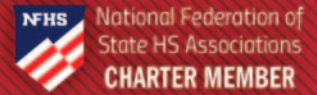




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Board Ratifies Spring Co-ops and Realignment Fast Tracks at May Meeting

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved spring cooperative teams and eight conference realignment fast track recommendations at its meeting on May 17.

Three of the nonfootball conference realignment fast track requests ratified by the Board is for all sports. Osseo-Fairchild will move from the Cloverbelt Conference to Dairyland Conference beginning this fall, and Elk

Mound will exit the Dunn-St. Croix to enter the West Division of the Cloverbelt Conference starting in 2025-26. St. Augustine Preparatory Academy will leave the Lake City Conference to play an independent schedule in 2024-25.

Two of the fast tracks passed by the Board impacted conferences for girls golf only, beginning in 2024-25.

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Board Approves Conference Realignment of Previously Remanded Plans

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control voted to approve Conference Realignment Task Force recommendations of the nonfootball plans remanded by the Board at its meeting in April.

After hearing appeals to the revisions the Conference Realignment Task Force made to the remanded proposals, the Board approved the recommended revised

plans, which will be implemented beginning with the 2025-26 sports seasons.

The new construct of a seven-team North Shore Conference will include Cedarburg, Grafton, Hartford, Homestead, Nicolet, Slinger and Whitefish Bay. A new seven-team conference, yet to be named, was formed

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Board Acts on Conference Plans; Advances Amendments; Approves Official & Worker Pay Increases

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved several of the Conference Realignment Task Force recommendations for conference realignment, advanced three Constitutional amendments to the Annual Meeting, and increased tournament officials' and State Tournament workers' pay at its March meeting on March 5.

After reviewing six appeals of the conference realignment plans recommended by the Conference Realignment Task Force, the Board approved 14 of the 20 plans and remanded seven back to the Task Force for further evaluation and consideration. All of the plans approved by the Board will be implemented in the Fall of 2025. The complete details of the remanded and approved conference configurations, as well as information on the conference realignment process, are available on the Conference Realignment Requests and Approvals page of the WIAA website.

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Membership Approves Two Amendments; Proposed Name, Image, Likeness Voted Down

The membership passed two amendments, defeated a much-deliberated Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) proposal, and conducted other membership business at the 128th Annual Meeting at the Sentry Insurance Theater on April 24.

The membership voted 170-219 to reject the proposed NIL language that would have allowed student-athletes to engage in promotion and revenue opportunities and activities not associated or identified with their school team, school, conference or the WIAA, which included a number of prohibited NIL activities.

Executive Director Stephanie Hauser indicated the failed vote does not end the discussions on NIL. "We will continue this conversation with our membership in response to the trend across the nation with other high school associations allowing some

opportunities for Name, Image, Likeness," she said. "The Annual Meeting vote is evidence of the ownership the membership has in the democratic process.

"The WIAA staff provides information, rationale and possible unintended consequences," she added, "but it's ultimately up to each member school to determine how to cast its vote."

The two amendments that passed by the membership affect the membership's Bylaws. The first allows schools to use their resources and coaches to conduct developmental programming during the school year but outside the designated sport season for students in eighth grade or below, which remains prohibited for students in grades 9-12. The membership approved the amendment by a 381-9 vote.

The second Bylaw amendment permits member schools to submit one unedited video clip for review by the executive staff if a school believes the wrong player has been identified in an ejection and to assist in identifying the correct student-athlete to serve the ejection suspension. The amendment passed by a 387-1 vote.

In the Director's Report, Hauser expressed the focus of the membership will be moving education-based athletics forward and adapting to changes in the interscholastic athletics landscape. She said by working together on existing and future plans, continuous improvement is encouraged and expected.

She highlighted recent achievements to reinforce what has been accomplished by the mem-

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Peterson Abiad Resigns From WIAA Executive Staff Position

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association announced the resignation of Kate Peterson Abiad as assistant director on the executive staff today, effective May 24, 2024.

Peterson Abiad departs to pursue other career opportunities.

"Coming to the WIAA was a life-changing experience, and I have truly enjoyed my time here and am grateful for the opportunities and experiences that I have gained during my tenure," Peterson Abiad said. "Working alongside such a talented and supportive team has been an absolute pleasure, and I will always cherish the memories and friendships that I have made."

"We are supportive and excited for Kate as she transitions to this new endeavor," WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. "We are so appreciative of the work she has done for the membership over the past six years, and our team will miss her."

Peterson Abiad began her position as assistant director on April 1, 2018. During her tenure on the executive staff, her responsibilities have included the administration and coordination of duties for the sports of basketball, cross country, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and boys and girls lacrosse. In addition, she oversees officials' services such as licensing, the Officials' Advisory Committee, and the recruiting and retention efforts of licensed officials. She also served as the executive staff contact for coaches' education and conduct.

Prior to joining the WIAA, Peterson Abiad acquired a wealth of basketball experience with 27 years as a collegiate coach. She served as the head women's basketball coach for 15 seasons from 2003-04 through 2017-18 at Cleveland State University. She also served six seasons as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin from 1997-2003.

A search to fill her position vacancy will begin immediately. A vacancy notice for the assistant director position is available on the WIAA website with anticipation to have the successful candidate begin duties in mid-July. ●



Kate Peterson Abiad

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An increase in Tournament Series officials and State Tournament workers pay was approved by the Board. Beginning in the fall of 2024, officials' pay will be increased \$10 a game with a \$.10 per mile increase for regional, sectional and State travel expenses. An analysis of State Tournament workers compensation will result in an increase in pay to a level consistent across all sports. In addition, the executive staff has established a four-year cycle for a regular tournament pay review.

The Board also took action to approve the winter sports cooperative teams for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Other topics of discussion included staff reports on the competitive balance process, ongoing efforts to recruit and retain licensed officials; plans for the 2024 NFHS Summer Meeting in June; and updates on the Student Athlete Leadership Team initiative.

The Board received liaison reports from Dan Ross-miller of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Paul Manriquez of the Department of Public Instruction, and Eric Piltzuweit of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

Non-school Participation (In-Season) Rules

What are the rules?

Individual student-athletes, with school approval, may participate in up to two non-school contests during the regular season in the same sport. The non-school opportunities will not count against the individual maximum in that sport.

The exceptional athlete provision recognizes only invitations to international competitions sanctioned by each sport's identified National Governing Body (NGB) and Olympic Development Programs (ODP) in representing the USA as eligible for an exceptional athlete waiver. This waiver allows non-school competition for a qualifying exceptional athlete during the regular season and during the WIAA Tournament Series.

Are the two mutually exclusive?

Yes. Any student with prior school approval may participate in up to two non-school competitions during the school sport regular season. If the student qualifies by National Governing Body and/or Olympic Development standards and meets WIAA exceptional athlete rules, the student may participate as an exceptional athlete representing their country in international competition with school approval.

Is a WIAA waiver necessary?

Yes, for the exceptional athlete waiver involving international competition representing the National Team or NGB. No, for the two regular season non-school competitions. School approval is required for both.

Two per year or two per sport season?

Per sport season during the regular season. A student may play in two non-school volleyball contests, two non-school basketball games, and two non-school softball games in one school year.

Does a skills contest count as a non-school competition?

No. A student can participate in two non-school competitions and a skills contest. I.e. two non-school basketball games and a free throw contest.

What happens if an athlete participates in more than two non-school competitions or participates without school approval?

The athlete becomes ineligible in the sport for the remainder of the season.

How are the non-school competitions and tournaments that the student competes in counted?

The rule has been directed at students participating in non-school games, meets, or contests. Non-school competitions shall be counted the same manner as provided in the season regulations of a given sport. The sports of tennis, volleyball, and wrestling provide team tournaments. All other sports count contests, meets, or games on an individual basis.

Nonschool competitions do not count against a student's individual maximum allowed competitions as part of a school team.

Does participation in non-school competitions count against the individual maximums in either exceptions?

No, nonschool competitions do not count against a student's individual maximum allowed competitions as part of a school team.

What is the difference in the middle school rule change and the high school rule change?

There is one word different. But the difference does affect the method to count the non-school competitions. In the high school, the competition is counted the same as in the season regulations. The middle school rule, the change was:

It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. **Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school events with school approval during each regular sport season. The event(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport.** A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in **more than two non-school events** ~~non-school game, meet, or contest~~ in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school.

The word difference is competition in the high school rule and events in the middle school rule. Therefore, a middle school tournament will count as one event. A middle school non-school event may include more than one game, meet, or contest such as a softball tournament which may have 2, 3, or 4 games included in the event.

Can school funds be used for the non-school event?

No. If school resources are used, then it must be added to the school schedule.

Can the student go to the Nike National meet?

Yes, if it is open to any and all students (not an all-star contest) and all other rules followed.

Can a student compete in a Special Olympic competition during the regular season and WIAA tournament?

Yes. The event must be a Special Olympic sanctioned event. A waiver is required.

What amateur status rules apply?

All. The student may only be reimbursed for actual costs associated with transportation, food, lodging, and entry fees. No more than those costs.

From the Rules at a Glance:

F. EXPENSES – TRAINING AND COMPETING

1. Students must pay 100% of their own expenses, including transportation, to any non-school (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer.

See *Non-school Participation Rules*, page 18 ►

Congratulations!

2024 Winter State Tournament Officials

Boys Basketball – Tim Ackerman, Mount Horeb; Nic Been, Hammond; Kyle Christiansen, Cato; Kenney Cyracus, Little Chute; Taylor DeValk, Fitchburg; Vince Diplaris, Waukesha; Rich Fronheiser, Columbus; David Gawrisch, Big Bend; Tony Giombetti, Appleton; Michael Graber, Kimberly; Tim Haldiman, Waterloo; Lawrence Holschuh, Appleton; Dan Howard, Deerfield; Curt Johnson, Antigo; Kevin Johnson, Iola; Stephen Johnson, Milwaukee; Kenneth Koester, Wauwatosa; Jee Lee, Appleton; Ben Leibl, Holmen; Steven Luebke, New Berlin; Cody McLean, Markesan; Kent Miede, Darlington; Adrian Montgomery, Milwaukee; Zach Morley, Middleton; Tyler Moy, Mondovi; Cade Murray, LaCrosse; Ryan Nelson, Eau Claire; Tyrone Nichols, Milwaukee; John Palesse, New Berlin; Nick Pilsner, Stevens Point; Kelvin Porter, Milwaukee; Derek Prochaska, Waukegan; Anthony Rasmussen, North Fond du Lac; Bobbie Reinhart, Madison; Richard Schwarz, Manitowoc; Brian Trettin, Ashland; Don Van Deurzen, Little Chute; Scot Vandenheuvel, Kaukauna; Keith Vessell, Sr., Milwaukee; Dennis Von Rueden, New Berlin; Bobby Von Rueden, Wauwatosa; Nick Weisenbeck, Durand; Tim Widiker, Hammond; Tim Windler, Brookfield; Jimi Zawacki, Strum

Girls Basketball – Pamela Alexander, Milwaukee; Rod Amys, Poplar; TJ Beck, Antigo; Todd Boivin, Howard; Gregory Brockway, Oconomowoc; Brian Burgert, Oshkosh; Terri Byrd, DeForest; Brent Christianson, Elk Mound; Joseph Cyran, Stevens Point; Jason Feucht, Appleton; Emma Fischer, Altoona; Paul Ford, Shawano; Zach Ganschow, Mondovi; Michelle Gates, Onalaska; Ben Greiber, Oregon; Barney Hall, Waukesha; Kevin Hanusa, Rice Lake; Matthew Hardy, Kenosha; Tim Harke, Hobart; Justin Haupt, Wausau; Tony Huizenga, Cambria; Tim Kemnitz, West Bend; Logan Kimberly, Hammond; Mark Larson, Oshkosh; Michael LoCicero, Sussex; Cade Martin, Mondovi; Todd Mayr, Antigo; Jarod Meyer, Superior; Jason Nate, Kimberly; Steven Olson, Superior; Travis Parr, Mondovi; Julie Phillips, Sheboygan Falls; Jeff Prince, Colfax; Rick Prince, Menomonie; Alissa Purko, Madison; Danny Quarberg, Durand; Fritz Richter, Waukesha; Jerry Sample, Onalaska; Franklin Searer, Appleton; Wayne Shevey, Muskego; Andrew Sisko, Superior; Cole Tappe, New Richmond; Terry Ver Straate, Kiel; Tommie Williams, De Pere; Jason Wolfe, Stevens Point

Gymnastics – Patricia Abraham, Onalaska; Kimberly Adams, Baraboo; Jan Adkins, Sun Prairie; Debbie Brown, Sun Prairie; Julie Bruns, River Falls; Kim Carlsen, Sussex; Brucie Chapman, Sharon; Helen Culliney, Grafton; Jill Gardetto, Hartland; Tanya Goerg, Neenah; Tania Gray, River Falls; Megan Haley, Lisbon; Cheryl Hancock, Holmen; Pamela Hansen-Ruben, Menomonee Falls; Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; Julie Kleist, Pewaukee; Marijean Lucas, Prescott; Janelle Martinson, Cottage Grove; Carrie Osswald, Whitefish Bay; Carrie Pedersen, Dane; Lisa Ray, Janesville; Heidi Rozek, Columbus; Kathy Rundle, Marshfield; Jane Schwartz, Ixonia; Joan Thompson, Darlington

Hockey – Sean Albrecht, Eau Claire; John Annis, Monona; Ryan Berdal, Weston; Patrick Courtney, Muskego; David Crisman, Waupaca; Ryan Darrow, Chippewa Falls; Jay Dupree, Menomonie; Nano Espenes, Madison; Kory Evans, New Richmond; Adam Johnsen, DeForest; Dan Kassis, Oregon; David King, Sr., Winneconne; Jason Lassen, West Salem; Scott Lemire, Appleton; Andrew Liebaert, Superior; Scott Noles, Dousman; Eric Olson, Milwaukee; AJ Rahm, Appleton; Ryan Reischel, Sun Prairie; Chad Roethlisberger, Green Bay; Konner Rowan, Eau Claire; Karl Schmidt, Milwaukee; Brandon Schroder, Marathon; Bryan Schroder, Merrill; Ryan Schroder, Wausau; Kevin Smith, Green Bay; Scott Swid, Wausau

Boys Swimming & Diving – William Benson, Fond du Lac; Dave Bloomier, West Bend; Scott Hertting, Appleton; John C. Miller, South Milwaukee; Tom Wencel, Middleton

Individual Wrestling – Steve Antczak, Lehigh; Patrick Austinson, Sussex; Jason Benrud, Trempealeau; Matthew Boyer, Baraboo; Scott Brookman, Tomah; Bill Cook, Mosinee; Don Dilaura, Ossian; Blaine Felsman, Oshkosh; Jeffrey Gross, Delafield; Adam Guthrie, Bloomington; Chuck Hile, Rice Lake; Zac Krause, Green Bay; Ed Krien, Lake Geneva; Richard Legler, Oregon; Ryan McGuire, Fitchburg; Mike Nickelatti, Stoddard; Matt Pronschinske, Arcadia; Daniel Scharenbrock, Appleton; Mike Schumacher, Menasha; John Shefchik, Green Bay

Team Wrestling – Tony Antczak, Dallas; Ron Arendt, Palmyra; Travis Korth, Appleton; Steve Schutte, Menomonie; Brett Van Vooren, Valders; Tony Wilson, Waukesha. **Off-mat officials:** Kenneth Koehler, Neenah; Bradley Raasch, Westby ●

Officials' Licensing And Renewal

The WIAA Officials' Licensing portal for the 2024-25 sports seasons is now open.

As we complete the 2023-24 licensing season, **the WIAA wants to genuinely thank the 10,182 officials who licensed over the course of this year.** Without your licensing, training and willingness to work high school athletic competitions, we would not be able to provide opportunities to our high school student-athletes in Wisconsin. Your service is deeply appreciated.

This year's total number of WIAA licensed officials (10,182) is an increase of 345 officials over last year. Incredibly, this is the highest number of licensed officials in recorded history. While this is positive news, the WIAA is still hearing about difficulties that AD's, conference commissioners, and assignors are having in filling games.

A large part of our growth in officials' registrations
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Congratulations Officials

Officials are important partners in the development and delivery of sport opportunities for high school athletes in Wisconsin. Without their willingness to be involved in officiating, many of our programs would not have progressed to where they are today.

We thank the following for their years of dedication and sacrifices on behalf of high school sports in Wisconsin. Congratulations to these individuals that have been licensed officials with the WIAA for 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 years.

60 Years

Wayne Sojkowski, Greenfield

50 Years

Mark Ashley, Madison
Donald Baumgart, Kimberly
Mary Blandino, West Allis
Scott Brookman, Tomah
Neil Brunner, Milwaukee
David Dykstra, Oostburg
Peter Gabrielson, Oconto
Kevin Hansen, De Pere
Ronald Held, Slinger
Arthur Iverson, Racine
Ron Jaggard, Glendale
Steven Jensen, Rhinelander
James Krogstad, Fitchburg
Gary Manke, Lodi
Robert Monke, Medford
Daniel Netzer, Rhinelander
Larry Olson, Columbus
Thomas Rizzo, Kenosha
William Stuessy, Belleville
Sam Zier, Abbotsford
David Zoch, Clintonville

40 Years

Dave Birch, Pewaukee
Gary Bleecker, Jefferson

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Monday-Tuesday, June 3-4, 2024
Blackwolf Run, Meadows Course

Monday, June 3 – Tee Times

7 a.m. – Division 1

Noon – Divisions 2 & 3

Tuesday, June 4 – Tee Times

7 a.m. – Divisions 2 & 3

Noon – Division 1

Hartford's Turner Recipient of WIAA Spirit of Sport Award

Michael Turner of Hartford Union High School has been selected as the 2024 Wisconsin recipient of the Spirit of Sport Award presented by the WIAA, the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (DFW) and the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The Spirit of Sport Award program was created by the NFHS and adopted by the WIAA in 2018 in partnership with the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. The award recognizes individuals who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

During a WIAA Level 2 football playoff game versus Homestead on Oct. 28, 2022, Turner's life story was redirected in traumatic fashion. After the junior cornerback made a tackle on a play, the Orioles' coaching staff observed something abnormal with Turner during a subsequent timeout and removed him from the game.

As the team doctor and athletic trainer were examining him, Turner collapsed and experienced a seizure that required life-saving procedures by the emergency medical technicians on the sidelines and as he was transported and treated at the local hospital. Hours later, he was moved to Childrens' Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery two days later to have the right side of his skull removed to relieve pressure on the brain.

Turner was diagnosed with Secondary Impact Syndrome and was placed in an induced coma for 10 days. To further complicate his recovery, he developed blood clots in his lungs. The medical team was able to resolve the blood clot issue, and Turner spent 15 days in the intensive care unit. He spent seven weeks recovering at the hospital. Turner was able to return home after a month of

intense rehabilitation therapy, but recovery remained challenging.

Experiencing life without the right side of his skull required 24-hour home care for the two months prior to surgery to have that portion of his skull reattached.

Following his surgery, Turner struggled with his short-term memory. He made tremendous progress and was able to return to school and assist with the football program, cheering on his teammates during practice and games, as well as providing pre-game pep talks and encouragement.

Turner continues to work hard in recovery, and he still experiences memory loss. He is prohibited from participation in sports that would pose a threat of another concussion. He has handled his road to recovery with appreciation for life and a fun sense of humor.

As the Wisconsin recipient of the Spirit of Sport Award, Turner will receive an award sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. He will be presented with the award and recognized at the 2024 WIAA Annual Meeting on April 24.

In addition to Turner, finalists for Wisconsin's nomination for the Spirit of Sport Award include Adam Backus of Mishicot High School, Zoe Coder of West Salem High School and Dodge Shore of Hillsboro High School.

Zoe Coder – West Salem

Coder played softball at West Salem High School and was a manager for the West Salem/Bangor Co-op wrestling program in addition to playing seven musical instruments.

On Oct. 24, 2022 while traveling to a club soft-

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Michael Turner

Membership

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bership working toward a common goal, including tripling girls wrestling participation in three years, the first-ever WIAA lacrosse championships this spring, the launching of the WIAA Student Leadership Team, the establishment of a number of ad hoc committees, as well as the reinstatement of the Media Advisory Committee. Hauser also identified a number of membership challenges that will be reviewed and addressed, including season lengths, game maximums and coaching contact; the retention of WIAA-licensed officials; and the continued exploration of establishing a WIAA Foundation.

The executive staff responded to 12 pre-submitted requests addressing seven open forum topics, including inquiries about 8-player football; basketball divisional placements; competitive balance performance factor; NIL; impact of code violations on tournament eligibility; and the current study of season lengths, season game maximums, and coaching contact.

Michael Turner of Hartford Union High School was recognized as the Wisconsin Spirit of Sport Award recipient, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. Also recognized were the representatives of the 30 schools that received the WIAA Award of Excellence in 2022-23.

In the 2024-25 Board of Control elections, Nathan Lehman, the district administrator at Stratford was elected for a three-year term on the Board as the District 2 representative. Kurt Cohen, the superintendent at Potosi, was elected to serve a three-year term representing District 5. Jill Stobber, the athletic and activities administrator at Waterford, was re-elected to a three-year term as the gender minority at-large representative. Brian Nadeau, the principal and superintendent at Plum City High School, was voted onto the Board with a special election, which was conducted to fill the District 3 vacancy. He serves the remaining two-years the position following the resignation of Greg Doverspike, the former superintendent at Durand-Arkansaw.

In the 2024-25 Advisory Council elections, James Darin, the principal at Mukwonago, was re-elected to a three-year term as a large school representative. Jon Vollendorf, the principal at Stevens Point Area Senior High, was also elected to a three-year term representing large schools. Michael Foley, the principal at Platteville, was elected to serve a three-year term as a medium school representative. The two small school representatives that will begin three-terms are Turtle Lake Superintendent Kent Kindschy, who was re-elected for a second term, and Brian Zacho, the superintendent at Randolph. Peggy Larson, the superintendent at Winneconne, was re-elected to serve as the gender at-large representative on the Advisory Council, and Michael Lambrecht, the principal at Columbus Catholic, will serve a three-year term as the nonpublic school at-large representative on the Advisory Council.

Approximately 453 representatives from 393 schools attended the meeting. ●

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Tournament Information

The excitement surrounding the inaugural season of WIAA lacrosse is exceptional. Lacrosse was approved as a WIAA-sanctioned sport in December of 2022, and schools worked hard to prepare for this opportunity for their students. The numbers are impressive for a first-year sport:

- Boys lacrosse is competing with 39 programs (18 stand-alone schools and 21 co-ops). In all, 95 Wisconsin high schools are represented this year.
- Girls lacrosse is competing with 36 programs this Spring (17 stand-alone schools and 19 co-ops). Seventy-two of the WIAA member schools are represented during this girls lacrosse season.

The Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium will host the first-ever WIAA State Championship game in each gender, on Saturday, June 8. Be a part of history by joining us for the games! *One ticket gets you into both Championship games.



Girls Lacrosse

Regional Quarterfinals – Thursday, May 23
Regional Semifinals – Tuesday, May 28
Regional Finals – Thursday, May 30
Sectional Semifinal – Saturday, June 1
Sectional Finals – Tuesday, June 4
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – June 8, 1 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse

Regional Quarterfinals – Friday, May 24
Regional Semifinals – Tuesday, May 28
Regional Finals – Thursday, May 30
Sectional Semifinal – Saturday, June 1
Sectional Finals – Tuesday, June 4
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – June 8, immediately following the Girls Lacrosse Awards Ceremony ●

WIAA Salutes 32 State Scholar-Athlete Award Recipients

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has selected the 16 senior boys and 16 senior girls to receive the prestigious statewide 2024 Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by the We Energies Foundation and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

To determine the top 32 award recipients, four boys and four girls were selected based on both athletic and academic achievement from each of the four WIAA divisions. This year, 836 seniors were nominated for the award by 422 high schools throughout the state.

"Each of these remarkable student-athletes has excelled in academics and athletics," WIAA Assistant Director Tom Shafrański said. "Seventeen of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar-Athlete finalists have a grade-point average of 4.0 to date.

"When you combine all 32 scholar-athlete GPAs; the average is 3.9," he added. "This year's honorees have already earned a total of 323 varsity letters dur-

ing their first 3 1/2 years of high school. That's an average of 10 letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

The award recipients will be recognized at the 2024 WIAA Scholar-Athlete Ceremony Sunday, May 5 at SentryWorld in Stevens Point. Joe Delagrave, a two-time Paralympic medalist and current head coach of the U.S. Wheelchair Rugby Team, will be the keynote speaker. A live stream of the awards program will be available on the websites of the State Television Network stations, including WKOW, WAOW, WXOW, WQOW, WVTM and WCWF at 1 p.m. A delayed telecast of the ceremony was aired on Sunday, May 12.

For more information on the Scholar-Athlete Award and biographies of the recipients, access the Scholar-Athlete homepage on the WIAA website at: <https://www.wiaawi.org/Schools/Awards-Recognition/Scholar-Athletes>. ●

Scholar-Athlete Award Recipients

DIVISION 1 – BOYS

Cayden Brandenburg, Janesville Parker H.S.
Aloysius Franzen, Stevens Point Area Senior High
Connor O'Donnell, South Milwaukee H.S.
Ben Wozniak, Milwaukee King H.S.

DIVISION 1 – GIRLS

Braelee Jodarski, Oshkosh West H.S.
Alexa Kinan, Kaukauna H.S.
Sara Mlodik, D.C. Everest H.S.
Violet Schulteis, Slinger H.S.

DIVISION 2 – BOYS

Mason Lane, Lodi H.S.
Brock Massey, Mauston H.S.
Sean Nicholas, Catholic Memorial H.S.
Owen Plate, Plymouth H.S.

DIVISION 2 – GIRLS

Ava Dean, McFarland H.S.
Lilie Fouts, Xavier H.S.
Nora Gremban, Northland Pines H.S.
Eliana Sheplee, Rice Lake H.S.

DIVISION 3 – BOYS

David Malin, Aquinas H.S.
Eli Prokop, Saint Croix Falls H.S.
Teegan Streit, Edgar H.S.
Tegan Werner, Crivitz H.S.

DIVISION 3 – GIRLS

Lucy Belisle, Saint Croix Falls H.S.
Aubrey Dorn, McDonell Central Catholic H.S.
Kacy Eggebrecht, Phillips H.S.
Hailee Thompson, Bonduel H.S.

DIVISION 4 – BOYS

Jared Kaufman, Three Lakes H.S.
Tanner Lamb, Almond-Bancroft H.S.
Ben Matczak, Gillett H.S.
Kevin Ross, Flambeau H.S.

DIVISION 4 – GIRLS

Sophia Bablitch, Rosholt H.S.
Kendall Duellman, Assumption H.S.
Alana Durtschi, Albany H.S.
Marah Brett Gruen, Royall H.S.



Fall Sports – Academic Ineligibility

A reminder: When the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet takes place before the first day of classes at a member school, "the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport; or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction)."

In those instances where a member school has begun fall classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet in a sport, ineligible students in these situations are subject to the standard rule applied when school is in session (15 scheduled school days and nights). In this situation, eligibility is regained

on the school day following the period of ineligibility (16th school day). Note 1: An interschool scrimmage does NOT count as a game or meet for purposes of this rule. Note 2: If a multi-school meet is counted on your schedule as one meet, it also counts as one meet as it applies to the number of meets an ineligible student must sit out. Note 3: Games/meets at different levels of competition (varsity, JV, freshmen) may NOT be combined to reach the number of meets an athlete must sit out.

When your school year begins **after** the earliest allowed game/meet you may use this chart to determine the period of ineligibility:

Fall 2024 Dates

Sport	Boys Soccer	Girls Volleyball	Boys Volleyball	Football	Cross Country	Girls Golf	Girls Tennis	Girls Swimming
Minimum Ineligibility Period: 21 Days or	8 games	5 meets	5 meets	3 games	4 meets	5 meets	5 meets	5 meets
Earliest Allowed Game/Meet – Fall 2024	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 22 (11-player) Aug. 29 (8-player)	Aug. 27	Aug. 15	Aug. 17	Aug. 21
Student Regains Eligibility on this Date or After Sitting Out the Required Number of Meets	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 12 (11-player) Sept. 19 (8-player)	Sept. 17	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 11

*Do not use this chart if you begin classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed game/meet.

WIAA Eligibility – Summer Reminders

By: Mel Dow, WIAA Associate Director

Now is a good time to download updated versions of all eligibility forms from the WIAA website.

There are a few the things that athletic directors might want to review relative to WIAA rules, as students participate in their summer activities.

- 1) Remind those that might need to know, the rules affecting transfer students. Download and distribute the Transfer Rules and Waivers Quick Facts (available on the WIAA website) to the appropriate people including your guidance and admissions staff.
- 2) Review with coaches as necessary, the out of season coaching contact rules for their sport. Provide coaches with the summer contact form so they can provide you with a schedule of their planned contact days in advance. Remember that volunteer coaches are the same as paid coaches for purpose of this rule and that the second time someone shows up at practice to help coach they are considered a school coach.
 - a) All WIAA sport coaches are allowed up to 5 days of sanctioned school coaching contact in the summer, between the end of school and July 31. (11-player Football coaching contact ends July 27 in 2024.)
 - b) A reminder that any high school coach can have coaching contact with 8th grade students on down up until the point of those 8th graders actually starting their 9th grade year.
- 3) Remember that schools cannot be involved in out of season sports activities for students in grades 10-12. The only exception is during the summertime within the sanctioned school coaching contact period. School facilities are sometimes used by nonschool groups for out of season camps and clinics. If this is to be done Board of Education policy for nonschool use of the facility must be followed. This may involve rent, and it is advisable that those conducting the activity have insurance protection.
 - a) If conducted, a nonschool camp should be available to students from surrounding areas and not just returning athletes at your school. An acceptable non-school program may not be restricted based on school and/or team status.
 - b) Out of season coaching rules apply.
- 4) Schools cannot conduct summer school classes in sports fundamentals, etc. in excess of the sanctioned school contact days and community education is a school program with the same restrictions and exceptions.
- 5) Schools may issue uniforms and/or protective apparel for nonschool activity, only with formal approval of their school board or governing body.
- 6) Students must pay their own way to any camp, clinic, or specialized training. Nonschool groups can pay expenses related to actual competition, such as entry fees into summer leagues, e.g. The school cannot have any involvement with out of season camps, clinics or competition unless the activity is part of the sanctioned school contact opportunity, is school sponsored and available to all interested students on a voluntary basis.
- 7) Open gyms can be conducted in the summer but open gym rules apply including restricting students from other schools from attending.
- 8) Remind students of amateur status and all star rules. You may wish to ask students to contact you prior to participating in all summer sport activities so you can assess the activity and help protect their eligibility.

- 9) Remind students they must limit their nonschool activity when the school season in that sport starts. Rules allow a student to compete in not more than two nonschool competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. Another exception is that during the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
- 10) It is important to remind students and coaches that out of season and summertime activities must be voluntary. Taking or requiring attendance, providing incentives or connecting playing time and/or lettering requirements to out of season programs is prohibited.
- 11) A reminder that the academic eligibility requirements apply to spring tournaments and an athlete can become academically ineligible and miss the opportunity to play in a state tournament. Also, the period of ineligibility for the fall is 15 scheduled school days or 21 calendar days, depending on when school starts. The WIAA publishes a chart each spring to help you determine when eligibility is regained.

These rules apply to high schools. Some may also apply to middle level but the rules at the middle level are significantly different. These are not all-inclusive but hopefully will serve as a reminder in a number of important areas. Working to prevent the loss of athletic eligibility is always worth the effort. ●

Transfer Rule Summary

Keep in mind, the transfer rule applies to transfers that are not made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by the parent(s) that the student lived with when establishing eligibility.

The Essentials of The Transfer Rule*

A transfer made necessary by a total and complete change of residence of the parent(s) – unrestricted.

Transfers with no change of residence of the parent(s) at the beginning of:

9th grade – unrestricted

10th grade – unrestricted

11th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

12th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

Transfers with no change of residence of the parent(s) during the school year:

9th grade – nonvarsity for remainder of year

10th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

11th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

12th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

*Provided the student meets residency requirements ●

NFHS Volleyball Rules Changes – 2024-25

4-2-3a, 7-1-1 NOTE: Allows a player to change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged in addition to when a uniform has blood on it.

Rationale: Adds language to Rule 4: Uniforms regarding the proper procedure for a legal uniform number change and expands to include a damaged uniform as a legal reason for changing a uniform number. Aligns language in Rules 4 and 7.

5-4-3c(1): Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.

Rationale: Encourages the inclusion of all players in the prematch announcements.

5-9-2b NOTE (NEW), State Association Adoption Chart: Requires line judges to switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.

Rationale: Aligns with the original intent of the rule allowing line judges to alternate between each set to promote fair officiating.

11-4-1b: Allows teams to substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.

Rationale: Allows for the immediate substitution of the libero replacement who may be playing out of position due to the injury to the libero. ●



Friday & Saturday, May 31 & June 1
Veterans Memorial Stadium
La Crosse



2024 State Softball Tournament

Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8, 2024
Goodman Diamond, Madison

Thursday, June 6

Session 1

8 a.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal #2 Seed vs. #7 Seed
approx. 10 a.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal #3 Seed vs. #6 Seed

Session 2

Noon – Division 1 Quarterfinal #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed
approx. 2 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed

Session 3

4:30 p.m. – Division 4 Semifinal #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
approx. 6:30 p.m. – Division 4 Semifinal #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
approx. 8:30 p.m. – Division 5 Semifinal #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Friday, June 7

Session 4

8 a.m. – Division 5 Semifinal #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
approx. 10 a.m. – Division 3 Semifinal #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
approx. Noon – Division 3 Semifinal #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 5

2:30 p.m. – Division 2 Semifinal #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
approx. 4:30 p.m. – Division 2 Semifinal #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 6

7 p.m. – Division 1 Semifinal Upper Bracket Winners
approx. 9 p.m. – Division 1 Semifinal Lower Bracket Winners

Saturday, June 8

Session 7

8 a.m. – Division 5 Championship

Session 8

approx. 10:30 a.m. – Division 4 Championship

Session 9

approx. 1 p.m. – Division 3 Championship

Session 10

4 p.m. – Division 2 Championship

Session 11

approx. 6:30 p.m. – Division 1 Championship

Split-Season Sports (Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

WIAA rules prevent coaches from having coaching contact with their athletes outside the season, during the school year, in any sport. The rules further prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the WIAA Season Regulations. An athlete working as a clinician, under the direction of his/her coach, is considered to be coaching contact.

This means, for example, that boys' tennis players cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girls' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted during the boys' tennis season. Boys' tennis players cannot practice with the girls' tennis team because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply. ●

WIAA Winter Team Tournament Sportsmanship Awards Chosen

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance, has chosen the recipients of the team Sportsmanship Awards for the 2024 winter State Tournaments.

The winners of the prestigious sportsmanship recognition are Lakeside Lutheran in boys basketball, Cuba City in girls basketball, Cumberland in team wrestling, West Bend West in gymnastics, the Sun Prairie West Co-op in girls hockey and Tomahawk in boys hockey.

Lakeside Lutheran returned to the tournament field in boys basketball for the second straight season, and the sportsmanship demonstrated by the players, coaches and school community earned the Warriors the Sportsmanship Award. As the #2 seed in the Division 3 bracket, they finished runner-up after falling 65-54 to top-seeded St. Thomas More in the championship game. They defeated previously undefeated Kiel 57-55 to advance to the final. It's the first time Lakeside Lutheran has been selected as recipient of the award in boys basketball and its second overall. The Warriors also received the award in girls volleyball in 2021. The schools receiving honorable mention are Aquinas, Kiel, Neenah and West Salem.

The award winner in girls basketball is Cuba City following the Cubans' runner-up finish in the State Tournament. As the #3 seed, they defeated second-seeded McDonell Catholic 48-45 in the Division 4 semifinals to advance to the championship game. The Cubans lost to top-seeded and defending-champion Laconia 47-43 in the final. The team and community was determined to have exhibited the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament. It's the eighth time Cuba City has received the sportsmanship award and the first time in girls basketball. The previous recognitions were awarded in gymnastics as a co-op in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2009, and in girls volleyball in 2003, 2007 and 2009. The schools receiving honorable mention are Clear Lake, Franklin, West Salem and Xavier.

Cumberland was named as the recipient of the award following its appearance in the State Team Wrestling Tournament. The Beavers' enthusiastic fan support and sportsmanship efforts by coaches and participants were on display in their 50-21 Division 3 semifinal loss to Fennimore, which advanced and won its third straight title. It's the first time Cumberland has won the award overall. Honorable mention for the award was extended to Arrowhead, Menomonie, Prairie du Chien and St. Croix Falls.

The sportsmanship evaluations and staff observations at the State Gymnastics Championships led to the selection of West Bend West as the Sportsmanship Award winner for 2024. It's the first time the Spartans have been bestowed the honor in any sport. West Bend West displayed positive enthusiasm and finished eighth in Division 1 at the team championships. Also receiving consideration for the award were Ashland/Drummond/Mellen, Hartford and Chippewa Falls/McDonell Catholic.

The Sun Prairie West Co-op, consisting of six schools, including Sun Prairie West, Sun Prairie East, DeForest, Madison East, Madison La Follette and Waunakee, won the award in girls hockey. The Cap City Cougars, the #4 seed in the State Tournament, fell to top-seeded and eventual-champion D.C. Everest Co-op 4-1 in the semifinals. The Co-op claims its first sportsmanship award recognition. The River Falls Co-op received honorable mention.

It's the first time the Sportsmanship Award has been presented in boys hockey since 2021, and it's the first time Tomahawk has earned the recognition in any sport. As the fourth seed, the Hatchets' modeled sportsmanship both on and off the ice at the State Tournament before, during and following their 8-4 loss to top-seeded New Richmond in the Division 2 semifinals. The River Falls Co-op received honorable mention.

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

The selection process includes contributions and evaluations from contest officials, tournament management, police and security personnel, crowd control and ushers, WIAA staff members, area hotels and restaurants. Rural Mutual Insurance has been a sponsor of this award since 1965, and their partnership contributes to the promotion of sportsmanship in education-based athletics as a valued corporate partner of the WIAA. ●

Coaches Participating Against Athletes in The Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate against their athletes in league competition, organized by a non-school entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

It continues to be a violation of WIAA rules for coaches to participate on the same team as their athletes, in out-of-season play, and to be involved in playing pickup activity with their athletes during the off-season except in school sponsored Open Gyms. The other obvious exception to this is in the non-school unlimited contact window in all sports except football, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. ●



2024 State Baseball Tournament

Monday-Thursday, June 10-13, 2024
Neuroscience Group Field at
Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute

Monday, June 10

Division 1 Quarterfinals – 9 a.m.

Game 1 - #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed
Game 2 - #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed

Division 1 Quarterfinals – 2:30 p.m.

Game 3 - #6 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Game 4 - #7 Seed vs. #2 Seed

Tuesday, June 11

Division 4 Semifinals – 9 a.m.

Game 1 - #3 Seed vs. #2 Seed
Game 2 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Division 3 Semifinals – 2:30 p.m.

Game 1 - #3 Seed vs. #2 Seed
Game 2 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Wednesday, June 12

Division 2 Semifinals – 9 a.m.

Game 1 - #3 Seed vs. #2 Seed
Game 2 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Division 1 Semifinals – 2:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 13

Division 4 Final – 9 a.m.
Division 3 Final – Noon
Division 2 Final – 3 p.m.
Division 1 Final – 6 p.m.

WIAA Award of Excellence Nominations Deadline Approaches

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is continuing its initiative to recognize excellence in our member schools. Each member is eligible and encouraged to participate in the WIAA Award of Excellence program during the 2023-24 school year.

The program, established in 2016-17, promotes and recognizes the efforts and achievements of schools in the areas of sportsmanship, ethics, integrity, leadership, character and achievement. Please take this opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and promote the qualities of administrative excellence that the award represents.

Please submit the application between the completion of your spring sports season and the deadline of Sunday, June 30, 2024. The application for the Award of Excellence is available on the WIAA website at: www.wiaawi.org. The application form, once completed, requires the signatures of the school's athletic director, principal, superintendent and the school board president to verify their school has achieved the required criteria.

In addition, note that a number of criteria were added last year, including submission of the online season Schedule/Results Verification Form by the established deadlines for basketball and football; completion and submission of the accurate enrollment count on the Enrollment Form by the established deadline; completion and submission of accurate data on the online Sports Participation Form by June 30; and submission and completion of the online Fan Ejection Form within three days following the event for each fan ejection that occurred.

Recipients will be presented with the Award of Excellence or at the next fall's Area Meetings and will be recognized for the achievement on the WIAA website, Bulletin and at the Annual Meeting.

The criteria applied toward the 2023-24 Award of Excellence include:

- Athletic Director maintains and updates all information in the WIAA School Directory annually.
- Athletic Director does due diligence in striving to achieve staff compliance with all WIAA coaching requirements (i.e. rules video, exam, officials' rankings)*
- Athletic director conducted regular occurring meetings with a Captain's Club/Team Leadership Council/Etc.– sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is on the agenda and is discussed
- Athletic director conducted regular occurring meetings with coaches - sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed
- Athletic director conducted at least one infor-

mational meeting with student-athletes and their parents - sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed

- Athletic director attended conference meetings – sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed
- Coaches and student-athletes attended a sportsmanship summit/leadership conference/etc.
- There was school representation at one of the seven WIAA Fall Area Meetings
- There was school representation at WIAA Annual Meeting in April
- Athletic Director made the student body aware of sportsmanship initiatives through school assemblies, announcements, posters, etc.
- Three or more athletic teams gave back to their school or community through volunteerism
- Athletic director has taken the Free NFHS Sportsmanship course
- Three or more head coaches have taken the Free NFHS Sportsmanship course
- Athletic program had no coach ejections at any level
- Athletic program had no coach or player assault of an official at any level
- Athletic director nominated/submitted a boy and/or a girl for WIAA Scholar Athlete recognition (either for local or state level recognition)
- Athletic director or designee submits the online season Schedule/Results Verification Form by the established deadlines for all bracketed team sports (baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer, softball, volleyball)
- Athletic director or designee completes and submits the accurate enrollment count on the Enrollment Form by the established deadline
- Athletic director or designee completes and submits the accurate data on the online Sports Participation Form by June 30
- Athletic director or designee submits the completed online Fan Ejection Form within three days following the event the ejection occurred, requiring a fan to miss the next competition ●



NFHS Soccer Rules Changes – 2024-25

4-1-4d: Clarifies there is not a limitation on the color of tape or sock worn at or below the ankle.

Rationale: Athletes have the flexibility to modify socks within the existing regulations. Frequently, they remove the foot of one sock to layer another underneath, enhancing comfort or grip inside their shoes and fastening the top sock around the ankle. Any tape or similar material used above the ankle must match the sock's color, while at or below the ankle, any color is allowed. Referees are no longer required to oversee socks below the ankle.

Rule 12: Reorganized the rule for clarity and consistency.

Rationale: The Fouls and Misconduct rule has been revised to eliminate duplicate language and improve usability. The main changes involve reorganizing the existing rule for clarity. Sections have

been rearranged to enhance ease of reference, and a new section addressing Stopping a Promising Attack (SPA) has been included. Certain general language in the rule has been modified to align with other rules codes. Section 6, Ejections, provides an ordered list of offenses by severity to allow associations more flexibility for determining post-game sanctions for misconduct. Additionally, an article has been added to clarify that all necessary conditions must be met for DOGSO (Denial of an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity) to be applicable.

2024-2025 Editorial Changes

3-4-3, 6-2-3, 12-9-1g

2024-2025 Points of Emphasis

Official's Toolbox for Game Management
Stopping a Promising Attack
After a Goal ●

Recruiting Restrictions

WIAA rules prevent the recruitment of students for athletic reasons. The specific rule in question states: "No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school."

It's important to note that persons not connected with the school can violate this rule, resulting in a loss of eligibility. Schools are ultimately responsible for the eligibility of all of their students and the school needs to communicate rules and pay close attention to the circumstances that bring students to the school.

Obviously, public schools and private schools encourage students to enroll and this certainly can be done without violating the undue influence rule. The following gives some examples of acceptable and unacceptable practices. This list cannot be considered all-inclusive, but should be helpful as an example.

Acceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school to explain programs and encourage all interested students to attend.
- Inviting all interested students from a middle school/elementary school to visit.
- Providing game tickets to all interested students and/or team members from a middle school/elementary school or area youth teams.
- Providing informational pamphlets which describe the high school to all interested students at a middle level/elementary school.
- Providing tuition reduction to prospective students, based on need and/or scholastic achievement.

Unacceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school sport team to encourage players to attend.
- Inviting selected students, because of athletic potential or ability, to visit.

- Providing game tickets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing promotional pamphlets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing tuition reduction to selected students, based wholly or in part on athletic potential or ability.
- Community or booster club member(s) contacting a potential student, because of athletic ability or potential, and encouraging attendance.
- Providing items of apparel and/or other incentives to students.

Additional Examples

- Interpretation of this provision now allows youth athletic teams to receive invitation/complimentary admission to high school sporting events and to be acknowledged or introduced at those events.
- Teams may also perform and/or scrimmage in connection with a high school event
- Under no circumstances may a youth team be introduced, etc., at more than one contest per season.
- This interpretation provides for admission, acknowledgment and performance and/or scrimmage opportunity.
- These events may not extend or prolong the contest or periods beyond the limits provided by rule.
- Participating in the high school team's game preparations is not permitted (e.g. pregame, half-time, sidelines, locker room).
- Under no circumstances will it be considered acceptable to single out any individual youth/middle level student athlete separate from or disproportionate to the remainder of the team.

It is the responsibility of schools to contact other schools and report any possible violations of WIAA rules. The WIAA is always willing to provide rules clarifications and, where necessary, will impose sanctions on schools and programs. It is far better for schools to provide leadership and control to prevent problems than to have to deal with these issues after the fact. ●



2024 State Girls Soccer Tournament

Thursday-Saturday, June 13-15, 2024
Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 13

Division 4 Semifinals

11 a.m. #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m. #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Division 3 Semifinals

4:30 p.m. #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m. #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, June 14

Division 2 Semifinals

11 a.m. #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m. #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Division 1 Semifinals

4:30 p.m. #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m. #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, June 15 Championships

11 a.m. Division 4 Championship
1:30 p.m. Division 3 Championship
4:30 p.m. Division 2 Championship
7 p.m. Division 1 Championship

Open Gyms

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

1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include adults from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. **It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.**
2. There is **no instruction** during the open gym **by a coach or anyone else.**
3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction by the coach or anyone, sport skill demonstration, organized

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Summer Contact

All sport coaches have five days of **sanctioned school coaching contact** opportunity during the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. Sanctioned school opportunities allow you to use school support and facilities as you would during the season. Sanctioned school coaching contact means teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be applied, and schools can sponsor the events/activities. The 5 contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. Sanctioned school contact days are open to any and all interested students in your school from the last day of school to July 31. They are not allowed during the school year.

NOTE: In 2024, 11-player football practice and equipment/fitness testing may be done on August 6. Sanctioned school football coaching contact must end on July 27 in order to meet the dead week rule. 8-Player football coaching contact must conclude by July 31. **Football must follow the acclimatization plan if school resources are used.**

For coaches in all sports except football, **non-school program contact** may be used by coaches during the summertime provided, such non-school programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. The **summertime** being defined as when school is not in normal session (the last day of school to the first day of school).

An **'acceptable non-school program'** is a program which is not limited based on school and/or team status and no school monies or resources can be applied. Schools cannot sponsor these non-school events/activities. Use of school support and facilities must be done in the same manner as any other non-school group such as 4-H, boy scouts, or local rotary.

Nonschool programming must be **open to any and all interested students** in your community and other communities along with being **voluntary**. Nonschool programming is not an opportunity for a high school program in disguise. An outside organization coordinates and secures facilities, staff, rosters, schedules, etc. and is not representation of the school.

During the summer and school year out of season, athletes may assemble in any manner they wish without school or coach involvement (other than the five contact days). The booster club is considered non-school.

Sanctioned SCHOOL Coaching Contact

- Sports: All sports

- Time period: Last day of school to July 31 (except 11-player Football: July 27, 2024) in summertime
- Duration: Five days (does not have to be consecutive)
- School Equipment: May be used
- Funding: School funds may be used (Fund 10, 60, 80 and activity accounts)
- School Transportation: May be used
- School Facilities: May be used (as can nonschool facilities)
- Participation: Open to any and all interested. May not be mandated.

NONSCHOOL PROGRAMMING Contact

An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.

- Sports: All sports except football.
- Time period: Last day of school to First day of school in summertime
- Duration: Unlimited during the time period.
- Equipment: with Board of Education permission and following school policy.
- Funding: School funds may NOT be used (Fund 10, 60 and activity funds).
 - Community Ed and School District Recreation funds may be used (Fund 80).
- School transportation: May NOT be used, but may be rented.
- School Facilities: May be rented by nonschool organization following school policy (as can non-school facilities).
- Participation: Open to any and all interested. May not be mandated.

Examples of Nonschool organizations:

- Booster clubs (monies not in school funds)
- Lion's Club
- Rotary
- American Legion
- AAU basketball
- Youth athletic clubs
- Hockey associations
- School district recreation (fund 80)
- Joe's Pizza
- USAV (club volleyball)

Notes

- NONSCHOOL team is not a code word for SCHOOL team.

- Amateur Status rules apply. Athletes may retain items of wearing apparel which are worn for non-school athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition.

Using Athletes As Clinicians

During the school year, you may only use your athletes as clinicians during the sport season. In the summertime, a school may conduct a clinic for students in grade 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. Individual students may be used as clinicians a maximum of 6 days during the summer (when school is not in session). Using students as clinicians in such a manner must conclude no later than July 31. ●

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drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.
5. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, and/or fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open gym or weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

Schools and coaches must clearly understand that the philosophy of the open gym is that youngsters from that school may attend, for wholesome **recreation**, or for purposes of improving their skills if they choose, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against your school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) ●

Board Approves Conference Realignment from page 1

with Kettle Moraine Lutheran, Kewaskum, Plymouth, Port Washington, Sheboygan South, West Bend East and West Bend West.

Waukesha North and Waukesha South will move from the Classic 8 into the Woodland Conference, joining Brown Deer, Cudahy, Greendale, Greenfield, Milwaukee Lutheran, New Berlin Eisenhower, New Berlin West, Pewaukee, Pius XI Catholic, Shorewood, South Milwaukee, West Allis Central, Whitnall and Wisconsin Lutheran to form a 16-team league with two divisions. The schools that will be assigned to each of the divisions will

be determined by the conference's 16 member schools.

In the modified seven-team version proposed for the Southeast Conference, Oak Creek moves from the Southeast Conference into the eight-team Classic 8 Conference with Arrowhead, Catholic Memorial, Kettle Moraine, Mukwonago, Muskego, Oconomowoc and Waukesha West. The remaining seven teams in the Southeast Conference are Franklin, Kenosha Bradford, Kenosha Indian Trail, Kenosha Tremper, Racine Case, Racine Horlick and Racine Park.

Topics of discussion included staff reports on the

Annual Meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 24 at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point, the 2024 Scholar-Athlete Award Ceremony on May 5 at SentryWorld, recruitment and retainment of licensed officials, a recap of the NFHS Legal Meeting, a review of the winter tournaments, and updates on the Student-Athlete Leadership Team Initiative.

The Board received liaison reports from Dan Ross-miller of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Eric Plitziweit of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

Coaching Contact

During the School Year

During the Season

See WIAA Season Regulations for contact rules (during the season) in each sport.

Outside of the Season

No Coaching Contact Allowed
...with any athletes they will be coaching the upcoming or following school season (except their own children).

There is no distinction between Varsity and JV coaches, i.e., JV coaches cannot coach Varsity athletes, and vice versa, nor any distinction between paid and non-paid coaches.

EXCEPTION: Varsity and JV coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until they start their 9th grade year. (The 9th grade year begins with the first day of practice or the first day of school, whichever comes first.)

Outside of the School Year (Summer)

When acting as a SCHOOL coach

Sanctioned School Contact Days

5 days (does not have to be consecutive). The 5 days need to be the same for all levels within a sport program.

Last day of school through July 31. The summer is defined as when school is not in normal session (see Football regulations for last allowed date of summer contact for school coaches).

May be used:

- School Equipment
- School Funds
- School Transportation
- School Facilities

Open to any and all interested.

May not be mandated, nor a requirement for making a school team and/or earning a school letter.

When acting as a NON-SCHOOL coach

Non-School Programming

Last day of school (Spring) to the First Day of School (Fall)

May NOT be used:

- School Equipment*
- School Funds
- School Transportation

*School Equipment may be used with Board of Education permission.

School Facilities may be utilized per school board policies for non-school organizations. (Rent, custodial fees, insurance, etc.)

Open to any and all interested.

May not be mandated, nor a requirement for making a school team and/or earning a school letter.

Cannot be your High School team "in disguise".

Non-school coaching contact is not allowed in Football.

Organizational Meetings

In-Season:

- Not counted as a practice day
- Can include film session and scouting report

Out-of-Season:

- Fundraising
- Info meetings on camps/clinics, etc.
- Equipment Fittings (Helmets, shoulder pads, etc.) – may not be issued until first day of practice

Open Gym

- Date, time, gym may be arranged by head coach
- May not be mandated
- No instruction allowed by any person, whether coach or non-coach
- Coach may play, compete, train with team as long as no instruction is provided
- Only students from host school may attend
- Restricted to 9-12 grade students

Providing Out-of-Season Workouts

- Example workouts may be provided and coaches may provide links to virtual workouts (must be available to general public) but may not advance athletes through stages
- May not be in calendar form – or daily workout plan
- No instruction allowed by any member of coaching staff
- May not be mandated

Virtual Workouts

In-Season:

- Coach may hold virtual workout, following in-season rules
- Does not count toward acclimatization nor reacclimatization practices

Out-of-Season:

- Coaches may provide links to virtual workouts (must be available to general public) but may not advance athletes through stages

Team Building

- May be held in or out of the season
- Not counted as a practice day
- May not include any sport-specific materials
- May be virtual

Weight Training

- Date, time and individualized workout may be arranged by head coach
- May not be mandated
- No incentives may be provided for performance or attendance
- Coach may train with team
- Only students from host school may attend
- Restricted to 9-12 grade students
- No sport-specific technique instruction allowed



2024 Boys Tennis State Individual Championships

Thurs.-Sat., May 30-June 1, 2024
Nielsen Stadium, Madison

Thursday, May 30

First matches called at 10:15 a.m.
Last match called (2023) at 7:20 p.m.

Friday, May 31

First matches called at 8:45 a.m.
Last match called at (2023) 4:10 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

First matches called at 8:15 a.m.
Last match called at Noon

*Brackets will become available online after the completion of the Division 1 and 2 Individual seeding and once all special qualifiers have been determined. The Seeding Committee will complete the field by the end of the day on May 24, and the brackets will be available for viewing on our WIAA website at that time.

2024 Boys Tennis State Team Championships

Fri.-Sat., June 7-8, 2024
Nielsen Stadium, Madison

DIVISION 1

Quarterfinals – Friday June 7 - 3:30 p.m..

Match 1: #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed
Match 2: #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed
Match 3: #3 Seed vs. #6 Seed
Match 4: #2 Seed vs. #7 Seed

Semifinals – Saturday, June 8 - 9 a.m.

Match 5: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2
Match 6: Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4

Championship Match – Saturday, June 8 - 2 p.m.

Match 7: Winner of Match 5 vs. Winner of Match 6

DIVISION 2

Semifinals – Saturday, June 8 - 9 a.m.

Match 1: #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
Match 2: #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Championship Match – Saturday, June 8 - 2 p.m.

Match 3: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2



New Athletic Director Workshop 2024

Monday, July 22, 2024 – WIAA office



- 8 a.m.** Welcome – Stephanie Hauser, Executive Director
- 8:15 a.m.** Review WIAA website Log-In/Password – Bobby Blom, IT Assistant
- 8:25 a.m.** Eligibility – Mel Dow, Associate Director
- 9:30 a.m.** Break
- 9:45 a.m.** NFHS Rule Books/Season Regulations/Tournament Procedures/Hosting WIAA Tournaments – LeVar Ridgeway, Assistant Director
- 11 a.m.** Break
- 11:10 a.m.** rSchool Partnership/Website/School Database Management/Reporting Scores/Use of WIAA Logo/Streaming Rights – Todd Clark, Communications Director & Mark Gutknecht, Technology Coordinator
- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch
- 12:45 p.m.** Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) – Shawn Groshek, WADA President
- 1:15 p.m.** To Be Determined

Follow up with Zoom Meetings throughout the school year

To register: Email Deb Lepak <dlepak@wiaawi.org> prior to July 6, 2024. Include your name, your high school.

Sports Report "PLUS" Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

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

BASEBALL

Assumption @ Stratford – May 9, 2024

We feel the need to make sure both communities involved in this game know how amazing their respective teams are being coached. The players, coaches and fans were 100 percent what WIAA sports are to be. Sportsmanship on both sides. Coaches congratulating the opposing squad. Bottle it up! We need more. Please acknowledge both teams regardless of the score and outcome. Thanks for providing the atmosphere and the support for high school sports.

Reporting Official: Rich Hohl

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah @ Hilbert – May 6, 2024

Ayden Keuler and Max Schneider of the Hilbert, and Cole Wagner & Colin Meiselwitz for the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah are four young men who appreciate and share positive sportsmanship with others. Thank you for supporting players from the other team by picking up their bats, offering them a kind word, and showing hustle after foul balls when it isn't asked of you. Your kind gestures were noticed by the umpires, parents and administrators and are greatly appreciated. The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah and Hilbert school district administrators should be proud of their respectful student-athletes and coaches. Keep up the great work and have a fun season!

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Regis @ Pittsville – May 3, 2024

I was the plate umpire for the game, and I know I missed some pitches that were pitched on the outside corner. Not one complaint, or face of disappointment on the batters face. We were treated with nothing but respect by the coaches and the players. Pittsville is a class act program. A pleasure doing the game last night.

Reporting Official: Wayne Fleischmann

Wonewoc-Center @ Royall – May 1, 2024

We would like to recognize and congratulate Royall's Tucker Wildes for his outstanding sportsmanship and leadership displayed during their baseball game against Wonewoc-Center. Throughout the contest Tucker maintained a positive attitude, always encouraging his fellow teammates. Tucker, the starting catcher, on several occasions was observed mentoring the Wonewoc-Center catcher in techniques used as a catcher, i.e., proper positioning for throws to the plate or how to block low pitches to keep them from getting away. It should also be noted that Tucker is the coach for the Royall summer baseball program, teaching and mentoring boys and girls on the fundamentals of baseball, but also how to be good sports.

Reporting Official: Curt Ladwig

West Salem @ Westby – April 30, 2024

A word of thanks to the baseball programs of Westby and West Salem the sportsmanship that both teams showed was outstanding. Ben Rathel of Westby your positive words and hustle were noticed. Drew Anderson your hustle and positive words of support were also noticed. It was a pleasure to work with both teams.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

Mayville @ Winneconne – April 26, 2024

It is wonderful to see student athletes exhibit positive acts of sportsmanship before, during, and after a varsity baseball game, even when the weather is poor, rainy, and windy. Mayville's Peyton Borchardt and Mason Gerth, as well as Winneconne's Lucky Pahl and Ben Tesch, exemplify what it means to be great sportsman and leaders of a team. We wanted to congratulate these four young men for this much appreciated display of showmanship and positive attitude. Thank you to Coach Meyer and Coach Held for your positive leadership on and off the field of play, it was noticed by many.

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Cambridge @ Belleville JV – April 15, 2024

Following a thrown bat incident in the fifth inning, Both teams and their head coaches did a huddle for a few minutes, which I could hear the coaches talk about what happen and why it is not an accepted practice. At end of game, during the hand shakes, both the player and catcher talked about the incident and apologized. The head coaches talked about it for a few minutes together as well. This was a great learning experience, and both teams talked about why one must be in control of their equipment.

Reporting Official: Frank Sadilek

Manitowoc Linc. @ Green Bay SW – April 14, 2024

We were greeted by the host athletic director, Amy Hogan. We were very impressed with the new baseball field that the Green Bay Southwest had installed. Even more impressive was the service that Ms. Hogan provided to us. We were scheduled for a double-header and she provided us with sandwiches along with choice of chips and candy bar. Also beverages of water or sport drink were provided in between the two games. We would like to personally wish Ms. Hogan the best as she is retiring after this school year. We also would like to thank both teams for displaying good sportsmanship. Again it was a pleasure working for these schools and want to wish them the best of luck for the rest of their seasons.

Reporting Official: Patrick Tschimperle

Appleton North @ Oshkosh West – April 9, 2024

The 2024 WIAA baseball season has started with many acts of positive Sportsmanship. Evan Johnson and Ryan Williamson led the Oshkosh West team by assisting opponents with bat retrieval, lots of hustle to and from their positions, and offering a kind hand of congratulations on a game well played. Matthew Hietpas, Brandon Schopf, and William Hoerner of Appleton North also added multiple acts of sportsmanship by hustling to retrieve foul balls, purposely avoiding player to player contact in areas away from the active play, and to chase down a few Oshkosh players' bats. We as umpires noticed these and many other positive acts of sportsmanship throughout the contest and very much appreciated them, thank you to both teams. Keep up the awesome work and have a great 2024 season!

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

St. Mary's Springs @ Omro – April 11, 2024

Both the Omro and St. Mary's school administrators should be very proud of their varsity baseball programs, both the players and coaches, for their display of positive sportsmanship during a recent contest. Nate Piper & Mason Boerner of Omro and Max Bauer & Ben Anderson of St. Mary's Springs were obvious leaders of their teams, especially in showing respect for opponents as well as helping retrieve bats and foul balls during the contest. They offered many encouraging words to all involved, including some timely positive feedback for myself behind the plate, during high stress moments of the game. All were noticeably appreciative of their coaches, teammates, parents, and umpires. Great job all and best of luck the rest of the season!

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

GIRLS SOCCER

Kettle Moraine @ Pewaukee – May 10, 2024

During a tough, contested match that ended 0-0, the girls from Pewaukee and Kettle Moraine showed great sportsmanship towards each other. Few fouls were called, and there were no complaints about the ones that were. One foul was even followed by a "my bad" from the fouling player and a respectful hand-slap between the players involved. Thank you to both programs for a great match and for always taking the high road.

Reporting Official: Matt Miles

Sauk Prairie @ DeForest – May 9, 2024

The stadium was full, and the weather was perfect for soccer. From the beginning whistle, the teams played physical but with respect for the opposing team. When an opponent went down, there was a girl from the other team helping her up. Questions about calls were asked respectfully, and the girls thanked the officials at half-time at the end of the game. With two evenly matched teams, it is no surprise that the score ended in a draw, 0-0.

Reporting Official: Tom Vergeront

Little Chute @ Berlin – April 29, 2024

As AR2, I was on the fans' side of the field and I can attest to the fact ALL of their comments were positive, which is the way it should be -- but this was 100 percent of the time! I'd like to also acknowledge #12 from Little Chute. As their sweeper, I was on her side of the field during the second half and she was nice to everyone, including her teammates, opponents, a couple times with me, and twice to the Berlin fans, when she accidentally kicked the ball out of bounds in their direction.

Reporting Official: Tom Konecny

Living Word Lutheran @ Mayville – April 26, 2024

Late in the game, #17 from Living Word Lutheran fouled a Mayville player, and between the expression on her own face and the fact she helped the Mayville player up, I thought it was very genuine and sporting of her.

Reporting Official: Tom Konecny

Waupun @ Ripon – April 23, 2024

Absolutely 100 percent of the comments and actions of every player, the four coaches and every fan for both teams were constructive and positive (sometimes even humorous). Sure, maybe that shouldn't permit me to even feel I can submit this Sportsmanship Plus acknowledgement, but holy cows, it was both amazing and let's face it, not all that common!

Reporting Official: Tom Konecny

Campbellsport @ Ripon – April 11, 2024

Tyler Witt, Campbellsport's head coach, does a great job teaching, complimenting, mentoring and encouraging the players. He does it 100 percent of the time and while it probably should just be an expectation of all coaches, all officials and every fan, we pretty much know that's not happening. The bottom line is that Tyler sets the bar pretty darn high, for all of us to follow.

Reporting Official: Tom Konecny

Madison East @ DeForest – April 11, 2024

In not so nice weather Madison East came to DeForest to play soccer. The match was competitive with a lot of physical play but good sportsmanship was on exhibit by both teams. If there was a hard challenges and an opponent went down, the other player on the other player was there to give her a hand to get up. There was a lot of talented small play and it was a great match to officiate.

Reporting Official: Thomas Vergeron

University Lake School @ Lomira – April 12, 2024

All of the players and their head coach were great role models, in their own (individual) ways. When strung together over that 2 1/4 hours, it was nothing short of what we say we expect of players and coaches. Rarely is that really the case but as the center ref, what I experienced were the types of young people we hope for and the types of young people I hope my two young granddaughters grow up to be. They were quite a positive

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WIAA Winter Performance Factor Results in Divisional Movement

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association performance factor initiative has advanced through the process for the second time with a review of the winter sports for implementation in 2024-25.

An ad hoc committee consisting of 11 superintendents/district administrators, six athletic directors, one principal and one principal/athletic director proposed the performance factor process, which was approved by a 265-115 membership vote at the 2023 Annual Meeting for implementation in 2024-25. The initiative promotes school programs that reach a threshold of tournament success based on a performance point system allocated over a three-year period.

School programs reaching the six-point performance factor threshold during the past three seasons are placed in the division containing the next largest set of enrollments from where the schools' enrollments would place them for each respective sport other than track & field and swimming & diving—which do not have a team component to advancement in the Tournament Series—and sports with only one division. Schools are restricted to moving up a maximum of one division from the previous year's placement.

This new initiative affords schools the opportunity to request to move down a division with lower enrollments. The Classification Committee reviewed 15 such requests for winter sports, including eight for girls basketball, six for boys basketball and two for boys hockey. The committee approved three requests in girls basketball, two in boys basketball and two in boys hockey. Additionally, five schools requested—and were approved—to move to a division of higher enrollments, including three in boys hockey, one in boys basketball and one in girls basketball.

The school sports programs that have accumulated at least six points to engage a promotion to a division with higher enrollments—if their 2024-25 tournament placement enrollment doesn't initially move them up a division—are listed below.

Boys Basketball (9)

Arrowhead
Brillion
De Pere
Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic
Neenah
Pewaukee
St. Thomas More
West Salem
Wisconsin Lutheran

Girls Basketball (9)

Albany/Monticello
Arrowhead
Brookfield East
Kettle Moraine
Laonia
McDonell Catholic
Notre Dame
Pewaukee
Waupun

Gymnastics (9)

Elkhorn
Franklin/Muskego
Homestead
Medford/Colby
Mount Horeb
Nicolet
Verona/Edgewood
West Salem/Aquinas/Bangor
Whitefish Bay

Boys Hockey (5)

Edgewood
Hudson
New Richmond
Notre Dame
St. Mary's Springs

Wrestling (5)

Coleman
Fennimore
Kaukauna
Luxemburg-Casco
Prairie du Chien

Please note that programs reaching the performance points threshold to be promoted and are initially assigned to a lower enrollment division—based on their 2024-25 tournament assignment enrollments—will be promoted back into the division they competed in during the most recent season's Tournament Series.

The performance factor process affords schools the opportunity to appeal their promotion to the division with the next largest enrollments based on performance points. Of the 37 programs listed above that compiled the threshold of points to engage in a promotion, 12 appeals were submitted. The Classification Committee reviewed and evaluated these with one approval. It is also noteworthy that 13 of the 35 programs that achieved the six-point threshold competed in Division 1 in 2024 and will be promoted only if their enrollment places them in a division with lower enrollments.

The WIAA will release the Tournament Series assignments for all 2024-25 winter sports later this spring.

For more on the performance factor process, visit the Classification Committee homepage on the WIAA website. ●

Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee Begins Membership-Initiated Study

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee developed a defined purpose and reviewed objectives at its meeting at the executive office on May 8.

The established purpose of the ad hoc committee is to represent the diverse voices of the membership in evaluating season lengths, game maximums, and coaching contact with the primary goal to promote a balanced, education-based athletic experience for student-athletes.

Members of the committee elected Janel Batten, athletics/activities director at Pulaski High School, and Jake Beschta, principal at Denmark High School as co-chairs.

The committee first met in-person on April 18 and then virtually on April 30. During the first three meetings, the Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee worked to review the directive of the Board of Control; orient and align members to the purpose of the group; establish familiarity with committee members; learn how others identify and perceive the issues pertaining to season length, coaching contact, and game maximums; identify information and resources required to fully understand and address the issues; review Area Meeting feedback; and to agree on a timeline for the committee work.

Addressing the three major, interrelated topics of season lengths, game maximums and coaching contact is the focus of the group. These topics directly impact all WIAA member schools, and the committee is committed to studying the topics comprehensively to formulate and propose viable solutions to best serve the membership and their respective communities.

The committee will develop a communication plan for sharing information and

See Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee, page 20 >

Winter Officials of the Year

In the Fall of 2023, the WIAA initiated a program to select and honor officials during each sport season. The WIAA recognizes that many deserving officials show dedication and commitment to their sport! The officials listed here have noteworthy accomplishments that set them apart. They are receiving the WIAA's first Winter Sports Official of the Year award. Congratulations to these individuals!

Basketball – Ken Koester

For an unparalleled commitment to the sport of basketball through on-court officiating and education of fellow officials. In recognition of involvement with NASO and Referee Magazine, including extensive work in the publication of manuals for the mechanics of officiating.

Gymnastics – Helen Culliney and Jan Adkins

For commitment to the sport of high school gymnastics in the state of Wisconsin and dedication to the growth of student-athletes, coaches, and officials through the sport

Hockey – Ryan Reischel

Service above Self - Commitment to the Education and Growth of Officials - Participation on NFHS Hockey Rules Committee

Swimming & Diving – Tom Wencel

In recognition of outstanding commitment to officiating. For being willing to go the extra mile to ensure games are officiated effectively. As a positive role model for the officiating community, promoting the profession and lifting up fellow officials

Wrestling (Girls) – Travis Korth

For outstanding contributions to the sport by epitomizing the quintessential sports official, embodying consistency, integrity, and professionalism. Unwavering commitment to fairness and impartiality, combined with meticulous attention to detail, setting a standard for officiating in our sport.

Wrestling (Boys) – Mike Arendt

For outstanding contributions to the sport by epitomizing the quintessential sports official, embodying consistency, integrity, and professionalism. Unwavering commitment to fairness and impartiality, combined with meticulous attention to detail, setting a standard for officiating in our sport. ●

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Gregory Boetcher, Bloomer
Steven Brooks, Whitelaw
Charles Chamberlain, Platteville
Cheryl Chapman, Brookfield
James Davis, Beloit
David Delsman, Waukesha
Mike Garvey, Johnson Creek
Timothy Gifford, Watertown
Paul Graumann, Sheboygan Falls
Robert Hemauer, Plymouth
Robert Herzog, Gillett
Robert Houts, Owen
Dmitar Jovic, Greenfield
Jeffrey Kasuboski, Wautoma
Thomas Kempen, Menomonee Falls
Thomas Kissinger, Pewaukee
Gary Koschnitzke, Jackson
Joseph Kust, Green Bay
Bj McMahon, Lac du Flambeau
Russ Mueller, Kiel
Ivan Pavlovic, Pewaukee
John Purdy, Racine
Daniel Scharenbrock, Appleton
Barry Schmitt, Independence
Jeffrey Schnell, Port Washington
Gary Spencer, Mission
Kristin Sutter Parent, Mount Horeb
Paul Verbeten, Wrightstown
Timothy Wilson, Eau Claire
Scott Wirth, Phillips
Michael Wudi, Medford

30 Years

David Alsteen, Oconto Falls
Tammy Behrens, Brookfield
Daniel Bissett, Winneconne
Thomas Block, Lancaster

Steve Bohl, Hudson
Daniel Braund, Holmen
Charlie Breed, Gillett
Richard Buchholz, Blue River
Van Bundgaard, Bruce
Jeff Butler, Burlington
Jason Christianson, Medford
Brad Cody, Sheldon
David Crossen, Madison
James Cunningham, Chetek
Paul Debruin, Appleton
Don Dilaura, Ossian
Jill Ditlefsen, Jefferson
Scott Douglas, Elkhorn
Jim Ewing, Weyauwega
Robert Fenske, Portage
Paul Ford, Howard
Duane Frankiewicz, Spooner
Mike Gallus, Appleton
Lee Garrels, Pittsville
Michael Gilles, Oconto
Gary Guendert, Greendale
Mike Gustafson, Kiel
Phillip Hahn, Campbellsport
Roderick Hamilton, La Crosse
Michael Hincak, Mukwonago
Dan Howard, Deerfield
Michael Igl, Antigo
Tom Imhoff, Janesville
Scott Jacquart, Beaver Dam
Curt Johnson, Antigo
Joshua Kahle, Plover
Woodrow Keeble, Ladysmith
Wayne Keenan, Viroqua
Roman Kehl, Ripon
Brian Kenney, Wisconsin Dells
Don Kirby, Racine

Brian Knab, Wausau
Duane Koltz, Eden
Joseph Korbel, Rice Lake
Bob Ladwig, Oregon
Chad Landsinger, Appleton
Mark Larson, Oshkosh
Michael Leard, Prairie du Chien
David Leblanc, Black River Falls
James Ledin Jr, Washburn
Terry Lepak, Edgar
Amy Linstad, Marinette
Robert Liverseed, Columbus
Todd Mader, Madison
Mark Margelofsky, Bonduel
Timothy Martin, Port Edwards
Joel Mathews, Wisconsin Rapids
George Maule, White Lake
Todd Mayr, Antigo
Billy McKnight, Menomonie
Pat Milinovich, Duluth
Rick Mitchell, Beloit
Ritchie Nowak, Wausau
Karl Olm, Madison
Dianne Pacolt, Menasha
Scott Patten, Carlton
Jon Payne, Wausau
Robert Pechacek, Ellsworth
Ryan Pilgrim, Medford
Tim Potratz, Weyauwega
John Putzkie, Green Bay
Kevin Quist, Mauston
Scott Reilly, Germantown
Amy Reise, Oshkosh
Ken Ristow, West Allis
Jeff Rosemeyer, Dorchester
Bill Ross, Minocqua
Mark Ryan, Mount Horeb
Kristoffer Saylor, Necedah
Bob Schenck, Janesville
Diane Schirger, Wisconsin Rapids
Bob Schwartz, Middleton
Tom Senecal, Green Bay
Kane Shutter, Arena
Richard Siegler, Manitowoc
Jeff Simmons, Cuba City
Tina Steiner, Blanchardville
Terrence Steinmetz, Bloomer
Steve Surprenant, Madison
David Teasdale, Waukesha
Glenn Teschendorf, Madison
Gerald Ujdur, Duluth
Shawn Umland, Minocqua
Mike Van Sicklen, Dodgeville
David Waller, Appleton
Mike Walsh, Plymouth

20 Years

Miguel Aguirre, Minocqua
Rodney Amys, Poplar
Michael Anton, Wauwatosa
Tyler Apel, Jackson
Brent Aschenbrenner, Stratford
Stan Atkinson, Franklin
Lance Bagstad, Arcadia
Stuart Baker, Madison
Rodney Batiste, Hurley
Kevin Bauman, Ontario

John Beck, Milton
Ryan Berdal, Weston
Brian Bloesl, Pulaski
Ted Blohm, De Pere
Bill Bogard, Brookfield
Mark Brine, Hudson
Adam Brzezinski, Wausau
Abby Burmeister, South Milwaukee
Jared Butson, St. Charles
James Byrd, DeForest
Michael Craze, Mequon
Donald Cvengros, Ironwood
Daniel Cypcar, Waukesha
Taylor Devalk, Fitchburg
Matthew Doering, Lake Mills
Seth Dorn, New London
Jerry Douglas, Darlington
Anthony Dowery Sr., St. Francis
William Dupuis, Janesville
Jay Emmert, Houlton
Jared Flesch, Waunakee
Terry Frisk, Menomonee Falls
Bryan Fritsch, Ripon
Tony Gates, Janesville
Bob Gawlitta, Wisconsin Rapids
Tony Gheller, Bessemer
Eric Giordano, Wausau
Rob Gitlewski, Green Bay
Rich Goczeski, Verona
Michael Graber, Kimberly
Jon Haas, Fitchburg
Nicholas Hable, Mauston
William Hahn, Bowler
Trent Haldiman, Waterloo
Bryant Halverson, Lomira
Thomas Heavey, Ladysmith
James Hoefgen Jr, Milwaukee
Robert Horst, Chilton
Nathan Humbach, Madison
Matt Hurley, Greenfield
Bryant Johnson, Milwaukee
Dennis Johnson, Mount Horeb
Kenneth Johnson, Lake Geneva
Mary Jones, Madison
Chris Kempf, Ashland
Logan Kimberly, Hammond
Loren Klein, Ettrick
Benjamin Knaack, Clintonville
Steve Kneeland, Duluth
Steve Krause, West Bend
Chris Kujawa, Oshkosh
David Lasee, De Pere
Greg Leck, Stoughton
Peter Ledvina, Luxemburg
John Leszko, Suamico
AJ Ligman, Plover
Mark Lillegard, Poynette
Bob Mahnke, Edgerton
Jim Mansky, Elkhorn
Bryce Maphis, Waukesha
Christopher Marcum, Eau Claire
Mauricio Marin, Oshkosh
Timothy Mathweg, Fond du Lac
Michael Matzek, Prescott
John Mauer, Sheboygan Falls

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has been due to the efforts of our member schools. Many high schools have taken the initiative to create an officiating course, and offer it to their students. The number of schools teaching courses has grown from 12 in 2021-22 to 42 in 2023-24. This has impacted our officials' registrations immensely. Nearly 1400 high school students have registered this year. The hope is that these students find a love for officiating and become the next generation of WIAA Officials who officiate our contests and State Tournaments.

Sport Licenses are active from August 1 – July 31 each year. We are nearing the close of one season and preparing for the next. The window to register is NOW OPEN and we are hopeful that we will see registration numbers continue to improve.

The WIAA is offering three registration windows. Athletic Administrators begin their hiring process well before the seasons begin – so we encourage all officials to license during the FIRST WINDOW.

- May 1 – June 30
- September 15 – 30
- January 1 - 15

The cost to register, during these windows, is \$35 registration fee + \$15 per sport. Outside of these dates, there is an additional \$30 processing fee.

Once again, officials will be able to choose whether they want ELECTRONIC Rule Books, or paper rule books this year. The opportunity to have your rule book on your phone or tablet is a great step for those who no longer want to carry a book. We look forward to providing this option again.

As we celebrate the strides we have made in the number of licensed WIAA Officials, let's also remember that our high school sports are still experiencing a shortage. Encourage others to explore the opportunity to officiate high school athletics. ●

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Mary McCutcheon, Beaver Dam
Clarence McGee, Milwaukee
Dennis McGraw, Dodgeville
Cody McLean, Markesan
Raul Medina, Milwaukee
Michael Meyer, Waterford
John Meyers, Evansville
Paul Morrison, Wisconsin Rapids
Patrick Murphy, Wausau
Justin Nickels, Manitowoc
Lucas Nordin, La Farge
Dean Odling, Lake Geneva
Justin Oeftger, Monona
Carrie Osswald, Whitefish Bay
James Otzelberger, Menomonee Falls
Corey Peterson, Larsen
Lori Pickard, Amery
Steve Pilz, Spencer
Mahmood Rad, Brookfield
Jason Richter, Black Earth
Brett Ridout, Weyerhaeuser
Nicholas Roedell, Manitowoc
Matt Rydecki, Hartford
Tim Sajdowitz, Waukesha
Craig Schacht, Jefferson
Jeremiah Schaefer, Kiel
Nick Schradle, Clayton
Rick Schultz, Wauwatosa
Jeffrey Schwarz, Chilton
Anthony Selle, Rio
Tim Shaw, Edgerton
Jeffrey Sinkovec, West Allis
Tim Smart, Phillips
Daniel Smith, Germantown
Glen Smith, Plymouth
Gregory Smul, Greendale
James Stadtmueller, Neenah
William Stanfield, Cudahy
Steve Steinhardt, Plymouth
Ty Stoneburner, Seymour
Brent Thompson, Oshkosh
Chad Thurs, Wausau
Scott Trottier, Kenosha
Brett Trower, Baraboo
Mark Von Haden, Tomah
Jeffrey Wasley, Ironwood
Jason Werth, Menomonee Falls
Randy Wesenberg, Stevens Point
Kirk Wieland, Milton
David Wilson, Milwaukee
Dale Wirth, Weyauwega
Scott Witkowski, Deerfield
Joe Zawacki, Whitewater

10 Years

Dario Abella, Green Bay
John Adams, La Crosse
Ryan Alfson, Newton
Nathan Ammerman, Waukesha
Daniel Anderson, Holmen
Mark Aschenbrenner, West Salem
C Gregory Balestrieri, Byron
Montreal Balton, Milwaukee
Jason Baron, Waukesha
Kyle Bates, Superior
Beth Batiste Jackson, Slinger

John Bechard, Waukesha
Dennis Becker, Deerfield
Jeff Becker, Arkdale
Scott Bell, Menominee
Jason Benrud, Trempealeau
Brier Bergerson, Spencer
Jake Berken, Green Bay
Marc Blakeley, Johnson Creek
Scott Blashka, Neenah
Brian Bockhop, Dodgeville
Matthew Boeder, Oshkosh
Matthew Bowe, Tomah
James Brandt, Stoughton
Jeff Brenizer, Luck
Joseph Bresette, Fountain City
John Brey, Pewaukee
Matt Brice, Dorchester
Tyler Briney, Menasha
Dylan Buboltz, Appleton
Barbara Burnett, Milwaukee
Keith Campbell, New Berlin
Jerry Carber, Dubuque
James Cardinal, Ripon
Beverley Carlsen, Sheldon
Quentin Cartier, Brookfield
Elisabet Casserberg, Duluth
Adam Churchill, Hudson
Chad Clore, Duluth
Joshua Copeland, Green Bay
Jason Cram, Monona
Alexander Crogan, Watertown
Corey Davis, Menomonee
Michael Davis, Janesville
Robert Demeuse, New Lisbon
Tom Demulling, Ashland
Andrew Digiorgio, Hurley
Luke Dobberstein, New London
Mike Dooley, Waukesha
Thomas Ehlert, Sussex
David Elgersma, Beaver Dam
Kevin Falstad, Cameron
Ken Fanta, Cottage Grove
Jay Finnerty, Green Bay
David Frankson, Oregon
Randy Freeh, Wisconsin Rapids
Heather Golden, De Pere
Kari Gornik, Darlington
Richard Greenlee, Madison
Quinton Greer, Janesville
Thomas Gritton, Neenah
Curt Gruenewald, Beaver Dam
Dennis Gruetzmacher, Stevens Point
Richard Guerrero, Winneconne
Adam Guthrie, Bloomington
Rob Hansen, West Salem
Lucas Heidmann, Appleton
Joe Hennen, West Bend
Krista Hilpert, Milwaukee
Steve Hodgson, Plover
Paul Hoffman, Appleton
Nate Hottmann, Fitchburg
Thomas Houle, Stillwater
Kevin Huiss, La Crosse
Mike Hutchinson, Milwaukee
Kent Jacobson, Watertown
Brent Johnson, Holmen

Recruitment and Retainment of Officials

The shortage of high school officials continues to be a focus for state high school associations across the country. NASO (The National Association of Sports Officials), in a new comprehensive survey, has reported that the average age of officials in every sport is getting older! A high percentage of officials will be hanging up their whistles (etc.) in the next 5 years. Not only are these officials nearing retirement, but they are also our most experienced and some of the best officials working in high school athletics.

We need to be intentional about preparing the NEXT generation of officials! How do we do that? The simple answer is that inexperienced officials, need experience. They need to officiate games, so that they can learn and grow. Our schools, our spectators, our coaches, players, and our administrators need to provide a sports environment where officials can gain valuable experience without being ridiculed on the court/field/etc. This means backing off the number of assignments we give to our veteran officials to provide opportunities for the next generation of officials. This means creating an environment at the middle school and junior varsity level where young officials can improve their mechanics, learn how to make correct calls in a fast-paced game, and develop communication skills with our coaches. Without protection, officials' careers end quickly. The need for the next generation to learn the skills needed for officiating becomes more important with every passing day.

Remember, NASO reported that 8 of every 10 newly licensed officials quit within the first two years. That information is staggering! Addressing the retention of officials is critical, and something that we must do together. It starts with adult behavior before, during, and after games!

Over the course of this past year, we have seen via social media, the difference that high schools, their athletes, students, and the community, are making to show their gratitude toward officials. Fall, Winter, and Spring Sport Officials Appreciation Weeks have been a big hit with officials! We thank our member schools that have planned special events around these dates and honored the officials at game time. The WIAA has received messages from schools and officials with photos and positive feedback. We thank you for making a greater effort to support our officials.

The greatest strides being made by our membership, as it relates to officiating, are the High School Courses on learning to Officiate. High school students who are registered as officials are leading us into the future. This school year we have licensed over 1400 high school students. Some are taking an officiating course, offered as part of the high school curriculum. Over the past 3 years we have seen the number of high schools that are offering an official's course grow exponentially. From 12 high school classes being taught in 2022 to 42 today is an amazing accomplishment! Efforts like these from our member schools are producing tangible results in the recruitment and retainment of our WIAA Officials. Thank you to the teachers and coaches who are making this happen. ●

Leaann Johnson, Onalaska
Jill Jokela, Madison
Kevin Jones, Fennimore
Kurt Jones, Trevor
Paul Jurakovich, Montreal
Keith Kalberer, Wauwatosa
Joel Kamrath, Watertown
Daniel Kannel, Plum City
Jerry Keleher, Elkader
Justin Kelly, Milwaukee
Bryan Kelnhofer, Plover
Brent Killackey, Franklin
Dan Kippert, Sun Prairie
Cody Knutson, La Crescent
Paul Kolell, Appleton
Logan Koss, Manitowoc
Kevin Kravik, Bangor
Rusty Kryzanowski, Fond du Lac

Matthew Langman, Woodville
John Lanham, Muskego
Eric Lehmann, Waukesha
Patrick Lewis, Neenah
Mason Lind, Brandon
Jake Livingston, Kenosha
Jason Lopez, West Allis
Cory Lund, Kiel
Adam Lyons, La Crosse
Adam Mackey, Ironwood
Maxwell Maier, Milwaukee
Austin Marquardt, Lena
Tyler Marquardt, Green Bay
Linda Martell, Chippewa Falls
Matthew Martin, Wauwatosa
Fred Martinez, Madison
Ben Marusak, New Richmond

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Officials from page 15

Broderick Mashak, Bangor
Aaron Mc Crary, Barneveld
Mason McCauley, Sun Prairie
Joseph McConohy, Menomonie
Cole McDonald, La Crosse
Steven Melendez, Whitewater
Stu Merkel, Oak Creek
Craig Meyer, Oak Creek
Bryan Milz, Green Bay
Clarke Moberg, Milwaukee
Mark Movrich, Bessemer
Chris Murphy, Stoughton
Mitchell Murphy, Hartland
Ritchie Narges, Cumberland
Norberto Neave Jr, Kenosha
Zach Neisius, Reedsburg
Dawn Nelson, Menasha
Bill Neville, Neillsville
Justin Nickel, Pardeeville
Amy Noble, Lancaster
Douglas North, Loyal
James Obbink, Cedar Grove
Greg Offerman, Fitchburg
Richard Olson Jr, Birnamwood
Milos Omic, Waukesha
Gregrey Otto, Almond
Nicholas Pack, Baldwin
Jacob Padley, Madison
Mark Pagach, West Allis
John Pawlowski, Greendale
Russell Peacock, Deerfield
James Peters, Pittsville
Sean Philbin, Madison
Nathan Plumer, Rice Lake
Brad Podevels, Colby
Sara Potts, New Berlin
Richard Puffe, Little Chute
John Quackenbush, Walworth
Jack Raslawski, Pleasant Prairie
Pamela Rauwerdink, Hingham
David Recht, Menomonee Falls
James Reif, Menomonie
Jocelyn Richardt, River Falls
Jose Rodriguez, Oak Creek
Heidi Rozek, Columbus
Darin Rudnick, Portage
Ben Ruechel, Manitowoc
Josh Sachse, Sheboygan
Dan Sagert, Hillsboro
Bob Sanders, Westby
Sean Sarver, Wausau
Zachary Scharenbrock, Appleton
Michelle Schauf, Walworth
Matt Schneider, Whitewater
Barry Scholz, New Holstein
Michael Schraufnagel, Hartford
Matthew Schwichtenberg, Wauwoc
Trevor Schwoerer, Valders
Joseph See, Washburn
Bill Seitz, Muskego
Jason Sell, Woodville
Eric Siljendahl, Duluth
Jeffrey Smit, Friesland
Kim Smith, Franklin
Nick Spence, Franklin
Timothy Stachowiak, Fort Atkinson

Kerry Steinagel, Cottage Grove
Monte Stewart, Superior
Matthew Stieber, Fitchburg
Jack Strege, Neenah
Ryan Strzok, Menomonie
Todd Stuber, Depere
Timothy Szydowski, Reedsburg
Dawn Terpstra, Stockholm
Trent Thacker, Eau Claire
Jacob Thiel, Green Bay
Brett Thieme, Oak Creek
Brad Thomas, Oshkosh
Nicholas Tolzman, Oconto Falls
Jarod Ulrich, New Lisbon
Joe Underwood, Eau Claire
Jerome Urban, Waukesha
Tyler Utecht, Wausau
Alan Van Loon, Hermantown
Eric Vanden Heuvel, Green Bay
Kristi Vaughn, Johnson Creek
Tony Veronico, Waterford
Jeff Vickman, Greenleaf
Steve Vredeveld, Stevens Point
Anne Walker, Boscobel
Joergfried Wanninger, Eau Claire
Matthew Wasmer, Valders
Paul Wells, Holmen
Chris Wery, Green Bay
Nathan Westby, Sussex
Daniel Wick, Onalaska
Lou Williamson, Amery
Ken Wyngaard, Appleton
Brent Yaeggi, Fort Atkinson
Cord Yager, Mineral Point
Brian Zoromski, Rothschild
Kevin Zubke, Watertown

5 Years

Chad Abram, Prairie du Chien
Jeffrey Adair, Mishicot
Skyler Adamski, Pulaski
Daniel Akright, Port Washington
Anita Ames, Rhinelander
Cole Anderson, Waterford
Vern Anderson, Thorp
Wyatt Anderson, Arcadia
Nolan Arentz, La Crosse
Jeffrey Aspinwall, Saxon
Steve Baierl, Green Bay
Ely Bauer, Durand
Joey Becker, Pittsville
John Becker, Holmen
Korey Beier, Wauwoc
Jacob Berdal, Weston
Jason Bergin, Saukville
Zachary Berndt, Platteville
Raymond Berres, Whitelaw
Michael Biba, Genoa City
Marcus Bishop, Oconomowoc
Ashley Blackburn, Marshfield
Jarrod Blackburn, Marshfield
Troy Blanchard, Pound
Dennis Bogacz, Pulaski
Chad Boivin, Appleton
Allie Booth, Hancock
Christopher Boyd, Bayfield

Zachary Bresina, Hammond
Kevin Brockman, Bruce
Michele Brown, Three Lakes
Allan Burchfield, Zion
Brett Buteyn, New Holstein
Christopher Campbell, Pewaukee
Garrett Campbell, Salem
Glen Campbell, DeForest
Michael Carini, Cedarburg
Daryl Carter, Racine
Kasey Casper, Coleman
Duronet Charles, Wausau
Eric Chartre, Deerfield
Brent Claflin, Brussels
Darrel Clark, Viola
Scott Constantineau, Plover
Casey Cox, Prairie du Chien
Robert Craig, Cottage Grove
Chad Craighill, Madison
Jamie Cridelich, Lyndon Station
Bryce Crowley, Omro
Cale Cuddie, Loyal
Jeryn Daggs, De Pere
Mitchell Dakins, Oconto
Brady Dallman, Manawa
Gregg Danke, Omro
Ravonte Dantzler, Milwaukee
Guy De Shaney, Appleton
Marcus Dehnert, Jefferson
Will Denoyer, Sun Prairie
Joseph Devall, Burlington
Don Dishno, Waukesha
James Dobrzynski, New Berlin
Orlando Dominguez, Watertown
Chad Donahue, Milwaukee
Corbin Dooley, Franklin
Stan Druckrey, South Milwaukee
Steve Dryer, Waukesha
John Duplayee, Tomahawk
Jared Dvorak, New Lisbon
Jessica Ellis, Holmen
Dylan Espen, West Bend
Hunter Evenson, Norwalk
Jordan Fadness, Wisconsin Dells
Chris Feidt, Rudolph
Nathaniel Fell, Greendale
Dennis Fenton, Wheeler
Eric Flug, Chilton
Preston Fields, Appleton
Todd Fischer, Osseo
Shaun Fleischhacker, Bayside
Chase Flink, Stratford
Justin Fluegge-Elmer, Madison
William Foot, Red Wing
Victor Franklin Jr, Milwaukee
Rod Frost, Farmington
Scot Fure, Madison
Brian Gage, Milwaukee
Peter Gervais, Greenville
Barbara Gibson, La Crosse
Gene Glawe, Elkader
Jared Gosse, Green Bay
Peter Govek, Sheboygan
Bart Gray, Pepin
Chris Graziano, Slinger

Andy Guden, Medford
Sue Guenther, Blair
Nick Haberer, Mequon
Scott Habura, Lake Geneva
John Handel, Elkhorn
Jason Hanks, Edgerton
Jon Heesch, Sparta
Jeffrey Heimke, Lena
Matthew Heinzen, Wausau
Larry Held, Hartford
Greg Hendricks, Kingsford
Rick Henke, Wisconsin Rapids
Chris Henning, Beaver Dam
David Herrick, Fond du Lac
Nathaniel Hilliard, Marshfield
Glen Hinz, Rosemount
Brent Hoffman, Mauston
Jonathan House, Fitchburg
Allen Huber, Washburn
Vincent Hubli, Paddock Lake
Ian Hylok, Wrightstown
Aaron Jackson, Burlington
Jeffrey Johnson, Hudson
Laura Johnson, Appleton
Noah Johnson, Richland Center
Ryan Johnson, Chippewa Falls
Brandon Joly, Seymour
Joshua Jones, Menasha
Troy Jones, Peshtigo
Kristin Kaczmarek, Watertown
Mark Kapocius, Greendale
Matt Karnas, Minneapolis
Ty Kartman, Potosi
Rebecca Kasowicz, Park Falls
Joe Kassner, Kewaunee
Spencer Keeble, Ladysmith
Ryan Kluba, West Bend
Daniel Knecht, Weyauwega
Louis Knecht, Verona
Josie Knier, New London
Jeff Knop, Germantown
Joseph Koffarnus, Hilbert
Adam Kolmorgen, Kewaunee
Trevor Kopacz, Roberts
Kyle Korinek, Two Rivers
Casey Kowalski, Mosinee
Kari Krakow, Portage
Jacob Krause, Eau Claire
Jeffrey Krisik, Durand
Kyle Krueger, Fond du Lac
Chris Kucera, Orr
Michael Kuolt, Milton
Emily Kupka, River Falls
Matt La Tour, Manitowoc
Zach Laier, Hayward
Brandon Laine, Green Bay
Andy Lamb, Menomonie
Artis Landon, Menomonee Falls
Derek Lansdale, Baraboo
Alex Larson, Abbotsford
Justin Latona, Kenosha
Tim Legois, Luxemburg
Roland Lehman, Mauston
Dane Lew, Eau Claire
William Litzer, Marathon

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School Involvement in Out-of-Season Activity

A reminder that schools cannot be involved in conducting out-of-season competition during the school year or during the summer. This means a school cannot conduct 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, co-educational volleyball tournaments, softball tournaments, etc., outside the designated school season for that particular sport. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (5 days for all WIAA sports). This does not prevent outside organizations, such as recreation departments which are not a part of the school, service clubs, etc., from renting school facilities and conducting these types of competitions, but the school itself cannot be directly involved.

A further reminder that the WIAA has a rule which states "A school may not conduct intramural programs which involve athletes with past status on a school team (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman), except during the established school season of a sport." A school cannot, for example, conduct intramural volleyball during the spring, with girls' volleyball players participating. It wouldn't make any difference how many were on a given team,

or whether it was co-ed volleyball, if girls' volleyball players were involved, it would be a violation.

WIAA rules do not prevent students from participating in nonschool out-of-season competitions. However, school facilities cannot be used for students to practice for these competitions, unless a nonschool group or organization has made arrangements through normal procedures, to use these facilities.

WIAA Bylaws state that schools, including their administrators, athletic director and coaches, shall not become involved directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, and/or promotion of any kind of all-star game or similar contest involving students with remaining WIAA high school eligibility in any sport, if such all-star games or similar contests are held during the established school year.

Note: Coaches are prohibited from having coaching contact outside the designated sport season with any eligible student-athlete while school is in session. ●

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Jeff Lockwood, East Troy
Vincent Lodise, Pewaukee
John Loehr, Plymouth
Deondre Lucas, Eau Claire
Alex Lund, Kiel
Thomas Lyons, Waunakee
Maurice Madison, Milwaukee
Ryan Mahoney, Suring
Gary Manz, Kiel
Ryan Martin, Brookfield
David Masak, Appleton
Matthew Mayberry, South Milwaukee
Kyle Mayfield, Menasha
Elijah Meerstein, Green Bay
Jimmy Meler, Waukesha
Paul Melotik, Grafton
Mike Meunier, Omro
Brandon Mickelson, Westby
Gary Miedema, Beloit
Kristy Miller, Crivitz
Patrick Miller, Waukesha
Zachary Mixdorf, Wild Rose
Wadea Mohr, North Fond du Lac
Bruce Moriarty, Appleton
David Morrell, Northfield
Nicholas Mrdutt, Glenwood City
Bradley Mullins, Greenville
Collin Nelson, Milwaukee
Payton Nelson, Lomira
Eric Netzel, Grayslake
Kandi Neuber, Little Chute
Gavin Nichols, Proctor
Jeremy Nichols, Milwaukee
Jace Ocker, Waukesha
Nathan Ollanketo, Beaver Dam
Charles Owens, Milwaukee
Trent Parr, Mondovi
Troy Patterson, North Fond du Lac
Lee Peerenboom, Winneconne
Christopher Peloquin, Weston
Ryan Peplinski, Muskego
Randall Peronto, Manitowoc
Jay Peterson, Merrill
Paul Peterson, Pleasant Prairie

Skylar Pozanc, Buffalo City
Emma Price, Hilbert
Charles Pronschinske, Appleton
Raymond Przybelski, Custer
Madeline Ramich, Luck
Tyler Ratajczak, Beaver Dam
Jack Rauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls
Bob Reddin, Brookfield
Donna Reed, Milwaukee
Jack Reeves, Wausau
Daniel Reid, Sparta
Keegan Reinke, Franklin
Tim Riebau, Appleton
Nicolas Riggs, Stevens Point
Lynn Roberts, Marrero
Dakota Robinson, Luxemburg
Jim Rohweder, Reedsburg
Grant Roland, Shawano
Luke Rosenbaum, Onalaska
Marisa Roth, Brookfield
Kurt Rummler, Burlington
David Rusch, Whitefish Bay
Derrick Salo, Minocqua
Tyler Salvesson-Krepline, Appleton
Austin Schedlbauer, Antigo
Peter Schneider, Madison
Bradley Schroeder, New Holstein
Brent Schuettpehl, Appleton
Robert Schultz, Sussex
Rory Schultz, Oshkosh
Michael Schuman, Kenosha
Christopher Schwaller, Appleton
Jeremy Schwartz, Sheboygan
Kate Schwarzenbart, Neenah
George Shepherd, Lake Geneva
Nathan Smidt, East Troy
Chavan Smith, Racine
James Smith, Stillwater
Brad Solberg, Darlington
Jered Spaeth, Menomonee Falls
Mitch St. John, Deforest
Dale Steeber, Sobieski
Peter Stefaniak, Wauwatosa
Nicholas Stewart, Amery

Alan Suchla, Arcadia
Scott Swoboda, Chippewa Falls
Dale Thoreson, Pardeeville
Christopher Tilton, Kronenwetter
Crede Timm, Shawano
Brad Tittington, Oak Creek
Jack Tomlinson, Ogdensburg
Francisco Torres Rivera, Milwaukee
Joshua Tranel, Hazel Green
Larry Tranel, Cuba City
Cadin Truesdale, Waukesha
Duke Tucker, Grantsburg
Amy Uhlig, Kewaskum
Phil Vande Wettering, Appleton
Rodney Varner, Edgewood
John Veselka, Waterford
Kevin Vickman, Wrightstown
Sara Voigt, Colgate
Colby Von Haden, Tomah
Kougar Wagner, Crivitz

Eli Watral, East Troy
Brian Watt, Iron Mountain
Jonathan Weir, New Holstein
Michael Wentland, Machesney Park
William White, Elkhorn
Cody Willems, Luxemburg
Wade Williams, Bayfield
Amy Williamson, Danbury
Terrelle Wilson, La Cresent
Pasquell Wisdom, Beloit
Alec Wisse, De Pere
James Woods, Elkhorn
Zachery Woods, Oshkosh
Walter Wooley Sr., Franklin
Benjamin Workentine, Green Bay
Shua Yang, Sheboygan
Jeremy Zeman, Duluth
Jiazhen Zhou, McFarland
Gary Ziebell, Combined Locks
Jacob Zulewski, Appleton ●

Board Ratifies from page 1

Adams-Friendship moves from the South Central Conference to Wisconsin Valley Conference, and Lake Country Lutheran transitions from independent status to the Woodland Conference. In addition, Wonewoc-Center moves from the Scenic Bluffs Conference to the Coulee Conference for boys golf only.

Following the Board's approval, Assumption will move from the Marawood Conference to the Coulee Conference for girls tennis only in 2024-25, and Providence Academy will join the Packerland Conference in boys soccer, girls cross country and boys cross country in 2024-25 after competing as an independent.

Other action items approved by the Board include the spring co-op teams for 2024-25 and 2025-26, the 2024 Annual Meeting transcript, a revision to the WIAA Licensure & Royalty Policy (Senior High Handbook Appendix L) and the general fund statements and payments for April.

Among the topics reported to the Board by the executive staff were preparations for the upcoming spring tournaments, the progress in establishing the Student-Athlete Leadership Team, an update on the Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee, and a presentation on the prospects of establishing a WIAA Foundation.

The Board received liaison reports from Dan Rossmiller of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Eric Piltzuweit of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

In a special recognition, Jim Krueger of Stevens Point was presented with the National Federation of State High School Associations State Award for Outstanding Service to the WIAA. ●



Jim Krueger

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"statement" for at least 16 of University Lake's student body and one faculty member.

Reporting Official: Tom Konecny

SOFTBALL

Onalaska @ Tomah – May 9, 2024

I wanted to take a moment to thank Coach Wall and Coach Heit for their work leading the softball programs at Tomah and Onalaska. The sportsmanship displayed by these two teams was outstanding. Madison Johnson, your hustle and positive words of encouragement towards your teammates was noticed. Pitarre Olson, your positive attitude was contagious. It was great to be part of this high school game.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

Westby @ Arcadia – May 7, 2024

I wanted to say thank you to Coach Stenslien at Westby and Coach Bjore at Arcadia for the work that they are doing leading their programs. The outstanding sportsmanship that both teams displayed was outstanding. Brynn Aspen from Arcadia your words of encouragement that you shared with your teammates were noticed. Taylor Davidson the way that you hustled on and off the field was greatly appreciated.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

Shawano @ Seymour – April 30, 2024

We witnessed a very cool moment last night. When the National Anthem would not play before the game due to technical difficulties, while both teams were lined up on the base lines, they sang the Anthem together a capella style. It was awesome to see and hear this act of patriotism from both teams. Both communities should be proud of your softball programs.

Reporting Official: Russ Mueller

D.C. Everest @ Stevens Point – April 25, 2024

To start with, a huge shout out to both the SPASH and D.C. Everest softball coaches, players and fans. We fin-

ished a previously suspended game that was in the top of the 3rd inning, and completed a full game after that. This type of game is why umpires stay in the game. There was sportsmanship throughout both games. The coaches and players treated each other and the officials with nothing but respect. The games were both heavily contested, with several close plays. And not one time did a coach, player, or fan say anything negative towards the call. We were not perfect in calling the game, I'm sure if asked, they would say we missed a call. But the game was one of the best games I've been part of in officiating. There was a lot of compliments given out by fans, coaches and players to each other after the game. In a time when we don't see the sportsmanship in close, heavily contested games, this was not one of them. A game many umpires would love to be a part of. Thank you to SPASH and D.C. Everest on a game well-played.

Reporting Official: Wayne Fleischmann

Iola-Scandinavia @ Manawa – April 23, 2024

It simply doesn't get any better than this. I know and have worked for Mr. Anderson and Mr. Petke many times. I could not have more respect for these coaches and their staffs. All girls on both teams are very pleasant and respectful to umpires, and even more importantly to each other. I don't believe an opposing batter ever had to pick up a bat after a foul ball. The catcher handed it back to her. Both coaches routinely applauded good defensive plays by their opponent. The Iola[Scandinavia catcher never let me sweep off the plate, she wiped it with her glove whenever necessary. There was a good crowd of fans watching the game. Not one word to an umpire by any of the spectators, they just cheered and encouraged their kids. That behavior starts with the coaches, and it runs through the entire program. Both schools and communities should be very proud of their kids. These teams epitomize what high school sports are all about. not only because they play very good softball, but because they are even better people.

Reporting Official: Gary Hagberg

Non-school Participation

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2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's non-school participation outside the sport season and the five Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and Art. VI) Note: Funds kept in school activity accounts are considered school funds.

Awards must meet the WIAA amateur status rules as well. From the Rules at a Glance:

C: AMATEUR STATUS

A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash, or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, etc. A student may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain nonschool competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform. ●

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ball practice, she collided with a truck heading the opposite direction on I-90. She suffered a traumatic brain injury and numerous broken bones as a result of the crash.

After months of rehabilitation at a facility in Colorado, Coder returned home in April of 2023. The toughness she displayed on the softball field resonated through her recovery to relearn how to speak, walk and eat. With her dedication and hard work, she returned to school with her classmates and teammates to graduate this spring.

Adam Backus - Mishicot

Backus is a standout in football and track & field at Mishicot High School, and he played the lead role in the high school musical as well as solo ensemble.

This fall, Backus received Associated Press All-State High Honorable Mention at defensive back. He also earned Wisconsin Football Coaches All-State Honorable Mention as well as First Team All-Packerland Conference honors. The senior team captain in 2023 was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. He has advanced to sectionals in the pole vault, 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

In October of his junior season, Backus suffered a life-threatening injury during football practice. While making a play to defend a pass, he collided with another defensive teammate and was slow to get back on his feet. What appeared to be the equivalent of having the wind knocked out of him was something far more serious.

He sustained a grade 5 splenic rupture and was transported to the hospital. While in the hospital room for observation, his vitals crashed. After he was stabilized and underwent a procedure to repair the rupture, Backhus immediately asked when he could return to the field with his teammates. After rest and recuperation, he returned to participation last fall.

Dodge Shore - Hillsboro

Shore is a senior manager for the boys basketball team at Hillsboro High School, a role he has embraced for six years.

He dreamed of playing college basketball when he was in elementary school, but on July 21, 2017, those aspirations took a different path when Shore and his two siblings were involved in a head-on automobile collision. He sustained injuries that caused him to lose use of his legs and confined him to a wheelchair.

The challenges to fulfilling his dreams did not deter his drive to participate in basketball. Shore has been an active member of the Mad City Badgers wheelchair basketball team for a number of years, traveling around the country participating in tournaments. He recently accepted an offer to play for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater men's wheelchair basketball team.

The NFHS Spirit of Sport Award was started in 2008. Including this year, 15 individuals and three teams have been chosen as national award recipients. Nominations for the award are generated

through NFHS member state associations and reviewed by the NFHS National High School Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee composed of state association staff members. A national winner will be recognized in June at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Boston, Mass.

The WIAA Spirit of Sport Award was implemented in 2018 to determine a nominee to be submitted to the NFHS for section and national Spirit of Sport Award consideration. The Wisconsin recipient is the state's nomination for the NFHS section and national awards. The following is a list of previous recipients of the WIAA Spirit of Sport Award.

- 2018 - Bryce Ladwig, Plymouth
- 2019 - Ashley Stich, Kenosha Tremper
- 2020 - Adam Szepieniec, DeForest
- 2021 - Abigail Tuma, Shawano
- 2022 - Jordan Glenn, Wisconsin Lutheran
- 2023 - Kenzie Koppenhaver, Kiel

Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin is a proud sponsor of the WIAA Spirit of Sport Award. The organization exists to be a tireless advocate, marketer, and promoter for Wisconsin dairy farmers and to drive demand for Wisconsin's dairy products. The organization represents Wisconsin farm families and works to increase the sale and consumption of Wisconsin milk and dairy products, as well as build trust in dairy farmers and the industry.

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Recognizing Unsung Heroes of Sports Competitions

As another year comes to a close, there have been so many memorable moments that have taken place on the courts, courses, fields and pools all around the state.

It's a fact that none of these memories, or any indelible moments in the past 128 years in high school sports in Wisconsin, could or would have been possible without one essential group of contributors to every interscholastic competition – licensed officials. What should be abundantly clear, without officials, there are no games.

We celebrate and extend our gratitude to all licensed officials that give of themselves to allow others to participate in interscholastic athletics, not only the student-athletes that play the game, but also the coaches employed to guide the school programs.

Who are these unsung heroes? They are husbands and wives; they are moms and dads; they're grandparents, as well as brothers and sisters. And most recently, a large number of high school students. On top of that, in most cases, they are someone's coworker. That's right. High school officiating is a part-time gig. After work at their career job, they put on their officiating gear to serve our member schools and the teenagers that participate in school-based sports.

Let us all consider these things before expressing an often-biased frustration and discontent with officials, who sacrifice their time and effort to do their best to fairly arbitrate high school sporting events. A bit of respect, empathy and a perspective of "walk a mile in my shoes," – attributed to Mary Lathrap's poem *Judge Softly* – goes a long way.

As obvious as this may appear, it may not be resonating as much as needed to eradicate the shortage of sports officials we are experiencing in our state and throughout the country. Recent research by the National Federation of State High School Associations indicated the top reason officials leave the ranks was because of the unsporting behavior of adults, many of those would logically be the parents of participating student-athletes. Consider the irony of this. Individuals that believe a child's participation is so important that they act out in an uncivil manner towards officials, who are the essential element for all interscholastic participation. Doesn't this seem quite counterintuitive?

However, we can't overlook the role coaches have in setting the tone for either a respectful or hostile environment. It has been suggested that partisan spectators take cues from what they witness on the sidelines. While everyone is responsible for their own behavior, it's responsible to avoid contributing to someone allowing their emotions in the moment to get the best of them.

We recently announced the number of licensed officials has exceeded 10,000 for the first time, which is a positive trend. However, in recent conversations with conferences and athletic directors, scheduling officials at all levels of competition continues to be challenging in most sports. Therefore, the efforts to recruit and retain our licensed officials continues. Perhaps the most effective way to continue this effort is to resist taking officials' contributions for granted, and to extend appreciation and hospitality at every opportunity.

In March, the Board of Control acknowledged the importance and commitment of licensed officials by approving an increase in officials' pay during the Tournament Series. While surveys indicate that pay is not necessarily the reason why they began or continue to officiate at the high school level, the acknowledgement and additional compensation is appreciated. Also, in this edition of the Bulletin (pp. 3, 14-17), we recognize those officials that have been licensed for five or more years. Furthermore, we highlight officials that receive State Tournament assignments and those that receive Official of the Year Awards in the Bulletin throughout the year.

We continue to share how veteran and new officials can register and recognizing the positive impact officiating courses in our members' schools have had on the number of licensed officials. Our collective efforts are beginning to pay dividends. Student groups have been organized to provide officials with tokens of appreciation upon arriving to a contest site, and officials have reported positive experiences at events to the WIAA office by submitting the Sportsmanship PLUS report form. In addition, much of the gains we've experienced in reaching the 10,000 milestone has been the registration of young student officials, more than 1,400 in the past couple of years. This bodes well for the future.

As the sun sets on another year of high school sports, recall all the special moments and all the benefits that this year has provided for so many. Also keep in mind licensed officials made them all possible. ●

Keep These Dates in Mind

May 24 & 28	Boys Lacrosse Regionals
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28-29	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 28 & 30	Softball Sectionals
May 28, 30 & June 1	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 30	Lacrosse Regionals
May 30-31-June 1	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
May 31 & June 1	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 1 & June 4	Lacrosse Sectionals
June 3-4	State Boys Golf (Blackwolf Run - Kohler)
June 4	Baseball Sectionals
June 6 & 8	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 6-7-8	State Softball (Madison)
June 7-8	State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
June 8	Lacrosse (Sun Prairie)
June 10	Classification Committee Meeting
June 10-11-12-13	State Baseball (Appleton)
June 13-14-15	State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
June 18	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
June 19	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
July 9	Classification Committee Meeting
July 22	New AD Workshop
July 24	Media Advisory Committee Meeting
August 1	Membership Application Deadline
August 6	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment (11 player)
August 6	Earliest Day for Football Practice (11 player)
August 12	Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice

August 13	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment (8 player)
August 13	Earliest Day for Football Practice (8 player)
August 13	Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice
August 13	Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
August 15	Earliest Day for First Girls Golf Meet
August 16	Board of Control Meeting
August 17	Earliest Day for First Girls Tennis Meet
August 19	Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice
August 19	Earliest Day for Volleyball Practice
August 19	Earliest Day for Cross Country Practice
August 21	Earliest Day for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet
August 22	Earliest Day for First Football Game (11 player)
August 27	Earliest Day for First Cross Country Meet
August 27	Earliest Day for First Boys Soccer Game
August 27	Earliest Day for First Volleyball Match
August 29	Earliest Day for First Football Game (8 player)
September 2	Labor Day
September 12	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball
September 16	Area Meeting - Greenfield
September 17	Area Meeting - Mauston
September 18	Area Meeting - Oconomowoc
September 20	Board of Control Meeting
September 23	Area Meeting - Rice Lake
September 24	Area Meeting - Antigo
September 25	Area Meeting - Mount Horeb
September 30	Area Meeting - Fox Valley Lutheran

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October 2	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
October 2-3	Girls Golf Regionals
October 2-4	Rosh Hashanah
October 7-8	Girls Tennis Sectionals
October 7-8-9	Girls Golf Sectionals
October 9-10	Girls Tennis Sectionals
October 11	Deadline for Football Playoff Site Listing
October 11-12	Yom Kippur
October 14-15	State Girls Golf (Madison)
October 17-18-19	State Girls Individual Tennis (Madison)
October 18	Latest Day for Final Football Game (Playoff Teams)
October 21	Earliest Date for Skinfold Measurements (Wrestling)
October 22, 24 & 26	Boys Soccer Regionals
October 22, 24 & 26	Girls Volleyball Regionals
October 23	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf
October 25	Boys Volleyball Regionals
October 25-26	Cross Country Sectionals
October 25-26	Level 1 Football
October 25-26	State Girls Team Tennis (Madison)
October 29 & Nov. 2	Boys Volleyball Sectionals
October 30	Advisory Council Meeting
October 31	Board of Control Meeting
October 31 & Nov. 2	Boys Soccer Sectionals
October 31 & Nov. 2	Girls Volleyball Sectionals
November 1-2	Level 2 Football
November 2	State Cross Country (Wisconsin Rapids)
November 6	Classification Committee Meeting
November 6-7-8-9	State Volleyball (Green Bay)
November 7-8-9	State Boys Soccer (Milwaukee)
November 8-9	Girls Swimming & Diving Sectionals

November 8-9	Level 3 Football
November 11	Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice
November 11	Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice
November 11	Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
November 15-16	Level 4 Football
November 15-16	State Girls Swimming & Diving (Waukesha)
November 16	State Football (8-Player) (Wisconsin Rapids)
November 18	Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice
November 18	Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice
November 18	Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice
November 19	Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game
November 19	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Cross Country
November 20	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Soccer
November 20	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Volleyball
November 21-22	State Football (11-Player) (Madison)
November 22	Earliest Day for First Hockey Game
November 26	Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game
November 26	Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet
November 28	Thanksgiving
November 29	Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet
December 3	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football
December 4	Classification Committee Meeting
December 4	Officials Advisory Committee Meeting
December 5	Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
December 6	Board of Control Meeting
December 9	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving
December 10	Conference Realignment Task Force Meeting
December 12	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Tennis
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day
January 9	Conference Realignment Task Force Meeting (virtual)
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 29	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
February 3	Middle Level Council Meeting
February 4	Advisory Council Meeting

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2023-24 and 2024-25 dates for ACT.

ACT – 2023-24

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

ACT – 2024-25

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 27	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

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receiving membership feedback throughout the entire process with additional resources of an outside person or group to interpret data, facilitate meetings and create a communication plan. The committee also committed to meet two or three times monthly, with at least one of the meetings being in-person.

The recommendations of the Calendar and Contact Ad Hoc Committee may result in implementation with action by the Board of Control or advancement to the Annual Meeting for a membership vote with amendments to the membership's Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility.

The next meeting of the committee via Zoom is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29. ●

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