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## Board Approves Winter Sports Recommendations; Radio Network Pact; Venue Renewal

GREEN LAKE, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved several recommendations that will impact the winter sports seasons, a radio network contract extension, renewal of its State Spring Baseball venue and a conference realignment plan at its annual summer meeting Thursday.

The Board approved two recommendations that impact basketball. The first will allow teams in 2007-08 to scrimmage after only three required days of practice. A one-year modification to the regulation—requiring five days of practice before a team is permitted to scrimmage—is a result of the reversal of the boys and girls basketball seasons. Approval was also given to the recommendation to increase the maximum number of allowed freshman games from 17 to 20 beginning in 2008-09.

The Board also approved an amended wrestling coaches' recommendation that all matches at the regional level have two-minute periods. In addition, approval was unanimous for a recommendation to follow the NFHS tie-breaking criteria if a tie exists in the State team tournament championship match. If all criteria are exhausted and a tie remains, co-champions will be declared.

In gymnastics, the Board approved a number of administrative recommendations and a proposal to advance the top five all-around competitors from each sectional to the State Meet in both divisions, which is two more than the current number of all-around qualifiers, beginning in 2007-08.

The Board also approved three Medical Advisory Committee recommendations, including updates to the Medical Policies & Procedures Information Manual and adding provisions to provide head and face protection to medical personnel at Tournament Series hockey games. And, approval was granted for a pair of

Sportsmanship Committee recommendations requiring a sportsmanship message to be placed in all regional and sectional souvenir programs and a sportsmanship announcement to be made immediately prior to player introductions at all Tournament Series games. Approval to extend the contract with the statewide radio network was granted by the Board. Clear Channel-Madison and Learfield Communications maintain the rights to execute the exclusive network broadcast for the WIAA Football Championship games, the Boys and Girls State Basketball Tournaments and the Boys State Hockey semifinals and finals. In addition, the statewide network has gained the exclusive audio-only internet streaming rights for the WIAA Football Championship games, the Boys and Girls State Basketball Tournaments, the Boys and Girls State Hockey semifinals and finals, the State Boys and Girls Volleyball title games, and the State Softball and Spring Baseball semifinals and finals. The exclusive web streaming does not pertain to stations streaming their own over-the-air broadcasts of games on their websites.

The Board ratified the renewal of the agreement with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers to retain Time Warner Cable Field at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute as the host venue for the State Spring Baseball Tournament through 2010. The facility has been the site of the tournament since 1998.

Final approval of The Hope School joining the Midwest Classic Conference, beginning in the fall of 2008, was approved. WIAA procedures provided a 40-day window for schools to appeal following initial approval of the plan.

Other Board discussions included information on network affiliations, budget development, cooperative teams, divisional placements and a number of 2007 Area Meeting agenda items.✚

## Middle Level Council Openings

There are three openings on the Middle Level Council for the 2007-08 school year. These openings are: District 6 representative, District 7 representative and Ethnic At-Large representative. For the Ethnic At-Large position the candidate would have to have origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

Membership on the Council is open to administrators, or building administrators and/or athletic directors of WIAA member middle level schools containing Grades 6-8 students (or any combination thereof).

An election does not take place for Middle Level Council representatives. A listing of interested candidates is provided to the Board of Control who then appoints an individual to fill the position. The position is for a three-year term.

The Middle Level Council includes a representative from each Board of Control District, an ethnic at-large and gender at-large representative along with liaison representation made available to the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators, Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association.

This Council meets three times a year. For more information on this Council or if you are interested in filling one of these vacant positions, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. ✚

## Board of Control Special Election Results

In the special election that was recently held, Mark Gobler of Luck was elected to fill a 3-year term as the District 1 representative on the Board of Control. Mark's term will begin with the August 10, 2007 Board of Control meeting. ✚

## Directory Information Forms Overdue

The WIAA staff is currently working on the 2007-08 Membership Directory and is asking your cooperation in receiving information for the publication. Directory information forms were sent to schools on May 2, 2007, with a deadline to be returned by May 25, 2007. If you have not yet completed and returned your directory information, please do so immediately.

In addition, an updated file of the directory with the complete list of staff personnel will be available on the WIAA website and updated throughout the year in a pdf format.

The following schools have yet to return directory forms as of July 11.

Pembine  
Saint Joan Antida  
Trinity Academy  
Washburn  
Weston

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## WIAA Office Summer Hours Started June 11

The WIAA Executive Office summer hours schedule will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday commencing June 11 and continuing through August 3. For people who wish to contact the WIAA Office outside the summer hours please send messages via fax (715-344-4241) or email ([info@wiaawi.org](mailto:info@wiaawi.org)). Regular hours will resume August 6. ✚

# 2007 Summer Baseball

## SECTIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, July 20

	1st game	2nd game	Championship
Arcadia	11 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4 p.m.
New Berlin West	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.
New Holstein	10 a.m.	1 p.m.	4 p.m.
New Richmond	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.
Random Lake	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.
South Milwaukee	10:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Waukesha West	11 a.m.	3 p.m.	7 p.m.
Whitefish Bay	11 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	5 p.m.

# 2007 Summer Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

## Stevens Point – Bukolt Park

Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket) – Wednesday, July 25 – 11:05 a.m.

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

Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket) – Wednesday, July 25 – 4:35 p.m.

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

Semifinals – Thursday, July 26 – 10:30 a.m.

- Game 5 – Wednesday afternoon winners
- Game 6 – Wednesday evening winners

Championship Final – Thursday, July 26 – 4:35 p.m.

# WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## New AD Workshop and WADA: Two Great Resources For Any New Athletic Director

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Many new athletic directors are looking to “learn the ropes” before classes begin in the fall, and two valuable options are available:

(1) attend the New Athletic Director Workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the WIAA Office in Stevens Point, and,

(2) become an active member of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA), an organization open to anyone involved in the administration or supervision of interscholastic athletics at Wisconsin high schools or middle schools.

### New AD Workshop

The basic details for the New Ath-

letic Directors Workshop may be found on-line on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org). Look for the link to the AD Workshop on either the “home page” or the “Latest News” page.

To reserve a spot in the one-day Workshop, pre-register prior to Friday, July 13. To register for the Workshop, contact Deb Hauser, WIAA Associate Director and the WADA Liaison, at [dhauser@wiaawi.org](mailto:dhauser@wiaawi.org).

Following the Welcome by WIAA Executive Director Doug Chickering, the first of the morning sessions will be the WIAA Organizational Structure. The attendees will then be divided into groups for 2 sessions,

and will rotate to each topic: (1) WIAA Handbook and WIAA Season Regulations, with WIAA Assistant Directors Marcy Thurwachter and Tom Shafranski, (2) Eligibility – Top Ten, with Dave Anderson, WIAA Deputy Director.

Then, a session on Risk Management will be presented by Jan Doleschal, legal consultant for Pierski & Gray, Milwaukee.

Following lunch, details will be offered regarding the WADA. Included will be: Membership in WADA and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), the WADA Mentoring Program, and the annual WADA Workshop in Appleton on Nov. 4-5-6, 2007. Presenting will be Bill Vickroy, WADA President and Athletic Director at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School.

The next session will include Mission Statement & Affiliations, plus Athletic Department Structure, presented by Don Dalton and Bryan Yager. An Athletic Director Round Table will be the final session before the day wraps up with an evaluation opportunity.

The 2007 new AD Workshop starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 8.

### WADA Membership

Over 400 individuals are currently members of the WADA, and most are at the high school level, although membership is open to those involved in athletics at the middle school level.

Many of the current WADA members are more than willing to assist rookie AD’s become comfortable and productive in their new role. Topics such as conference matters,

WIAA tournaments, dealing with all of the paperwork, coaches, parents or media, and numerous other athletic responsibilities might seem overwhelming at times, but there are plenty of helpful resources available.

While some schools or districts will have a veteran athletic director available to help the new athletic director, sometimes an AD will “learn on the job.” The annual WADA Workshop in November can help those newcomers.

At the WADA Workshop in Appleton, there are valuable mini-sessions, informative speakers, and the valuable opportunity to network – to sit down and talk with other AD’s. The result is that a new AD gains insight on issues important to athletic directors around the state, and he or she does not have to reinvent the wheel regarding their new position.

There will be many topics of interest to athletic administrators at the WADA Workshop in November. This year’s theme: “Sports Administration in the 21st Century.”

Of particular interest to new athletic directors will be a “new AD” orientation session on the afternoon of the first day during the WADA Workshop

Some of the basic details regarding the 2007 WADA Workshop are already posted on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org). Registration details, a complete schedule, and more information on the WADA Workshop will be added to that website this fall.

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



## BULLETIN Subscription Renewal Notice!

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*Officials interested in regular-season game/meet openings can access the new “Officials Wanted” website at: [www.officialswanted.com](http://www.officialswanted.com)*

2007-08 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>	
<b><u>PART I EXAMS</u></b>		
Football	August 24, 2007	
Soccer	August 24, 2007	
Swimming/Diving	August 24, 2007	
Volleyball	August 24, 2007	
Basketball	November 16, 2007	
Gymnastics	November 16, 2007	
Hockey	November 16, 2007	
Wrestling	November 16, 2007	
Baseball	March 14, 2008	
Softball	March 14, 2008	
Track/Field	March 14, 2008	
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Return Deadline</u>
<b><u>PART II EXAMS</u></b>		
Soccer	August 20, 2007	September 14, 2007
Football	August 28, 2007	September 21, 2007
Basketball	December 3, 2007	December 21, 2007
Wrestling	December 3, 2007	December 21, 2007
Baseball	March 17, 2008	April 6, 2008

**MECHANICS EXAM**  
3-Person Basketball Mechanics      December 3, 2007      December 21, 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 regional finals, sectional and State tournament assignments in 2008. +**

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.*

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH THREE-PERSON BASKETBALL CAMP**  
Site: University of Minnesota – Duluth  
Date: July 20-21-22, 2007  
Contact: David Firkus 651-772-1883 or umdcamp@mnofficials.com

**WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Site: Watertown High School  
Dates: July 27-28, 2007  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

**BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
Site: Neenah High School  
Date: August 6, 2007  
Contact: Charles Heidner (920) 469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

**SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC**  
Site: Monona Grove and Madison LaFollette High Schools  
Dates: August 10, 2007 (Monona Grove) and August 11, 2007 (Madison LaFollette)  
Contact: Mike Carr (608) 824-9541 or (608) 262-0572 or mcarr@bus.wisc.edu

**WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Site: Kimberly High School  
Dates: August 10-11, 2007  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

**WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Site: Milwaukee Area  
Dates: August 15, 2007 (at West Allis High School) – August 21 (at Milwaukee Lutheran High School)  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

**WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Site: Waunakee High School  
Dates: August 17-18, 2007  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

**UW-PARKSIDE – FASTPITCH CLINIC**  
Site: UW-Parkside  
Date: Sept. 21, 22, 23, 2007  
Contact: Brian Henson 414-525-1028 or umprefl@aol.com or commish@greatermetroconference.com +

2007-08 Sports Meetings

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

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

**WACPC**  
August 14, Tuesday      Tomah Middle School (District 6)  
August 15, Wednesday      Eau Claire North High School (District 1)  
August 16, Thursday      Stevens Point Senior High School (District 2)  
August 21, Tuesday      Union Grove High School (District 4)  
August 22, Wednesday      Deerfield High School (District 5)  
August 23, Thursday      Freedom High School (District 3)  
Note: District meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by general rules at 7:30 p.m., dance rules at 7:45 p.m. and then cheer at 8 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**  
August 7, Tuesday      Chippewa Falls, Kenosha Tremper, Madison La Follette, Oconto Falls  
August 8, Wednesday      Belmont, Holmen, Lakeland, Two Rivers  
August 13, Monday      D.C. Everest, Hayward, Waupun  
August 14, Tuesday      Janesville Craig, Menomonee Falls, Nekoosa  
August 15, Wednesday      Baraboo, Franklin, Hudson, Neenah

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

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

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

**VOLLEYBALL**  
August 7, Tuesday      Amery, Middleton, Notre Dame (Green Bay), Wis. Lutheran (Milw.)  
August 8, Wednesday      La Crosse Logan, New Holstein, Phillips, Portage  
August 9, Thursday      Chippewa Falls, Homestead, Iowa-Grant, Stevens Point  
August 13, Monday      Drummond, Elkhorn, Oshkosh North, Rhinelander

**Note: Sites and dates for winter and spring sports meetings will be determined at a later date.**

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. +

Congratulations State Spring Tournament Officials – 2007

**SPRING BASEBALL**  
Robert Boyle, Darlington; Dan DeRemer, Waukesha; Bill Gipp, Spooner; Mike Klein, Hewitt; John Laudon, Tomah; Ty Rogers, Cameron; Joel Scott, Beaver Dam; Dave Steiger, Hortonville

**BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAMS TENNIS**  
**Meet Referee** - Fred Jungers  
**Umpires** - Father Paul Arinze, Dodgeville; Dick Arnold, Waukesha;

Rick Bedore, Kenosha; Pat Bruden, Madison; Jan Hammelman, Brookfield; Joan Jungers, Hot Springs, AR; John Knox, Madison; Storm North, Plover; Gary Schlei, Hartland; Nancy Schlei, Hartland; Tom Seitz, Brookfield; Sharon Terry, Janesville; Joyce Tessiatore, Arbor Vitae

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Eric Bayer, Madison; Mahmood Darvish, Belleville; Jim Dow, Menomonee Falls; Salvador Garcia,

Waukesha; Mark Herdeman, West Bend; Lionel Kimmel, Menomonee Falls; Todd Mader, Madison; Brad Merkel, Eau Claire; Tom Mesalk, Cedarburg; Rod Ottens, Green Bay; Lance Reisen, Oregon; Ananda Sathasivam, Madison; James Walter, Racine

**SOFTBALL**  
John Benish, Wonewoc; Arvo Britten, Wausau; Charles Chamberlain, Platteville; Stephen Clay, Spooner;

Kenneth Dayton, Waupaca; Dean Diessner, Greenfield; John Hemauer, West Bend; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; David Steiger, Hortonville

**TRACK & FIELD**  
Meet Referee – David Weidemann, Winneconne; Field Referee – Kirby Symes, River Falls; Starter – Donald McNaughton, Watertown; Starter - Tom Mueller, Oregon; Starter - Greg Rigoni, Hurley; Alternate - Arland Peterson, Holmen +

## 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. 29, 2007** - Teams for varsity/JV/JH invitational. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8079 or mark\_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (6-14)

**Oct. 8, 2007** - Teams for varsity/JV meet. Conserve School - Steve Graf 715-547-1352 or 715-617-2447. (6-12)

#### Football

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 28, 2007** - Varsity game. St. Paul Arlington, MN - Marcus Walker 651-329-2199 or marcus.walker@spps.org. (6-12)

**Oct. 8, 2007** - JV game. Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

##### GENERAL

**2007 (Week 4)** - JV game. Milwaukee Bradley Tech - Kevin Wilde 414-212-2564 or wildeamy@hotmail.com. (6-6)

**2008 (Week 2)** - Varsity/JV game (away if possible). Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (6-29)

**2008 (Week 2)** - Game (home 2008, away 2009). New Richmond - John Ball 715-243-7455 or johnb@newrichmond.k12.wi.us. (6-6)

**2008 (Week 3)** - Varsity game. Pioneer Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@westfield.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 1)** - Varsity game. Adams-Friendship - Jim Kuchta 608-339-3921 ext. 409 or kuchta\_j@af.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 2)** - Varsity game. Richland Center - Aaron Mithum 608-647-6131 or amithum@richland.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 8)** - Varsity game. Aquinas - Ted Knutson 608-784-0287 or tknutson@aquinas.la-crosse.wi.us. (6-26)

#### Boys Soccer

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 15, 2007** - Varsity invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

**Sept. 29, 2007** - Team for 4-team varsity tournament. Northland Pines - Pat Sullivan 715-479-4473 ext. 1 or psullivan@npsd.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

**Sept. 29, 2007** - JV teams for invitational. Sheboygan Falls - Sherry Baker 920-980-9551 or sbaker@sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

**Oct. 6, 2007** - Team for varsity invitational (3 games). Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-6208 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

##### GENERAL

**2007** - Varsity/JV games. Fox Valley Lutheran - Gene Strusz 920-739-4441 or gstrusz@fvlhs.org. (6-26)

**2007** - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Hamilton - Dave Shadlen 414-870-1321 or hamiltonwildcatsoccer@hotmail.com. (6-14)

**2007** - Varsity game. Kaukauna - Dan

Karius 920-759-6154 or kariusd@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

#### Girls Swimming & Diving

##### GENERAL

**2007** - Meets. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeelutheranhs.org. (6-26)

#### Girls Tennis

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 25, 2007** - Team for varsity quad. Waunakee - Brian Smith - 608-849-2104 or bsmith@waunakee.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

**Aug. 25, 2007** - Team for JV quad. Beaver Dam - Bill Loss 920-885-7520 ext. 110 or lossw@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

**Aug. 25, 2007** - Team for quad. Divine Savior Holy Angels - Peggy Braun 414-462-3742 ext. 2809 or seegersbraun01Wdsha.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

**Sept. 8, 2007** - Team for quad. Waukesha South - Greg Alft 262-970-3759 or galft@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

##### GENERAL

**2007** - JV duals or tournament berths. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (6-14)

#### Girls Volleyball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 22, 2007** - Team for varsity quad. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic 414-766-5070. (7-5)

**Aug. 23, 2007** - Teams for varsity invitational. Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-927-3894 or 715-854-2721 ext. 371 or vesperman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (7-5)

**Sept. 15, 2007** - Teams for invitational. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8079 or mark\_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (6-14)

##### GENERAL

**2007** - Dual varsity, JV and frosh meet. North Fond du Lac - Dave Manley dmanley@nfdl.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

**2007** - Freshman or JV duals or tournament berths. Menomonee Falls - Kristin Stein 262-255-7750 or steikri@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

#### Boys Volleyball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 29, 2007** - Team for varsity quad. Kenosha Bradford - Steven Knecht 262-653-6189. (6-26)

### WINTER

#### Boys Basketball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 26** - Teams for freshman tournament. Fond du Lac - Brian Skortz 920-906-6508. (6-18)

**Dec. 28-29, 2007** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Gresham - Jeff Zobeck 715-853-5912. (7-5)

**Jan. 26, 2008** - Teams for freshman tournament. Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-927-3894 or 715-854-2721 ext. 371 or vesperman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (7-5)

##### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Oshkosh West - Brad Jodarski 920-424-

0143 or brad.jodarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

**2007-08** - JV game. Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-6208 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

#### Girls Basketball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 28-29, 2007** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Gresham - Jeff Zobeck 715-853-5912. (7-5)

##### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV game. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV games. Berth in varsity/JV Thanksgiving and/or Christmas tournament. Milwaukee Bradley Tech - Todd Hencsik 414-212-2562. (6-12)

#### Boys Hockey

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 11, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 2007 or Jan. 15, 2008** - Home JV games. Beloit - Brice Gustafson jbryant@sdb.k12.wi.us. (6-29)

**Jan. 18, 2008** - Varsity/JV game. Kenosha - Rick Dart RD22222@aol.com. (6-14)

##### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV game. Kenosha - Rick Dart RD22222@aol.com. (6-14)

#### Boys Swimming & Diving

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 20, 2007** - Team for triangular meet. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

#### Wrestling

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 8, 2007** - Team for varsity/JV tournament (scramble format). Menomonee Falls - Jim McMahon mcmajim@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

**Jan. 12, 2008** - Teams for varsity individual tournament. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8079 or mark\_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (6-14)

**Jan. 12, 2008** - Teams for 6-team varsity dual tournament and teams for multi-Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for 6-team dual. Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731. (6-18)

**Jan. 19, 2008** - Teams for invitational. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (6-14)

### SPRING

#### Baseball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 10, 2008** - Team for varsity tournament. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mneary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

##### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity games. Pecatonica - Jim Strommen 608-523-4285 ext. 106 or jstrommen@pecatonica.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

#### Boys Golf

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 28, 2008** - Teams for JV scramble invitational (4 players, 2-man teams).

Portage - Ed Carlson 608-742-8545 or carlsone@portage.k12.wi.us. (6-6)

**May 2, 2008** - Teams for invitational (5-player, stroke play). Portage - Ed Carlson 608-742-8545 or carlsone@portage.k12.wi.us. (6-6)

#### Girls Soccer

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 29, 2008** - Varsity/JV match. Muskego - Eric Hess 414-313-8778 or eric.hess@yahoo.com. (6-14)

**Apr. 4-5, 2008** - Teams for varsity quad. Whitefish Bay - Patrick Danaher pdana.ms.wfb@wfbschools.com. (6-12)

**Apr. 12, 2008** - Teams for JV quad. Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6713 or jemcclo@spasd.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for JV invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (6-14)

**May 3, 2008** - Teams for freshman invitational. Whitefish Bay - Patrick Danaher pdana.ms.wfb@wfbschools.com. (6-12)

**May 12 through May 17, 2008** - Varsity/JV games. Waukesha West - David Zindler 262-970-8821. (6-26)

#### Softball

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 3, 2008** - Teams for varsity tournament. Weston - Melissa Nigh (608) 986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (6-26)

##### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Varsity game. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV game. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (6-6)

#### Boys Tennis

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 12, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (7-2)

##### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity/JV meets. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (6-6)

#### Track & Field

##### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 8, 2008** - Co-ed teams for relays meet. Reedsburg - Bryan Yager 608-524-4327 est. 1104 or byager@rsd.k12.wi.us. (6-18)

**Apr. 18, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.12.wi.us. (6-26)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7101 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (6-12)

**May 5, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.12.wi.us. (6-26) +

#### FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

## Supreme Court Rules in Favor of TSSAA in Brentwood Case

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (June 22, 2007) - On Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) in its case against Brentwood Academy, which supports the ability of state athletic/activities associations to restrict recruiting of high school student-athletes.

The TSSAA is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, which is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities comprised of state athletic/activity associations in the 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

Following is a statement from Bob Kanaby, executive director of the

NFHS, regarding the Supreme Court’s ruling in the Brentwood case:

“The NFHS enthusiastically welcomes the Supreme Court’s decision in Brentwood Academy vs. TSSAA,” Kanaby said. “The Court has recognized that athletic recruiting has no place at the high school level. Such recruiting has been prohibited by state high school as-

sociations in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. The educators who oversee such associations have determined that the best interests of young people are served if athletics are kept in proper balance. College-bound student-athletes may be able to maintain perspective in the face of athletic recruiting, but younger children are at greater risk. The Supreme Court’s decision will let rules stay in place that enhance the primacy of academics over athletics. The nation’s young people are well served by the decision, which reinforces the role and supports the core mission of education-based athletics at the secondary school level.”

**About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)**

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the fu-

ture by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Website at www.nfhs.org. +



# Eligibility Questions & Answers

Dave Anderson



### Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** I have a student who is open-enrolled. His family lives in X. He has been with us for 2 1/2 years. This student will be a senior next year, and would like to return to X to go to school and play on their football team. Would he be eligible to play next year, or do the ineligibility rules I read online apply?

**A.:** **If this student transfers after the end of the school year 06-07 - he will be ineligible to practice and/or compete at X for one calendar year from date of transfer, unless a waiver were provided. Student has no present status as a student in X. If he leaves you after the school year this year and begins at X when school or football begins next fall – his status will be as a ‘new/transfer’ student ... as a 12th grader it is clearly beyond his fourth consecutive semester and there’s been no complete/total move by the family thus, with the new transfer rule, student is not eligible to practice or compete for calendar year.**

**Q.:** A student from another community shadowed one of our students twice last spring. It sounds like the family will move to our town when they sell their former home this summer. At what point, could he begin participating with our guys this summer? When they officially purchase a home in our district or does he have to wait until 7/1 regardless?

**A.:** **Certainly when you have indication the house is sold and the family has made the complete/total move to your town, that the student has a class schedule, you have got physical on file, parental permission, etc. If you let him get started - after these things were in place, we would see no obvious problems with that.**

**Q.:** I am moving in with my aunt next year as a junior, who lives in Z, I currently live in A. I have not been enrolled in the school yet, will I have to sit out a year of sports because of the change or is there a waiver that I would be able to get to be able to participate?

**A.:** **Knowing only the information you’ve provided: you will not be eligible to practice or compete for a calendar year in Z. First, you do not meet our member’s residence requirement. Second, the membership’s new transfer rule goes into effect following the current school year. That rule provides that a transfer student who is beyond their fourth semester in school will not be eligible to practice or compete for a calendar year. When you arrive at your new school in Z, you can discuss the prospects of their interest/willingness to pursue a waiver on your behalf.**

**Q.:** We have an incoming sophomore transferring to our private school from the local junior high this fall. She completed two semesters at the junior high. They are going to register early next week. The parents have talked to the other school’s AD to alert him of this move and will get the transcripts sent over. Because she is enrolling now, it is my understanding that she will have full eligibility at all levels athletically. I also don’t need a consent form from the public high school. Am I correct in my understanding of the rule? She has no academic or athletic sanctions from the previous school.

**A.:** **Your assessment appears accurate. I do advise on/for all new and transfer students that you have in your record a completed ‘eligibil-**

**ity verification/transfer student’ form. On our website under forms for download...just fax..and keep in your files.**

**Q.:** I have a nephew that is thinking about moving in with us, He is going through a tough family situation. He is a very bright kid but had a bad semester last winter. What are the requirements for him to be eligible for winter sports next season? IF we are his legal guardians and he starts his junior year in Wisconsin will he be eligible for football or hockey?

**A.:** **Bottom line to your question – given only information as provided thus far; your nephew would not be eligible for a calendar year, unless a residence and transfer waiver were sought/provided. In way of explanation: First, the rules our member schools have established afford eligibility in instances of legal guardianship – automatically – only when both parents are deceased. Second, the same section of rules for eligibility indicate a student is eligible in the district the parent(s) reside. Lastly, the membership has instituted a new transfer prohibition which especially impacts students who transfer after their sophomore year, which takes full effect now as we enter the 07-08 school year. The residence and transfer rule does contain a waiver provision, providing relief in situations which are documented as extenuating circumstance and/or in situations documenting need of residence change for reason of home life betterment. In the Rules At A Glance, see II-F.**

**You can also find more information on our website (wiaawi.org). Pull down on the Regulations icon, click on Eligibility Q/A...see Residence and Transfer.**

### Amateur Status

**Q.:** I am an athletic trainer – at my facility we have a training program and would like to roll the program out at a reduced price to employees and their immediate family members. There is some hesitation that if a WIAA athlete enrolls at the reduced price, that athlete may violate WIAA rules. We are offering the program to all employees, so all students would be eligible for the same discount, whether an athlete or not. If I could get something in writing either supporting or denying this proposal, it would greatly help.

**A.:** **An ‘employee/family discount’ would not ordinarily be viewed as an amateur status violation – should one of the children in an employee’s family also be a HS student athlete. At least not if is as straight forward as described; i.e., available to every employee and all of the children/spouses etc. The ‘benefit’ of the discount was not/did not come as a result of the student ‘being an athlete’ or due to performance or potential as an athlete...but rather, simply because “mom or dad works there.”**

**Q.:** I have a potential donor that is interested in setting up a need based scholarship for students returning to our private high school, but they would like to base one of the criteria for awarding the scholarship on athletic participation during the previous year. My concern is that while we may be able to award a scholarship to a student coming into our school based on music or art or science interest, if we start to allow scholarships

to be awarded based on interest in athletics, will that fall under the recruitment ruling?

**A.:** **Your assessment and concerns are right on the mark. Financial aid that has anything to do with athletic interests, potential, ability or performance - would render the student ineligible for their entire HS career and place your school in a status of severe non-compliance. You may identify a wide range of requirements/qualifications to consider – but none of the criteria may relate to WIAA interscholastic athletics. BE EXTREMELY VIGILANT OF THIS. We have had experience in this area where zealous booster members have caused great distress for members on occasion.**

### Competition & Practice

**Q.:** I heard a rumor that the traveling out of the state rule for WIAA came into effect in the Fall of 2007. Wouldn’t this rule actually come into effect for the 2008/2009 school year as we just voted on it this past April (2007)? I just wanted to make sure 2008 is correct and that this doesn’t affect what I have in place for 2007 (events in Indiana and CA for soccer). We are still able to travel out of state more than once for the upcoming 2007/2008 boys soccer season, correct?

**A.:** **With the vote of the membership at April’s Annual Meeting - the one, out-of-state event/competition (beyond bordering states) became ‘law of the land’ beginning 2007.**

**Q.:** Can a school bring in college level girls to scrimmage against their girls at practice. By regulations all participants must meet WIAA eligibility requirements?

**A.:** **Your question is a little vague. If the post H.S. grads are in fact a college softball team, answer would be ‘ok’ so long as your team had not yet used their day of scrimmage..or had a game left in the max allowed schedule to ‘burn’ as another day of scrimmage. If the ‘college level girls’ are just former grads/former”ball players, now home for summer, answer’s “yes” without any additional caveats.**

**Q.:** We are looking into the possibility of the baseball team going to Florida next season during the Easter break. As a school, the students have Friday, March 21 and Monday, March 24 off. I realize the first day of practice is Monday, March 17. To fulfill our five days of practice before scrimmaging, we were looking at scrimmaging on Saturday, March 22. But to get a game or two in before coming back, we would need to play on Monday, March 24, a day before you can legally play according to the handbook. I recall reading about the situations this past season and it was stated in the article that the WIAA would need to give a waiver for a team to play a day early. How does one obtain such a waiver?

**A.:** **That waiver - to play a day early - does not exist. If it did, it'd be identified in the Season Regulations. Second, Florida High School Association rules prohibit Florida high schools from scrimmaging at that time of their season. They are only allowed to play actual games. If we received a request from a member for such approval - we would likely need to bring it to the Board of Control.**

**Q.:** May we enter a high school running club in cross country meets? Our high school does not fund cross country,

but we have a running club with our own funds.

**A.:** **WIAA rules would not prohibit a member school from competing with your school’s club team, so long as the event is under supervision/control of school administration, WIAA and National Federation rules of competition are followed and WIAA licensed officials are used.**

**Q.:** Can the boys soccer team practice with the girls in the spring? Can the girls then practice with boys teams in the fall? We have discontinued our use of high school boys as girls’ soccer managers to protect the boys’ eligibility. The same goes for our high school girls as managers for boys teams. Our high school athletic director, (this spring), sent out a memo to all our coaches concerning this issue. Our school seems to be at a disadvantage if this is not the case. We would love for our program to be able to have the services of the boys’ goalkeeper and other players for practice to give our team the same advantage as this regional and sectional team seems to have been afforded. Please clarify this issue for me so I may pass along any new information to our athletic director.

**A.:** **No - when sports have separate sport seasons, they may only practice and compete within their own designated season. Your athletic director has correctly interpreted, applied and directed your school’s coaches and programs. Students are only allowed one season of school sport participation each school year and a total of four seasons of school soccer, e.g., during their high school career. Boys and girls participating in both fall and spring school soccer seasons, technically, would exhaust their eligibility in two years.**

**Q.:** Nike Team Nationals has a cross country meet that they hold each year at the end of the cross country season. I am inquiring about the ability of students to participate in that event presuming that they do not wear school affiliated uniforms. They have instituted a qualifying regional competition in the hopes that more state will allow schools to participate. Could some one please respond to give me an idea of the restrictions on athletes.

**A.:** **Adding a qualifier does not alter the Bylaws and rules of Eligibility put in place by our member schools. That fundamental prohibits assembling the school’s team during the school year, except during the actual school season. Given only the limited information contained in your two emails, my interpretation would be to advise our member AD’s - “caution.”**

### Participation Issues

**Q.:** I know from the WIAA's perspective, a student-athlete must be enrolled full-time at a member HS in order to compete for that member HS. How is that rule interpreted in this situation: \*A "Charter" school's building is at a totally different address from the "regular" high school; \*A "Charter" school's curriculum/standards/programming/requirements are different than those of the "regular" HS; \*The "Charter" school is administrated separately from the "regular" school; \*A "Charter" school's diploma/graduation ceremony is different and separate from the "regular" high school; \*When the official DPI enrollment

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count is taken, the students at the "Charter" are not tallied with the enrollment of the "regular" HS. Is a student enrolled at this "Charter" eligible to compete with the student athletes at the "regular" school?

**A.: NO. As stated, this is a single/separate/individual school. This school would either need to join WIAA and sponsor their own programs or, join WIAA and seek to co-op - within existing parameters. There is zero connection here between the schools. For all extents they are separate/independent hs in the same community – A “North and South High School,” if you will.**

**Q.:** We spoke a couple of weeks ago about eligibility for our alternative school students. The district provides 100 percent of their education through the alternative school and these students are eligible for all awards and honors that our other students at the high school are eligible for. As I stated in our phone conversation, my school board and superintendent would like some letter (either via mail or email) from you stating that these students would be eligible. We are making a determination of eligibility on the situation about which we spoke and need that as soon as you can.

**A.: As we discussed and as you have outlined above, the students we are addressing appear to still be full-time X-HS students. They are still under direction of your HS Administration and to receive a X-HS diploma...they are simply taking an 'alternative instructional delivery path.' Given this understanding along with the fact that X-HS/AS students are eligible for all rights/privileges/benefits (valedictorian, class president, etc.) - same as every other full-time student at X-HS - then we would not see obvious reason for denying participation. It is only when a district opens what must be viewed as a new/separate/second or third, high school; one which grants its own diploma, has it's own, separate awards, e.g., that students are not considered eligible at the 'other/original HS.' No different then ABC North students not being eligible to be valedictorian at ABC West, e.g., neither would they be eligible for athletics at West. A member school may only use its own full-time students on interscholastic teams. This association is founded and functions on the requirement of institutional control. The administration at each member high school is responsible for the school's interscholastic programs. Certain models of emerging and various other sorts of charter schools are developed and seeking membership and/or student eligibility despite their foundational idea to split/separate from the institutional control and ownership the Constitution our members have put in place, require. They emerge as new/separate high schools and thus, if seeking eligibility for their students they must also become members.**

**Nonschool Competition/Participation**

**Q.:** My son, a freshman, was playing Little League ball this season starting in May. His high school baseball league just had their first game (summer ball) on May 24 and they play thru July 11. He was told by his high school coach that he couldn't play Little League and high school ball at the same time due to WIAA rules. That part I understand, however his Little League coach said that because he is playing high school summer ball that this rule doesn't apply. From what I read on the web, and correct me if I'm

wrong, but the way I understood it was that he couldn't play the same organized sport during the school year. School end June 15. Would that mean after school lets out on June 15 he can play both leagues at the same time or not?

**A.: III-D of the Rules At A Glance indicates; “a student may not engage in non-school competition – during the school season – in the same respective sport.” The school season for summer baseball continues to the State Summer Tournament in late July – even though the school year has ended. Your son is not able to compete in both leagues simultaneously. Your school coach is correct and - will always be a better source for WIAA rules then an non-school coach.**

**Q.:** I am putting together a team from our congregation to participate in a fundraising run. We have a number of high school runners, and I don't know the rules for their participation. They would be part of a team that would raise money for the charity, but they would not be required to raise money to participate. The event will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, in the cross country season. Are there any WIAA rules that prohibit these athletes from taking part in the event?

**A.: Rules At A Glance, Article III-D addresses non-school competition - also generally known as the "school loyalty provisions.” Simply stated, students who are members of their school’s cross country team and if the school team is still in-season, those students could not run in a non-school running event. If the student’s school season has concluded – no problem. If the student’s enter the fundraiser as walkers – no problem.**

**Q.:** Optimist International annually sponsors a golf competition, with winners at the district level advancing to the international competition in Florida in July. Anyone meeting the age requirements is able to participate. My understanding: If the only participation restriction is based on age, and local advertising is done throughout the community to attract golfers for a local contest, optimist clubs would be able to pay the entry fees for their local winners to participate at the district level, without impacting eligibility. However, if only golfers from the local team are allowed to compete, or attempts are not made to attract non-high school team golfers, any outside compensation for advancing to the next level would rule the participant ineligible for the remainder of his or her high school term. The key components are: legitimate attempts are made to attract non-high school golf team members, participation is voluntary, an elimination event is held (a person is not chosen at random), and the recipient of paid entry fees at the next level (the winner) has the same chance as anyone else to win. If, after all this is done only high school golf team members show up for the elimination event and the team’s best golfer wins, there wouldn’t be any eligibility problems because the attempts were made. Is this correct?

**A.: The plan/understanding you outline would be far and away the ‘safest’ plan to follow – from the perspective of removing all possible amateur status concerns – at least in so far as they would apply/be interpreted with regards to ‘access to opportunity.’ Part of amateur status ‘interpretation’ arises from looking at benefits and/or opportunities - and if an athlete has access above/beyond what is available to any/every student the potential for distress/distraction/allegation of violation are allowed a crack to enter. It can get more involved then**

**that...but the statement above is an accurate/honest response.**

**Coach Contact**

**Q.:** If there is any way I could get a copy of the rules and regulations of coach player contact outside of the spring high school girls soccer season, especially between JV coaches and varsity players, that would be great. I just need to know the off season contact I can have with the varsity team being that I am a JV coach. I just coach at a club in the area and I do camps in the summer. I just needed to know what is allowed and what is not.

**A.: See Article I of Rules At A Glance for Coach Contact information. JV and varsity coaches are considered one-in-same. No distinction is made. You are able to have up to five days – as identified by the head coach – of involvement with students who are currently in 9th, 10th, 11th grade. JV and varsity coaches are able to have contact with students that have just completed 8th grade and/or lower grades – until students actually enter 9th grade. See also; wiaawi.org, pull down on Regulations icon and click on Eligibility Q/A, then Coach Contact; also Summer Coach Contact calendar and reminders.**

**Q.:** Our girl's basketball program will be hosting a summer basketball meeting in June with kids and parents to discuss the upcoming summer schedule. 1) Is this OK? 2) Can a summer contact day be used to show kids what we expect from them during the summer months. Which would include instruction from agility drills to shooting drills.

**A.: 1) YES – see: Winter Season Regulations, p. 3 - #1. 2) YES – so long as that day falls between the end of school and July 31. Most candidly, using one of your unrestricted contact days for such contact and instruction is the ‘safest’, most appropriate way to accomplish your stated objectives.**

**Q.:** We are currently making a head coaching change in our boys volleyball program. Our freshman coach will be applying for the vacant head coaching position; however, he currently coaches in a club volleyball league and has had contact with a couple of our returning varsity players. My question is, if we hire this coach, would this be in violation of WIAA rules, or should I eliminate him as a candidate? What if he were to resign his position with the club, would this clear him to be hired by us? I have a seven member panel and a rather rigorous interview process, so this individual may not even be offered the position, but if he is the lead candidate after the process, I want to be completely up front with him.

**A.: It is appropriate and expected that if/when a school coaching vacancy becomes known/available and a club coach has an interest in pursuing it – the club coach will cease/desist contact with the particular school’s athletes in the out-of-season /restricted times – in order that they might be viewed as an ‘eligible’ candidate. Does not mean he can not coach club...might just need to be assigned a different team..or do some personnel switches. If this individual is willing to immediately disconnect from your school’s athletes – we would not object to your affording him consideration as a candidate.**

**Q.:** I am a 8th grade boys basketball coach and am inquiring about the five contact days granted to high school basketball coaches and their athletes. My questions are: Are middle school (junior high) basketball coaches also granted contact days with their athletes outside

of their season as well?

**A.: Yes – The same five “program days” identified (most typically) by the basketball program’s head varsity coach and must be between the end of school and July 31.**

**Q.:** I am looking for an official clarification of the rules pertaining to summer (when school is not in session) coaching of softball players. We have been told different rules by other coaches and athletic directors and have come to the conclusion that everyone we’ve met has a different interpretation of the off season coaching rules. First question: We understand that all summer practices and scrimmages are voluntary, we never mandate any girls participate during the summer. I read the rule to say we can have only five coaching contacts during the summer before July 31. Some coaches tell us we can have unlimited coaching contacts during the summer before July 31 or some say before the start of school in the fall. We have two coaches who have asked us to play scrimmage games during the summer and one believes we can play an unlimited number of them. Am I reading the rule correctly or not. Second question: I have been asked to coach a softball team in the area wide softball league that plays all summer. This is not school related. I have declined in the past because some of my current team members play in this league and one or more could be assigned to the team I would be asked to coach. I have declined the request to assist because I felt that would violate the WIAA rule. I have met with two high school softball coaches from other schools who told me: 1. That he coaches summer league and "most" of his high school girls participate on his summer league team and 2. Another coach who told me that he has a "traveling" softball team that participates statewide and multi statewide and that many of his players are also on his current high school softball team. Would it be a violation for me to be coaching in a summer league if one or more of my high school players were also in that league 1. assigned to my team; 2. assigned to any team?

**A.: 1) In these questions - you are not grasping the distinction between what could be school sponsored/unrestricted contact days. (You are allowed five, between the end of school and July 31) and all the rest of the days in the summer – from end of school to start of school in the fall – where baseball and softball coaches (and swim, dive, track, gymnastics and golf and tennis coaches - and more recently, wrestling coaches) have ALWAYS been allowed unlimited contact/in the summer/in non-school sponsored programs. E.g. The golf or tennis coach were also the ‘country club – pro and could work with kids from all over the county – including kids from the school’s team. The school baseball coach also coached Legion, the school softball coach may play on a city league team. In these non-school sponsored settings, you could have contact with some of your own players – all summer. Remember – an acceptable non-school program is one not limited to student based on school or team status. For the scrimmages, I am not sure if this is in the context of just being your school’s team – or a city rec team. If it is just the school’s team, you could designate your five unrestricted contact days and play games for 24 hours/five days straight until your legs fell off if your school administration wished to approve/sign off.**

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### 2) What you describe could be done without peril.

**Q.:** I have a question regarding athlete eligibility. I currently coach a U-13 girl's soccer team that is part of the area Youth Soccer Association. These girls will all be in 8th grade this upcoming school year (2007-08). This team begins practice indoors in January and the season is typically done by the middle of July. I also have coached several 3 vs. 3, 4 vs. 4 and 6 vs. 6 tournaments where the players need not be a member of the youth soccer assn.; in other words, an open player invitation based only on age. These tournaments include Badger State Games that are held during the school year in winter and outside the school year in June. Our middle school has a combined team whereas a boys team, a girls team and a coed team are selected during the second week of combined practice. This begins in August with games beginning just after school starts. Will I risk the eligibility of my U-13 girls by volunteering to coach for our middle school? I understand the WIAA's stance that a coach is a coach is a coach; regardless of being paid or officially designated as a coach by the school district. Could I coach the boys or the coed teams if none of my U-13 girls are on either team? I have read the WIAA Handbook of Junior High/Middle School Level Grades 6-8 and if I interpret this correctly – I should not coach any middle school soccer teams lest I risk student's eligibility. My co-coaches; however, believe anything is legal as long as it does not happen during the school soccer season, but I believe they are wrong and this rule only applies to athletes – not coaches.

**A.:** The coaching contact provisions are the same at member middle schools as at the high school level. That fundamental rule provides that a coach may not have coaching contact with athletes outside of the school season that you would be coaching in the next school season. Since the WIAA does not sponsor co-ed soccer and your school appears to sponsor it as a club activity, there may be some possibility there. Along with Article I of the attached, you may want to see more on coach contact on our website, under the Regulations icon, click on eligibility Q/A.

**Q.:** Is it OK for our freshmen girl's volleyball coach to also coach our 8th grade middle school team? The middle school season takes place in the spring.

**A.:** Technically, WIAA rules would not prevent this. Coaching restrictions apply outside of the school season. In this scenario the contact

would be occurring within school seasons and WIAA rules do not prevent a coach from being employed at both the junior and senior highs.

### Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

**Q.:** Our school is offering sport classes as a part of summer school, and the question is could the coaches teach fundamental in these classes?

**A.:** First – it is important for you to begin by reviewing the Association's Bylaws in the Senior High Handbook; see: p. 26, Article II, Section 1 and 2. These provisions along with the Rules of Eligibility Art. VI, Section 2 is the basis for the following response. A member school can provide summer school sport instruction to students who have just completed 8th grade and/or below. You can do this 'all summer' and your JV and varsity coaches can teach the class. (Rules At A Glance, Art. I and II-A and C). HOWEVER – it has only been in the past 2-3 years that member's are now allowed to provide/sponsor sport instruction opportunities to H.S. students in the summer (for grades 10, 11, 12). There are some key elements you must be aware of in order to be in compliance. In most sports, the maximum number of days you can sponsor high school level programming is up to max of five days AND those days must fall between the end of school and conclude no later than July 31.

### Open Gyms and Camp Issues

**Q.:** Can our basketball coach use fundraising money, raised by the basketball players, to pay an entrance fee into a summer basketball league and an AAU tournament? The money is located in a school activity account.

**A.:** Once placed in a school account – it is 'school' money and can/should only be used as approved – for 'school' purpose. Within WIAA membership provisions, the only time 'school' can sponsor/fund' sport programming is during the actual school season – and on/during the four or five unrestricted contact days permitted between end of school and July 31. If tournament and/or league and/or 'team camp' coincide with five days designated as unrestricted contact days – then, answer's 'yes' - school funds could be used. For days outside those designated, 'no.' BUT – non-school funds might be found..and league play and/or tournament entry fees are viewed as costs associated with

'competition,' and so long as opportunity is voluntary and available for any/all kids interested, no problem with amateur status (see III-F, in Rules At A Glance).

**Q.:** I am a varsity head coach and want to hold a youth football camp at the school this summer. Do I need to do this prior to Aug. 1, and if so, am I allowed to have some of the high school players help out at the camp, or would this cut into my allotted contact days? Lastly, if I can utilize the high schoolers at the camp, can I do this after Aug. 1, or not?

**A.:** Schools are allowed to provide/create summertime clinic/instructional opportunities for students that have just completed 8th grade or below. You can use your HS athletes as clinicians...BUT - if you wish to use your athletes as clinicians the camp must conclude no later than July 31.

### Health & Behavior

**Q.:** In late May a student athlete's name was given to me as a possible violator of our code of conduct. I began the investigation, but could not determine the outcome prior to our team competing in sectional play. I, therefore, deemed the athlete ineligible and did not allow participation. An appeal process and continued investigation has taken place and it has been determined that according to our code a violation did not take place. As a result, I am reinstating the athlete's eligibility based on the WIAA and our code of conduct and appeal process which is built into the code. In other words, the athlete will be reinstated based on the fact that no violation took place and as a result will be in uniform at the State Tournament. Obviously this has been a pain filled experience for the family and they have been very cooperative although saddened by the experience. Our coaches and players have been supportive and cooperative in this whole experience as well. I guess, more than a question I am asking for support in this process and the results.

**A.:** If upon conclusion of your investigation you have determined there has been no violation – student could be restored and allowed to return to competition without peril.

### Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

**Q.:** I was visiting with someone from an area school. They were talking about clinic fees being paid for by their wrestling club for their kids. I told them I believed that to be illegal. They called them scholarships; I still told them that I didn't believe that was allowable. This then made me question the following: If

a family is on free or reduced lunch we waive or reduce the athletic fees that we collect, and have them do some type of community service at school. Are we legal with the procedure outlined? This is done on a very limited basis and only in extreme cases of hardship.

**A.:** You are 100 percent correct. There is one possible caveat, but in that scenario the camp/clinic is in the five unrestricted days. Then the school could cover costs for any student interested in attending. In that scenario, booster members should 'gift' the school. The time period involved must be between the end of school to July 31. See Rules At A Glance, III-F and do all you can to encourage them to get in touch. Or if found to be in violation, school may lose tournament eligibility – it's potentially that serious. If accepting money, kids are not eligible. See Handbook, p. 38 C-5. We view the waiving of fees by the school - for the competitive school sport season, based on free and reduced – as 'costs associated with competition'. This is permissible within amateur status provisions. If you wished to waive fees for a summer camp/clinic – even if you hosted it – Could not! Would need to be free for all, reduced for all – but either way, same for all and for camps...kids must cover 100 percent of any cost. Tons of this on the web under Regulations icon See: Eligibility Q/A.

**Q.:** I am a football coach and am interested in doing a fundraiser to raise money for a team camp. Is this legal?

**A.:** There are no huge red flags automatically associated with student's voluntarily fund raising. This topic is regularly covered in the WIAA Bulletin - You must be careful and specific in where the funds go, how they are used/dispersed, however. Camp attendance must also be voluntary. If this 'team camp' is held between the end of school and July 31 AND is going to be identified as your coaches unrestricted contact days, (football has up to four contact days – must be consecutive) "school money" could be used (money placed in school activity accounts - is school money). If the camp is outside those dates and/or not to be your approved contact days, then kids should take their money home and may send in their own camp applications, etc. Related, SEE: Rules At A Glance, III-F. Also, Q/A on the website. Regardless of 'sport' being discussed, the rules and principles apply the same. +

# Coaches Education



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