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Membership Approves Four Amendments at Annual Meeting

The membership of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association passed four amendments to its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Stevens Point on April 25.

The new rules will become effective upon publication of the this issue of the Bulletin.

The membership voted 393-10 in favor of the amendment that adds expectations for all new members and members that discontinued their membership in the association and seek to rejoin. The new regulation requires applicants to sponsor and have administrative oversight of at least one boys and one girls sport in each of the three sports seasons. In addition, the amendment expands the probationary period for any new applicants to three years and replaces the one-year probationary status of the former language.



A total of 480 representatives from 444 schools attended the 2018 Annual Meeting.

The former rule stated new schools applying for membership need just one independently sponsored sport program for one year.

Furthermore, schools applying for membership are now required to have representation at an Area Meeting and at the Annual Meeting during each year of their three-year probationary status. Failure to comply with the requirements at any time during

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Board Addresses Conference Realignment at April Meeting

The Board of Control approved three conference realignment plans and issued a one-year moratorium on conference realignment requests at its April 24 meeting.

The Board moved to implement a football-only realignment consideration for southwest Wisconsin that was amended at its January meeting and given initial approval in March. The plan impacts seven conferences and 48 schools, and will be in effect beginning in 2019.

The Board also gave its final approval of a plan that moves Alma/Pepin into the Dairyland Conference for all sports beginning in the fall of 2019, as well as a proposal that moves St. Croix Falls from the Lakeland Conference to the Heart O'North Conference for only football beginning in the fall of 2019.

In other action related to conference realignment, the

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Board of Control May Meeting Features Few Action Items

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control conducted its May meeting at the executive office on May 18.

The meeting featured a modest agenda with the Board addressing four action items. It approved the transcript of of the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes and the April general fund financial statements and payments.

The executive staff shared reports on a number of topics with the Board, including a review of the Annual Meeting and the scholar-athlete awards program, as well as association corporate sponsor partnerships, technology and social media updates. It also received a liaison update from Jeremy Schlitz of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

Peterson Abiad Named Assistant Director at WIAA

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Executive Director Dave Anderson announced the hiring of Kate Peterson Abiad as an Assistant Director of the Association. She will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Director Deb (Hauser) Dinkel.



Kate Peterson Abiad

"Kate is a strong, successful professional who will bring a set of life-experiences to the WIAA executive staff and membership, which will be unique and complimentary to our efforts going forward," Anderson said. "We value the example to young women Kate's life and career represent."

Peterson Abiad's responsibilities will include the administration and coordination of duties for the sports of basketball, cross country, soccer, and track and field, as well as tournament planning and cooperative teams. She officially began her appointment with the WIAA on April 1.

"It is a great honor for me to accept this opportunity to return to my home state and join the WIAA office," Peterson Abiad said. "I look forward to serving the schools, the administrators, and the student-athletes to the best of my abilities. I am anxious to

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Official's Licensing For 2018-19

The 2018-19 licensing renewal application has been available on the WIAA website since May 1, 2018. **In order to avoid having to pay the \$30 late fee, officials had until June 1, 2018 to submit their renewal. Numerous emails were sent to officials throughout May reminding them of this deadline.**

You have two options to choose from when renewing your 2018-19 official's license.

Please note: High school aged officials, reciprocity officials and those using the military initia-

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2018 Annual Meeting Director's Report

April 25, 2018

Good Morning and Welcome

Let's begin our review of Old Business with a quick look back at some conference realignment related items brought to the table over the course of this past year.



Dave Anderson

First, we received word just this past November from the State Court of Appeals that the WIAA had prevailed, and the case brought against us by a member because of their displeasure with conference realignment was dismissed. Regrettably, this action consumed more than a year's worth of time and energy, carried a substantial price tag and leaves strained feelings in its wake—just to defend the member's rules and the Board's member-given authority.

Going forward, and as we choose to try to learn from every experience, because of the bitter residue of this most recent realignment; because of members continuing to insist the Board of Control oversee conference realignment; because the staff person who was responsible for realignment for the past decade has retired; and because the guidelines used to frame conference realignment are from the 1970s and haven't been critically evaluated and updated in a very long time, it is the perfect time that I recommend we take the coming year to review our conference realignment policies, processes and procedures.

We talked about this at our fall Area Meetings, and the Board took action on my recommendation yesterday, to declare a general, one-year moratorium on conference realignment. This will allow the staff and I, with the help of several of you, to develop a realignment process that might serve as a tool to help the Board and membership with this essential and emotion-filled work going forward.

The moratorium will not preclude the Board from continuing to review and consider realignment requests where there is 100 percent agreement among all involved and all-impacted schools.

There's another reason that the timing of this overarching review works – and that's because of the Board directive that football-only conferences be developed and implemented by 2020. That there might be some uniformity and consistency between football realignment and general conference realignment only makes sense. I can share that the Football Coaches Association has taken this directive to heart and are well on their way to having a plan and process taking shape. Our expectation is that this coaches' proposal will be ready to share with the Board in August and with the membership at our Area Meetings next fall.

Keep in mind this statewide review of how we look at football has come as a result of a broad and persisting membership request for relief in football—as some conference members have not had steady numbers to maintain a football program, while others have been forced to co-op and some programs have elected to go to 8-player football, these changes have been broad enough and frequent enough for most to recognize the need to re-think how we look at football.

In the past 2-3 years, many have asked that the "District Plan" be brought back. We believe the flexibility inherent to football-only conferences is a better place to start. I've asked Dr. Labecki to share some additional thoughts on the development of football only conferences:

Next I want to touch briefly on the Rural/Urban plan which originated as a Board idea and was discussed at length at Area Meetings this past fall. The plan was an outcome and byproduct of the all-member competition survey from two years ago and represented a continuing

conversation and interest in seeing if there is a better way to organize competition.

As the plan was vetted across the membership, it stirred strong feelings among members both for it and against it. Its review also spurred other new ideas and triggered a persisting call to revisit the success factor discussion and perhaps consider a limited test in basketball of that original recommendation from our ad hoc committee. And while there was clearly some support for the Rural/Urban plan—as there had been for the multiplier, reducer and the success factor, the concerns for the inherent flaws of the Rural/Urban plan prevented it from garnering a broader embrace.

Where this membership conversation goes next will be guided by what's been shared here today, as well as by what has been learned over the course of the past year's conversations. As there is news or new ideas to share on this topic, members will be kept informed.

Wherever this conversation next turns, I believe it's important to recognize and document that to this point in time, the Board and membership have been unwilling to embrace ideas that single out and treat any segment of our membership differently. There has been an unwillingness to move schools, both public and private, who have never experienced any tournament success into even more competitive settings just to mask the efforts to relocate a handful of successful private schools. Lastly, this most recent conversation stirred concerns for racial bias, which to this point had not been present in prior conversations.

As we close out our review of Old Business, it is appropriate that the record reflects that after a two-year lead-up, 2017-18 marks the first year of required coaches first aid, CPR and AED certification to be held and maintained by all paid coaches. Congratulations. This was a

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WIAA Advisory Council Special Election Gender At-Large Representative & Non-Public School At-Large Representative

A special election will take place for a gender at-large representative and a non-public school at-large representative on the Advisory Council. Both positions are for a 3-year term. The elected individuals will begin their 3-year term with the October 4, 2018 Advisory Council meeting. There were no announced candidates for the recently completed annual elections, therefore, requiring this special election to take place.

District administrators, high school principals and assistants at these levels who are interested in being a candidate should state their intention via a letter to Joan Gralla (jgralla@wiaawi.org) at the WIAA office. Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed full-time or part-time in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

For complete information regarding powers and duties of the Advisory Council, please refer to Pages 20-23 of the WIAA Senior High Handbook.

The time line of the special election process is as follows:

July 30, 2018	Announce that declarations of candidacy will be accepted.
August 17, 2018	Deadline for filing declarations of intent to run.
August 20, 2018	If more than twice as many candidates file, a primary election will be held and the primary ballot mailed to schools on this date. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be sent on this date.
September 4, 2018	Deadline for returning primary election ballot. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be due back on this date.
September 7, 2018	If primary is needed, general election ballots will be sent.
September 21, 2018	If primary is needed, deadline for returning general election ballots.
October 4, 2018	Successful candidate will be seated for the Advisory Council meeting.

Interested and eligible candidates should send or email a letter declaring their candidacy to the attention of Joan Gralla at the WIAA office jgralla@wiaawi.org by the August 17, 2018 deadline. ●

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utive must use option 2, you are not able to license online at this time.

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 WIAA website www.wiaawi.org please choose Online Licensing. You will select the option to renew your license, it will then ask you to login and you must login with the email we have in your profile 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 2 years. High school students do not pay any fees. If you choose this option – do the following:

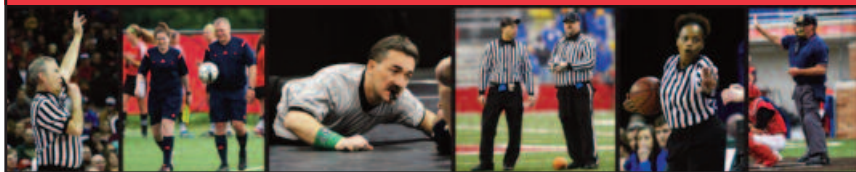
Under the Officials tab on the WIAA website www.wiaawi.org choose Become an Official, you will then be taken to the page where you can print the 2018-19 licensing application.

If you want to order supplemental publications, there is an order form on our website that you will need to print 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.

All individuals (new or renewals) applying for an officiating license for the 2018-19 school year will be required to have a background check again. Once you submit your 2018-19 application, you will receive an email from the WIAA with the link to the background check authorization form that you will need to complete online. This is the same process that was used for the first background check we did on you.

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

Officials Corner



Congratulations!!

2018 Winter Tournament Officials

Boys Basketball – Matt Andrews, Appleton; Ryan Bakken, Oregon; Nicolas Been, Hammond; Todd Boivin, Shawano; Darren Budahn, Milwaukee; Larry Buchberger, Wausau; Charles Coyle, DeForest; Joe Coyle, DeForest; Gregg Dati, Brookfield; Alex DeVillers, Whitefish Bay; Jonathan DeVillers, Cottage Grove; Vince Diplaris, Waukesha; Jed Durni, Eau Claire; Jason Fisch, Suamico; John C. Furrer, Menomonee Falls; Andy Gallion, Wauwatosa; Kirk B. Grimes, Sr., Fitchburg; Jeff Hartl, Kieler; Thaddeus Hilliard, Milwaukee; David Hoffmann, New Franken; Derek Horkan, Reedsburg; Stephen Johnson, Milwaukee; Logan Kimberly, Roberts; Ken Koester, Wauwatosa; Andy Krautkramer, Marathon; Dan Krone, Shawano; Jeremy Laehn, Eleva; Todd Mangin, Reedsville; Justin Marien, South Milwaukee; Ellis Miles, Jr., Milwaukee; Tyler Moy, Mondovi; Dean E. Oscar, Reedsburg; Randy Rasmussen, Marathon; Kycler Royston, Wisconsin Dells; Mark Schlueter, Platteville; Matt Seigel, Mequon; Tom J. Senecal, Green Bay; Ralph A. Simons, Sr., Sun Prairie; Mark Sorensen, Hartland; Roger Van Lanen, Suamico; Paul Verbeten, Freedom; Ken Welter, Dickeyville; Tim Widiker, Hammond; James Wilbern, Milwaukee; Daniel Wipperfurth, Verona

Girls Basketball – Wayne Brevik, Fairchild; James Brockman, Oshkosh; Kathy Cox, Verona; Shelley Dietz, New Franklin; Jeff Dorschner, Crivitz; Gerald Frei, Brookfield; Erin Fries, Port Washington; Zach Ganschow, La Crosse; Kevin Haglund, Plum City; Chad Hodgson, Fitchburg; Tammy Hutchison, Mount Pleasant; Bryant Johnson, Brown Deer; Dale Johnson, Amery; Denita Johnson, Milwaukee; Mark Johnson, Tomah; Grant Kafka, Madison; Bruce Kaufmann, Beaver Dam; Don Klein, New Richmond; Gary Knuempel, Greendale; Gordon Knuth, Grafton; Rocco LaMacchia, Jr., Kenosha; Casey Leisgang, Appleton; Robert LeCaptain, Wrightstown; Tim McIntyre, Danbury; Jarod Meyer, Superior; Jeff Muzenski, Mount Pleasant; Christopher Nelson, Balsam Lake; Steven Nelson, Somers; Mark Parker, Eau Claire; Travis Parr, Mondovi; Nick Pillsner, Stevens Point; Joseph Pintarro, Tomah; Jeff Prince, Colfax; Kristian Pullam, Whitewater; Danny Quarberg, Durand; Jack Schlevensky, Kenosha; Terry Schmidt, Warrens; Franklin Searer, Wausau; Brian Trettin, Ashland; Michael Tust, Luxemburg; Nick Weisenbeck, Durand; Kirk Wieland, Milton; Claude Williams, Jr, Brown Deer; Jason Wolfe, Stevens Point; Clark Yolitz, Colfax

Gymnastics – Jan Adkins, Sun Prairie; Michelle Andrews, West Bend; Debbie Brown, Sun Prairie; Brucie Chapman, Sharon; Helen Culliney, Grafton; Karen Doll, Middleton; Shelley Fahey, La Crosse; Megan Gracia, Madison; Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Mequon; Tania Gray, River Falls; Becky Grilley, Elroy; Megan Haley, Lisbon; Cheryl Hancock, Holmen; Pamela Hansen Ruben, Menomonee Falls; Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire ; Christine Kalupa, Kaukauna; Julie Kleist, Sussex; Carrie Osswald, Whitefish Bay; Carrie Pedersen, Madison; Kathy Rundle, Marshfield; Jacqueline Strutt, Onalaska; Kristin Sutter Parent, Mount Horeb; Roseann Tank, Fort Atkinson; Joan Thompson, Darlington; Cyndie Zocher, Middleton

Hockey – Mark Bray, Appleton; Ryan Brookman, Tomah; Jim Brown, Wausau; Patrick Courtney, Milwaukee; Dave Dineen, Wauwatosa; Marcel DuBois, Madison; Jay Dupree, Menomonee; Brian Fass, Madison; Daniel Fitzsimons, Middleton; Paul Green, Sarona; Jon Haas, Fitchburg; Ryan Humpal, Milltown; Brent Johnson, Holmen; David King, Sr., Winneconne; Nicole Kloes, Antigo; Eric Kuechler, Kewaskum; Jason Lassen, Onalaska; Andrew Liebaert, Superior; Bryce Maphis, Waukesha; Christopher McGuirk, Neenah; Karl Olm, Madison; Eric Olson, Milwaukee; Jason Peters, Wausau; Dave Reichenbacher, Greenville; Graydon Richartz, Menomonee; Karl Schmidt, Milwaukee; Brandon Schroder, Wausau; Ryan Schroder, Mc Farland; Tony Stemberger, Milwaukee; Tim Taggart, Janesville

Boys Swimming & Diving – William Benson, Fond du Lac; Chuck Heidner, Green Bay; Thomas Miller, III, Menomonee; Oliver Perry, Madison; Tom Wencel, Middleton

Individual Wrestling – Michael Arendt, Oak Creek; Blaine Felsman, Oshkosh; Kevin Guilette, Forestville; Joe Heil, Edgar; Rodney Hoesley, Fountain City; Ted Kiefer, Stevens Point; Brett King, Grafton; Ed Krien, Lake Geneva; Mike Nickelatti, Stoddard; Gail Pronschinske, Hudson; Eric Reukauf, Dodgeville; Bruce Shefchik, New Franken; John Shefchik, Green Bay; Brad Siebers, Kimberly; Tony Wilson, Delafield

Team Wrestling – Matthew Boyer, Baraboo; Jeffrey Gross, Delafield; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Thomas Platner, Cedar Grove; Matt Pronschinske, Arcadia; Steve Schutte, Menomonee. **Off-Mat Officials** – Richard Legler, Oregon; Ryan McGuire, Madison ●

Volleyball Officiating Online Course

Officials who are establishing training sessions for the upcoming 2018-19 season can access the online volleyball officiating course, *Officiating Volleyball: Ball-Handling*. This course is available on www.nfhslearn.com for \$10 for officials who are members of the NFHS Officials Association and \$20 for non-members. ●

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 high school sports in Wisconsin. Congratulations to these officials that have been licensed with the WIAA for 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years.

50 Years

Robert Augustian, De Pere
Robert Boyle, Darlington
Roger Grundahl, Ripon
Joseph Hegenbarth, Cumberland
Ronald Johnson, Mount Horeb
David Kersten, Wis Rapids
Richard Leuzinger, Monroe
Michael Limberg, La Crescent
Mike Morris, Luck
Dennis Richards, Black River Falls
Steven Sevals, Rice Lake
Charles Zahn, McGregor

40 Years

David Acaley, Stevens Point
Duane Apel, West Bend
Allen Ashbeck, Marshfield
Chad Austin, Wausau
William Backhaus, West Bend
Andrew Bare, Jefferson
Ronald Bauer, Arkansasaw
Douglas Bonk, West Allis
Dan Bouche, Luxemburg
Patrick Clifton, Chippewa Falls
Scott Colby, Chetek
Jeff Crisp, Star Prairie
Duane Dumez, Oostburg
Steven Eichman, Turtle Lake
Carla Elliott, Marathon
Terry Erickson, La Crosse
Joan Farmer, Menomonee
Patrick Geigel, New Holstein
Mark Gondel, Cudahy
Marshall Grove, Ogdensburg
John Gunnerson, Rothschild
Jerry Halverson, Manitowoc
Gary Hanan, La Crosse
David Hanke, Appleton
Richard Hanson, Elk Mound
Jon Hegge, Evansville
Peter Henkes, Racine
Steve Hensgen, Waterford
Tim Hodkiewicz, Friendship
Daniel Hoffman, River Falls
Loren Homb, Monroe
Thomas Kammerude, Blanchardville
William Kinziger, Clintonville
Kevin Kirby, Rhinelander
Harvey Koentopp, Ripon
George Koepf, Portage
Debra Koerth, Brillion
Michael Koren, Glendale
Joel Kuchta, Baraboo
Irv La Fleur, Manitowoc
Robert Le Captain, Green Bay
Marijean Lucas, Prescott
Jeffrey Miller, Pulaski
Charles Milliren, Owen
Lois Mueller, Mequon
Steven Olson, Superior
Steve Otto, Onalaska
Robert Parent, New Richmond
Bill Patzner, Holmen
Patricia Petersen, Minocqua
Todd Pieper, Waukesha
Richard Prucha, Two Rivers
Joseph Rapacz, Iron River
Tom Retzack, Sheboygan
William Rinnemaki, Saint Francis
James Sachse, West Bend
Albert Sarbacker, Evansville

David Sarnowski, La Forge
Michael Schmidtkofer, Wind Lake
Robert Taylor, Lake Geneva
Dale Schraufnagel, Brownsville
David Sheen, Janesville
Daniel Simon, Hustisford
Paul Spude, Sturgeon Bay
Claire Stein, Baldwin
Jeffrey Stern, Franklin
Robert Taylor, Lake Geneva
Thomas Tenpas, Poynette
William Trotzer, Rothschild
Steve Visocky, Muskego
Daniel Wildt, Greenfield
Terri Zeh, Hartland
Joseph Zurhuf, Port Edwards

30 Years

Ron Arendt, Palmyra
Cecil Austin, Milwaukee
William Becker, New Berlin
Ed Bielinski, Watertown
Dean Brayton, Spooner
Michael Breed, Cameron
Jon Buelow, Waupaca
Mike Burns, Sheboygan
Ronnie Butler, Milwaukee
Tallendra Carson, Milwaukee
Clyde Coppinger, Waukesha
John Dahl, Wonevow
Randall Dahmen, Waunakee
Roseann Dorshorst, Rudolph
James Dow, Menomonee Falls
John Drury, Platteville
Robert Dyer, Elm Grove
Patrick Dyck, Duluth
Michael Endreas, Spencer
Michael Feucht, Rubicon
Bob Fletcher, Appleton
Jeff Gould, Wisconsin Rapids
David Greenewald, Pewaukee
Tim Haldiman, Waterloo
Sharon Hauser, Gilman
Mark Hebert, Green Bay
Alvin Henderson, Madison
Kurt Heuer, Wisconsin Rapids
Peter Holm, Green Bay
Tim Howell, Rhinelander
Gary Isensee, Sparta
Daniel Kerkenbush, Potosi
Todd Kleiber, Wausau
Robert Klockow, Hartford
Randall Kohl, Menomonee Falls
Jack Koss, Shawano
Steve Kraklow, West Allis
Michael Krohn, Whitefish Bay
Doug Laurent, Waukesha
Jeffrey Linehan, River Falls
Russell Lobner, Plover
Cary Maloney, River Falls
Michael Malzacher, Onalaska
Kenneth Martine, Owen
Tim McIntyre, Danbury
Garry Meister, Janesville
Jim Meyers, Kaukauna
Aj Minick, Lake Villa
Scott Mlsna, Cashton
Lance Mulholland, Ladysmith
Pat Murphy, Wisconsin Rapids
Paul Natzke, Greenleaf

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Umpiring Softball

Now available on www.nfhslearn.com is the new sport-specific softball course "Umpiring Softball." This online education course covers professionalism, obstruction and interference. Video examples of various plays in a "You Make the Call" format are presented to assist umpires in visually identifying situations involving obstruction and interference. The course costs \$10 for NFHS Officials Association members and \$20 or any non-member official or other interested party. ●

Dr. Conrad Andringa Recognized for Leadership On Sports Medical Advisory Committee

Working with thousands of student-athletes, covering hundreds of high school sporting events and years of policy development that has enriched the safety and health of student-athletes statewide only begins to define the service of Dr. Conrad Andringa, whose legacy has been synonymous with high school sports in the Madison area.

Andringa received recognition for his commitment and service to student-athletes in Wisconsin and to the WIAA at the Sports Medical Advisory Committee meeting in Stevens Point on May 4.

In 1982, he joined the committee comprised of physicians that make recommendations to the membership regarding health and safety matters pertaining to high school athletic competition. In 1988, he became chairman of that group, a role he continued until stepping down from the position at the meeting.

"It's been just a wonderful experience, and I've been very fortunate and lucky to be here and work with so many good people," Andringa said. "I feel so good about being able to help so many different people. What I enjoy doing for one patient is the same thing I'm doing for hundreds and thousands. Not many get that opportunity to benefit that many people."

Andringa's commitment and dedication to athletics has spanned the entire length of his career, beginning his pediatric practice in Madison in 1968 after serving in the U.S. Air Force. He became the team physician at Madison Memorial High School in 1972, continuing in that role until his retirement from Dean Clinic in 2015.

His involvement with the WIAA also includes many years as the State tournament physician for football, baseball, individual and team wrestling, soccer, hockey, track & field, swimming & diving and basketball.

"I've had a great ride in covering so many State tournaments, and to watch student-athletes enjoy them and learn from them has been fantastic," Andringa said. "People forget that's one of the main things about sports is the fact you get to learn how to win, how to lose, how to work hard and reach goals, which is what life is all about."

Andringa's involvement in athletics has gone well beyond his service to the WIAA. He was the team physician of the U.S. men's hockey team for the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

His career accomplishments have led to numerous recognitions and awards. Madison Memorial High School named its athletics facility the "Connie Andringa Fieldhouse" in recognition of his service to the school's community. Andringa has been inducted into the Madison Sports Hall of Fame and the Madison Skating Hall of Fame, and he has been honored with the Dave McClain Distinguished Service Award by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association, the Olympian of the Year by the Madison Service Club and the Service Award by the Blue Line Club.

An outstanding high school athlete, Andringa was an All-American swimmer in the freestyle relay at Waukesha High School. He qualified and participated in two WIAA State Swimming & Diving meets. He also participated in football and track & field prior to graduation in 1956.

He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for undergraduate studies and for medical school, graduating in 1963 before interning at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C. from 1964-66. ●



From left to right, Wade Labecki and Dr. Conrad Andringa.

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. ●

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Board approved an executive staff recommendation to place a one-year moratorium on conference realignment with the exception of requests that receive the complete support of all schools impacted by the plan. During the suspension of requests, the membership and executive staff will collaborate on a different and viable process to address school placement in conferences.

The Board ratified an agreement with The Appleton Baseball Club, Inc., that extends the use of Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium for the State Spring Baseball Tournament through 2028.

Fox Cities Stadium, built in 1995, seats 5,900 and is owned by the Fox Cities Sports Authority, a non-profit organization in the Fox Cities area. The stadium serves as home of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, which was the Class A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners and later became an affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers in 2009. The State Spring Baseball Tournament has called Fox Cities Stadium its home since 1998.

The Board also approved new and renewed cooperative programs for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 winter sport seasons except in the sports of hockey and gymnastics, which were granted for one year only. Approval was also granted to the general fund financial statements and payments, and staff recommendations for appointments to the Officials Advisory Committee.

Executive staff reports included discussions on Wednesday's Annual Meeting, the 2018 Scholar Athlete ceremony, the NFHS Legal and National Sports Medicine Summits, 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 Jeremy Schlitz of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. ●

Plymouth's Bryce Ludwig Recipient of NFHS Section 4 Spirit of Sport Award

Bryce Ludwig of Plymouth High School has been selected as the 2018 Section 4 recipient of the National High School Spirit of Sport Award presented by the National Federation of State High School Associations.



Bryce Ludwig

Ladwig, a senior on the Panthers' football team in 2017, started at nose tackle for a team that compiled a 7-4 record and advanced to Level 2 of the WIAA playoffs in Division 3.

He was diagnosed with bone cancer when he was 6-years old and has undergone multiple treatments and surgeries. Following the treatments and surgeries, his leg failed to heal correctly, and additional operations were required. Ladwig had 23 screws inserted into his leg along with a rod and cadaver bone when he was 10-years old. Within that same year, doctors identified a spot on his lung that resulted in still more medical attention with treatment, therapy and ongoing doctor visits.

Prior to the start of his freshman season in high school in 2014, Ladwig learned he suffered from a rare adolescent disease that was causing the bone in his leg to curve. To correct the condition, surgeons broke his leg in two places, which resulted in months

confined to a wheelchair and therapy that sidelined him for his freshman and sophomore football seasons.

Ladwig played football his junior season despite a noticeable limp, but he participated in all the conditioning and drills in practice. He won the starting nose tackle position during pre-season practices his senior season and played in all 11 games.

The obstacles he has faced throughout his childhood has not deterred him from making a difference off the football field. He has served as a volunteer for Project Angel Hugs, an organization that helps those who are less fortunate than others. Ladwig donated the \$4000 proceeds from the sale of his steer to the Project in honor of its founder, who died in an accident.

Ladwig is also active in Future Farmers of America and is a youth representative on the Livestock Committee for Sheboygan County. In addition, he has participated on livestock and meat judging teams, and served meals for the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee. He finished runner-up in the Sheboygan County High School Trap Shoot competition and finished in the top-15 at the State Trap Shoot in 2016. ●



Dr. Karissa Niehoff of Connecticut Selected NFHS Executive Director

Dr. Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Inter-scholastic Athletic Conference (CAS-CIAC) the past seven years, has been selected as the next executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), effective August 1.

Niehoff was chosen from among four finalists by the NFHS Board of Directors at meetings last week in Indianapolis. She will succeed Bob Gardner, who is retiring this summer after eight years as NFHS executive director and 48 years in secondary education, including the final 18 years on the NFHS staff in Indianapolis.



Dr. Karissa Niehoff

"Faced with an overwhelming response from outstanding candidates from across the nation, we are pleased to welcome the next NFHS Executive Director, Karissa Niehoff," said Jerome Singleton, president of the NFHS Board of Directors and commissioner of the South Carolina High School League. "She displays all the qualities we were seeking and beyond. It goes without saying, Bob Gardner is a hard act to follow as he will be regaled as a world-class director, peer and true fan of high school activities and athletics.

"I speak for myself and the Board of Directors when I share that the final four candidates were more than qualified with unique leadership styles and expertise in various fields of athletics and activities. Ms. Niehoff brings a stellar background in athletic administration, team participation and large-scale leadership. She displays the characteristics of a natural leader who will forge forward only to enhance the tradition of excellence in all NFHS programs.

"I am anticipating some exciting advancements in every aspect of the NFHS which, in turn, will broaden offerings at the state and local levels for NFHS members. We thank each applicant as it was a tedious process and difficult task for all involved. Congratulations to Karissa Niehoff on her new role as Executive Director as well as the extensive accomplishments and experience she earned over her impressive career," Singleton concluded.

Niehoff, who has directed the NFHS-member CIAC since January 2011, will be the first female to head the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities and the sixth full-time executive director of the NFHS, which will celebrate its 100th year of service during the 2018-19 school year.

Previous full-time executive directors of the NFHS are the late H.V. Porter (1940-58) and Cliff Fagan (1958-77), along with Brice Durbin (1977-93), Bob Kanaby (1993-2010) and Gardner (2010-18).

"I am truly humbled with this opportunity – what a privilege to serve as the next executive director of the NFHS," Niehoff said. "I am excited to work with the staff and to be able to serve the 51-member state associations – picking up on what has already been accomplished to serve as the national leader in the world of education-based athletics and activities. I believe the NFHS is on the cusp of some exciting new opportunities for students in high school athletics and activities, and I consider it an honor to have been selected to lead this organization."

Niehoff was named deputy executive director of CAS-CIAC in July 2010 and assumed the executive director's position in January 2011. She began her career in Connecticut public education in 1989 as a

physical education instructor at Greenwich High School. In the succeeding years, she was a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal at the middle school and high school levels.

Niehoff was a highly successful field hockey coach at Litchfield High School and Joel Barlow High School with four conference titles and one state championship. Niehoff also coached high school volleyball, softball, basketball and track. In 2000, Niehoff was appointed assistant principal of Har-Bur Middle School in Burlington. Four years later, she assumed the position of principal of Lewis Mills High School, a post she held until joining the Connecticut association.

At the national level, Niehoff has served on the NFHS Board of Directors the past three years, including a term this year as president-elect. She is currently chair of the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee and recently completed a term on the NFHS Student Services Committee. Niehoff also served 10 years on the United States Field Hockey Association Board of Ethics and was the field hockey program leader in 1996 at the International Youth Camp during the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Niehoff served on the Education Committee of the United States Olympic Committee, authoring the "OlympiKids School Celebration Guide," acting as U.S. delegate to International Olympic Academies in

Greece and Canada, and representing the USOC at numerous national conventions, conferences and educational programs. She was co-founder and dean of the "Passing The Torch" Academy For Youth Sport Leadership, a USOC initiative to promote leadership and the spirit of Olympism within the realm of youth sport. In 1997, she coached a girls basketball team at the World Scholar Athlete Games, which involved more than 2,000 coaches and athletes from 150 countries.

Prior to joining the Connecticut association, Niehoff served on numerous CAS and CIAC boards and committees, including the Field Hockey Committee, CIAC Board of Control and chair of the Sportsmanship Committee.

Niehoff earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, a master's from Southern Connecticut State University, a sixth-year degree in educational leadership from Central Connecticut State University and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut.

Niehoff, who was the sixth woman in 2010 to lead a state high school association on a full-time basis, has been inducted into multiple women's sports halls of fame. She also has conducted numerous professional development workshops and presentations at the local, regional and national levels in the fields of education, athletics and leadership. ●



New Athletic Director Workshop 2018

Wednesday, July 25 - WIAA Office Stevens Point, Wisconsin



- 8 a.m.** Welcome – Dave Anderson, Executive Director
 - 8:15 a.m.** Eligibility – Wade Labecki, Deputy Director
 - 10 a.m.** WIAA Handbook/Season Regulations/Tournament Procedures/Hosting Tournaments – Stephanie Hauser, Assistant Director & Kate Peterson Abiad, Assistant Director
 - 11 a.m.** Website/School Database Management/Reporting Scores/Sportsmanship – Todd Clark, Communications Director & Eric Dziak, Technology Coordinator
 - Noon** Lunch (provided)
 - 12:45 p.m.** Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) – Greg Smith, Tim Collins & Peggy Seegers-Braun
 - 1 - 5 p.m.** LTI Course - 502 (\$35 person - make check payable to WADA)
- To register: Email Deb Lepak <dlepak@wiaawi.org> prior to July 1, 2018. Include your name, high school and cell number.

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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 involving international competition representing the National Team or NGB. 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 100% of 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. ●

WIAA Award of Excellence in Its Second Year

The WIAA is continuing its 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 2017-18 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 an 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 parents - 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 assault 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. Please submit your application between the completion of your spring sports season and the deadline of June 29, 2018. Any questions about the application or the Award of Excellence criteria, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. ●

Thirty-three Receive Scholar Athlete Award

Sixteen senior girls and 17 senior boys have been selected for the prestigious 2018 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award underwritten by Marshfield Clinic.

To determine the 33 award recipients, four boys and four girls were selected—based on both athletic and academic achievement—from each of four WIAA divisions. There have been 1,052 individuals that have been recognized as WIAA Scholar Athletes since the program began in 1984.

"These extraordinary student athletes excel in both academics and athletics," said Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director of the WIAA. "Seventeen of this year's 33 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date, while the average GPA is an amazing 3.93.

"All 32 scholar athlete finalists have already earned a total of 299 varsity letters during their first 3-1/2 years of high school," he continued. "That's an average of nine letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

The 2018 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award recipients, as well as their families and school representatives, were recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 6 at the Jef-

erson Street Inn in Wausau. A live webcast of the awards ceremony was available at www.wiaawi.org during and after the ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. The awards program will also be aired on FS Wisconsin at later dates to be announced.

Each 2018 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalist will receive a medallion, certificate and commemorative plaque for display in their school's trophy case. Keynote speaker will be former Green Bay Packer and Wisconsin Badger, Jared Abbrederis, who was also a WIAA Scholar Athlete Award winner in 2009.

This year, 881 seniors were nominated for the 2018 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award by 455 high schools throughout the state. Of the 455 high schools submitting nominations this year, three schools had a WIAA Scholar Athlete Award winner for the first time in the 35-year history of the WIAA Scholar Athlete program.

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. ●

2018 Scholar Athlete Award Winners

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

DIVISION 1 – BOYS

Max Alba, Franklin
Ansel Fellman, Kenosha Bradford
Jordan Janusiak, South Milwaukee
Blake Kretovics, New Richmond

DIVISION 1 – GIRLS

Kari Brekke, Appleton North
Samantha Krueger, River Falls
Alexis Romero, Brookfield Central
Anna Wilgren, Hudson

DIVISION 2 – BOYS

Max Barreau, Lodi
Dakota Brockman, Freedom
Brett Carlson, Osceola
Kavanaugh FitzPatrick, Lakeland Union
Donny Pooler, Northwestern

DIVISION 2 – GIRLS

Skye Digman, Platteville
Rachel Halberg, Hayward
Caitlin Link, Edgewood
Jenna Mace, Wisconsin Dells

DIVISION 3 – BOYS

Calvin Rosen, Clear Lake
Dawson Sarauer, St. Mary's Springs*
Miles Saylor, Necedah
Max Villnow, Amherst

DIVISION 3 – GIRLS

Erika Kisting, Iola-Scandinavia
Elise Large, Ozaukee
Allyson Nelson, Brookwood
Anika Washburn, Brookfield Academy

DIVISION 4 – BOYS

David Burgess, Northland Lutheran*
Tanner Deist, Wild Rose
Luke Reader, Bangor
Elijah Ribbe, Three Lakes

DIVISION 4 – GIRLS

McKenzie Baeseman, Royall
Emma Lawrence, Benton
Brianna Leahy, Shullsburg*
Carly Vandenhouten, Lourdes Academy



WIAA Scholar Athletes Class of 2018

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 2018 Dates

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

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 2018	Aug. 21	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Aug. 17	Aug. 21	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 15
Student Regains Eligibility on this Date or After Sitting Out the Required Number of Meets	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 7	Sept. 11	Aug. 30	Sept. 1	Sept. 5

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. ●

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 non-school 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.

Note: Coaching contact out-of-season is not allowed during the school year with athletes the coaches will coach the next year. ●

Peterson Abiad from page 1

develop new relationships, gain the confidence of the membership, and bring a new perspective to this position.

"Participation in high school athletics can have a tremendous impact in shaping young people and creating future leaders," she continued. "The experiences I had, competing in Wisconsin high school sports, were outstanding. I am grateful for the chance to contribute to that dynamic in the years to come."

Peterson Abiad possesses a wealth of basketball experience with 27 years as a collegiate coach. She comes to the WIAA from Cleveland State University, where she served as the head women's basketball coach for 15 seasons from 2003-04 through 2017-18.

Before her arrival, the Vikings experienced one winning season in 23 years. Peterson Abiad gradually built the program, leading the Vikings to Horizon League Conference Tournament championships and NCAA Tournament appearances in 2007-08 and 2009-10. She is the school's all-time winningest coach with a 206-252 record.

She has significant ties with basketball in Wisconsin. Prior to being named the head coach at Cleveland State,

she served six seasons as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin from 1997-2003. During that time, Peterson Abiad helped guide the Badgers to three NCAA Tournaments—including 1998, 2001 and 2002—as well as a WNIT championship in 2000 and a runner-up finish in 1999. She served as the Badgers' chief recruiter. Her efforts helped the Badgers receive commitments resulting in two top-10 freshman classes.

Peterson Abiad had a stellar collegiate basketball career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point prior to graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1991. She received Kodak All-America honorable mention recognition her senior season with the Pointers in 1990-91. Peterson Abiad was a four-year starter and was named the team's MVP in 1990-91. She earned All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in 1991 and honorable mention in 1990. She set an NCAA Division III national record for three-point field goals made per game at 3.85 during the 1990-91 season and was inducted into the UW-Stevens Point Hall of Fame in 2000.

Other coaching experience includes assistant stints at Eastern Illinois University from 1993-97 and at Indiana University from 1991-93. At Eastern Illinois, she served

as the recruiting coordinator. Additional responsibilities included practice planning and implementation, scouting opponents, individual workouts, and development of a strength and conditioning program. Peterson Abiad's first coaching experience came as a graduate assistant and assistant coach at Indiana, assisting the Hoosiers with scouting, on-campus recruiting and bench responsibilities. She earned her master's degree in counseling and educational psychology from Indiana in 1995.

Other leadership-related experience include serving as chair of the Horizon League Women's Basketball Coaches Committee and as the women's basketball representative on the Horizon League Issues Committee. She also spoke at a Final Four round-table discussion and served as a top-25 poll voter.

Peterson Abiad is a native of River Falls, Wis., where she participated in basketball and softball throughout her high school career and ran cross country one season at River Falls High School. She and her husband, Phil Abiad, who has served as an assistant coach with the Cleveland State women's volleyball program for the last 18 seasons, have two daughters, 8-year old Mea, and 2-year old Remi. ●



Reorganized High School Swimming/Diving Rules Address Event Clarity, Definition, Flexibility

In an effort to assist meet personnel operating high school swimming and diving meets, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Swimming and Diving Rules Committee reorganized Rule 1 and Rule 5 at its March 18-20 meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Additionally, the committee's other rules changes focused on pre-meet conferences, equipment requirements and the order in which diving may take place at non-championship events.

"While the list of 2018-19 swimming and diving rules changes appear to be extensive, in general, most of the proposed changes involve a reorganization of two rules," said Sandy Searcy, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee. "These changes provide clarity, a definition and flexibility to accommodate swimming and diving meets that are conducted in a variety of formats and facilities, and with various team personnel."

In addition to a reorganization of Rule 1, the committee approved new terminology that accurately reflects and defines meet specifications and organization, including the consolidation of several terms that label the types of meets such as dual, double-dual, triangular, invitational, multi-team, etc.

In a similar fashion, Rule 5 was reorganized to list

meet specifications in a "logical stepwise fashion from the dual meet to the championship meet," according to Searcy. Rule 5-3-2 was one of the notable changes within the rule, as additional lane assignments were provided to accommodate non-championship multi-team and double/triple dual meets.

"The changes to Rule 5 provide flexibility and direction for situations in which the number of teams and/or entries cannot be equally divided into the number of available lanes," Searcy said. "New language delineates options for conducting meets based on high school facilities across the country."

The committee approved a change in diving in Rule 5-1-2a. In non-championship events, diving may now be the first event. Beginning next year, diving may be conducted either first, last or simultaneously with swimming events.

"In addition, it is now permissible to conduct 11-dive competitions during any non-championship meet with prior mutual consent of competing teams," Searcy added.

Another change involves the pre-meet conference in Rule 4-2-1d. A mandatory pre-meet conference with the referee, starter, and the captain and coach of each team must be held to review meet procedures, special instructions and any unusual pool conditions. Equipment requirements were addressed in Rule 2-4-5,

which now mandates a 15-meter mark on both sides of the pool deck. Markings may also be integrated into each lane marker, but deck markings take precedent.

Other rules changes include:

- Rules 2-6-1 through 4, which were reorganized to clarify mandatory requirements versus recommendations.
- Rule 2-7-2b, which adds the prohibition of the backstroke starting ledge to the rules so that there is no question that the equipment is not permitted in high school swimming.
- Rules 4-5-3 and 4-7, which clarify and confirm that responsibilities of stroke inspectors and turn/finish judges can be combined. This is especially the case when the availability of officials is limited. The flexibility to staff the deck effectively and efficiently with available officials should be preserved.

A complete listing of all rules changes is available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Activities & Sports" at the top of the home page, and select "Swimming & Diving."

Swimming and diving ranks eighth in popularity among girls with 170,797 participants and 10th among boys with 138,364 participants, according to the 2016-17 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. ●

2018 State Spring Baseball Tournament

Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14, 2018

Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, Wis.

Tuesday, June 12

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 8 a.m.

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

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

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 1 p.m.

Game 3 - Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Game 4 - Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #7 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 13

Division 4 Semifinals - 8 a.m.

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

Game 2 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 3 Semifinals - 1 p.m.

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

Game 2 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 2 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

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

Game 2 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Thursday, June 14

Division 4 Finals - 9 a.m.

Division 3 Finals - Noon

Division 2 Finals - 3 p.m.

Division 1 Finals - 6 p.m.

2018 State Summer Baseball Tournament

Friday, July 20, 2018 - Kapco Park, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

Friday, July 20

Semifinals - 11:35 a.m.

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

Game 2 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner*

Championship - 6:05 p.m.

Game 3 - Game #1 Winner vs. Game #2 Winner

* Following first game of session

2018 State Softball Tournament

Thursday-Saturday, June 7-9 - Goodman Diamond, Madison, Wis.

Thursday, June 7

Session 1

Division 1 Quarterfinals

#4 Seed vs. random draw opponent - 8 a.m.

#1 Seed vs. random draw opponent - approx. 10 a.m.

Session 2

Division 1 Quarterfinals

#2 Seed vs. random draw opponent - 12:30 p.m.

#3 Seed vs. random draw opponent - approx. 2:30 p.m.

Session 3

Division 5 Semifinals

Sectional #1 Winner vs. Sectional #2 Winner - 5 p.m.

Sectional #3 Winner vs. Sectional #4 Winner - approx. 7 p.m.

Division 4 Semifinal

Sectional #1 Winner vs. Sectional #2 Winner - approx. 9 p.m.

Friday, June 8

Session 4

Division 4 Semifinal

Sectional #3 Winner vs. Sectional #4 Winner - 8 a.m.

Division 3 Semifinals

Sectional #1 Winner vs. Sectional #2 Winner - approx. 10 a.m.

Sectional #3 Winner vs. Sectional #4 Winner - approx. Noon

Session 5

Division 2 Semifinals

Sectional #1 Winner vs. Sectional #2 Winner - approx. 2:30 p.m.

Sectional #3 Winner vs. Sectional #4 Winner - approx. 4:30 p.m.

Session 6

Division 1 Semifinals

Upper Bracket Winners - approx 7 p.m.

Lower Bracket Winners - approx 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 9

Session 7 - Division 5 Championship Game - 8 a.m.

Session 8 - Division 4 Championship Game - approx. 10:30 a.m.

Session 9 - Division 3 Championship Game - approx. 1 p.m.

Session 10 - Division 2 Championship - 4 p.m.

Session 11 - Division 1 Championship Game - approx. 6:30 p.m.

very positive and proactive step you took two years ago and all anecdotal indications are that each of you have led the way in your schools to see this through.

I also want to give you a quick update on the WIAA's first year of providing concussion insurance for all high school and middle level member student athletes. As of the close of our winter sports season, 348 claims have been reported. That's 348 students and families being provided help in dealing with the costs of concussion. I'm also pleased to let you know that the insurer is holding the rates steady, and we will be renewing the coverage again for the coming year.

Lastly, just a quick reminder that we will be conducting background checks on all 8,700 sport officials as they relicense this spring.

Before continuing on/into New Business, Stephanie Hauser has a special guest she'd like to introduce.

New Business

Now as we turn our attention to New Business, I have only identified three items to introduce as starting points for our conversations in the coming year. But all three, in my opinion, are very key and timely for discussion in greater depth and detail, and will be central within our Area Meeting discussions next fall.

First is conference realignment—which I've already talked about from the moratorium perspective. It's important to recognize that our position statement and guidelines for realignment date back to the 1970s. Certainly much has changed since then. We will use the Area Meetings to discuss what you think conference realignment should look like, when is it necessary, how does the process work? Our plan is to put together a small working group and see if we can develop a new tool with new guidance and a transparent process to serve the Board and membership going forward.

The second item of New Business has to do with our Code of Conduct requirements in the Rules of Eligibility and protecting the membership's tournaments. Similar to our guiding text on conference realignment, the basic language in our Code of Conduct has been unchanged since the 1970s. And yet, we find ourselves at times responding to concerns far different than what were the more common violations and concerns of over 40 years ago. At our Area Meetings, we want to discuss the potential of adding to our minimum requirements that if a student is charged with a felony and there is a weapon or assault included within the behavior that activated your code—that student would be ineligible for WIAA tournament participation.

Local control and a school's own code would continue to determine regular-season eligibility—but the tournaments are the collective property of the entire membership and are the most visible of membership activities. In this day and age where we increasingly value outside partnerships and sponsorships, while many fans and legislators follow WIAA in the news and on social media, it is appropriate to have a conversation about protecting our tournament brand.

As a membership, we take strong action if an athlete assaults an official, we remove a hockey team from the tournament for receiving three game disqualification penalties. Soccer coaches have recommended a season-ending penalty for three straight red cards. We believe there are some code of conduct violations which rise to a level of membership interest and significance that should at least be talked about in the coming year—starting with our Area Meetings.

The third and final item that we expect to bring to Area Meeting discussions unfortunately has to do with responding to the threat of an active shooter or other terror threats at after school events. In the coming weeks, Dr. Labecki and I are planning to sit down with Mr. Glenn Rehberg, the interim Director of the Department of Justice's Office of School Safety. In a recent phone conversation with Mr. Rehberg, we discussed the need to revisit and expand our Emergency Response Plans that have been developed for all sports and

WIAA Eligibility – Summer Reminders

By: 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 21 in 2018.)
 - 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 nonschool 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 nonschool 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. Nonschool 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 nonschool 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. ●

include all the sites a team uses for practice and competition, to plan for and respond to emergencies beyond the scope of what were their original intent and purpose.

We believe this must be a priority conversation for all members to have. We are reaching out nationally to see what other states might be doing to protect kids at after school events. We will also share the advice and recommendations as they come from the DOJ and the Office of School Safety. Schools now need to plan and

practice responding to other threats and emergencies beyond what were the original reasons for developing emergency response action plans. It will be time well spent in discussing and sharing at our fall meetings.

Travel safely as you return home today. Thank you for joining us and for being a participant in the work of the WIAA.

Mr. President, this concludes my 2017-18 business report. ●

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 2018, football begins on August 1 for both equipment/fitness testing & practice. Unrestricted school football coaching contact must end on July 21 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. ●

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 21, 2018) 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).
 - 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. ●

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

The following reports of good sportsmanship have been submitted to the WIAA. Appreciation goes out to those officials taking the time to give recognition to those schools and individuals deserving of acknowledgement.

BASEBALL

West De Pere @ Seymour – May 8, 2018

Many acts of positive sportsmanship were observed. West De Pere players Kaden Kosobucki and Cory Timm showed excellent sportsmanship during their plate appearances. Seymour players Owen Geurts and Trent Blake showed numerous positive acts of sportsmanship throughout the contest. Phil and I wanted to congratulate these young men, their coaches, and their parents for their excellent display of positive sportsmanship at an education based athletic event. Best of luck to both teams in the playoffs and keep up the great work.

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Hartford @ Slinger – April 30, 2018

A huge crowd was on hand, and the fans exhibited outstanding sportsmanship cheering their team on with no complaints about the officiating. We certainly enjoy working for both AD's (Slinger - Mike Daniels and Hartford - Scott Helms). Both teams and coaches were very professional throughout the game.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

(Slinger - Kam Koplitz and Hartford - Eric Vanden Acker). The Orioles led 2-0 before We were definitely impressed with the high level of competition and excellent behavior of both teams. Well done!

Reporting Official: Owen Kaul

Ashwaubenon @ Green Bay Preble – April 26, 2018

I wanted to take a moment to recognize the great sportsmanship displayed by your varsity baseball teams. First, the energy before the game was fantastic. Coach Krueger and Coach Conord displayed professionalism during the entire contest. Both coaches are truly teachers of the game of baseball. Josh Nicklaus of Green Bay Preble and Will Adair of Ashwaubenon were two players that demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the entire contest. Both players hustled during the entire game, they encouraged their teammates, and after the contest greeted the opposing team with respect. Thanks for letting us be a part of this great contest.

GIRLS SOCCER

Madison West @ Mount Horeb – April 10, 2018

This was a soccer game with great sportsmanship on both sides. Although there were hard challenges and tackles from both teams there was superior sportsmanship shown by both teams. Often on a foul if the opponent was put on the ground, the offender was there to help her up. A wonderful game for players to have participated in, for fans to watch and for us as referees to have officiated in. A cold but perfect match and night.

Reporting Official: Thomas Vergeront

TRACK & FIELD

Platteville Invitational – May 1, 2018

This meet was to be a triangular but two more teams were added as everyone is looking for meets to get their runners experience, having so many meets canceled this spring. Athletic Director Mike Foley and Coach Rob Serres met me and welcomed me, as well as thanked me for coming to be the starter

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Middle Level/Junior High 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).

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the probationary period will require a reset of the application and probationary period.

The assembly of members also ratified a provision that permits schools that miss the cooperative team request deadline an opportunity to participate as a co-op during the regular season only. The co-op, and the schools comprising the co-op, will remain ineligible to participate in the respective sport season's State tournament series. The membership approved the amendment by a 377-28 vote.

The former language stated co-op requests received after the deadline were not considered for the ensuing regular season or tournament series. Member schools missing the deadlines were only permitted to form junior varsity co-op teams with approval by their local school boards.

The deadlines for submitting varsity co-op team requests are February 1 for the following fall sports season, April 1 for winter sports and June 1 for spring sports.

Two amendments related to the Rules of Eligibility were approved by the membership. The first aligns the language of the residency rule with the language stated in the transfer rule. At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the membership voted to provide non-varsity eligibility to students transferring before or during their fifth or sixth semesters following entry into ninth grade.

Prior to the membership's action on the amendment, 11th and 12th graders who did not meet the residency requirements were ineligible for interscholastic competition. With the new provision, students in the 11th grade will be granted non-varsity eligibility if they fail to meet the membership's residency requirements, which will parallel the eligibility provided for transfers occurring prior to the end of their sixth semester. The proposal was passed by a 396-9 membership vote.

The second amendment passed in the Rules of Eligibility requires students, who report late to the school team because of participation in a nonschool competition, to forfeit their opportunity to utilize their two school-approved, nonschool competitions. The membership supported the action by a 384-16 vote.

At the Annual Meeting in 2016, the membership implemented the current rule that permits, with school approval, a student-athlete to participate in up to two nonschool events during the regular season of the same respective sport. The rationale for the change is to avoid providing student-athletes with, in essence, additional nonschool opportunities after reporting late to their school team because of nonschool competition.

The editorial changes, which are attempts to clarify existing rules without making changes in the interpretations of the rules, passed 398-3.

The Director's Report apprised the membership of a number of topics for continued discussions for the

Openings on the WIAA Middle Level/Junior High Advisory Council will exist in the following positions for the 2018-19 school year: District 2, District 7 representatives, 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/Junior High 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 2018-19 school year is January 28, 2019. 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. ●

Area Meetings, including consideration for an amendment that would remove a student-athlete from all WIAA Tournament Series competition if a member school has applied its code of conduct to a student for a felony involving assault or use of a weapon. Other ongoing discussions will include addressing the conference realignment process and football-only conferences, and assessing emergency action plans for threats of violence at interscholastic activities.

The membership was also updated on the student-athlete concussion insurance program implemented this year, as well as the plan to reconduct background checks on all licensed officials in 2018-19.

A special presentation recognized Bryce Ladwig of Plymouth, who received the 2017-18 NFHS Spirit of Sport Award for Section 4, comprising of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan. In addition, representatives of the 15 schools that received the Award of Excellence in 2016-17 were recognized.

In the 2018-19 Board of Control elections, current president Scott Winch, superintendent at Stratford, was re-elected for a second term on the Board as the District 2 representative. Willy Chambers, the district administrator at Black Hawk, was elected to the Board representing District 5, replacing Luke Francois, who chose not to seek a second term. Colleen Timm, the district administrator at Antigo, was elected as the gender at-large representative. Timm has served on the WIAA Advisory Council since being elected to the committee in 2015. She replaces Pam Foegen, who completes her second term on the board. Foegen, who currently serves on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board of Directors will continue to serve the WIAA membership as a NFHS liaison to the Board in 2018-19.

Elected members of the Board of Control serve a three-year term.

In the 2018-19 Advisory Council elections, Roger Rindo, superintendent at Oconomowoc, and Nic Been, associate principal of River Falls, were elected to their second, three-year terms as large school representatives. Matt Hendrickson, assistant principal at Madison Memorial, was elected to the Advisory Council representing large schools.

Jim Brewer, district administrator at Clinton, was elected as a medium school representative, and both Cory Hinkel, district administrator at Luck, and James Erickson, district administrator at Webster, were re-elected to the Council for their second terms as small school representatives.

The Board authorized a special election in the fall for the gender at-large and nonpublic school at-large positions on the Council for 2018-19 at its April meeting. No candidates declared candidacy for the positions during the initial declaration period. ●

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) ●

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. ●

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 2018 winter State Tournaments.

The winners of the prestigious sportsmanship recognition are Valders in boys basketball, Marshall in girls basketball, D.C. Everest Co-op in girls hockey, Hudson in gymnastics and Ellsworth in team wrestling.

Valders displayed outstanding sportsmanship in finishing runner-up in Division 3 at the State Boys Basketball Tournament. After a 63-61 overtime victory over Kettle Moraine Lutheran in the semifinals, the Vikings fell to Prescott 63-62 on a last-second shot in the championship game. It is the first time Valders has been chosen as winner of the sportsmanship award. Bangor, Clear Lake, Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran, Marathon, Oshkosh North, Pardeeville and Prescott each received honorable mention for the award.

Marshall is the recipient of the sportsmanship award in girls basketball to earn its second sportsmanship award. The first came in boys basketball in 2000. The Cardinals and their faithful modeled good sportsmanship en route to winning the Division 3 championship. They defeated Wisconsin Dells 58-47 in the semifinals, followed by a 63-55 victory over Amherst in the championship game to capture the crown. Bangor, Black Hawk, Clayton, Crandon, Hortonville and Manitowoc Lutheran were also in contention to receive the award and were recognized with honorable mention.

The D.C. Everest Co-op, which includes D.C. Everest, Marathon, Merrill, Mosinee, Wausau East and Wausau West is bestowed the sportsmanship award in girls hockey for the second time. In a slightly different configuration of the co-op, the Storm was selected for the honor in 2015. They fell 5-2 to the Eau Claire Memorial Co-op in the semifinals of the State tournament. The Sun Prairie Co-op received honorable mention for the award. There was no sportsmanship award recognition awarded in boys hockey this year.

Hudson receives the Sportsmanship Award in gymnastics for the first time and for the third time overall. The Raiders also earned the honor in girls

soccer back in 1996 and then again in boys soccer in 1998. They placed seventh in the Division 1 team competition at the State gymnastics championships in March. The schools and communities receiving honorable mention include Antigo, Ashland, Dodgeville/Mineral Point, Hartford Union, Mount Horeb, Nicolet, River Falls and the West Salem Co-op.

Ellsworth was determined to have exhibited the sportsmanship worthy of the award at the State team wrestling tournament last month. It is the fourth time the Panthers have received the award in wrestling. They were also recognized for their sportsmanship efforts in 1999, 2008 and 2010. The Panthers cruised to a 53-6 victory over Chilton/Hilbert in the Division 2 semifinals before falling to Luxemburg-Casco in the title match, 30-28. Arrowhead, Chilton/Hilbert, Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau/Melrose-Mindoro, Luxemburg-Casco, Random Lake, Slinger and Stratford were given 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 ensure 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 54 years, and their partnership is essential to promoting sportsmanship and education-based athletics as a valued corporate partner of the WIAA. ●



High School Out-of-Season Concerns

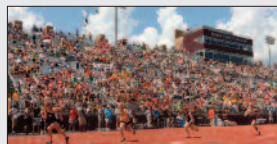
WIAA Bylaw, Article II, Section 2, A., 2), indicates "A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport." This includes the 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 21, 2018 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." ●

2018 State Track & Field Championships

UW-La Crosse – Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2



Transfer Rule Summary

Keep in mind, the transfer rule 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 ●

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for this event. It was great to see the athletic director help run the meet. It was a nice day with temps in the 70s. All of the athletes displayed great sportsmanship, cheering for one another, helping each other with the starting blocks, congratulating the winning athlete, and enjoying the competing against each other. All of the coaches, athletes and event workers had a great event. What was really nice was the number of athletes from Platteville and the other schools who came up to thank me for starting their race. All of the teams (Richland Center, Dodgeville/Mineral Point, Southwestern, Potosi, and Platteville) should be proud of these teams for their display of great sportsmanship. Keep up the good work and good luck in your remaining meets.

Reporting Official: Tracy Krueger

Packey Paquette Invitational – April 6, 2018

While officiating the meet, we observed outstanding sportsmanship by athletes, coaches, and fans. One such example of sportsmanship was displayed by Sydney Zweig from Hayward. While a participant herself in several events, she offered to support the blocks of athletes from other schools. She did this on many occasions. Athletes after competing in tightly contested races congratulated each other at the finish line. We observed

this throughout the meet. Athletic Director and Meet Manager Ray Kosey and his staff did an outstanding job again of hosting this premier invitational meet. The athletes, coaches and fans are to be congratulated for making this invitational meet a true pleasure to be a part of as officials. It is a privilege to be an official for the WIAA. We look forward to the remainder of the track and field season.

Reporting Official: Michael Jahn

SOFTBALL

Mosinee @ Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln – May 4, 2018

My partner and I would like to take the time to congratulate both Wisconsin Rapids and Mosinee for their demonstration of positive sportsmanship. Athletic Director John Frizzell was on site when we arrived and greeted us with a smile and a warm welcome. Both team coaches (Holberg and Felch) and their assistants focused on coaching their players during the game and all we heard was positive encouragement and reinforcement from them. Coach Holberg requested one appealable play in a professional manner and when he heard the results of our final decision he accepted it and moved on. We also want to recognize the players from both teams that thanked us everytime we dusted off the plate or bases and thanked us at

the end of the night for officiating as we exited the field. The community of Wisconsin Rapids can take pride as well with the spectators cheering on the players and letting the officials officiate all night long. All in all, it was a great game to be a part of and the positive life lessons these players are learning will help them be good citizens as well.

Reporting Official: Wayne Hannes

Xavier @ New London – April 26, 2018

This was a great softball game that came down to the very end. Although the softball was great, the sportsmanship by the players, coaches, and fans was even better. The players picked up the bats for each other, they complimented each other, they even joked with each other on the bases from time-to-time. The coaches were also excellent. One thing to note is how encouraging the coaches were to their players throughout the game. Lastly, we had several fans compliment us on the way out of the venue and even had a lady yell to us as we were leaving and ran up to us so that she could comment on how positive we were with the players throughout the game. We commend these two schools for promoting positive sportsmanship with their players, their coaches, and their fans. Job well done!!

Reporting Official: Lance Bagstad

Time to Review Realignment Process is Now

Several decades of conference realignment proceedings have dotted our history with some of the most bitter disputes between disgruntled or aggrieved members, the Board of Control and the collective membership.

Oftentimes, conference realignment pitted the needs of some versus the wants of others, which has caused friction and a battle of wills too often resulting in perceived winners and losers by an imperfect process.

The guidelines and philosophy of conference realignment are clearly stated in the Senior High School Handbook. However, those same words are often used in both support and opposition for plans that attempt to assist schools requesting relief by shifting a perceived disadvantage onto others, creating the classic conundrum.

Truth is, what schools are associated with what conferences has been a challenge since the 1950s, when it was left up to the schools to determine their conference affiliations as a measure of local control. In his book *More Than A Game*, Matt Otte chronicled the early realignment sentiment among the membership.

"The general attitude of the group was that 'conference alignment is a local affair and that there cannot be coercion in making changes.' All in all, nothing really was accomplished except that the WIAA, three other associations and the DPI were not going to tell anybody what to do. That was good news for anybody without a problem."

However, frustrations with the hands-off approach to realignment continued to mount, and in 1973, the membership voted 110-108 to give the Board of Control the "final and full authority" in conference realignment. The position was reaffirmed as recently as 2014 by a convincing 400-26 membership vote.

In the early years of WIAA's oversight of the realignment process, configurations of leagues were the responsibility of the Conference Alignment Commission and then the Advisory Council.

For reasons stated by Executive Director Dave Anderson at the Annual Meeting in April, now is a perfect time to review the process, because it hasn't been fully evaluated since the 1970s. Perhaps returning to an objective group or committee approach to examine realignment requests may be one step in a new direction that is appropriate at this time. At the Area Meetings this fall, we'll be asking the members for their input to help determine an efficient, effective and transparent realignment process. Those discussions will certainly address when is realignment necessary and how best to engage and communicate with all levels of school and conference administration during the process.

The details and nature of the realignment process, with the ever-changing landscape of enrollments, competitiveness and geography, will be ever-present. It may be wishful thinking that a new perspective and process to effectively administer and implement solutions and changes may alleviate some of the divisiveness embroiled in many past realignment proceedings. But regardless, it's the perfect time to try.

Football-only conferences may be another step in the right direction. It has often been stated that football drives conference realignment. Members of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association have taken that to heart and have worked months on being part of the solution to create a football-only conference plan. Development of the plan is said to be on target for unveiling this summer. The football-only conference concept appears to be a sensible, practical solution with the possibility of implementation as early as the fall of 2020. One of the intriguing components of the proposal is the review of conference affiliations every two seasons. The plan will be another topic at this fall's Area Meetings.

Let us take this opportunity to carefully review how we want conference realignment to serve the collective membership moving forward. If we all have a hand in creating a reasonable process and perspective, perhaps we can reduce the contentiousness derived from the perception of a deficient process. ●

Keep These Dates in Mind

May 24, 29, 30 & 31	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29-30	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 29-30	Softball Sectionals
May 29, 31 & June 2	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 31, June 1-2	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
June 1-2	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 4-5	State Boys Golf (Madison)
June 5	Spring Baseball Sectionals
June 7 & 9	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 7-8-9	State Softball (Madison)
June 8-9	State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
June 11	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12-13-14	State Spring Baseball (Appleton)
June 14-15-16	State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
June 20-21	Advisory Council Meeting
June 21	Board of Control Meeting
July 10 & 11	Summer Baseball Regionals
July 16	Summer Baseball Sectionals
July 20	State Summer Baseball
July 25	New AD Workshop
August 1	Membership Application Deadline
	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment
	Earliest Day for Football Practice
August 6	Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice
August 7	Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
August 9	Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet
August 10	Board of Control Meeting
August 11	Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet
August 13	Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice
August 15	Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet
August 17	Earliest Date for First Football Game
August 20	Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice
August 21	Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet
	Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Meet
	Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match

August 28	Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match
September 3	Labor Day
September 6	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)
September 10	Area Meeting – Fox Valley Lutheran
September 11	Area Meeting – Greenfield
September 12	Area Meeting – Mauston
September 13	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball (Stevens Point)
September 14	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
September 17	Area Meeting – Oconomowoc
September 18	Area Meeting – Rice Lake
September 19	Area Meeting – Antigo
September 20-21	Rosh Hashanah
September 24	Area Meeting – Mount Horeb
September 26	Sports Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
September 26-27	Girls Golf Regionals
September 29	Yom Kippur
October 1-2	Girls Tennis Subsectionals
October 1-2-3	Girls Golf Sectionals
October 3-4	Girls Tennis Sectionals
October 4-5	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
October 5	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
	Deadline for Football Playoff Site Listing
October 8-9	State Girls Golf Tournament (Madison)
October 11-12-13	State Girls Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
October 12	Latest Day for Last Football Game (Playoff Teams)
October 15	Earliest Date for Skinfold Measurements (Wrestling)
October 16, 18 & 20	Boys Soccer Regionals
	Girls Volleyball Regionals
October 17	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf (Stevens Point)
October 19-20	State Girls Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)
	Level 1 Football
	Cross Country Sectionals
October 25 & 27	Boys Soccer Sectionals
	Girls Volleyball Sectionals
October 26	Boys Volleyball Regionals
October 26-27	Level 2 Football
October 27	State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)
October 30 & November 1	Boys Volleyball Sectionals
November 1-2-3	State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)
	State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)



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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 2018-19 dates for ACT.

Test Date	ACT – 2018-19	
	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 8, 2018	August 3, 2018	August 17, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 21, 2018	October 5, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 16, 2018
February 9, 2019	January 4, 2019	January 18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 22, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 17, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 21, 2019

Did you know?

More than 100 State Tournament performance or statistical records were broken, set or tied in the spring of 2017, including 29 in baseball, 14 in girls soccer, 10 in track and field, and 55 in softball, most of which were set because of the addition of a fifth division. ●