

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PROPOSED

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
EFFECTIVE 2014-15**

ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 16, 2014

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 1 – CLASSIFICATION MULTIPLIER

This amendment brought forward by members of the Association would multiply the enrollments of all nonpublic member schools by 1.65 for tournament placement purposes.

Article III – Membership

Section 3 – Classification – p. 15

- A. Each senior high school shall be classified for purposes of membership, representation, and competition (including tournaments where necessary) on the basis of previous year's enrollment on the third Friday in September.
- 1) Schools with only Grades 10-12 students shall add, for purposes of classification and competition:
 - a. The total enrollment figure of the Grade 9 students, if there is only one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.
 - b. One-third of the enrollment of Grades 10-12, if there is more than one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.

2) For nonpublic schools, the previous year's enrollment on the third Friday in September would be multiplied by 1.65.

3) The Board of Control shall have authority to adjust enrollment figures in unusual situations (such as consolidation, formation of new school, gain or loss of district, etc.), provided such information is made known before September 15 of each year.

4) The enrollment of schools consisting of students of only one sex shall be doubled to determine its classification.

Note: When two or more school districts consolidate, the third Friday enrollment count of the previous year will be used for all WIAA tournaments.

5) In a multiple high school district, charter school enrollment will be identified by the district according to student residence. The students will be assigned and counted by the school of residence for participation, enrollment and divisional classification.

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 2 – CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT

This change would return the authority and control over conference formation and affiliation back to individual member schools and local control.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control – p. 19-20

Section 10 – Conference Alignment

- ~~A. The Board of Control has the authority to take action to bring about a reasonable conference affiliation and relationship for member high schools. Reasonable conference affiliation and relationship with member high schools may include total movement of member schools, sport specific relief, and/or scheduling assistance. Note: It is not the intent to make wholesale changes in existing conference lines. It should be understood, however, that there could be shake-ups in areas where conference affiliation problems are particularly acute, and it may not be realistic to find a solution for every member school.~~
- ~~B. For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls in the fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single gender requirement.~~
- ~~C. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport without conference approval shall be removed from the same conference schedules in all sports for two years.~~
- ~~D. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport with or without conference approval shall be removed from the WIAA tournament in the same sport for two years (except football, which is four years).~~

Section 10 – Cooperative Teams

- A. The Board of Control has authority to approve . . .
etc.

Section 11 – Dissolution

- A. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, . . .

New sections would be created in the Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

WIAA Constitution

Article III – Membership – p. 14-15

Section 4 – Conference Affiliation

- A. The Association's member schools shall be responsible for the formation of conferences and the placement of schools in conferences and conference realignment.
- B. For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls in the fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single-gender requirement.

Section 5 – Dues

- A. Member schools shall pay annual dues . . .

Section 6 – Expulsion

- A. A member school may be expelled from . . .

Section 7 – Voluntary Resignation

- A. A school that voluntarily terminates membership . . .

WIAA Bylaws

Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements – p. 26

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Section 3 – Competition and Practice Restrictions

- A. A school may not hold practice, . . .
 - 1) A school may not assemble . . .
 - 2) A school may not organize conditioning . . .
 - 3) A school may not conduct intramural . . .
- B. Exceptions:
So long as participation is voluntary . . .

Section 4 – Nonschool Participation

- A. A school may not become involved financially, . . .

Section 5 – School Facilities

- A. These rules do not prevent a school’s facilities . . .

Section 6 – A school shall not Participate in:

- A. Post-season contests (other than Association tournament games).
- B. Contests on Sunday, unless such participation . . .
- C. Contests held in conjunction with professional, . . .
etc.

Section 7 – Classes Interrupted

- A. In the event schedules classes are interrupted or terminated . . .
etc.

Corresponding changes in Conference Alignment section of the Senior High Handbook, p. 42.

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>2-12</u>	<u>0-14</u>
Advisory Council	<u>13-0</u>	<u>1-12</u>
Board of Control	<u>9-1</u>	<u>4-6</u>

- Support adoption
- Don’t support adoption
- No position

BYLAWS

NUMBER 3 – SPORT MEETING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COACHES

This change would require assistant coaches to complete the rule meeting.

Article VIII – Coaches Qualifications

Section 4 – Sport Meeting Requirement – p. 29

- A. ~~The head coach, or a person designated by the school as a replacement in the event of an emergency approved by the Association office,~~ All coaches, whether paid or unpaid, shall be required to attend a WIAA sport/rules meeting specific to the sport they coach and/or watch a WIAA sport/rules video, if such meetings or videos are offered ~~in a~~ for that sport.

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>14-0</u>	<u>14-0</u>
Advisory Council	<u>13-0</u>	<u>13-0</u>
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

- Support adoption
 Don't support adoption
 No position

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Continued

NUMBER 4 – REQUIRING FOOTBALL ACCLIMATIZATION DURING SUMMERTIME CONTACT DAYS

This change requires football coaches to follow the fall acclimatization policy during their summertime unrestricted school coaching contact days.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 2 – Out-of-Season – p. 37-38

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes . . .
- B. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school’s team . . .
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) The person who will be coaching a student the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted summertime coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive.
 Note: There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no school and/or coach contact (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport (beginning in 2012).
 Note 2: Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - b. Unlimited nonschool coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer,* softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of this section.
 *Unlimited nonschool coach contact for fall soccer must conclude by July 31.
 - c. This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory . . .
 etc.

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Advisory Council	<u> 13-0 </u>	<u> 13-0 </u>
Board of Control	<u> 10-0 </u>	<u> 10-0 </u>

- Support adoption
- Don’t support adoption
- No position

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Continued

NUMBER 5 – PROVIDING THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCCER COACHES DURING THE SUMMERTIME

This change provides that all sports with unlimited nonschool coaching contact will be the same.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 2 – Out-of-Season – p. 37-38

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EDITORIAL CHANGES

Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the interpretation of the rule. In some instances, the change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases the change may reflect Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.

CONSTITUTION

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control – p. 19

Section 3 – Penalties

- A. Any of the following penalties may be imposed upon member schools, which violate Association rules and regulations, if such action is regarded as necessary for maintenance of discipline:
- 1) Suspension of membership for not more than one year.
 - 2) Probation for not more than one year.
 - 3) Denial of participation in Association tournament program.
 - 4) Denial of any area of Association services and benefits.
 - 5) Monetary fine and/or restitution equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation/legal action and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation or legal action.
 - 6) Forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals.
 - 7) Loss of conference affiliation.
- Note: All parties concerned may be convened after 48 hours of notice to consider charges filed against a member school.
- B. If a school declared disqualified or a student declared ineligible is permitted . . .

BYLAWS

Article VIII – Coaches Qualifications

Section 4 – Sport Meeting Requirement – p. 29

- A. The head coach, or a person designated by the school as a replacement in the event of an emergency approved by the Association office, shall be required to attend a sport meeting or watch a sport video and complete the rules exam, if such meetings or videos and exams are offered in a sport.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE TO BYLAWS

Article I – General – p. 32

Section 8 – Court Injunction/Restraining Order

- A. If a school declared disqualified or a student declared ineligible is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition, because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the school or WIAA, and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one or more of the penalties outlined in Article I, Section 5-A-1) and 2) may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools. (See Bylaws p. 19).

Editorial – continued

Article II – Residence and Transfer – p. 34

Section 4 – Foreign Exchange Students

A. This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or nonvarsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of this Article.

- 1) The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a ‘Full’ listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are “directly placed” through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to nonvarsity competition.

Note 1: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. Direct placement refers to a pre-existing relationship with a family, school and/or community which affects the student’s placement.

Note 2: All foreign students must have a physical conducted in the United States prior to participating in practice or competition.

- 2) Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of this Article.
- 3) Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements.

Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic.

Article IV - Amateur Status – p. 34-35

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility

A. A student shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of this Association . . .

B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:

- 1) Accepts, receives and/or directs to another, reimbursement or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics.
 - a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, . . .
 - b. A student may receive an award which is symbolic . . .
 - c. A school may allow a student to retain items . . .
- 2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating . . .
 - a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) . . .
 - b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing . . .
- 3) Receives compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential, and/or performance as an athlete. This includes but is not limited to: receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all other participants interested students.
- 4) Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.
- 5) Plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own name.

Editorial – continued

Article VI – Nonschool Participation – p. 37

Section 1 – In-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.
- 1) Nonschool games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted to include (a) all games, meets, or contests outside the control of the school and (b) any games, meets, or contests within a school (other than official interscholastic athletic program) involving another school or a nonschool organization.
 - 2) A student who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training or competition, except in the fall-sponsored sports of cross country, tennis, golf, and swimming, provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet.
 - 3) A student who is cut from the squad, during the regular season (not including WIAA tournaments) . . .
 - 4) This rule (prohibiting students from competing in nonschool programs during the school season in the same sport) may be waived on behalf of an exceptional athlete provided:
 - a. The competition has international ramifications, . . .
 - b. The school requests an exemption on the basis . . .
 - c. The athlete: . . .
 - 5) A student must discontinue summertime participation in nonschool programs competition prior to the first day of the school's official opening day of practice in the same sport. Note: See exception in Section 1-A-2) of this Article.

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(1) ~~Note:~~ There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no unrestricted school ~~and/or coach~~ coaching contact (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport (beginning in 2012). This does not affect unlimited nonschool coaching contact.

b. **Unlimited Nonschool Coaching Contact** – ~~beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session)~~ Coaches in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer.*, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, have been afforded unlimited nonschool coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of this section.

- c. This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory . . .
- d. Coaches are allowed to recreate along with students in school . . .
- e. Coaches are allowed to use some or all of their athletes, as clinicians, . . .
- f. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs . . .

3) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own equipment, uniforms and other apparel for use by athletes in training or nonschool competition in the summertime, at its own discretion.

4) It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parents, to pay ~~100% of~~ for the entire cost or fee of any kind of nonschool activity involving specialized training or similar instruction. Schools are reminded that free and/or reduced rate opportunities afforded to select individuals can impact on amateur status.

Note: This provision shall not prevent a school from covering the costs of team participation in a clinic or similar activity during the season of a sport and/or unrestricted summer contact days.

5) A student must discontinue summertime participation in nonschool . . .

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

- Support adoption
- Don’t support adoption
- No position