

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
EFFECTIVE 2021-22

ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 26, 2021

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 1 – COOPERATIVE TEAM DEADLINES

This change would clarify that co-ops for football shall meet an October 15 deadline for Football-Only Conference realignment. It also adds the interpretation of the Board of Control that applications are on a two-year cycle in even years.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 11 – Cooperative Teams – p. 18-19

- 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:
- 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 and to add a cooperative team into WIAA tournament competition must be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be included in the subsequent year’s tournament program:

Fall Sports – February 1 Winter Sports – April 1 Spring Sports – June 1

Note: Football Co-op deadline is **October 15 (even years only)**

- 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)

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

- Support adoption
 Don’t support adoption
 No position

Rationale: Brings the football co-op team deadline into agreement with the football-only conference realignment deadline.

Bylaws - Continued

NUMBER 2 – TOURNAMENT ENTRY

This change would clarify that football (both 11 and 8-player) declarations shall meet an October 15 deadline for Football-Only Conference realignment. It also adds the interpretation of the Board of Control that applications are on a two-year cycle in even years.

Article I – Sports Program

Section 5 – WIAA Tournament Entry – p. 23

- A. A member school must have an officially-adopted program in a sport in order to enter a team and/or individuals in the WIAA tournament series of that sport.
- B. Requests to add a team into WIAA tournament competition must be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be included in the subsequent year’s tournament program:

Fall Sports – February 1 Winter Sports – April 1 Spring Sports – June 1

Note: Football (both 11 and 8-player) deadline is **October 15 (even years only)**

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association ...

- C. When a member school withdraws from a tournament ...

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>14-0</u>	<u>14-0</u>
Advisory Council	<u>14-0</u>	<u>14-0</u>
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>
<u> X</u> Support adoption		
_____ Don't support adoption		
_____ No position		

Rationale: Brings 8 and 11-player football declarations into agreement with football-only conference realignment.

BYLAWS

NUMBER 3 – SPECTATOR EJECTION PENALTY

This change would create a penalty for an ejected spectator to miss one additional event.

Article X – Game Control

Section 1 – School – p. 27

- A. All schools shall be responsible before, during, and after a game or meet for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators, and when requested, a school shall complete a report regarding a game or meet in which problems occurred.
- B. A spectator removed or ejected from an interscholastic athletic competition for flagrant harassment or unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended from attendance for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet). Host school administration is required to record and submit an ejection report to the WIAA. The spectator's athletic director will inform the spectator and, if the next event is an away event, they will contact the next opponent's administration.
- Note: The suspension shall be served in the same sport at the same level of competition that the ejection occurred. If the sport season is completed, the penalty will be applied in the next sport or sport season.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of a school to eliminate such pranks and/or mischief, as ripping or cutting nets from basketball goals, tearing down goal posts, stealing batons, or marking flags, or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials.

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>13-1</u>	<u>11-3</u>
Advisory Council	<u>13-1</u>	<u>11-3</u>
Board of Control	<u>10-0</u>	<u>10-0</u>
<u> X</u> Support adoption		
_____ Don't support adoption		
_____ No position		

Rationale: Provides a penalty for unsportsmanlike behavior by a fan.

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.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

This change reflects Title IX regulations specific to sexual harassment taking place in an educational program or activity of the district.

Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance

Section 3 – Code of Conduct – p. 36

- A. A school shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code (a) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and (b) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body:
- B. The WIAA is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids ...
- C. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.

*This rule is subject to and superseded by the requirements and limitations imposed on the school by Department of Education regulations promulgated under Title IX relating to how schools must respond to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Part 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- 1) In-season violations of the school code will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and/or (c) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, ...

Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced ...

Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season ...

Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault,

- 2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses.
- 3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and this Association, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- 4) Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

Note: Except for conduct violations under paragraph (4) felony charges, the school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

- D. The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 3-C (1 through 3) which results in a student being suspended....

etc.

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