

**WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
EFFECTIVE 2018-19**

ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 25, 2018

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 1 – MEMBERSHIP

This change would update the requirements for new member schools.

Article III – Membership

Section 2 – Admission – p. 14

- A. Application for membership shall be considered by the Board of Control of this Association upon receipt of the form provided for such purpose, ~~of evidence that the school~~ along with the following:
 - 1) Minutes of school’s governing board action authorizing application to the WIAA.
 - 2) The school’s Board-approved extracurricular code of conduct.
 - 3) Department of Public Instruction school identification number.
 - 4) Indication of at least one independently sponsored, interscholastic athletic program for each gender (unless a single gender school) in each WIAA sport season (Fall, Winter, and Spring).
 - 5) For continued membership, schools must have administrative oversight of at least one independently sponsored interscholastic athletic program or co-op athletic program that is maintained throughout duration of membership.
 - 6) Completed WIAA membership application form provided as evidence that the school:
 - a. Is eligible as a public school or institution, substantially supported by taxation, . . .
 - b. Is eligible as a nonpublic school, qualifying for Section 501(c) (3) status . . .
 - c. Will conduct its athletic program under the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, . . .
 - d. Agrees to abide by decisions and respect interpretations of the Board of Control of this Association.
- B. New membership shall be probationary for three years. WIAA Area Meeting and Annual Meeting attendance shall be required throughout the probationary period.
- C. A school shall be a member in good standing for ~~one~~ three calendar years prior to programs becoming eligible for entry into Association tournaments.
- D. A school shall be a member in good standing for ~~one~~ three calendar years prior to being eligible for entering into cooperative team programming with another member school.
 Note: If a school fails to meet any of the requirements in A, B, C and/or D during the probationary period, the school will need to reapply and initiate the application process again.
- E. Exceptions to items A4 and B of this section will be considered for approved charter schools, upon application from their public school governing bodies.
 Note 1: Consideration will be given to residency, enrollment, the chartering authority and the number of charter schools under the jurisdiction of the chartering authority. It will be required that the chartering authority has also approved membership for at least one stand-alone member in good standing.
 Note 2: In multi-high school districts, charter school students are eligible at the school of residence only. WIAA transfer rules apply

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>12-0</u>	<u>12-0</u>
Advisory Council	<u>17-0</u>	<u>17-0</u>
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

<u> X </u> Support adoption	Rationale: This will provide an opportunity for new members to better understand the Association and member responsibilities.
<u> </u> Don’t support adoption	
<u> </u> No position	

Constitution - Continued

NUMBER 2 – COOPERATIVE TEAMS

This change would allow schools who miss the deadline for varsity co-ops to form co-ops for regular season only.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 10 – Cooperative Teams – p. 20

- A. The Board of Control has the authority to approve cooperative team sponsorship (one team in a given sport involving two or more member schools) under the following conditions:
 - 1) The schools involved must be in the same geographical area.
 - 2) The agreement for a cooperative team must specify two school years, but that agreement may be terminated by the Board of Control for documented extenuating circumstances
 - 3) Applications for initial approval, or renewal of approval of a cooperative team, must include a completed and signed Cooperative Team Request Form, reflecting:
 - a. Approval of involved schools.
 - b. Approval of involved Board(s) of Education or Governing Bodies.
 - c. Approval of conference in which the cooperative team will participate.
 - d. The program will adhere to a ‘no-cut’ policy.

Note: Board of Control and conference approval is not required for nonvarsity cooperative teams

- 4) Total enrollment of schools involved in cooperative team will determine classification of competition in WIAA tournament series.
- 5) Requests for approval, ~~or dissolution,~~ and to add a cooperative team to the WIAA tournament competition must ~~meet~~ be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be ~~considered for~~ included in the subsequent ~~school~~ year’s tournament program:

Fall Sports – February 1	Winter Sports – April 1	Spring Sports – June 1 and Summer Baseball
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Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

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

Rationale: To provide regular season opportunity to compete.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

NUMBER 3 – RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY

This change would bring the residency rule into line with the transfer rule.

Article II – Residence and Transfer

Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students – p. 32

- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student’s ~~fourth~~ sixth consecutive semester, a full time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined in Section 1-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

Article II – Residence and Transfer

Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students – p. 33

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:
 - 1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student’s residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance of one athletic practice shall determine ‘beginning of school year.’ Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article.
 - 2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
 - 3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) . . .
 - 4) A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school . . .
 - 5) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence, except in transfer situations occurring mid-year or after the ~~fourth~~ sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.
 - a. Note: Section 1-A.-1) above.
- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student’s ~~fourth~~ sixth consecutive semester, a full time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined in Section 2-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>12-0</u>	<u>12-0</u>
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Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

- Support adoption
 - Don’t support adoption
 - No position
- Rationale: Brings residency rule into alignment with nonvarsity eligibility for 11th grade students not meeting the residency requirement.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

NUMBER 4 – NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

This change would clarify that a student reporting late to the school team due to non-school competition forfeits the opportunity to utilize the two school approved non-school opportunities.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 1 – In-Season – p. 36-37

- 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. Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in more than two nonschool games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced, with the forfeiture of the two nonschool opportunities, upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.
- 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.

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Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>

- Support adoption
 Don't support adoption
 No position

Rationale: If a student has reported late due to nonschool competition, they have forfeited their nonschool opportunities that the rule allows.

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

This change would reflect the fact that the qualification is outdated and that no teaching schools are run by universities or colleges.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility – p. 14

- A. Membership in this Association is open to:
- 1) Public high schools on a Grades 9-12 basis, and public middle level schools on a Grades 6-8 or any combination thereof, basis.
 - ~~2) Schools associated with state supported universities and colleges.~~
 - 2) State supported institutional schools offering instruction in any or all of Grades 6-12.
 - 3) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 9-12 that qualify for Section 501(c) (3) status under the declaration of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - 4) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 6-8 that qualify for Section 501(c)(3) status under the declaration of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - 5) Charter schools enrolling students in grades 9-12, whose chartering authority has approved membership for at least one other stand-alone member in good standing.
- Note: A charter school's status shall be as an Associate member. Associate membership does not include voting or cooperative team privileges.
- B. For continued membership following their probationary period, schools must have administrative oversight of at least one independently sponsored interscholastic athletic program or co-op athletic program that is maintained throughout duration of membership.

Article III – Membership

Section 2 – Admission – p. 14

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EDITORIAL CHANGES – Continued

CONSTITUTION

This change would reflect the fact that one Annual meeting is held in the Association.

Article IV – Annual Meetings – p. 15

Section 1 – Location

- A. The Board of Control shall designate a time and place for ~~a High School~~ **an** Annual Meeting ~~and a Junior High/Middle Level Annual Meeting~~ for the purpose of conducting the business of this Association.

Section 2 – Notice

- A. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided appropriate level member schools at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3 – Vote

- A. Each appropriate level member school shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting, and this vote must be cast by the administrator, principal, or another person designated by the local Board of Education or recognized governing body.

Section 4 – Emergency

- A. The Board of Control may call a special meeting of the membership for emergency reasons, but not earlier than 30 days from the first notice of such a meeting.

This change would reflect that officials are not members of the Association. They are licensed by the Association.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 9 – Game Officials – p. 20

- A. The Board of Control shall license game officials for interscholastic competition, and have the authority to determine qualification for ~~membership~~ **licensing**, procedure for advancement, and conditions for revocation, suspension, or probation of license.

This change addresses dissolved cooperative teams and the status of the schools as stand alone programs.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 11 – Cooperative Teams – p. 20

- A. The Board of Control has authority to approve cooperative team sponsorship (one team in a given sport involving two or more member schools) under the following conditions:
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 - d. The program will adhere to a ‘no-cut’ policy.Note: Board of Control and conference approval is not required for nonvarsity cooperative teams
 - 4) Total enrollment of schools involved in cooperative team will determine classification of competition in WIAA tournament series.
 - 5) Requests, for approval or dissolution, must meet the following deadline dates to be considered for the subsequent school year:

Fall Sports – February 1

Winter Sports – April 1

Spring Sports – June 1
and Summer Baseball

- 6) If a cooperative team is discontinued, each school must reapply for tournament entry as a stand-alone program by the deadline dates. (See Bylaws, I-5-B)

EDITORIAL CHANGES – Continued

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

This change clarifies that students expelled from a school are ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

Article II – Residence and Transfer

Section 3 – Transfers – p. 34

- A. A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
- 12) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Note: A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

This change clarifies that athletes may not receive free and/or reduced rates at anytime that are not available to any and all interested students. The paragraph return distinguishes free and reduced as a separate element from use of picture.

Article IV – Amateur Status

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility – p. 35

- B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:
- 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 interested students.~~
- 4) Receives free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- 5) 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.

Note: When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

- 6) Plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own name.

EDITORIAL CHANGES – Continued

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

This change clarifies that students must pay for 100% of any expenses for any nonschool camps, clinics or specialized training.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 2 – Out-of-Season – p. 38

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 ...
- 2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season ...
- 3) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own equipment, ...
- 4) It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parents, to pay for ~~the entire~~ any of the cost or fee of any kind of nonschool activity involving specialized training or similar instruction. Students must pay 100% of any expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. 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.

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>
<u> X </u>	Support adoption	
<u> </u>	Don't support adoption	
<u> </u>	No position	