

DISCUSSION TOPIC #3

WIAA Membership Requirements

Mt. Horeb:

Minimal currently - what is reasonable?

Drop out of tournament series, prohibited from next year tournament
Attend area and annual meeting - does this punish kids for adult decisions

Number of programs, probationary period?

Longer probationary period prior to tournament series to demonstrate sustainability (3 years for it not being a fad). Team benefits still present. NCAA is 4 years to cycle through a group of kids to show sustainability

Oversight components needed?

Orientation? Visit WIAA

School visits? WIAA goes

Does this invite legislature to become more involved?

Just for new members or existing membership as well?

- All schools that are members and want to be members of the WIAA need to be productive, cooperating members
- "All" member schools the expectations is that a school should have a school representative present at the Fall Area Meeting and the April Annual Meeting. If a school does not have a representative present they must pay the dues that have been waived by the WIAA.
- Group believed that if the consequence is not a monetary punitive judgement it does not mean anything.
- Instead of a new member school being under probation for one year, the WIAA should model Indiana by having a four year probation period
- If a school removes itself from a WIAA Tournament Series there needs to be a consequence. Maybe one or two year ban from the tournament series.
- Coops should also be under probationary period.

In favor of increasing number of sports; and increasing the probationary period to two/four years in each season before being able to join the the tournament series.

Two years would allow a student-athlete to participate in tournament series.

Probationary period per sport/season? Must prove your an established in that sport in that season.

The BOC should have power to set expectations for membership.

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Rice Lake:

NCAA mandates one sport per season

WIAA visits new members

membership would support WIAA in adding more stringent requirements for new members

meeting attendance is sometimes complicated by the increasing responsibility placed on athletic administrators

many ADs are pulling double duty as assistant principals, deans, teachers, etc.

probationary membership fee

assess a reapplication fee for tournament series for schools that pull out

mandatory "video" meeting for ADs who miss meeting

You should at least be at a meeting to get a vote.

Like the idea that makes it mandatory. - MPS would need a representative.

Should be harder to get in initially/ initial fee

Support more stringent requirements - not here watch a video to establish

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Mauston:

Some level of expectations

Meeting attendance

Orientation for new AD's is in place and should be a requirement

Continue education of what takes place on seeding meetings (etc)

Seasonal representation in a male and female sports (in 3 seasons)

Possibly a tiered membership allows for regular season participation but not post season play

Not able to vote at the annual meeting unless certain criteria are met

Not able to coop until a certain level has been met

One time initial membership fee of \$10,000.

A 5 year probationary period.

Mandatory attendance of fall caucus, WADA, and spring caucus.

Must have at least 4 viable varsity programs - Do not want schools entering for the sole purpose of 1 sport.

Meeting attendance required - Most say yes

Orientation? - Have super/AD meeting attend new AD meeting?

Do they have to attend prior to gain membership?

Number of programs?

A grandfather clause to help those who have been members

What should schools do to pull their weight

Fee to join? Fines?

Sponsorship to get into the WIAA?

Active engagement is important - at meetings, helping in your conference

Probationary period 3 yrs, 2 yrs JV only, 3rd year varsity

Oconomowoc:

Meeting Attendance: that is a simple expectation

Orientation in Point with WIAA: face to face contact with the WIAA - whether that is in Point or at the school

Number of Programs: at least 2...4...? What is the magic number? If raised to 4, how would that impact any current members in good standing with small high schools?

Probationary Period: maybe delay tournament eligibility for two years;

Have a Sponsor School:

District Membership Board:

What about a minimum enrollment? If a school has an enrollment of 15 and they want to have a basketball team...are they really there for school or for basketball?

If you are a true athletic program...would you...or should you have a minimum number of sports AND have all levels (not just a varsity)?

There should be an initial start-up fee

When you pay you are more committed

Involves the school board more

Meeting Attendance:

How can you mandate meeting attendance? Hard to enforce.

Orientation in St. Point with WIAA:

No group consensus on whether an orientation process would be beneficial

Travel concern: could there be a webinar?

Perhaps schools should prepare a vision and purpose statement to be presented to given conference/WIAA

Number of Programs:

Seems like more schools statewide are having issues maintaining programs, rather than adding programs

Probationary Period:

No strong feelings

Have a Sponsor School:

No group consensus

District Membership Board

Antigo:

Membership has its requirements in an organization, we should have accountability standards for members, no different than education and requirements for coaches

Required independent teams for both genders to be members--- no specific number determined

Attendance at Area Meeting and/or Annual Meeting is a requirement

Require new member orientation

Agreement with Stephanie's comment regarding problem with schools not fulfilling agreements. There should be some kind of consequence for people do this. Could be done over a 5 year period so that it is not just one year situation.

Should be responsible for some type of commitment - hosting playoff seeding meeting, attend meetings, something..

Must have to offer at least one sport, each season of year, to be a member.