament organizers about scheduling their events prior to the start of the girl's school golf season.

QUESTION: My daughter has been invited to the CCC tournament on August 9 and 10. We live in City DDD and she will be a sophomore at DDD HS. The first day of practice is August 7. Can she skip practice and go to the tournament and then report to practice after the tournament?

INTERPRETATION: My first suggestion is for you and your daughter to meet with Coach DDD and Mr. DDD, A.D., so that everyone is in agreement regarding your daughter's participation in this meet.

Next, it is possible a DDD H.S. interscholastic meet may be scheduled since the first day for a school meet will be Thursday, August 10. If one is scheduled, your daughter either needs to report to the team or the school will need to modify the girl's golf schedule—moving this meet to a date later in the season.

There is a WIAA regulation (page 37 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook) that allows girls in golf, tennis and swimming and diving to report to a school team after completing their nonschool competitions in the summer. This regulation does require that the girls do not attend practice until they have completed their non-school competition and the girl(s) must report to the school team prior to the first interscholastic competition of the season.

QUESTION: There is a girl's golf meet scheduled for Thursday, August 10. It is just a fun scramble format. Can she be excused from this meet without jeopardizing her eligibility? Is there a waiver available for her since she finished in the top five of last year's WIAA State Golf Championships?

INTERPRETATION: No, girls must report to the school team prior to the first interscholastic competition identified on their school team's girl's golf schedule. Just because this event is a "fun" type of event in nature does not prevent it from being one of the 14 maximum meets scheduled for the 2006 girl's golf season.

Finishing in the top five of the previous year's WIAA State Golf Championships qualifies your

daughter to be an exceptional athlete. However, a local invitational meet does not meet the criteria required for a waiver to be granted. Consequently, the WIAA is unable to approve of an exceptional athlete waiver for her to participate in this meet.

QUESTION: I have a golfer who has played in this invite in the past. This year's event takes place during the first week of practice for girls' golf. Can she play in this event without losing her eligibility?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, girls are able to compete in a non-school event during the first week of the golf season. However, they may not report to practice until after they have completed non-school competition and the non-school event must be prior to the first school meet of the season.

QUESTION: I attended the golf coaches meeting in the early spring at Western Lakes. At that meeting you conducted a rules review session and indicated it would qualify us for our sport meeting requirement. You made sure that we signed the sheet that was passed around at the end of the session.

I'm writing to verify that my understanding is correct and that I have met this requirement. If so, is there anything further that I have to do? Do I have to sign/submit an additional form?

INTERPRETATION: Regarding your question about WIAA Sport Meetings for 2006—the conference you attended last year at Western Lakes was the WIAA Sport Meeting for the 2005 Girls Golf season and the 2006 Boy's Golf season.

This year, the sport meeting that you need to see is found on a website and has already been produced. You can obtain the address to this website by contacting your school's A.D. The video, in almost all cases, can be viewed at your own computer in your own home. After watching the video presentation (approx. 30 minutes), you and your A.D. can then complete and sign the verification form that your A.D. has access to as well. That's all there is to it so that you receive up-to-date rule information and See Golf Interpretations, page 13 ►

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complete your sport meeting for this year.

We are asking A.D.s to return the verification form to the WIAA office by August 31, 2006.

QUESTION: I am writing to inquire if it is permissible for the XXX golf tournament to donate my son's winnings for 2nd place in C flight (\$50 in merchandise) to another organization, specifically, the YYY HS golf team?

INTERPRETATION: No, Amateur Status regulations do not allow student-athletes to accept/receive or direct inappropriate gifts like gift certificates for merchandise. Your son is not able to donate these funds to any organization.

QUESTION: If a JV team is playing in an invite including varsity teams, would they be subject to the varsity coaching rule or the JV coaching rule or should it be up to the discretion of the tournament director?

INTERPRETATION: In accordance with the WIAA Adaptation to USGA rules, letter j.— coaching contact/instruction is only allowed during a JV competition. If a JV team were playing in a meet with varsity teams, this would not be considered to be a JV competition. Consequently, this adaptation allowing verbal and hand signals/advice does not apply. Coaching advice could still be provided following completion of each hole, prior to a player teeing off.

QUESTION: Does the no-cut policy for co-op teams apply to golf only or to all other sports as well?

INTERPRETATION: If a program has been approved as a co-op program, no matter what sport it is, there can be no cuts made. This WIAA regulation for co-op teams does apply to all sports.

QUESTION: My question is in regards to the Spring Season Regulations, pg. 15, Golf regulations 15. f.: When did this rule come into play? I have heard the 2005-2006 school year. Was it before that?

INTERPRETATION: Adaptations to USGA Rules, 15., f., regarding head coaches being allowed to provide advice ONLY from holing out (walking off the green) to teeing off (entering the box) was last modified in the WIAA Season Regulations for the 1992-93

school year.

QUESTION: The one burning question I had is in reference to #43 on the WIAA Golf Exam. I'm pretty sure the answer to this is true. I was confused by the wording of this sentence....."Five minutes had not elapsed since he first started looking for the ball and the player had not hit the provisional ball beyond where the original ball lay, so the player plays the hole out with the original ball."

I thought the determining factor in whether you can continue to play the provisional ball and still be able to go back to the original ball had to do with whether or not when you hit the provisional ball it lay beyond the original ball. But this wording in #43 seems to indicate that you can't hit the provisional ball beyond the original ball otherwise you're forced to play the provisional. I was thinking you could hit the provisional as many times as it took you to get it past the original. Then at that point you had to find the original or abandon it. This wording seems to indicate you'd better be sure you don't hit your provisional past where your original currently lays...otherwise you're pretty much stuck.

If I'm reading this correctly then couldn't this be true right after the player first puts his provisional ball into play? It could be beyond the original ball with the first stroke.

Also - I think in some situations it could be very problematic in determining whether the provisional ball is beyond the original. Is 'beyond' measured by distance from the tee and not distance from the hole?

INTERPRETATION: The fundamentals of the response to this one are found in USGA Rule 27-2, b. The language there reads—"The player may play a provisional ball until he reaches the place where the original ball is likely to be. If he makes a stroke with the provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a point nearer the hole than that place, the original ball is lost and the provisional ball becomes the ball in play."

In this situation, the players all believe the ball is somewhere around 75 yards from the tee in and around the area of the tree (place where the original ball is likely to be). The player takes a minute to look for his original

ball, then proceeds to his provisional ball at around the 180 yd. mark of the hole (a point nearer the hole than the place where the original ball is likely to be) and hits the provisional ball. The provisional ball is now the ball in play. The play of the provisional ball from a spot closer to the hole than the original ball was likely to be, renders the original ball lost.

Even though the ball was found within the five-minute search period, the provisional has already been played from a place nearer the hole than the place where the original ball was likely to be.

QUESTION: I wasn't aware of this wrinkle in the rule.....

Even though the ball was found within the five-minute search period, the provisional has already been played from a place nearer the hole than the place where the original ball was likely to be.

INTERPRETATION: It is where the ball is "likely to be." In this case, the tree is the location where the ball is likely to be.

QUESTION: Can a golfer from my team be the person who hits drives during a fundraising scramble golf event where players will bet on how far he hits the ball?

INTERPRETATION: No, a high school golfer with remaining eligibility is not allowed to participate in a betting event like this. This would jeopardize eligibility for the boy or girl involved based upon Amateur Status regulations. Organizers of such events should involve individuals who do not have any remaining eligibility. This might include alumni or individuals who have completed their high school eligibility and are recognized within their community.

QUESTION: I have a girl who had a horse fall on her ankle a few weeks back and broke her ankle. She anticipates having the cast removed in approximately two weeks. Is she eligible for a waiver to use a motorized cart during the girl's golf season?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Fall and Spring Season Regulation 15., e., indicates permission must be requested for using a riding cart for a permanent illness/disability.

QUESTION: We have nine schools coming to an invitational. Seven of

the schools are conference schools and two are non-conference schools. Can the seven schools play the front nine as a conference meet and then all nine schools play the 18 holes for the invitational?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, you are referring to a meet within a meet. This type of format has not been denied by the WIAA for regular season golf competitions. As indicated in 15., a., of the Adaptations to USGA Rules, the host school or conference will determine the type of play (match, medal, or combination match-medal) governing competition.

QUESTION: Can a high school golfer compete in the Wisconsin State Open during the summer period?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA regulations do not prevent a high school golfer with remaining eligibility from competing in non-school competitions during the summer and outside of the identified school golf season as found in the WIAA Season Regulations.

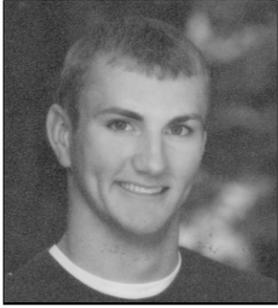
Please keep in mind that although high school golfers may compete in events like the Wisconsin State Open, they are not allowed to accept/receive such merchandise items as jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, equipment, balls, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, etc., regardless of their value. 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.

QUESTION: Can a course that is approximately 20 miles from our school be one of our three "home courses?"

INTERPRETATION: If there is a question regarding the distance a designated "home course" can be from a school, golf coaches should contact their A.D. and have the A.D. contact Tom Shafranski at the WIAA office. Generally speaking, 20 miles has been used as the limit for schools to travel for practice/"home course" meets. Discussion with school administrators regarding courses that are further than 20 miles is very helpful when situations require travel to courses further than 20 miles. +



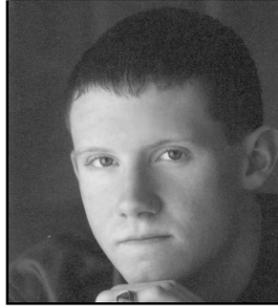
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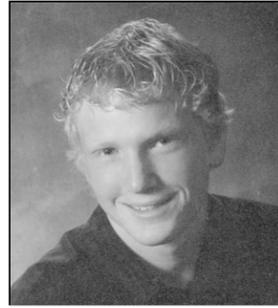
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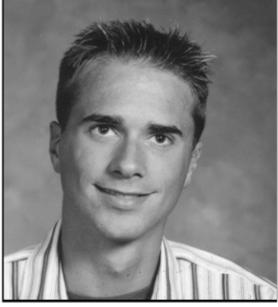
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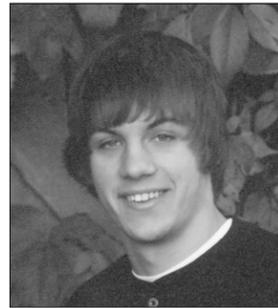
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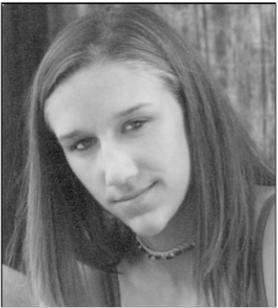
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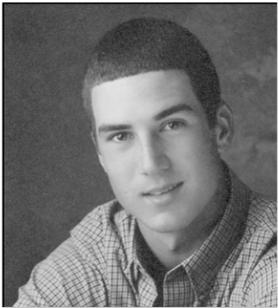
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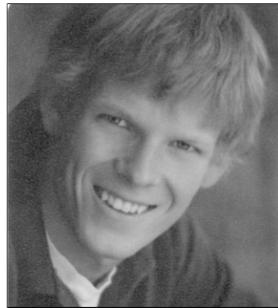


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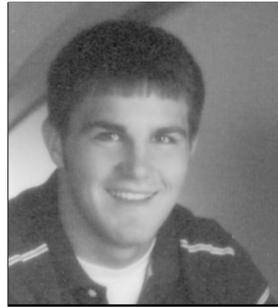
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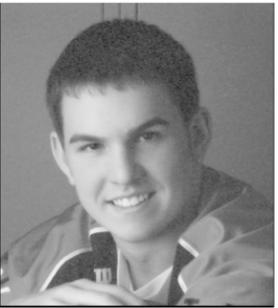
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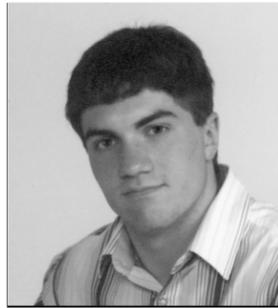
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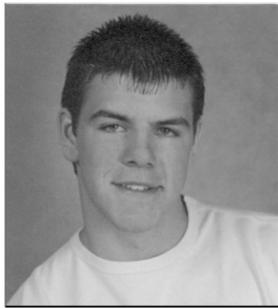
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Eligibility Q&A's

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have caused most states to put some "filters" in place. The WIAA, like most other state Associations has "adopted" CSJET Full listed exchange programs as the standard for unrestricted eligibility, i.e., varsity level status. Students who are enrolled through a bona fide student exchange program - just not Full CSJET status - can still be afforded JV and varsity reserve opportunities. Please bring your completed form to your AD. You will also want to provide him/her a copy of the physical exam (most exchange programs require...that is acceptable for sport participation - he will not need a new/another physical - provided the one he used to travel is signed by an MD and is of fairly recent date). Your school's AD will fax or mail the form to us (the school has status in/is a member of the association - and is responsible for their students.)

Q.: Is there a maximum age that a student would reach and not be eligible to play in high school sports?

A.: Yes. See Article III-a of the Rules At A Glance. Ineligible if student reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

Q.: I have a couple questions. I check the WIAA handbook, but I just want to make sure that I am correct that there are no circumstances under which a home school student living in the school district can participate in sports. I also have a transfer form from a student that didn't school choice, but is supposed to be paying full tuition. I have not received proof that they are paying tuition. I just wanted to confirm that I should not release this student until I receive proof.

A.: Correct on both counts. A school may only use their own full-time students on interscholastic teams. With transfers, to protect yourself, your teams and your district, you ought to receive such verification in the form of school board minutes - where the tuition paying student has been accepted by your board.

Q.: Does the WIAA have different rules for different schools? My daughter runs cross country and was told by her poms coach that she could not participate in poms and cross country in the same season per WIAA rules. Does the WIAA consider poms to be a sport?

A.: The WIAA does not have a rule which would prohibit a student from competing in two WIAA recognized sports during the same season - say, volleyball and cross country, e.g. (Some schools and/or "conferences" may have such a rule - but it is not an Association provision.) No, the WIAA does not include cheer and/or pom within our sponsored sport opportunities.

Q.: Our school district is developing an application for a charter school planning grant. Can charter school students participate in WIAA sports through the local public school?

A.: In a simple answer - "Yes" it's possible. In any number of districts the students enrolled as full time students at charter and alternative schools and everything in-between (school to work/youth options, etc.) - can meet the requirements for eligibility. Much has to do with how "you set things up." For eligibility purposes the WIAA requires that a student be "your full-time student" in order to play for your school. Obviously your board describes full-time student status requirements for

your district; now they need to expand that definition to accommodate the charter school students - if you wish them to be eligible. Second, the WIAA describes a full-time student where "the member school is responsible for programming 100 percent of the student's school day. And, the student is eligible for all like/similar awards, privileges and services as all other full-time students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other full time students, without exception." Another simple way to think about it...a full time student is eligible for all class honors, scholarships, valedictorian, prom king, homecoming queen, etc.

Q.: Could you please tell me if a student enters his senior year as an 18-year old, will he still be eligible to play high school sports?

A.: Yes. See Art. II-A of the Rules At A Glance.

Coach Contact

Q.: According to the rules governing out-of-season contact by coaches rule, a coach cannot transport athletes to camps/clinics. What is the penalty if they do?

A.: Coach is your employee. We would first like to see/know what corrective actions/sanctions school "administration" might use to address/correct this instance of "non-compliance." From there then we would determine what, if any, WIAA sanction would need to be imposed on the "member school." WIAA sanctions are harsh. We prefer to see member schools "satisfactorily" address their employees...so we do not need to impose WIAA sanction on the school. While WIAA action is taken against the "member school" the real consequence is felt by the students who are not allowed to enter the tournament series, e.g. WIAA sanctions are outlined on p. 19 of Handbook. There are seven of them we are allowed to impose, all harsh. We might agree to loss of summer contact opportunity for a year or two if proposed by you..as part of a corrective strategy.

Q.: The JV soccer coach from another school asked me if he should/could coach U15 select soccer next summer. The U15 team consists of student athletes from the X, Y, and Z school districts. I couldn't answer the question, but I didn't see any difference with him coaching the team compared to the varsity ABC baseball coach coaching the ABC Legion baseball team (ONLY his players eligible to play on this team) or the JV "Y" coach coaching the JV legion baseball team. Can he coach? What is the WIAA answer to this?

A.: The answer to this is that the coach always needs to talk with his school's AD, and "possibly - no." First, there is much difference between soccer and baseball/softball coaches and the rules which govern them. Second, the rules allow JV and varsity coaches to have contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade. Not certain what grade U15 breaks down to. But other than the pre-9th grade exception - soccer coach may NOT coach kids outside the season that they will coach in the next school season. Article I of the Rules At A Glance outlines coaching contact provisions.

Q.: I have a question for you about what I do with my girls during the sum-

mer. I have a terrific summer basketball coach, and I allow her to organize, coach, and run my program. I go to the leagues, tournaments and camps to watch and evaluate my girls. Is it alright if I help transport the kids to these events? With the price of gas now days, parents are understandably shying away from driving. I promise you that I do not do any coaching. I have not even used my five coaching days!

A.: In a nutshell - "no." Article I of the Rules At A Glance outlines that during restricted times, transporting by coaches is not allowed. You could transport only in concert with your five unrestricted contact days. That "window" closes July 31, however.

Q.: This question is in regards to rule 1.c.3. We have a former player who worked with our varsity athletes during a voluntary seven-on-seven tournament this summer and has asked if he could coach during this season somewhere in the program. This young man graduated three years ago and while coaching this tournament was moved to give back to his community. I indicated to him the rule about no contact however when reading the rule it seems to be vague about levels of the program he might help in. (The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach THAT student other than during designated school season and board of controls days of contact). Can he coach lower levels if he has had no contact, can you please clarify this for me so I can pass this on to this individual?

A.: Provided the coach has "zero interface" with the students he coached in the summer (JV and varsity), this coach could work with the 9th grade and lower during the season.

Q.: I am wondering what is said about players who are being recruited, by varsity coaches, to play at their school instead of the school they are currently attending? (Example: Division 1 coach trying to recruit a Division 4 incoming freshman player.)

A.: Generally we say the "student's not eligible" and any/all contests they appear in are ordered forfeited. And possibly we could say, "your team will not be allowed to enter WIAA tournaments" (as a starting point).

Q.: My high school basketball coach interprets that he is able to work with girls who will be entering 9th grade during the summer. He indicated that they will not be on varsity and since they are not in high school yet that he can work with them. Is that a correct interpretation on our part?

A.: Your coach has correctly identified the 'exception' within the coaching contact provisions/restrictions. This exception does not affect/restrict/limit the student's placement upon entry into HS. It is an approved exception to the rule. See Article I, first paragraph, 4th sentence of the Rules At A Glance.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: I have a couple of eligibility questions and am looking for clarification. 1. Involves cross country & track athletes participating in a local "running event." Each year, there is a 5K run walk in our area. This year, the run will occur before cross country season officially begins on 8/14/06. There generally is a minimal entry fee and with that entry fee you receive a t-shirt. I do not believe there is

any award for winning the race. Questions: A. Are high school and/or middle school cross country & track athletes eligible to participate? B. If the event is after the cross country season or track season begins, does this change the eligibility status? C. My understanding is that both HS and MS athletes would be able to participate since the event is before the official start of the season and that it is still considered summer. Athletes who would win cannot accept any awards. The receiving of a t-shirt is allowed as it is given as a part of the entry fee and is given to all entrants. D. If the race/event would be held after the official start date of the sport season, then the athletes would be ineligible to participate.

A.: A. Yes. Either as a runner or a walker since the school season has not yet started. Once the school season officially begins students could still be involved - but only as walkers. The WIAA does not sponsor race-walking. B. YES. See above. If a student takes part in non-school competition (same sport/same season as their school activity) they are ineligible for the remainder of that season. Rules of Eligibility Art. VI, Section 1A. (p. 37). C. As you have described the event, you are correct that your athletes could participate. An athlete could accept an award which is symbolic, e.g., medal, ribbon, trophy, certificate of achievement. An event t-shirt, and event cap - have also been identified by our members as "acceptable" awards for achievement, too. Please review: Handbook (both) Bylaws, Art. XI, Section 1, 2, 3. Also, ROE, Article XIV, Section 1B. D. As Runners, that's correct. Students could still participate as walkers.

Q.: There is a fall softball league in our area. If softball players from our school wish to participate in this league and have one of the parents coach then in the league, what restrictions/guidelines are there for participation? My understanding is this is considered an out-of-season issue as compared to a summertime issue. Softball has in essence unlimited voluntary organization during the summer. Once school begins, participation is limited to anyone who wishes to participate (softball players and non-team members) and the coach is not involved. If the eventual make-up of the team participating in a particular league reflects the general team make-up for the next season, then there may be eligibility issues.

A.: See ROE Article VI, Section 2A and C 1-6 are applicable to non-school / out-of-season pursuits and opportunities. Acceptable non school opportunity may not be limited/restricted based on school and/or team status...nor may any "assembly" resemble the schools team practicing / competing outside the school season.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: Can a school pay for a team to play in basketball leagues, football passing leagues, if the funds are raised through a fundraiser?

A.: Yes - but only to the extent that those events/opportunities overlap/conform with the summer unrestricted days...from end of school to July 31. The school could cover cost for up to four days of FB and five days in all other sport - but must be available and accessible to all interested students. +

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EDITORIAL

Some Elite Athletes Choose To Miss the Experience

Just the other day I was talking to an acquaintance. He and I were sharing a tidbit of our sport participation pasts. I was a decent enough athlete back in the day, but based on the experiences and opportunities we shared, he may have been at a bit higher level than I.

We laughed about the old-fashioned uniforms we wore, with the mid-thigh basketball shorts, the baseball leggings and the loose-fitting track garb.

We got around to talking about our families, and I shared our 6-year old daughter evidently has the same enjoyment of sports that I do. In addition to her swimming classes, she is determined to play flag football this fall much to her mother's disdain, but we've agreed to not let our predispositions influence her sports participation. It's our attempt to allow her to develop her own preferences.

He updated me on his children. By the description of the activities and successes his children have experienced, athleticism runs in the family. His son, the oldest, has been on traveling teams throughout his youth and is now participating in elite club activities.

Trying to be modest, but unable to pull it off. "Dillon is playing with and against the best talent in the country in camps and during the season," he said. "We're travelling all over the place, but he's attracted attention from scouts at all levels."

I said, "how does that work with school then?"

"He attends school during the week, but the nights and weekends are busy with camps and clubs," he said. "He's not able to play high schools sports because of his involvement with clubs during the season, but he's facing much better competition, which will help him."

"Where do you see this helping him?" I asked.

"It is much easier to display his individual skills. He has already received a bunch of recruiting stuff from colleges if he chooses to go that route," he said. "If he has the chance to go pro right away, we may choose that route if it makes sense at the time."

"Wow," I said. "He's on the go all the time I bet. How's he doing in the classroom,

and socially with friends?"

"He's a pretty bright kid," he said. "He's averaging around a B. He can study in the car on the way to practices and games. Socially, that's where I thought he would miss being a part of the high school and playing with friends. However, it appears he's made a couple of friends at these events."

"He's never really had close friends since we began travelling so much, but he enjoys playing so much I don't think he misses things like prom, post-season tournaments or hanging out with his buddies," he continued. "I imagine he would like to play in front of a large crowd and in front of a support network like his school mates and the community, but I think he realizes the key to his happiness in the future are these opportunities we're providing him. His dream is to play in the pros."

"What if it doesn't work out?" I asked, knowing only five in 10,000 high school athletes are ever drafted by a professional team or that less than eight percent go on to play in college.

"Well, he can go to college and figure something out," he said discerningly.

I couldn't help wonder how meaningful and memorable the high school experience could be with this scenario. All the promise and potential in the world can not replace the relationships, experiences and lessons learned through participating in high school activities. Just ask all those who have gotten back what they have put into them.

As many recruiters and scouts would acknowledge, if a player is good enough for a scholarship or contract, they will find him/her, regardless of what school they play for or where they play.

Interscholastic sports are designed to provide education-based opportunities for all students, and not just for the elite. In conjunction with traditional classroom instruction, they teach lifelong skills such as ethics, integrity, teamwork, healthy lifestyles and sportsmanship. They also take center stage in many communities around the state and nation each week.

That's an elite experience too valuable to miss. +



Keep These Dates in Mind

- August 22 Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match
- Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet
- Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game
- August 24 Earliest Date for First Football Game
- August 29 Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match
- September 4 Labor Day
- September 6 Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)
- September 8 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- September 12 Area Meeting – Rice Lake
- September 13 Area Meeting – Black River Falls
- Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball & Softball (Stevens Point)
- September 19 Area Meeting – Antigo
- September 22-24 Rosh Hashanah
- September 26 Area Meeting – Barneveld
- September 27 Area Meeting – Appleton
- Middle Level Council Meeting
- September 27-28 Girls Golf Regionals
- October 2 Sports Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
- October 1-2 Yom Kippur
- October 2-3 Girls Tennis Subsectionals
- October 2-3-4 Girls Golf Sectionals
- October 3 Area Meeting – Watertown
- October 4 Area Meeting – West Allis
- October 4-5 Girls Tennis Sectionals
- October 9-10 State Girls Golf Tournament (University Ridge – Madison)
- October 11 Sportsmanship Summit (Stevens Point)
- October 12-13 Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
- October 12-13-14 State Girls Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
- October 13 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- Deadline for Football Playoff Site Listing
- October 16 Deadline for Paying Membership Dues
- Earliest Date for Skinfold Measurements (Wrestling)
- October 17, 20 & 21 Girls Volleyball Regionals
- October 19 & 21 Boys Soccer Regionals
- October 19 Latest Day for Last Football Game (Playoff Teams)
- October 20-21 Cross Country Sectionals
- State Girls Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)
- October 24 Level 1 Football
- October 25 Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf (Stevens Point)
- October 26 & 28 Boys Soccer Sectionals
- Girls Volleyball Sectionals
- October 27 Boys Volleyball Regionals
- October 28 State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)
- Level 2 Football
- October 31 Boys Volleyball Sectionals

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2006-2007 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2006-2007

Test Date*	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
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. +**