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* * IMPORTANT * * Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

The winter tournaments have arrived and the WIAA needs the assistance and cooperation from participating schools and host managers to provide timely, accurate and complete information for tournament programs and website updates.

In addition, the WIAA will again be collecting scores for all team sports and posting results on the WIAA website each night of regional and sectional competition. Tournament host managers must report scores within 20 minutes following the conclusion of the game.

Please report the score by calling **(715) 344-8580** and selecting the respective sport's score-reporting voice box if someone does not answer.

SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Schools advancing teams to the sectional level of the Tournament Series are required to submit a team photo, roster, school facts, results, up-to-date statistics and roster to the WIAA.

Again this year, the WIAA will be requiring schools to use the WIAA Statistics Template to submit team and individual statistics and rosters. The rich text formatted template can be downloaded from the WIAA website on each team sport's home page. Click on the link named "98 Word Statistics Template" and "98 Word Roster Template" and complete the form by using established tabs to navigate to the appropriate columns.

Completed templates must be emailed to the WIAA by specified deadline. Please email statistics, rosters and photos to: Lisa Gagas at lgagas@wiaawi.org. Faxed statistics and rosters in various formats will not be accepted. Information must be submitted in the prescribed format to be included in the State Tournament Program. Athletic directors and coaches are asked to make plans now to provide information in a timely manner.

Photos sent electronically must be scanned at 300 dpi, no larger than 5" X 7" and saved as a jpeg file for the tournament program. **Please do not put the photo into a word document - email the jpeg file of the photo by itself.** +

Election Deadline Approaches

Administrators at WIAA member senior high schools are reminded that February 27 is the deadline to announce their candidacy for positions on the Board of Control and High School Advisory Council.

District administrators, high school principals and assistants at these levels who are interested in becoming candidates in their district (Board of Control) or large/medium/small classification (High School Advisory Council) should state their intention via a letter to the WIAA office. Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

Primary ballots (if needed) will be mailed March 6 with a return date of March 21. General election ballots will be mailed March 27 with a return date of April 18. An elections committee will convene to canvass the ballots on April 23 and the results will be announced April 25 at the WIAA Annual Meeting.

Positions open for which candidates may file by February 27 are as follows:

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 1 (northwest) for position now held by Terry Reynolds of Shell Lake (eligible for re-election).

District 6 (south central) for position now held by Jim McCartney of Horicon (eligible for re-election).

District 7 (southeast) for position now held by Scott Lindgren of Kenosha (eligible for re-election).

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools position now held by James Langkamp of Portage (not eligible for re-election).

Medium schools positions now held by Paul Rozak of Stratford (eligible for re-election) and Dean Sanders of Lake Mills (not eligible for re-election).

Small schools positions now held by Mike Beighley of Whitehall (eligible for re-election) and Graeme Williams of Loyal (eligible for re-election). +

WIAA Board of Control Ratifies Recommended Changes to Fall Sports

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a number of recommendations affecting fall sports and altered the interpretation of the Association's open gym policy at its monthly meeting today.

Effective immediately, coaches will be allowed to participate with student-athletes in out-of-season open gym settings that are purely recreational, whereby no instruction, organized drills or resemblance of a practice is conducted. Previous interpretations allowed coaches to supervise but not participate with their athletes outside the season in open gym settings, except during the Board approved summertime contact dates.

The Board passed a recommendation to move the opening round match of the Division 1 Girls Volleyball Tournament from Friday to Thursday beginning in 2007. Also approved was a recommendation to alter the pre-match

warm-up protocol. Teams will now have six minutes of shared time and each team will be allowed seven minutes alone on the court, eliminating the two minute shared serving time.

In swimming and diving, the Board approved a Coaches' Advisory Committee recommendation to determine sectional sites for diving-only sectional meets with a minimum of seven judges to be held Friday, the day before the swimming sectionals.

In soccer, the Board was informed of the change in the official ball for the WIAA Tournament Series. In 2007-08, Molten will be the ball used for the WIAA Tournament Series. The Board approved the soccer coaches' recommendation to implement the same seeding protocol as basketball uses beginning next fall.

The only recommendation brought forward in football See **WIAA Board of Control**, page 2 ►

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Tournament Managers Reminded of TV/Cable Policy

Host managers of WIAA Tournament events are reminded of the exclusive production and distribution agreement the WIAA has with When We Were Young Productions. All inquiries from television and cable outlets interested in filming WIAA Tournament events with the expressed intentions to produce, sell or telecast live or tape-delayed must be forwarded to When We Were Young Productions (608) 274-9999.

This policy is not intended for commercial television stations with the purpose of airing highlights on a regular newscast.

All permissions, policies and fees required is at the discretion of WWWYP in cooperation with the WIAA. ➦

Statewide Network to Telecast State Basketball And Hockey Championships

The 2007 State Boys and Girls Basketball and the Boys and Girls Hockey Championships will again be carried live on the statewide television network.

The statewide network includes flagship WKOW-TV channel 27 in Madison, WAOW-TV channel 9 in Wausau, WXOW-TV channel 19 in La Crosse, WQOW-TV channel 18 in Eau Claire, WYOW-TV channel 34 in Eagle River, WMLW-TV channel 41 in Milwaukee and WACY-TV channel 32 in Green Bay and the Fox Valley.

All 16 games of the Girls State Basketball Tournament will be carried live on all stations Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10, and all 16 games of the Boys State Basketball Tournament will be broadcast live Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17.

The title games of the State Boys and Girls Hockey Tournaments will be carried live Saturday, March 3, by the stations in Wausau, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Green Bay and Madison. In Milwaukee, the championship game will be carried tape delayed by WMLW-TV.

Laurin Jorstad of WAOW-TV is the executive producer of the basketball and hockey television coverage with Bob Goessling and Bryon Graff serving as co-producers.

Graff, of WAOW-TV, Jay Wilson of WKOW-TV, Bob Bradovich of WQOW-TV, Scott Emerich of WXOW-TV and Ted Stefaniak of WGBA-TV will call the play-by-play of all the action.

Statewide sponsors of the television coverage are Rural Insurance Companies, Marshfield Clinic, Menards, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and the Wisconsin Education Association Council. ➦

State Basketball, Boys Hockey On Statewide Radio Network

The 2007 WIAA State Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournaments and the State Boys Hockey semifinals and championship game will be heard on the statewide radio network.

The Learfield network will broadcast the State Boys Hockey semifinal games and the championship final Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, live from the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center.

Learfield will broadcast all 16 games of the girls basketball tournament live Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10, live from Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, and all 16 games of the boys basketball tournament Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17, live from the Kohl Center.

Check your local listings for the statewide basketball radio network in your area. Learfield will also broadcast the basketball and boys hockey games live over the internet. Access the link on the WIAA website. ➦

Gymnastics

Marcy Thurwachter



Gymnastics Clarifications From Jan Adkins - WHSGA

- General:**
- 1) Judges may score in full or half-tenths only (8.6, 8.65). Scoring in **quarter tenths** is not allowed (8.625).
 - 2) When filling in the information for the coaches on the **team scoresheet**, please enter the actual credit awarded or deducted in points or tenths. Example: If the gymnast has one BHS, enter +.2 rather than 1; if the gymnast is missing 2 event requirements, enter 1.0 (if scoring positive) or -.4 (if scoring negative) rather than 5 (positive) or 2 (negative).
 - 3) **Nail polish** is allowed.
 - 4) Although for appearance purposes, I would think that **white tape** would be more attractive than **black tape**, I know of no rule that states that black tape is not allowed. There is also no rule that states that braces may not be black or must be a certain color.
 - 5) A **BHS** can be used in place of a HS in the difficulty category. Example: 4 M's, 3 S's and 1 BHS would fulfill difficulty. Regardless of whether the BHS is used in the difficulty category, it will still be given 0.2 in the BHS "bonus" category if it meets the requirements of 0.3 or less taken in execution. A BHS with a fall or with more than 0.3 taken in execution may be used in difficulty but not in "bonus".
 - 6) **Falls** that occur after the landing of a skill due to some error on that skill are considered to be a part of that skill. Example: if a girl lands on her feet following a full twisting back layout from the beam and then falls, she will receive a 0.5 deduction on that skill and may not be given BHS credit in the "bonus" category for BHS. If she does not have a feet first landing, the skill is void and will receive no credit.
 - 7) **Extra S's** may be used in the difficulty category to replace missing M's. Although they may "replace" missing M's, they do not **"become"** mediums and may still be used if needed for BBS credit.
- Balance Beam**
- 8) A **one-arm front walkover or a one-arm back walkover** on BB is a S (p.57, #6). For difficulty purposes, this is considered a different skill than a front walkover (p.56, #2) or a back walkover (p.57, #5) since they are listed separately in the book.
 - 9) **Wolf Jump/Hop** - On a wolf jump/hop, the straight leg should be horizontal (or within 10° of horizontal) and the knees should be together. Give credit based on the height of the straight leg and if the knees are not together, it is an execution error, provided the knees are somewhat close. If the bent leg is so far beneath the straight leg (knees are so far apart) that it doesn't even look like a wolf jump, but more like a straight jump, then you would be justified in not giving credit as a wolf. On a wolf hop, not as much power is generated from a one foot take-off and therefore can cause a lack of height without enough air time to get the bent leg up to the proper position. This can cause a deduction for knees and possibly height.
- Floor Exercise:**
- 10) A regular **roundoff** (with hands) is the only skill that is **not** considered when determining whether the gymnast is using 2 of 3 directions in tumbling passes. All other tumbling skills are considered including variations of the round-off such as a barani which is considered forward. Note: A barani must take off forward and the 1/2 twist must be totally in the air if being used for credit in event requirements as a tumbling skill with a 1/2 twist.
 - 11) An **arabian salto** may be considered as a forward **or** a backward skill. ➦

WIAA Board of Control

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received unanimous acceptance by the Board. The new rule to be implemented in 2007 mandates that, when requested, schools meeting in the playoffs must exchange video copies of their two most recent games within 24 hours after the latest game.

In golf and tennis, the Board approved a rule that allows a school's coach to communicate advice verbally or by hand signal to student-athletes for non-varsity competition only. Also approved was a recommendation to clarify the current forfeit language during a sectional meet. In addition, the Board approved a selection criteria that require a higher flighted singles and doubles teams from a school to qualify for the State Individual Tournament before lower flighted singles and doubles teams from that same school can be selected as a special qualifier.

The Board participated in discussions on potential amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association to be advanced and voted on by the membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting in April, a five-division basketball tournament format, cooperative teams considerations, new transfer student policies and performance enhancement substances education efforts.

Discussions also included information regarding recent violence at an interscholastic athletics competition and the safety concerns for scheduling WIAA Tournament Series games at schools where violence has occurred. ➦



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>	
<u>PART I EXAMS</u>		
Baseball	March 23, 2007	
Softball	March 23, 2007	
Track/Field	March 23, 2007	
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Return Deadline</u>
<u>PART II EXAMS</u>		
Baseball	March 20, 2007	April 6, 2007

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.

QUAD COUNTY OFFICIAL’S ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL UMPIRES CLINIC

Date: March 24, 2007
Site: Dodgeville High School
Contact: Jerry Schewe 608-732-7919 or schewe@centurytel.net

THREE ZEBRA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: May 18-19-20, 2007
Site: Wisconsin Dells
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com

THE RIGHT CALL GIVING BACK 3-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: May 18-19-20, 2007
Site: Madison Area Technical College
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

NORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 15-16-17, 2007
Site: UW-River Falls
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu

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

Dates: June 29-30-July 1, 2007
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Becky Blank 262-375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS/LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 13, 14, 15, 2007
Site: Lawrence University
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

STEP AHEAD 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 20-21-22, 2007
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or showtimesportscamps.com +

Coaches Clinics or Meetings

ZIERLEIN FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: February 16-17, 2007
Site: Chicago Marriott Schaumburg (Schaumburg, IL)
Contact: Zierlein Clinics, 348 Main St, West Seneca, NY 14224; phone 716-675-1095; fax 206-338-6598; email: clinics@Zierlein.com
Note: Check for updates at www.zierleinclinics.com

WISCONSIN FASTPITCH SOFTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Dates: February 17-18, 2007
Site: Country Springs Convention Center (Stevens Point, WI)
Time: Saturday 11 a.m. & Sunday 8 a.m.
Contact: Registration information at www.wfsca.org

WISCONSIN SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION 2006 CONVENTION

Date: February 25, 2007
Site: Fond du Lac High School Fieldhouse
Cost: \$40 if registered by February 16, \$50 after that date
Contact: Greg Winkler, Fond du Lac High School winklerg@fonddulac.k12.wi.us +

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. +

2006-07 Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)
All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

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
Mar. 6, Tues. Drummond, Holmen, Mukwonago, Oshkosh North, Portage
Mar. 12, Mon. Ashwaubenon, Belleville, Phillips, West Bend, Westby
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. +

Meetings or Clinics

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

INDIANHEAD ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION – BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 17, 2007
Place: Eau Claire YMCA
Time: 9 a.m.
Contact: James Sekel 715-832-0372 or or Rick Thompson 715-830-9978 or rthomps1@dor.state.wi.us

CALUMET COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 19, 2007.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Site: New Holstein High School, Room 406
Contact: Larry Dietz 920-756-6287 or larry.dietz@proplating.com

LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION – BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 19, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Catholic Memorial High School Cafeteria
Contact: Nick Ortner 414-443-2790 or 414-287-1348 or

METRO SWIMMING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Date: Feb. 19, 2006
Site: 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 +

Softball Sports Meetings

The following individuals will be assisting the WIAA with the Sports Meetings:
Arvo Britten, Wausau; Elwood Harebo, La Crosse; Tammy Hutchison, Kenosha; John Peterson, Madison; Karen Sorenson, Spooner; Pamela Steiger, Hortonville; Marcy Thurwachter, WIAA. +

Track & Field Sports Meetings

The following individuals will be assisting the WIAA with the Sports Meetings:
Joe Culliney, Grafton; Arland Peterson, Holmen; Tom Salo, Pittsville; Kirby Symes, River Falls; Dave Weidemann, Winneconne; Marcy Thurwachter, WIAA. +

State Tournament Time Schedules

Hockey State Tournament Time Schedule

Thursday, March 1 – 11 a.m. Boys Quarterfinals – Upper Bracket

Game 1 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
(Approx: 1:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 1 – 5 p.m. Boys Quarterfinals – Lower Bracket

Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner
(Approx: 7:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 2 – 11 a.m. Girls Semifinals

Game 5 – Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #2
Game 6 – Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #4
(Approx: 1:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 2 – 5 p.m. Boys Semifinals

Game 7 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 8 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
(Approx: 7:15 p.m.)

Saturday, March 3 – Noon Girls Championship Game

Game 9 – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

Boys Championship Game

(Following Girls Awards Ceremony)
Game 10 – Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

Gymnastics State Tournament Time Schedule

The following is the time schedule for the gymnastics two-day tournament format. It is important for competitors to remember that Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids has a normal school day on Friday, March 2, which means the field house and parking lots are being used. Set up of the field house cannot take place until the regular school day has been concluded. In light of this, competitors are asked to please not arrive until the scheduled opening time of the building.

Friday, March 2

3:45 p.m. - Building Opens
4 p.m. - Judge’s Meeting
4:15 p.m. - Coaches Meeting
4:15-4:50 p.m. - General Warm-up and Bar Settings
5:15 p.m. - March in
5:30 p.m. - First Event Warm-up Begins (two minutes per number of athletes in rotation for vault, bars and beam.
Floor exercise will be a maximum of 10 minutes)
5:40 p.m. - Competition begins
9:45 p.m. - Awards For Individual and All-Around

Saturday, March 3

10 a.m. - Building Opens
10:30-11:15 a.m. - General Warm-up and Bar Settings
11:40 a.m. - March In
11:50 a.m. - First Event Warm-up Begins
12 noon - Competition begins (10 minute touch prior to each subsequent round of competition)
4:45 p.m. - Awards For Teams

Swimming & Diving State Tournament Time Schedule

Friday, Feb. 16 - Division 2

2:30 p.m. – Diving competition to completion
6:30 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion

Saturday, Feb. 17 - Division 1

10 a.m. – Diving competition to completion
3 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion

Swimming Order of Events – Divisions 1 and 2

Diving	50 Yard Freestyle	200 Yard Freestyle Relay
200 Yard Medley Relay	100 Yard Butterfly	100 Yard Backstroke
200 Yard Freestyle	100 Yard Freestyle	100 Yard Breaststroke
200 Yard Individual Medley	500 Yard Freestyle	400 Yard Freestyle Relay

*NEW - Wrestling State Individual Tournament Time Schedule

Doors scheduled to open one hour prior to the start of competition for Sessions 1-4.
All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order - 103 to 285 on "next available mat."

Session 1 - Thursday, February 22

Division 1 – Preliminaries – 3:30 p.m.

* **Divisions 2 & 3** – Preliminaries – Approximately 5:45 p.m.
Division 1 – Quarterfinals – Approximately 8 p.m.

All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order – 103 to 285 on "next available mat."

***All D2/D3 wrestlers must weigh-in on Thursday**

Session 2 - Friday, February 23

Division 1 – Consolations – 10 a.m. – All Mats

Divisions 2 & 3 – Quarterfinals – Approximately 12:15 p.m. – Mats 1-2-3, 4-5-6
Division 1 – Consolation Semifinals – Approximately 2:30 p.m. – All Mats

Divisions 2 & 3 – Consolation Semifinals – Approximately 3:30 p.m. – Mats 1-2-3, 4-5-6
All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order – 103 to 285 on "next available mat."

**Length of Session 2 may result in the delay of the doors opening for Session 3.*

Session 3 - Friday, February 23

Division 1 Semifinals – 7 p.m. – Mats 1 & 2
Division 2 Semifinals – 7 p.m. – Mats 3 & 4
Division 3 Semifinals – 7 p.m. – Mats 5 & 6

All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order – 103 to 285 on "next available mat."

Session 4 - Saturday, Feb. 24

Division 1 Consolation Wrestlebacks – 11 a.m. – Mats 1 & 2
Division 2 Consolation Wrestlebacks – 11 a.m. – Mats 3 & 4
Division 3 Consolation Wrestlebacks – 11 a.m. – Mats 5 & 6

Divisions 1-2-3 – 5th place and 3rd place matches will be wrestled on the mats assigned each division.

Fifth place matches after all consolation matches and 3rd place matches after all 5th place matches.

Session 5 - Saturday, Feb. 24

Note: Doors open 5:15 p.m. for Final Session

Division 1 Championships – 6 p.m. – Mat 1
Division 2 Championships – 6 p.m. – Mat 2
Division 3 Championships – 6 p.m. – Mat 3

State Team Wrestling Tournament Time Schedule

Division 1 Quarterfinals Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Upper bracket

Sectional D winner vs. Sectional H winner
Sectional A winner vs. Sectional G winner

Lower bracket

Sectional C winner vs. Sectional E winner
Sectional B winner vs. Sectional F winner

Division 1 Semifinals Saturday, March 3 at 9 a.m.

Division 2 Semifinals Saturday, March 3 at 1 p.m.

Sectional B winner vs. Sectional C winner
Sectional A winner vs. Sectional D winner

Division 3 Semifinals Saturday, March 3 at 1 p.m.

Sectional B winner vs. Sectional C winner
Sectional A winner vs. Sectional D winner

Divisions 1-2-3 Finals Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball State Tournament Time Schedule

Kohl Center – Madison

Thursday, March 15

9:05 a.m. – Session #1 – Division 3 Semifinals

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

1:35 p.m. – Session #2 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #3 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket)

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

Friday, March 16

9:05 a.m. – Session #4 – Division 4 Semifinals

Game 7 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Game 8 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #5 – Division 2 Semifinals

Game 9 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Game 10 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #6 – Division 1 Semifinals

Game 11 – Upper Bracket Winners
Game 12 – Lower Bracket Winners

Saturday, March 17

12:05 p.m. – Session #7

Game 13 – Division 4 Championship
Game 14 – Division 2 Championship

6:35 p.m. – Session #8

Game 15 – Division 3 Championship
Game 16 – Division 1 Championship

Girls Basketball State Tournament Time Schedule

Alliant Energy Center – Madison

Thursday, March 8

9:05 a.m. – Session #1 – Division 3 Semifinals

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

1:35 p.m. – Session #2 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #3 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket)

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

Friday, March 9

9:05 a.m. – Session #4 – Division 4 Semifinals

Game 7 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
Game 8 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #5 – Division 2 Semifinals

Game 9 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
Game 10 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #6 – Division 1 Semifinals

Game 11 – Upper Bracket Winners
Game 12 – Lower Bracket Winners

Saturday, March 10

12:05 p.m. – Session #7

Game 13 – Division 4 Championship
Game 14 – Division 2 Championship

6:35 p.m. – Session #8

Game 15 – Division 3 Championship
Game 16 – Division 1 Championship

WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



National Conference Benefits WADA Delegates

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

One of the great ways to share ideas common to athletic directors from around the country is via the National Conference, held annually in December.

This year was no exception for the Wisconsin delegates who made the trek to Anaheim for the 37th annual event. After returning from the national convention in California, three of the delegates of the 36 total Wisconsin attendees – athletic directors who are members of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) – shared their thoughts.

"One of the benefits of attending the national conference is the networking that we do with individuals from other states," said Barb Deichl CAA of Waterford High School. She is in her 15th year as athletic director and her 27th year as a teacher at the school, after teaching at New Auburn for 3½ years.

"Many of the individuals we meet may have some of the same concerns and issues that we have in Wisconsin and at our individual schools," continued Deichl, who is currently the NIAAA Liaison to the WADA Executive Board and is a Past President of the WADA.

"It was interesting to listen to discussion on NIAAA issues coming directly from the leadership of the NIAAA," said Brian Smith, the activities director at Waunakee Schools for the past 8 years.

"It's impressive that the convention is so organized, informative and professional. There is a wide range of workshop topics, which allows participants to select sessions that will be of benefit to their current situation," said Smith, who is in his 20th year as an AD. He worked previously at Pecatonica High School (5 years) and Juda High School (7 years).

"It is certainly interesting to talk to people from other parts of the country that experience the same triumphs, trials, and tribulations that we all do," added Smith.

"Being a Wisconsin delegate at the national convention provides one with an up-close look at how policies are set at the national level. You have an opportunity to voice an opinion at the delegate session and to vote," said Sandy Freres, Athletic Director and Director of Facilities at The Prairie School in Racine for 26 years.

"The national convention has always been an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with ADs from other states. I find after a national convention that I am more excited about my job and inspired to do a better job. The workshops and vendors are excellent," added Freres, who also worked at Green Bay St. Joseph Academy (5 years) and University School of Milwaukee (3 years).

"The awards luncheon and banquet are two of the highlights of the event. They are top notch productions," Deichl also commented. "There are a va-

riety of mini-sessions available, and a new, seasoned, or veteran AD would get helpful information from those mini-sessions. All AD's should try to attend one National Convention, as they are outstanding!"

It was the 8th national convention for Deichl, who has been a delegate to the NIAAA assembly four times. Smith was attending his 3rd national convention. Freres has attended the national event almost every other year since 1985.

Dates have been set for the 2007 NIAAA National AD Conference, to be held in Nashville, Tenn. at the Opryland Hotel: Friday thru Tuesday, Dec. 14-18, 2007. More details regarding the National Conference may be obtained from the NIAAA website at www.niaaa.org, then choose "conference information." The schedule is expected to be available in March.

A link to the NIAAA website, plus info on the national convention, may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org – via the NIAAA Connection page. The dates and sites through 2010 are also listed.

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

Games Wanted

Schools Should Notify WIAA When Games Are Filled. Listings will be removed after one month from the date they were first listed. The date at the end of each listing is the date that particular listing was first listed.

FALL

Cross Country

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 13, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Bay Port - Otis Chambers 920-662-7268 or otischam@hssd.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Sept. 15 or 22, 2007 - Berth in varsity invitational. Lancaster - John Hoch 608-723-6425 ext. 210 or hochj@lancaster.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Sept. 18, 2007 - Teams for relay meet. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Sept. 27, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Two Rivers - Jim Wegner 920-793-7173. (1-12)

Sept. 27, 2007 - Teams for 4-5 team varsity/JV invitational. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Oct. 2, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 30, 2007 - JV game. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7010 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Aug. 30, 2007 - JV game. (home). Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Aug. 31, 2007 - Varsity game. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7010 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Sept. 11 or 13, 2007 - Frosh game. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Sept. 13, 2007 - JV game (home). Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterford.uhs.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Sept. 20 and Oct. 16, 2007 - JV games. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

Oct. 9, 2007 - JV game. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1107 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

GENERAL

2007 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Wrightstown - Terry Schaeuble 920-532-0525 ext. 6232 or schaeubt@wrightstown.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

2007 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Green Lake - Dan Lueck 920-294-6411 ext. 401. (1-17)

2007 & 2008 (Week 2) - Varsity game. Rice Lake - Steve Salisbury 715-234-2181 ext. 1044 or salisburys@ricelake.k12.wi.us. (1-18)

2007 (Week 8) - Varsity game (enrollment 280). Glen Lake, MI - Bill Hollenbeck 231-334-4560 or bhollenbeck@inbox.com (1-23)

2008 (Week 1) - Varsity/JV game. Bloomer - Chad Steinmetz 715-568-5300 ext. 4108 or csteinmetz@bloomer.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

2008 (Weeks 1 and 4) - Varsity games. Mauston - Randy Fabian 608-847-4410 ext. 4442. (1-23)

2008 (Weeks 1 and 7) - Games. Mosinee - Guy Otte 715-693-2500 ext. 3417 or gotte@mosineeschools.org. (1-18)

2008 (Week 2) - Varsity/JV game. Catholic Central (Burlington) - Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (1-24)

2008 (Week 2) - Game. Richland Center - Aaron Mithum 608-647-6131 or Sharon Long 608-647-8603. (1-23)

2007 (Week 7) - Sophomore game. Middleton - Luke Francois 608-829-9913 or lukef@mcpsad.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2008 (Week 5) - Varsity/JV game. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschools.org. (1-26)

2007 & 2008 (Week 9) - Game. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 3) - Varsity/JV games. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 1 and 2) - Var-

sity/JV game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 1 and 2) - Games. Pardeeville - Mike Haynes 608-429-2153 ext. 368. (1-29)

2008 & 2009 (Week 2) - Varsity/JV game, home 2008, away 2009. Beaver Dam - Tim White 920-887-7520 ext. 198. (1-24)

2008 & 2009 (Week 6) - Varsity game. Roncalli - Ray Baranczyk 920-686-8801 or rbaranczyk@roncallijets.net. (1-26)

2008 & 2009 (Week 9) - Varsity game - Luther (Onalaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

2008 & 2009 (Week 9) - Varsity/JV game. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

2009 (Week 6) - Varsity/JV game. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschools.org. (1-26)

Girls Golf

GENERAL

2007 - Matches. Lancaster - John Hoch 608-723-6425 ext. 210 or hochj@lancaster.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 28, 2007 - Dual match. Janesville Parker - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Varsity team for tournament. Janesville Parker - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Sept. 22, 2007 - Team for 8-team tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Sept. 28, 2007 - Dual match. Janesville Parker - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Oct. 6, 2007 - Team for 8-team invitational (3 games). Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-4880 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

Oct. 11, 2007 - Dual match. Janesville Parker - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity games. Gresham Community - Jeff Zobeck - 715-787-3211 ext. 402 or zobeckj@sgsd.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2007 - Berth in JV invitational. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

2007 - Varsity and JV games. Mayville - Sig Schecher 920-387-7960 ext. 103. (1-4)

2007 & 2008 - Games. Prairie du Chien - Ron Sedgwick 608-326-8437 ext. 4160 or sedro@pdc.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

Girls Swimming & Diving

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity meets or invitationals. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25, Sept. 8 or 15, 2007 - Berth in JV invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

Sept. 8 or 15, 2007 - Berth in varsity invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2007 - Varsity team for tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Aug. 22, 2007 - Team for tournament. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

Aug. 27, 31, Oct. 8, 2007 - Varsity matches. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondekm@aol.com. (1-24)

Aug. 28, 2007 - Freshmen team for

quad. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Frosh teams for invitational. Sheboygan Falls - Sherry Baker 920-467-7890 or sbaker@sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

Aug. 30, 2007 - Teams for tri/quad. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

Sept. 1, 2007 - Team for invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Teams for JV invitational. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (1-29)

Sept. 8, 22, 29, 2007 - Berth in tournament. Janesville Craig - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for quad. Janesville Parker - Steve Schroeder 608-743-5645 or sschroede@janesville.k12.wi.us or Kari Cinto 608-743-5641 or kcinto@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

Sept. 8, 2007 - JV teams for multi-school tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Sept. 10 and Oct. 1, 2007 - JV matches. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondekm@aol.com. (1-24)

Sept. 13, 20, 24 and Oct. 2 or 9, 2007 - Varsity/JV dual. Janesville Craig - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Sept. 15 or 22, 2007 - Berth in varsity tournament. Whitewater - Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (1-17)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Varsity/JV teams for invitational. Baraboo - Hedgepath 608-355-3945 or dhedgepath@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

Sept. 15 and 22, 2007 - Berth in varsity tournament. Williams Bay - Mike Coolidge 262-245-6224 or mico_4123@yahoo.com. (1-12)

Sept. 22, 2007 - Team for invitational. Dubuque Community (IA) - Dick Weitz 563-552-3085 or dweitz@dupuque.k12.ia.us. (1-29)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Berth in or teams for invitational. De Pere - Jeff Byczek 920-983-9174 ext. 4012 or jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Teams for varsity tournament. Reedsburg - Bryan Yager 608-524-4327 ext. 1104 or byager@rsd.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

GENERAL

2007 (Week of Sept. 4 or 10, 2007) - Match/tri or tournament. Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Bandow 920-845-2336 ext. 419 rjbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

2007 - Berth in varsity invitational. Valders - Ron Nesper 920-775-9530 ext 4040 or rnesper@valders.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

2007 - Berth in JV invitational. Black River Falls - Jim Hornby 715-284-4324 ext. 2211 or hornjam@brf.org. (1-18)

2007 - Berth in invitational or tournament. Beaver Dam - Melissa Bennett 920-885-7520 ext. 176. (1-18)

2007 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2007 - Varsity/JV game (between Oct. 8-13). Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2007 - Berth in varsity invitational. Campbellsport - Kurt Parker 920-533-4811 ext. 2100 or kparker@csd.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

2007 - Team for freshman/JV dual.

Howards Grove - Thad Gabrielse 920-565-5469. (1-11)

Boys Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 8, 2007 - JV teams for multi-school tournament. New Berlin - Bruce Hoepfner 414-587-3597 or hoepfneb@nbps.k12.wi.us or Bill Woodring 262-798-6376 or woodrinb@nbps.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

GENERAL

2007 - Matches/Berths in varsity/JV tournaments. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

2007 - Matches. Berths in varsity/JV tournaments. Germantown - Jack Klebesadel 262-253-3415 or jklebesadel@germantown.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 20, 2007 or Jan. 22, 2008 - Home game (varsity/JV/freshmen). Beaver Dam - Bob Schwoch 920-885-7520 ext. 249 or schwochb@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2007 - Teams for tournament (2 games). Northwestern (Maple) - Steve Gustafson 715-363-2434 or sgustafs@maple.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (1-17)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Lena - Russ Buhr 920-829-5244 or buhr@lena.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Teams for tournament. Beloit - Jay Bryant 608-361-3149. (1-18)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (1-12)

GENERAL

2006-07 - Varsity game. Marquette University High School - David Cooks 414-933-7220. (1-16)

2007-08 - Games. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5511. (1-31)

2007-08 - Game (2-year, prefer home in 07-08). De Pere - Jeff Byczek 920-983-9174 ext. 4012 or jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

2007-08 - Games (all levels). Richland Center - Sharon Long 608-647-8603 or Aaron Mithum 608-647-6131. (1-31)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Hortonville - Mike Sexton 920-779-7933 or mikesexton@hasd.org. (1-29)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Southern Door - Luke Goral - 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Johnson Creek - Ken Johnson 920-699-4679. (1-23)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Medford Area - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game (2-year contract). Prairie du Chien - Ron Sedgwick 608-326-8437 ext. 4160 or sedro@pdc.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Black River Falls - Jim Hornby 715-284-4324 ext. 2211 or hornjam@brf.org. (1-18)

2007-08 - Varsity games. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

2007-08 - Games. Pecatonica - Jim Strommen 608-523-4285 ext. 106 or jstrommen@pecatonica.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game (2-year contract). Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (1-12)

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Games Wanted

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2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Notre Dame Academy - Ken Flaten 920-429-6108 or kflaten@notredameacademy.com. (1-11)

2007-08 - Berth in Christmas tournament. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee School of Languages - John Pitta 414-267-8215 or pittaj@uwm.edu. (1-10)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158. (1-12)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Monona Grove - Jerry Schwenn 608-839-8515 or jerry_schwenn@mononagrove.org. (1-29)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Team for tournament. Janesville Craig - Deb Skalecki 608-743-5196 or dskalecki@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Games. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5511. (1-31)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Sheboygan North - Dan Stangel 920-459-3600 or dstangel@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Southern Door - Luke Goral - 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2007-08 - Games. Mukwonago - Toby Ackerman 262-363-6217. (1-23)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Johnson Creek - Ken Johnson 920-699-4679. (1-23)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Lomira - Angie Litterick 920-269-4396 ext. 230 or alitterick@lomira.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

2007-08 - Games (3 levels). Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Cambridge - Anneke Holzapfel 608-423-8056 or aholzapfel@cambridge.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2007-08 - Game. Lancaster - John Hoch 608-723-6425 ext. 210 or hochj@lancaster.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Notre Dame Academy - Ken Flaten 920-429-6108 or kflaten@notredameacademy.com. (1-11)

Boys Hockey

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity games or holiday break tournament. Mosinee - Guy Otte 715-693-2550 ext. 3417 or gotte@mosineeschools.org. (1-18)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 27, 2007 - Team for quad. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Dec. 1, 2007 - Berth in multi-team dual meet tournament within 75 miles of La Crosse. West Salem - LeRoy Krall 608-786-1220 ext. 2353 or lkrall@wsalem.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

Dec. 2, 2007 - Teams for frosh tournament. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Dec. 1, 2007 - Teams for 16-team tournament. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (1-12)

Dec. 1, 2007 - Team for team invitational. Coleman - Austin Retzlaff 920-897-2291 ext. 159 or retzlaff@coleman.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for 16-team varsity scramble tournament (full team preferred). Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7676 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity 6-team dual tournament. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mneary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Teams for JV invitational. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5500. (1-19)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity invitational. Campbellsport - Dan Heisdorf 920-533-4811 ext. 4021 or dheisdorf@csd.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

Dec. 15, 2007 - Team for 10-team multi-dual meet tournament. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrnkof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

Dec. 15, 2007 - Team for 6-team dual tournament. North Crawford - Dave Bergum 608-735-4311 ext. 181 or dbergum@hotmail.com. (1-24)

Dec. 15, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1107 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (1-19)

Dec. 22, 2007 - Teams for multi-dual or 8-10 team individual tournament. Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-4064 ext. 149 or groshek_s@af.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Teams for tournament. Lancaster - John Hoch 608-723-6425 ext. 210 or hochj@lancastersd.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Varsity/JV teams for round robin dual tournament. Baraboo - Dave Hedgepath 608-355-3945 or dhedgepath@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Jan. 6, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Kenosha Bradford - Jerril Grover 262-653-6200. (1-19)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Oconto Falls - Lou Houbyan 920-848-4467 or louhobya@ocontofalls.k12.wi.us. Or marlemme@ocontofalls.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

Jan. 11, 2008 - Team for double dual. Stratford - Cal Tackes 715-687-4311. (1-23)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for 6-team tournament. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for 16-team varsity invitational. Racine Case - Mike Rupnow 262-619-4258 or mrupnow@racine.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Team for multi-duals. Madison East - Rick Raatz 608-204-1720 or rraatz@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for duals tournament. Decorah, IA - Adam Riley 563-382-3643 or ariley@decorah.k12.ia.us. (1-23)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Team for 6-team tournament. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

Jan. 19, 2008 - Teams for quad. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976. (1-17)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Dual matches - Luther (Onalaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

2007-08 - Berth in invitational (scramble if possible). Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

2007-08 - Dual meets. Pecatonica - Jim Strommen 608-523-4285 ext. 106 or jstrommen@pecatonica.k12wi.us. (1-24)

2007-08 - Varsity dual meets. Stratford - Cal Tackes 715-687-4311. (1-23)

2007-08 - Varsity dual meets (within 100 miles). Marathon - Dan Brickheimer 715-261-1417. (1-17)

2007-08 - Varsity duals. River Ridge - Wade Winkers 608-994-2715 ext. 114 or winkers@rrsd.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

2007-08 - Berth in varsity invitational/tournament. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

2007-08 - Varsity duals. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

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Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC

May 19, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV 4-team tournament. Lakeland - Kirk Toijala 715-358-8439 or toijala@luhs.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

May 25-26, 2007 - Teams for varsity

tournament. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@westbend.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

GENERAL

2007 - JV games. Wisconsin Lutheran - Jeff Sitz 414-453-4567 or jksitz@wlhs.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Parkview - Scott Schmiesing 608-879-2994 ext. 5117 or schmisco@parkview.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Black River Falls - Jim Hornby 715-284-4324 ext. 2211 or hornjam@brf.org. (1-18)

2007 - Varsity games. Princeton - Mark Lind 920-295-6571 ext. 1525 or marklind@princeton.k12.wi.us. (1-17)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. St. Lawrence Seminary - Kevin Buelow 920-753-7516 or kbuelow@stlawrence.edu. (1-16)

2007 - Varsity/JV game. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406. (1-12)

Boys Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 28, 2007 - Teams for 18-hole invitational. Watertown Luther Prep - Paul Bertolus 920-262-8116. (1-29)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Mar. 20 or 22, 2007 - Varsity game. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

Apr. 3, 10 or May 10, 2007 - Varsity/JV games. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

Apr. 14, 2007 - Team for quad invitational. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1107 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

Apr. 28, 2007 - Team for 8-team varsity tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@east-troy.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

May 5, 2007 - Team for quad (3 games). Beaver Dam - Bob Schwoch 920-885-7520 ext. 249 or schwochb@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (1-29)

May 19, 2007 - Teams for invitational (3 games guaranteed). Platteville - Greg Quam 608-342-4024 or quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

2007 - Varsity matches. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1107 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

2007 & 2008 - Games. Prairie du Chien - Ron Sedgwick 608-326-8437 ext. 4160 or sedro@pdc.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 21, 2007 - Teams for JV tournament. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (1-23)

Apr. 21, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Monroe - Kevin Keen 608-328-7113 or Kevin.keen@monroe.k12.wi.us. (1-18)

Apr. 21, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Marathon - Ryan Winkler 715-443-6232 ext. 213 or rwinkler@marathon.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Apr. 28, 2007 - Team for 4-team invitational (2 games guaranteed). Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

May 5, 2007 - JV teams for 4-team invitational (2 games guaranteed). Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

May 12, 2007 - Freshman teams for quad. Neenah - Lisa Dohr 920-751-6900 ext. 105 or Rich Frost 920-751-6900 ext. 193. (1-31)

May 12, 2007 - Team for tournament. Iowa-Grant - Lois Peart 608-943-6312 or lpeart@igs.k12.wi.us. (1-31)

GENERAL

2007 - JV/freshmen games. Iowa-Grant - Lois Peart 608-943-8161 or lpeart@igs.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

2007 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2007 - Freshmen games. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-11)

Boys Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 14, 2007 - Team for quad. Janesville Craig - Deb Skalecki 608-743-5196 or dskalecki@janesville.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

Apr. 14, 2007 - Varsity team for 16-team tournament. Kenosha Tremper - Chuck Werve 262-942-2200 or cwerve@kUSD.edu. (1-12)

Apr. 28, 2007 - Team for varsity quad. Waukesha West - Scott McConnell 262-538-2726 or rsmcconnell@ameritech.net. (1-26)

May 5, 2007 - Teams for varsity triangular. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (1-16)

May 12, 2007 - Team for varsity quad. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mneary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (1-22)

GENERAL

2007 - Meet. Dubuque Community (IA) - Dick Weitz 563-552-3085 or dweitz@dupuque.k12.ia.us. (1-29)

2007 - Berth in JV invitational. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (1-16)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 3, 2007 - Teams for meet. Necedah - Cora Dillin 608-565-2256 ext. 107 or cdillin@necedah.k12.wi.us. (1-18)

Apr. 13, 2007 - Boys and girls teams for tri-state relays. Dubuque Community (IA) - Dick Weitz 563-552-3085 or dweitz@dupuque.k12.ia.us. (1-29)

Apr. 17, 2007 - Co-ed teams for varsity quad. Deerfield - John Polzin 608-764-5431 ext. 1106 or polzinj@deerfield.k12.wi.us. (1-12)

Apr. 20, 2007 - Girls team for varsity/JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Apr. 24, 2007 - Team for co-ed relay meet. New Berlin West - Dale Destche 262-789-6461. (1-23)

Apr. 26, 2007 - Girls teams for freshmen invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-31)

Apr. 27, 2007 - Boys team for varsity/JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Apr. 28, 2007 - Boys teams for varsity invitational. Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (1-24)

May 4, 2007 - Co-ed teams for varsity invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-31)

May 7, 2007 - Teams for boys/girls invitational. Random Lake - Chris Bichler 920-994-9193 ext. 207 or chichler@randomlake.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

May 11, 2007 - Teams for varsity co-ed invitational. Oconomowoc - Debra Wittnebel 262-569-3111 or debra.wittnebel@oasd.k12.wi.us. (1-26)

May 11, 2007 - Team for invitational. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschoos.org. (1-23)

May 12, 2007 - teams for co-ed varsity invitational. Milwaukee Bay View - Jim Brunn 414-294-2453 or brunnja@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (1-16)

May 12, 2007 - Co-ed teams for JV invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-31)

GENERAL

2007 - Berth in duals or invitationals. Monticello - Kenneth Colle 608-938-4194 or colleke@montoicello.k12.wi.us. (1-26) +

■ Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: How do we deal with a student who just moved to our district from another school and is in a foster home? He attended an alternative school while in his home district not in a high school. He wants to try out for the basketball team. He is a sophomore.

A.: Identify 'home' HS where this student competed/or where they would have competed had student stayed there. Fax the transfer student eligibility verification form to that school's AD. Verify the student's academic eligibility and whether there are any outstanding fees, fines or codes still lingering from sending school that would need to be reconciled prior to allowing to compete. Have field agent/social service agent write brief description/explanation of this move and transfer...why needed, why now, mid year? (They may even provide last page of court or social service document indicating the order.) New foster family can write a brief story to explain/document this transfer, then you should assemble all together and mail or fax to us. Student may be allowed to practice as soon as you have physical, emergency treatment and parental permission on file in your office.

Q.: A girl student has transferred in from another state and wants to play girls basketball. She will be enrolled as a junior at our high school. She has moved with her dad and stepmom. She has a stepsister living with her here. I have all the forms physical card, codes, etc., from her former school. She would like to play on the JV team. Will she be able to participate?

A.: If you have determined this to be a complete and total move by the family unit and there are no strings or conditions tying them back to former residence – I see no apparent reason to deny or restrict eligibility. If/when a family relocates and has not yet been able to sell a home – we will routinely provide a waiver of the residence rule requirement – until the home sells. Be certain to have transfer student eligibility verification form in your files.

Q.: I have received the WIAA Bulletin with the helpful editorial about transfer IQ. Are these accurate assumptions? 1. Any student, regardless of grade or semesters in school, can apply for open enrollment during the February 2007 window, and if accepted will have eligibility for athletics for the 2007-08 school year. 2. The one year loss of eligibility for students changing schools after four consecutive semesters without a change in primary residence, will actually affect student-athletes applying for transfer in 2007-08 for the 2008-09 school year. 3. I have been fielding many phone calls from parents who want to have their kids go here for the second semester this year (2006-07) and then apply for open enrollment during February 2007 for the

2007-08 school year. Technically, these students, if they want athletic eligibility for the 2007-08 school year, simply need to complete open enrollment application this February of 2007 and they do not need to pay tuition to attend our school this year second semester. 4. Since the "new transfer rule" does not go into affect until the 2007-08 school year, can a family simply pay tuition prior to the start of fall practice or the first day of school in the 2007-08 school year? Once the first day of practice or the first day of school in 2007-08 starts, then that is the start of the new transfer rule. Is this accurate?

A.: 1) Yes (Transfer Rules At A Glance, IIB-1). 2) If speaking only of Open Enrolled students, YES. All other transfer students are subject to the transfer rule effective with beginning of 2007 school year. 3) That's correct. 4) No. Not if student would be entering 5th Semester or later. Not without complete/total move, not without a waiver. In this scenario, status upon entry would be as a new/transfer student and rule is in effect.

Q.: I have a couple questions regarding the new transfer rule that I think will clarify things for me. 1) Anybody that applies for (and is accepted) into open enrollment during the application period this February 2007 will be exempt from the rule for 2007-08 and will be eligible at their new school of choice? 2) Anyone applying for open enrollment for the 2008-09 school year or thereafter, will not be eligible? 3) Does the "four consecutive semester rule" pertain to an individual school or just four consecutive semesters of attendance in school in general?

A.: 1) Yes (Art. IIB-1, Transfer Rules At A Glance). 2) Not exactly. Keep in mind that students who are in 7th, 8th, 9th grade (and pre-4th consecutive semester) will be able to transfer via state open enrollment and be afforded unrestricted eligibility, in 2008 and beyond. Students who are in 10th, 11th, 12th and/or are beyond the 4th consecutive semester (but may be credit deficient) will not be eligible to practice or compete unless the transfer was made necessary due to a complete/total move or a waiver has been provided. 3) Just "four consecutive semesters" following entry into 9th grade, collectively - regardless if accrued in one or more than one school. (Also keep in mind that the consecutive semester "clock" does not stop following entry into 9th grade – even if the student is not "in attendance").

Q.: I have read and re-read the transfer rules and Q&A. I still have one question pertaining to private schools. If there is a junior who is interested in attending our school next year (from a local public school)...would they need to register here by the public school open enrollment date? I understand that students are eligible in

2007-08 if they open enroll by the February deadline....but how does that date affect private schools? (There would not be a move on the part of the parents).

A.: There is not a private school equivalent or parallel - for state open enrollment that has been hinged to the member's new rule. The implementation of this new rule simply needed to address, how to reconcile itself with existing state law and its inherent time lines. In this scenario, the path of least resistance - and assurance of eligibility for a student as you describe below - would be to transfer to your school now, at semester, or at the quarter. Though there would likely be non-varsity restrictions for the balance of this year, their status would be considered that of a "returning student" with you next year. This is a transitional interpretation.

Q.: We have a student that is a junior who is moving out of the district, but he will be open-enrolling here for his senior year. So there will be a change of residence, but not a change of high schools. Is there anything that we need to do for this situation?

A.: No, not really - other then just what your plan outlines and provided student will not be changing schools. Looks appropriate and in order.

Amateur Status

Q.: I currently work at a small business providing training facilities to young athletes. I have a question regarding providing discounts to athletes and their eligibility. We plan on offering discounts to athletes that sign up with other teammates of that sport from that school. For instance, if I went to X high school, to present our business to the baseball team, and claimed that if they would have five baseball players sign up from their team, they would each receive 25 percent off of that cycle's price (for example). I want to just make sure that we are not putting any athletes at risk of losing eligibility for offering discounts to high school athletes.

A.: Without going into extensive deconstruction/explanation of our member's Amateur Status provisions, due to the severe consequence associated with amateur status violations – we would advise a "student discount" if you wish to go in that direction. An athlete may not accept/receive a benefit not available to any/every other student. You will find more amateur status related questions on our website – under the Regulations icon [Eligibility Q/A].

Q.: I have a question on a promotional idea and how it relates to the amateur status. The clinic we contract for our athletic training services uses our facilities to do a conditioning, strength, and agility development program in the summer. I know that is all above board, as they advertise it and the kids pay a fee to do it, etc. It is not specific to a team membership, therefore, is

not a team assembling outside of the season. The question comes for this coming summer. The clinic is interested in using some of our kids as promotionals for the program - names and/or images of the kids who took part in it and earned all-conference/all-region/all-state honors, etc., as a way to encourage other kids to sign up for the program. Is this permissible?

A.: NO. And, you don't want to touch this with a 100 ft. pole. By appearing as an athlete, being identified as an athlete in commercial, advertisement and/or promotion – by rule is career ending. Health care providers might rank #1 among the most common sources of amateur status violations that we've worked through. In some instances, it has cost the clinic thousands of dollars for development, printing and then - to get all the materials pulled back from all the post offices before they could be sent out. An acceptable alternative might be to feature recent graduates. Double check NCAA eligibility if you go that route.

Competition & Practice

Q.: We have been invited to participate in a tournament in Illinois on Feb. 2 & 3. The school is a private Christian school, but an approved school of the Illinois High School Association. Would we be able to compete? If so, what would we need to do?

A.: This is a good time to familiarize yourself with the application and role of the Association's Bylaws. See Handbook p. 26-27. In many respects, Article II is foundational for the association. We would encourage you to read the entire article for general awareness. For your particular question, you are in Section 5, which is significant and frequently referenced for everything from WIAA schools competing in large tournaments / showcases, in-state as well as out; playing in the Bradley Center, or Miller Park, or spring travel to Disney, for softball or baseball, e.g. All WIAA sports are subject to this. From the way you described this particular opportunity, we might determine "no wiaa approval" is needed as outlined in 5-F4. But depending on the make-up and design, funding/sponsorship, awards and prizes, etc., an event might require National Federation sanctioning – and the member's participating team - WIAA "out-of-state" approval, as well. Though the text might appear significant/confusing, it's really pretty straight forward. To Begin: How many teams are participating in this event? Where are they from? All 9-12 high schools (not post graduate/prep academies)?

Q.: Our track team is thinking about going down to Orlando to train during spring break. They will not be competing, only practicing. Just want to see if they

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need permission to do this.

A.: WIAA approval is not required for practice if there is not another school's team involved - only if you would be scrimmaging and/or competing against another school team. Otherwise, all you need is your own district's approval.

Q.: We have a parent of a home-schooled student in our district that originally wanted to have his child participate on our track team. I explained to him that home-schooled students are not eligible to compete for the school team but may enter a school sponsored competition and be allowed to compete against a member school's team. I gave him some dates of our non-conference track meets that his son could compete in, and he felt that would be great for his son. He also asked if his son could practice with our track team. Is this something that would be allowed by the WIAA? Personally, I would not have any problem with someone wanting to do this as long as it is legal by WIAA standards and he has a physical card on file.

A.: Since this is not a "student" or athlete at "another school" - WIAA rules do not prohibit. If you look at text in the Rules At A Glance, you will find that schools may involve "members of the community" in their practices and open gyms - as you might wish. See II F, E and D. Clear direction ought to be given to the school's coaches with respect to your expectations on how you wish to address - time/turns/attention/coaching - you might wish to allow or prohibit when it comes to someone who is not your student. This should be an administrative decision and direction and not coaches discretion. There are always rippling out effects.

Q.: We will be competing in an event out-of-state that is designated as a "scrimmage" and that, as a result, both teams are to count it as such. (1) Is it OK to track our players' at-bats, innings, pitches, strikeouts, (statistical info, etc.)? (2) If the opponent prefers, can they keep a score in their book? Not sure who the opponent is yet or if their state permits a scorebook being used in a scrimmage. (3) Is it OK to wear uniforms during the scrimmage?

A.: (1) The text relating to scrimmage in the Spring Season Regulations does not prohibit this. (2) Be careful in this area. While the WIAA has no "authority" over any school other than the members of this Association - it has happened on more than one occasion that a WIAA school has tried to "count" something like this as a scrimmage, yet the other school was counting it as a game. If it's counted as a game for one - it's a game for both! We would advise - both schools have clear understanding - in advance. You don't want any surprises in this area. (3) The WIAA does not have a provision which identifies attire for practice.

Q.: Our situation is as follows: 1) We have held one scrimmage this season

(2006-07). 2) We have a 12-match wrestling schedule for the 2006-07 season. Can we hold another scrimmage with an area school and count that as one of our scheduled 14 matches? The scrimmage would conform to the guidelines set forth in the season regs. I know that in the fall regs. it speaks specifically to football and accounts for this situation, but it does not in wrestling. It simply states "one scrimmage" with no exceptions addressed. Please advise.

A.: Yes. You may always "burn a game" from your allowed season maximum competitions and add another scrimmage. True for all WIAA sports. Be certain both/all participating teams have a scrimmage remaining or a "game to burn."

Q.: I'm inquiring about practice time for student-athletes and the amount of practice time during the school year. My daughter is a JV basketball player and the coach has implemented a mandatory 6 a.m. shooting practice along with the normal two hrs. practice after school. I'm a former head varsity football coach from way back, and I thought there was a limit to the number of hours athletes could practice?

A.: This is a local/school control issue. The WIAA membership does not have a rule outlining minimum or maximum time per/day teams/students may practice. To the best of my knowledge - there has not ever been a time the WIAA regulated this. The only related provision requires one day of rest following six days of practice and/or competition.

Q.: I have been a varsity baseball coach for the past 17 years. I have a situation where a father wants to umpire my varsity games and his son (a junior) will be a starter on my baseball squad this spring. Does the WIAA have any kind of rule or suggestion as to how this should be handled? Is there a regulation against this? I personally feel that this creates a possible conflict. However, I also live in this community and know that, at times, umpires are hard to come by. If you could give me a little input on this I would appreciate it. I have been in contact with my AD, who has expressed concern about this subject also.

A.: I am not aware of a specific WIAA rule which would prevent this. But would tell you - no way - should you engage in it/allow it...not for Conference play...not at the varsity level. A recipe for regret, in our opinion. In tournament assigning - we would NEVER consider it. This is "no win" for too many people. It will "bite" the umpire, leave you wide open to assertions of "homered" AND most often see your kids NEVER get the close call - as a result of over compensating. If dad wants to watch his son play - great. Then watch. As an AD you may hire some local officials and even licensed faculty, to work frosh games, some JV. We do not have a rule to hold over your head on this - but no way would we

recommend it. Most top level officials I work with would not even consider.

Q.: I received a voice mail message yesterday from a coach of a baseball team that is made up of "home-schooled" athletes. He was interested in setting up games with our team. Our varsity schedule is filled but we do have a hard time finding JV games so it might be something we are interested in. My question is, can we play them?

A.: WIAA rules would not prohibit you from scheduling a contest with this team. Essentially, WIAA requirements for competing with a "non-school/club team" are that: Their team is comprised of "age appropriate" participants, the competition itself is under the authority/control/direction/supervision of a member school's administration (institutional control), that National Federation and WIAA rules for the competition/event are used, and if sport officials are a part of the competition, WIAA licensed sport officials must be used.

Q.: How binding are athletic contest contracts? Yesterday a school emailed to tell us they are voiding our contract (signed 10-12-06) with them for week 1 2007 varsity football game. They have a new AD and new coach and feel they would not be competitive with us. Their enrollment is 437 and we are 428. I offered compromise to play 2007 only and void 2008 return game knowing it will be difficult to find a replacement opponent on short notice. They were adamant about not playing, saying "we will pay whatever fine there is for breaking the contract." Looking for some direction. I've emailed five schools listed in GAMES WANTED with no luck so far.

A.: WIAA Bylaws - Article VI addresses game contracts. Specific to this situation - #1A-3 and 4 are applicable (p. 28). To abandon a signed contract without mutual agreement, mutual resolution, could only be viewed as "not in compliance" with the Bylaws (provisions of membership) and then subject to discipline as outlined in Constitution, Art. VI, Section 3 (p. 19) - if another member lodged protest. In light of the long-term bad feelings within the membership, the damage to reputation, combined with the prospects of potential WIAA sanction - all at the cost of one football game - a "bad deal" and ill-advised for many reasons.

Q.: If a wrestler misses the conference tournament, is the regionals and sectionals part of the tournament series, so that would disqualify the wrestler from the two tournaments?

A.: The conference tournament is considered to be part of the school's regular season. It has no direct connection to the WIAA's tournament season. Example: 1) If a student was ill and could not wrestle at the conference tourney - they would still be able and eligible to enter into the WIAA's regional tournament. 2) Let's say a

student had a code of conduct violation - and needed to miss the next event - and that was the conference meet. If the student missed the conference meet and by so satisfied/paid the debt - they could again - still be eligible for the regional tournament. 3) Let's say the student gets ejected for biting - in the first round of the conference meet - WIAA rules require an ejected wrestler to miss the next meet. That would be regionals in this case - that would mean the season's over for this wrestler. 4) If a student received a "code" and they need to miss two events. With the conference meet being one, the wrestler would be ineligible for the regional - thus effectively ending the season. 5) Lastly, let's say - student tells coach they want to go to a concert on the Saturday of the conference meet. Coach says if you don't wrestle conference - you won't wrestle regionals. That is a local thing and not a WIAA matter.

Participation Issues

Q.: Can you review the following language as it pertains to WIAA rules of academic eligibility? We are writing a new code. Our proposed change to the section on children with disabilities reads: "Children with disabilities who are enrolled in a state approved special education program and receive grades of I, U, IP, N or F in a course, or who have a GPA which falls below 1.5, may be considered academically eligible to participate in co-curricular programs if satisfactory progress is being made in their total school program as documented by an Individual Education Plan (IEP)." My basic question is this: As the WIAA would interpret, special ed student or not, if a kid is in a class that distributes "traditional" grades to that student and he earns an F, then that is to be counted as an F as it pertains to WIAA academic eligibility, again regardless of the special ed status?

A.: Essentially, you are correct. If a student receives traditional grades - and if they have more than one F, the student is not academically eligible. I will attach some added Q/A from previous discussions I've had on the topic. A point I am not certain of from the limited info provided and - pertaining to your school's code...that may be pertinent. If your school policy is a "No F" policy, then you could amend it to meet situations as you may determine or wish, e.g. For traditional students it's no F and 1.5, but for special needs students, 1 F might be permitted as you outline. But under no circumstance may a member's policy be "less" than that minimally required for membership.

Q.: My son is enlisting in the Army Reserve and doing his basic training, between his junior and senior year. Does this affect his eligibility any? We are hoping to get him back for the first day of football practice.

A.: Enlisting would not need to have
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any adverse affect on your son's senior year eligibility. The act of enlisting, in/of itself, would not compromise his status. About the most likely thing one could even imagine (and this would not be common during early enlistment and basic training) would be if your son were to compromise his amateur status by accepting some kind of cash/merchandise award for potential and/or performance as an athlete.

Q.: I explained the exchange student graduation regulations to our exchange program and they are under the impression graduated students can "compete" if they are still 18. Can you point me to the rule reference in the Handbook that addresses this?

A.: Related references within WIAA Rules can be found on p.33 of Sr. High Handbook. (Also on-line under the publications icon: wiaawi.org) As you will see in Art. II, Section 4 - this provision allows the RESIDENCE requirement for eligibility to be waived. In order to accommodate a student exchange and afford an opportunity for sport experience. See also Article VI eligibility requirements (pgs. 34-35). Section 1A-8 of that article provides that a student who has graduated is not eligible. My understanding of the situation we discussed was that the student you identified had already graduated this year (2006-07) – and might be looking at a post-graduate experience NEXT year 2007-08. This would be the equivalent of a red-shirt/5th year experience - if the same scenario were extrapolated for a domestic student. I acknowledged that there have been students who might have been mid-term graduates in their own countries – who delayed their graduation and took advantage of a second semester exchange experience – with all privileges. However, I see no eligibility outlined or provided in our member's rules for any student who has graduated; domestic or foreign. While the WIAA wholeheartedly embraces the ideal of international student exchange we are not able to afford accommodation or opportunity beyond the scope our members have outlined.

Q.: If a senior graduates May 26, they are still allowed to compete with baseball, softball, track, or golf up through the end of the season in June, even though they are no longer attending classes. Does the same allowance apply for a student graduating at the end of the 1st semester (in our case January 29)? Do they have the right to finish the basketball or wrestling season? I do not have that problem this year but the potential is there for a junior who is considering early graduation next January.

A.: Sr. High Handbook, p. 35. Article V, Section 1A-8 and 9. Mid-year graduate is not eligible. There is no waiver provision outlined or attached. May/June grads are allowed to com-

plete spring/summer seasons.

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: I am the coach of a club baseball team. One of my players is a freshman and is eligible to again compete on my U14 team. He will be playing on his HS team also this spring. When must he stop competing with the U14 team in order to be eligible for the HS team. I have heard two different rules regarding this: 1. He can compete in "club ball" until the first scheduled game. 2. Since our HS plays summer season, he must stop playing by May 15, the date of the 1st legal practice. Can you please help clarify what the rule is?

A.: Your #2 response is closest to the correct answer. With the official opening/first day of practice - a student may not continue non-school competition - in same sport. Keep in mind that 9th grade baseball might/could begin at a later date, other then when the varsity begins. Worth checking out w/school to be clear.

You might also wish to review text of IIID of the Rules At A Glance document for even more clarification.

Q.: 1) We have an athlete who was the State Champion in cross country. He has made a verbal commitment to attend a university next year on an athletic scholarship. He has been invited to attend and compete in an indoor track meet. This is a high school sponsored meet. The meet will take place in late February. We begin our track practices on March 5. My question is can this athlete legally compete in this meet? And if so must we consider it one of our meets? 2) The second question is that our athlete would like to compete in a meet in California in April of this year. I have a feeling he was invited to compete because of his past success. I know if an athlete competes in a meet during the season other than a school meet that this meet must count in our number of meets. Am I correct and can he compete out of state as long as he or parents cover all expenses etc.?

A.: 1) ROE Art. VI – Nonschool Competition provisions allow students to engage in nonschool athletic pursuits when not "in-season" for their school, as they might choose. If this event has an "open" dimension i.e., that "any runner" with a proven/recorded time that meets the event's qualifying standard may enter – then I would not see obvious problems. Of course, he is entering and running as "J. Doe" and not "X HS." 2) There are a couple dimensions to this. If the school wishes to "count" this event as one of your team maximums – AND – the event receives sanctioning by the NFHS (if such sanctioning would be required) AND the athlete is accompanied by your school track coach – this is an approach which has been used by others in the past and has been viewed as being in compliance with WIAA provisions. Being that it is one of your school's allowable

competitions, the determination how and who may/must pay is fairly wide open. School could cover, or you could have parents cover/repay school, all expenses – including your coaches. In some areas, a running club or other business or civic group might help to defray some of the "actual and necessary costs" associated with this sort of competition. On the other hand, I am not certain of this student's past track/field performance. If it were one of substantial performance, you might also look at the "Exceptional Athlete Waiver" as outlined on p. 37 of the Handbook (VI-1A-4). When the athlete AND the event are both of 'unusual quality' a waiver allowing a student to engage in a nonschool competition even while the school's season is underway, might be a possibility. Tom Shafranski has taken on responsibility for administration of this class of waivers.

Q.: I have a senior track athlete that would like to run a marathon. The marathon is being run the day before track regionals. For her it is a good opportunity for circumstances that are irrelevant to the question. We all realize that she will not make it beyond regionals. Here are a list of her questions. 1) Can she register and run the marathon and still compete in regionals? 2) Can she not register for the marathon, run with her friend, and still compete in regionals? 3) Would the team be affected if she quit track prior to regionals and then ran the marathon?

A.: A member of your school team may not participate in this marathon and still compete at regionals, whether she registers for the event or not. Nonschool competition rules state that 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 (which includes the tournament series). Your team would not be affected if she would choose to quit the school team and run in the marathon – but the athlete may not "re-join" the team after the nonschool event.

Coach Contact

Q.: Our track coach makes the kids aware of opportunities for off-season workouts, etc. I know that this is okay. One of the things he informs them of is a "spinning class" at the YMCA. He is expecting a large number of underclassmen this upcoming season. That means that transportation is an issue. He asked if he'd be able to use a school van to transport kids who don't have rides to the Y for that spinning class (kids pay their own way for the class). I told him that I think it would be considered improper out-of-season contact or could easily be construed as such. Please advise.

A.: You're 100 percent correct. See Bylaws, Article II, Sect. 3 (p. 26). Also

see/read carefully, second paragraph of Rules At A Glance, Art. I, (especially) last sentence, second paragraph. Would be advisable for coach to become more familiar with these fundamental rules.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: We are getting new uniforms and I'd like to have a patch of our school mascot sewn on the left sleeve. It would look similar to the one in the picture of the defensive player on the WIAA – Baseball page on the website. Is this acceptable?

A.: We do not have particular problem with this - in light of the patch being the school mascot/emblem or logo. Our preference is that it will conform with National Federation specifications for other patches, 1-4-4 (4 sq. in.). If the size presents a problem, let me know.

Q.: Is it OK for me to meet with some of our seniors periodically who will probably be on the team this spring to talk with them about being good role models and develop their leadership abilities? I'd also like to give them some reading material about good leadership skills. Is this acceptable?

A.: Yes. Teachers/coaches have always been allowed to meet with students individually. To provide or make available, leadership materials, to students individually or in large group, pre-season organizational meetings does not cause alarm.

Q.: Our football coach would like to start their annual "passing league" in May, while school is still in session, instead of in June, once school gets out. Two questions--can a league that is loosely "school sponsored" be during the school year? Second--can football equipment (helmets) be issued for use during the school year, but in the off season?

A.: Schools may not sponsor opportunities of this kind, except during the season and within the approved summer contact 'window'. As this question is framed the response must be - "No." An opportunity - especially when brought here in the form of a concern for violation - will be determined to be either school sponsored – or not. There really is no gray. Something which will be described (by an upset parent, or a rival coach) as "school sponsored" – in my opinion is an ill-advised undertaking. It is also appropriate to keep in mind that the membership's approval for a summer contact opportunity – was virtually a 50/50 opinion all the way through the deliberation phase. Since this past fall we have been hearing expressions of concern for what was specifically approved as a "voluntary opportunity," now becoming a compulsory part of making a team. It remains a topic – not universally embraced. Pushing the envelope, or applying "loose" interpretations might lead to unexpected/undesired back-
See Eligibility Q & A, page 15 ►

Spring Rules Changes for 2007

2006-07 Soccer Rules Revisions

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 their leaving the field of play and its immediate surroundings.

WIAA Adaptations to NFHS Rules

1-5-2 & 6-3-1: Scoretable. Schools shall provide a scorer and a scoretable for all varsity contests.

4-2-1 (f): Soft and yielding caps may be worn during inclement weather.

5-1-1 Note: Schools must use a single referee and two WIAA licensed assistant referees for all varsity duals (conference and nonconference).

7-1-3: Suspended Games. In the event a game must be suspended because conditions make it impossible to continue before one complete half has been played, the game will continue from that point unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand. If at least one half of the game has been completed, the game is an official game.

7-1-5: Mercy Rule. Following the completion of the first half, any time the score differential reaches 10 or more goals, the

coaches may mutually agree to end the game.

7-3-1: Contests Ending in a Tie. Overtime shall not be played at the JV or freshman level. Penalty kicks could be used to determine which team would advance in a tournament bracket.

Regular Season - When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be a five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

1. There shall be a maximum of two 10-minute overtime periods (Note: Sudden Victory): a) a coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e)(2); b) At the end of the first 10-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends.

2. If a tie still exists following the two overtime periods, the game will remain a tie.

WIAA Tournament Series - Follow the procedures outlined above with the following additions:

a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the penalty kicks from the penalty line shall be taken; b) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who have been disqualified) to take the penalty kicks; c) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e). The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second; d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick; e) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner. ➦

2006-07 Track & Field Rules Changes

3-2-4 (0) - The games committee may restrict the wearing of items that are worn in excess of the school-issued uniform allowed by rule.

4-3-1b(5) & c new 5,6; 9-6-1b (6) - An American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches, and either a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform top or bottom.

4-3-1c new 5,6 - A single manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2¼ square inches with no dimensions more than 2¼ inches, is permitted on the uniform bottom.

5-7-2; 5-7-3 - Establishes the single starting command for individual races, or opening relay legs of the 800 meters or more outdoor or 600 meters or more indoors shall be "On your marks."

6-4-5; 6-5-4 - The throwing sector of 34.92 degrees is now required for the shot put and discus events.

7-5-12 - The runway adjacent to the pole vault box may be marked by a permanent line 1 cm or ½" drawn through the top (zero point) of the vault box extending 3 meters (10 ft.) to each side of the box.

9-6-5 - A competitor shall wear the assigned unaltered contestant number when numbers are provided and computer chip(s) when those devices are used in competition.

Editorial Changes

1-2,4; 3-3-4t; 4-3-1c(3); 4-3-2a; 4-3-3; 4-3-4; 5-6-4 note; 5-7-4e; 5-7-4d; 5-8-1; 6-4-6; 6-5-5; 7-5-13

Points of Emphasis

The uniform rule: (a) wearing the uniform as intended; (b) allowing the wearing of headwear

Safety markings for field events

Clarifying the "zero point" in pole vault

Concussions ➦

2007 Baseball Rules Changes

1-4-4 - Revised Rule: By state association adoption to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patch, that will be uniformly placed, not to exceed 4 square inches to be worn on jerseys in an appropriate and dignified manner without compromising the integrity of the uniform.

3-2-1 - Revised Rule: One player or coach may occupy each coach's box while his team is at bat. A coach or player occupying the coaches' boxes shall remain in the box upon the batter entering the box until the release of the ball by the pitcher if requested by the opposing coach. Once this request is made it applies to both teams for the remainder of the game. A coach who...mobility devices. PENALTY: At the end of playing action, regardless of who violates the rule, the head coach will be restricted to the bench/dugout.

3-3-1n - Revised Rule: n. initiates malicious contact on offense or defense. PENALTY: In (n) the ball is immediately dead, if on offense, the player is ejected and declared out, unless he has already scored. If the defense commits the malicious contact, the player is ejected; the umpire shall rule either safe or out on the play and award the runner(s) the appropriate base(s) he felt they would have obtained if the malicious contact had not occurred.

3-3-4 - New Rule: Whenever team members are loosening up an area which is not protected by a fence or other structure, another member of the team with a glove must be positioned between them and the batter to protect them from a batted or thrown ball within the confines of the playing field. No one is to interfere with a live ball

4-4-1f Note 2 - Revised Rule: ... Delete...not. The revised note will read: A team playing with fewer than nine players may return to nine players.

5-1-1m - Revised Rule: m. when malicious contact (offensive or defensive) occurs;

6-2-1e - Revised Rule: Bringing the pitching hand in contact with the mouth either without distinctly wiping off the pitching hand before it touches the ball or while in contact with the pitcher's plate; PENALTY: For defacing the ball...the pitch. For infraction (e), a ball shall be called each time a pitcher violates this rule.

2007 Softball Rules Changes

2-36; 2-47-2,3; 8-4-3b; 8-6-10a - Established guidelines for interference and obstruction when contact occurs between a base runner and a fielder on a non-controlled batted ball. A new definition for an "Initial Play" was also created.

3-6-17 Penalty - Penalty changed for intentionally removing a boundary line after a team warning to now include the subsequent offender.

8-10 - Double first base section expanded.

Major Editorial Revisions

1-2-1 Note - Clarified double first base specifications.

2-9-5f - Clarified definition of a catch as it relates to a trapped ball.

2-15 New - New definition for "Con-

8-1-2b - b. his fair ball, other than an infield fly, becomes dead (5-1-1f (1),(2)) and provided a preceding runner or retired runner does not interfere in such a way as to prevent a potential double play (8-4-1h).

10-2-1 - Revised Rule: Umpire-in-chief when behind the plate shall wear proper safety equipment including but not limited to; chest protector, face mask, throat guard, plate shoes, shin guards and protective cup (if male).

Base-running Table - Revised Rule: UMPIRE JUDGMENT #3 Defensive Malicious Contact #3 Infraction

Dead Ball Table Revised Rule: Activity # 27 Defensive Malicious Contact Awards or Penalty: Umpire will rule safe or out on the play and award runner(s) appropriate base(s) per his judgment.

Official NFHS Baseball Signal - New Rule: Adopt the point motion for the start of the game.

Wisconsin Adaptations to National Federation Rules - Regular Season

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game (Rule 4-3-1- Note 2). If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree not to do so.

If a game is called prior to the completion of a full inning, after the fifth inning, the game becomes a suspended game if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead (Rule 4-2-3 Note).

Courtesy Runners

(1) The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.

(2) Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.

(3) A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that half inning.

Penalty: For illegal substitution, such substitute shall be ejected. ➦

lines of the Field" created.

3-6-18 Penalty - Clarified penalty for malicious contact by a fielder.

7-3; 7-4 - Articles relating to a batter being out moved from section on Batting Infractions to Batter is Out.

8-2-5 - Clarified location of the batter-runner as it relates to the running-lane interference.

8-6-10d - Clarified that any intentional interference by a runner will result in an out.

Points of Emphasis

1. Concussions
2. Batter Delays
3. Obstruction/Interference
4. Equipment Inspection ➦

■ Wrestling

Dave Anderson



Wrestling Questions & Answers

Q.: We are having an "Alumni Night" on Thursday for our dual. Is it ok if our wrestlers are each wearing different singlets? Our varsity wrestlers were going to each wear different singlets from years past.

A.: I am not able to identify anything within the NF Wrestling rules which would clearly prohibit this.

Unlike some other team sports where the text clearly indicates participants must be identically and 'uniformly' attired – that requirement is not present in wrestling uniform text 4-1-1. Advice – Alert visiting school – make sure not a surprise to them. Alert contest official – in advance...no surprises. Double check all singlets to be certain they meet 100% all other requirements of 'legal' singlet as outlined Rule 4-1.

Q.: I have a wrestler that's been wrestling 135-140 all season. He would like to drop to 130 at conference his skinfold says 130 is his minimum weight with parental permission and the skinfold was taken before Christmas. He has parental permission and the way I read it in the season regulations he would only have to make scratch weight if the skinfold was taken after Christmas? So with the 2# growth allowance he would only have to drop to 132 for the 130# weight class and he is still eligible correct. I just don't want to misinterrupt anything like last season!! And no, he would not be losing any more than .5 lb. per day.

A.: Your understanding - as stated above, appears accurate and correct.

Q.: We were wondering with division three wrestling one round on Thursday, if the sectional

champions that do not wrestle that round have to weigh-in that day.

A.: In a word - 'YES.' Have had some considerable discussion/deliberation on the topic...and ALL D2-D3 qualifiers will need to weigh in on Thursday – even if they are not competing on Thursday.

Q.: I have coached our team members that we will shake the opposing coach hand (along with the entire team) at the conclusion of the dual meet. During several dual meets opposing wrestlers come across to shake my hand at the end of each bout. Because we are doing this at the conclusion it is not necessary to cross the mat at the conclusion of each individual match. This was a point of emphasis in the past to remind teams of this policy. Our spectators have asked me why our team members don't do this. I do feel it is good sportsmanship to shake the hand of opposing coach and team at the end of the dual, but not necessarily at end of individual bouts. This practice seems to delay match procedures and preparation for the upcoming bout. What is the policy/guideline for this practice. Would I be out of place asking the opposing coach to defer from hand shakes until the end of the match?

A.: The only requirement for hand shaking are as outlined in the NFHS Wrestling rules. 6-3-3 and 6-5-2. The end of match procedures are the only one I can seem to recall having made a WIAA point of emphasis on - several years back now. Beyond what is required by rule, there is no 'WIAA' position on this.

Q.: Had a situation which doesn't seem to fit any specific rule, but it happens. We are in the ultimate

tie-breaker, bottom man is trying to escape and top man is obviously trying not to let him do that. Stalling in the ultimate tiebreaker is a bit different, in that the top man is motivated to hold on. In this case, bottom man tried a switch...unsuccessful...then he tried to stand, which he did...top man put him back to the mat...bottom man then tried to slide forward....top man loosened his grip and slid down....he first had one leg then both....below the knees...bottom man never stopped moving...never stopped kicking and moved off the mat....time expired. In regulation, with time not being a problem, the bottom man might have stopped moving and I would have either called stalemate or stalling. In the ultimate tie breaker, things are a bit different....I would have called stalemate, except there was no break in the action. Bottom man's movements were constant and steady...top man's responses were constant and steady....when holding both legs. He did not bury his head between them but continued his efforts to maintain control. The result – I called nothing. In self-evaluating with another official, he suggested I might have called a stalemate, but that is difficult to do if both wrestlers are active, active that is within their stated goals during that ultimate tie breaker situation. Any guidance you can offer?

A.: Advice - ?? The essential characteristic of the ultimate tie-breaker is Control ... of the opponent – is it maintained? Really difficult without 'seeing' and that's not designed to be a cop-out. As I thought about and talked about this scenario the one thing that I kept coming back to is – what

the difference might be between wrestling for/to - 'control' vs. just hanging-on? I believe there is a difference when a wrestler is controlling, countering an opponent, vs. having 'lost control'...and no one is in control. In my mind's eye I could see a difference, but must admit – it might be a little more difficult to see in real-time. Most of the feedback I received reflects that sentiment, ultimately all agreeing it goes to judgment. Most have indicated it might have been OK/appropriate to call a stalemate...but also recognize, tough call as site-unseen. Will share what I have:

1. It seems he could have called stalemate if he determined that action, while not completely static, wasn't going anywhere. His non call also may have been appropriate since they were still in motion. 2. The official could have called a stalemate if the offensive wrestler stayed down on the legs. However, no call may have been an acceptable call. 3. You almost have to be there and see what took place, but I can make a comment. When the offensive wrestler dropped below the knees and hung on, you may have been justified in calling a stalemate. I would think that if he were in that position for 5-8 seconds you could call a stalemate and give the defensive wrestler a fresh start. Sounds like 'control wrestling' other than described above. There is a great deal of judgment when considering stalling in the ultimate TB. Keep in mind that a stalemate call is not a penalty - it just gives a fresh start! ÷

Hockey



Tom Shafranski

Hockey Officials Rule Interpretations

QUESTION: My daughter plays on a boy's high school hockey team. The question I have is when is she free from her commitment to this team. When the team loses in the playoffs or when the state tournament is completed?

INTERPRETATION: School teams are allowed to continue to practice until the conclusion of the WIAA State Tournament in Madison on Saturday, March 4, 2006. Once a school team has completed their state tournament, they are able to determine the date their season has ended at their own discretion. Determining this date is up to the coach and school administration.

QUESTION: How many players can be on the ice prior to the start of a period?

INTERPRETATION: NFHS Rule 2, Section 4 Starting Lineups, Article 2, Teams shall be on the ice, ready to play promptly at the beginning of each period. After the first period, starting players shall remain in their half of the ice and proceed to the center ice faceoff positions. All remaining players shall proceed directly to their benches, unless modified by state association adoption. The WIAA has not modified this NFHS regulation.

QUESTION: Our boy's hockey team has experienced an exposure to carbon monoxide poisoning. Can we be allowed to have oxygen on our bench during a game?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Winter Season Regulations, 14., page 23, Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.

QUESTION: If a hockey team receives three game disqualification penalties in one game, are they eliminated from the WIAA tournament series?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Winter Season Regulations, Tournament Procedure, ADDITIONS, b., Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over two or more

games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series.

QUESTION: Are thundersticks allowed during the WIAA tournament series?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA regulations do not restrict the use of thundersticks during the WIAA tournament series at any sport tournament.

QUESTION: Can a goalie play more than five periods in one day if a school hockey team only has two goalies and one gets hurt during the JV game?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Season Regulations, 7. Individual Participation Limitations, A student may be a member of two different school level teams in the same calendar week. When a student plays in two different levels of competition on the same day, (e.g. JV/varsity) they may not participate in more than five periods in any single day.

If a goalie gets hurt during a JV game and a school team has only two goalies, either the second goalie has to play and may not exceed a total of five periods or another team player has to become the goalie.

QUESTION: We have experienced a series of injuries on our JV hockey team. Can a JV school team co-op with another school so that we have enough hockey players to maintain a JV program?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA language pertaining to JV co-op programs remains silent. This allows schools to co-op with other schools within their geographical area at the JV level without WIAA approval. If a school decides to co-op during the season with a school in their area, they need to be certain both schools approve of this co-op, all students involved have filed a WIAA Physical Exam form with their school's office and that all eligibility requirements have been met.

QUESTION: If a student-athlete records a hat trick and the fans

throw their hats on the ice, is the home team assessed a delay of game minor?

INTERPRETATION: When hats are thrown on the ice, this is a game management matter, not an issue for the officials to assess penalties. It is best to have game management inform spectators in advance that throwing anything onto the ice is first of all dangerous, and secondly unacceptable behavior. This includes the throwing of hats following a hat trick. Spectators identified throwing anything onto the ice need to be made aware that doing so will result in removal from a contest. This has, at times, resulted in spectators or groups of spectators being asked to leave an ice rink.

There is no fair way for officials to implement a penalty as it would be too easy for a spectator from another school to go near a home school's spectator seating area, begin throwing something on the ice and then have the officials assess a two-minute penalty.

QUESTION: In girl's hockey, are bandannas permitted?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, bandannas are permitted under ice hockey helmets for boys and girls. At the state tournament we ask the player's to take them off along with any headgear they may be wearing for the playing of the National Anthem.

QUESTION: Can a hockey player be on a Junior program's roster during the WIAA season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, there are no WIAA eligibility restrictions that prevent a student-athlete from being on the roster of a nonschool program during a WIAA season.

QUESTION: Can skates be allowed inside the faceoff circle during a faceoff?

INTERPRETATION: No, NFHS RULE 6-12-5, All other players shall, at the time of a faceoff, be standing so that their bodies and sticks are no closer than 36 inches (91.4 cm) from an opponent. They shall be

closer to their own end of the rink than is the spot of the faceoff. No other players shall be allowed to have their skates (on or off the ice) inside the faceoff circle or beyond the parallel faceoff lines extended or come within 15 feet (4.57 m) of the players facing off the puck.

PENALTY: First violation, the official shall order the individual(s) of the offending team(s) taking the faceoff to be replaced for that faceoff by any teammate on the ice. Second violation, at the same faceoff by same team, MINOR penalty on player who commits the violation.

QUESTION: We have some JV teams that insist on playing 17-minute periods. What if any is the standard governing this?

INTERPRETATION: Varsity programs are mandated to play 17-periods, there is no standard that governs JV programs. JV programs are considered to be support programs that can play 17-minute periods when able to do so. Shorter period lengths can also be used should time limits develop.

QUESTION: Would you allow a memorial sticker to be placed on a helmet in place of a patch on a jersey?

INTERPRETATION: A memorial sticker on the helmet is not specified in any of the rule books. NFHS Rule 2-1-2-D allows memorial patches on the uniform. Since the NFHS and WIAA language remain silent regarding a memorial sticker on the helmet, it can be allowed.

QUESTION: Does the head coach have to meet with the referees prior to the start of a game?

INTERPRETATION: No, NFHS Rule 2-2-5 indicates the referee(s) shall meet with the captain(s) and coaches prior to the start of the game. Although it is preferred to have the head coach involved in the pre-game meeting, a coach, which can be an assistant coach, from each team, needs to be involved along with the captain(s). +

Swimming & Diving

Tom Shafranski



Swimming & Diving Question Interpretations

Question: We have a transfer student who is not part of a foreign exchange program that has just come to our school after attending school in Peru and then New Jersey during the 2006-07 school year. Is he eligible to compete?

Interpretation: **WIAA Senior High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article II, Section 3, A., Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year."** Under this rule a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible for varsity level competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article. **Dave Anderson, WIAA Deputy Director, is the contact for waiver requests.**

Question: During the competition of the 11-dive portion of the meet a diver slipped into the corner of pool and right back out never leaving contact with the side of the pool. Total time less than 2 seconds. It apparently was the only person much less other officials who saw this happen. I know if it is during the swimming events it's an illegal water entry and, subsequently, a disqualifying occurrence without permission to enter from an official.

I'm not sure in a diving only format if that same rule would apply.

Interpretation: **In responding to this question, I would first ask if there were any extenuating circumstances (i.e., being pushed, slipping, etc.) regarding this entry.**

During the WIAA State Meet Diving competition, we do allow divers to enter the swimming pool prior to their dives. When a separate pool or well is available, it can be used by divers prior to their dive.

If not, NFHS Rule 3-5-3 indicates that "No team personnel/competitor shall enter the water without the referee's approval." This applies to both swimming and diving events. In addition, the rule is in place as a safety precaution which prevents competitors from potential injury during an event. If a competitor enters the water during a diving event without the referee's approval, and without any unusual circumstances taking place, the competitor needs to be disqualified.

Question: Do the relay entries have to include all eight individuals who will be listed on the relay card?

Interpretation: **For record keeping purposes, listing all eight individuals, competitors and alternates, is very helpful to meet management. The Direct Athletics Entry program requires four individuals to be listed. It is the relay card that is handed in at the sectional meet that is the official entry card.**

Question: In a championship meet, a swimmer starts the 50 freestyle and swims 25 yards. After reaching the turn end of the pool, he stops and exits the pool and does not complete the race.

In the situation I have provided, the coach argued that the swimmer competed by showing up, starting and swimming in the race. The officials did disqualify the swimmer from this event and then decided to allow him to swim in the other events he was entered.

My question is: Was this the correct procedure or should the swimmer have been disqualified from the remainder of the meet?

Interpretation: **Rule 3-2-2 reads . . . "In all meets all competitors, once officially entered (unless scratched), shall compete in all races, heats and rounds of competition (excluding swim-offs and legally declared false starts) for which they qualify except when an illness or injury certified by a physician or the referee forces a competitor to withdraw. This applies to individual members of relay teams (not entire teams) as to competitors in individual events. A competitor may be reinstated by the referee in a later event after illness/injury if a physician or referee verifies recuperation.**

Also, Situation 3-2-2, E indicates: Swimmer A is competing in the 200 freestyle, swallows water and is unable to complete the race. RULING: Swimmer A is disqualified from the 200 freestyle with no further penalty.

The intent of this rule is that when a swimmer or diver is entered in an event, they are to compete to win or do their very best and that they are entered and complete the event. Consequently, a competitor who leaves the pool after the first 25 yards of his/her event or before completing their event should be disqualified for the remainder of the meet.

Question: I was just curious about something I read on the website. It says that the divers must have competed in 4 meets and 2 of

those meets had to be in the 11-dive format. I was just wondering if Conference counts as an 11-dive meet?

Interpretation: **You are correct that divers must have participated in a minimum of four meets during the current season before he/she is eligible for entry into sectional diving competition. In addition, at least two of the required four meets must have had a championship format of 11 dives.**

So long as your conference meet is competed in a championship format of 11-dives, it can count as one of the two meets needed. If it is not an 11-dive meet, it can not be counted.

Diving coaches are always encouraged to bring documentation of the meets their divers compete in to the sectional meet. I have had coaches call other coaches to task on this matter.

Question: How are officials letting each other know they saw a false start. We have been talking about what is the best way. Do we raise our hand when we see it at the start and compare notes after the race, or not do any signal and confirm at the end? I know dual confirmation is a must, how do we let each other know we saw something?

Interpretation: **In remaining consistent with other hand signals for disqualifications, officials who identify a false start should wait until the completion of that race to raise their hand above their head signaling a potential disqualification. During the race, the official should write down the lane number and what they saw. Following completion of that race, an official observing a false start should raise their hand and report their observation to the meet referee. Dual confirmation is required for a disqualification to occur.**

Use of head sets by the officials is allowable. When available, officials can inform one another of a false start. The hand signal will still take place following completion of the race. +

Senior High Directory Changes

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February 24, 2007
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Sport First Aid
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Coaching Principles
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Coaching Principles & Sport First Aid
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Eligibility Q & A

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lash. Use of helmets during the school year but outside the school season is not an option.

Q.: Earlier this year we had a phone conversation concerning our desire to offer a speed and agility program for students at our school during the school year. I have a couple of coaches that would like to start this next week. In looking over my notes, I had written down a couple of things that I just wanted to bounce off you before we start this program. I have down don't use sport specific implements. My question is this, would we be OK with using dummies as something students stepped over in agility drills? Also, in my notes it says no stopwatches. This doesn't seem to make sense to me. Can students use watches to keep their times in each drill?

A.: We do not have enormous concerns about students monitoring their own progress in open gyms – including their use of a stop watch. Will continue to say “no” and advise against introduction of implements – like football blocking dummies into a generalized, speed, conditioning, agility environment. There are alternatives available. Review Bylaws – Art. II, Section 2A-1&2. It is the interpretation of this section, combined with existing Open Gym text (Rules At A Glance, II-D) that provide the synthesis for how and why a “general conditioning” opportunity is made available.

Q.: I want to confirm that I'm understanding a Bylaw correctly. Article III covers

school equipment and my understanding is that school equipment can only be given to an athlete for training during the summer-time. I recently had a student/athlete ask for a bat to use in a training session during February. My interpretation from this would be “no” because it is during school time. Am I correct?

A.: Thanks for reading the Handbook. Bottom line: Bats/balls, kicking T's, shot put, discus and the like, can be issued at school's discretion, anytime. These items are considered “implements.” This Bylaw had always prohibited issuing apparel (things which are worn) and protective equipment – except during the season and in the summer (provided your school board approved summer issue).

Q.: Our student council is holding a fundraiser basketball and 3-point tournament here at school for prom - if our varsity players participate in it, does it jeopardize their eligibility? I believe it does.

A.: Yes – Student Council is “school sponsored.” if the 'school sponsors basketball' in May...be sure that students with a past status in basketball and remaining eligibility - DO NOT PARTICIPATE. A student can only have 4 seasons of school sponsored basketball competition...you don't want to 'burn one' for a season of this kind.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: We are considering running a youth baseball camp this year, potentially as a fundraiser. My interpretation is that if our

high school baseball program wanted to run a camp it must be conducted during the summer, and it cannot be run during the school year. Is that correct? Also, a local baseball club is considering running the camp. As I understand the rule, the club could conduct the camp at anytime during the year, and our high school coaches could work at the camp.

A.: Yes, your understanding of the rule is correct. If the camp is conducted by a nonschool group during the school baseball season HS players and coaches may be involved. If held outside the season coaching contact restrictions must be observed.

Q.: I have a small nucleus of coaches who want to implement a non-sport specific strength/agility open gym 2-3 times a week. It is open to any kid in the school and they would like to work with the students. If is is non-sport specific is it permissible?

A.: In a word - Yes. Interpretation of Bylaws and Open Gym text does allow schools to offer a strength/agility/conditioning open gym opportunity - on a voluntary basis – available to any/all interested students. Want to be certain it does not resemble ‘football practice’ or pre-season track practice.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: Would it be legal for our booster club to donate funds to reduce the per person cost at a speed camp run here by a local

healthcare facility?

A.: Without more discussion and explanation, the safest response in this exchange is, “No.” – See III F of the Rules At A Glance. When it comes to camps/clinics, specialized training/instruction, family and student must cover 100 percent of associated costs.

Q.: A group of parents want to do a fundraiser that involves money donated for every goal the varsity soccer team scores in a year. Is this WIAA legal?

A.: In a word - "no". The WIAA's Board of Control and the other advisory committees which guide the board, have taken a clear, firm position opposing any/all fundraisers which are based either on performance within a competition and/or based upon the outcome of a competition. Both from the sportsmanship perspective as well as for the "flavor" of "gaming/gambling" which accompany fundraisers based on performance in competition/outcomes of games, our membership has zero interest in embracing this style of fundraiser. Fundraisers based on - yards rushed, takedowns, shots on goal, free throws/assists, etc. – any/all of these (and others) are not acceptable/appropriate school/program fundraisers when connected to performance in a competition with another school. +

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Guest Editorial

by Robert L. Schwoch, Beaver Dam High School Game Manager

Each year we hear of negative occurrences during sporting events. It seems that the media enjoy reporting on the sensational aspects of the news, but almost no time is spent reminding people of all the positive things that are occurring.

This week we have learned of another altercation that occurred during a WIAA basketball game in Milwaukee. It was possible to see footage of this on every Milwaukee television station, on the internet, and over the radio. Last week it was a story on negative cheers and chants in Madison. The list goes on and on.

I would like to inform you of what is happening in Beaver Dam, and at our sporting events, for I feel that this is at least as newsworthy as all the negative occurrences.

Beaver Dam took a group of six high school students and myself to a sportsmanship seminar sponsored by the WIAA in Stevens Point this fall. At the seminar, we learned not only how to encourage good sportsmanship in our district, but the results of a state wide survey in sportsmanship. That was wonderful information, but would have done little good had we not followed up with the next steps.

Our superintendent invited me to speak to the school board and the administrative council to fill them in on the sportsmanship issue. One of the results of this was the new behavior policy that we implemented for our football games this fall.

At our fall coaches meeting, we presented the sportsmanship information that we gathered from the seminar. All coaches agree that sportsmanship is a very important aspect of the athletic programs here at Beaver Dam High School. They, in turn, presented it to their athletes.

I also attended the introductory parent meeting for all sports and presented the sportsmanship information to the parents of all of our athletes. Along with the information, I handed to each family a sportsmanship pledge, which I asked them to read and strongly consider.

Finally, we presented it to the Team Leadership Challenge group. This is a group of athletes from each sport who are chosen as leaders in their individual program.

Along with this, our district encourages character building through the 6 pillars of character: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Our students have learned how to exhibit these pillars in our everyday life.

So – what has been the outcome of this?

1. Our hockey program was awarded the sportsmanship trophy for their conference, the Badgerland Conference – in 2006.

2. Our hockey officials rate the sportsmanship of our fans, players, coaches, and event workers on a regular basis. We consistently receive 4's or 5's out of 5 possible points – our opponents do not.

3. Our football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics officials likewise do the same rating on a scale of 1-10. We consistently get 9's or 10's on a regular basis – our opponents do not.

4. To this point, we have yet to ask a single home fan – adult or student – to leave a contest this entire year because of behavior – we have had to speak to adults and students from other schools.


5. Our hockey team has been invited to attend a UW women's hockey game as a reward for their sportsmanship.

6. Our pep band was invited to a Milwaukee Bucks game to perform as well.

7. Our athletes and coaches attend and promote each other's contests, and cheer for each other. In other schools, this does not occur.

What I am saying is that in the Beaver Dam Unified Schools, we take sportsmanship and character to be very important. Like everyone else, we enjoy winning contests. But like our announcers say at the beginning of each athletic event, "One of the goals of high school athletics is learning lifetime values. Sportsmanship is one such value that makes this game an educational experience. Remember to sport a winning attitude by cheering positively for your own team.

As you can see, here in Beaver Dam we work very hard to promote the ideals and values of good sportsmanship. We have great kids, and wonderful parents. Let's remember that this is more newsworthy than the negative aspects that tend to pepper our news. ✚



Keep These Dates in Mind

February 10	Wrestling Individual Regionals
	Boys Swimming & Diving Sectionals
February 13	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 13, 15 & 16	Boys Hockey Regionals
February 16-17	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 17	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
February 20, 22 & 24	Girls Basketball Regionals
February 20, 23 & 24	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals
February 22-23-24	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)
	Gymnastics Sectionals
February 27	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 27-March 1 & 3	Boys Basketball Regionals
March 1-2-3	Boys State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 2	Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
March 2-3	Girls Basketball Sectionals
	State Wrestling Team Tournament (Madison)
	State Gymnastics (Wisconsin Rapids)
	Girls State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 5	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
March 6	Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
March 8-9-10	Girls State Basketball (Madison)
	Boys Basketball Sectionals
March 9	Scholar Athlete Nomination Due Date
March 12	Earliest Day for Girls Soccer Practice
	Earliest Day for Softball Practice
March 13	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Gymnastics
March 15-16-17	Boys State Basketball (Madison)
March 19	Earliest Day for Baseball (Spring) Practice
March 20	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Basketball (Stevens Point)
March 21	Primary Ballot Return Deadline
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Wrestling (Stevens Point)
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Hockey (Stevens Point)
March 26	Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
March 27	Board/Council Election Ballot Mailed
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter
April 17	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
April 18	Board/Council Election Ballot Deadline
April 25	WIAA Annual Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 2	Middle Level Council Meeting
May 4	Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
May 6	Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
May 9	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 15	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 17, 22 & 24	Softball Regionals
May 18	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 21	Track & Field Regionals
May 21-22	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 21-22-23	Boys Golf Regionals
May 23-24	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 24	Track & Field Sectionals
May 24 & 26	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 25, 29, 30 & June 1	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29-30	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 31	Softball Sectionals
May 31 & June 1-2	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
May 31 & June 2	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 1	Officials License Reapplication Deadline

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.

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