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## Action Items and Staff Reports Focus of Sept. Board Meeting

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control authorized a number of action items and received executive staff updates and reports at its September meeting.

The Board approved the first consideration of a conference realignment plan that places Madison Country Day School in the Trailways Conference beginning in the fall of 2016. The Board will take final action on the proposal at its Dec. 4 meeting.

Among the Board's action items were the approval of a law student intern for 2016-17 and a draft of a WIAA Tournament Series policy for operation and use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones). The Board also approved routine general fund payments for August.

The Executive Staff provided the Board with reports on the Area Meetings in Antigo, Mount Horeb, Oconomowoc and Antigo, which are the first of seven Area Meetings around the state this fall. In addition, the Board was provided an initial draft of the 2015-16 fiscal budget.

The Board also received updates on a special election to fill two positions on the Advisory Council with ballots to be mailed to schools and the search for a social media/graphics specialist, as well as reports on the staff's technology and marketing efforts. ■

## Tournament Drone Policy

The WIAA has developed a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at WIAA State Tournament Series events.

Drone operation at WIAA Tournaments require a Certificate of Authorization or a 333 Exemption issued by the FAA where required by law. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. Contact Todd Clark at the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.



To review the entire policy, access the Drone Policy link on the AD Resource page or on the restricted area Media Center of the WIAA website. ■

## Board of Control Passes Recommendations Impacting Spring Sports

*Five Softball Divisions and 2015-16 Operational Budget Approved; Proposal Modified for Conference Realignment in Milwaukee Metro Area*

The Board of Control acted on a series of spring sport coaches' recommendations involving the season regulations for those respective sports, amended a conference realignment proposal impacting the Southeast region of the state and passed the 2015-16 operational budget at its October meeting.

The most notable change to the spring sports is the approval of five divisions for the State Softball Tournament beginning in the spring of 2017. The unprecedented model maintains eight Division 1 teams with four teams qualifying in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5. The executive staff will develop a workable time schedule to accommodate the five-division format.

In addition, softball will experience two changes to the 2016 season regulations. The first removes language requiring hitters to warm-up in the on-deck circle located behind the batter. On-deck hitters will now warm-up in front of their team's dugout. The other change eliminates voting for tournament groupings in all divisions, placing teams in sectional half-bracket groups only.

The Board supported a pair of recommendations in baseball. Beginning in 2016, video conferencing may be used en lieu of attending seed meetings in-person for schools located more than 80 miles from the meeting site. The second rule change eliminates voting for spring baseball tournament groupings in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 to place teams in regional groups only.

The Board amended a conference realignment proposal that involves 44 schools, five current conferences in the Milwaukee metro area and the Badger Conference. The plan will receive first consideration at the Board meeting on Dec. 4.

The Board gave its approval to the 2015-16 operations budget of approximately \$8.3 million, which is a slight decrease from last year's budget. The budget continues to be largely driven by Tournament Series revenues and expenses, which is significantly influenced by weather and match-ups. The new budget reflects a steady flow of revenue from tournament gate receipts and acknowledges a conservative increase in expenses.

Staff reports produced a directive for the executive staff to develop a membership survey in an attempt to measure the membership's attitudes toward competitive equity and the degree of interest in potential solutions.

Among the other topics reviewed were potential Constitutional amendments, Area Meeting discussions and a request from a member school to form an ad-hoc committee to review the seasonal placements of girls' sports. The Board also received liaison reports from Mike Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction and Jim McClowry, of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ■



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## Significant Changes to Basketball for 2015-16

The brackets for this year's tournament series are set. There will be NO voting on bracket design this year as the recommendation from the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee to seed the half brackets was approved by the WIAA Board of Control in June.

We have several additional changes for the coming year.

- A. All varsity games will be played in halves – two 18 minute halves. No additional time-outs are being added. Each player is allowed to play in 2 halves per night.
- B. All subvarsity games will be played in halves – two 16 minute halves. Some conferences have asked to modify the playing time to less than 16 minutes – and that is ok to do. Just make sure your officials know.
- C. Junior highs will continue to play in the quarter format – no halves for 8th grade on down games.
- D. All high school level games will be allowed to use the coaching box. Coaches are asked to make sure that the box is appropriately marked on the floor prior to the start of regular season games. Junior high coaches will be required to remain seated on the bench for their games.
- E. All high school level games – mercy rule applies. After 1/2 of the second half has been played, the mercy rule kicks in – 40 point differential clock runs continuously with stoppage only for time-outs and end of game free throws.
- F. A 3-half waiver will be available to schools with low roster numbers – see page 4 of the WIAA Basketball Season Regulations for details. The form for the half waiver can be found on the WIAA website – Rules & Regulations page – [http://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Basketball\\_Boys/2015/3halfwaiver.pdf](http://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Basketball_Boys/2015/3halfwaiver.pdf)
- G. The order of games at the State Tournaments (boys and girls) has changed – Thursday afternoon – Div 3; Thursday night – Div 4; Friday morning – Div 5; Friday afternoon – Div 2; Friday night – Div 1. Saturday – 5-4-3-2-1.
- H. Once we start tournament play, the higher seed (home team) will wear white jerseys for all regional games. Once we move to sectionals and state, we will revert to the alpha determination for jersey colors.
- I. The 3-Point Challenge will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the State Tournament this year. Contestants in the 3-Point Contest will be based on statistical information entered into the WisSports.net database. Most of you are already familiar with how to do this, as stats entry on WSN is also required by the WBCA for All-State and All-Star Game nominations, is required by many conferences, and schools as well. If you have questions on how to enter stats on WisSports.net or need additional information on how to do so, please contact Wisconsin Sports Network at [info@wissports.net](mailto:info@wissports.net). Please be sure to include your name, school, and the sport you coach.
- J. You will be allowed a party of 22 for the tournament series this year – but limited to 15 total players in uniforms – 2 additional spots for managers, statisticians, etc.
- K. The basketball tournament availability will be posted on Monday, November 2 for all L4, L5 and Master officials to complete if they are interested in being considered for a WIAA tournament series game. The deadline for the availability will be Friday, November 13.

The rules video and rules exam are available on the WIAA website for all coaches and officials to view/write prior to the start of the season. ■

## DEADLINES – Reminder...

### CO-OP TEAM DEADLINES

Just a reminder that schools wishing to renew their existing co-ops or start new co-op programs for the 2016-17 school year need to abide by the following deadlines:

Fall Sports Deadline - February 1, 2016  
Winter Sports Deadline - April 1, 2016  
Spring Sports Deadline - June 1, 2016



Schools can check on the status of their co-op program by checking the WIAA website under Schools > Membership/Co-op Teams.

### 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL DEADLINE

If you are intending to participate in 8-player football for 2016-17, please remember that the deadline to declare is December 1, 2015.

### OPT-UP 1 DIVISION

For schools wishing to opt up one division for the 2016-17 tournament series, in any sport, are reminded of the following deadlines:

Fall Sports Deadline - February 1, 2016  
Winter Sports Deadline - April 1, 2016  
Spring Sports Deadline - June 1, 2016

### NEW SPORT OFFERING

Any schools planning to offer a new sport for the 2016-17 school year are reminded of the following deadlines for tournament participation:

Fall Sports Deadline - February 1, 2016  
Winter Sports Deadline - April 1, 2016  
Spring Sports Deadline - June 1, 2016 ■

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Todd Clark

# WIAA Wrestling Points of Emphasis – 2015-16

## Our Need for Officials

Lets talk about official's recruitment before we begin.

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 through the WIAA. This will allow them to officiate WIAA member school middle level and freshmen team events as well as non-varsity events in some sports if assigned with a non-high school licensed official. There is absolutely no fee to be paid by them for this license. They pick up some spare cash and hopefully will continue after they graduate. What a great impact it would have if each high school would send forth one wrestling official each season or even every other season. Our concerns would be addressed.

## Assistant Referee

We used the AR last season in both the individual and the team state tournaments. It was utilized in both the semis and finals of the IS and at all sessions of team state. Both coaches and officials considered it a great addition to "getting the call right". But like anything new, we have to continue to improve and everyone must buy into it, and I know that has not happened throughout the state. **This year the AR will be utilized in the finals session of individual regionals and individual sectionals as well.** Last year certification could be obtained by watching an on-line power point through the WIAA website. This power point has been "tweaked" to reflect changes in some of the mechanical aspects of it. You will again be expected as an official to view this short power point by Jan. 1, or you won't be considered to work at either of the state events. More importantly, it is essential that everyone not only view it but use it regularly throughout the season whenever possible. Like anything we do, repetition is great for learning and certainly gives us confidence. There are updated handouts on the responsibilities of the AR that will be located on the officials resource center of the WIAA website. One is a quick outlined overview, the other is more detailed. Please copy it so you have it as a reference.

## Establishing Control for Take-Downs and Reversals New Interpretation

The most significant Wisconsin interpretation modification we have this year involves awarding control for both take-downs and reversals. We know that points for a take-down or reversal have been awarded differently on the 28 foot circle as wrestlers are going out-of-bounds. In the past, if the scoring wrestler finishes with his toes in-bounds and has control of both legs of his opponent, even at the ankles, he is awarded a take-down or reversal. Starting this season, this will be applied throughout the wrestling area, not just on a perimeter call. The only difference between the two is that when it occurs within the wrestling area the scoring wrestler must have established this control beyond reaction time. Why the change? The coaches association has been requesting this change for a number of years and the vast majority of officials support the change. It will consistently reward aggressive wrestling throughout the wrestling area. In addition, it will simplify the call for the official and again provide consistency among officials. The NCAA and our surrounding states and many NFHS member schools have been applying this interpretation since the onset of the perimeter call.

## 2-3-4 Point Near Fall – Reminder

Last season there was interpretation change from the NFHS in awarding the 'extra point' for stoppage of the match in a NF situation. This is referenced in the case book on page 25, situation 5.11.2 G. We are all aware that if the defensive wrestler bleeds or is hurt we must stop the match. If a near fall situation is imminent when the match is stopped you award 2 points, if 2 NF has been earned you get 3, if 3 has been earned, you get 4. This also applies if the defensive wrestler commits an illegal hold, TV, UR, or a USC during a NF situation. When **you stop the match** to award the penalty point you also award 1 extra point – just like a stoppage for defensive blood or injury. However, starting last season, if you stop the match because they went out-of-bounds, or the period ended prior to the near fall situation ending, you only get what was earned. Why? – because the illegal maneuver did not cause you to stop the match. That was due to the boundary line or end of period. So in that scenario - if imminent you get 2, if holding 2

you get 2, if you are holding 3 you get 3. Plus any points earned due to the illegal maneuver. So if you stop the match to award the penalty point, you also award the extra point for the near fall.

## Injury Time, Blood Time, and Recovery Time

Remember, an official can "suspend" IT, BT, & RT. If you are waiting for an AHCP to attend your injured or bleeding wrestler then the official could suspend the clock until the health care professional arrives to attend the athlete. Once they arrive – again start the clock. If the official feels that a particular school or coach has found a way to abuse this interpretation, please file a report with the WIAA.

## Defaulting After RT/BT Runs Out

Remember that the NFHS supports the right of a wrestler and/or coach to default the match "at any time". This could occur when it is evident that either wrestler will not be able to continue wrestling after IT, RT or BT is about to run out. Either wrestler can default the match and award it to his opponent. In many situations, this could be considered a great act of unselfish sportsmanship. It would most likely occur (but not limited to) when it is apparent that the injured wrestler is running out of recovery time and is greatly overpowered by a superior wrestler. Rather than win by default, he (or coach) could elect to lose by default.

## Female's Uniform Reminder

A female wrestler must wear a uniform designed for a female or a male uniform with a suitable t-shirt. It is possible that the female uniform will not satisfy the requirement without an approved t-shirt. The uniform and t-shirt must be inspected and approved by the referee. His decision shall be final.

## Velcro Shoulder Wrap

As mentioned last year, velcro shoulder straps **must** be covered with a t-shirt if the official views them as abrasive, or an opponent can get their fingers caught within the layers, which is usually the case. If they have exposed tape they should be considered abrasive. From my experience, they are usually black in color, and the velcro frequently comes loose. Both the wraps and shirt would have to be inspected by the referee.

## No Maximum Weight Gain

Some officials and coaches feel that a contestant is restricted to a maximum weight gain of 1/2# /day from one weigh-in to the next. There is no such rule. There is unrestricted weight gain between weigh-ins.

## Rule 4-1-3 – Shoe Laces/Undergarments

When shoe laces are visible they should be secured in "an acceptable fashion". What is an acceptable fashion? They must be taped, secured by velcro, or tucked in some sort of pocket. A double knot is not, I repeat is not, an "acceptable fashion." Many officials are looking the other way on this offense. This is not acceptable. Undergarments - if they protrude beyond the singlet, must be a solid color. It also is often ignored by officials. Both are considered a technical violation. Enforce these rules – it is your job!

## JV Weigh In

All contestants, including JV contestants, must be weighed-in on the day of the event, at the host school, by the referee or other authorized personal. This has been circumvented, especially in JV multiple events, by a number of schools, and it is not acceptable. ■

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## Coaching Pole Vault



With the indoor track and field season rapidly approaching, now is a great time for coaches and athletes to take advantage of the free online "Coaching Pole Vault" course. More than 7,200 courses have been delivered and the number of coaches and athletes taking the course continues to grow. It is a perfect course for pole vault education and risk minimization when coaching or participating in the event. The course is also valuable for parents of vaulters to review. Please share with your schools that the course is available at <http://nfhslearn.com/courses/40000>. ■





# NFHS Wrestling Points of Emphasis – 2015-16

## Communicable Skin Conditions and Skin Checks

Communicable skin conditions continue to be a major concern in wrestling, in part because of recent MRSA and Herpes Gladiatorum outbreaks. If a participant has a suspected skin condition, NFHS Wrestling Rules require current, written documentation from an appropriate health-care professional stating the athlete's participation would not be harmful to an opponent. Cold sores are considered a skin lesion and are subject to the communicable skin condition rules.

The NFHS has developed a form that can be used for that documentation, and several state associations have adopted similar forms for use in their states. Regardless of the form used, it is imperative that ALL coaches perform routine skin checks of their wrestlers and require any wrestlers with a suspect condition to seek medical attention and treatment.

It is also imperative that ALL referees perform skin checks – or verify that skin checks have been done by a designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional – as part of their pre-meet duties prior to EVERY dual meet and tournament. If there is a suspect condition, the wrestler or coach MUST present the proper clearance form at the weigh-in for

any dual meet or tournament in order for the wrestler to be allowed to compete.

The only exception to the requirement of the proper clearance form would be if a designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional is present and is able to examine the wrestler either immediately prior to or immediately after the weigh-in. The designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional has the authority to overrule the diagnosis of the appropriate health-care professional who signed the proper clearance form presented to the referee at the weigh-in.

One of the keys to preventing the spread of communicable skin conditions is for coaches and referees to fulfill their responsibilities professionally. It is, however, only one of the keys.

The other and equally important key is proper prevention. While prevention can be complicated, in most cases it only requires that a few basic steps be taken by ALL involved in the sport.

- Educate coaches, athletes and parents about communicable skin conditions and how they are spread.
- Clean wrestling mats daily with a solution of 1:100 bleach and water or an appropriate commercial cleaner.
- Maintain proper ventilation in the wrestling room to prevent the buildup of heat and humidity.

- Clean all workout gear after each practice including towels, clothing, headgear, shoes, knee pads, etc.
- Require each wrestler to shower or use a body-wipe after each practice and competition. Do not share bars of soap. Use individual soap dispensers.
- Perform daily skin checks to ensure early recognition of potential communicable skin conditions.
- Refrain from sharing razors or other personal hygiene supplies.

Covering an active infection does not meet the requirements of the NFHS wrestling communicable skin condition rule for competitions. An active infection shall not be covered in practice either.

It is a coach's professional responsibility to ensure that skin clearance forms presented by his or her wrestlers are legitimate and reflect the athletes' true conditions. Coaches and referees all play a vital role in controlling communicable skin diseases. They must err on the side of what is best for the health of all involved in the sport when dealing with communicable skin diseases.

Referees are the last line of defense in keeping wrestlers with communicable skin diseases off the mat. The safety of all who step on a competition mat is at stake. Coaches must realize that referees

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## 2015 WIAA Eight-Player Football Jamboree

**Saturday, Oct. 31**

**Stiehm Stadium, Schofield, Wis.**

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

## 2015 Football Championships

**Thursday & Friday, Nov. 19-20**  
**Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis.**

**Thursday, Nov. 19**

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

**Friday, Nov. 20**

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



## NFHS Basketball Rules Changes – 2015-16

**10-6-12:** The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a ball handler/dribbler. A player becomes a ball handler when he/she receives the ball. This would include a player in a post position.

- Placing two hands on the player.
- Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
- Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
- Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

**Officials Signal Chart and Officials Manual:** Establish a signal to be used after a basket is made and there is a stoppage in play. The signal is used by the officials to indicate the team inbound the ball may run the baseline.

The signal will be executed by extending the arm laterally, bending the elbow at a 90-degree angle, moving the hand and forearm from the elbow in a waving motion horizontally along the end line. A new pic-

ture will need to be added to the signal chart.

### 2015-16 Major Editorial Changes

**3-4-2c:** By state association adoption one commemorative/memorial patch may be worn on the jersey. The patch shall not exceed 4 square inches, shall not be a number and must be located above the neckline or in the side insert.

**3-5-3c:** All sleeves/tights shall be the same solid color and must be the same color as any headband or wristband worn.

**3-5-4a:** Headbands and wristbands shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and the same color for each item and all participants. They must be the same color as any sleeve/tights worn. See 3-6 for logo requirements.

### 2015-16 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Post Play
2. Rebounding
3. Free Throw Shooter
4. NFHS Signals and Mechanics ■

## 2016 State Team Wrestling Tournament Schedule

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

(one session)

Division One Quarterfinals – 5:30 p.m.

Division One Semifinals – 7:30 p.m.

Weigh-ins – 4:30 p.m.

Admission \$13 for one session

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

(two sessions)

Division Two/Three Semifinals – 10 a.m.

Championships in all Divisions – 3 p.m.

Weigh-ins all divisions – 9 a.m.

Admission \$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. ■



## 2016 State Individual Wrestling Championships

Kohl Center, Madison

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

### Session 1 - Thurs., Feb. 25 - Six Mats

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

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

Div. 2 & 3 Preliminaries - 7:15 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 - Fri., Feb. 26 - Six Mats - All Weigh Ins: 8:30 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 - Fri., Feb. 26 - Six Mats

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Semifinals - 7 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 - Sat., Feb. 27 - Six Mats - All Weigh Ins: 9:30 a.m.

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Consolation Wrestlebacks - 11 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 matches will take place after all consolation matches are completed, and third-place matches will take place after all fifth-place matches.

### Session 5 - Sat., Feb. 27 - Three Mats

**March of Champions - 6 p.m.**

Div. 1, 2 & 3 Championships - (Div. 1 on mat 1; Div. 2 on mat 2; Div. 3 on mat 3) ■

## 2015-16 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Interpretations

**SITUATION 1:** The game is being played at a facility where a warning track-type area is painted into the ice. Is it permissible to play the game?

**RULING:** Yes. (1-1)

**SITUATION 2:** A team has two extra players on the ice for warm-ups. Is this permissible?

**RULING:** Yes. NFHS rules do not specify how many players may be on the ice for warmups. (2-3-1)

**SITUATION 3:** The referee notices that a player is injured in such a manner that he cannot readily skate to his players' bench. When should the referee stop play?

**RULING:** Immediately, regardless of which team is then in possession of the puck. (2-6-2)

**SITUATION 4:** The Team A goalkeeper breaks his stick. A teammate is bringing a replacement stick to the goalkeeper and proceeds to play the puck. The puck goes directly to an opponent who is in a scoring position.

**RULING:** Play must be stopped as soon as the Team A player touches the puck. In addition, a minor penalty must be assessed. (3-1-9)

**SITUATION 5:** A Team A player body-checks a Team B player in the chest area and the force of the check drives the contact to Team B's head area.

**RULING:** Minor penalty may be assessed for this infraction. If the contact was directly to the head area, a Major penalty may be initially assessed. (7-6)

**SITUATION 6:** Team A goalkeeper leaves his stick in front of the net and goes to the bench being substituted for by a Team A player.

**RULING:** Minor penalty for leaving stick in front of the net. If the stick prevents a goal prior to stoppage of play – awarded goal. (8-1-3)

**SITUATION 7:** During a delayed penalty to Team A, a player on Team B inadvertently shoots the puck directly into his own goal cage.

**RULING:** Goal is allowed. (9-3-3)

**SITUATION 8:** During a delayed penalty to Team A, a player on Team B passes the puck, but it deflects off of a Team A player and goes into the Team B goal cage.

**RULING:** Goal is not allowed. (9-3-3) ■

# 2016-2017 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2016-17 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 18, 2015 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 16, 2015. 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., Augusta 137 plus Wildlands Research 39 will give Augusta a total of 176 for tournament placement.

**Note: Schools that have no enrollment number listed did not submit information prior to printing deadline.**

AAbbotsford . . . . .	196	Chequamegon . . . . .	234	Green Bay East . . . . .	1266	Madison La Follette . . . . .	1525
Abundant Life Christian . . . . .	66	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser . . . . .	264	Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran . . . . .	129	Madison Memorial . . . . .	1955
Adams-Friendship . . . . .	489	Chilton . . . . .	378	Green Bay Preble . . . . .	2091	Madison West . . . . .	
Albany . . . . .	110	Chippewa Falls . . . . .	1496	Green Bay Southwest . . . . .	1128	Manawa . . . . .	218
Algoma . . . . .	249	Clayton . . . . .	130	Green Bay West . . . . .	843	Manitowoc Lincoln . . . . .	1535
Alma . . . . .	75	Clear Lake . . . . .	179	Green Lake . . . . .	98	Manitowoc Lutheran . . . . .	224
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would not be placed in a position to make difficult participation decisions if coaches would perform skin checks on all of their wrestlers each day.

NFHS Wrestling Rule 3-1-4a states that "Before a dual meet begins, the referee shall perform skin checks or verify that skin checks have been performed by a designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional."

NFHS Wrestling Rule 3-1-5a states that "Before an individual, combination or team advancement tournament begins each day, the referee shall perform skin checks or verify that skin checks have been performed by a designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional." The skin checks should take place by referees or a designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional at weigh-ins whenever possible.

In reference to multiple-day competitions, communicable disease "skin checks" shall take place at weigh-ins each day. Checking skin on the first day only is not an acceptable practice regarding the communicable disease detection procedure.

NFHS Wrestling Rules 4-2-2, 3, 4, 5 are very specific concerning a contestant who is suspected of having a communicable skin disease. It is the responsibility of the contestant, parents, coach and referee to identify a possible communicable skin disease and then have an appropriate health-care professional evaluate the condition if possible. Similarly, it is everybody's responsibility (coaches, referees, appropriate health-care professionals and tournament administrators) to ensure that all wrestlers are competing in an infection-free environment.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Skin Conditions and Infections" chapter in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook. Also, please refer to the following two NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) documents: "General Guidelines for Sports Hygiene, Skin Infections and Communicable Diseases" and "Sports Related Skin Infections Position Statement and Guidelines." Both of these NFHS SMAC documents can be found on the Sports Medicine page on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

### **Biting**

If, in the opinion of the referee, a wrestler bites his opponent, it will be deemed intentional biting and will be called flagrant misconduct (Rule 5-12-2c). Referees do not have to see the bite in order to call biting. Furthermore, any claim of biting must be brought to the attention of the referee immediately. One should not assume intentional biting has occurred if only one set of teeth marks is present on the skin.

If the referee did not see the alleged bite, he/she should look for the presence of marks from both the upper and lower teeth. Incidental contact with an opponent's open mouth can result in what appears to be a bite; however, the presence of both upper and lower teeth marks is more likely to be the result of an intentional bite than from incidental contact with the teeth.

Referees should pay close attention to a cross-face applied to the area of the mouth, especially when the mouth is open. If teeth marks are present after the cross-face is applied to the mouth, the referee should only call biting if he/she believes the wrestler actually bit down on his/her opponent.

### **Slams**

Slams are extremely dangerous and every attempt must be made to prevent slams by reminding wrestlers of their responsibility to safely return opponents to the mat. It is the responsibility of wrestlers, coaches and referees to avoid slams. A slam is defined as lifting and returning the opponent to the mat with unnecessary force. A slam may be called on wrestlers in the neutral, top or bottom position.

Wrestlers can be called for a slam from the offensive or defensive position, regardless of whether they have control of the opponent, when and if they are responsible for the unsafe return of the opponent to the mat.

Referees must call slams without delay. Coaches bear the responsibility of teaching their wrestlers the proper techniques for lifting and returning their opponents to the mat safely. Wrestlers must never intentionally bring an opponent to the mat with unnecessary force. If the referee believes the slam was an intentional act intended to cause physical harm to the opponent, it would be considered flagrant

misconduct and the wrestler committing the slam shall be disqualified from the match.

### **Stalling in the Ultimate Tiebreaker**

The ultimate tiebreaker presents a different format when it comes to stalling. The referee should take into account that the offensive wrestler does not have to score to win, and can win by controlling the defensive wrestlers for 30 seconds. If the defensive wrestler scores, the match is concluded. This could be by an escape, reversal or through a penalty point(s). If the offensive wrestler scores, the match is also concluded. If neither wrestler scores, the offensive wrestler will be awarded one point and declared the winner.

To ensure that the offensive wrestler does not take advantage of the 30 seconds by just grabbing onto a body part(s) and holding on, a stalemate should be called immediately after determining that the offensive wrestler has grabbed onto a body part(s) solely in an effort to prevent the defensive wrestler from scoring. Wrestling will resume from the offensive starting position on the mat; if the offensive wrestler uses a similar tactic again, stalling should be called and penalized accordingly.

### **The Body Scissors**

The Body Scissors has been a part of wrestling for decades. Although the maneuver is a legal hold in wrestling, referees should be very vigilant of it when applied. If the offensive wrestler is utilizing the body scissors to improve his/her position or to secure a fall, the maneuver is being properly executed. However, if the body scissors is applied solely to inflict pain, the referee must be prepared to break the hold immediately and penalize the offender for an illegal action, according to Rule 7-1-5u. ■

## **NFHS Wrestling Comments on the Rules – 2015-16**

### **REFEREE DUTIES CLARIFIED BEFORE A DUAL MEET BEGINS (3-1-4a NEW):**

The committee further clarified the duties of the referee before a dual meet begins each day. The referee shall perform the skin checks or verify that the designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional has performed the skin checks.

### **REFEREE DUTIES EXPANDED BEFORE A TOURNAMENT BEGINS (3-1-5 NEW):**

The committee has expanded the duties of the referee before a tournament begins each day. Specifically, the referee shall perform the skin checks or verify that the designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional has performed the skin checks.

**NEW CRITERION ADDED FOR WRESTLER ADVANCEMENT IN A BRACKET (10-2-9a NEW):** The committee added criteria which emphasizes sportsmanship during competition. ■



# 2015-16 NFHS Basketball Rules Interpretations

## Rule Book Corrections

**Page 56, 2015-16 NFHS Basketball Rules omission:** 9-1-3 Penalty 4b should read "If the second violation is by the free thrower or a teammate **behind the free-throw line extended and the three-point line**, both violations are penalized, as in penalty item (3).

**Rule 9-1-3a:** delete "or backboard"

## Case Book Corrections

**Page 22, Situation 3.5.3 B:** Substitute A6 reports to enter the game to replace A1. A5, presently in the game, is wearing beige compression sleeves on his/her arm and leg. A6 is wearing a black headband and wristbands. **Ruling:** A6 ~~and A5 are~~ is not allowed to enter the game because the rules require all team players to wear the same allowable color sleeves, headbands and wristbands. No penalty is involved. A6 ~~and A5~~ simply cannot participate until the color restrictions are corrected. (3.5.3)

**Clarification Preseason Guide Article "Enforce Illegal Contact on Free Thrower and Violations During Free Throw", page 6, second paragraph:** The free thrower must remain within the free throw semi-circle until the ball contacts the basket ring or the shot is made or missed. The same rule applies to all other players who do not occupy free throw lane line marked spaces. Players who occupy free throw lane line marked spaces during free throws may enter the free-throw lane upon the free thrower releasing the ball; however, should a defensive player cross the free-throw line too soon, it is a violation. A delayed violation signal is to be displayed. If the free throw is successful, the violation is ignored. If a defender contacts the free

thrower, a personal foul is the correct ruling. If the free throw is unsuccessful, the violation is enforced and a substitute free throw is awarded. If a defender contacts the free thrower, a personal foul is the correct ruling. Whether the free throw is or is not successful, the penalty for the personal foul is awarded. If the free thrower's team is in a bonus situation, the free thrower would be awarded a one-and-one or two free throws. If the free thrower's team is not in a bonus situation, his or her team would be awarded a throw-in along the end line.

**Comment: Rule 9-1 does not address the issue of players, other than the free thrower during the free throw, entering the semi-circle. The national interpretation on this issue is during the free throw, anyone entering the semi-circle has created a violation. If it is a team member who violates, the ball should be blown dead immediately. If an opponent violates, it is a delayed lane violation and the free thrower should be awarded a substitute throw if the free throw is missed.**

**SITUATION 1:** The opponent makes contact with the free-throw shooter before the free throw reaches the basket. The free throw is missed.

**RULING:** The official should rule a violation on the opponent and a personal foul. (9-1-2g Penalty 2b)

**SITUATION 2:** After A1 releases the ball on a free throw try, B1 steps into the lane and backs across the free-throw line to box out the free-throw shooter then makes contact with the free-throw shooter. The free throw is missed.

**RULING:** The official should rule a delayed

violation on the opponent. A1 will be awarded a substitute free throw and the contact is ruled a foul. The substitute free throw would be administered with the free-throw lane spaces unoccupied. (9-1-2g Penalty 2b)

**SITUATION 3:** During a free throw by A1, B1 pushes A2 and B2 is in the lane before the ball is released.

**RULING:** Delayed violation and penalize the foul. If Team A is in the bonus, shoot one-and-one. If Team A is not in the bonus, A gets the ball for a throw-in along the endline. If the free throw is not successful, award a substitute free throw and also penalize the foul as a personal foul (live ball). The substitute free throw would be administered with the free throw lane spaces not occupied. (9-1-2 Penalty 2b)

**SITUATION 4:** An official notices members of Team A are wearing headbands that have extensions.

**RULING:** Illegal. The coach should be informed that the headbands with extensions are illegal and the players will not be allowed to enter the game wearing them. (3-4-5b)

**SITUATION 5:** During warm-ups, A1 is wearing black tights, A2 is wearing a white headband and matching white wristbands. Both meet the definition of the rule as it relates to color.

**RULING:** The officials should work with the coach, prior to the game, when they see several colors being worn by team members. Officials should be proactive in this situation. The coach needs to take responsibility to make sure team members are dressed properly. (3-5-3.4) ■

## Sports Report "PLUS" Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.



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.

### FOOTBALL

#### Germantown at Port Washington – Oct. 9, 2015

I am writing on behalf of our entire football crew to compliment and reinforce the positive influence both coaches and staffs are having on the respective Port Washington and Germantown football programs. It was our pleasure to officiate the game between these two schools which resulted in a very competitive, entertaining and overall well-played game. Coaches John Bunyon (Port Washington) and Jake Davis (Germantown) consistently reinforced effort and positive messaging to their respective athletes. But just as importantly, they must be teaching and focusing on sportsmanship and respect amongst their players because both teams reflected these values by helping opponents when appropriate, address officials respectfully and just their overall positive attitudes throughout the game. Football is an emotional game and flare ups occur but they were handled with respect and maturity. When our umpire was injured on a play, both teams players sincerely inquired about his condition. The true pleasure in being a part of high school sports is when one can witness the growth and maturity of young people as they work towards a common goal. This experience reflected some of the best of what high school sports can be. I would also like to compliment Port Washington Athletic Director Thad Gabrielse for his communication, organization and assistance. His enthusiasm and energy is contagious and is a positive reflection of one who truly enjoys what he does.

*Reporting Official: Stephen Sanders*

#### Freedom at Luxemburg-Casco – Oct. 9, 2015

During a closely contested varsity football contest, coach Dillon Maney and his staff conducted themselves

in the utmost professional manner. Disagreements with calls were rationally discussed with the officials and Coach Maney went out of his way to lead his charges in a positive manner. Coach Maney's leadership, tact, and poise in a highly intense game environment should be celebrated and rewarded.

*Reporting Official: Jon Czech*

#### Merrill at Ashland – Oct. 2, 2015

We want to acknowledge the outstanding sportsmanship shown by coach Bill Blake and his players on the Ashland Oredockers Football team. This is the second game we officiated for Coach Blake this season. Our crew recognized the efforts of his players in exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship. His players were attentive to the orders of the officials, respectful, team spirited and good sports to the opposing team. Ashland's defensive player #52 would consistently keep his players positive and would get the ball for the umpire when the backs would just drop. He would be positive with his words and made sure the words were the same from his teammates. We congratulate Coach Blake on teaching the positive outcomes sports can create.

*Reporting Official: Shawn Umland*

#### Holmen at La Crosse Logan – Sept. 25, 2015

I would like to congratulate both teams on their constant displays of good sportsmanship throughout a very intense and hard fought game Friday night. Both teams were well prepared and demonstrated their positive character right from the beginning of the game. Both teams played hard up to the whistle. Once the play was over, players from both teams regularly help players from the other team up and acknowledged them when

they made a good play. A game as emotionally charged as this one was could have very easily gotten the best of the players, but it did not. They stayed focused on their tasks and went about their play in a manner both schools and communities should be proud of. Thank you to the players for their outstanding sportsmanship. I am fortunate I was able to be a part of this game.

*Reporting Official: Rich Hanson*

#### Xavier at Fox Valley Lutheran – Sept. 25, 2015

Players were being knocked down all night and yet got back up...and many times they were assisted up by their opponents. It was great to see that type of sportsmanship from both teams. In a rivalry game, these young men still exhibited kindness, compassion and good sportsmanship when the play ended. We were told before the game by the Xavier coach, that this was a "friendly rivalry," and he was correct in his assessment. There were some "big hits" in the game, but afterwards there were helping hands extended by the opponents and words of encouragement back and forth between players.

*Reporting Official: Dave Grey*

#### Oneida Nation at Gibraltar – Sept. 18, 2015

Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout - helping each other up, pats on the back, avoiding unnecessary contact, etc. We also had many friendly conversations with players from both sides throughout the game, during down times, time outs, before kickoffs, etc. We may have even recruited at least one of them to be an official! After the game, coaches and players from both sides complimented us and, more importantly, thanked us for officiating the game. Many

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players from both teams approached us on the field to do so right after the game, and many more did the same later as we were leaving the school. Such respect, and friendliness, reminded all of us about why we do what we do - and why we love doing it so much.

*Reporting Official: Doug Day*

### Abbotsford at Owen-Withee – Sept. 18, 2015

What we witnessed both during the game and more importantly postgame was amazing. Both head coaches made postgame speeches to the teams gathered at midfield. Owen-Withee has a player in their program battling life's issues. One team won a game and one team lost a game. That's irrelevant in the grand picture. These teams were exhibit A of what WIAA sports are meant to be. Be very proud Abbotsford and Owen-Withee. I'm proud to say I witnessed great men, coaches AND players. Coaches Knapmiller and Laube, thank you so much for the experience of a career.

*Reporting Official: Rich Hohl*

### Hudson at Menomonie – Sept. 11, 2015

These teams have a great rivalry, which can often mean intense games with a lot of emotion. Both teams played hard, but more importantly, they both showed a lot of respect for each other and to the officials. The players would help opponents up off the ground and when there was an injured player on the ground both teams would immediately head to their sideline and take a knee. In addition, both coaching staffs were respectful when communicating with the officials and were disciplined when it came to staying out of the 2-yard area. The Menomonie and Hudson schools and communities should be proud of their teams.

*Reporting Official: Michael Lindau*

### Little Chute at Freedom – Sept. 9, 2015

This football game was a classic "rivalry" game. The final score was in doubt right up to the final minutes and the teams blocked, tackled, ran and passed with ferocity and yet it was a "clean" game. Only once did we have to remind the players about sportsmanship. Otherwise the players played to the "whistle" and then stopped. The players helped their opponents up after the play ended and even had words of encouragement or praise after a particularly hard-fought play. Players, coaches and fans all showed respect the entire evening. Good sportsmanship was the winner Friday at Freedom.

*Reporting Official: Dave Grey*

## VOLLEYBALL

### Argyle at Juda – Oct. 13, 2015

When my partner and I arrived, we were met by Juda athletic director Curt Brown. Curt made sure we had everything we needed. From the time we had our coaches and captains meeting, through warm-ups and the actual match, both teams displayed great sportsmanship. The players from both teams were supportive of each other even when mistakes were made. Juda's coach, Scott Anderson and Argyle's coach, Jennifer Butler were teaching and showing how to be good sports and trying to get the best from their players, even if play was not going in their team's favor. This is the very reason we love to officiate.

*Reporting Official: David Jass*

### D.C. Everest vs. Merrill – Sept. 19, 2015

It was an exciting match from start to finish and both teams played with a lot of intensity. There were some tremendous saves and great hustle by both teams. Even when each team would lose a longer rally of play, they both were able to smile at the end of the play. No one displayed any type of frustration or any kind of bad sportsmanship behavior. The captains for each team are excellent leaders and support their team members. I truly believe that this is a reflection of their coaches. Both coaches are excellent leaders and always display great professionalism. It was an awesome game to officiate!

*Reporting Official: Deb Gleason*

### Laona/Wabeno at Crandon – Sept. 17, 2015

We would like to compliment both Crandon and Laona-Wabeno teams on what a great volleyball match it was to officiate. The coaches had each team playing hard, and all I could hear was positive coaching. The players were great on the court with their play, fast substitutions and libero switching. Also, the fans showed great sportsmanship. The match went all five sets and it was sad to see someone having to lose. Once again, both teams should be proud of how they represented their schools at this match even with being rivals. It was great to officiate it and be a part of the night!

*Reporting Official: Diane Ashbeck*

### River Falls vs. Oshkosh West – Aug. 29, 2015

In the annual Sprawl Invitational Volleyball Tournament held at UW-Stout, I witnessed an excellent display of sportsmanship. As the R1, I made a call on a double block situation opposite the bench that went against River Falls (hitting team). Appar-

ently, the spike went off the net and hit the hand of the outside blocker of Oshkosh West. I tried to get the R2 and the line judges as well, but no one saw it. As I was trying to figure things out #2 (Rachel Gardner) from Oshkosh West came up to me and said it hit her teammates hand and then went out-of-bounds. I was amazed that someone would come forth and provide a truthful answer to help rectify the situation. Of course, this was made possible by her head coach Gillian Pakula. I commend the coach for teaching her team the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship.

*Reporting Official: Dan Hoffman*

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Ladysmith Invitational – Oct. 1, 2015

Once again I officiated a meet where Chetek-Weyerhaeuser teammates (about a dozen boys and girls) gathered at the back of the finish chute and cheered on any and all runners as they finished the course. The whooping and cheering was loud and sincere and consistent with other contests where they have participated. No, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser did not win either varsity contest, but you would never know it by the loud and exuberant cheering going on. This team is consistently showing up at each meet and demonstrating GREAT Sportsmanship, win, lose, or draw so to speak. It's obvious to me that the coach has instilled this quality into the athletes from this school system and they are loving it! Congratulations to the student-athletes, the coaching staff and the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser school system. Their administration, school, parents and community should be proud.

*Reporting Official: Dick Nerbun*

### Spooner Invitational – Sept. 3, 2015

I was deeply impressed by the 10 or so runners, both boys and girls from Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, that were at the end of the chute shouting encouragement to all the runners finishing the race. Most impressive were the fact that they not only continued to cheer encouragement for all runners, but in particular they stayed right to the end of the race to encourage a special needs runner with autism from Hayward. And to see how that cheering picked up the pace of that Hayward autistic runner finishing the race just made your heart melt. This runner was finishing well behind everyone else and to see the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser runners cheering him on simply took your breath away. NEVER before, have I seen such a genuine exhibition of sportsmanship at a cross country event. These kids deserve to be recognized for their sincere effort to encourage the best performance from all runners, not just the select few in the top 10.

*Reporting Official: Dick Nerbun*

## BOYS SOCCER

### Madison West at Janesville Craig – Oct. 8, 2015

Excellent sportsmanship on both sides of the ball and from the bench areas. Captains helping other players up after a tackle or foul. Dissent was minimal and constructive feedback was given to coaches and players.

*Reporting Official: Brendon Shoemaker*

### Big Foot at Edgerton – Oct. 1, 2015

It was an exciting match from start to finish and both teams played with a lot of intensity. Players, played hard, helped each other up, kept their composure throughout the contest, and really responded well with the official's calls. The coaching staffs of both schools held the highest standard possible of sportsmanship and this was reflected in the way their student-athletes played the game. If a coach had a question, needed clarification or had a concern, they always handled themselves with professionalism. Both teams have represented their schools, parents and communities well. Our crew was proud to be a part of this game.

*Reporting Official: Ananda Sathisivam*

### Sun Prairie at Madison West – Sept. 24, 2015

In a very hard fought game, both teams exemplified what should be the standard of sportsmanship in high school sports today. All players on the field took the extra step to check with their opponent after challenges regardless if their was foul or not. There were handshakes and pats on the back after shots or particularly successful plays. Players were respectful to us as a crew and asked legitimate questions during game instead of just yelling out, and was followed by "thank you." This was easily the most pleasant atmosphere to a competitive high school game I have experienced in my 15 years as a high school official.

*Reporting Official: Brian McKay*

## GIRLS GOLF

### New Richmond Golf Regional – Oct. 1, 2015

I wanted to recognize Kayla Raboin of Superior on her sportsmanship during the golf regional yesterday. Kayla turned in her card showing she shot a 91, which would have been good enough to qualify for sectionals easily and would have been fifth overall. About 45 minutes or so later, she came back to me and

tournament manager Jim Saliny about a possible inaccurate score card. On hole 10, she hit her tee shot left of fairway and possibly off a tree. After looking for a significant time, she could not find her ball. She said another assistant coach said she could drop near the spot and hit. This was incorrect as the rules state she needs to go back to the tee box and re-hit. She did not do this and as a result, she becomes disqualified. Obviously, this was very difficult for her. I wanted to acknowledge that she showed tremendous integrity in reporting the rules violation. No one would have known about the rules violation as she was playing with just one other girl. She easily could have said nothing and qualified for sectionals. She was a very stand up athlete and we commended her for her honesty and integrity. I just wanted you to know that we were definitely impressed with her as a person.

*Reporting Official: Casey Eckhardt*

## Coaches Education Information

If you have coaches that are not licensed to teach (CNLT) in the state of Wisconsin, it is a WIAA requirement that they complete the required coaches education training before they can begin to coach their second year.

**The following do not have to take this required training:**

A student teacher while student teaching.

An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

Anyone that has coached in an educational institution for five or more years (prior to the 1994-95 school) with or without a current teaching license.

**The following must take the approved courses before they can coach a second year:**

Anyone that does not fit one of the above listed categories.

Anyone that does not have a current license to teach in Wisconsin.

**The following conditions do not exempt a person from the requirement:**

Holding a license that has expired.

Being a volunteer

Being unpaid

Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

Having been a student teacher, but is no longer officially in that capacity.

Being a nonvarsity coach

Being an assistant coach.

CNLT's can meet the WIAA coaches education requirement by taking either the American Sports Education Program (ASEP) Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles courses or the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches courses.

Both the ASEP and NFHS courses are offered online and can be accessed from the WIAA homepage.

The cost of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching is \$35 and the First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches is \$35. The cost of the ASEP Coaching Principles is \$70 and Sport First Aid is \$50.

If you have any questions about the coaching course offerings or about the WIAA coaches education requirements, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office 715-344-8580 or [jgralla@wiaawi.org](mailto:jgralla@wiaawi.org). ■

## Seasonal Placements Back for Another Review

As we look through the annals of our history, one may marvel at how certain topics of membership relevance resurface from decade to decade.

The discussion of seasonal placements has been ongoing since the WIAA began sponsoring girls sports and the passing of Title IX legislation in the early 1970s.

The subject gained perhaps its greatest notoriety nationwide in 2001 when a federal judge ruled against the Michigan High School Athletic Association in a discrimination lawsuit. The case, filed by a small group of parents of female high school students, claimed discrimination in the MHSAA seasonal placements. Girls' sports seasons were offered in what was referred to as "non-traditional" or "non-preferred" seasons, which the claim stated was a disadvantage for girls participating in interscholastic athletics.

The focus of the lawsuit was on the girls volleyball and girls basketball seasons. However, the federal judge in the case ordered the MHSAA to not only move its girls volleyball season from the winter to the fall and the girls basketball season from the fall to the winter, but also to switch the fall boys and spring girls tennis and golf seasons.

In 2007, Michigan implemented the season changes. Since that time, the issue has been revisited in discussions at the state and national levels. A 2013 inquiry conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations indicated that six states have faced challenges to their placements of sports seasons.

Fast forward to 2015, a WIAA member school has recently submitted a request to form an ad-hoc committee to study if the current model of seasonal placements of sports in Wisconsin is discriminatory to girls. The request comes following a letter sent to the member school from a parent concerned that the current placements are discriminatory to girls participating in soccer, swimming, tennis and golf. The claim states these four sports are placed in a "secondary" season.

There are options to remedy a perceived inequity. One offered by the parent making the claim would be to move girls soccer to the fall, girls' swimming to the winter, and girls' golf and tennis to the spring to be in the same season as the boys' programs in those sports.

As already stated, discussion and study of this topic have not been dormant through the years. The most concerted effort to realign the seasons came in the mid-80s. In 1984, the Board approved moving the girls swimming and diving season to the winter—the same season as the boys—for the 1985-86 season. What transpired has been described among those recalling the time period as a "revolt" of the membership, the Board reversed its decision before the plan would ever be implemented.

According to the 1984 October Bulletin, the reasons for the adamant membership disapproval were: coaching staff concerns, community use of pools, other sports in the winter for girls, too many swimmers in the pool at the same time, detrimental impact on JV pro-

grams and issues with sharing of the facility. During that same time period, the Board of Control formed a task force to study seasonal placements. The task force's recommendation was to flip the boys' and girls' tennis and soccer seasons and move girls' golf to the fall by the 1987-88 seasons.

Again, the outpouring of negative reaction from the membership caused the Board to reject the recommendations. Among the reasons for disapproval included non-school soccer programs in the spring for boys, inclement weather in the spring would discourage girls from participating in tennis and golf courses would have difficulty accommodating boys and girls in the spring.

Those concerns resisting change 30 years ago, and perhaps some additional ones as well, are still relevant today based on the membership discussions since that time.

The intent to advance some girls' sports without consideration of a more global perspective could have outcomes and consequences that are not at all positive. In Michigan, studies have indicated that girls participation in both basketball and volleyball have dropped since the court decision, which is contrary to the intent of Title IX. In addition, while a change in girls' seasonal placements may accommodate a different opportunity to participate in multiple sports, how many current and future multi-sport athletes in the current season configuration would be negatively impacted by the change?

Wisconsin isn't alone in its seasonal placements. Eighteen other states offer girls soccer in the spring, including the bordering states Illinois, Iowa and Michigan. Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota also schedule their girls' swimming & diving season in the fall. In addition, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan have their girls' golf seasons in the fall, with Illinois and Minnesota sharing the same season for girls tennis in the fall.

The most important consideration is the challenge claiming the membership's seasonal placements are actually discriminatory based on the law prescribed in Title IX. It is interesting that the Office of Civil Rights outlines a 10-factor Policy Interpretation list to analyze compliance, and nowhere on that list does it directly state seasonal placement as a consideration.

A challenge to the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's seasonal placement of girls soccer in the spring was reviewed by the state's Department of Education's Title IX compliance officer in 2014. Using the guidelines offered in the Policy Interpretation document developed by the OCR, the compliance officer determined the DIAA was not violating Title IX by offering girls soccer in the spring.

The request to revisit seasonal placements affords us the opportunity to review the current seasonal structure in an appropriate manner and determine if they meet the membership's needs in providing the benefits and opportunities for girls and boys participating in interscholastic sports. ■

## Keep These Dates in Mind

October 29 & 31 . . . . . Boys Soccer Sectionals  
Girls Volleyball Sectionals  
October 30 . . . . . Boys Volleyball Regionals  
October 30-31 . . . . . Level 2 Football  
October 31 . . . . . State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)  
November 3 & 5 . . . . . Boys Volleyball Sectionals  
November 5-6-7 . . . . . State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)  
State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)  
November 6 . . . . . Girls Diving Sectionals  
November 6-7 . . . . . Level 3 Football  
November 7 . . . . . Girls Swimming Sectionals  
November 9 . . . . . Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice  
Earliest Day for Hockey Practice  
Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice  
November 11 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer (Stevens Point)  
November 13-14 . . . . . State Boys Volleyball (Milwaukee)  
State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)  
Level 4 Football  
November 16 . . . . . Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice  
Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice  
Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice  
Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Cross Country

November 17 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point)  
Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game  
November 19-20 . . . . . Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)  
November 20 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Hockey Game  
November 24 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game  
Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet  
November 26 . . . . . Thanksgiving Day  
November 27 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet  
December 2 . . . . . Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)  
December 3 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet  
December 4 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)  
December 7 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point)  
December 8 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football (Stevens Point)  
December 10 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Tennis (Stevens Point)  
December 25 . . . . . Christmas Day  
January 1 . . . . . New Year's Day  
January 11 . . . . . Sports Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 26 . . . . . Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)  
January 26-27 . . . . . Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)  
January 27 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)  
February 12 . . . . . Boys Diving Sectionals  
February 13 . . . . . Wrestling Individual Regionals





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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 2015-2016 and 2016-17 dates for ACT.

### ACT – 2015-2016

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Dec. 12, 2015	Nov. 6, 2015	Nov. 7-20, 2015
Feb. 6, 2016*	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan. 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016**	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

### ACT – 2016-2017

September 10, 2016	February 11, 2017*
October 22, 2016	April 8, 2017
December 10, 2016	June 10, 2017

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

\*\* See Non-Saturday

(<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/nonsat.html>) testing for information related to this test date. ■

## Do You Know . . .

What member school has won the most State Tournament team championships? The answer is Madison West with 89, including 28 in boys and girls swimming & diving combined. Whitefish Bay is next with 71. ■