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Board of Control Approves Spring Sports Recommendations; Reconsider Shot Clock

The Board of Control acted on coaches' recommendations impacting the spring season sports regulations, voted to revisit the implementation of the basketball shot clock and passed the 2017-18 operational budget at its meeting on Oct. 6.

Two recommendations in track and field were ratified by the Board. The first is a two-year experiment impacting tournament placement in 2019 and 2020. The largest 128 schools will be assigned to Division 1, and the next largest 136 schools will be placed in Division 2. The remainder of schools will comprise Division 3. Currently, the largest 138 schools are in Division 1 with the remaining schools divided equally by enrollment between Divisions 2 and 3.

The other track and field recommendation receiving Board support prescribes the same procedures used in the able-bodied 400-, 800-, and 1600-meter races to be used for the wheelchair races in those events.

In softball, the Board supported a recommendation to seed the State Tournament in Division 1 beginning in 2018. The WIAA will conduct a teleconference with the eight coaches of qualifying teams to determine the top four seeds with the remaining four teams to be randomly drawn and placed in the bracket. The four qualifying teams in Divisions 2-5 will continue to use predetermined placements in the bracket.

In addition, the schedule of regional games of the softball tournament series will be altered in 2019. In the current schedule, all regional games are played in the same week. The new format moves the first-round games in Divisions 2-5 to Thursday the week prior to the current schedule. All divisions will continue regional play on the following Tuesday and Thursday. The Board also approved an amended recommendation for an increase to the maximum roster limits

allowed to request an extra-inning waiver from 18 to 20.

After repeated requests from the baseball coaches advisory committee, the Board approved the recommendation to allow pitching-only instruction the week prior to the official start of practice for spring and summer baseball beginning in 2018. Coaches will be permitted to work with each pitcher up to two hours for five days the week prior to the first allowed practice. The Board also passed a baseball recommendation for a one-year experiment to move the seed meetings one week later for Division 1.

The Board's decision to revisit the 35-second shot clock at its Dec. 1 meeting comes after discussion and input received at this fall's Area Meetings. The Board voted to implement the use of the shot clock for varsity games beginning with the 2019-20 season at its June meeting. At the August Board meeting, it voted to not revisit its decision until after receiving membership feedback from the Area Meetings.

The approval of the \$9.25 million operational budget for 2017-18 reflects an estimated increase in revenue with a \$1 increase in regional ticket prices, as well as an increase in planned expenses, which includes providing all student-athletes in member schools with concussion insurance and all student-athletes and officials with catastrophic health insurance.

Other action items included approval of a two-year NFHS liaison position on the Board of Control. The term of former Board president Pam Foegen ends in 2018; however, her term on the NFHS Board of Directors expires in 2020. Her ad-hoc position will provide the association with direct representation of NFHS matters to the Board.

The Board also approved the one-year appointment of Bill Loss, principal of Watertown

Board of Control Conducts September Meeting

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control reviewed a number of topics and received executive staff updates and reports at its meeting here on Sept. 15.

Among the discussions and action items receiving approval were the general fund payments for August. The executive staff also provided the Board with reports on the Area Meetings in Appleton, Greenfield and Mauston, which are the first three of seven Area Meetings around the state this fall. In addition, the Board was provided an initial review of the 2017-18 operations budget.

Other topics introduced in the executive staff reports to the Board were the ongoing social media, marketing and licensed officials recruitment efforts, as well as office technology updates. The Board also received liaison reports from Mike Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction, John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Jeremy Schlitz of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

High School, to fill the vacancy on the 2017-18 Advisory Council as a large-school representative.

Other topics presented in the executive staff reports to the Board were a review of the Area Meeting discussions addressing the football playoffs, rural/urban basketball plan, membership requirements, potential constitutional amendments and topics introduced in the open forums.

The Board received liaison reports from Mike Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction and Peggy Seegers-Braun of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

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WIAA Assistant Director Notice & Job Description

General Characteristics and Working Relationships

Search conducted by:

Dave Anderson, Executive Director

Receives guidance from: All WIAA administrative personnel and member school administrators

Provides guidance to: Executive Director, WIAA administrative personnel and member school administrators

Supervises: Respective administrative assistant

Characteristics of the Position

Preferred Experience or Training

- Master's Degree from an accredited college or university, with emphasis in physical education and administration or equivalent professional experience
- Minimum of three years experience in physical education and athletics or equivalent
- A conceptual knowledge of general office administration
- Demonstrated skills in program administration relating specifically to assigned sports
- Experience as an administrative leader and innovator in athletics; as an official; experience in interpretation of rules and tournament planning; experience as an athletic coach for interscholastic athletics
- Strong and successful background in basketball, soccer, cross country and track & field and other WIAA sponsored sports

Requirements

- Ability to work with individuals from the clerical level to top management
- Communicate effectively by speaking, listening and writing in a clear, thorough and timely manner using appropriate and effective communication tools and techniques
- Mature, management-orientated outlook on athletics and administrative operations with ability to lead and motivate others
- Ability and willingness to accept evening and weekend duties, both self-determined and assigned
- Ability to utilize available technology, including software applications, email, internet and social media
- Interest in interscholastic athletics and flexibility to adjust to changing job demands

Special Attributes

- Demonstrated ability to maintain self-control and exercise sound judgment and decision making under pressure
- Social competency, adaptability, self-confidence, poise, emotional maturity, initiative, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and dedication
- Work cooperatively to resolve problems and make decisions by being an active participant in the brainstorming process
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with others, both internally and externally

Position Responsibilities

- Interpretation of Rules – Answer inquiries, both written and oral, relating to the interpretation of game rules governing the administration of athletics
- Sports Administration – Includes State meet arrangements, coordinating tournament planning and related correspondence for assigned sports
- General Administrative Duties – Work with all committees and coordinate all matters related to respective sports program responsibilities
- Tournament planning – Includes site assignments for multiple assigned sports and State meet arrangements and related correspondence for assigned sports. Where appropriate, the Executive Director and other administrative staff members will provide assistance
- Committee Leadership – Work with all committees and coordinate all matters relative to respective sports program responsibilities

Occasional Responsibilities

- Chair advisory committees as determined by the Executive Director
- Conduct conferences, workshops and clinics as determined by the Executive Director
- Provide articles for the WIAA Bulletin
- Serve in liaison roles with associations (coaches, officials, conference commissioners, physical education teachers, administrators, as determined by the Executive Director)

- National Federation committees and program participation
- Special assignments as determined by the Executive Director

Starting Date

- Negotiable

Salary and Benefits

- Commensurate with experience and competitive with comparable state associations. Comprehensive benefits package is offered which includes a Tax Deferred Retirement Pension Plan, Health Insurance, Vacation and Sick Leave benefits. The WIAA does not participate in the WRS.

All inquiries are to be in writing.

Applications to include:

- A letter of interest in the position
- Three letters of recommendation specific to this position
- Complete resume profiling education background, training and experience
- Complete list of references, including phone numbers

Submitted by October 31, 2017 to:

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Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
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Stevens Point, WI 54482

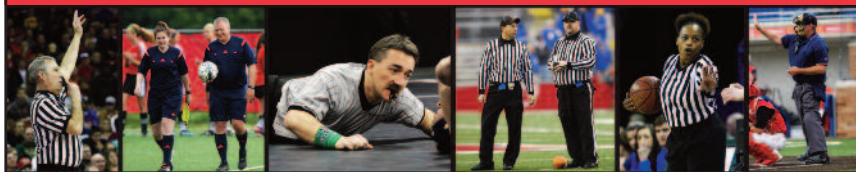


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Todd Clark

Officials Corner



Initiative Continues to Put Veterans in Stripes



The WIAA will continue to offer current and former military personnel the opportunity to license as a WIAA sport official by waiving the basic licensing and sport fee for two years. This offer is extended to those current and former military personnel who are licensing as a WIAA sport official for the first time.

Regardless of the branch of service, the training, discipline and core values ingrained in military personnel are the same qualities demanded of sport officials. Because of these qualities, we believe that men and women with military experience would fit well into interscholastic sport officiating and in this small way, the WIAA wants to acknowledge those who serve and say "thank you."

Maj. Scott Hagen, a chaplain in the Army Reserve living in Sparta, became one of the first veterans to take advantage of the initiative's benefits. He has been certified for a number of years as a United States Soccer Federation referee.

"This is actually the first time that I've applied to become a high school official," he said. "The offer to waive the registration fees for veterans kind of kicked me over the edge to go ahead and do it. I was thinking about it, but just hadn't gotten around to doing it."

The initiative and its benefits received widespread support prior to its launch and in its initial months of its availability. The program has been embraced by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association, Wisconsin Conference Commissioners Association, InCheck (WIAA's background check provider), various officials associations around the state and a number of state associations throughout the Midwest.

In further assisting armed service personnel, the WIAA is continuing efforts to solicit support from providers of officials equipment and apparel such as Gerry Davis Sports, Cliff Keen, Honig's, UmpAttire and Under Armour to offer special cost savings for soldiers entering the officiating ranks.

To increase awareness of the initiative among military personnel, the WIAA is working cooperatively with the Wisconsin National Guard and Reserves and the staff of state adjutant general, as well as the Wisconsin Employment Resource Connection, which partners with the state Department of Workforce Development and the state Department of Veterans Affairs in helping unemployed and underemployed service members and their spouses gain employment.

To get started, please download and complete a license application found on the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org/officials/BecomeanOfficial.aspx and mail it to our office with some type of documentation verifying military service. Or, get started by calling or emailing us at 715-344-8580 or refs@wiaawi.org. ●

2017 Football State Championships

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 16-17
Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Division 7: 10 a.m.
Division 6: 1 p.m.
Division 5: 4 p.m.
Division 4: 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17

Division 3: 10 a.m.
Division 2: 1 p.m.
Division 1: 4 p.m.

2017 WIAA Eight-Player Football Jamboree

Saturday, October 28

Stiehm Stadium, Schofield, Wis.

10 a.m. - #4 North vs. #4 South
1 p.m. - #3 North vs. #3 South
4 p.m. - #2 North vs. #2 South
7 p.m. - #1 North vs. #2 South

2017-2018 WIAA Wrestling Points of Emphasis

Our Need For Officials

We all realize that Wisconsin is in dire need of young officials. As in the past, I encourage all officials' associations state wide to adopt a mentoring program to help develop young officials. In addition, all high school coaches should encourage their athletes to consider obtaining a limited restricted license. This will allow them to officiate all youth through middle level wrestling events. There is no fee to be paid by them for this license. This would address some of our future needs for officials, as well as help schools find officials for youth and middle level contests.

Assistant Referee

The AR has been utilized in both state tournaments the past 3 seasons. It is here to stay! Not all areas of the state have bought into the AR concept of officiating. We must continue to use it whenever possible. Like anything we do, repetition creates confidence and excellence. Certification in its use can again be obtained by watching an on-line PowerPoint through the WIAA website. You will again be expected to view this short PowerPoint by Jan. 1, to be considered eligible to work the state tournaments. There is a handout on the responsibilities of the AR that will be located on the official's resource center of the WIAA website.

There are many coaches that do not understand how the AR concept of officiating is supposed to work. As a result, there is confusion and frustration by coaches because of false expectations. The role and responsibilities of the AR are much different than that of the head referee. There are many do and do not's! If you understand how this 2 man system is supposed to work, it will greatly benefit you and your athletes. We encourage all coaches to take a look at the PowerPoint. You can access it on the coach's website and hopefully it will be made available on the WWCA website as well. It is about 20 minutes in length.

Rule Book vs. Case Book

Through my discussions with coaches, and my experiences as a lead official, it has become apparent that many coaches do not read the case book. The rule book explains the rules in generalities but the case book gives specific examples and situations on how the rule is interpreted and applied. Without reading the case book, hard feelings and misunderstandings between officials and coaches will sooner or later arise. I highly encourage all officials and coaches to read and study both books.

Skin Inspections

To improve the health and safety of the athlete, we have to do a simple modification on how we inspect skin. Inspect the front of the athlete, say "rotate", then inspect the backside of the athlete. Having the athlete rotate continuously and quickly, like many of us do, results in an incomplete examination and often missing skin conditions. Be thorough! Make this adjustment.

Individual Participation Limits

Keep in mind that the winter season regulations remind us that a wrestler may only represent his school one time in a dual meet. This includes varsity, JV, non-varsity, exhibitions and forfeits. This certainly is more of a factor with the increased number of multiple duals that take place throughout the season.

Zero Tolerance for Profanity

A wrestling match is an extension of the classroom. Officials, you must discipline inappropriate language. A USC or even FMC could be warranted in many cases. Coaches

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2017-18 NFHS Basketball Rules Interpretations

2017-18 NFHS Basketball Preseason Guide Corrections: Page 8, Play 5 Ruling: Eliminate the last sentence, "Had A10 somehow made the three-pointer, ..." It is incorrect; **Page 8:** The comment under the NFHS Foul Chart should read: If one of a multiple foul is intentional or flagrant, two free throws should be given for the intentional or flagrant foul. If the multiple foul includes an intentional foul and a flagrant foul, two free throws should be given for each foul.

2017-18 NFHS Basketball Case Book Alteration – 10.5.1 SITUATION B: At halftime, as the teams, coaches and officials are making their way through a hallway to the dressing room, a Team A member verbally abuses one of the officials. **RULING:** The official must decide if the offense is major. Under 4-48, if not deemed to be major and neither a warning nor technical has been charged (direct or indirect) to the head coach, the bench personnel could be issued a warning. If a warning is issued, this would be reported to both teams, recorded in the scorebook. If the offense was judged to be major or a warning or technical has already been

issued to the head coach, a technical foul is charged to the team member and is also charged indirectly to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges. The third quarter will begin with two Team B free throws and the ball awarded at the division line for a throw-in. The alternating-possession arrow is unaffected. Team A will also have one foul toward the team-foul count. During intermission, all team members are bench personnel and are penalized accordingly. If the conduct is flagrant, the team member shall be disqualified. (4-48, 10-5-1a)

SITUATION 1: School A has placed its 28-foot coaching box parallel to the basketball floor so that it is 10 feet from the division line. **RULING:** This is an incorrect placement of the coaching box. The 28-foot coaching box should be measured from the end line of the basketball court toward the division line. The end of the coaching box near the scoring table must allow for a minimum of 14 feet of clear space toward the division line. **NOTE:** Regardless of the length of the coaching box mandated by the state, a minimum

14-foot area beginning at the division line and moving toward the end line should not include any portion of the coaching box regardless of the size and the alternate placement. (1-13-2)

SITUATION 2: The state association has allowed Team A to adjust the placement of its coaching box because of the design of the bleachers and the stairs leading into the bleachers. To gain the full 28 feet for the coaching box, the box has been extended beyond the end line of the playing court. **RULING:** Illegal placement of the coaching box. The placement of the box can be altered but it cannot extend beyond the end line of the court nor can it encroach into the 14-foot area near the division line. (1-13-2)

SITUATION 3: Team A is making a throw-in near the division line in the team's frontcourt. A1's throw-in is deflected by B1 who is applying direct pressure on A1. A2 jumps from the team's frontcourt, catches the ball in the air and lands in the backcourt. **RULING:** Backcourt violation on Team A. The throw-in ends when it is legally touched by B1. When A2 gains possession/control in the air, he/she has frontcourt status. A backcourt violation has occurred when A2 lands in the backcourt. (9-9-1, 9-9-3)

SITUATION 4: Team A is making a throw-in near the division line in the team's backcourt (Team B's frontcourt). A1's throw-in is deflected by B1 who is applying direct pressure on A1. B2 jumps from his/her frontcourt, catches the ball in the air and lands in the backcourt. **RULING:** Backcourt violation on Team B. The throw-in ends with B1's deflection (legal touch). When B2 gains possession/control in the air, he/she has frontcourt status. A backcourt violation has occurred when B2 lands in backcourt. (9-9-1, 9-9-3)

SITUATION 5: Team A is making a throw-in near the division line in the team's backcourt (Team B's frontcourt). A1's throw-in is intercepted by B1. B1 jumps from his/her frontcourt, catches the ball in the air and lands with the first foot in the frontcourt and second foot in the backcourt. **RULING:** No violation, legal play. It doesn't matter if one foot lands before the other provided it is a "normal landing." Since there was no deflection, the throw-in had not ended. (9-9-1, 9-9-3)

SITUATION 6: Team A is making a throw-in near the division line in the team's frontcourt (Team B's backcourt). A1's throw-in is deflected by B1 who is applying direct pressure on A1. B2 jumps from his/her backcourt court and catches the ball in the air. B2 lands with the first foot in the frontcourt and second foot in the backcourt. **RULING:** Backcourt violation on Team B. The throw-in ends with the deflection (legal touch) by B1. B2 gains possession/control and first lands in Team B's frontcourt and then steps in Team B's backcourt. The provision for making a normal landing only applies to the exceptions of a throw-in and a defensive player, and is only for the player making the initial touch on the ball. (9-9-1, 9-9-3)

SITUATION 7: A1, in the team's frontcourt, passes towards A2, also in the team's frontcourt. B1 deflects the ball toward Team A's backcourt. The

See 2017-18 NFHS Basketball Rules, page 6 >

NFHS Basketball Rules Changes - 2017-18

1-13-2: The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line towards the Division line. At this point a line drawn from the sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box going towards the end line.

Note: State Associations may alter the length and placement of the 28 foot (maximum) coaching box.

Effective Immediately. Tape may be used to extend the 14-foot line to 28 feet.

Rationale: The restriction of the coaching box penalizes the level of communication between coach and player. Allowing a coach freedom to move within the new box between the 28' mark and the end line provides a coach more access to coach his/her players.

2-9-1: When a foul occurs, an official shall signal the timer to stop the clock. The official shall verbally inform the offender, then with finger(s) of two hands, indicate to the scorer the number of the offender and the number of free throws.

Rationale: To minimize foul reporting errors, that occur between the officials and the scorekeepers when the information gets lost in the translation. Two handed reporting is easier for the scorekeepers to see and comprehend in addition to being less confusing.

3-4-1d: There are no color/design restrictions in the area of the team jersey from the imaginary line at the base of the neckline to the top of the shoulder and in the corresponding area on the back of the jersey. There are restrictions on what identifying names may be placed in this area (see Article 3-4-4).

Rationale: Provide guidance on the forth-

coming restrictions for this area of the jersey.

3-4-4: Identifying name(s) shall adhere to the following:

a. If used, lettering with school name, school's nickname, school logo, player's name and/or abbreviation of the official school name shall be placed horizontally on the jersey.

b. The panel in the shoulder area of the jersey on the back may be used for placing an identifying name as well.

Rationale: Provide guidance to persons purchasing uniforms in determining what wording should go onto the jersey.

4-48 NEW: Warning for Coach/Team Conduct

A warning to a coach/team for misconduct is an administrative procedure by an official, which is recorded in the scorebook by the scorer and reported to the Head Coach:

Art. 1 . . . For conduct, such as that described in rule 10-5-1a,b,d,e,f; 10-5-2; 10-5-4 the official shall warn the head coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed. Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

Art. 2 . . . For the first violation of rule 10-6-1, the official shall warn the head coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed. Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

Rationale: Stopping play and making sure that the bench and the coach know that an official warning has been given, sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach. This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and many times avoids the need to administer a technical foul. ●

NFHS Wrestling Points of Emphasis - 2017-18

Off the Scale Activities

Off the scale activities have been identified as an area of concern and a subsequent rule change brings the topic to prominence. Any activities that are conducted to either lose or gain weight are prohibited. Activities (is not limited to) such as modifying clothing, hair, drinking fluids, gorging and regurgitation are not allowed. The practice of trying to modify a wrestler's weight is unhealthy and unsportsmanlike.

Cleanliness of Uniforms and Pads

Communicable diseases are a major concern in the sport of wrestling and any infectious disease outbreak has the potential to end a team's season, or even suspend the sport across an entire state. It is imperative that ALL school officials, coaches and wrestlers continually use best practices to control the spread of communicable diseases.

A major aid in preventing the spread of communicable disease is to properly clean all wrestling mats and wrestling equipment. Cleaning wrestling mats prior to each use is highly recommended. An effective disinfectant is 10% bleach (mix 1 part household bleach to 9 parts water). There is no advantage of using a stronger chlorine bleach and water solution than what is recommended above. Commercial disinfectant products are also available. Be sure that any product used states that it is effective against viruses, fungi and bacteria. Typically, the label will state the cleaner is bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal. Please follow the directions on the label closely for the best effectiveness. When cleaning wrestling mats, it is recommended to walk backwards while mopping in an effort to minimize contamination from the shoes.

Likewise, it is imperative to clean all wrestling equipment and clothing daily. All workout gear should be cleaned after each practice. This includes towels, clothing, headgear, shoes, knee pads and any bags used to transport this equipment. In addition to cleaning wrestling equipment and wrestling mats properly, a few basic steps must be taken by all involved in the sport in order to minimize the risk of spreading communicable diseases. Communicable diseases are preventable. Following these steps will decrease the risk that these communicable diseases will be spread among the athletes in the wrestling room and/or during competition.

- Educate coaches, athletes, referees and parents about communicable skin conditions and how they are spread. (<http://www.nwcaskinprevention.com/webinar/>)
- Maintain proper ventilation in the wrestling room to prevent the build-up of heat and humidity.
- Emphasize to the athletes the importance of showering immediately after each practice and competition. Soap must be used. If shower facilities are unavailable, athletes should clean all exposed skin with "baby wipes" immediately after practices and competitions.

- Wash all workout clothing and personal gear after each practice and competition.
- Coaches or athletic trainers should perform daily skin checks to ensure early recognition of potential communicable skin conditions. Athletes must not be allowed to practice or compete if an active infection is suspected, even if the infection is covered. Any suspicious lesions must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care provider prior to an athlete practicing or competing.
- Athletes must not share practice gear, towels or personal hygiene products (razors) with others.
- Athletes should refrain from any cosmetic shaving (chest, arms, abdomen) other than face.
- Athletes should clean hands with an alcohol-based gel prior to every wrestling match to decrease bacterial load on the hands.
- Make certain that athletes and coaching staff are current on all required vaccinations (MMR, Hepatitis B, Chickenpox, etc.) and strongly encourage yearly influenza vaccination.

Braces that are Properly Padded and Covered

As defined by rule, any equipment that does not permit normal movement of the joints and prevents a wrestler's opponent from applying normal holds/maneuvers shall not be allowed. Any such equipment not limited to legal hair cover-

ings, ear guards, face masks, braces, casts, supports, eye protection, prosthetics and socks must fit snug against the wrestler's body and if the equipment is hard and/or abrasive must be covered and properly padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick. This precaution is for the wrestler and his opponent so that they can compete to the best of their abilities.

Stalemate/Fleeing the Mat

There are occasions that during a wrestling match the contestants are interlocked in a position other than a pinning situation in which neither wrestler can improve his/her respective position or gain an advantage. As soon as that situation is identified, the referee shall stop the match and wrestling shall continue. Hands locked around one leg of an opponent without the intent of taking him/her down or preventing the opponent from scoring is considered stalling. There is no passive wrestling. Wrestling is an aggressive endeavor and should be coached and executed in that manner. Regardless of the position, top, bottom or neutral, stalling is not acceptable. The referee shall be firm in enforcing the letter and spirit of the rule and consistently penalize any stalling infraction without hesitation.

Conversely, fleeing the mat to avoid wrestling at any time during a match is not permitted and will be penalized. Wrestlers shall make every attempt to stay inbounds and compete. Leaving
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NFHS Wrestling Comments On the Rules - 2017-18

Clarified the Criteria for an Alternate Uniform (4-1-1a-c): The alternate 2-piece uniform has been added to increase participation for boys and girls. The uniform modification received favorable support on the NFHS Wrestling questionnaire. In addition, a member state association experimented with a 2-piece uniform this past wrestling season and received favorable results and comments from their member schools, wrestlers, coaches and referees.

Modified What is Appropriate and Allowable in the Designated Weigh-in Area (4-5-3): If an athlete misses weight on the first attempt on the scale, he/she shall not be allowed to do anything (activities which promote dehydration, remove/adjust/modify clothing, cut hair, etc.) which might result in weight loss before stepping back on the scale(s). The same should be the case for an athlete who is trying to qualify for a higher weight class and is too light. He/she shall not be allowed to drink fluids before getting back on the scale.

Clarified the Definition of a Fall (5-11-1): This change will allow for fewer match interruptions. Provided the clock is running, a fall shall be able to be earned. Referees shall permit

wrestling to continue as long as the offensive wrestler's supporting parts remain inbounds, and as long as no body part of the defensive wrestler goes off the mat.

Modified the Location Where a Fall or Near-fall Can Be Awarded (5-11-5): Offensive wrestling shall be rewarded. If wrestling is continuing during a match, then falls and nearfalls should be awarded/earned with no deference to the out-of-bounds line.

Clarified the Scoring of Points in Relation to the Location on the Mat (5-15-2b, c): Offensive wrestling shall be rewarded. While the clock is running, takedown, escape, reversal, near-fall and falls will be allowed/earned as long as the supporting points of either wrestler are inbounds.

Modified the Position of the Referee at the Beginning of the Start of a Match (5-19-10): When starting the wrestlers in the down position, the referee shall be in front of, stationary and at an angle to the contestants. The referee shall also establish eye contact with the scorer's table.

Clarified the Process of Correcting an Error by the Timekeeper During a Dual Meet (6-6-4a1): Errors by the timekeeper, official scorer or
See NFHS Wrestling Comments, page 12 >

Mark Koski Named CEO of NFHS Network



Mark Koski, director of sports, events and development at the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for the past 10 years, has been selected chief executive officer of the NFHS Network. Koski's appointment by the NFHS Network Board of Directors is effective September 1.



Mark Koski

The NFHS Network, a joint venture between the NFHS, its member state associations and PlayOn! Sports, provides live and on-demand video of high school sports events through a digital network available at www.NFHSNetwork.com and on Apple TV. The NFHS Network, now in its fifth year of operation, covered more than 25,000 events last year involving 27 sports and activities.

Koski will continue to serve on the NFHS administrative staff as director of marketing and will divide his time between the NFHS Network headquarters in Atlanta and the NFHS office in Indianapolis.

"The NFHS Network Board of Directors sees in Mark Koski a person who has a powerful passion for the mission and potential of the NFHS Network," said Jack Roberts, president of the NFHS Network Board of Directors and executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. "He was involved with the Network when it was only an idea, has been instrumental in expanding its reach and has great ideas for furthering its success.

"Most important to the Board is that Mark has an excellent understanding of the needs of state high school associations, having served in the New Mexico association office and then serving all state associations during his decade on the NFHS staff; and he has gained the trust and respect of my counterparts across the country," Roberts continued. "The hiring of Mark

Koski and the location of the Network CEO in Indianapolis signal the next important phase in the development of the NFHS Network, which provides the NFHS its most significant tool ever for promoting the values of school-sponsored sports to students, schools and society."

Since joining the NFHS staff in 2007, Koski has directed all major NFHS events and meetings. He also has been editor of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book and NFHS Field Hockey Rules Book and served on the NFHS Rules Review Committee.

Koski has been responsible for a tremendous growth in corporate partnerships for the NFHS the past five years as director of development. Currently, the NFHS has more than 20 corporate partners with total corporate revenue of \$2.2 million annually. He also has led the national #MyReasonWhy public relations campaign the past two years and has been staff liaison with the NFHS Network since its formation in 2013.

"We are excited about the opportunities that Mark's appointment brings both to the NFHS and the NFHS Network," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "We see the integration of NFHS marketing opportunities with the NFHS Network as a win-win for both organizations."

Prior to joining the NFHS staff in 2007, Koski was assistant director of the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) for four years, where he served as director of corporate development. He helped the NMAA increase its annual corporate sponsorship revenue from \$27,000 to \$700,000. He also was instrumental in starting the NMAA Foundation, which raised more than \$100,000 in its first year of existence.

Koski graduated from Highland High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1995. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of New Mexico in 2000,

where he was a decathlete and 400-meter sprinter for the Lobo track and field team for four years, and his master's degree in sport administration from UNM in 2003. As a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), Koski earned his Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) status in 2005 and his Certified Master Athletic Administrator (CMAA) in 2007. He is currently in the final phase of receiving his doctorate in educational administration.

Prior to joining the NMAA, Koski was a physical education and special education teacher at Manzano High School in Albuquerque for three years. He served as head track and field coach at Manzano for one year, where he helped increase participation from 30 to 130 student-athletes. Koski also served as assistant football coach for three years and assistant track coach for two years.

During his time with the NMAA, Koski served on the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee and the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee. At the state level, Koski was president-elect of the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Games and the New Mexico Track and Cross Country Coaches Association.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to take the NFHS Network to new heights as its chief executive officer," Koski said. "After serving 10 years at the NFHS national office, I have learned how important and influential our state associations are to the success of the NFHS and our NFHS Network. Building and fostering relationships with the state associations has always been a priority of mine, and I will take that with me to the NFHS Network. Great things lie ahead for the NFHS, its member associations and our Network – I am honored to be a part of it." ●

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ball bounces only in Team A's frontcourt before crossing the division line. While the ball is still in the air over Team A's backcourt, but never having touched in Team A's backcourt, A2 gains possession of the ball while standing in Team A's backcourt. **RULING:** Backcourt violation on Team A. Team A was still in team control and caused the ball to have backcourt status. Had A2 permitted the ball to bounce in the backcourt after having been deflected by B1, there would have been no backcourt violation. (4-4-1, 4-4-3, 9-9-1)

SITUATION 8: A1, while dribbling the ball in the frontcourt near the mid-court line, has the ball strike the mid-court line and as the ball comes up from the dribble, A1 touches the ball and continues to dribble. **RULING:** Backcourt violation. A1 may not be the first to touch the ball in the backcourt if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt, before it went to the backcourt. (9-9-1)

SITUATION 9: A1 has the ball for an end-line throw-in in his/her frontcourt. The administering official reaches a four-second count when A1 passes the ball to A2, who had been standing in

the free-throw lane since A1 had the ball at his/her disposal. **RULING:** Legal. Even though a team is now in control during a throw-in, the three-second rule specifically requires that a team be in control in its frontcourt for a violation to occur. Technically speaking, the thrower-in is out of bounds and not located in the frontcourt. (4-35-2, 9-7)

SITUATION 10: A1 has the ball for an end-line throw-in in his/her backcourt. The administering official reaches a four-second count when A1 passes the ball onto the court. A1's pass to A2, who is also in Team A's backcourt, takes several bounces and six seconds before A2 picks up and controls the ball. **RULING:** Legal. Even though a team is now in control during a throw-in, the 10-second rule specifically requires that a player/team be in continuous control in its backcourt for 10 seconds for a violation to occur. Technically speaking, the thrower-in is out of bounds and not located in the backcourt. (4-35-2, 9-8)

SITUATION 11: A1 has the ball for an end-line throw-in in his/her frontcourt. A1's pass to A2,

who is in the frontcourt standing near the free-throw line, is high, bounces several times and goes into Team A's backcourt untouched. A2 is then the first to control the ball in Team A's backcourt. **RULING:** Legal. There is no backcourt violation since player control and team control had not yet been established in Team A's frontcourt before the ball went into Team A's backcourt. The throw-in ends when A2 legally touches the ball in the backcourt and the backcourt count starts as soon as A2 gains control in his/her backcourt. (4-12-2, 9-9)

SITUATION 12: A1 has the ball for an end-line throw-in in his/her frontcourt. A1's pass to A2, who is in the frontcourt standing near the division line, is high and deflects off A2's hand and goes into Team A's backcourt. A2 is then the first to control the ball in Team A's backcourt. **RULING:** Legal. There is no backcourt violation since player control and team control had not yet been established in Team A's frontcourt before the ball went into Team A's backcourt. The throw-in ends when A2 legally touches the ball, but the back-

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2018 State Individual Wrestling Championships

Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.

Doors open for spectators one hour prior to the start of competition each session.

Session 1 - Thursday, Feb. 22 - Six Mats

Division 1 Preliminaries - 3 p.m. Weigh in: 1:30 p.m.

Div 1 Quarterfinals - Approximately 5:15 p.m.

Div 2 & 3 Preliminaries - 7:00 p.m. Weigh in: 5:00 p.m.

(Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 2 - Friday, Feb. 23 - Six Mats

Div. 1 Weigh Ins: 8:30 a.m. / Div. 2-3 Weigh Ins: 9:00 a.m.

Div. 1 Consolations - 10 a.m. (all mats)

Div. 2 & 3 Quarterfinals - Approximately 11:15 a.m.

(Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div. 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Div. 1 Consolation Semifinals - Approximately 1:45 p.m. (all mats)

Div. 2 & 3 Consolation Semifinals - Approximately 2:45 p.m.

(Div. 2 on mats 1, 2 & 3; Div. 3 on mats 4, 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 3 - Friday, Feb. 23 - Six Mats

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Semifinals - 7:00 p.m.

(Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Note: All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order from 106 lbs.-285 lbs. on next available mat.

Session 4 - Saturday, Feb. 24 - Six Mats - All Weigh Ins: 8:30 a.m.

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Consolation Wrestlebacks - 10:00 a.m.

(Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Fifth Place*

(Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Third Place*

(Div. 1 on mats 1 & 2; Div. 2 on mats 3 & 4; Div. 3 on mats 5 & 6)

* Fifth-place and third-place matches will run concurrently by weight class following all consolation matches.

Session 5 - Saturday, Feb. 24 - Three Mats

March of Champions - 5:00 p.m. (Doors open 3:30 p.m.)

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Championships

(Div. 1 on mat 1; Div. 2 on mat 2; Div. 3 on mat 3) ●

2018 State Team Wrestling Tournament Schedule

UW Field House, Madison, WI

Doors open for spectators one hour prior to the start of competition each session.

DIVISION 1

Quarterfinals - Friday, March 2 - 5:30 p.m.

Semifinals - Friday, March 2 - 7:30 p.m.

Final - Saturday March 3 - 3 p.m. (Gates Open - 2 p.m.)

DIVISION 2

Semifinals - Saturday, March 3 - 10 a.m.

Final - Saturday March 3 - 3 p.m.

DIVISION 3

Semifinals - Saturday, March 3 - 10 a.m.

Final - Saturday March 3 - 3 p.m.

Friday Weigh-ins at 4:30 p.m.

Friday Admission is \$13

Saturday Weigh-ins all divisions at 9 a.m.

Saturday Admission is \$8 for each session

Pre-sale tickets are only available at participating schools. Tickets for this event are not sold online. Cash and checks are accepted at the door. Credit cards are not accepted at the door. ●



2017-18 NFHS Wrestling Rules Interpretations

SITUATION 1: Wrestler A appears on the mat wearing a tight-fitting compression shirt tucked into loose-fitting shorts designed for wrestling with loose-fitting boxer shorts that extend beyond the inseam but above the knees. **RULING:** Any undergarment worn under the uniform shall be tight-fitting. Wrestler A would be penalized one match point and will have 90 seconds of injury time to correct this violation. (4-1-1)

SITUATION 2: Wrestler B appears on the mat wearing a tight-fitting compression shirt tucked into full-length tights with stirrups. **RULING:** Fulllength tights with stirrups are acceptable under the singlet, compression shorts or shorts designed for wrestling. Wrestler B would be penalized one match point and will have 90 seconds of injury time to correct this violation. (4-1-1)

SITUATION 3: Wrestler A is wearing a suitable undergarment and a pair of shorts. Wrestler A

doesn't make weight on the first attempt and steps off the scale to remove the shorts before the second attempt. **RULING:** Wrestler A would not be able to remove the shorts to lose or increase weight. (4-5-3)

SITUATION 4: The wrestlers have chosen to start the second period in the down position. The referee moves behind the wrestlers to start the match. **RULING:** The referee must be in front of, stationary and at an angle to the wrestlers. (5-19-10)

SITUATION 5: The referee penalizes Wrestler A for an illegal hold for executing a straight back suplay. The coach of Wrestler A informs the referee that Wrestler B's shoulder landed on the mat first – not the head – and there should be no penalty. **RULING:** The straight-back salto or suplay are illegal holds/maneuvers regardless of which body part(s) hits the mat first. (7-1-2)

SITUATION 6: Both wrestlers are neutral. Wrestler B is behind by two points with 15 seconds to go. Wrestler B executes the flying squirrel. **RULING:** This is considered an illegal move and the referee will have to penalize accordingly. (7-1-5w)

SITUATION 7: When the defensive wrestler can stand, how long does the offensive wrestler have to return the defensive wrestler to the mat? **RULING:** There is no time limit for the offensive wrestler to return the defensive wrestler to the mat. If the referee does not feel the offensive wrestler is working to return or release, then stalling shall be called. (7-6-4d)

SITUATION 8: The coach of Team A realizes that his team should have won the previous match at 106 pounds during the dual meet. The official scorekeeper did not award his wrestler a two-point takedown. The coach brings this scoring error to **See 2017-18 NFHS Wrestling Rules, page 10 >**

2018-2019 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2018-19 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 15, 2017 enrollment counts that your school provided. If you find a discrepancy in the enrollment listed for your school, please let Joan Gralla know by November 27, 2017. No changes will be made after this date. Note: If your school has a charter school that is a WIAA member those enrollment numbers will be added to your enrollment. e.g., Hayward 511 plus HACIL 54 will give Hayward a total of 565 for tournament placement.

Note: Schools that have zero listed did not submit information prior to printing deadline.

Abbotsford	207	Chequamegon	236	Granton	56	Madison Country Day	126
Abundant Life Christian	84	Chesterton Academy of Milwaukee	19	Grantsburg	258	Madison East	1650
Adams-Friendship	468	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	240	Green Bay East	1258	Madison La Follette	1572
Albany	97	Chilton	398	Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran	120	Madison Memorial	2030
Algoma	224	Chippewa Falls	1482	Green Bay Preble	2181	Madison West	2360
Alma	70	Clayton	114	Green Bay Southwest	1190	Manawa	239
Almond-Bancroft	113	Clear Lake	190	Green Bay West	845	Manitowoc Lincoln	1440
Altoona	421	Clinton	342	Green Lake	85	Manitowoc Lutheran	208
Amery	461	Clintonville	494	Greendale	902	Marathon	261
Amherst	339	Cochrane-Fountain City	224	Greenfield	1176	Marinette	600
Antigo	777	Colby	280	Greenwood	133	Marion	136
Appleton East	1407	Coleman	214	Gresham Community	91	Markesan	229
Appleton North	1663	Colfax	276	Hamilton	1475	Marquette University	2056
Appleton West	1083	Columbus	414	Hartford Union	1334	Marshall	326
Aquinas	289	Columbus Catholic	129	Hayward	511	Marshfield	1212
Arcadia	361	Community Christian School of Baraboo	13	Heritage Christian	171	Martin Luther	520
Argyle	101	Cornell	106	Highland	82	Mauston	465
Arrowhead	2175	Coulee Christian	62	Hilbert	146	Mayville	391
Ashland	659	Crandon	247	Hillsboro	154	McDonell Central Catholic	147
Ashwaubenon	992	Cristo Rey Jesuit	324	Hmong American Peace Academy	322	McFarland	707
Assumption	131	Crivitz	202	Holmen	1137	Medford	639
Athens	182	Cuba City	238	Homestead	1322	Mellen	91
Auburndale	267	Cudahy	721	Hope Christian	271	Melrose-Mindoro	202
Audubon Technology & Communications	389	Cumberland	288	Horicon	218	Menasha	982
Augusta	151	D.C. Everest	1704	Hortonville	1104	Menominee Indian	278
Badger	1405	Darlington	207	Howards Grove	287	Menomonee Falls	1309
Baldwin-Woodville	471	De Pere	1360	Hudson	1791	Menomonie	973
Bangor	177	De Soto	152	Hurley	170	Mercer	52
Baraboo	957	Deerfield	194	Hustisford	160	Merrill	802
Barneveld	128	DeForest	1051	Independence	117	Messmer	722
Barron	377	Delavan-Darien	728	Iola-Scandinavia	208	Middleton	2093
Bay Port	1894	Denmark	442	Iowa-Grant	172	Milton	1126
Bayfield	119	Destiny	283	Ithaca	130	Milwaukee Academy of Science	238
Beaver Dam	1069	Divine Savior Holy Angels	1374	Janesville Craig	1663	Milwaukee Arts	982
Belleville	283	Dodgeville	229	Janesville Parker	1315	Milwaukee Bay View	926
Belmont	99	Dodgeville	421	Jefferson	663	Milwaukee Bradley Tech	918
Beloit Memorial	1972	Dominican	337	Johnson Creek	186	Milwaukee Collegiate Academy	287
Benton	70	Drummond	115	Juda	105	Milwaukee Hamilton	1588
Berlin	550	Durand	276	Kaukauna	1168	Milwaukee Juneau	271
Big Foot	492	East Troy	604	Kenosha Bradford	1554	Milwaukee King	1519
Birchwood	68	Eastbrook Academy	73	Kenosha Christian Life	253	Milwaukee Lutheran	782
Black Hawk	99	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	110	Kenosha Indian Trail	2282	Milwaukee Madison Academic Campus	828
Black River Falls	518	Eau Claire Memorial	1711	Kenosha Reuther	348	Milwaukee Marshall	804
Blair-Taylor	170	Eau Claire North	1350	Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic Academy	293	Milwaukee North	370
Bloomer	386	Edgar	176	Kenosha Tremper	1665	Milwaukee Pulaski	929
Bonduel	309	Edgerton	539	Kettle Moraine	965	Milwaukee Riverside University	1548
Boscobel	233	Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart	486	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	450	Milwaukee Ronald W. Reagan College Prep	1336
Bowler	93	Elcho	90	Kewaskum	626	Milwaukee School of Languages	577
Boyceville	210	Eleva-Strum	178	Kewaunee	323	Milwaukee South	1028
Brillion	337	Elk Mound	345	Kickapoo	169	Milwaukee Vincent	799
Brodhead	308	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	132	Kiel	440	Milwaukee Washington	617
Brookfield Academy	317	Elkhorn Area	905	Kimberly	1589	Milwaukee Wisconsin Conserv. of Lifelong Learning	332
Brookfield Central	1257	Ellsworth	477	Kohler	225	Mineral Point	199
Brookfield East	1257	Elmwood	73	La Crosse Central	1055	Mishicot	234
Brookwood	200	Evansville	550	La Crosse Logan	758	Mondovi	263
Brown Deer	514	Faith Christian	0	La Farge	65	Monona Grove	1008
Bruce	142	Fall Creek	276	Lac Courte Oreilles	42	Monroe	690
Burlington	1083	Fall River	130	Laconia	333	Montello	210
Butternut	57	Fennimore	238	Ladysmith	287	Monticello	107
Cadott	248	Flambeau	165	Lake Country Lutheran	323	Mosinee	596
Cambria-Friesland	127	Florence	104	Lake Holcombe	109	Mount Horeb	775
Cambridge	269	Fond du Lac	2058	Lake Mills	433	Mukwonago	1649
Cameron	263	Fort Atkinson	912	Lakeland Union	711	Muskego	1632
Campbellsport	427	Fox Valley Lutheran	618	Lakeside Lutheran	411	Necedah	227
Carmen Northwest	454	Franklin	1549	Lancaster	270	Neenah	2056
Carmen South	359	Frederic	112	Laona	68	Neillsville	288
Carmen Southeast	358	Freedom	543	Lena	102	Nekoosa	354
Cashton	187	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	423	Lincoln	175	New Auburn	91
Cassville	73	Germantown	1384	Lincoln Hills	145	New Berlin Eisenhower	839
Catholic Central	126	Gibraltar	180	Little Chute	355	New Berlin West	738
Catholic Memorial	636	Gillett	161	Living Word Lutheran	185	New Glarus	253
Cedar Grove-Belgium	320	Gilman	117	Lodi	499	New Holstein	366
Cedarburg	1092	Gilmanton	46	Lomira	363	New Lisbon	172
Central Wisconsin Christian	93	Glenwood City	199	Lourdes Academy	197	New London	633
		Golda Meir	478	Loyal	152		
		Goodman	34	Luck	138		
		Grafton	745	Luther	222		
				Luxemburg-Casco	629		

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New Richmond	939	Saint Joan Antida	142	Wauwatosa West	1079	Kenosha	
Newman Catholic	121	Saint Lawrence Seminary	183	Wauzeka-Steuben	105	Kenosha E-School	51
Niagara	128	Saint Mary Catholic	237	Wayland Academy	188	Kenosha Harborside	442
Nicolet	1109	Saint Mary's Springs Academy	271	Webster	204	Kenosha Lakeview Tech	410
North Crawford	138	Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy	29	West Allis Central	1206	Kettle Moraine	
North Fond du Lac	386	Saint Thomas More	523	West Allis Nathan Hale	1470	High School of Health Sciences	165
Northland Lutheran	70	Salam (Milwaukee)	173	West Bend East	1074	Kettle Moraine Global Sch for Global Le	90
Northland Pines	389	Sauk Prairie	827	West Bend West	1182	Kettle Moraine Perform Sch for Arts & Per	150
Northwestern	416	Seneca	93	West De Pere	936	Kiel	
Northwood	112	Sevastopol	192	West Salem	506	Kiel eSchool	5
Notre Dame de La Baie Academy	767	Seymour	700	Westby	339	La Crosse	
Oak Creek	2089	Shawano Community	797	Westfield Area	296	LaCrosseRoads (Central Campus)	11
Oakfield	147	Sheboygan Area Lutheran	166	Weston	80	LaCrosseRoads (Logan Campus)	26
Obama SCTE	453	Sheboygan County Christian	102	Westosha Central	1092	7 Rivers Community School	41
Oconomowoc	1707	Sheboygan Falls	500	Weyauwega-Fremont	266	Little Chute	
Oconto	274	Sheboygan North	1507	White Lake	54	Little Chute Career Pathways	156
Oconto Falls	489	Sheboygan South	1053	Whitefish Bay	959	Manitowoc	
Omro	366	Shell Lake	205	Whitehall	222	McKinley Academy	51
Onalaska	989	Shiocton	224	Whitewater	578	Marshall	
Oneida Nation	134	Shoreland Lutheran	342	Whitnall	838	Marshall	9
Oostburg	305	Shorewood	633	Wild Rose	170	Mauston	
Oregon	1160	Shullsburg	117	Williams Bay	205	ILEAD Charter	42
Osceola	521	Siren	143	Wilmot Union	1086	Middleton	
Oshkosh North	1242	Slinger	1060	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	298	21st Century	19
Oshkosh West	1687	Solon Springs	74	Winneconne	521	Clark Street	88
Osseo-Fairchild	270	Somerset	463	Winter	76	Milw. (Bradley Tech)	
Owen-Withee	152	South Milwaukee	1136	Wisconsin Dells	422	Milwaukee Community Cyber	192
Ozaukee	230	South Shore	52	Wisconsin Heights	235	Project Stay	257
Pacelli	212	Southern Door	313	Wisconsin Lutheran	773	Milw. (Madison)	
Palmyra-Eagle	293	Southwestern	167	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	1476	Banner Preparatory	58
Pardeeville	217	Sparta	784	WI School for the Blind & Visually Impaired	0	Milw. (North)	
Parkview	235	Spencer	225	Wisconsin School for the Deaf	0	NOVA	124
Pecatonica	115	Spooner	362	Wisconsin Valley Lutheran	51	Shalom	115
Pembine	73	Spring Valley	207	Wittenberg-Birnamwood	328	Transition	177
Pepin	47	St. John's Northwestern Military Academy	198	Wolf River Lutheran	30	Milw. (Riverside)	
Peshigo	363	Stanley-Boyd	301	Wonewoc-Center	109	Alliance School of Milwaukee	203
Pewaukee	899	Stevens Point	2056	Wrightstown	485	Milw. (South)	
Phelps	55	Stockbridge	64	Xavier	533	Assata	114
Phillips	247	Stoughton	981	Young Coggs Preparatory	174	Grandview	239
Pittsville	184	Stratford	323	Youth Initiative	0	Lad Lake Synergy	54
Pius XI Catholic	800	Sturgeon Bay	394	Associate Member Schools (Charter)		MATC Emerging Scholars Program	45
Platteville	430	Sun Prairie	2389	Appleton		South Division Accelerated Academy	65
Plum City	86	Superior	1305	Appleton Career	99	Milw. (Vincent)	
Plymouth	784	Suring	118	Appleton eSchool	0	Vincent Accelerated Academy	52
Port Edwards	115	Tenor	227	Renaissance School for the Arts	0	Milw. (Washington)	
Port Washington	767	The Prairie School	272	Appleton Technical Academy	0	Groppi	120
Portage	783	Thorp	188	Tesla Engineering	0	Monona Grove	
Potosi	119	Three Lakes	148	Valley New School	0	Liberal Arts Charter Sch for the 21 Century	41
Poynette	327	Tigerton	57	Wisconsin Connections	0	Montello	
Prairie du Chien	365	Tomah	942	Ashland		High Marq Environment	19
Prairie Farm	91	Tomahawk	377	Ashland	15	Montello Virtual	12
Prentice	143	Tri-County	169	Augusta		Rice Lake	
Prescott	399	Trinity Academy	24	Wildlands Research	43	Northern Lakes Regional	45
Princeton	123	Turner	451	Barron		Richland Center	
Providence (La Crosse)	12	Turtle Lake	123	Advance Learning of Wisconsin	35	Richland Online Academy	13
Providence Academy (Green Bay)	0	Two Rivers	458	Birchwood		Ripon	
Pulaski	1077	Union Grove	1006	Birchwood	7	Lumen Charter	60
Racine Case	0	Unity	255	Butternut		Sheboygan	
Racine Horlick	1705	University Lake School	102	Promethean	2	Central High	215
Racine Lutheran	246	University School of Milwaukee	423	Cameron (multi districts)		George D. Warriner	128
Racine Park	1475	Valders	352	North Star Academy	40	The IDEAS Academy	138
Racine Saint Catherine's	421	Valley Christian (Oshkosh)	76	Chequamegon		Shorewood	
Randolph	166	Valley Christian School (Osceola)	24	Class Act	21	New Horizons	23
Random Lake	291	Veritas	252	Denmark		Sparta	
Reedsburg Area	868	Verona Area	1554	Denmark Community School	20	High Point	26
Reedsville	192	Viroqua	321	Eau Claire		S.A.I.L.S.	25
Regis	220	Wabeno Area	118	McKinley	26	Two Rivers	
Rhineland	781	Washburn	168	Elkhorn		Lighthouse Learning Academy	30
Rib Lake	144	Washington Island	24	Elkhorn Options Virtual	39	Verona	
Rice Lake	699	Waterford	1104	Elkhorn (multi districts)		Verona Exploration Academy	77
Richland Center	373	Waterloo	254	Walworth County Educational Consortium	85	Viroqua	
Rio	126	Watertown	1234	Fond du Lac		Laurel	44
Ripon	472	Watertown Luther Prep	416	STEM Institute	34	Watertown	
River Falls	993	Waukesha North	1212	Greenwood City		Endeavor	45
River Ridge	171	Waukesha South	1375	Greenwood City Trans. Skill Center	11	Wausau	
River Valley	430	Waukesha West	1201	Green Bay		Wausau Engineering & Global Leadership	58
Riverdale	152	Waunakee	1275	John Dewey Aca. Of Learning	52	Wausau Enrich Excel Achieve Learning	57
Roncalli	267	Waupaca	665	Hayward		West De Pere	
Rosholt	183	Waupun	553	HACIL	54	Phantom Knight Charter School	15
Royall	156	Wausau East	963	Janesville		Wisconsin Rapids	
Saint Ambrose	54	Wausau West	1340	Arise Virtual Academy	38	River Cities	87
Saint Anthony	537	Wausaukee	154	Rock River	123		
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NOTE: Please use the Goalkeeper Mask Guide on page 78 as a point of reference to distinguish between a HECC-certified face mask and a non-certified HECC face mask for goalkeepers.

On page 83, the Summary of Penalties chart should indicate that Rules 2-5-10, 4-7-8 and 8-4-1 should be listed under "Penalty Shot (only)." Rules 7-16-3, 8-2-3 and 8-8-1 should be listed under "Penalty Shot or Awarded Goal Options."

SITUATION 1: How may a water bottle be attached to the goal frame? **RULING:** Preferably, a manufactured water bottle sleeve should be used. Otherwise, the bottle itself shall be secured to the netting on the top or back of the goal frame. (1-3-5)

SITUATION 2: A delayed penalty for too many players on the ice is being signaled. By the time play is stopped, other players from that team are on the ice. Who may the captain choose to serve the penalty? **RULING:** Even

though the player(s) creating the delayed penalty may not be on the ice when play is stopped, only the players who are then on the ice are eligible to serve the penalty. (2-2-6)

SITUATION 3: A player spits in the direction of the opposing team's coach, but no direct contact occurs. **RULING:** Game disqualification. The action must be penalized whether or not actual contact occurs. (6-1-9)

SITUATION 4: An attacking player in the neutral zone shoots the puck, which deflects off Team B's goal frame and goes directly out of the rink. **RULING:** If shot from the attacking half of the neutral zone, faceoff at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot consistent with Rule 9-1-8. If shot from the defending half of the neutral zone, this could be icing the puck if the puck crosses the goal line after the deflection. If the puck does not cross the goal line or if it is not an icing-the-puck situation, faceoff is at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot consistent with Rule 9-1-8. (9-1-9) ●

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the attention of the referee during the 113-pound match. **RULING:** Match scoring errors must be corrected prior to the start of the next match on the same mat. (6-6-4)

SITUATION 9: Wrestler A appears on the mat wearing shorts designed for wrestling that have the manufacturer's 2¼-inch name multiple times around the waistband. **RULING:** The shorts would not be considered a legal uniform because the manufacturer's logo or reference can only appear once on each uniform apparel. (4-1-2)

SITUATION 10: The assistant coach of Team A is at mat-side and the referee noticed that the coach is chewing tobacco. **RULING:** The assistant coach will be charged with a flagrant misconduct which requires a deduction of three team points and removal from the facility for remainder of the event. (5-12-2b)

SITUATION 11: During the pre-dual meet disk toss, Team A is required to send its wrestler to the scorer's table first. Team B's wrestler reports first and proceeds to the 10-foot circle. Team A's wrestlers report to the table and the coach from Team B wants to replace his wrestler. **RULING:** Because Team B's wrestler did not report in the proper sequence, he/she can be replaced by an eligible wrestler without penalty. (6-2-2)

SITUATION 12: Both wrestlers shoot for a takedown at the same time and butt heads. Both wrestlers are injured and require injury time. Which wrestlers are placed on injury time? **RULING:** Both wrestlers would be placed on injury time simultaneously. (8-2-1)

SITUATION 13: Can unnecessary roughness be called after the match has ended? **RULING:** No, unnecessary roughness is an act that occurs during the match. (5-29-1)

SITUATION 14: If the wrestlers both have a supporting point on the line, are they considered out of bounds? **RULING:** Wrestlers are out of bounds when both wrestlers have a supporting point beyond the boundary line. (5-18)

SITUATION 15: Can the assistant referee signal a caution, illegal holds, out-of-bounds or potentially dangerous? **RULING:** The assistant referee can use a visual signal for lock hands; all other infractions must be verbally communicated. (3-2-2)

SITUATION 16: Wrestler A has Wrestler B in a near-fall situation, and the referee has reached a five count. Wrestler B grabs the earguard of Wrestler A but is unsuccessful in getting out of the near-fall. Wrestler B while in the near-fall situation begins to bleed and the referee stops the match. How many points will Wrestler A receive? **RULING:** Wrestler A would receive four points for the near-fall and

one point for the technical violation. There are not additional near-fall points issued because of the blood stoppage. (7-3-2, 9-1-5)

SITUATION 17: Wrestler B has Wrestler A in a near-fall situation. Wrestler B has supporting points inbounds; Wrestler A has both shoulder and scapula out of bounds. Can Wrestler A be pinned in this situation? **RULING:** A near-fall or fall shall be earned while the supporting points of either wrestler are in-bounds. (5-15-2c)

SITUATION 18: The coach of Team A requests a conference with the referee at the scorer's table to question the score of the match. The coach questions if the referee awarded two or three points for the near-fall. What is the penalty for the coach for questioning the referee? **RULING:** There is no penalty for a coach who questions the official at the table to clarify the score of the match. If the coach has questioned why the referee only scored two points and not three, then the coach could

have been charged a misconduct penalty for questioning the judgment of the referee. (5-5-2)

SITUATION 19: Wrestler B appears on the mat and is wearing a tight-fitting, short-sleeved compression shirt under the singlet. Is this a legal uniform? **RULING:** Contestants may wear a tight-fitting, short-sleeved compression shirt under the singlet that complies with the uniform rules without the permission of the referee. (4-1-1b)

SITUATION 20: Wrestler A appears on the mat wearing elbow sleeves. The referee asks the reason for wearing the elbow sleeve. The wrestler doesn't have a valid reason. What is the violation? **RULING:** All special equipment should be inspected by the referee prior to the start of the dual meet or tournament. The wrestler was not properly equipped when reporting to the mat and will be charged a technical violation and one match point and will use injury time to correct the violation. (3-1-6, 7-3-5) ●

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should not approve of it and officials should not accept it. There is no place for it in the classroom or athletic arena.

Slams

Slams are nothing more than returning the wrestler to the mat with unnecessary force. No other criteria are necessary. As an official, if you feel uncomfortable in calling it a slam, then call it unnecessary roughness. There is no difference between the two. I receive a number of videos every year where obvious slams are not called. If you are thinking about it, call it. If you don't, the next time it occurs it will most likely be worse. This will also prevent retaliation.

Miscellaneous

- **Kneepads** are not intended to be held up with tape. Remove the pad if tape is needed. Sometimes a modest amount of tape is necessary to hold up a sleeve that covers a brace. Please avoid that if possible, or at the very least keep it to minimum.
- **Socks** are not designed to go over the knee. Loose fitting socks are also not allowed. Both put the opponent at a disadvantage and are considered illegal equipment.
- **AR** – do not get involved with officials / coaches conferences – stay with the wrestlers! – I've seen this too often.
- When a wrestler is out of **NF criteria** but they are still in a NF situation, you never have a stalemate.

- **Coaches** – Make sure your opponent(s) receive proper notification for consecutive days of competition, school or practice cancellation.

Reminders from 2016

- Viewing of any videotaping by the referee prior to / during / or after the conclusion of the event is strictly **prohibited**. This includes pre-weigh-in through post wrestling
- Subtle **pushes/shoves/and clubbing** by wrestlers during the course of a match must be stopped. At the least, it must be considered USC and penalized without delay.
- No wrestler will be allowed to weigh in with **strip tape** on their bodies. It must be removed prior to inspection and stepping on the scales
- Remember that all wrestlers **must** be in the WI facility (room) at the beginning of the weigh in.
- Officials **are not** to be wearing a microphone while on the mat to benefit television or radio broadcasting.
- Remember the danger of the **arm trap**. Many were not called potentially dangerous last year, when they should have. They happen quickly, often with little warning.
- **Shoe laces** must be taped to the shoe or secured by a locking device. You may not just tape the laces together.
- All coaches are encouraged to read the **winter season wrestling regulations**. You are responsible to know these rules. ●



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.

CROSS COUNTRY
Spoooner Invitational
Aug. 31, 2017

I witnessed an amazing sportsmanship moment when the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser CC team members once again greeted and cheered every single runner coming across the finish line for both varsity and middle school runners. The smiles, high fives, pats on the back and cheering was so feverish that when the boys race was finishing, I witnessed the swelling of runners at the back of the finish chute swell to include five schools and just shy of 40 athletes join in the celebration. All because Chetek-Weyerhaeuser athletes had started on their own. It was an electrifying moment to witness not only for me and my partner, but for all the fans as well. These athletes from Chetek-Weyerhaeuser have consistently demonstrated this sportsmanship over the past several years and continue again this year demonstrating this is for real. A trait instilled from within the coaching philosophy and administration as well and certainly worthy of recognition in our northwest region if not the state.

Reporting Official: Dick Nerbun

Barron Invitational
Sept. 19, 2017

Once more the athletes from the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser high school were greeting runners at the finish line with hoots and hollers that roared above the crowd. I have been shooting videos of these athletes to document their spirit and enthusiasm at each meet, and never fail, its always there. And if you watch and listen closely you can feel the impact on the crowd and other fellow athletes at the venue. What a great group of athletes demonstrating the true aspect of sportsmanship for themselves and athletes from all around them. It makes no difference whether or not the runners are in the top or bottom 10. The cheering is the same. Its loud! Its enthusiastic! Its magnetic! Its great!

Reporting Official: Dick Nerbun

FOOTBALL
Luxemburg-Casco @ Wrightstown
Oct. 6, 2017

This game exhibited everything that is good with high school athletics. The coaches and players were all very sportsmanlike in their behavior throughout the entire game. This was a big game for both teams and all involved played a hard fought contest. Players from both teams would extend a hand to their opponent to help them up after being tackled. The coaches from both teams were excellent also. These teams provided a great impression of their school communities.

Reporting Official: Al Wenig

Bloomer @ Hayward/La Courte Oreilles
Oct. 6, 2017

The rain did not dampen the excitement and hard work the communities put into enjoying the game and teaching fine sportsmanship. Our crew was impressed with the actions of the coaches. They were organized, and the players were disciplined. The coaches were respectful to their play-

ers, peers and officials. Coaches made the most of the teachable moments and changing players' behavior. This was seen several times by both sidelines, but none more important than Coach O'Brien addressing an issue of one of his players immediately. Also, coaches politely made comments recognizing the positive acts of the officiating crew, as well as indicating issues they may have with plays. The players were spirited and treated the opposing team with respect. Players helped opposing players off the turf and positively acknowledged the efforts of the other team. There was no jawing back and forth among players, and there was never a negative comment said about the other team. The backs found the umpire and gave the ball to the official immediately so he could keep it dry. If the backs didn't, two players would always pick up the ball and hand it to the umpire. Congratulations Coach O'Brien and Coach Post for the hard work coaching and the fine job of educating our youth on the importance of positive sportsmanship. We wish both of your teams the best of success!

Reporting Official: Shawn Umland

Darlington @ Cambridge
Sept. 22, 2017

My crew would like to commend the sportsmanship displayed by both schools during this hard fought contest on Friday. The coaches and players displayed exemplary sportsmanship

throughout the contest. This was truly an honor to officiate this contest. Thank you for the opportunity! Also to be commended was the hospitality that Mr. Klingbeil and his staff at Cambridge High School provided us throughout the evening. Best of luck to both Cambridge and Darlington High Schools the rest of the season!

Reporting Official: Chris Nicholson

Prairie Farm @ Mercer/Butternut
Sept. 19, 2017

Both teams' coaches did a remarkable job of educating their players on the game of football and positive behavior. Not once did we hear a negative comment by players, coaches or spectators. Coaches did a remarkable job keeping their players motivated. What we saw was an experienced coaching staff continuing a fine tradition of proper sportsmanship behavior, while another team's coaching staff is beginning an outstanding custom of positive actions when it comes to establishing a program of football, teamwork and sportsmanship. Players and community supporters enjoyed the game and taught one another the etiquette of proper sportsmanship. Players on each side helped the opposing team off the turf and congratulated each other on fine plays. Players asked officials good questions and accepted the answers and rulings of game action. Also, the communities of each team were loud and positive.

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2018 State Gymnastics Meet

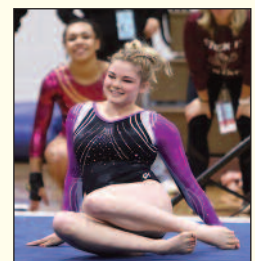
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Fieldhouse – Wisconsin Rapids

Friday, March 2
Team Competition Schedule

- 11:45 a.m. – Building Opens
- 12:20 p.m. – Coaches Meeting
- 12:40 p.m. – Judges Meeting
- 12:30-1:10 p.m. – General warm-up & bar settings
- 1:35 p.m. – March-in
- 1:50 p.m. – First round warm-up begins
- 2 p.m. – Competition begins
- 7:30 p.m. – Approximate end of final round/awards

Saturday, March 3
Individual Competition Schedule

- 9 a.m. – Building Opens
- 9:15 a.m. – Coaches Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. – Association Meeting
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. – General warm-up & bar settings
- 10:45 a.m. – March-in
- 11 a.m. – First round warm-up begins
- 11:15 a.m. – Approximate start for competition
- 3:30 p.m. – Approximate end of final round/awards ●



It is amazing how small communities enthusiastically support their student-athletes and teach them the fine tradition of proper sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Shawn Umland

**Oshkosh West @ Kimberly
Sept. 8, 2017**

The Kimberly athletic department did a great job hosting this football game. I went to observe my crew. Athletic secretary Marcia Van Hout and Athletic Director Ryan McGinnis did an outstanding job making me and my crew welcome for the game. Coach Ken Levine from Oshkosh West communicated respectfully with my crew the entire night and his sideline was very clean. He asked multiple rule related questions in a positive manner. Coach Jones and his staff at Kimberly worked hard with their players as well. I informed him of several close rule issues and he thanked me for following up with rule clarification. Both the Kimberly and Oshkosh West teams have excellent leadership from their respective coaches.

Reporting Official: James Schaefer

**Kaukauna @ Marshfield
Sept. 8, 2017**

I feel the need to submit what we thought was the model for WIAA high school sports sportsmanship. What a great experience our crew had. The players coaches and fans were the model for what makes the game so enjoyable. We want both communities involved here to know without doubt the high level and quality of their respective staffs. Thanks to all involved including the Marshfield AD and our caretakers for the night. What a super experience.

Reporting Official: Rich Hohl

**Greendale @ New Berlin Eisenhower
Sept. 8, 2017**

It was a pleasure to work the Friday night game. The staff at Eisenhower was fantastic. When we arrived, we were met by game manager Bill Knapp, and he took us to our locker room, where we were given all the information for the night. He

escorted us into our area for halftime where we had refreshments and homemade snacks for us. The play on the field was outstanding, players helping each other up, handshakes, pats on the back, etc... The sidelines had zero issues and that is a reflection of both Coach Kern and Coach Stoltz and I commend both of them for that. After the game Coach Stoltz came up and personally complimented a number of our crew members on his appreciation for what we do. Working events like this is what makes this profession so great! Congratulations and good luck.

Reporting Official: Michael Arendt

**Cedar Grove-Belgium @ Mishicot
Sept. 1, 2017**

The Mishicot athletic director, Terri Risch, met us at the door, showed us our locker room, gave us water, and escorted us to the field. Excellent job for treating us well to start! The game was well-played with only four total penalties. A Mishicot player had a significant injury and Coach Schreurs from Cedar Grove-Belgium came over and checked to see if he was OK. Excellent leadership on his part by demonstrating concern about an opponent to his team. Coach Fix from Mishicot also did a great job communicating with the officials and his team during the game. His sideline was clean the whole game. Nice work coaches on leading your teams by acts of outstanding sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: James Schaefer

**Spencer/Columbus Catholic @ Stanley-Boyd
Sept. 1, 2017**

I wanted to share with you an unbelievable game that epitomizes what a WIAA football Friday night experience should be like. The picturesque fall evening was the perfect scene in which both teams student athlete's displayed great sportsmanship and athletic ability, coaching staffs from both sides were respectful and intense, and both teams fans cheered respectively and in support of their team. Both head coaches, Mr. Koenig from Stanley-Boyd, and Mr. Gorst from Spencer/Colum-

bus should be very proud of how their players, coaches and fans demonstrated their actions in a positive experience for everyone in attendance. As a crew we talked about after the game what a privilege it was to be a part of a game that really embodies the true spirit of high school sports. Games and experiences like this one makes our crew appreciative of the opportunity we have to be a part of these contests every week. Here's to a great rest of the season!

Reporting Official: Andrew Ligman

**Edgar @ Tomahawk
Sept. 1, 2017**

Our officiating crew would like to acknowledge the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by the Tomahawk head coach John Larsen, his staff, and the players. The coaches did an exceptional job of modeling positive sportsmanship. They were upbeat with their commands, kept their players motivated and working hard, and were positive with their comments and actions. Mr. Larsen did an extraordinary job of keeping his coaches and players out of the restricted area during plays. The modeling of proper behavior by the coaches allowed the players to be positive and attentive to the rules, exhibit good sportsmanship, and listen to the suggestions of the officials. We appreciate the optimistic actions of the entire program. We were honored to officiate the game.

Reporting Official: Shawn Umland

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran @ Berlin
Sept. 1, 2017**

Berlin High School made us feel very welcome as Joe Brandl, the athletic director, greeted our crew, showed us to the locker room, provided towels for the crew to shower, and a candy bar for energy. Thank you Berlin Athletic Department for your wonderful hospitality! Kettle Moraine Lutheran Coach David Kren worked hard to lead his players throughout the game. KML players kept a good positive attitude throughout the contest, and Coach Kren stayed positive in leading his team the entire game. Berlin Coach Joe Stellmacher led his team in a positive manner as well. The Berlin sideline was clean, and he was very respectful during interactions with the officials the entire night. Great job coaches in leading by acts of good sportsmanship the young athletes in your respective communities.

Reporting Official: James Schaefer

**Pius XI Catholic @ New Berlin West
Aug. 25, 2017**

I would like to commend Coach Swabek, his staff, and his players. During the game, which wasn't going in their favor, Coach Swabek and his staff were heard constantly encouraging the players and coaching them up. The players, in turn, were supporting each other throughout the game. The team played every down as if the score were 0-0 and played hard the entire game. We are unbiased, but it was internally very nice to see them have some successes in the later parts of the game, all of which was made possible by their consistent dedication to getting better one play at a time.

Reporting Official: Paul Jakubowski

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referee must be corrected prior to the offended contestant leaving the mat area and before the start of the next match on that mat, if additional wrestling is necessary. If additional wrestling is not necessary, the error may be corrected as long as the offended contestant or coach remains in the mat area after the match has concluded and before the start of the next match on that mat.

Clarified the Process of Correcting an Error by the Timekeeper During a Tournament (6-6-5a1): Errors by the timekeeper, official scorer or referee must be corrected prior to the offended contestant leaving the mat area and before the start of the next match on that mat, if additional wrestling is necessary. If additional wrestling is not necessary, the error may be corrected as long as the offended contestant or coach remains in the mat area after the match has concluded and before the start of the next match on that mat.

Modified Two Moves That Are Now Illegal (7-1-2): The straight-back salto and straight back

suplay are dangerous regardless of which body part (head, neck, or shoulder(s)) hits the mat first.

Clarified That a Specific Maneuver is Not Allowed (7-1-5): The front flip or hurdle from the neutral position is attempted when there is short time left in a match and a wrestler needs to secure a takedown of his opponent, who has a strong defensive neutral position, in order to either tie or take a lead in a match. This maneuver is a last-ditch effort attempt to score; however, the attempt to flip or hurdle one's opponent from a neutral position is not only an elevated risk to the wrestler attempting the maneuver, it also places the opponent in a disadvantage position as he/she is not only left to counter the scoring attempt but is also placed in a position of responsibility for not reacting in a manner that may cause a slam or unsafe return to the mat of the wrestler who actually initiated the maneuver.

Modified Another Determinant for Stalling (7-6-4d): This will provide rule support for a case-book interpretation. ●

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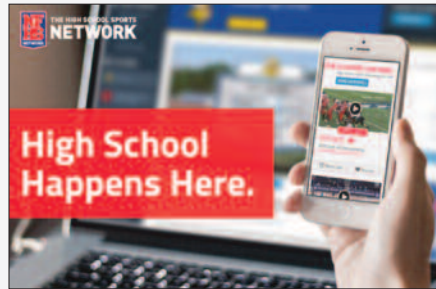
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Waupun @ New Holstein Aug. 25, 2017

Coach Matt Rupp and his coaching staff displayed outstanding sportsmanship during their football game Friday vs. Waupun. The sidelines were consistently emphasizing high character and taking the high road. The players bought into the message that the coaching staff was delivering, and a lot of the credit needs to be given to those players who, even during a difficult game, were able to keep their sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Casey Pivonka

Berlin @ Antigo Aug. 18, 2017

Our crew experienced an outstanding display of sportsmanship from the two football programs and their communities. What a great way to kick off the 2017 Football Season! The treatment the officials received from start to finish was impeccable. First, we were treated with excellent communication and treatment by Athletic Director, Matt Meronk and his staff. Next, our crew was impressed with the coaching staff of both teams as the players were very well coached. These gentlemen kept sidelines well-managed and exhibited class and respect. Our wing officials acknowledge how well the coaches and players stayed out of the restricted area during plays, probably the best we have ever seen. Both teams' coaching staff were positive with comments as they motivated their players to excel. If coaches had a question about a call, they remained positive and did what they do best, coach. Our crew hopes the remaining teams it sees this season are as positive and classy as what we experienced this Friday night. The crew appreciated the positive sportsmanship of the players. The backs and receivers

quickly provided footballs to officials after the play to keep the game timely managed, and captains did a fine job of asking questions of officials while stating their appreciation for the explanations given. Outstanding leadership and respect was shown by captains and their teammates as each team helped players of the other team off the turf. The fans were supportive and positive. The loud cheers and support for their players and community were definitely exhibited. Our crew applauds the efforts of the coaches, staff, players, fans, and community for the outstanding sportsmanship shown. We were privileged to serve them. The pride and honor taught to our youth is only possible by the mentors they experience. Congratulations Antigo and Berlin!

Reporting Official: Shawn Umland

Slinger @ Whitefish Bay Aug. 18, 2017

The coaches had their teams well prepared for the game as far as sportsmanship and observing the rules. Coach Jacklin from Slinger and Coach Wolter from Whitefish Bay had their teams equipped properly and maintained outstanding control and management of their respective sidelines. In addition, both coaches were respectful during communication with the officials throughout the game. The coaches listened to our ruling explanations while being respectful. The players from both schools played hard and demonstrated good sportsmanship during play. Players who consistently displayed leadership in terms of sportsmanship were #10 and #88 from Slinger and #10 and #13 from Whitefish Bay. Great job by coaches and players from both teams.

Reporting Official: James Schaefer

Boys Soccer Monroe @ Monona Grove Oct. 10, 2017

Monona Grove's record put them at the top of their division and Monroe's record put them at the bottom of their division. With these factors, the Monroe players were respectful of the other team. They often stopped to help up a Monona Grove player who slipped in the mud. The Monroe players were respectful of the officiating crew. I don't once recall a Monroe player arguing a call not in their favor. The Monroe players were having fun and playing a solid game of soccer in adverse conditions. All of the Monroe players thanked the officiating crew and some of the Monona Grove players after the game. It was an honor to officiate the game and an honor to work with a group of athletes who displayed excellent sportsmanship and who represented their school and the WIAA in an exceptional manner.

Reporting Official: Jason Cram

Wayland Academy @ Columbus Sept. 18, 2017

Columbus showed excellent sportsmanship in a game that was controlled by Wayland Academy. No contesting of any call. The team was very good sports during each of the goals scored against them and just played to their ability. They are to be commended.

Reporting Official: Steven Melendez

Janesville Parker @ Whitewater Sept. 11, 2017

This game was a great example of High School sportsmanship. This was played on the 16th

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the mat without permission from the referee or forcing an opponent out of bounds is a technical violation.

Illegality of Straight Back Salto and Suplay

Risk minimization of the wrestlers is paramount. With the advent of new and innovative holds/maneuvers influencing our sport from other levels of combat sports, grappling and various martial arts, we have to remain vigilant for any holds/maneuvers used in a way that endangers life and limb of our students. Any act that exceeds typical aggressive wrestling becomes unnecessary roughness. The use of a full straight

back salto and straight back suplay are two examples that when applied (regardless of which body part hits the mat first) are illegal holds and should be stopped immediately.

Consistency of the Start of Each Match

Consistency of the start of the match is imperative for the wrestlers, coaches and spectators. There is a uniformity that creates a familiarity for the wrestling world. Knowing what to expect each and every time speaks to the professionalism of the referee and the importance of conducting the match in a professional businesslike manner. The referee starts the match from the neutral position, the wrestlers shall be

between the referee and the scorer's table. The referee will glance at the scorer's table to make sure that they are ready and then indicate to the wrestlers to shake hands (not hand slaps). After the handshake, the referee moves in partially between the two wrestlers to discourage a false start. Then the referee will blow his/her whistle while simultaneously giving the signal to start the match. Understanding the positioning for the referee in relationship to the two wrestlers and the scorer's table is critical to have and necessary in maintaining control of the match. For officials, they have to hone their skills in being consistent with the start of each wrestling match they work. ●

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anniversary of 9/11, and to begin with there was a great tribute given by John Chenoweth, the Whitewater coach. The game was a hard fought game and although there were some hard fouls, the offending player often was there to help up their opponent off of the ground. None of the players disputed any calls or talked back to the officials. The fans from both teams cheered positively and we did not hear any complaints about calls or boos. As an officiating crew that referees 20-plus games per season, we were in agreement that this game ranked at the top for positive sportsmanship. What a pleasure it was to officiate this game.

Reporting Official: Thomas Vergeront

Fond du Lac @ Beaver Dam Aug. 31, 2017

This was a competitive game with both teams demonstrating tremendous sportsmanship and respect for the game. Players helped their opponent up after a foul and both sides kept their energy properly channeled. The behavior demonstrated by both teams is a testament to the efforts of their coaches and both programs, their schools, and communities should be proud.

Reporting Official: William Loss

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bonduel @ Wittenberg-Birnamwood Sept. 12, 2017

I want to commend the players and coaches for their hard work and sportsmanship during the pre-game, the warm-ups and throughout the match. I also want to commend both schools for their fans. Fans were positive during the entire match and there was not one instance where I heard a negative comment from the stands. I want to specifically point out the student section from Wittenberg-Birnamwood. They were outstanding! They were constantly cheering for their team, getting excited over great plays, and never engaged in negative cheers or jeers toward the opponents. A shout-out to the coaches, students, players and staff on a job well done by both schools.

Reporting Official: Lance Bagstad

West Allis Hale Tournament Sept. 9, 2017

My officiating partner and I have had the priv-

ilege of officiating for Morgan Hunt of Racine Park for four years at the West Allis Hale Blandino Tournament. She is a captain and is ALWAYS pleasant and has a kind word for both her teammates and opposing players. Questions asked politely. A hand shake and smile after the match for the officials is gracious and well-meant. A true pleasure to officiate.

Reporting Official: Dale Laabs

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Platteville @ Lodi Sept. 8, 2017

During my captain's meeting, I gave my usual chat about captains being the leaders that the team members will look to in terms of sportsmanship. The Platteville captain proactively spoke up, and said "Sportsmanship is really important to our team. Our swimmers will wait at the end of the lane until the last swimmer finishes the race. Is that important to your team also?" The Lodi captain agreed. What was remarkable about this conversation is that the captain had a clear idea of what good sportsmanship was, could articulate it clearly as an action, and basically invited the other team to come on board and also demonstrate the same behavior. I have never had a captain's meeting that has included an athlete's definition of sportsmanship and invitation to join in. It was a refreshing and extraordinary discussion that showed the captain's and team's ownership of the sportsmanship demonstrated at the meet.

Reporting Official: Pat Coyne

Chippewa Falls Invitational Sept. 16, 2017

I was standing next to a group of girls from the Superior High School swim team. They were cheering on their teammates, and when they finished and noticed that a swimmer in another lane had no one cheering for her. All of the ladies moved over to that swimmer's lane and cheered in support of her finishing the race. Throughout the day, I noticed that the Superior swim team went to other lanes to help swimmers that had no one to cheer for them. It was not only great to see these girls support their teammates, but also supporting girls swimming. Congrats Superior!

Reporting Official: Eric Olson

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court count does not start until A2 gains control in his/her backcourt. (4- 12-2, 9-9)

SITUATION 13: The head coach of Team A is upset that the foul count against his team is 7 to 2. He voices his opinion in an unsporting manner to the contest official. **RULING:** The official should stop play if it is not a break situation with a potential scoring opportunity and give the coach an official warning by notifying the scorekeeper and then letting the coach know that he has been warned. The scorekeeper should make note of the warning in the scorebook. This situation does not have to be given a warning; the coach could be issued a technical immediately. (4-48)

SITUATION 14: During a live ball, the assistant coach is off the bench and out of the coaching box giving instructions to a player on the court. **RULING:** The official should rule a technical on the assistant coach for being off the bench and out of the coaching box. (4-48)

SITUATION 15: During the second quarter, the head coach is off the bench expressing his disapproval of several calls made. As the team brings the ball down the floor into the frontcourt, the trail official stops play to issue a warning. **RULING:** The official is correct in issuing a warning to the coach for the complaints. The scorekeeper is notified, as well as the coach, of the warning. Another warning cannot be given. (4-48)

SITUATION 16: During the warm-up period, the referee notices on the back of Team B's jersey the letters (a) PHHS and (b) P+E+T. **RULING:** Legal in (a) as the letters on the jersey represent the official name of the school; illegal in (b) as the letters do not represent the name of the school, which makes the jersey illegal. The head coach shall be charged with a direct technical foul and the game will begin with the opponents shooting two free throws and receiving the ball for a division line throw-in. The head coach will lose coaching-box privileges. (3-4-4, 10-6-4)

SITUATION 17: Team A is wearing a jersey with the school name above the number on the front and the player name in the shoulder area across the back. **RULING:** Legal. It is permissible to place the names in these locations. (3-4-4) ●

Engaging the Greater Membership is Catalyst for Amendment Consideration

The most successful teams have a common set of characteristics that makes success no accident or matter of happenstance. They have traits that give them the advantage when challenged by their opponents or by other outside influences.

Successful memberships possess those same set of characteristics, such as extensive engagement and collaboration, ability and willingness to adapt and change to improve, and to have its members roll up their sleeves and offer the resources to resolve challenges for a unified purpose.

That purpose for us is the vitality of education-based athletics.

Other than a moderate amount of documented administrative expectations, submitting the membership application form and oversight of at least one independently sponsored sport or co-op, schools can join and maintain membership in the Association with relative ease. In addition, since dues and fees were eliminated three years ago, there is no financial obligation for schools to join the membership.

But, do these current requirements do enough to ensure schools are contributing members, willing to engage and provide assets to the rest of the membership? Should the value of being a member for a school's attractiveness to prospective students and families, and providing games and tournament opportunities be reciprocated by more than just membership status?

A number of member schools haven't attended an Area or Annual Meeting in years, don't have facilities to host tournament events, have minimal administrative responsibility as a result of co-ops with other members, and a lack of administrative control is suspected when responsiveness to executive staff inquiries about membership concerns or possible rule violations is not forthcoming as is customary with fully-engaged members. In addition, other members are impacted when schools drop their schedules in the middle of the season and are left with the challenge to fill those opportunities for student-athletes. Furthermore, a school team dropping from the Tournament Series impacts other schools whose divisional placements were determined by the assignments configured to include the team that vacates the tournament.

Following the discussion at this fall's Area Meetings, the membership should anticipate an amendment to the Constitution that will add to the existing membership requirements with the intent to create greater involvement and collaboration among members.

Communication is paramount in sharing and disseminating critical information. Effective communication within a team or membership includes asking questions, not perilously relying on assumptions; expressing concerns openly

and respectfully, not staying silent when thoughts can and should be shared; and extending the effort to understand and address complex issues, not expecting others to do all the heavy lifting.

The most comprehensive opportunities for our membership to come together and communicate are the Area Meetings in the fall and the Annual Meeting in the spring. School administrators that have attended the Area Meetings in the past can attest to the amount of information presented and shared that assists in making sound and responsible policy decisions.

Data collected by the executive office a few years ago identified 41 member schools that have not attended the Annual Meeting for at least seven consecutive years and another 29 that skipped the meeting five years in a row. The absentee percentage for the Area Meetings is even greater during the same period of time.

A vast majority of the break-out groups discussing membership requirements at this fall's meetings indicated mandating attendance at Area and Annual Meetings is reasonable and positive, and were receptive to a Constitutional amendment. The Executive Staff will be working on language that will likely be brought forward to the membership at the Annual Meeting next April that will require some degree of meeting attendance.

Other requirements discussed were requiring a WIAA orientation prior to any school gaining new membership into the Association, which could include a site visit by the executive staff or a meeting with school administration at the WIAA office. Another suggestion included increasing the number of varsity sport programs sponsored by the school, such as having a minimum of one sport per gender for each season. Others suggested increasing the probationary period for eligibility in the Tournament Series for new members and initiating a moderate-to-significant membership entry fee for new schools.

As we have reiterated at every opportunity, the strength of this school membership is its willingness to engage in the decision-making process, as well as its interest in serving the best interest of the greater membership and the student-athletes that choose to participate in these life-enriching, learning opportunities.

The success of the WIAA or any club, organization or society is dependent on the same virtues that produce championship teams on the field, court, pool or course—contributing and engaging toward a common purpose.

The membership will determine whether to implement measures to enhance future involvement of all its members at next April's Annual Meeting. ●

Keep These Dates in Mind

October 26 & 28	Boys Soccer Sectionals Girls Volleyball Sectionals	November 29	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point) Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
October 27	Boys Volleyball Regionals	November 30	Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
October 27-28	Level 2 Football	December 1	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
October 28	State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)	December 4	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point)
October 31 & November 2	Boys Volleyball Sectionals	December 5	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football (Stevens Point)
November 2-3-4	State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee) State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)	December 7	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Tennis (Stevens Point)
November 3	Girls Diving Sectionals	December 25	Christmas Day
November 3-4	Level 3 Football	January 1	New Year's Day
November 4	Girls Swimming Sectionals	January 15	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
November 6	Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice Earliest Day for Hockey Practice Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice	January 29	Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
November 8	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer (Stevens Point)	January 30-31	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
November 10-11	State Boys Volleyball (Milwaukee) State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison) Level 4 Football	January 31	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
November 13	Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice	February 9	Boys Diving Sectionals
November 14	Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game	February 10	Wrestling Regionals Boys Swimming Sectionals
November 16-17	Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)	February 13	Wrestling Team Sectionals
November 17	Earliest Day for First Hockey Game	February 13, 15 & 16	Boys & Girls Hockey Regionals
November 21	Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet	February 16-17	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
November 23	Thanksgiving Day	February 17	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
November 24	Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet	February 20, 23 & 24	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals Girls Basketball Regionals
November 28	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Cross Country	February 22-23-24	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison) Gymnastics Sectionals
		February 27	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
		February 27, March 2 & 3	Boys Basketball Regionals
		March 1-2-3	Boys State Hockey
		March 1 & 3	Girls Basketball Sectionals
		March 2	Board of Control Meeting



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Test Dates

Students participating in interscholastic sports often find conflicts between these events and college test dates. Listed below are the 2017-18 dates for ACT.

ACT – 2017-18

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Oct. 28, 2017	Sept. 22, 2017	Sept. 23-Oct. 6, 2017
Dec. 9, 2017	Nov. 3, 2017	Nov. 4-17, 2017
Feb. 10, 2018*	Jan. 12, 2018	Jan. 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

ACT – 2018-19

September 8, 2018	April 13, 2019
October 27, 2018	June 8, 2019
December 8, 2018	July 13, 2019*
February 9, 2019*	

* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February and July test date.

Did you know?

WIAA Football playoffs began in 1976 with 4 divisions and 16 total teams. This year 391 total 11-player teams competed in 7 divisions, with an additional 26 teams participating in 8-player football.