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WIAA Membership Approves Five Amendments at Annual Meeting

The membership of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association passed five amendments to its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at the 2017 Annual Meeting on April 26 in Stevens Point.

The new rules will become effective upon publication this Bulletin.

The membership voted 391-3 in favor of the amendment that permanently removes fees and dues for membership in the association. The Board authorized a temporary suspension of fees and dues in 2015-16 and 2016-17. The amendment also stipulates that the Board of Control retains the authority to levy proportionate fees in the event of an emergency. Those assessments would be sufficient to meet the identified crisis to sustain operations and services of the organization.



A total of 475 representatives from 407 schools attended the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The assembly of members also ratified a provision that clarifies and expands conference realignment penalties.

Schools in football-only conferences that voluntarily withdraw from their league will now be removed from conference schedules in all sports sponsored by the school for two years in addition to the existing four-year ban on participation in the football playoffs. The membership approved the amendment by a 332-57 vote.

One of the amendments contained in the membership Bylaws received approval by a 391-3 margin. The change establishes a uniform date to distribute protective equipment for summertime use. All schools, with approval of their governing administration, may issue protective equipment on the Friday prior to Memorial Day.

Two amendments related to the membership's Rules of Eligibility were voted into rules. The first significantly alters the Amateur Status provisions. The former list of allowed and prohibited awards will be removed and replaced with a dollar value of rewards or mementos. Student-athletes will be permitted to receive keepsakes issued by the school that does not exceed \$200 in fair market value. In addition, any award for athletics participation, honors or recognition that doesn't exceed \$100 in fair market value will now be allowed. Furthermore,

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WIAA Board Approves Concussion Insurance, Regional Ticket Price Increase

The Board of Control approved purchasing concussion insurance for all member senior and junior high school student-athletes and supported a \$1 increase to the price of regional-level tournament admission during its April 25 meeting.

The HeadStrong Concussion Insurance program provides student-athletes in member schools, approximately 80,000 annually, with zero out-of-pocket costs should they suffer a concussion beginning Aug. 1, 2017. More information on the concussion insurance action is available in a separate release posted on the WIAA website. Wisconsin is the fourth state to provide this coverage for all student-athletes.

The price of admission for regional and football Level

1 and 2 tournament events will be \$5 beginning this fall. It is the first regional ticket price increase since soccer and football admissions went to \$4 in 2008-09. Member schools will benefit from the increase through the membership's shared revenue policies. The rationale for the increase addresses new and increasing expenses for membership services and operations.

The Board supported policy language when forfeitures occur in State Tournaments that are seeded. When a team is replaced by its last defeated opponent, the teams in the division will be reseeded using the specified sport's State seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs up to 24 hours before the first scheduled game of the respective

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Official's Licensing for 2017-18

The 2017-18 licensing renewal application is available on our website. **You must renew your license by June 2, 2017 to avoid paying the \$30 late fee.**

You have two options to choose from when renewing your 2017-18 official's license.

Please note: High school aged officials, reciprocity officials and those using the military initiative must use option 2, you are not able to renew online.

Option 1 (preferred): Complete the application online and pay with either a Visa or Mastercard. If you choose this option – do the following:

Under the OFFICIALS tab on the red menu bar, please choose Online Registration. You will select the

option to renew your license, it will then ask you to login and **you must login with your current login information.** Proceed from there and follow the prompts. If your payment is being made with a credit card that is not under your name, it is required that your name and address be placed where it asks for shipping information.

Option 2 (high school aged, reciprocity officials and those using the military initiative): Print the application from our website and send via USPS. Reciprocity officials must include a \$10 check and some type of verification that they are licensed with their home state. Military individuals do not pay any fees for their first two

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Board Approves Extension of Summer Baseball Venue Agreement

The Board of Control conducted its May meeting at the executive offices on May 19.

The Board approved a number of action items. It supported an executive staff recommendation to extend the agreement with Kapco Park as the venue of State Summer Baseball Tournament until 2020. Kapco Park is located on the campus of Concordia College in Mequon, Wis., and also serves as the home of the Lakeshore Chinooks.

In other action, the Board voted to approve a member school request to dissolve a girls golf co-op, which provides the opportunity for one of the schools to sponsor a stand-alone team in the fall. The Board also approved the transcript of the 2017 Annual Meeting and the April general fund financial statements and payments.

The executive staff shared reports on a number of topics with the Board, including the results of a Board run-off election. Dave Steavpack, athletic director at Manitowoc Lincoln High School, will serve as the District 4 representative. It also received liaison updates from Michael Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction, John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Peggy Seegers-Braun of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

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2017 Annual Meeting Director's Report



April 26, 2017

Good Morning and Welcome.

Thank you for making the time to attend and participate in this 122nd Annual Meeting of the WIAA membership. Though names and faces certainly change each year, the fundamental needs, interests, concerns and commitment that bring us together and bind us together are rooted deeply and firmly in our history, and in our shared beliefs and experiences. This report is intended to provide you with an update on current topics and issues, as well as to look forward into what the coming year may hold.

Let's begin with a review of items I've identified under **Old Business**:

Dues and Fees

By your actions here today, you have made the Board's temporary relief of two years ago to suspend member dues and fees permanent. Though this places some additional responsibility on the executive staff, this is a direction that, for reasons I have previously explained, we strongly believe to be in the best interests of member schools and for the organization as a whole. I applaud the Board, and I thank each of you for your support of this change.

Realignment Suit

As most of you are aware, following the Board's most recent conference realignment in Southeast Wisconsin, a member involved in that realignment brought suit against the Association. This past October, the Association received a favorable opinion from the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Then, in December, the member appealed the decision to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Both sides completed filing their next round of briefs in early March. As of this meeting, we are waiting to hear from the Court of Appeals. I've been told it could be six months or more. Because this is an active case, it is most appropriate that additional remarks or commentary be held for a later date. Of course, when we learn more, you will be informed.

Performance Based Fundraisers

For the past 10-15 years, the Board of Control has held a clear and strong opposition to in-game, performance-based fundraisers.

The Board recognizes there are many worthy causes and many ways to support them—aside from exploiting student-athletes in the games they play.

This past fall an on-line, sport-based business thought it would be a good idea to put their brand on a nationwide fundraising promotion to fight cancer—based on scoring points in competition. They did not respond well to being told WIAA members couldn't participate. Then, as awareness of their promotion grew and they discovered the WIAA's position was very much in-line with virtually all other Midwest states and that the research they used to launch their nationwide promotion was grossly incomplete, things quieted down.

But this experience prompted staff to bring the topic back to the Board to gauge whether the current Board's feelings were different from those of the Board of a decade-or-more ago. Following discussion at their March meeting, the Board unanimously affirmed our current position.

Each year brings new schemes and promotions. The topic is mentioned here as a reminder. WIAA members will not participate in fundraising that is based on performance in competition.

Survey

The next item of Old Business is the All-Member Survey. As you are aware, this past fall the Board commissioned an All-Member Survey to look at competitive equity, co-op teams and sport season placement. The survey was authorized following recent years' efforts to consider a multiplier, a reducer and the success factor. The survey was completed and results were initially presented at the WADA Workshop in November and posted on our website.

School Perceptions provided their report to the Board of Control at the December meeting. In January and again last evening, the Board held retreats to dig deeper into the survey and begin the discussions of what to do with and how best to respond to the data collected.

What I am able to share at this point in time is that in these two retreats, the Board's focus has been primarily on competitive equity. While not dismissing either the co-op or

seasonal placement data, the Board recognizes competitive equity and opportunity to be the topic of greatest interest and emotion for some members.

I can share that the Board recognizes and is taking seriously the challenges and complexities inherent to this topic. They recognize that if changes are recommended or there are ideas to be experimented with, they must be both explainable and defensible, to you and to others.

I believe the Board is serious and committed to their desire to examine and exhaust all possible better ways to address competition within the membership. They and you need to recognize this exploration contains all of the passion, emotion and pitfalls of conference realignment and any other topic upon which member access and opportunity gets adjusted in what may appear to be—unfavorable ways.

Given that the Board has had only two opportunities to dig in and drill down into the data, all thoughts, ideas and concerns are still very much active and fluid. You may expect your next report on survey discussions at our fall Area Meetings. Of course, if there is something substantive that arises between now and then, we will do our best to communicate that to you.

Game/Meet Maximums

I want to spend a few minutes on the topic of game and meet maximums. Thus far this year, there have been three instances of members' teams exceeding the regular-season contest limits. The consequence for that violation—is significant—and painful.

I mention this today for two reasons. First, I encourage each of you to go back today and double-check your schedules. Go over them with your spring sport coaches. If you have any questions, please call us while there is still time for change.

Schedules and the maximum allowed contests is a fundamental of athletics administration—like grade checks, student eligibility and having officials contracted, and it is foundational to the concept of a "level playing field." Please give this due diligence; so that no team or athlete is denied the opportunity to compete in the spring tournaments. The second reason to include this topic is to ask

you to begin considering if there is a better way to address this violation? We intend to make this one of our breakout topics for this fall's Area Meetings and we hope to hear thoughtful discussion and ideas. In the meantime, check your schedules.

Post-Tournament Accommodations

This past winter, WIAA staff came under fire following a state championship game for a five-second video posted on social media. We will go more in-depth on this topic at the Area Meetings, but I mention it here to ask for your help in working with and educating your fans in advance of a tournament appearance.

Please take the responsibility to identify where and when athletes can meet and greet their fans and loved ones—and communicate that to your followers. This staff works hard to put on great championship events. Sometimes because of venue limitations or restrictions; because of games following yours; because of other events following yours; because of accommodating media coverage and broadcast schedules; for these and other reasons, an extended on-site meet and greet isn't always possible. Please help us out. Make a plan, find a time and location for your athletes to meet their fans and loved ones, and communicate your plan to them in advance.

Coaches Education

Our last item under Old Business is a simple reminder that as we begin the 2017 school year and going forward, all paid coaches are required to have and maintain certification in First Aid, CPR and AED operation. This is a coaches' education requirement adopted at this meeting in 2015 by a 260-167 vote. It may prove to be one of the most important requirements this membership has endorsed in recent memory.

We all recognize this requirement takes time, organization and there is a cost. But we also recognize that coaches are at times going to be the first responders. Certainly they are familiar with giving directions at crucial times. We know that these skills, along with practicing your emergency action plan can save lives. This past December alone there were three times where these skills and preparedness have meant the difference between life and death. Two of those individuals, who experi-

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WIAA & Dissinger Reed to Provide Concussion Insurance for Student-Athletes

Every high school and junior high school student-athlete in Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association member schools will be covered by concussion insurance beginning Aug. 1, 2017.

For years, the WIAA has been at the forefront of addressing the concussion issue. Now the organization that oversees high school sports is taking another step regarding one of the biggest concerns in athletics today.

The WIAA purchased a policy for all of its student-athletes, approximately 80,000 annually, providing them with zero out-of-pocket costs should they suffer a concussion. Wisconsin is the fourth state to provide this coverage for all student-athletes.

"We don't want a single student-athlete to not be evaluated or treated for a concussion because of the cost," former Board of Control president Mike Beighley said. "This coverage provides one more level of support for member schools and student-athletes in making school sports as safe an experience as they can be."

This is another proactive step by the WIAA Board of Control that assures all WIAA high school and junior high student-athletes, who are diagnosed with a sport-related

concussion, will be afforded treatment with no out-of-pocket costs.

"The WIAA has a long history of focussing on serving the membership and student-athlete well-being," current Board president Pam Foegen said. "We believe that offering this insurance represents a win-win, both for our members and the students they serve."

The insurance is the HeadStrong Concussion Insurance Program developed by Dissinger Reed Insurance. The policy costs \$1.50 per athlete. It covers every student-athlete in grades 6-12 while participating in any practice or game sanctioned by the WIAA.

"Our partnership with the WIAA supports the Dissinger Reed mission of providing concussion insurance to as many young athletes as possible," Dissinger Reed CEO Christian Reed said. "We are thrilled the state of Wisconsin shares this goal and look forward to a successful partnership."

For any claim, the participant's insurance would first be billed and then the HeadStrong Insurance would act as secondary insurance and assist with unpaid deductibles or copays. The maximum benefit is \$25,000 per injury, and there is no deductible per claim. ●

Split-Season Sports (Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

WIAA rules prevent coaches from having coaching contact with their athletes outside the season, during the school year, in any sport. The rules further prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the WIAA Season Regulations. An athlete working as a clinician, under the direction of his/her coach, is considered to be coaching contact.

This means, for example, that boys' tennis players cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girls' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted during the boys' tennis season. Boys' tennis players cannot practice with the girls' tennis team because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply. ●

Officials Corner



Congratulations!!

2017 Winter Tournament Officials

Boys Basketball – Erik Aellig, Milwaukee; Tim T. Bassett, Rice Lake; Michael J. Breed, Cameron; Eric Butalla, East Troy; Chuck Coyle, DeForest; Vince Diplaris, Waukesha; Jeff Dorschner, Crivitz; Jason Dahl, Hartland; Jed Durni, Eau Claire; Jared Fern, Hammond; Jeff Fern, Baldwin; Nate Fern, Hammond; Jason Fisch, Suamico; Ted Ford, Milwaukee; Jerry Frei, Brookfield; Andy Gallion, Wauwatosa; Andre Gosch, Waukesha; Jon Hegge, Evansville; Thaddeus D. Hilliard, Milwaukee; Mark Jandrin, Luxemburg; Bryant Johnson, Brown Deer; Stephen Johnson, Milwaukee; Tim Jorgensen, New Franken; Josh Klinger, New Richmond; Ken Koester, Wauwatosa; Jeremy Laehn, Eleva; Robert LeCaptain, Wrightstown; Jeff Lewis, Franklin; John McGinley, New Richmond; Jason Mangin, Appleton; Todd Mangin, Reedsville; Justin Marien, South Milwaukee; Ellis Miles, Jr., Milwaukee; Chuck Morning IV, Menomonie; Tyler Moy, Mondovi; Ryan Nelson, Eau Claire; Tyler Nelson, Eau Claire; Tim Sajdowitz, Milwaukee; Steve Schultz, Rice Lake; Matt Seigel, Mequon; Adam Swanepool, Glenwood City; Michael Tust, Luxemburg; Claude W. Williams Jr., Brown Deer; Daniel Wipperfurth, Verona; Dan Yagodinski, Luxemburg

Girls Basketball – Pamela Alexander, Milwaukee; Ryan Bakken, Oregon; Larry D. Beatty, Milwaukee; Wade Boegli, Brodhead; Larry Buchberger, Wausau; Susan Saager-Caldwell, Lodi; Kathy Cox, Verona; Adam Crowley, McFarland; Alex DeVillers, Whitefish Bay; Jonathan DeVillers, Cottage Grove; Shelley Dietz, New Franken; Jack Fleming, New Berlin; Tony Giombetti, Appleton; Charles Hardrick, Milwaukee; Andy Hansen, Elkhart Lake; Kevin Hanusa, Cameron; Kent Holmquist, Madison; Tammy Hutchison, Mount Pleasant; Denita Johnson, Milwaukee; Bruce Kaufmann, Beaver Dam; Don Klein, New Richmond; Andy Krautkramer, Marathon; Rocco LaMacchia, Jr., Kenosha; Joseph Lawrence, Milwaukee; Jeb Loth, Elkhorn; Rodney N. Matthews, Milwaukee; Chris Nelson, Balsam Lake; Steven L. Nelson, Somers; Chad Osmanski, Pewaukee; Casey Pivonka, De Pere; Sam Plumeri, Franklin; Wesley Porter, Milwaukee; Randy Rasmussen, Marathon; Jerry Reinke, South Milwaukee; Erin Rickard-Frias, Port Washington; Jack Schlevensky, Kenosha; Tom Schmidt, De Pere; Chad Schultz, Middleton; Tom Sowinski, Hartford; Doug Stampfli, Fitchburg; Scott Staus, Howards Grove; Terry Ver Straate, Kiel; Al Wenig, Oshkosh; John Wenig, Oshkosh; Jeff Zawicki, Muskego

Gymnastics – Patricia Abraham, Onalaska; Jan Adkins, Sun Prairie; Melissa Bremmer, Verona; Debbie Brown, Sun Prairie; Lori Castleberg, Sun Prairie; Helen Culliney, Grafton; Karen Doll, Middleton; Shelley Fahey, La Crosse; Barbara Fotsch, Sussex; Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Mequon; Tania Gray, River Falls; Megan Haley, Lisbon; Pamela Hansen Ruben, Menomonee Falls; Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; Christine Kalupa, Kaukauna; Kim Kitelinger, Waukesha; Julie Kleist, Sussex; Marijean Lucas, Prescott; Brenna Lutter, Reedsburg; Carrie Osswald, Whitefish Bay; Claudia Quam, Stoughton; Renee Schude, Custer; Darci Thommen, Kansasville; Susan Vielgut, Glendale; Cyndie Zocher, Middleton

Hockey – John Annis, Fitchburg; Curtis Beecher, Madison; Mark Bray, Appleton; Ryan Brookman, Tomah; Jim Brown, Wausau; William Conybear, Madison; Daniel Diehn, Black River Falls; Marcel DuBois, Madison; Jay Dupree, Menomonie; Brian Fass, Madison; Matthew Gerlach, Oregon; Jon Haas, Fitchburg; Jeff Hanzlik, Chippewa Falls; Ryan Humpal, Milltown; Dan Kassiss, Fitchburg; David King, Sr., Winneconne; Nicole Kloes, Antigo; Andrew Krahenbuhl, Cameron; Bryce Maphis, Waukesha; Christopher McGuirk, Neenah; Karl Olm, Madison; Eric Olson, West Allis; Robert Peschel, Shorewood; Dave Reichenbacher, Greenville; Ryan Reischel, Sun Prairie; Graydon Richartz, Menomonie; Brandon Schroder, Wausau; Ryan Schroder, McFarland; Amy Smith, Cottage Grove; Scott Swid, Mosinee; Trenton Yadro, Beaver Dam

Boys Swimming & Diving – William Benson, Fond du Lac; Stephen Good, Manitowoc; Thomas Miller, III, Menomonie; Oliver Perry, Madison; Steve Surprenant, Oregon

Individual Wrestling – Philip Amstadt, Rhinelander; Tony Antczak, Hillsdale; Michael Blasczyk, Appleton; Scott Brookman, Tomah; Bill Coker, Athens; Rodney Davis, Sharon; Jeffrey Gross, Delafield; Rodney Hoesley, Fountain City; Dan Parlier, Marathon; Michael Prunty, Green Bay; Eric Reukauf, Dodgeville; Mark Schultz, Campbellsport; Steve Schutte, Menomonie; Steve Skarda, Menasha; Henry Stillman, Waukesha

Team Wrestling – Matthew Boyer, Baraboo; Mike Nickelatti, Stoddard; Thomas Platner, Cedar Grove; Matt Pronschinske, Arcadia; John Shefchik, Green Bay; Steven Williamson, Blue River. **Off-Mat Officials** – Charles Graziano, Pewaukee; Richard Legler, Oregon ●

Congratulations Officials

Officials are important partners in the development and delivery of sport opportunities for high school athletes in Wisconsin. Without their willingness to be involved in officiating the various sports, many of our programs would not have progressed to where they are today.

We thank the following officials for their many years of dedication and sacrifices on behalf of young people and high school sports in the state of Wisconsin. Congratulations to these officials that have been licensed with the WIAA for 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years.

50 Years

Jim Alfonso, Antigo
Albert Breitlow, De Pere
Joseph Culliney, Grafton
Jim Doden, Appleton
Arden Geisler, Wis. Rapids
Nicholas Krzewina, Green Bay
Lyle Schneider, Neenah

40 Years

Michael Beck, Fond du Lac
David Blank, Brandon
David Carpenter, Waukesha
Bruce Chapman, Sharon
Patrick Colgrove, Ashland
William De Groot, Oshkosh
Michael De Wyre, Mondovi
Diane Doden, Appleton
Greg Dufek, West Allis
Blaine Felsman, Oshkosh
Thomas Friedrich, Menomonee Falls
Bill Gipp, Spooner
Rick Gloe, De Pere
Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Mequon
Chuck Heidner, Green Bay
Pete Holmlund, Boyceville
Randy Howard, Sussex
Rick Johnson, De Pere
Jim Keller, Cambridge
Gerald Kohlbeck, Sheboygan
Dennis Kosmoski, Franklin
Terry Krieser, Suamico
Steve Kunkel, Appleton
Dave Meyer, Fond du Lac
Thomas Miller III, Menomonie
John Peterson, Madison
Michael Peterson, Edgerton
Paul Rozak, Stratford
Jeff Ryba, Stanley
Dennis Sampolinski, Columbus
Stephen Sanders, Manitowoc
Gerald Schumacher, Little Chute
Rick Toninato, Green Bay
Wayne Vanderploeg, Randolph
Donna Wilson, Jefferson
Larry Witt, Middleton

30 Years

Philip Amstadt, Rhinelander
Joseph Anderson, Loyal
Peter Bakken, Somerset
John Barnes, Menomonee Falls
Margaret Bennett, Beaver Dam
Tim Bentz, Appleton
Frank Best, Tomah
Zivko Bockarowski, Mount Pleasant
Jeff Borchardt, New Berlin
Scott Bublitz, Portage
Christine Carlson, Marenisco
Chuck Chandler, Blanchardville
James Costabile, Kenosha
Joe Coyle, DeForest
Paul Dale, Wis Rapids
Mike DeKoch, Kimberly
Mary Deyoung, De Pere
Dean Diessner, Greenfield
Gerry Edwards, Hartford
Louie Ferguson, Arcadia
Christopher Fitzsimons, Cross Plains
Frank Furdek, Milwaukee
Bud Gorski, Mequon
Thomas Grun, Marinette

Andy Hansen, Elkhart Lake
Christopher Haslam, South Milwaukee
Daniel Holtz, Eau Claire
John Kitzlaar III, Monona
Michael Knoespel, De Pere
Scott Koenpnick, La Crosse
Ray Kosey, Superior
Gary Mattson, Hartland
Mark McHorney, Eau Claire
Art Miller, Burlington
Steve Miller, Hudson
John Milliren, Stanley
Daniel Murphy, Middleton
Richard O'Connell, Spring Valley
Patrick O'Brien, Madison
Kevin Osborne, Pewaukee
Randy Peiffer, Eau Claire
Jim Pokrywczynski, Milwaukee
Sharon Reimer, Reedsburg
Jon Rode, Menomonie
Gerald Sabel, Fond du Lac
Ron Scheffler, Wausau
Jeffrey Schroeder, New Holstein
Todd Schroeder, Larsen
Don Scupien, Antigo
Rick Simpson, Eden
Tom Steward, Reedsburg
Steve Tatro, Two Harbors
Timothy Theobald, Lodi
Pamela Voigt, Cameron
Roger Williams, Mayville
Bruce Yates, Tomah
Ken Zimmerman, New Glarus

20 Years

Mark Adriansen, Green Bay
Paul Amundson, Campbellsport
Larry Anderson, Sun Prairie
Joe Anklam, Wautoma
Paul Aurt, Janesville
Larry Ausman, Eau Claire
Thomas Barger, Mequon
David Barkei, East Troy
Jaye Baus, Fond du Lac
Paul Beck, Cedarburg
Steven Beck, Eden
Thomas Beck, Antigo
Tina Bettin, Marion
Christopher Bizjak, Wausau
Jeffrey Blagg, West Allis
Larry Bodin, Holmen
Al Bonfigt, Manitowoc
Jeffrey Brewster, Wauwatosa
Jerry Brokl, Fort Atkinson
Christine Brown, Elroy
Kevin Buch, Manitowoc
George Bures, Wisconsin Rapids
Kurt Bussewitz, Clayton
James Carelli, Poyntette
Joel Checkaj, Watertown
Milton Childs, Milwaukee
Bill Coker, Athens
Daniel Connery, Oregon
Mark Conidine, Portage
Alan Crider, Port Edwards
Mark Cychosz, Waukesha
Christopher Czech, Athens
Steve DeCarlo, Freedom
Paul Dean, Marshfield
Charles Delsman, Hartland

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Class Act *A Personal Story by Pamela Klein*

(Reprinted from November 2016 edition of REFEREE Magazine)

What started out as a "What if?" idea developed into a new phy-ed elective course — titled Sports Officiating — during the 2015-16 school year at Deerfield (Wis.) High School. Prior to the class, I had never worn the stripes, and even as a phy-ed teacher, I do not use a whistle.

Yet after reading about an officiating class at Black River Falls (Wis.) High School, I could not get the idea of teaching such a class out of my mind. I love using my creativity and I'm always trying to find new ways to think beyond the typical phy-ed curriculum and get my students motivated.

Why offer an officiating course to high school students? Two words: officiating shortage. But to be honest, that wasn't my real motivation. Sports officiating offers an opportunity for kids to learn new skills, become certified in one or more sports and earn extra income during and after high school, all while developing positive character traits, communication skills and so many other skill sets that are critical to lifelong success.

With the support from my superintendent, Michelle Jensen, who had also read an article on the Black River Falls officiating course, develop-

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years. High school students do not pay any fees. For this option — do the following:

Under the Officials tab on the red menu bar, choose Become an Official you will then be taken to a page where you can print the 2017-18 licensing application.

If you want to order extra rules books, there is an order form on our website that you will need to complete and mail to our office with proper payment or you may call our office and speak with Kristen and she will be able to take your order with credit card payment over the phone.

Please contact Kristen Spencer kspencer@wiaawi.org or Joan Gralla jgralla@wiaawi.org if you have any questions regarding the licensing process. ●

Alternate Two-Piece Uniform Approved for High School Wrestling

An alternate two-piece uniform consisting of compression shorts or shorts designed for wrestling and a form-fitted compression shirt has been approved for the 2017-18 season in high school wrestling. Wrestlers will have the option of the new two-piece uniform or the traditional one-piece singlet.

This revision to Rule 4-1-1 was one of 11 rules changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its April 2-4 meeting in Indianapolis, and all changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The compression shorts or shorts designed for wrestling shall be school-issued and shall have a minimum 4-inch inseam that does not extend below the knee. The form-fitted compression shirt shall not cover or extend below the elbow and shall have a minimum 3-inch tail. The shirt may be worn under a singlet or with compression shorts or shorts designed for wrestling.

Specific language was developed regarding undergarment requirements for female contestants wearing a one-piece singlet or a form-fitted compression shirt, as well as for male contestants wearing shorts designed for wrestling.

The committee approved use of the alternate two-piece uniform in the hopes of increasing boys and girls participation in the sport after receiving favorable results from experimentation and positive comments from schools, students, coaches and officials.

The committee approved several rules related to minimizing risk of injury in the sport. Rule 4-5-3 now prohibits any activities that promote weight loss or weight gain when an athlete misses weight on his or her first attempt on the scale. In addition to activities that promote dehydration or drinking fluids to gain weight,

the rule now prohibits activities such as cutting hair, modifying clothing, etc.

Another change designed to reduce risk of injury was elimination of the straight-back salto, regardless of which body part (head, neck or shoulder) hits the mat first. The straight-back salto in the rear-standing position that brings the defensive wrestler straight back with feet in the air is intended to have the defensive wrestler's head, neck or shoulder(s) hit the mat first, and is now an illegal move.

In addition, added to the list of illegal holds/maneuvers in Rule 7-1-5 was a front flip and/or front hurdle over an opponent in the standing position.

"The attempt to flip or hurdle an 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 or she is not only left to counter the scoring attempt, but is 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," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports and student services.

The committee approved two changes in Rule 5-11 related to falls and near falls. In 5-11-1, the shoulders or scapula of the offensive wrestler no longer must be inbounds to earn a fall. The committee agreed that wrestling should continue if the offensive wrestler's supporting parts remain inbounds and no body part of the defensive wrestler goes off the mat. In 5-11-5, "unless any part of the shoulders or both scapulae of the defensive wrestler is inbounds" was eliminated. If wrestling is continuing during a match, near falls and falls will be awarded/earned regardless of the out-of-bounds line.

In a related rule, Rule 5-15-2b, c was changed as follows: "Near-fall points or a fall shall be earned while the supporting points of either wrestler are inbounds."



"The committee agreed that offensive wrestling should be rewarded," Hopkins said. "If wrestling is continuing, as allowed by current rules, and points for escapes and reversals are allowed, the ability to earn a fall or near fall should be there as well, with no deference to the out-of-bounds line."

Other changes approved by the committee include the following:

- Rule 5-19-10: The referee no longer may be behind the contestants when starting the wrestlers from the down position, which has led the false starts by one or both wrestlers.
- Rule 6-6-4a(1) and 6-6-5a(1): 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.
- 7-6-4d: Stalling occurs when the contestant in the advantage position stays behind the opponent while on his/her feet, making no attempt to bring the opponent to the mat.

"The wrestling rules committee did another phenomenal job in taking the necessary strides to promote participation by approving a two-piece alternate uniform to be worn," Hopkins said. "The committee also continued its commitment to reducing risk by making the straight-back salto and suplay illegal maneuvers, as well as prohibiting weight loss or gain in the weigh-in area. In addition, scoring a fall or near-fall is strengthened by the modifications to the definition and location of fall and near-fall in our rules book." ●

WIAA Eligibility – Summer Reminders

By Dr. Wade Labecki, WIAA Deputy Director

Now is a good time to download updated versions of all eligibility forms from the WIAA website.

There are a few things that athletic directors might want to review relative to WIAA rules, as students participate in their summer activities.

- 1) Remind those that might need to know, the rules affecting transfer students. Download and distribute the Transfer Rules and Waivers Quick Facts (available on the WIAA website) to the appropriate people including your guidance and admissions staff.
- 2) Review with coaches as necessary, the out-of-season coaching contact rules for their sport. Provide coaches with the summer contact form so they can provide you with a schedule of their planned contact days in advance. Remember that volunteer coaches are the same as paid coaches for purpose of this rule and that the second time someone shows up at practice to help coach they are considered a school coach.
 - a) All WIAA sport coaches are allowed up to 5 days of unrestricted coaching contact in the summer, between the end of school and July 31. (Football coaching contact ends July 22 in 2017.)
 - b) A reminder that varsity and junior varsity coaches can have coaching contact with 8th grade students on down up until the point of those 8th graders actually starting their 9th grade year. Someone designated as a frosh coach cannot have coaching contact with the 8th graders except as a part of the approved unrestricted contact days.
- 3) Remember that schools cannot be involved in out-of-season sports activities for students in grades 10-12. The only exception is during the summertime within the unrestricted coaching contact period. School facilities are sometimes used by non-school groups for out-of-season camps and clinics. If this is to be done Board of Education policy for nonschool use of the facility must be followed. This may involve rent, and it is advisable that those conducting the activity have insurance protection.
 - a) If conducted, a nonschool camp should be available to students from surrounding areas and not just returning athletes at your school. An acceptable non-school program may not be restricted based on school and/or team status.
 - b) Out-of-season coaching rules apply.
- 4) Schools cannot conduct summer school classes in sports fundamentals, etc., in excess of the approved unrestricted contact days and community education is a school program with the same restrictions and exceptions.

- 5) Schools may issue uniforms and/or protective apparel for nonschool activity, only with formal approval of their school board or governing body.
- 6) Students must pay their own way to any camp, clinic, or specialized training. Non-school groups can pay expenses related to actual competition, such as entry fees into summer leagues, e.g. The school cannot have any involvement with out-of-season camps, clinics or competition unless the activity is part of the approved unrestricted contact opportunity, is school sponsored and available to all interested students on a voluntary basis.
- 7) Open gyms can be conducted in the summer but open gym rules apply including restricting students from other schools from attending.
- 8) Remind students of amateur status and all star rules. You may wish to ask students to contact you prior to participating in all summer sport activities so you can assess the activity and help protect their eligibility.
- 9) Remind students they must limit their nonschool activity when the school season in that sport starts. Rules allow a student to compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. Another exception is that during the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
- 10) It is important to remind students and coaches that out-of-season and summertime activities must be voluntary. Taking or requiring attendance, providing incentives or connecting playing time and/or lettering requirements to out-of-season programs is prohibited.
- 11) A reminder that the academic eligibility requirements apply to spring tournaments and an athlete can become academically ineligible and miss the opportunity to play in a state tournament. Also, the period of ineligibility for the fall is 15 scheduled school days or 21 calendar days, depending on when school starts. The WIAA publishes a chart each spring to help you determine when eligibility is regained.

These rules apply to high schools. Some may also apply to middle level but the rules at the middle level are significantly different. These are not all-inclusive but hopefully will serve as a reminder in a number of important areas. Working to prevent the loss of athletic eligibility is always worth the effort. ●



Swimming and Diving Rules Changes Address Risk Minimization, Championship Meet Policy

Among the changes to high school swimming and diving rules for 2017-18 are ones that address risk minimization and requirements for use of the championship meet format.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Swimming and Diving Rules Committee recommended seven rules changes at its March 19-21 meeting in Indianapolis, and all changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 1-3-12 now requires state associations to identify culminating meets, which require use of the championship format. Due to the variations in conference, league and postseason championships within states, the committee believes it is appropriate for the respective state association to determine which meets shall be considered culminating meets.

"The championship meet format features preliminaries and finals rounds, which are thought to provide athletes the best opportunity to excel in their events," said Sandy Searcy, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee. "However, the format also prescribes specific rules associated with team and individual entries, dual confirmation, declared false starts and applicable penalties for violation of these rules.

"The committee agreed that state associations are in the best position to determine which competitions must adhere to the championship meet format. The language also allows non-championship meets to be conducted using the championship meet format."

An addition to Rule 8-3-5c specifies where a second, third and fourth swimmer's feet must be when a relay exchange occurs. One foot must be in contact with the surface of the starting platform in front of the starting block wedge during takeoff to minimize risk during relay exchanges.

Rule 3-6 was reorganized to provide clarity regarding the potential conduct issues within a meet. As a result, the committee believes these issues are now easier to compare and categorize for appropriate action and/or penalty. Rule 4-1-8 was also affected by this rule change and now includes language regarding appropriate conduct for meet officials.

Other rules changes include:

- Rule 9-5-2, which addresses the approach and hurdle requirements in diving. This clarifies the intent for hops, leaps and/or jumps to count toward the three-step forward approach requirement.
- Rule 3-3-2a, which provides consistency for all

NFHS sports regarding what school and competitor information is permitted on the uniform which, in swimming and diving, consists of the suit and swim cap.

- Rule 4-6-4, which requires dual confirmation for relay exchanges during championship meets. The referee and the starter may serve as the relay take-off judges.
- Rule 3-4, which provides competitors more flexibility when competing in 500-yard events to count either up or down with visual lap counters. This practice permits flexibility for the competitor, and is in keeping with current trends in the sport.

"The Swimming and Diving Rules Committee was intentional in deliberation of this year's rules proposals," Searcy said. "Its main focus this year was to minimize risk but also clarify existing rules."

Swimming and diving ranks ninth in popularity among girls with 166,747 participants and 10th among boys with 133,470 participants, according to the 2015-16 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. ●

This press release was written by Bryce Woodall, an intern in the publications/communications department at the NFHS. He is a senior at Franklin (Indiana) College studying public relations.

Middle Level Advisory Council Openings

The Middle Level/Junior High Advisory Council includes a representative from each Board of Control District, an ethnic at-large, gender at-large, and a non-public school at-large representative along with liaison representation made available to the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators, Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association.

For the Ethnic At-Large position the candidate would have to have origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander: American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

Membership on the Council is open to administrators, or building administrators and/or athletic directors of WIAA member middle level schools containing Grades 6-8 students (or any combination thereof).

Openings on the WIAA Middle Level Advisory Council will exist in the following positions for the 2017-18 school year: District 7 representative, Gender-At Large representative, Non-Public School At-Large representative and Ethnic At-Large representative.

If a vacant position cannot be filled by a district representative the position will become available to any qualified individual from a member middle school.

An election does not take place for Middle Level Council representatives. A listing of interested candidates is provided to the Board of Control who then appoints an individual to fill the position. The position is for a three-year term.

This Council meets once a year. The meeting date for the 2017-18 school year is January 29, 2018. For more information on this Council or if you are interested in filling one of these vacant positions, please contact Joan Gralla at jgralla@wiaawi.org or 715-344-8580. ●

New Athletic Director Workshop 2017

Tuesday, July 25 - WIAA Office Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Welcome – Dave Anderson, Executive Director

Eligibility – Wade Labecki, Deputy Director

WIAA Season Regulations/Tournament Procedures/
NFHS Rules Books - Stephanie Hauser, Assistant Director

Being a New Athletic Director – Kolleen Nesheim, Athletic Director, Mount Horeb

WADA Presentation – Greg Smith & Tim Collins

Lunch (provided)

Dealing with Officials – REFEREE Magazine Representative

Risk Management / Title IX / Sexual Harassment – Jan Doleschal

School Database Management / Hosting WIAA Tournaments

Email your interest in attending to Deb Hauser <dhauser@wiaawi.org> prior to June 30, 2017.



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Non-school Participation (In-Season) Rules

What are the rules? Individual student-athletes, with school approval, may participate in up to two non-school contests during the regular season in the same sport. The non-school opportunities will not count against the individual maximum in that sport.

The exceptional athlete provision recognizes only invitations to international competitions sanctioned by each sport's identified National Governing Body (NGB) and Olympic Development Programs (ODP) in representing the USA as eligible for an exceptional athlete waiver. This waiver allows non-school competition for a qualifying exceptional athlete during the regular season and during the WIAA Tournament Series.

Are the two mutually exclusive? Yes. Any student with school approval may participate in up to two non-school competitions during the school sport regular season. If the student qualifies by National Governing Body and/or Olympic Development standards and meets WIAA exceptional athlete rules, the student may participate as an exceptional athlete representing their country in international competition with school approval.

Is a WIAA waiver necessary? Yes, for the exceptional athlete waiver. No, for the two regular season non-school competitions. School approval is required for both.

Two per year or two per sport season? Per sport season during the regular season. A student may play in two non-school volleyball contests, two non-school basketball games, and two non-school softball games in one school year.

Does a skills contest count as a non-school competition? No. A student can participate in two non-school competitions and a skills contest. I.e: two non-school basketball games and a free throw contest.

What happens if an athlete participates in more than two non-school competitions or participates without school approval? The athlete becomes ineligible in the sport for the remainder of the season.

How are the non-school competitions and tournaments that the student competes in counted? The rule has been directed at students participating in non-school games, meets, or contests. Non-school competitions shall be counted the same manner as provided in the season regulations of a given sport. The sports of

tennis, volleyball, and wrestling provide team tournaments. All other sports count contests, meets, or games on an individual basis.

Nonschool competitions do not count against a student's individual maximum allowed competitions as part of a school team.

Does participation in non-school competitions count against the individual maximums in either exceptions? No, nonschool competitions do not count against a student's individual maximum allowed competitions as part of a school team.

What is the difference in the middle school rule change and the high school rule change? There is one word different. But the difference does affect the method to count the non-school competitions. In the high school, the competition is counted the same as in the season regulations. The middle school rule, the change was:

It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. **Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school events with school approval during each regular sport season.** The event(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in **more than two non-school events** ~~non-school game, meet, or contest~~ in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school.

The word difference is competition in the high school rule and events in the middle school rule. Therefore, a middle school tournament will count as one event. A middle school non-school event may include more than one game, meet, or contest such as a softball tournament which may have 2, 3, or 4 games included in the event.

Can school funds be used for the non-school event? No. If school resources are used, then it must be added to the school schedule.

Can the student go to the Nike National meet? Yes, if it is open to any and all students (not an all-star contest) and all other rules followed.

Can a student compete in a Special Olympic competition during the regular season and WIAA tournament? Yes. The event must be a Special Olympic sanctioned event. A waiver is required.

What amateur status rules apply? All. The student may only be reimbursed for actual costs associated with transportation, food, lodging, and entry fees. No more than those costs.

From the Rules at a Glance:

F. EXPENSES – TRAINING AND COMPETING

1. Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation, to any non-school (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer.
2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's non-school participation outside the sport season and the five Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and Art. VI) Note: Funds kept in school activity accounts are considered school funds.

Awards must meet the WIAA amateur status rules as well. From the Rules at a Glance:

C: AMATEUR STATUS

A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash, or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, etc. A student may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain nonschool competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform. ●

2017 State Spring Baseball Tournament

Tuesday-Thursday, June 13-15, 2017
Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, Wis.

Tuesday, June 13

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 8 a.m.

Game 1 - Sectional #7 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Game 2 - Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 1 p.m.

Game 3 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

Game 4 - Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 1 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

Game 5 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

Game 6 - Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Wednesday, June 14

Division 4 Semifinals - 8 a.m.

Game 1 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Game 2 - Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 3 Semifinals - 1 p.m.

Game 1 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Game 2 - Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 2 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

Game 1 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Game 2 - Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Thursday, June 15

Division 4 Finals - 9 a.m.

Division 3 Finals - Noon

Division 2 Finals - 3 p.m.

Division 1 Finals - 6 p.m.

Transfer Rule Summary

Students transferring before or during their fifth or sixth semester after entering 9th grade may compete in nonvarsity competition with approval by both schools involved in the transfer.

Keep in mind, this eligibility restriction applies to transfers that are not made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by the parent(s) that the student lived with when establishing eligibility.

Simply The Transfer Rule*

A transfer made necessary by a total and complete change of residence of the parent(s) – unrestricted.

Transfers with no change of residence of the parent(s) at the beginning of:

9th grade – unrestricted

10th grade – unrestricted

11th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

12th grade – no competition at any level, but may practice.

Transfers with no change of residence of the parent(s) during the school year:

9th grade – nonvarsity for remainder of year

10th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

11th grade – nonvarsity for calendar year

12th grade – no competition at any level, but may practice.

*Provided the student meets residency requirements ●

Prestigious Honor Bestowed Upon 32 Scholar Athletes

Sixteen senior girls and 16 senior boys from Mercer to Darlington have been selected as recipients of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award underwritten by Marshfield Clinic.

Included in this year's group of Scholar Athlete winners will be the 1,000th statewide recipient since the program began in 1984.

To determine the top 32 finalists, four boys and four girls were selected--based on both athletic and academic achievement--from each of four WIAA divisions. "These extraordinary student athletes excel in both academics and athletics," said Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director of the WIAA. "Seventeen of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date, while the average GPA is an amazing 3.95. All 32 scholar athlete finalists have already earned a total of 317 varsity letters during their first 3-1/2 years of high school. That's an average of 10 letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

An all-time record 861 seniors were nominated for the 2017 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award by 439 high schools throughout the state.

The 2017 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award winners, as well as their families and school representatives, were recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 7 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau.

Each 2017 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award recipients will receive a medallion and certificate, and will take with them a special plaque for display in their school's trophy case. Keynote speaker was eight-time LPGA Champion and former WIAA Girl's Golf State Champion, Sherri Steinhauer.

All student athletes nominated for the award by their high school athletic directors will be presented with a medal at their school in a manner to be determined by the school administration recognizing them as their school's top male or female scholar athlete. ●

2017 Scholar Athlete Award Winners

*indicates that the student is that school's first statewide winner.

DIVISION 1 – BOYS

Zachary Clayton, Oconomowoc
Cole Sandvold, Arrowhead
Calvin Schneider, Oregon
Danny VandenBoom, Kimberly

DIVISION 1 – GIRLS

Cami Davre, Whitefish Bay
Caitlin Locante, Brookfield Central
Emily Luetschwager, Stevens Point
Alyson Weum, Stoughton

DIVISION 2 – BOYS

Xavier Cummings, Hayward*
Adam Kinyon, Lomira
Clark Otte, Sheboygan Falls
Logan Walzer, Lodi

DIVISION 2 – GIRLS

Bailey Eichner, Cudahy*
Emily Hafemann, Martin Luther*
Brita Hovde, Edgewood of the Sacred Heart
Lauren Tremblay, Hayward*

DIVISION 3 – BOYS

Cole Bay, Chequamegon
Jordan Blanchard, Coleman
Kamren Bornbach, Stratford
Will Schwartz, Darlington

DIVISION 3 – GIRLS

Amanda Kind, Marathon
Brittany Schaller, Howards Grove
Sydney Staver, Mineral Point
Katie Van Scyoc, Lourdes Academy

DIVISION 4 – BOYS

Caiden Haake, Pepin
Anthony Hendrickson, Pecatonica
Sawyer Rosner, Phelps*
Logan Scoville, De Soto

DIVISION 4 – GIRLS

Mackenzie Fall, Clayton
Morgan Reinwand, Loyal*
Katie Stegeman, Suring
Sydney Thompson, Mercer



WIAA Scholar Athletes Class of 2017



FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Official Warning for Misconduct Given to Coaches in High School Basketball

Effective with the 2017-18 high school basketball season, play will be stopped and an official warning will be given to the head coach – and recorded in the scorebook – for misconduct by the coach or other bench personnel unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed.

This new rule was one of the five changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its April 10-12 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In addition to misconduct violations related to Rule 10-5, the head coach will be officially warned for the first violation of Rule 10-6-1 regarding the coaching box.

Rules 4-48-1 and 4-48-2 will both have a note stating that a warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

"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," said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials and liaison to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and, many times, avoids the need to administer a technical foul."

In other changes, the rules committee approved enlarging the coaching box from 14 feet to 28 feet. The coaching box now shall be bounded by a line drawn 28

feet from the end line toward the division line. A line drawn from the sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box toward the end line. State associations may alter the length and placement of the 28-foot coaching box.

"The committee thought the restriction of the (14-foot) coaching box limited the level of communication between the coach and players," Wynns said. "Allowing a coach freedom to move within the new box between the 28-foot mark and the end line provides a coach more access to his or her players."

Changes in Rules 3-4-1d and 3-4-4 regarding uniforms were approved by the committee, including restrictions on identifying names that can be placed in the allowable area of the jersey. Identifying names on uniforms must adhere to the following: school name, school nickname, school logo, player's name and/or abbreviation of the official school name. The panel in the shoulder area on the back of the jersey may be used for placing an identifying name as well.

The committee also approved a change in the way officials signal a foul against a player. After verbally informing the offender, the official shall use fingers on two hands to indicate to the scorer the number of the offender and the number of free throws.

"This change was made to minimize reporting errors that occur between the officials and the scorekeepers," Wynns said. "Two-handed reporting is easier for the scorekeepers to see and comprehend, and it is less confusing." ●

Membership Approves from page 1

student-athletes will now be able to retain items of apparel that are worn as part of a team uniform in nonschool athletic competitions. The provision was passed by a 382-6 membership vote.

The second amendment passed in the Rules of Eligibility, by a nearly unanimous 398-1 count, brings the WIAA Code of Conduct section in line with state statutes. It provides relief from a code of conduct violation for victims and witnesses of sexual assault who report the crime by calling 9-1-1, request emergency assistance, cooperate with law enforcement either at the scene or at a medical facility, and meet the state amnesty law requirements.

An amendment that was defeated by a 52-334 vote is also noteworthy. The proposal would have permitted public schools to use full-time, open-enrolled students of any virtual school—who meet the residence rule and whose parents reside in the public school's attendance boundary—on that public school's teams with the caveat the virtual school meets Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction standards.

The editorial changes, which are attempts to clarify existing rules without making changes in the interpretations of the rules, passed 391-7.

In the New Business portion of the Director's Report, the membership was apprised of a number of topics for continued discussions, including recruitment of new licensed officials, revisiting a district plan for football, reviewing requirements for new member applications and an all-school membership survey on competitive equity.

In the 2017-18 Board of Control elections, Dennis Birr, superintendent at New Lisbon, will join the Board as the District 3 representative. Eric Coleman, student services supervisor of Milwaukee Public Schools, was elected to a second term as the ethnic at-large representative. Dave Steav-

pack, director of athletics at Manitowoc Lincoln, was elected as the District 4 representative following a run-off election. Elected members of the Board of Control serve a three-year term.



Dennis Birr



Eric Coleman



Dave Steavpack

Brian Schlei, assistant principal and athletic director at Waukesha North, and Bart Boettcher, associate principal and athletic director at Menomonie, were elected to the Advisory Council representing large schools. Ty Breitlow, principal at Chilton, was re-elected as a medium school representative, and Terrance Slack, district administrator at Wisconsin Dells, joins the Council for his first term representing medium schools. Mark Gruen, district administrator at Royall, was re-elected as a small school representative, and Mark Holzman, superintendent at Manitowoc Lincoln, returns for a second term in the ethnic minority at-large position.

Special presentations by Bob Andrews and Michael Saxby, who are survivors of sudden cardiac arrest experienced during interscholastic competitions within the last year, addressed the importance of having accessible AEDs in schools. James Maxwell of Dissinger Reed, LLC also addressed the membership with a presentation on the HeadStrong Concussion Insurance program, which will provide concussion insurance to all student-athletes in member junior and senior high schools beginning Aug. 1, 2017.

A total of 475 representatives from 407 schools attended the 2017 Annual Meeting. ●

WIAA's Schulfer Inducted into Gymnastics Association Hall

Sheila Schulfer, an administrative assistant in the WIAA executive office, was enshrined into the Wisconsin High School Gymnastics Association Hall of Fame at the organization's awards banquet Sunday, April 9.

"I am humbled and honored to be included as an inductee," Schulfer said. "Working with so many amazing people who are truly passionate about their sport and their student-athletes rubs off."

"Talking with a coach or an athletic director of a school who has qualified for their first trip to State, or the excitement that comes with notifying an official chosen to officiate their first State Tournament never gets old," she added. "I look forward to the calls and emails I receive from the many friends that I have made in gymnastics over the years, as well as making new friends as we welcome new judges, AD's, and coaches into this great sport."

To be eligible for induction into the WHSGA Hall of Fame, an individual must be nominated by a member of the association. Information on each nominee is collected and distributed to the membership of the WHSGA to cast votes on the nominees.

Schulfer began her career at the WIAA following graduation from Mid-State Technical College in 1993. She served as administrative assistant to former Associate Director Karen Kuhn and



From left to right, Marcy Thurwachter, Sheila Schulfer, Karen Kuhn and Stephanie Hauser.

Assistant Director Marcy Thurwachter, and to current Assistant Director Stephanie Hauser. In addition to her duties in the sport of gymnastics, she has also provided valuable administrative support during her tenure in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, softball, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls volleyball.

Shelly Kahut-Loomis, former head coach at River Falls, joins Schulfer in the 2017 WHSGA Hall of Fame class that was featured at the awards banquet at Buffalo Phils in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. ●

Summer Contact

All sport coaches have five days of **unrestricted school coaching contact** opportunity during the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted school opportunities allow you to use school support and facilities as you would during the season. Unrestricted school coaching contact means teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be applied, and schools can sponsor the events/activities. The 5 contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. Unrestricted school contact days are open to any and all interested students in your school from the last day of school to July 31. They are not allowed during the school year.

NOTE: In 2017, football begins on August 1 for both equipment/fitness testing & practice. Unrestricted school football coaching contact must end on July 22 in order to meet the dead week rule. **Football must follow the acclimatization plan if school resources are used.**

For coaches in all sports except football, unlimited "non-school" contact may be used by coaches during the summertime provided, such non-school programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. The **summertime** being defined as when school is not in normal session (the last day of school to the first day of school).

An **'acceptable non-school program'** is a program which is not limited based on school and/or team status and no school monies or resources can be applied. Schools cannot sponsor these nonschool events/activities. Use of school support and facilities must be done in the same manner as any other non-school group such as 4-H, boy scouts, or local rotary.

Unlimited contact is **open to any and all interested students** in your community and other communities along with being **voluntary**.

During the summer and school year out of season, athletes may assemble in any manner they wish without school or coach involvement (other than the five contact days). The booster club is considered non-school.

What Types of Contact Allowances are Provided to Coaches in the Summer?

Unrestricted Contact

Students on your school teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be used, and schools can sponsor the events/activities.

- Contact is limited to 5 days from the last day of school until July 31.
- Days do not need to be consecutive but must be the same for all levels within a program.
- Football must follow fall acclimatization if school resources are used.

Unlimited Non-School Contact (all sports except football)

Open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. NO school monies and resources can be used, and schools cannot sponsor the events/activities. School facilities must be contracted for in accordance with your school district policies.

- Contact may occur from the end of school (including the last day of school) until the first day of school in the fall.

What Type of Contact Can Coaches Have With Their Athletes?

All Sport Coaches

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)

All sports except football.

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)
- Unlimited Non-School Contact (see definition above)

How Can Athletes Assemble on Their Own?

Summer (Last day of school until first day of school in the fall)

- During the summer, athletes may assemble in any manner they wish. There are no restrictions as to the number of athletes from the same school allowed on a given team.
- During the summer, captain's practices are allowed.

School Year (First day of school until last day of school)

- During the school year, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement.
- During the school year, captain's practices are allowed provided the opportunity is voluntary and there is no school and/or school coach involvement.

Using Athletes As Clinicians

During the school year, you may only use your athletes as clinicians during the sport season. In the summertime, a school may conduct a clinic for students in grade 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. Individual students may be used as clinicians a maximum of 6 days during the summer (when school is not in session). Using students as clinicians in such a manner must conclude no later than July 31. ●

Recruiting Guidelines

WIAA rules prevent the recruitment of students for athletic reasons. The specific rule in question states: "No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school."

It's important to note that persons not connected with the school can violate this rule, resulting in a loss of eligibility. Schools are ultimately responsible for the eligibility of all of their students and the school needs to communicate rules and pay close attention to the circumstances that bring students to the school.

Obviously, public schools and private schools encourage students to enroll and this certainly can be done without violating the undue influence rule. The following gives some examples of acceptable and unacceptable practices. This list cannot be considered all-inclusive, but should be helpful as an example.

Acceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school to explain programs and encourage all interested students to attend.
- Inviting all interested students from a middle school/elementary school to visit.
- Providing game tickets to all interested students and/or team members from a middle school/elementary school or area youth teams.
- Providing informational pamphlets which describe the high school to all interested students at a middle level/elementary school.
- Providing tuition reduction to prospective students, based on need and/or scholastic achievement.

Unacceptable

- High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school sport team to encourage players to attend.
- Inviting selected students, because of athletic potential or ability, to visit.

- Providing game tickets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing promotional pamphlets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.
- Providing tuition reduction to selected students, based wholly or in part on athletic potential or ability.
- Community or booster club member(s) contacting a potential student, because of athletic ability or potential, and encouraging attendance.
- Providing items of apparel and/or other incentives to students.

Additional Examples

- Interpretation of this provision now allows youth athletic teams to receive invitation/complimentary admission to high school sporting events and to be acknowledged or introduced at those events.
- Teams may also perform and/or scrimmage in connection with a high school event
- Under no circumstances may a youth team be introduced, etc., at more than one contest per season.
- This interpretation provides for admission, acknowledgment and performance and/or scrimmage opportunity.
- These events may not extend or prolong the contest or periods beyond the limits provided by rule.
- Participating in the high school team's game preparations is not permitted (e.g. pregame, half-time, sidelines, locker room).
- Under no circumstances will it be considered acceptable to single out any individual youth/middle level student athlete separate from or disproportionate to the remainder of the team.

It is the responsibility of schools to contact other schools and report any possible violations of WIAA rules. The WIAA is always willing to provide rules clarifications and, where necessary, will impose sanctions on schools and programs. It is far better for schools to provide leadership and control to prevent problems than to have to deal with these issues after the fact. ●

Award of Excellence Applications Due June 30

The WIAA has launched a new initiative to recognize excellence in our member schools. Each member is eligible and encouraged to participate in the WIAA Award of Excellence program during the 2016-17 school year.

The program is designed to promote and recognize the efforts and achievements of schools in the areas of sportsmanship, ethics, integrity, leadership and character. Please take this opportunity to embrace the qualities of administrative excellence that the award represents.

The application form, once completed, requires the signatures of the school's athletic director, principal, superintendent and the school board president to verify their school has achieved the required criteria.

Recipients will be presented with a Award of Excellence certificate at the fall Area Meetings and will be recognized for the achievement on the WIAA website, Bulletin and at the Annual Meeting.

The criteria applied toward the Award of Excellence include:

- Athletic director conducted regular occurring meetings with a Captain's Club/Team Leadership Council/Etc.– sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is on the agenda and is discussed
- Athletic director conducted regular occurring meetings with coaches - sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed
- Athletic director conducted at least one informational meeting with student-athletes and their par-

ents - sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed

- Athletic director attended conference meetings - sportsmanship, ethics and/or integrity is a topic that is on the agenda and is discussed
- Coaches and student-athletes attended a sportsmanship summit/leadership conference/etc.
- There was school representation at one of the seven WIAA Fall Area Meetings
- There was school representation at WIAA Annual Meeting in April
- Athletic Director made the student body aware of sportsmanship initiatives through school assemblies, announcements, posters, etc.
- Three or more athletic teams gave back to their school or community through volunteerism
- Athletic director has taken the Free NFHS Sportsmanship course
- Three or more head coaches have taken the Free NFHS Sportsmanship course
- Athletic program had no coach ejections at any level
- Athletic program had no coach or player abuse of an official at any level
- Athletic director nominated/submitted a boy and/or a girl for WIAA Scholar Athlete recognition (either for local or state level recognition)

The school application for the Award of Excellence is available on the WIAA website at: www.wiaawi.org. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2017. Any questions about the application or the Award of Excellence criteria, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. ●

Coaches Participating Against Athletes in The Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. This rule and its interpretation had prevented coaches from participating against their athletes in structured, non-school league competition, during the off-season. The WIAA Board of Control approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate against their athletes in league competition, organized by a non-school entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

It continues to be a violation of WIAA rules for coaches to participate on the same team as their athletes, in out-of-season play, and to be involved in playing pickup activity with their athletes during the off-season except in school sponsored Open Gyms. The other obvious exception to this is in the non-school unlimited contact window in all sports except football, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. ●

Important Notice For Summer Hockey Participation

As you begin to make preparations for summer hockey leagues during the five-day unrestricted school coaching contact period and during the unlimited non-school coaching contact period, please be aware of the following key eligibility regulations and officials' insurance coverage reminders.

Coaching Contact

- The five-day unrestricted school coaching contact period is between the end of school and July 31.
- The unlimited nonschool coaching contact period is between the end of school and the start of the 2017-18 school year.
- Schools may not schedule competitions outside of the designated school season.
- Coaches, with administrative approval, may use their five days of unrestricted school contact for nonschool competitions.
- Nonschool organizations are allowed to schedule nonschool games and tournaments during the unlimited coaching contact period in the summer, provided the program is voluntary, not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation and uses no school monies or resources. The nonschool organization assumes all responsibility and liability for the event/game.
- Coaches involved with nonschool organizations, are allowed to schedule nonschool games and tournaments during the unlimited coaching contact period in the summer.
- For coaches intending to coach the school team during the 2017-18 season, no coach contact is allowed once the new school year begins until the start of the hockey season on Nov. 6.

Officials' Reminders

- NFHS and WIAA rules require three officials for all hockey games—two referees and one linesman. WIAA rules do not apply to nonschool competitions.
- Officials working nonschool summer leagues are not insured under the WIAA's insurance coverage. Liability responsibilities are with the nonschool group or individual organizing the activity, event or tournament.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling of summer hockey games and/or officials' insurance coverage, please connect with your school's administration to ask them to discuss these issues with the school district's insurance carrier or legal counsel. ●

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enced cardiac events last December, have agreed to join us here today and share a few brief thoughts on the importance and value of these skills and preparedness.

New Business

As we shift our attention to what the coming years' conversations may include—in addition to the All-Member Survey—there are three topics that can be identified right now as leading contenders for inclusion: officials, competition districts and/or district football as a piece of the conference realignment puzzle, and new member requirements.

Officials

Given the discussions staff and I have already been involved in recently, I expect broader conversations and initiatives focusing on officials to be continuing in the coming year.

This next year will mark five years since our initial background checks of all licensed officials. Discussions and planning have already begun for re-checking all—nearly 9,000—officials next spring as part of their relicensing for the 2018-19 school year.

Another important piece of the conversation about officials has to focus on recruitment and retention. This is not a new conversation. I recall my very first Annual Meeting as an Assistant Director in 1999 when one of the Open Forum questions was "What's the WIAA going to do about officials?" Clearly, as our population ages and veteran officials begin to retire, efforts to bring new officials in and retain them must be ongoing. My observations and experiences both as an AD and now in this office give rise to several firmly held beliefs.

Again, we recognize this is not a new concern, nor is it a concern unique to Wisconsin. It has become a national conversation, and as you may have noticed, the National Federation has recently launched a nation-wide officials recruitment campaign and the WIAA has been promoting officiating in our own social media space, at our tournaments, on television and radio.

Next, I believe this is not a concern that any state office will remedy on its own. If we are to succeed, it will require grassroots help and attention at the school level, through officials associations and at the conference commissioner level.

For many years now, the WIAA has advertised for officials at every opportunity and across every available media platform. We have posted – Help Wanted – on every campus "Jobs Board." We have a presence at as many job fairs as we become aware of them. We have recruited soldiers and provide free rulebooks to student officials and to members sponsoring officials education classes.

Just a week ago, we took part in a joint on-campus recruiting effort with WIAC Commissioner, Gary Karner. I have recently met with National Association of Sports Officials, President and CEO Barry Mano to begin conversations to explore how the WIAA and NASO/Referee Magazine might be able to collaborate on the recruitment and education of officials.

Just a few days ago, Joan Gralla reached out to several presidents of various regional officials associations to join us for a discussion of a possible officials association summit, where association leaders can discuss and share best practices and strategies focusing on recruitment and retention.

As the state office we are committed to doing all that we can to address this matter—and we will continue to look for ideas that are working in other states. But as I stated, our efforts and outreach alone is likely to provide only X amount of success. If we are going to significantly impact this growing concern, I believe ADs and coaches must reach out, person-to-person, at the community level and invite newcomers to become a sport official—and then get them games and—

buffer them from the behaviors of coaches and fans that may prompt them to quit officiating after only a year or two. I believe your help, your personal encouragement of prospective officials, to be a key piece of this effort going forward.

Districts/District Football

I anticipate the coming year will see us revisiting a couple ideas we've run past you before. Because of changes in membership, because of declining enrollments, because of 8-player football, and how those elements combine to impact upon both conference realignment and football playoffs, it may be time to talk again at Area Meetings about the district plan for football and whether or not it's a viable solution in the landscape of today.

For those of you who have joined this group after 2009, the football district plan was a staff initiated idea, which took football out of traditional conferences and placed it into districts of similarly sized schools. The plan provided for a full regular season schedule and either served as the launch into the playoffs or provided for a 10th game.

After substantial vetting, it became apparent that it was an idea not right for the times—and was set aside. The most legitimate arguments we heard in opposition at the time centered around travel in certain parts of the state. Other expressed concerns were for the loss of the "conference" structure, in some instances, the loss of traditional rivalries and the scheduling of subvarsity contests.

I don't know if the membership and football landscape has changed enough to now find a wider embrace of the football district plan than it met with eight years ago, but we are hearing a persisting interest and it may be worth having another discussion of it at our Area Meetings to gauge its appropriateness in this time and place.

New Member Requirements

As the nature of schools and education continues to change, each new year finds new schools seeking membership in the WIAA, many of them with only a couple dozen students. Present membership requirements are not set at an exceedingly high bar and WIAA membership is extremely attractive to newly forming schools for various reasons.

Increasingly, we see schools seeking membership while only sponsoring the minimum number of programs. At times we've wondered if the primary motivation for seeking membership isn't just to seek to form co-ops and access to the members' tournaments.

Recently, primarily in other states, but in one instance here in our own state, we are seeing a budding growth in "sport specialty" schools. These are schools where along with providing traditional instruction, they maintain an intensive year round focus on a particular sport. In this changing landscape of "what is a school," I believe Area Meetings may be a good time to explain and discuss membership requirements, with a focus to include what a new school might be expected to bring to the table and what they add and contribute to this membership.

Regional Ticket Increase

The last item under New Business is to announce that at yesterday's meeting, the Board of Control approved an increase from \$4 to \$5 dollars for WIAA regional tournaments—where admission is already normally charged. This increase is the first in nearly 10 years at the regional level and will take effect beginning this fall.

In the months leading up to this decision, the Board was presented with information about new expenses the Association is going to be encountering and need to respond to, including new costs associated with the use of metal detectors at State Wrestling and Boys Basketball, the cost of greens fees for State Golf—which until this year had been paid by the Wisconsin State Golf Association.

The cost of running our State Swim Meet jumped 7 percent this year and will jump again if the event is housed in the new UW facility once it's completed. These new expenses, along with the cost associated with nearly 9,000 background checks on officials and more than \$50,000 in legal fees, were the catalysts for the Board's study and ultimate decision.

There were two other considerations that factored into the Board's decision. First, an increase at the regional level versus at the State Tournament level means an increase in shared revenue going directly back to members. Second, the Board was provided information about a relatively new insurance offering—known officially as the HeadStrong Concussion Insurance Program. HeadStrong is concussion insurance—which in today's sport climate the Board felt was a positive and proactive move to take. The WIAA is just the fourth state in the nation to provide this coverage to its membership.

The program is marketed by Dissinger Reed LLC and is the product of K & K Insurance. The WIAA has had a long and positive relationship with K & K Insurance and Dissinger Reed is highly respected among state associations.

The WIAA has provided athletes and families with catastrophic insurance for many years. This new coverage will provide help and reassurance to every student in grades 6-12, enrolled in a WIAA member school, in the event of a sports-related concussion. The Board is proud to be able to offer this insurance to every WIAA student-athlete and believes it to be in the best interests of kids, our member schools and the Association.

We have with us today, Mr. Scott Lunsford, Sr. Vice President-Sports Division of K & K Insurance and Mr. James Maxwell, Athletic Insurance Consultant for Dissinger Reed, LLC to tell you more about this new insurance offering.

Closing Remarks

Thank you again for attending today's Annual Meeting and for your commitment to this Association. I am also grateful to our guests, for their time and the contributions they made to our work here today.

I guess you could say my closing remarks are going to be speaking to the all-member survey and to those who I will imagine may feel some disappointment that the Board and Staff have not yet identified and announced a new plan or approach to addressing competition.

To that end, I am reminded of a phone conversation I had while driving to Madison for the Boys Basketball State Tournament. The caller was an adult high school fan from Northern Wisconsin. He wanted to know how we could let private schools compete as we do.

What was unusual about this call and conversation is that this gentleman was sincere. He stated his perspective and understanding and then actually listened and considered my response.

I shared with this caller that all of "this" actually began back around 1985—when then State Senator Gary George of Milwaukee made it known that he wanted to see a combined state championship. Then it was in 1988 that Senator George—who also just happened to be co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee, inserted an amendment into the state budget that would allow private schools to join the WIAA. In late July of that year, Governor Thompson used the line-item veto to remove the amendment from the budget. In 1990-91 and again in 1994-95, Senator George inserted the "one association" amendment into the state budget for the second and third time. Again Governor Thompson vetoed it. But it is with this third veto of the measure that I've heard it described as the

Governor making it clear that the WIAA needed to address "this" or he would.

From 1995 until 2000, committees formed and met. Much work was done. Until finally in 2000, a membership option was extended to private, religious and independent schools. Whether coincidence or not, the new membership option coincided with the introduction of state legislated Open Enrollment. The caller commented—"Ooh, I didn't know that."

I went on to share that in 2009, the WIAA floated the idea of a rural/urban and a five-division basketball plan to members and the five divisions was adopted. I told him about the membership voting on a multiplier, a reducer, assembling an ad hoc committee to study the matter and ultimately rejecting their recommendation of a success factor—all in just these past few years. The caller responded—"Ooh, I didn't know that."

I explained to the caller that to this point in time, our membership has rejected every plan, which would treat one segment of membership different from the others. Next I explained it was my opinion that it was fortunate that the membership took the action that it has. Because I've been told that there were legislative bills ready to be launched had the membership vote gone the other way, and while there have been persisting legislative efforts to impose a combined membership, there's not been a single legislative effort since 2000 to change our current structure. The caller again responded, "I didn't know that."

We chatted a little more about the influence of the legislature on how we got here and legal battles in the courts in other states. We chatted a little bit about recruiting and open enrollment, about membership rules on recruiting and how we are as likely to address recruiting concerns with a public school as we are with private schools. To all of this, he responded, "Well, I never knew all of that—thank you for taking the time to explain all of it to me." To which I responded that he was a rare caller, and that I was grateful for his willingness to listen and consider all of this and for making the drive to Madison go by quickly.

That conversation played in my thoughts for a while. It made me wonder how many people actually know or really understood the realities of exactly how we came to all "this." How many of our own current members weren't around or aware of this history from the 80s and 90s?

It was this conversation that prompted me to ask Todd Clark to put together the little historical timeline that you see on the back of today's program. It was this conversation, which prompts my remarks to those that may view the absence of swift action on the survey by the Board to be a disappointment.

This is a complex issue with 29 other states positioned exactly where we are. As you have heard before, if there was a simple and real solution, it would already be adopted by every association in the country.

Though there may be a sense of disappointment felt by some, I again applaud the Board for working hard to see if a better way exists—but that they also recognize the WIAA does not exist in a vacuum or as an entity with no constraints. The Board recognizes that whatever change or direction they may choose, the results or consequences of which will most assuredly impact across and upon this entire membership. For these reasons, I appreciate the Board's wisdom—as I appreciate your patience in letting the Board continue their work with the survey until we revisit this and update you again in the fall.

Thank you again for being here today and taking part.

Madame President, this concludes my report. ●



NFHS Network Student Webstream Program Available

The NFHS Network School Broadcast Program (SBP) makes it easy for students to produce live video broadcasts by providing the software, tools and training they need for free. With our proprietary technology, schools can produce and distribute high quality events throughout the year including regular season sports, graduation, band, cheer events, as well as other school activities.

Broadcasting these events on the NFHS Network provides a way for a school to showcase its students and activities while strengthening the connection with parents, players, boosters and the community. The platform allows both live streaming and archiving for on-demand viewing. Your fans will be able to watch your school's events whenever they want, wherever they are.

Becoming part of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program is free and you can get started with as little as a camera, a laptop and an Internet connection.



There are three components of the NFHS School Broadcast Program that make this opportunity specifically attractive to schools in the membership. Those three areas are education, community and fundraising.

The NFHS Network School Broadcast Program provides a platform for students to learn about production and broadcast journalism in an educational setting. The program gives students an unprecedented opportunity to gain hands-on video production and on-camera experience. Participation in the program helps prepare students for college and professional careers in the journalism industry.

The School Broadcast Program provides schools with a platform to showcase excellence and to enhance their connection with the community. Participating schools have a dedicated school-branded channel that makes reaching alumni, friends, and family outside the local area easy. Broadcasting school events is a unique way to increase school spirit throughout the community.

Live broadcasts of sporting events on the NFHS Network require viewers to purchase a pass to watch. The pass model enables schools to participate in the School Broadcast Program for free and provides an opportunity for the school to raise money. Schools receive 50 percent or more of the proceeds from school produced live events.

If your school is interested in joining the NFHS Network Student Broadcast Program, please send us an email to SBP@NFHSnetwork.com. NFHS Network representatives are readily available to discuss how to implement the program at your school.

NFHS Network Benefits:

- Network Benefits – National exposure, post-season coverage, college mentoring, unlimited free video storage
- Educational Benefits – Provide your students with the opportunities to produce, announce and broadcast professional events live online
- Technology – HD Streaming Capability, Customized Graphics Package, Highlight Creator
- Generate Revenue – Schools can generate revenue from fundraising, advertising and subscription sales
- Service – A dedicated team comprised of a territory manager, account manager, and marketing specialist
- Training – NFHS Network has many training tools available including one-on-one training options, on-line training, and school mentoring
- Support – Production Tech support, Subscription Customer Service, and Event Marketing support

Exclusive WIAA Benefits:

- NFHS Network has the digital media rights to select WIAA playoff and championship games ensuring your fans have access to all NFHS Network broadcasted events
- Media rights fees are waived for SBP member schools for playoff games
- Member schools have the opportunity to become NFHS Network certified producers and be contracted to produce playoff games for the network

How To Get Started:

- Contact Tom Neiman (Tom.Neiman@NFHSNetwork.com) to complete a participation form
- All you need to start producing is a laptop, camera and internet
- Visit sbphub.nfhsnetwork.com for detailed information ●

Summer Coaching Contact

There are two types of coaching contact: School (unrestricted) and Nonschool (unlimited) allowed during the summertime. **NOTE:** During the school year, coaches are restricted to coaching contact during the sport season only.

Unrestricted SCHOOL Coaching Contact

- Sports: All sports
- Time period: Last day of school to July 31 (except Football: July 22, 2017) in summertime
- Duration: Five days (does not have to be consecutive)
- School Equipment: May be used
- Funding: School funds may be used (Fund 10, 60, 80 and activity accounts)
- School Transportation: May be used
- School Facilities: May be used (as can nonschool facilities)
- Participation: Open to any and all interested. May not be mandated.

Unlimited NONSCHOOL Coaching Contact

An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.

- Sports: All sports except football.
- Time period: Last day of school to First day of school in summertime
- Duration: Unlimited during the time period.
- Equipment: with Board of Education permission and following school policy.
- Funding: School funds may NOT be used (Fund 10, 60 and activity funds).
 - o Community Ed and School District Recreation funds may be used (Fund 80).
- School transportation: May NOT be used, but may be rented.
- School Facilities: May be rented by nonschool organization following school policy (as can nonschool facilities).
- Participation: Open to any and all interested. May not be mandated.

Examples of Nonschool organizations:

- Booster clubs (monies not in school funds)
- Lion's Club
- Rotary
- American Legion
- AAU basketball
- Youth athletic clubs
- Hockey associations
- School district recreation (fund 80)
- Joe's Pizza
- USAV (club volleyball)

NOTES:

- NONSCHOOL team is not a code word for SCHOOL team.
- Amateur Status rules apply. Athletes may retain items of wearing apparel which are worn for nonschool athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition. ●

High School Out-of-Season Concerns

WIAA Bylaw, Article II, Section 2, A., 2), indicates "A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport." This includes the summer period, meaning that schools cannot conduct a **summer school class**, or community education program, on basketball fundamentals, for their basketball players. It doesn't matter if the class is open to all students. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31* (5 days in all WIAA sports). *Unrestricted coach contact ends July 22, 2017 for football.

This same Bylaw has another provision, indicating "A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of a sport." Off-season weight-training programs are fine, as long as they are **not sport specific**. If a weight-training program is conducted, and

is available to anyone interested, and the activities that go on are not sport specific, then it is acceptable under WIAA guidelines. There **cannot, however, be incentives** put in place to encourage athletes to be involved in these off-season programs. For example, it is not appropriate to indicate that any football player attending a given number of weight-training programs, will receive a T-shirt. It is also unacceptable for schools to provide a T-shirt to a basketball player, who attempts so many shots during the off-season. Another example, of **unacceptable incentives**, would be to include off-season activities into the determination of who gets to start during the season, or who gets to play, or for participation in these activities to be included in eligibility for a letter in that particular sport. Off-season programs must be **voluntary**.

Captains Practices: WIAA Rules of Eligibility allow students to voluntarily assemble during the school year and in the summertime without school and/or coach involvement. These assemblies may sometimes be referred to as "captains practices." ●

Campaign Promotes High School Sports

The WIAA invites student-athletes, coaches and licensed officials to participate in our WIAA #WhyIPlay, #WhyICoach, and #WhyIOfficiate social media campaign.

Each week, excluding the tournament season, we select one student-athlete, coach or official to share their reason for being a part of high school athletics. It's an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and spotlight school sports, but also a great way to share the benefits of participating in high school sports.

We ask your willingness to come up with a short statement on WHY you play, coach or officiate high school sports. Tell us your story about what sports have done for you in your life – on and off the court/field/course/track/pool, the relationships you've formed, your personal growth during your career, the emotions and celebrations associated with your accomplishments. The possibilities are endless as everyone has their own reasons for participating!

This is a voluntary opportunity on the part of the participants. There are no obligations or requirements to participate, but it is a fun way to celebrate your story while promoting the life-enriching experiences acquired from participation in high school sports.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Pollack at mpollack@wiaawi.org.

If you wish to participate, please visit the WIAA website homepage (www.wiaawi.org) and click on the #WhyIPlay graphic to navigate to the on-line submittable form, which includes the following information:

- Your name
- Your High School and graduation Year
- High school sports you have participated in during high school
- Any team or individual athletic achievement (ie. conference/regional/sectional champ, State qualifier, State champ/runner-up, etc.)
- Why you participate in high school athletics
- Three or four photos of you (at least one photo will need to show your face, others can be action shots)

Don't forget to follow us on social media to see those already participating in the #WhyIPlay, #WhyICoach, #WhyIOfficiate campaigns. Follow us on Twitter @wiaawi, on Instagram at wiaawi, add us to Snapchat at wiaawis and like us on Facebook. ●



Open Gyms

Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.
2. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.
3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction by the coach or anyone, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.
4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.
5. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, and/or fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open gym or weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

Schools and coaches must clearly understand that the philosophy of the open gym is that youngsters from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills if they choose, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against your school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) ●

Fall Sports – Academic Ineligibility

A reminder: When the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet takes place before the first day of classes at a member school, "the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport; or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction)."

In those instances where a member school has

begun fall classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet in a sport, ineligible students in these situations are subject to the standard rule applied when school is in session (15 scheduled school days and nights). In this situation, eligibility is regained **on the school day following the period of ineligibility (16th school day)**. Note 1: An inter-school scrimmage does NOT count as a game or meet for purposes of this rule. Note 2: If a multi-

school meet is counted on your schedule as one meet, it also counts as one meet as it applies to the number of meets an ineligible student must sit out. Note 3: Games/meets at different levels of competition (varsity, JV, freshmen) may NOT be combined to reach the number of meets an athlete must sit out.

When your school year begins **after** the earliest allowed game/meet you may use this chart to determine the period of ineligibility:

Fall 2017 Dates

Sport	Boys Soccer	Girls Volleyball	Boys Volleyball	Football	Cross Country	Girls Golf	Girls Tennis	Girls Swimming
Minimum Ineligibility Period: 21 Days or	8 games	5 meets	5 meets	3 games	4 meets	5 meets	5 meets	5 meets
Earliest Allowed Game/Meet – Fall 2017	Aug. 22	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Aug. 17	Aug. 22	Aug. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 16
Student Regains Eligibility on this Date or After Sitting Out the Required Number of Meets	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 7	Sept. 12	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 6

*Do not use this chart if you begin classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed game/meet.

WIAA Winter Team Tournament Sportsmanship Awards Selected

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance, has chosen the recipients of the team Sportsmanship Awards for the 2017 winter State Tournaments.

The winners of the prestigious sportsmanship recognition are the Hayward Co-op in girls hockey, Eau Claire Memorial in boys hockey, River Falls in gymnastics, Slinger in wrestling, Middleton in girls basketball and Prescott in boys basketball.

The Hayward Co-op, which includes Hayward, Ashland, Northwestern, Rice Lake, Shell Lake and Spooner, is bestowed the sportsmanship award in girls hockey for the first time. It's also the first time Hayward has won the award in any sport. The Hurricanes came up on the short end of a 2-1 decision in their State semifinal match-up with the Green Bay East Co-op.

Eau Claire Memorial repeats as the Sportsmanship Award selection in boys hockey. The Old Abes are the recipients of the Sportsmanship Award in boys hockey for the fourth time. The Old Abes also earned the award in hockey in 1992, 2000 and last year. It is the 10th time the school and community have received the sportsmanship honor overall. They also received recognition in boys tennis in 2014; girls tennis in 1998, 2004 and 2011; girls soccer in 2005; and boys basketball in 1970. The Old Abes lost to eventual champion Hudson in the quarterfinals, 4-0. Hudson received honorable mention for the award.

River Falls receives the Sportsmanship Award in gymnastics for the third time. The Wildcats earned the honor in back-to-back years in 2012 and 2013. It is the eighth Sportsmanship Award won by the school across all sports. They received the honor three years in a row as a girls co-op hockey program from 2009-11 and again in 2014, and they were selected as the recipient in team wrestling in 1998. They were the Division 2 runner-up in the team competition at the WIAA State Gymnastics Championships in March. The schools and communities receiving honorable mention include Brookfield East/Central, Antigo, Chippewa Falls, Manitowoc Lincoln and Stevens Point.

Slinger was judged to have the top sportsmanship at the State Team Wrestling Tournament. It was the first time the Owls received the award in wrestling, which coincides with the program's first appearance in the team tournament. This is the second time the Owls have been recognized overall, also winning the award in 2006 for girls soccer. In March, the Owls fell to Holmen,

44-17, in the quarterfinals. Holmen, Hudson, Lodi, Lomira, Menomonee Falls, Random Lake and Spring Valley/Elmwood were given honorable mention for the award.

Middleton is the recipient of the sportsmanship award in girls basketball to earn its second sportsmanship award this year and its sixth overall. The Cardinals were also recognized for their sportsmanship at the State Boys Volleyball Tournament last fall. In March, De Pere edged the Cardinals in the State Girls Basketball Tournament semifinals, 49-47 in overtime. Other previous awards issued to the Cardinals came in boys volleyball in 2009, boys tennis in 2007 and 2009, and in girls tennis in 2013. Clayton and Howards Grove were also in contention to receive the award and were recognized with honorable mention.

Prescott made its second appearance in the State Boys Basketball Tournament in the last three years and was chosen as this year's winner of the sportsmanship award. The Cardinals finished runner-up in Division 3, falling 73-47 to an undefeated Xavier squad in the championship game. They advanced to the final with a 74-67 victory over Lake Mills in the semifinals. It is the second time Prescott has been selected for the sportsmanship award. The first came in football in 2000. Barneveld, Columbus Catholic, Darlington, Lake Mills, Roncalli and Waunakee each received honorable mention for the award.

The WIAA/Rural Mutual Insurance sportsmanship award is presented to one school and community in each of the State team tournaments. The award winners are determined by the conduct and sportsmanship displayed by athletes, coaches, cheer and support groups, mascots, bands and spectators. Additional consideration is given for the effort of school administrators and chaperones to insure support for their teams are positive and that the highest ideals of sportsmanship are upheld. Award winners receive a plaque and banner in recognition of the honor.

Schools receiving honorable mention are acknowledged with a certificate of recognition. The selection process includes contributions and evaluations from contest officials, tournament management, police and security personnel, crowd control and ushers, WIAA staff members, area hotels and restaurants. Rural Mutual Insurance has been a sponsor of this award for 53 years, and their partnership is essential to promoting sportsmanship and education-based athletics as a valued corporate partner of the WIAA. ●



2017 State Summer Baseball Tournament

Friday, July 21, 2017
Kapco Park, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

Semifinals: Friday, July 21 - 11:35 a.m.
Game 1 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Game 2 - Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner*

Championship: Friday, July 21 - 6:05 p.m.
Game 3 - Game #1 Winner vs. Game #2 Winner

* Following first game of session

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State Tournament, regardless of the division. Anytime after the 24-hour deadline, the replacing team will be inserted in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

The Board gave final approval of a conference realignment plan that moves Lincoln High School to the Lakeland Conference for eight-player football only beginning in the fall of 2017.

The Board also approved new and renewed cooperative programs for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 winter sport seasons except in the sports of hockey and gymnastics, which were granted for one year only. Board approval was also granted to the general fund financial statements and payments, and

staff recommendations for appointments to the Officials Advisory and Sports Medical Advisory Committees. In addition, the Board voted to take an official position to opposed to Assembly Bill 260 that would permit chiropractors to perform pre-participation sports physicals.

The Executive Staff reports included discussions on Wednesday's Annual Meeting, 2017 Scholar Athlete ceremony plans, the NFHS Legal Summit and a review of the winter Tournament Series. The Board also received liaison updates from Mike Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction, John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Peggy Seegers-Braun of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

School Involvement In Out-Of-Season Activity

A reminder that schools cannot be involved in conducting out-of-season competition during the school year or during the summer. This means a school cannot conduct 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, co-educational volleyball tournaments, softball tournaments, etc., outside the designated school season for that particular sport. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (5 days for all WIAA sports). This does not prevent outside organizations, such as recreation departments which are not a part of the school, service clubs, etc., from renting school facilities and conducting these types of competitions, but the school itself cannot be directly involved.

A further reminder that the WIAA has a rule which states "A school may not conduct intramural programs which involve athletes with past status on a school team (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman), except during the established school season of a sport." A school cannot, for example, conduct

intramural volleyball during the spring, with girls' volleyball players participating. It wouldn't make any difference how many were on a given team, or whether it was co-ed volleyball, if girls' volleyball players were involved, it would be a violation.

WIAA rules do not prevent students from participating in nonschool out-of-season competitions. However, school facilities cannot be used for students to practice for these competitions, unless a nonschool group or organization has made arrangements through normal procedures, to use these facilities.

WIAA Bylaws state that schools, including their administrators, athletic director and coaches, shall not become involved directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, and/or promotion of any kind of all-star game or similar contest involving students with remaining WIAA high school eligibility in any sport, if such all-star games or similar contests are held during the established school year. ●

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ing my course got the green light. While the task of creating a brand new course felt somewhat overwhelming, I was also incredibly excited about the new challenge.

What does every resourceful teacher do when looking to add a new unit, lesson or activity? Google it! Unfortunately, when I typed "sports officiating curriculum" into the search box, it came back with zero results. It was then I realized the majority of the course would be an original piece of work.

After a phone call to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), I was given the names of two or three teachers who were currently offering a similar class. If there's one thing I've learned about phy ed teachers, it's that we love to share. I was given advice on when to offer the course, how to facilitate the application process for my students, sports that work well for student certification and a few lesson ideas. Beyond that, the rest was up to me, and I was ready.

Planning for the class took about nine weeks and around 100-plus hours. Looking for help with a course outline, I purchased the books *Successful Sports Officiating* and *Successful Coaching*, both published by American Sport Education Program. I decided early on I would include a unit on coaching as the content

can easily cross over and I wasn't sure how much material I needed to have prepared for the class.

Another incredibly helpful resource was *Referee* magazine and its staff. Along with a purchased subscription (which provided weekly reads for my students to discuss and blog about), *Referee* provided me with enough copies of a booklet called *101 Tips for Youth Sports Officials* for my entire class. #generous

And just like that I was off and running. Next came the most enjoyable part of the planning; adding flavor. Beyond covering general topics such as what it takes to be a good official, qualities of great sports officials, why there is a shortage of officials and officiating styles, I wanted to include topics, activities, field trips and speakers that would make this course one of the most memorable classes my students ever took.

Studying handbooks in preparation for exams can be a bit dry. I booked two football players — Tarek Saleh of the Cleveland Browns and former Carolina Panther Paul Janus — as speakers. They spoke about their playing careers while Janus, who is now an NCAA official, touched on that aspect of his career.

Two other guests, WIAA basketball officials Doug

Stampfli and Jim Myers, trained my students on signaling and court positioning. Doug and Jim are officers of the Southern Wisconsin Officials Association. They, along with many other guests, shared their time, talents and passion.

The students not only learned about officiating but they discovered the role of athletic directors, created their own sport blogs and got a behind-the-scenes tour of the Kohl Center at the University of Wisconsin. They also put together thank you cards and gift bags for all of the officials at Deerfield's home varsity games.

Before the end of the quarter, Deerfield's athletic director hired some of my students to keep the scoreboard and operate the scoreboard for home basketball games.

Thanks to the class, the WIAA has certified 14 future volleyball and basketball officials. In a post-class survey, students were asked if they would recommend this course to a younger sibling or another student in our high school. The results: 60 percent said, "Yes," and 40 percent said, "Absolutely. Are you kidding me?" I think that about sums it up. *Pamela Klein is a teacher at Deerfield (Wis.) High School.* ●

Sportsmanship is Critical in Recruiting & Retaining Officials

As you gather your sports news in the media, you may come across a story stating that officials are needed as our experienced officials retire from the ranks and hang up their whistles.

With the topic being covered and the shortage being noticed, many people have become concerned. It seems that everyone is aware of the situation and the potential problems in the future.

The NFHS has started their National Officials Recruitment Campaign. In the article used to announce the campaign, it was stated: "The issue is twofold. First, we must find ways to recruit more men and women to become involved in officiating high school sports. Second, we have to address issues that are causing these individuals to discontinue their service as contest officials." <http://www.nfhs.org/articles/nfhs-launches-national-officials-recruitment-campaign/>

In our state, the WIAA has several campaigns attempting to encourage people to stay in the game. Military veterans receive free registration. High school students receive free registration, rule books, and may work non-varsity games. On Twitter, several slides are put out each month on "Why I Officiate." And, the list goes on.

As we return to the office in the morning, it can be frustrating when we open our email inbox. The variety of messages is different everyday. However, one disappointing selection of messages is the email relating to the negative behavior of a relatively small segment of individuals or groups participating or attending our high school athletic events around the state.

After ejections, officials must file a report online, and schools are required to report ejections. It's a two-part process to catch all ejections. In addition, sportsmanship concerns may be submitted by contest officials.

Some of the messages are very disappointing. From sportsmanship reports regarding coaches' this spring:

The head coach argued a judgment call without following the guidelines that were explained in the pregame meeting to call "time" and approach me about the call. He instead yelled across the diamond for everyone to hear, "That call was not even close ump. That is terrible." He then proceeded to say loudly again so everyone could hear, "You must have somewhere to be today don't you?" and "I'm sure glad there isn't another game for you today since you clearly don't want to be at this one and want to leave." He then proceeded to walk over to the spectators and asked a fan through the backstop screen to go out and take my place, because I'm terrible and made an arm motion as if he was "ejecting" me from the game. This action created the fans to start yelling disrespectful gestures towards me the rest of the game such as "go home, you're terrible" and "open your f-ing eyes." These actions today make me not want to officiate high school baseball anymore if becoming belligerent with officials and involving the fans is tolerated. This is high school sports where setting a good example for young players is important to their growth as players and young adults.

In addition, here is an account from a coach's ejection report:

There was an extremely close play at the plate, which was the second extremely close play at the plate during the game. I had already issued a team warning for arguing balls and strikes, then had already ejected a mother from the stands, and now the head coach wants to put his two cents worth in as well...His comment directed to me was, "I don't know how to score that last play in the score book. It should have been a putout of 6 being the short stop to 2 being the catcher. I don't know how many outs there are anymore 4, 5, 6, etc." At this point I ejected him as well.

It's difficult to retain officials when they're treated in this manner. After watching many games at various levels from youth to professional, most quality coaches don't act in this manner.

Here are some excerpts from reports regarding fan behavior.

Fan(s) during each of the games of a double-header were very vocal with name calling towards umpires. In both cases, the head coach warned his fans to watch and cheer for his fans and not get on the umpires. It came to a head in the second game when a fan directed some very inappropriate words toward me. Once again, the coach tried to address the fans. A couple of players did tell me that this was the very reason why they would never become an official in any sport.

*During the game, fans yelled at officials about the strike zone and calls in the field. One fan used profanity (bulls***) regarding one call. The head coach also questioned strike zone and demonstrated disgust with body language (arms outstretched or raised). The coach questioned an interference call on his runner, and after the explanation again demonstrated unhappiness with body language. His actions incited the crowd. When I tried to discuss sportsmanship with him he walked away refusing to talk or listen to me. I did not witness any attempt on his part to control the fans.*

In the sixth inning, I issued a team/bench warning for arguing balls and strikes. There were two really close calls at home plate, which in (home team)'s point of view went against them. After I issued the team warning to (home team), a mother from (home team), who had been against the umpires most of the game, by her comments, told me that I "suck and that it is hard enough to beat a team and now the umpires too." At this point I ejected her and then came the "F-Bombs." In my opinion, what are we teaching our young student-athletes? The mother had an extremely bad mouth.

The disappointing part of this entire discussion is the fact that we offer education-based athletics in our member schools as an extension of our classrooms. Adults are expected to provide positive examples of role modeling to our children. If we don't do that task, then we fail as the adults.

From the player and coach ejection sections:

The third baseman hit into the final out of the inning. While I was standing along the first base line, he ran very close to me on his way to third base and commented about his dislike of my strike. I called his team's head coach out of the dugout to discuss this situation with him. I explained what happened and informed him about the third basemen's comment and that the player would be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. Then, an assistant coach came out of the dugout and began to question me about what happened, and I instructed him to talk with his head coach. He continued to approach me questioning what happened. Then, he commented about a strike I called being five inches outside the strike zone. I informed the assistant coach that he was being ejected and needed to leave the area, and he continued to argue with me and refused to leave saying I couldn't eject him.

After the player received a red card for a foul and abusive language, I told the player's head coach what the player said, and he said, "I seriously doubt she said that." Basically, the coach called me a liar, and he then proceeded to turn his back to me and walk away.

On a ground ball to shortstop, he throws the ball wide of first base. The first baseman and runner collide. The runner failed to touch first and the first baseman goes over and tags him out. The first base coach runs on to the field in front of me, cursing. "That is f-ing bulls..." and "You f-ing suck." "You just cost us the f-ing game." At the same time I was being yelled at, a player threw his helmet in my direction. The head coach X also went to our home plate umpire A and said to him "I wouldn't expect you to see it, you weren't watching the whole game."

In each of these situations, an adult escalated the situation and the player followed the example, or the adult condoned poor behavior by brushing it off. The reason for the examples is to demonstrate that an area of concern is how do we retain officials if they are not treated properly in attempting to perform their role as a neutral arbiter?

And, from an athletic director message:

I wanted to let you know that I had a meeting with a parent today regarding the shortage of umps/officials, etc., plus many other things. She wants to contact you regarding the shortage of umps at the JV level and why can't we get more umps to do games. I tried to explain that many things are happening, and to solve the problem is for them to get certified to ump. I am not sure parents understand what an athletic director's job is, but lately it has been very trying. If you have any questions please let me know.

Most will acknowledge that athletics is emotional. At the same time, school athletics is defended because of the benefits of participation. Everyone is familiar with the reasons provided: lower truancy, lower discipline referrals, higher GPA, higher graduation rates, etc. Perhaps the greatest value or lesson to be learned in school sports is it presents the opportunity to learn about poise, grace, class, restraint and self-control for all involved in a competitive and emotionally charged setting.

We need to understand that the educational and growth opportunities provided through athletic participation are used to build better citizens. In the WIAA Bulletin on Feb. 1, 1991, an article titled: Sportsmanship: Our No. 1 Priority stated:

"Without sportsmanship we really have nothing at all worth having in school sports."

In order to keep and maintain an educational component to WIAA athletics, our school leaders must help maintain the appropriate and proper environment at our athletic contests. Address inappropriate behavior and educate athletes, students, spectators and parents. Applaud appropriate behavior.

Some would say that we need patience from fans when new officials are working their games. It would seem that we might want to go further and follow the golden rule: "Treat others how you want to be treated." And, that's a note to coaches, parents, athletes, and fans. It may not be a problem with recruiting officials, but it appears to be a problem with retaining officials. ●

Keep These Dates in Mind

June 1-2-3.....	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
June 1 & 3.....	Girls Soccer Regionals
June 2-3.....	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 5-6.....	State Boys Golf (Madison)
June 6.....	Spring Baseball Sectionals
June 8 & 10.....	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 8-9-10.....	State Softball (Madison)
June 9-10.....	State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
June 12.....	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
June 13-14-15.....	State Spring Baseball (Appleton)
June 15-16-17.....	State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
June 21-22.....	Advisory Council Meeting
June 22.....	Board of Control Meeting
July 11 & 12.....	Summer Baseball Regionals

July 17.....	Summer Baseball Sectionals
July 21.....	State Summer Baseball
July 24-25.....	New AD Workshop
August 1.....	Membership Application Deadline
	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment
	Earliest Day for Football Practice
August 7.....	Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice
August 8.....	Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
August 10.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet
August 11.....	Board of Control Meeting
August 12.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet
August 14.....	Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice



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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
Sept. 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
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.

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