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Winter Co-op Team Application Deadline - April 1

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to sponsor a co-op team for any of the winter sports must submit the necessary application prior to Friday, April 1, 2005.

The deadline for spring sports for 2005-06 is June 1, 2005.

Also, any school wishing to start a new program in winter sports must complete the necessary form prior to April 1. Spring sport deadline - June 1. ✚

Decisions Impacting Fall Sports Highlight Board Meeting

STEVENS POINT, Wis. -- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control acted on recommendations that will modify the future of fall sports seasons at its January meeting yesterday.

The Board approved an amended recommendation brought forward by cross country coaches to have the largest 120 schools offering cross country placed in one of 10 Division 1 sectionals, and placing the remaining schools equally into eight Divisions 2 and 3 sectionals beginning in 2006. Currently, the largest 138 schools are placed into eight Division 1 sectionals with the remainder of the programs divided equally between Divisions 2 and 3 in seven sectionals each.

In volleyball, the Board approved a recommendation to move the opening round of the boys volleyball tournament series from Friday to Thursday to allow the girls volleyball sectional semifinals to move from Thursday to Friday beginning in 2005. Additional volleyball-related action taken by the Board provides the opportunity to experiment with allowing the head coach to stand and approach the court briefly to instruct players on the court in a nondisruptive manner during a dead ball as long as they are positioned immediately in front of their bench seat. The experiment will be implemented in 2005. An Officials Advisory recommendation was also approved that would require volleyball officials to be available for tournament

assignments three out of five years to retain their master classification.

The Board also took action that will affect which schools host boys and girls soccer tournament games. Beginning with the boys season in 2005, the highest-seeded team will host through the sectional semifinal game if the school has access to a soccer-only facility. Currently, the higher seed hosts only the first-round regional game if that school has a regulation soccer field. When neither team has access to a soccer-only facility, the higher seed will be the host. The sectional final will remain at a predetermined site.

In football, the Board approved a recommendation from the Football Coaches Advisory Committee to give special consideration to identifying undefeated conference champions when constructing geographical groupings and to make an attempt to divide them equally among the four groupings in each division.

Swimming and diving, golf and tennis had several recommendations approved that would assist in the administration of the Tournament Series in those sports. The approved recommendations in tennis includes additional tie-breaking criteria to determine which teams advance to the State Team Tournament, and a rule that would deny the opportunity for a singles player or doubles team that retires from a

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Contribution to Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Honors WIAA Executive Director

STEVENS POINT, Wis.--The Oakley-Lindsey Foundation has committed \$30,000 to the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association Foundation in the name of Doug Chickering, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, to fully endow the WBA Foundation's Annual Sports Reporters Workshop.

"The WBA Foundation expresses its heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of the Oakley-Lindsey Foundation contribution," said John Laabs, President and CEO of the WBA. "It is truly a significant and most fitting manner to recognize Doug Chickering as one of Wisconsin's finest education and sports citizens."

The endowment will enable the WBA Foundation to continue providing quality programming at its sports reporters workshop in the future without raising attendance fees for WBA members. Beginning in 2005, The Oakley-Lindsey Foundation will contribute \$6,000 each year over a five-year period to fund the Doug Chickering-WIAA Sports Workshop, Presented by WBA.

The WBA Sports Reporters Workshop was initiated in 1998 and has been popular among sports broadcasters. Each year, it is held in July or August at sports-related venues around the state.

"This is the first WBA Foundation education function to be endowed," Laabs said, "and we are most pleased that it is in the name of Doug Chickering, one of the most significant contributors to high school athletics in the history of Wisconsin."

Chickering has served as Executive Director of the WIAA since 1986 and has led the organization to a greater level of success and popularity. Included in his accomplishments

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Doug Chickering

Basketball Officials - Regional & Sectional Basketball Tournament Series Information

Your WIAA official's number will serve as your ID number for this year's tournament series. You can find your assignment(s) by looking up your official's number. This number will assist you in determining the location of regional and sectional games. After the coaches meet to seed their respective regionals, the sites and times of games will be posted on the WIAA Officials Center - Basketball web page. The girls basketball tournament locations for February 22 games will be posted following the completion of the seeding meetings on Sunday, February 13. The boys basketball tournament locations for March 1 games will be posted following the completion of the seeding meetings on Sunday, February 20.

After each round of games, the next round's game locations will be posted on the WIAA Officials Center - Basketball web page. You will need to check for the location of your game after each round of games.

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Tournament Reminder

Host tournament managers must report results to the WIAA within 20 minutes following the completion of the tournament event. Reporting the scores by telephone (715) 344-8580 is preferred.

Schools advancing to the sectional level of the WIAA Tournament in all team sports are reminded to submit season results and cumulative season individual and team statistics to the WIAA for the State tournament program by using the *98 Word Template* download on the WIAA website. The WIAA also requests updated statistics to be submitted following sectional competition.

Please complete template and email to: lgagas@wiaawi.org

Please use the tab key when navigating to columns in the template. A Microsoft Word 98 template with format requested is available via email through the WIAA. ✚

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Scholar Athlete Information

The WIAA Scholar-Athlete nomination forms and information materials have been sent to member schools. This program, which began in 1984, has earned the respect of administrators, coaches, parents, and recipients. Last year, 679 young men and women from 370 of our member schools were honored as WIAA Scholar Athletes. Both of these were new record high numbers for the program. We hope your school participated and that you will enable a worthy boy or girl from your school to be so honored in 2005.

This year, a new, submittable form has been developed and provided on the WIAA website (wiaawi.org). It is strongly recommended that school officials review information for their candidates and, at the very least, assist their nominees with completion of the form. The only part of the nomination forms that school officials may not assist with is the writing of the essay question.

Schools that have had scholar athletes repeatedly indicate that their success comes from the involvement of school officials and publicity. School official's involvement in this process demonstrates the importance they place on the award. In addition, utilizing coaches to assist in the selection process and developing a thorough understanding of the criteria help identify outstanding candidates.

There are numerous scholar-athlete programs forming from various organizations. Some of these are national programs, some from within our communities. Take time to carefully review the criteria for each program.

Promote the WIAA Scholar-Athlete program at both your athletic and academic programs. The interest and enthusiasm demonstrated from school officials will provide a lasting impression on

your students.

Each year the WIAA honors 32 outstanding scholar athletes at our banquet in Wausau. This effort is made possible through a grant from the Wausau Insurance Companies. The program is fully organized, implemented and administered by the WIAA. In addition, two representatives from each school filing an application are honored locally.

For additional information regarding the WIAA Scholar-Athlete program, contact Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org.

Scholar Athlete Questions and Answers

QUESTION: Can a student from outside of Wisconsin win a WIAA Scholar Athlete award if they are attending our school and we are a member of the WIAA?

ANSWER: Yes. WIAA Scholar Athlete criteria allow the principal from each of the member schools in the state to nominate one male and one female senior for consideration as a Scholar Athlete Award winner.

QUESTION: Can a cheerleader be nominated for the WIAA Scholar Athlete award?

ANSWER: Each nominee must have earned at least four varsity letters, through athletic participation in WIAA sanctioned sports during their complete freshmen, sophomore, and junior years and the fall and winter seasons of the senior year.

If a cheerleader has met the criteria listed above, along with the other indicated criteria, he/she may be nominated. If the WIAA Scholar Athlete criteria has not been met, they are not eligible to receive the award. ✦

Board Meeting

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match to return to play during the entire State Team Tournament without medical approval.

The Board also took action to advance several revisions to the WIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility for membership vote at the Annual Meeting on April 27. The recommendation to allow schools to sponsor camps, clinics and competition in the summer, and allow coaches unrestricted contact with athletes in accordance with their programs during the Board-approved summer contact period of four consecutive days for football and five

days for all other WIAA sports. These opportunities must be concluded no later than July 31. In addition, the Board approved editorial changes to the articles of the Rules of Eligibility, Amateur Status, Awards, and Attendance and Scholarship.

The Board held preliminary discussions regarding the use of three-person officiating crews for the boys and girls basketball Tournament Series, and it reviewed a summary of an impending agreement with When We Were Young Productions for the exclusive video production and distribution rights of WIAA Tournament series not already contracted. ✦

Attention Soccer Officials

The tournament availability form has been posted on the WIAA Officials Center. Any soccer official interested in officiating during the upcoming spring tournament series should complete the availability on-line by Friday, March 25.

Soccer sport meetings will NOT be held this spring. Officials are encouraged to print the Soccer Sport Meeting folder off the Officials Center and review the information prior to the start of the soccer season this spring. ✦

Statewide Network to Telecast State Basketball And Hockey Championships

The 2005 State Boys and Girls Basketball and the Boys and Girls Hockey Championships will again be carried live on the statewide television network.

The statewide network includes flagship WKOW-TV channel 27 in Madison, WAOW-TV channel 9 in Wausau, WXOW-TV channel 19 in La Crosse, WQOW-TV channel 18 in Eau Claire, WYOW-TV channel 34 in Eagle River, WMLW-TV channel 41 in Milwaukee and WACY-TV channel 32 in Green Bay and the Fox Valley.

All 16 games of the Girls State Basketball Tournament will be carried live on all stations Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12, and all 16 games of the Boys State Basketball Tournament will be broadcast live Thursday-Saturday, March 17-19.

The title games of the State Boys and Girls Hockey Tournaments will be carried

live Saturday, March 5, by the stations in Wausau, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Green Bay and Madison. In Milwaukee, the championship game will be carried tape delayed by WMLW-TV.

Laurin Jorstad of WAOW-TV is the executive producer of the basketball and hockey television coverage with Bob Goessling and Bryon Graff serving as co-producers.

Graff, of WAOW-TV, Jay Wilson of WKOW-TV, Bob Bradovich of WQOW-TV, Scott Emerich of WXOW-TV and Ted Stefaniak of WGBA-TV will call the play-by-play of all the action.

Statewide sponsors of the television coverage are Rural Insurance Companies, Marshfield Clinic, Menards, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, Community Bankers of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Education Association Council. ✦

State Basketball, Boys Hockey On Statewide Radio Network

The 2005 WIAA State Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournaments and the State Boys Hockey semifinals and championship game will be heard on the statewide radio network.

The Learfield network will broadcast the State Boys Hockey semifinal games and the championship final Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, live from the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center.

Learfield will broadcast all 16 games of the girls basketball tournament live Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12, live from the Kohl Center in Madison, and all 16 games of the boys basketball tournament Thursday-Saturday, March 17-19, live from the Kohl Center.

Aaron Sims and Gary Douglas will call the action for the three hockey games. Bill Scott, Jim Caston, Tim Scott, Dan Beyer and Doug Wagen will be involved in calling all the action during the basketball broadcasts. The statewide basketball radio network is comprised of the following 13 stations:

The 10 network stations throughout Wisconsin that will carry the radio broadcasts live are:

WXCE-AM 1260 (Amery)	WCCN-AM 1370 (Neillsville)
WOGO-AM 680 (Eau Claire)	WOCO-AM 1260 (Oconto)
WFAW-AM 940 (Fort Atkinson)	WNBI-AM 980 (Park Falls)
WTSO-AM 1070 AM (Madison)	WRDB-AM 1400 (Reedsburg)
WDLB-AM 1450 (Marshfield)	WRCO-AM 1450 (Richland Center)

Learfield will also broadcast the basketball and boys hockey games live over the internet at www.wrn.com. ✦

Golf Regulations Approved for 2005-06

The WIAA Board of Control approved five new regulations for the 2005-06 school year at their January 26, 2005, meeting.

The first is a modification to the WIAA definition of winter rules. Due to USGA rule revisions, new WIAA regulations will now indicate Temporary conditions that might interfere with proper playing of the game. These conditions include mud and extreme wetness, warranting relief for an embedded ball anywhere through the green or permitting lifting, cleaning and replacing a ball anywhere through the green or on a closely-mown area through the green. The WIAA definition of a closely-mown area is the golfer's own fairway only.

To relax the current one-stroke group penalty for slow play, beginning in 2005-06 a warning will be issued for the first violation and a second violation will result in a one-stroke penalty when groups do not meet the pace of play limits when reporting to the scoring area.

In scheduling meets, no meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled

if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition. This is consistent with other WIAA sport programs.

Also approved was a rule closing a meet and allowing all committee decisions to stand once results of the meet have been officially announced. This prevents USGA regulations from changing results due to player scoring errors after the event has been closed.

Beginning in 2005-06, coaches will now be able to accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. Notes, tees, and any other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches and aligning by coaches are all prohibited. The designated coach will not be allowed on the greens or in the bunkers. This rule will be in effect for a two-year trial basis through the end of the 2007 boy's season.

Questions regarding these rule changes can be addressed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. ✦



Approved Officials Clinics

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt an official from sport/rule meeting attendance requirements. ALL criteria for an advanced classification must be met, including corresponding test scores.

2005 RLOA BASEBALL UMPIRING CLINIC

Date: March 5, 2005
 Place: TBA (Racine Park or Racine Case High School)
 Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Contact: Ron Quirk (262) 634-2216 or (262) 880-1944

QUAD COUNTY OFFICIAL'S ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL CLINIC

Date: March 23, 2005
 Site: UW-Platteville
 Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Contact: Jerry Schewe (608) 348-7915 or (608) 762-5131 or schewe@belmont.k12.wi.us

RACINE LAKESHORE OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION - 8TH ANNUAL SOFTBALL UMPIRE'S CLINIC

Date: March 26, 2005
 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Place: Racine Case High School
 Cost: \$25 (includes materials, lunch & door prizes)
 Contact: Tammy Hutchison (262) 883-9681 or mthutch@wi.rr.com

YOU MAKE THE CALL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Date: July 8-10, 2005
 Site: UW-Stevens Point
 Contact: Becky Blank (262) 375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

STEP AHEAD BASKETBALL OFFICIALS' CAMP

Date: July 15-17, 2005
 Place: UW-Stevens Point
 Registration: showtimesportscamps.com
 Contact: Dave Kelliher (608) 233-3532

8TH ANNUAL SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 12-13, 2005
 Place: Monona Grove High School & Madison La Follette High School
 Contact: Todd Wittlinger (608) 862-3310 or www.swoa.info †

Meetings or Clinics

NOTE: These clinics have not been approved for officials advancement at this time.

INDIANHEAD TRACK & FIELD MEETING

The Indianhead Officials Association is sponsoring an opportunity for all area track & field officials and any interested coaches a chance to review this year's rules test, and discuss any concerns for the upcoming season. In addition there will be a review of the Five Alive Rotating Flight System for Vertical Jumps. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, starting at 7 p.m. and will be conducted over the CESA 11 Distance Learning Network. Interested individuals can come to the ITV room at any of the following sites:

- Siren High School
- St. Croix Central High School
- Altoona High School
- Boyceville High School

For additional information, please contact Larry Zirgibel at (715) 643-5592 or larryzirgibel@yahoo.com.

RACINE LAKESHORE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - UMPIRE CLINIC

Date: March 5, 2005
 Place: Racine Case High School
 Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)
 Contact: Jeff McDorman (262) 636-9452 or Ron Quirk (262) 880-1944

STATELINE ALL SPORT OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL MEETING

Date: March 20, 2005
 Time: Softball @ 4:30 p.m. -- Baseball @ 6 p.m.
 Place: Evansville Country Club
 Contact: Loren Homb (608) 325-5514 or hummerrefs@yahoo.com †

Spring 2005 Tournament Updates

BASEBALL

Division 1 - Sectional 3 - Sectional will be held at Copeland Park, La Crosse. Hosted by La Crosse Central and Sparta. Contact school will be Sparta.

Division 2 - Sectional 4 - Ripon will host the sectional tournament.

Division 3 - Sectional 3 - Mineral Point will host the sectional tournament at Centennial Park in Dodgeville.

Division 3 - Sectional 3 - Regional A - Add North Crawford.

BOYS GOLF

Division 1 - Sectional 4 - Kimberly unable to host regional meet. Site needed.

Division 1 - Sectional 6 - Homestead Regional - Drop Milwaukee Vincent.

Division 1 - Sectional 6 - Marquette will host the SITE NEEDED regional tournament.

Division 2 - Sectional 1 - Amery will host the regional meet originally assigned to Durand.

Division 2 - Sectional 2 - Fox Valley Lutheran will host the regional meet for their regional grouping.

Division 3 - Sectional 3 - Southwestern Regional - Drop Riverdale.

Division 3 - Sectional 4 - Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Regional - Add Living Word Lutheran.

GIRLS SOCCER

Division 3 - Sectional 1 - Saint Mary Central will host the sectional final on June 4.

TRACK AND FIELD

Division 1 - Sectional 4 - Beaver Dam will host the regional originally posted as Site Needed.

Division 1 - Sectional 4 - Neenah will host the sectional meet.

Division 1 - Sectional 6 - Arrowhead will host the regional originally posted as Site Needed.

Division 1 - Sectional 7 - Kettle Moraine unable to host the regional meet. Site needed.

Division 2 - Sectional 1 - Colby Regional - Drop Boyceville.

Division 3 - Sectional 1 - Fall Creek Regional - Add Boyceville.

Division 3 - Sectional 1 - Webster will host the regional meet for their grouping.

Division 3 - Sectional 2 - Wild Rose will host the regional meet for their grouping.

Division 3 - Sectional 2 - Stratford Regional - Add Granton.

Division 3 - Sectional 2 - Tri-County will host the regional meet for their grouping.

Division 3 - Sectional 4 - Brookfield Academy will host the regional meet for their grouping. †

2004-05 Sports Meetings

**At High School Identified - Unless Otherwise Specified
 All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.**

BASEBALL

March 7, Monday	Ashland, Bay Port, Dodgeville, Nicolet
March 8, Tuesday	Chippewa Falls, Middleton, Union Grove, Wautoma
March 14, Monday	Appleton North, Crandon, Janesville Parker, Wisconsin Dells
March 15, Tuesday	La Crosse Logan, Marathon, Rice Lake (at WITC), West Bend

GOLF

Meetings on April 5 & 13 will be held through the Distance Learning Program from 7-9:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 - WHSGCA Spring Clinic, Western Lakes, Pewaukee
Saturday, June 20 - WHSGCA Annual Meeting, Black Wolf Run, Kohler
 ANTIGO; April 5; 1900 Tenth Ave; Todd Langseth; 715-623-7611 ext 1001; seating 90
 ASHLAND; April 5; 1900 Beaser Ave; John Habas; 715-682-7836; seating 15
 BADGER; April 13; 220 E South St (Lake Geneva); Jim Kluge; 262-348-2000 ext 2060; seating 40
 BARNEVELD; April 13; 105 Douglas; Kevin Knudson; 608-924-4711 ext 225; seating 12
 BAY PORT; April 5; 2710 Lineville Rd; Otis Chambers; 920-662-7268; seating 20
 HOLMEN; April 13; 1001 McHugh Rd; Linzi Gronning; 608-526-9208; seating 12
 LA CROSSE LOGAN; April 13; 1500 Ranger Dr; Steve Hole; 608-789-7700 ext 7709; seating 25
 LAKELAND; April 5; 9573 State Hwy 70; Minocqua; Jim Cirilli; 715-358-8401; seating 72
 LODI; April 13; 1100 Sauk St; Jeff Lund; 608-592-3853 ext 4412; seating 15
 LUCK; April 5; 810 S 7th St; Mark Gobler; 715-472-2152 ext 101; seating 14
 MEDFORD; April 5; 1015 W Broadway Ave; Bill Wiamaki; 715-748-5951; seating 12
 MIDDLETON; April 13; 2100 Bristol St; Luke Francois; 608-829-9913; seating 12
 PRAIRIE DU CHIEN; April 13; 800 E Crawford St; Joe Zydowsky; 608-326-8437 ext 4160; seating 18
 RICE LAKE-WITC-Room 128; April 5; 1900 College Dr; Steve Salisbury; 715-234-2181 ext 1044; seating 24
 SOMERSET; April 5; 645 Sunrise Dr; Brad Neme; 715-247-5552; seating 20
 STEVENS POINT; April 5 & April 13; 5501 Vern Holmes Dr; Tom Shafranski; 715-344-8580; seating 30
 STURGEON BAY; April 5; 1230 Michigan St; Patrick Blizel; 920-746-2800 ext 3868
 SUPERIOR; April 5; 2600 Catlin Ave; Larry Cole; 715-394-8720 ext 149; seating 15
 WAUPACA; April 13; E2325 King Rd; Carl Eggebrecht; 715-258-4131 ext 1104; seating 20
 WAUPUN; April 13; 801 E Lincoln St; Steve Lenz; 920-324-5591 ext 2804; seating 42
 WAUWATOSA EAST; April 5; 7500 Milwaukee Ave; Linda Vitrano; 414-773-2014; seating 20
 WISCONSIN DELLS; April 13; 520 Race St; John Frizzell; 608-253-1461; seating 15

TENNIS

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ANTIGO; April 11; 1900 Tenth Ave; Todd Langseth; 715-623-7611 ext 1001; seating 90
 ASHLAND; April 11; 1900 Beaser Ave; John Habas; 715-682-7836; seating 15
 BADGER; April 7; 220 E South St (Lake Geneva); Jim Kluge; 262-348-2000 ext 2060; seating 40
 BARNEVELD; April 7; 105 Douglas; Kevin Knudson; 608-924-4711 ext 225; seating 12
 BAY PORT; April 11; 2710 Lineville Rd; Otis Chambers; 920-662-7268; seating 20
 FOND DU LAC; April 7; 801 Campus Dr; Brian Skortz; 920-906-6700 ext 3117; seating 70, Enter Door 25
 HAYWARD; April 11; Greenwood Lane-Room B170; seating 20
 HOLMEN; April 7; 1001 McHugh Rd; Linzi Gronning; 608-526-9208; seating 12
 KIMBERLY; April 11; W2662 Kennedy Ave; Brian Matz; 920-423-4160; seating 20
 LA CROSSE LOGAN; April 7; 1500 Ranger Dr; Steve Hole; 608-789-7700 ext 7709; seating 25
 LAKELAND; April 11; 9573 State Hwy 70; Minocqua; Jim Cirilli; 715-358-8401; seating 72
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 RICE LAKE-WITC-Room 122; April 7; 1900 College Dr; Steve Salisbury; 715-234-2181 ext 1044; seating 16
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Officials Exams Due Dates

Exams will be placed on our website on the Officials Center. They are also being sent to officials with rule books. Listed below you will find the due dates that completed exams are due in the WIAA office:

SPORT	DUE DATE
Baseball	March 25, 2005
Softball	March 25, 2005
Track & Field	March 25, 2005

Part II exams will be sent and are due back on the following dates:

SPORT	MAILED	DUE DATE
Baseball	March 18, 2005	April 8, 2005

Officials Center Information

Please check the Officials Center located on our website frequently as new information is continuously being added.
 If you have any questions regarding information on the Officials Center, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA. †

Midwest Classic Conference

The Midwest Classic Conference seeks applicants for its Commissioner vacancy. Please submit cover letter and resume to Bill Topp, Midwest Classic Conference, 433 Heritage Court, Racine, WI 53402 or via email at btopp@wi.rr.com. The deadline is February 18. †

State Tournament Time Schedules

Hockey State Tournament Time Schedule

Thursday, March 3 – 11 a.m.

Boys Quarterfinals – Upper Bracket

Game 1 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
 Game 2 – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
 (Approx: 1:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 3 – 5 p.m.

Boys Quarterfinals – Lower Bracket

Game 3 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
 Game 4 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
 (Approx: 7:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 4 – 11 a.m.

Girls Semifinals

Game 5 – Sectional #1, slot #1 vs. Sectional #2, slot #3
 Game 6 – Sectional #1, slot #2 vs. Sectional #2, slot #4
 (Approx: 1:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 4 – 5 p.m.

Boys Semifinals

Game 7 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
 Game 8 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
 (Approx: 7:15 p.m.)

Saturday, March 5 – Noon

Girls Championship Game

Game 9 – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

Boys Championship Game

(Following Girls Awards Ceremony)
 Game 10 – Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

Gymnastics State Tournament Time Schedule

The following is the time schedule for the gymnastics two-day tournament format. It is important for competitors to remember that Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids has a normal school day on Friday, March 4, which means the field house and parking lots are being used. Set up of the field house cannot take place until the regular school day has been concluded. In light of this, competitors are asked to please not arrive until the scheduled opening time of the building.

Friday, March 4

3:45 p.m. - Building Opens
 4-4:50 p.m. - Bar Settings
 4:15 p.m. - Coaches Meeting
 4:50 p.m. - Timed Warm-Ups Begin
 5:15 p.m. - Judges Meeting
 Round 1 - 4:50-5:06 p.m.
 Round 2 - 5:07-5:23 p.m.
 Round 3 - 5:24-5:40 p.m.
 Round 4 - 5:41-5:57 p.m.
 Round 5 - 5:58-6:14 p.m.
 6:30 p.m. - March In
 6:45 p.m. - Competition
 9:45 p.m. - Awards For Individual and All-Around

Saturday, March 5

10 a.m. - Building Opens
 10-10:50 a.m. - Bar Settings
 10:50 a.m. - Timed Warm-Ups Begin
 Round 1 - 10:50-11 a.m.
 Round 2 - 11:01-11:11 a.m.
 Round 3 - 11:12-11:22 a.m.
 Round 4 - 11:23-11:33 a.m.
 Round 5 - 11:34-11:44 a.m.
 Round 6 - 11:45-11:55 a.m.
 Round 7 - 11:56-12:06 p.m.
 Round 8 - 12:07-12:17 p.m.
 Round 9 - 12:18-12:28 p.m.
 Round 10 - 12:29-12:39 p.m.
 12:55 p.m. - March In
 1:15-4:30 p.m. - Competition
 4:45 p.m. - Awards For Teams

Wrestling State Individual Tournament Time Schedule

Doors scheduled to open one hour prior to the start of competition for Sessions 1-4.

Session 1 – Thursday, February 24 – Six Mats

Division 1 Preliminaries5 p.m.
 Followed By Division 1 Quarterfinals

Session 2 – Friday, February 25 – Six Mats

Divisions 2 and 3 Preliminaries (First Round).....10 a.m.
 Followed By Division 1 Consolations (approx. noon)
 Divisions 2 and 3 Quarterfinals (approx. 1:30 p.m.)

Session 3 – Friday, February 25 – Six Mats

Divisions 1-2-3 Semifinals.....7 p.m.

Session 4 – Saturday, February 26 – Six Mats

Division 1 Consolation (Second Round).....11 a.m.
 Divisions 2 and 3 Consolation (First Round).....11 a.m.
 Followed By
 Divisions 1-2-3 Fifth Place
 Divisions 1-2-3 Third Place

Session 5 – Saturday, February 26 – Three Mats

Doors open 5:15 p.m for final session.

Divisions 1-2-3 Championships.....6 p.m.

Girls Basketball State Tournament Time Schedule

Kohl Center – Madison

Thursday, March 10

9:05 a.m. – Session #1 – Division 3 Semifinals

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
 Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #2 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
 Game 4 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #3 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket)

Game 5 – Sectional #7 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
 Game 6 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Friday, March 11

9:05 a.m. – Session #4 – Division 4 Semifinals

Game 7 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
 Game 8 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #5 – Division 2 Semifinals

Game 9 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
 Game 10 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #6 – Division 1 Semifinals

Game 11 – Upper Bracket Winners
 Game 12 – Lower Bracket Winners

Saturday, March 12

12:05 p.m. – Session #7

Game 13 – Division 4 Championship
 Game 14 – Division 2 Championship

6:35 p.m. – Session #8

Game 15 – Division 3 Championship
 Game 16 – Division 1 Championship

State Team Wrestling Tournament Time Schedule

Division 1 Quarterfinals
Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

Upper bracket

Sectional E winner vs. Sectional G winner
 Sectional F winner vs. Sectional H winner

Lower bracket

Sectional B winner vs. Sectional D winner
 Sectional A winner vs. Sectional C winner

Division 1 Semifinals
Saturday, March 5 at 9 a.m.

Division 2 Semifinals
Saturday, March 5 at 1 p.m.

Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner
 Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner

Division 3 Semifinals
Saturday, March 5 at 1 p.m.

Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner
 Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner

Divisions 1-2-3 Finals
Saturday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Wrestling Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: Can there be any advertising on a high school wrestling mat? Our kids program wants to buy a mat for the high school, and they want to know if they could print a couple sponsors on the outer edge of the mat. Is this OK?

A.: **WIAA rules would not prevent this. Not really any different than a soda brand on your scoreboards, or Joe's Grill on the outfield fence of your ball park, or the businesses who help provide the team poster/schedules.**

We "interpret" those sorts of things as business/services, "endorsing" the team and/or school as opposed to an athlete endorsing a product/business or service.

Q.: We have purchased a brand new digital scale and received it yesterday. We would like to use it for our conference and regional events. Does it need to be checked for accuracy before it is used in a meet. We have another scale and have checked our weights. It weighs accurately as we checked it against our other 2 scales.

A.: **Generally, a new digital scale is considered to have been checked for accuracy by the manufacturer. All the same, it's wise that you've double checked it. An inaccurate or 'uncertified' scale in either of the settings you're thinking of using it, isn't worth the "hundred bucks" for the frustration/grief it will bring. I would strongly suggest you get it in writing from whomever sold you the scale that it is**

"certified" coming out of the box. Or, I'd have it re-certified going into the conference and or regional tournament. I would not send my coach into those settings with a scale that didn't have the "paper"/certification to back him up. As you well know, the scale's accuracy is just too important and what it determines has to great a potential to get emotional/ugly or prevent a wrestler from competing.

Q.: I have a question on stopping the blood clock. It is my understanding that the blood clock runs until the bleeding is controlled, which means when the wound is covered and bandaging is complete or in the case of a bloody nose when the plug is inserted. I have run into numerous situations where coaches want the blood clock stopped as soon as they finish applying direct pressure to stop the bleeding, declaring "the bleeding is controlled" but prior to the wound being bandaged or plug being inserted in the nose.

A.: **Thanks for paying such close attention to these details. You have an accurate understanding of the expectations for/in this situation. The only dimension your note does not mention, which is also a part of our expectation, is that the headgear is on/snapped and the wrestler is otherwise "ready to wrestle". That's when clean-up can begin and the 'blood clock' stopped. As another friend/official pointed out: The operative**

word(s) are "ready to wrestle."

Q.: We had a situation in a dual meet style tournament. Two wrestlers wrestled without their 45 minute rest between matches. One won and one lost, then I reported the lack of time to the referee, who then asked the tournament director. It was established that neither wrestler had their 45 minutes but they did not know what to do. I suggested that it should be bad time and that they should get their rest and then wrestle again. The situation was not listed under bad time, so everyone involved was confused at what to do. The tournament director decided to let the results stand, but be more careful in the future. I am asking for the proper call.

A.: **Once the wrestlers have wrestled, the offended wrestler/coach having left the mat area, then it would be too late to correct the error. The results of the match would be final. If the error was brought forth during the match (or before the coach or offended wrestler left the mat area), the match would be stopped. The wrestlers would then be allowed to use the remainder of their 45 minute rest period before they would be allowed to start the match over. I don't think that it would be necessary to give the wrestlers a 45 minute rest period from the time the match was stopped, but rather, just the remainder of time the wrestler(s) were shorted prior to the beginning of the stopped match. If a coach feels his wrestler has not had adequate time to recuperate since the discontinued match, then the offended coaches and official (or head official) can have a discussion and come to an agreement on what would be proper for this unexpected situation. Again, this is not supported by rule - but by applying 3-1-12. If the entire match had been wrestled and the error brought forth before the offended coach, official left the mat area, then it would make sense that the 45 minute rest be applied before they wrestle again. This isn't a bad time situation; this is a poor job of coaching and contest administration. There are requirements for compliance with the NF and WIAA for member schools. Keep in mind that in this case neither wrestler had 45 minutes; both were the "offended wrestler," from one perspective. So, then if we re-wrestle the entire match, all that's been gained is we've given the original loser a second chance. I don't believe that's the correct thing to do. I am less concerned about altering the outcome of results determined by "wrestling" in this case, then I am to see the contest administration keep better track of time between sessions and to see wrestlers have the recovery time prescribed, and to see coaches who are looking out for/keeping track of the things which affect the interests of their wrestlers.**

Q.: We had a wrestler weigh-in at 190.6 January 17, with the 2-lb growth allowance. He weighed in at the 215-lb weight class at weigh-ins. What weight classes is he eligible to wrestle at: 189 and 215 or 215 and 275? We had a discussion at our dual meet referencing Rule 4 that a

weight class is closed for weigh-in procedures, but a coach may move him to another eligible weight class if he qualifies, but we are not clear what weight class he qualifies for. It's not that uncommon for coaches to move wrestlers to another weight class that the wrestler did not weigh-in at, but we did not see a specific example if a wrestler can move down a weight class (if weight is not a problem) as well as moving up a weight class (if weight is not a problem). We are trying to follow the rule of thumb that a wrestler is only eligible for 2 weight classes. Can a wrestler weigh in at 215 and then compete down a weight class if his weight qualifies him?

A.: **I have responded to this several times in recent years in the WIAA Bulletin. This is not a "rule of thumb" sort of situation. The rules are crystal clear in this area. Due to the circumstances you describe, this wrestler is only eligible for ONE weight class, i.e. 215. He has "missed" or skipped the opportunity for 189 and there is no "wrestling down." He missed the chance to wrestle at 189, the weight class his actual body weight qualified him for, and he is not eligible by rule for 275 (three weight classes above his actual weight. see: 4-4-2 and 4-5-3 for rule basis and case example; 4-4-4). The rules provide that a wrestler may be eligible for the weight class his actual weight places him at, and the next weight class higher. The rules also provide that if a wrestler "misses/skips" stepping on the scale for/at his lowest possible weight class there is no "going" back. That weight class is closed. And stepping on the scale "late" will not automatically qualify a wrestler for a weight class higher than his actual body weight and the rules would allow.**

Q.: Wrestler A is called for a slam. As the coach of wrestler B comes on the mat he requests the athletic trainer. When the trainer arrives on the mat, I explain to her that a slam was called and that the injured wrestler has two minutes of recovery time. She looks at me and says this is a neck/head injury so he gets four minutes. I said fine but the injured wrestler's coach says no way - he gets recovery time only!! I understand why he wants recovery time only. If his wrestler gets knocked on the head again in this match - he loses. We did end up with the four minutes head/neck time but what is the correct call in this situation. Is it just recovery time or longer and can I call the athletic trainer to the mat if I believe the wrestler needs medical attention or is that only the injured wrestler's coach's call?

A.: **If the medical authority on site requests the 4 minutes, and it is a legitimate head/neck/spinal concern, Done Deal (provided they are MD or LAT/ATC). End of discussion. Despite the opinions of a few, officials will generally do well to honor those requests that are reasonable/appropriate coming from qualified medical personnel and honor them in a manner consistent with a rule based protocol.**

Q.: In exhibition or JV tournaments, is it permissible to allow to wrestlers of comparable weight, but over 275, to

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Boys Basketball State Tournament Time Schedule

Kohl Center – Madison

Thursday, March 17

9:05 a.m. – Session #1 – Division 3 Semifinals

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #2 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #6 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #3 – Division 1 Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket)

Game 5 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 6 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

Friday, March 18

9:05 a.m. – Session #4 – Division 4 Semifinals

Game 7 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 8 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

1:35 p.m. – Session #5 – Division 2 Semifinals

Game 9 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
Game 10 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

6:35 p.m. – Session #6 – Division 1 Semifinals

Game 11 – Upper Bracket Winners
Game 12 – Lower Bracket Winners

Saturday, March 19

12:05 p.m. – Session #7

Game 13 – Division 4 Championship
Game 14 – Division 2 Championship

6:35 p.m. – Session #8

Game 15 – Division 3 Championship
Game 16 – Division 1 Championship

Wrestling Q&A's

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wrestle each other?

A.: No. Though there are several modifications allowed within the Season Regulations relative to subvarsity competition, there is no provision which would provide for this sort of arrangement.

Q.: The majority of experienced Wisconsin wrestling officials I've spoken with consider repeated intentional releases to secure another takedown without aggressively working for a fall, or the intentional release of an opponent once near fall points have been earned as unsportsmanlike conduct (USC). I've witnessed officials instruct a wrestler to stop it, or without warning call a USC penalty. Reading rule 7-4-2 along with Case Book examples and the Wisconsin adaptations to NFHS rules, I can't find these actions interpreted as USC. I've also spoken with officials from about six other states and have yet to find anyone who agrees with the interpretation I've been given from many Wisconsin officials. I believe the difference is due to Wisconsin officials feeling that the goal of wrestling is to secure a fall, while officials from other states feel that the goal is to win the match. What is the WIAA's position on the matter? In my opinion, the reason Wisconsin officials call this USC is a reaction to the year Ben Askren got 400 takedowns. Wisconsin officials are using the word "intimidation" in rule 7-4-2 to justify calling USC.

A.: I am somewhat pleased to hear your observation. It's been a year or two since we last addressed this as a point of emphasis. It has not been a topic I've had brought in from either coach or official for some time now. At the time of it being a hotter topic I did indeed attempt to impress upon officials that I wanted them observant of - if/when an unacceptable line was crossed with respect to take down/release. You've asked for some clarification on that perspective. I will not go far into philosophy, however the situation you raise may not be far different from other patterns of behavior where they may be viewed to one degree - as acceptable, but after crossing a line, become unacceptable. (Where does spontaneous celebration cross the line to self-indulgent and/or taunting behavior?) I begin from this fundamental platform of random points/observations: A wrestler can not score more points for their team in any other manner than they can by securing the fall. Takedown records are an individual achievement that also hold the prospect for preying upon, exploiting and needlessly embarrassing another young competitor. I hold not much regard for that sort of personal record or that sort of prospect, in part at least because it comes at the expense of another student. I do not agree that it contributes to - or perpetuates the quality of poise, grace, class that I have held to be an important part of the learning opportunity contained in school sport. Though I recognize the tech fall is clearly within the text of the rule. It might even make it easier to officiate if we don't think about any other dimension of the rule, what it means in application to the mat/to the competition. However, I reject the notion that anything/everything's acceptable

within the context of: "it's allowed within the rule." I also recognize there are some matches that are a dog-fight. That there are some competitors who "just can't/won't be pinned," those matches might become battles involving more takedowns. I have no problem with that. By the same token there are matches where a wrestler is dominant. No questions about it. I have attempted to make my position/expectations clearly known to WIAA officials: That when it becomes obvious to an official that the dominant wrestler is capable of securing the fall - the wrestler be instructed to do so. Finish the deal! If and when that admonition is given and should it be ignored, the USC call ought to not come as a surprise. I have not suggested that the USC ought to be applied instantly or as a matter of "first response" in this setting. I recognize this requires a degree of judgement be applied by the official as is often the case, in sport. I recognize there are many opinions on this topic. Here are a couple of others: 1. When the tech fall rule was instituted some years it took away the USC call in "most" cases. However if the takedown release is done in an unsportsmanlike manner, that is another matter. Like many things in life, it is not what you do but how you do it. 2. My opinion on the intentional release is that a takedown and release should be acceptable as a means to gain a technical fall - if it is not done in a demeaning/unsportsmanlike manner. Intentionally letting a wrestler off his back is a little different. If the official thinks that the offensive wrestler let the individual off his back because "he just couldn't pin him" - then OK. If in the judgement of the official he could have been pinned - then USC.

Q.: Had a situation that came up last weekend at a jr high tournament. Discussed it with a couple varsity coaches there as well as other officials and came up with different responses. One coach even said he has asked this question to experienced varsity officials and had different answers given. Here is the situation. The offensive wrestler locks his hands. I give the signal for locked hands but let the match continue because the defensive wrestler is working towards a reversal. During the action the offensive wrestler unlocks his hands; as action continues the defensive wrestler is just about to get a reversal and then the offensive wrestler locks his hands again to stop the reversal. No further action takes place. I stop the match and penalize the offensive wrestler how? Is it one locked hands or would it be two locked hands because they happened at different times? The two schools of thought that day were: Only one because you let the action continue to see if the defensive wrestler can get a reversal, when the 2nd locked hands occurred it stopped that chance so only one penalty can be given. The other is since it was two separate locked hands each should be penalized. The point was since it stopped the scoring activity it should be penalized the second time. Any clarification of this situation would be greatly appreciated.

A.: To call two locked hands in succession creates a great deal of tension between the official and the coach. If

possible, the official should stop the match if the opportunity presents itself, but frequently the action is continuous and the hands are locked early and late in the situation and the call must be made. The call is two distinct locked hands. Two, one point penalties will be assessed against the offensive wrestler. This situation was addressed several years ago in the Case Book. It is very similar to the two - one point penalties that will be assessed against the defensive wrestler, when in a pinning situation puts his hands across the nose and throat of the offensive wrestler on two different occasions. It doesn't matter that it is the same situation, you still have two distinct violations. This situation is addressed in the current Case Book.

Q.: I will be having a boy try wrestling that is missing a good portion of his right arm. I would like some clarification on starting positions so I can work with our refs to get it right and help him practice these positions.

A.: The neutral position should not be an issue - all rules would apply to this individual in that starting position. The referee's position is in question. My interpretation, when on defense, he would be in a normal position with one arm and both legs meeting current starting position criteria. The handicapped arm (shorter) should be positioned in the usual location but of course would be much shorter. He would extend the arm in a straight position (would hang free) which would allow the offensive wrestler to position himself (by rule) on either side of the defender. The offensive wrestler, if he chooses that side to set up, would now grasp the lower part of the short arm. I would insist that he grab as low on the appendage as possible with the option of grasping at least one entire hand on the lowest portion of the appendage. In my judgement this would not put the offensive wrestler in a disadvantage. In regard to his offensive options. In the optional start obviously he would be expected to have one hand on the back. In the referee's position he would be allowed to mount on either side and meet all criteria with every appendage but the shorter arm. He should not be expected to put himself at a disadvantage by placing that appendage in a legal position. If his shorter arm is on the near side, he could touch that appendage anywhere on the upper arm of the defensive wrestler unless his short arm is long enough to make contact with the elbow. He should make contact with the defensive wrestler at the lowest position he could possibly place that without putting himself at a disadvantage (shoulders square would be a good guideline). If he chooses the opposite side, then the shorter arm would be over the back of the defensive wrestler and put in a position as if the arm was there. Obviously there would be no expectation to get anywhere near the navel, but as far around as the shorter arm will reach without putting himself at a disadvantage.

Q.: At a recent tournament they were using two officials for the placement

matches. In one of my wrestlers 3rd place match towards the end of the 2nd period the top wrestler committed a locked hands violation which was clearly observed by the assistant official as he gave the locked hands signal and showed the head official. No point was awarded so when the period ended and the assistant official came over by me I asked about it and he said he showed the other official. I then asked him and he stated that he had not seen the infraction so he could not award any points. Was this the correct interpretation for this situation? I did not question him any further at the time I just accepted his explanation. Unfortunately our wrestler got a reversal at the end of the 3rd period to tie the match but then lost the takedown in O.T. Had the penalty been awarded, our wrestler would have won in regulation. With the tournament series coming up I wanted to get a clarification should a similar situation arise.

A.: I do not agree with the interpretation. Certainly the head official has the choice of accepting or not accepting the input of the asst. referee. NF 3-2-2 and case offer a very clear perspective. If however, the head referee needs to witness all action w/his own eyes, why have the second set of eyes? Here was my initial inquiry...and the responses I received: While I understand the authority of the head referee and that he has authority to rule on and over rule as he sees fit, this interpretation seems to diminish the prospective contributions of an asst. ref. if the assistant can not be supported unless the ref. also sees the violation? 1. Agree with your analysis - would add 3-2-2g as a rule reference. In reference to the on mat official not seeing the violation I would certainly accept the asst. referee's observation unless I thought it was a reaction time type of thing! For sure, the on mat official has the option of going with the asst. referee or not going with his observation. 2. My understanding is that if the assistant referee sees a violation, he should communicate to the head official what he saw. After the conference, the head official makes the call. The fact that the head official did not see the infraction is not really the point. Isn't that why we have assistants? The head official does not have to see the violation that is observed by the assistant referee - otherwise there would be no value/need to have an assistant on the mat. Unfortunately the head official is either not experienced in working with an assistant or doesn't clearly understand the role of the assistant referee. 3. The least he could have done is stopped the match and discussed the situation with the assistant official - to be done when no action is occurring. I'd go and sit down if this occurred again - the opposite situation happened some time ago where the assistant took over the match and called a pin - won't comment on who the individual was but due to extremes like this we dropped using the assistant. Somewhere in between these two extremes is where we should operate. I approve using the assistant and like getting the call correct!! Would be interesting to hear from both officials - especially from the head. ✦

Swimming & Diving Question Interpretations

Question: We had a bottle of cough medicine break on the deck of the pool. Some of the glass went into the pool and we had to suspend the meet. Is this the proper procedure?

Interpretation: Glass should always be prohibited in the pool and the entire pool facility (pool, pool deck, showers, etc.). Swimmers are regularly in the seating area and most often they are barefoot. First, school administrators are encouraged to consider the development of prevention and response procedures for broken glass. Having these in place may prevent these situations from taking place.

When broken glass is identified on the pool deck and/or gets into the pool, it creates a very dangerous situation that must be reviewed by the facilities management. If the management determines it is not safe for the meet to be held or continued, the meet needs to be suspended, rescheduled and/or relocated.

Question: I'm the diving coach at Homestead High School, and I was just curious about something I read on the website. It says that the divers must have competed in 4 meets and 2 of those meets had to be in the 11-dive format. I was just wondering if conference counts as an 11-dive meet?

Interpretation: You are correct that divers must have participated

in a minimum of four meets during the current season before he/she is eligible for entry into sectional diving competition. In addition, at least two of the required four meets must have had a championship format of 11 dives.

So long as your conference meet is competed in a championship format of 11 dives, it can count as one of the two meets needed. If it is not an 11-dive meet, it can not be counted.

Diving coaches are always encouraged to bring documentation of the meets their divers compete in to the sectional meet. I have had coaches call other coaches to task on this matter.

Question: I have a potential situation developing and I am interested in an interpretation of the rules relating to this.

I have a girls who will be a junior at our school. This winter she switched clubs. I supported this move for her but the family did assure me that she would continue attending and swimming at our school. Now it appears that they are looking in to transferring under open enrollment to another school.

I'm interested in knowing how are transfer decisions like this made and anything else you might be able to inform me of.

Interpretation: Open enrollment is an option approved by the Wisconsin State Legislature for all

students in Wisconsin via State Statutes. WI Statute 118-37 (13) also indicates that a pupil attending a public school in a nonresident school district under this section has all the rights and privileges of pupils residing in that school district and is subject to the same rules and regulations as pupils residing in that school district. There is a process for students to follow and if they do so, are eligible to attend another school district.

Simply put, this is a family decision. Before making their decision, I would hope the family would consider discussing this with school administrators at the high school they are thinking of leaving so that they receive student transfer information and are fully informed and aware of all the issues involved with such a move. The WIAA Board of Control recently had an appeal where a student took a similar direction and things did not work out for her at her new school and she lost her eligibility for a year. The entire matter could have been prevented had the student and her parent met with school officials prior to the transfer.

Question: At a recent meet, lanes one and eight did not have flags over them. Is this allowable?

Interpretation: Preventative officiating suggests that officials inspect the facility ahead of the

2005 Gridiron Coaches Clinic

The 2005 Gridiron Coaches Clinic will be held at Appleton North High School on Wednesday, March 16. This clinic is aimed at youth and high school football coaches. Registration is \$20.00. The clinic will start at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. There will be speakers as well as a Position Fundamental Session. Please contact Matt Hechel (920) 954-8738 or email hechels@sbc-global.net for more information. †

competition. Adjusting the flags at that time or communicating with coaches about the use of those lanes prior to the meet is the most appropriate tactic to take.

If the missing flags are not noticed until after the meet has begun, delay the meet and ask the host school to adjust the flags so that the required three pennants are over each lane.

Question: Can I enter two relay teams in the 200 Medley and the 200 Freestyle using the same eight competitors, but then switch the competitors who actually compete after prelims?

Interpretation: Yes, NFHS Rule 3-2-3 indicates, In relay events, eight individuals may be designated, and it shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event. Any of these eight individuals may swim in the prelims, swim-offs and/or finals provided he/she does not exceed the permitted entries for the meet. †

Games Wanted

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SPRING

BASEBALL

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 23, 2005 - Team for JV doubleheader. Lomira - Angie Litterick (920) 269-4396 ext. 8172. (1-20)

May 7, 2005 - Team for 4-team varsity invitational. Pulaski - Don Tolkacz (920) 822-6706 or detolkacz@pulaski.k12.wi.us. (1-20)

June 2-10, 2005 - Games (summer baseball). Kettle Moraine Lutheran - Len Collyard (262) 677-4051 or lcollyar@kmlhs.org. (1-27)

GENERAL

2005 - Games. Sturgeon Bay - Rob Schartner (920) 746-5754. (1-27)

2005 - Freshman games. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzell@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

2005 - Varsity/JV games. Green Bay Preble - Greg Pangrazzi (920) 468-5746 or (920) 468-9168 or nevco1857@global.net. (1-27)

2005 - Games. Milwaukee Lutheran - Bob Heinkel (414) 461-6000 ext. 232. (1-27)

2005 - JV games. Luxemburg-Casco - Mike Snowberry (920) 845-2336. (1-24)

2005 - Varsity/JV games. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720 or kgundlach@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

BOYS GOLF

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 15-16, 2005 - Teams for 2-day tournament. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzell@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

Apr. 23, 2005 - Teams for varsity/JV scramble. Campbellsport - Kurt Parker (920) 533-4811 ext. 2100 or kparker@csd.k12.wi.us. (1-20)

May 13, 2005 - Teams for 18-hole invitational. Watertown Luther Prep - Paul Bertolus (920) 262-8116. (1-27)

GIRLS SOCCER

DATE SPECIFIC

May 7, 2005 - Berth in tournament. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720 or kgundlach@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

May 7, 2005 - Team for varsity/JV 3-game round robin. Madison La Follette - Jessica Fenner (608) 347-6038 or jfenner@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

May 14, 2005 - Team for 3-game classic. West Bend - Ron Held (262) 335-5608 or roheld@westbend.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

May 14, 2005 - Teams for invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard (715) 359-6561 ext. 4400. (1-14)

GENERAL

2005 - Varsity games or tournament berth. Gibraltar - Jason Feldman (920) 868-3284 ext. 332 or feldman@gibraltar.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

2005 - Games or tournament berths. Pulaski - Don Tolkacz (920) 822-6706 or detolkacz@pulaski.k12.wi.us. (1-20)

2005 - Freshman games. Waukesha West - David Zindler (262) 970-8821 or (262) 691-2100 ext. 6221. (1-17)

2005 - Varsity/JV games. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720 or kgundlach@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

2005 - JV/freshmen games. Madison La Follette - Jessica Fenner (608) 347-6038 or jfenner@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

2005 - Varsity/JV games or berth in invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (1-14)

SOFTBALL

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 23, 2005 - Team for varsity tournament (2 games). Portage - Dave Mills (800) 829-2049 ext. 411 or mills.dp@verizon.net. (1-14)

Apr. 30, 2005 - Teams for freshman tournament. Union Grove - David T. Pettitt (262) 878-2434 ext. 1286 or pettdav@ug.k12.wi.us. (12-14)

May 7, 2005 - Teams (varsity/JV) for tournament. Belmont - Scott Tolzman (608) 762-5131. (1-27)

GENERAL

2005 - Frosh games. Mayville - Sig Schecher (920) 387-7960 ext. 103 or schecher@mayville.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

2005 - Freshman games. Lakeside Lutheran - Paul Bauer (920) 648-2321 ext. 216 or pbauer@llhs.org. (1-27)

2005 - Games. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow (414) 461-6000 ext. 208. (1-27)

2005 - JV games. Milwaukee Custer - Dave Zimmermann (414) 393-4959. (1-27)

2005 - Varsity game (any date from May 17 through May 21). Cedarburg - Brian Leair (262) 376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

2005 - Freshman games. Sheboygan North - Dan Stengel (920) 459-3605. (1-27)

2005 - Freshman games. Campbellsport - Kurt Parker (920) 921-83244 or kparker@csd.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

2005 - Games. Kettle Moraine - Scott Graf (262) 965-6500 ext. 460 or graf@kmsd.edu. (1-19)

2005 - Varsity/JV game. New Holstein - Steve Steiner (920) 898-3074 or ssteiner@nhsd.k12.wi.us. (12-14)

2005 - Varsity game (1) and JV games (4). Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Bob Cowman (920) 876-3381. (12-14)

BOYS TENNIS

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 23, 2005 - Team for varsity/JV quad. Beaver Dam - Todd Sobrisky (920) 885-7520 ext. 910. (1-28)

GENERAL

2005 - Multi-school meets. Wisconsin Lutheran - Jeff Sitz (414) 453-4567 or jksitz@wlhs.k12.wi.us. (1-27)

2005 - Multi-school meets. Racine Case - Ned Kramer (262) 664-6038. (1-18)

TRACK & FIELD

DATE SPECIFIC

Mar. 22, 2005 - Teams for varsity/JV co-ed quad. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (1-14)

Mar. 29, 2005 - Berth in quad. Waukesha South - Eric Lehmann (262) 970-4085. (1-14)

Apr. 2, 2005 - Teams for coed invitational. Waukesha South - Eric Lehmann (262) 970-4085. (1-14)

Apr. 21, 2005 - Teams for co-ed quad. La Crosse Central - Joe Beran (608) 789-7933 or jberan@sdlax.k12.wi.us. (1-28)

Apr. 22, 2005 - Teams for co-ed relays. Rhinelander - Paul Johnson (715) 365-9512. (1-27)

Apr. 22, 2005 - Team for girls invitational. Janesville Parker - Jim Langkamp (608) 743-5007. (1-14)

Apr. 23, 2005 - Teams for co-ed varsity relay invitational. Shoreland Lutheran (Kenosha) - Mark Stein (262) 859-2595 ext. 138. (12-14)

Apr. 25 or 26, 2005 - Teams for varsity/JV triangular or quad. Tomah - Tom Curran (608) 374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

Apr. 27, 2005 - Teams for boys invitational. Brookfield Central - Scott Nelsen (262) 785-3918 or nelsens@elmbrook.k12.wi.us. (1-24)

May 6, 2005 - Teams for co-ed invitational. La Crosse Central - Joe Beran (608) 789-7933 or jberan@sdlax.k12.wi.us. (1-28)

May 6, 2005 - Teams for invitational. Peshtigo - Chad Sodini (715) 582-3711 ext. 1140. (1-17)

May 7, 2005 - Teams for JV boys invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann (920) 459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-14)

May 12, 2005 - Teams for co-ed invitational. Rhinelander - Paul Johnson (715) 365-9512. (1-27)

May 13, 2005 - Teams for boys only invitational. Oregon - Dan Kissling (608) 835-4882 or djk@oregon.k12.wi.us. (1-18) †

Hockey, Swimming & Diving and Tennis



Tom Shafranski

Board of Control Approves Rule Changes in Swimming & Diving

At their January 26, 2005, meeting the WIAA Board of Control approved two rule modifications in the sport of swimming and diving.

The first was a change in the release of sectional entry information. With the use of Hy-Tek, host schools will have to wait until after the Wednesday 4 p.m. entry change deadline to release sectional entries to other schools. Concerns were being raised this past fall regarding the release of entries on Tuesday evening.

The second rule change will give the Meet Referee the authority to replace a diving judge with an alternate judge at the sectional meet after the completion of a round. With the use of diving programs, Meet Referees are now capable of documenting and monitoring diving judge's scores during a meet. This language helps to support regulation of scores during diving competitions.

As indicated, if a diving judge needs to be replaced, the change will take place at the end of a round of diving. Diving judges can not be replaced until all divers have completed a round.

Questions regarding these rule changes can be addressed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. †

Administrators Encouraged to Attend Hockey Contests

As we enter the end of the regular season and beginning of the WIAA tournament season, school administrators of hockey programs are encouraged to take some time to visit practices and attend games. Now, more than ever, your presence is truly appreciated at this emotional time of year.

Not only will this send a welcomed message to your high school hockey team of the concern you have for your program, but it will also help to promote a positive relationship between the community hockey program and the school hockey program. The WIAA has identified tremendous improvements in the performance and behaviors of school programs and spectators when administrative teams have been visible and shown their support for their school hockey program.

Due to the success of last year's WIAA State Hockey Tournament, school administrators from the schools that qualify will again be provided free admittance. Having school administrators in attendance has truly made a difference. We again welcome your support during this exciting time of year. †

Hockey Interpretations

QUESTION: What is the proper warm-up length before a 17-minute period contest?

INTERPRETATION: Currently there is no defined length of time for warm-ups before either a 15-minute period or 17-minute period contest. The maximum length of a warm-up is 15 minutes unless conference regulations indicate a specific length.

QUESTION: When making a delayed call of a penalty and an icing call, should the official raise his/her arm at a 60 degree angle or straight up in the air?

INTERPRETATION: NFHS Official Ice Hockey Signals as found on page 70 indicate the non-whistle arm is held extended above the head.

QUESTION: I want to bring something to your attention regarding team celebrations after goals.

I have noticed an increase of team celebration after goals. More teams are celebrating on the ice with the team members on the ice, and then proceed to skate past their bench (the friendly bench) and "high five" all of their teammates. However, in most cases they cross the center line and go past the opposing team (the hostile bench), which is done inadvertently, in fact, I do not think they are even aware this may be a problem. I was watching one game recently and I noticed the team that scored accidentally bumped into the players from the opposing team when they were changing lines after the goal. In some instances, the hostile team was shorthanded, thus a player is coming out of the penalty box when the friendly team is skating by.

There are two issues with the celebration. First, in most instances it delays the face-off which causes the friendly team to be late to the face-off (this should result in their center being removed from the face-off). Second, inevitably some hostile player is either going to take issue with this celebration, or an inadvertent collision of two players is going to lead to something further, which really should be avoided.

INTERPRETATION: This situation is easily handled under the current NFHS "line change" rule and good awareness and simple preventative positioning by officials after a goal.

The NFHS current line change rule and procedure allows the visiting and home team each five seconds to make any player change following a stoppage of play. When officials follow the procedure as

outlined in the NFHS playing rules, teams must make a timely player change. Most delays are either completely eliminated, or a warning is given to the offending team per the NFHS playing rules.

While one of the referees is announcing the goal and any assists to the scorer, and while the linesman is retrieving the puck and proceeding to center ice, the other referee should be in position in the immediate vicinity of the scorer's bench and the scored upon team's bench to prevent any issues during the post goal "high five" celebration by the scoring team. By being in the proper position after a goal, this referee will eliminate 99.9% of any problems between teams. This is good preventative officiating.

These short celebrations are an important part of the high school athletic experience, a positive part of the competitive experience and should not be considered as unsportsmanlike conduct towards the opponent, unless something completely out of the ordinary occurs.

QUESTION: Early in the season, I had a game that went into overtime. With 30 seconds left in the intermission, one of the teams gathered at the bench and had a 1-2-3 lets go session.

Rule 2, section 4 part c says that team huddles should be restricted to before the first period. Would this rule apply, or would the fact that they were using the time allowed for intermission negate this ruling?

INTERPRETATION: The application for NFHS Rule 2-4-c pertains to pre-play huddles that were regularly taking place around the goals years ago. The delay of these goal area huddles caused some concerns and eventually a rule was written.

As far as a team huddle prior to the start of play, this is OK.

As far as prior to an overtime period, teams can actually do any appropriate huddle, cheer, strategy session they would like to do during that time.

QUESTION: My son is a junior and has been invited to play on an all-star team. Can he do so?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Rules at a Glance, III. Students, E., indicates, "Athletes with remaining high school eligibility may not participate in all-star contests. An all-star team is one where participants are chosen on the basis of indi-

vidual accomplishment or reputation. An underclassmen becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from the date of last offense for participation in an all-star game or similar activity. A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event."

QUESTION: Can a hockey program attend a banquet that has a sponsor?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2-Nonschool, A. A banquet for a school team (or seniors, lettermen, etc.) sponsored by other than the school, shall not constitute a violation if arranged with the approval of the school.

QUESTION: If a player is disqualified from a hockey game in his/her last game of the season, does the disqualification carry over to their next sport?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Season Regulations, Ice Hockey, National Federation Allowed Adaptations, d., indicates game disqualification penalties will

be applied from the end of one season to the beginning of the next season of varsity sports the player is involved in.

QUESTION: Can an air/fog horn be blown following a home team's goal?

INTERPRETATION: Minor officials have a responsibility to be impartial. The blowing of an air horn after a home team's goal can only be done if it is also done following a visiting team's goal.

QUESTION: Do linesmen still need to get the puck during play stoppages and at the end of each period?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, it is vital for the linesmen to secure the puck as quickly as possible at this time of year. With emotions running high, obtaining the puck at these crucial times will reduce the likelihood of inappropriate activities (i.e., shooting the puck into the stands, at another player, etc.). All officials need to continually remind one another to be certain to secure the puck even when skirmishes break out. †

New Tennis Regulations Approved

Four new rule changes were approved by the WIAA Board of Control at their January 26, 2005, meeting. These rule changes will go into effect during the 2005-06 school year.

In JV competitions, JV players, while playing in a JV competition, can be allowed to accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. The designated coaches are allowed on the court as designated by current rules. This rule will be in effect for a two-year trial basis through the 2007 boy's season.

At the State Team Tournament, a singles player and/or doubles team may not retire from a match during the tournament unless the rule that applies to medical issues is invoked.

Also at the State Team Tournament, code violations given after a team match are now subject to point, game, three-game penalties. This action was taken to prevent student-athletes from making it to the State Team Tournament only to have a code violation on a teammate prevent them from participating in the tournament.

Additions were approved for the WIAA Tie-breaker procedure that determines the State qualifier when two or more teams tie for the sectional team championship. The first step will now allow a team that has won at least four matches played between the tied teams in subsectional and sectional play to advance to the State Team Tournament. In addition, step 6, if needed, reviews the fewest games lost in the sectional. Step 7 is used if school teams continue to be tied after sectional losses have been determined and goes to subsectional play under the same procedure and reviews the fewest games lost at subsectional.

Due to concerns about changes in the format of the competition, a regulation recommending a match tie-break be used in lieu of a third set for matches continuing after a dual match has been determined at the State Team Tournament was not approved.

Questions regarding these rule changes can be addressed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. †

Spring Rules Changes for 2005

2004-2005 Soccer Rules Changes

1-4-1 - Add the following to the existing rule: The vertical portion of the goal post may be padded with commercially manufactured material for soccer goals. This material shall be white, have a maximum thickness of one inch, be a minimum of 72 inches high and shall be properly secured. No markings other than a single manufacturer's identification/logo may appear on the goal post padding.

3-3-1(d) - Replace, "d. When an injured player(s) from either team is attended to on the field" with "when a player(s) from either team is injured." 2. The injured player(s) shall leave the field and may be replaced."

3-3-3 - The team NOT in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players at a throw-in or corner kick if the team in possession of the ball is also substituting (provided the substitutions have checked in per 3-4-a(d)).

4-1-1 - The required player equipment includes a jersey, shorts, stockings, suitable shoes and shinguards which shall provide adequate and reasonable protection, be professionally manufactured, age- and size-appropriate, not altered to decrease protection, worn under the stockings, and worn with the bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle.

5-3-1(b) - Delete "and assists". Currently the line reads: "The referee also must signal the timekeeper when the clock is to be stopped and confirm for the scorekeeper the players to be credited with goals and assists."

Assistant Referee Signals - There is a commonly accepted signal by which the assistant referee in the diagonal system of officiating indicates to the referee that he/she has seen a foul or misconduct. The flag is held vertically by the assistant referee until acknowledged by the referee. Once acknowledged, the assistant referee shall wave the flag and point the flag in the direction where the free kick will take place.

Wisconsin Adaptations

1. Schools must use a single referee and two WIAA licensed assistant referees for all varsity duals (conference and nonconference).

2. Regular season varsity contests ending in a tie: When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee

will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

(1) There shall be a maximum of two 10-minute overtime periods. (Note: Sudden victory):

(a) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e) (2).

(b) At the end of the first 10-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends.

3. Overtime shall not be played at the JV and freshmen level. Penalty kicks could be used to determine which team would advance in a tournament bracket.

4. Yellow cards received during regular season or tournament competition must be counted. Once a player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game. Once the player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two games, three more, they are suspended three games, etc. These are minimum penalties. All yellow cards must be reported to the appropriate head coach.

Note: Schools will be asked to certify that their team is eligible for the WIAA tournament series. Any team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. Any yellow cards received by the coach will count toward the 24 card total.

5. If a player receives a red card or a second yellow card resulting in disqualification, that individual is suspended for the next scheduled game. These are minimum penalties. All red cards must be reported to the appropriate head coach and to the WIAA.

6. Soft and yielding caps may be worn during inclement weather (Rule 4-2-1f).

7. In the event a game must be suspended because conditions make it impossible to continue before one complete half has been played, the game will continue from that point unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand. If at least one half of the game has been completed, the game is an official game.

8. Following the completion of the first half, anytime the score differential reaches ten or more goals, the coaches may mutually agree to end the game.

9. Schools shall provide a scorer and scoretable for all varsity contests. †

4-2-1 - A contestant shall not be entered in more than four events, excluding relays.

*** In the WIAA tournament series, regionals, sectionals, and state, being listed as a relay team alternate counts as one of the four allowed events whether or not the student participates.**

4-3-1b3 - Full-length track jersey and track shorts or body suit issued by the school. (4-3-8). 3. The jersey and shorts or body suit may have the school identification and the competitor's name. 8. Remove "body suits." (4-3-5, 9-6-1b, 1, 2, 3, 8).

6-2-12 - Add penalty for infraction of warming up without a coach or event official at the venue shall lead to a warning, and if repeated, a disqualification from the event. If the incident recurs, the athlete will be disqualified from further competition in the meet as a penalty for unsupervised warm-up in throwing and jumping events.

Editorial changes: 3-2-4k, 3-5-4b; 3-8-4; 3-9-6, 4-2-PEN, 4-3-6 PEN; 4-20-5; 4-3-2b; 6-2-13; 6-3-15; 6-4-9, 6-5-9, 10-2-5. †

2005 Baseball Rules Changes

1-3-4 - Revised rule: Each bat shall be: In diameter at thickest part...wood: 2 3/4 inches or less, nonwood: 2 5/8 inches or less.

1-3-5 - Delete rule 1-3-5.

1-4-6 - Revised rule: A face mask/guard may be attached to batting helmets at the time of manufacture. All face mask/guards shall meet the NOCSAE standard at time of manufacture. A face mask/guard specifically designed for a particular helmet model may be attached after manufacture, provided that procedure is approved by the manufacturer and meets the NOCSAE standard.

3-1-1 - Revised rule: For discovery of an illegal player (2-36-3) on offense or defense by an umpire or either team, that player shall be restricted to the bench/dugout for the duration of the game. If a restricted player re-enters the game on offense, he shall be called out immediately and ejected upon discovery by an umpire or either team. If he is a defensive player, an umpire or either team shall eject him upon discovery.

3-2-1 - Recommended change: Replace "While occupying a coach's box, he shall be in the uniform of his team." With "A coach who is not in the uniform of his team shall be restricted to the bench/dugout. However, a coach may leave the bench/dugout to attend to a player who becomes ill or injured.

6-1-1 - Revised rule: Turning the shoulders to check runners while in contact with the pitcher's plate in the windup position is a balk. Turning the shoulders to check runners while in contact with the pitcher's plate in the set position is legal. Turning the shoulders after bringing the hands together during or after the stretch is a balk.

Suggested Speed-up Rules, Courtesy Runner - Revised wording of Courtesy Runner: 1. At any time, the team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or catcher; 2. The same individual runner may not be used for both positions (pitcher and catcher) during the same game; 3. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances; 4. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners; 5. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a substitute for

another player in that half-inning. If an injury, illness or ejection occurs and no other runners are available, the courtesy runner may be used as a substitute; 6. The umpire-in-chief shall record and announce to the scorer courtesy runner participation; 7. A player who violates the courtesy runner rule is considered to be an illegal substitution.

Minor Editorial Changes

7-3-3 - Revised rule: Place 7-3-3 penalty after Articles 2 and 3, to read...the pitcher is in position ready to pitch. Penalty: For infraction of Articles 2 and 3, the ball becomes dead immediately and the batter is out.

7-3-4 - Place 7-3-4 Penalty after Article 4, to read...Permit a pitched ball to touch him. Revised rule: PENALTY: For infraction of Article 4, the batter remains at bat (pitch is a ball or strike) unless pitch was a third strike.

Wisconsin Adaptations to National Federation Rules - Regular Season

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game (Rule 4-3-1- Note 2). If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree not to do so.

If a game is called prior to the completion of a full inning, after the fifth inning, the game becomes a suspended game if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead (Rule 4-2-3 Note).

Courtesy Runners

(1) The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.

(2) Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.

(3) A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that half inning.

Penalty: For illegal substitution, such substitute shall be ejected. †

2005 Softball Rules Changes

1-6-6 - Effective Jan. 1, 2006, NOCSAE approved facemask/guards are required on all fast pitch batting helmets.

2-25-1g; 2-25-2 - Deleted the reference of the ball not being higher than the batter's head from the definition of both a foul ball and foul tip.

2-36 - Deleted from the obstruction rule that fielders may be about to receive the ball. Obstruction may be called unless the fielder is in possession of the ball or fielding a batted ball.

8-6 PEN 3; Appeal Procedures - Changed to add that the coach or any defensive player may make a defensive dead-ball appeal.

Major Editorial Revisions

1-3-5 - Identical compression now included among the specifications for softballs used for each game.

1-4-2 - Clarified that gloves/mitts may be a maximum of two colors unless judged to be distracting.

1-4-4 New - Added that gloves may not be designed or altered to create an adhesive,

sticky, and/or tacky surface.

1-5-1 - Clarified that the bat handle may be round or oval.

2-57-3, 3-3-2 - Clarified that the coach must notify the umpire when the FLEX assumes a position on offense or the DP plays defense for the FLEX.

3-2-13 - Clarified the requirements for casts, splints and braces.

Dead Ball Tbl PEN 18 - Clarified that all runners are awarded one base when the ball becomes dead except when the caught ball is the third out.

Dead Ball Tbl ACT & PEN 19 New - Added a new situation and penalty for when the ball is intentionally carried, kicked, pushed or thrown into dead-ball territory.

8-2-12, 13 - Deleted the references to double first base rules and moved them to guidelines behind the rules.

8-4-3 PEN 1 - Clarified when an obstructed runner may be put out.

8-9-6 EXC - Added a new exception to describe if a courtesy runner is injured. †

2005 Track & Field Rules Changes

3-2-4t - By state association adoption, the games committee may designate the use of the 40 degree or 34.92 degree sectors in the shot and/or discus throw. 6-5-1, 6-4-5-, 3-20-5.

*** Wisconsin will continue to use the 65.5 degree sector for the shot and 60 degree sector for the discus. A venue which conducts the discus on the infield is required to use the 40 degree sector for the discus.**

3-3-2 - When entry limitations are more restrictive than NFHS Rule 4-2, the meet director shall announce the number of contestants who may represent a school and the number of events in which each contestant may enter and/or compete. Delete: "in most instances, the state association has standards concerning those matters. When there are no statewide standards, the conference or meet manager determines the regulations using the standards listed in Rule 4-2."

*** Wisconsin regulations state that an athlete may compete in a maximum of four events, but in no more than three running or three field events.**

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Amateur Status

Q.: I am a cross country/track athlete at my high school, but I also enjoy cycling as well. If I were to do cycling races during the summer (out-of-season and out of school) and I were to win money from the races, would that affect my eligibility for the coming year?

A.: **You ought to discuss this with your school's AD. Simply put, the answer is no, cash/merchandise awards for achievement in cycling, skiing, rodeo, moto-cross, bowling, etc., do not adversely affect eligibility for WIAA sports. To paraphrase the rule: "A student must be an amateur in all WIAA recognized sports in order to be eligible to compete in any WIAA sport."**

Q.: One of my senior's parents asked me last night if I knew anything about commitment letters at a D3 school. A coach had called and asked his son if he is ready to sign a commitment letter for his school. I hadn't, nor had the dad, realized that D3 schools such as Stout or Stevens Point, etc., sent out commitment letters for athletics. Can you help me understand what this is all about?

A.: **According to Gary Karner, WIAC Commissioner, nothing has changed--DIII schools are not permitted to issue anything resembling a letter of intent to a prospect. He will follow-up with any schools that may be representing some sort of letter as a quasi "letter of intent". Some schools will send letters to prospects providing and/or requesting information that is needed prior to the start of pre-season/fall practice that have been constructed by some to be a letter of commitment. Neither you, nor the family have done anything wrong or incorrectly. Please reassure them of that.**

Q.: My concern is about an advertisement one of our banks had put forth, which had one of the banks employees and her two sons (who are wrestlers on our team). The ad depicted the sons wrestling and their mother serving as a ref. I told them that if the athletes could be recognized as wrestlers that it was in violation. They then asked if the wrestlers faces were blanked out so they were not recognizable if they would be legal. I told them that I believe if they could not be recognized as a high school athlete it would be OK, but I requested seeing the ad before it was published. Am I correct in my interpretation?

A.: **Yes...good call.**

Attendance & Scholarship

Q.: If a student fails a class, when would they become eligible to be reviewed? For example our school rules say the student is ineligible for 15 school days and nights from the end of the grading period. So when would the student become eligible to compete again?

A.: **The WIAA's policy is that the student becomes eligible on the 16th scheduled school day. Please go to our website (www.wiaawi.org). Pull down on the Publications tab and click on "Senior High Handbook." Academic Eligibility is addressed on p. 35.**

Competition & Practice

Q.: I had heard that all-star contests were OK if the athletes had finished their eligibility in that sport, but in reading the Handbook, it says eligibility remaining in

any sport; so an all-star basketball game in March for seniors would be illegal? My school is proposing to host a conference all-star game in March after the basketball season. This all-star game would rotate alphabetically around the conference with each year a different member host. The ADs were under the impression that because basketball seniors WIAA eligibility is finished they would be eligible to play. Pg. 28 of the WIAA Senior High handbook, Article IV--All star Prohibition says that we can't hold it during the established school year. So, can we hold an all-star basketball game in March?

A.: **This cannot be done. March is still during the established school year...summer, when school is not in session, is the time/period that is not at odds with this provision. Bylaws: Article II, Sect. 1 & 2, Section 5, and Article IV - (which you mention). I would also point out that the "Philosophy" regarding All-Star competitions as explained in Rules of Eligibility Article VI, Section 3 (p. 38) has not come before the membership for "reconsideration" in my tenure. The text is clear and specific and is not "open" for interpretation or selective application. Unless or until the membership wishes to change its sentiments and position about post season play/all-star games sponsored w/in our schools, this is not allowed and is contrary to the membership's stated philosophy.**

Q.: I just wanted to double check with you on a grade situation. We have a girl basketball player who may flunk a class. She would need to sit out the 15 days under our rules. She would probably miss the first regional game depending on when we get the computer print out. It's my understanding that she could compete in the next tournament game if she has regained her eligibility. Is this correct?

A.: **You are correct, WIAA rules would not require her to miss all remaining games for academic ineligibility. A student who has a behavior code violation that results in missing one tournament game then results in the student losing eligibility for all remaining tournament games in that sport.**

Q.: Regarding the scrimmage day in soccer, the rule book states: "A school may not scrimmage against a nonschool affiliated club team." I guess I am unsure what that means. So, I would not be able to practice or scrimmage against a group of college girls? I have a friend that is the coach at a D3 college, so we would NOT be able to practice/scrimmage them?

A.: **A scrimmage with the school group you identified would be allowed. A nonschool affiliated club team means the "west side kickers soccer club," the YMCA soccer club, etc. A college is a "school." Some high schools whose programs are not yet mature, might sponsor soccer as a club activity before it goes "interscholastic and/or a "varsity" program.**

Participation Issues

Q.: I have a student who would like to participate in athletics, but he will be attending our alternative school that is affiliated with the high school, but is off campus. Can you tell me if this qualifies him for participation?

A.: **If this student is on a full-time**

schedule and it is the policy in your district that students in alternative schools are eligible and will return to their "local" school or school of "residence", then yes he could be eligible. It is not uncommon in our membership to have a community with 3 or 4 high schools have a single alternative or charter school and have the students attending the charter/alternative school each return to their own "local" school as defined by school district attendance area boundaries and compete for their "home" school.

Q.: Are there any limitation for out-of-state competition in girl's basketball? Our team is considering a two-day event in Iowa that would include joint work-outs and one game. Please advise of potential pitfalls. This would be within the parameters of the recognized season.

A.: **No extraordinary concerns here, this can happen as you've described, but you need to be specific and take reasonable care in outlining the trip. First, remember you are allowed only one day of scrimmage versus another school team/program. Review the specifics on scrimmages w/in the Winter Season Regs. If you wish to have more than one day of scrimmage, you can always give up a game for another scrimmage opportunity. The game played in Iowa must "fit" within your maximum allowed contests. The membership did away with the 600 mile waiver requirement a couple years ago, so no need for requesting that. If this would involve Sunday competition, your own school board would need to approve. Otherwise, if there's no more to this trip (i.e., only involving two schools/contiguous state borders) it appears this is pretty straight forward. p. 27 of the Senior High Handbook has more details on interstate competition. Letter F.**

Q.: I have an 18-year old son who will be returning to high school next year. He is in the special education class in school. In the past he has managed the basketball team. He has not participated as an athlete though. He would like to continue to do this next year; however, he will be 19-years old. Does WIAA rules allow him to act as manager? He will not be participating as an athlete, he does, however, travel with the team. This question also relates to track. Is there anyway he can be involved in basketball programs and track at the age of 19 without violating WIAA regulations? He would like to only "manage" the team. This primarily consists of helping with uniforms, water, balls, etc.

A.: **WIAA rules for student athlete eligibility do NOT prevent your child from serving as a team manager for the school team as long as he likes and for as long as the school allows. We're pleased he's found this special and "good fit" with a school program.**

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: My son plays spring baseball. He is pretty good and he has hopes of playing past high school. He is currently a junior and he actually made first-team all-state last year as a sophomore. There is a two day showcase on April 30 and May 1 in Iowa. We do not play games on the weekends. At this showcase, there are apparently college and pro scouts. You get grad-

ed. I also understand that they put you on teams and you play a game or two. There are other showcases around during the summer, but we would like to get exposed before the summer. Can we do this? I was also surprised that he made all-state in baseball, and we never heard anything about it. Were we supposed to get a certificate or anything?

A.: **I am not able to say with 100 percent certainty whether the combine your son's considering would be a problem or not. I don't know which one of these many opportunities your son might be considering. I've not reviewed the specific literature. I can tell you that there have been a number of camps/clinics/combines which have been seen as not being a problem, i.e., not violating the membership's non-school competition rules. Have your school's AD and coach look over the info you're looking at. This office has nothing to do with all-conference and or all-state teams and/or selections. Typically those things are done either by media or a state coaches group. Again, ask your head coach if there should have been a certificate or some sort of recognition for your son's selection.**

Q.: Our football coach came to me with a question regarding payment for a flag football league team of our students by the XYZ Football Booster Club. There is a huge, new indoor facility in our area that just opened and they are offering leagues in many different sports, but this is the first that has come to me asking about payment. The league is basically a 5-on-5 flag football league. The games consist of two 20 minute halves playing an 8-game season followed by a league playoff of two games. The cost for a team is \$475/team, which our boosters would be willing to pay. But I told our coach to wait until I checked with you. In the WIAA Handbook on page 38 under Article VI, Sec. 2, #5 it states that, "It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parent, to pay the cost or fee of any kind of nonschool activity involving specialized training or similar instruction." Although there will not be "specialized training or similar instruction," is payment for this type of league still prohibited by this statement? I think it is, but I am not 100 percent sure and would like your opinion.

A.: **Actually this sort of opportunity has largely been considered competition, league play, tournaments and the like, too. (I'm presuming there is no coaching/instruction or training that's a part of this. Just play. If there is any instruction of any kind, then it is seen/considered as you first assessed, i.e., camp/clinic and your initial interpretation, was correct.) As competition, amateur status provisions allow an athlete to be reimbursed "actual and necessary" costs associated with playing a game (Art. IV, Sect. 1A-1a). This can include tournament and league entry fees. The challenge and hazard with this/your scenario, is complying with the dimension of the rule which prohibits an athlete from benefiting - by virtue of being an athlete, that is not available to every other student. If the QB club advertises their willingness for any/every student to put a team**

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together and to have the costs covered, then there's no problem. If they only pay for one group e.g., just the varsity receivers/DBs, then those select athletes "benefited" as a result of their athletic ability/potential or performance, and that's a big problem.

Q.: I have a question for you regarding the freshmen boys basketball season. I have been asked if some of our freshmen boys could compete in a basketball tournament that is nonschool sponsored on Saturday, February 26. In looking at the handbook and winter regulations I found the following: 1) the freshmen season ends on Saturday, February 26, 2) a student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a nonschool game in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. Our last freshmen game is on February 18. If we have no more freshmen team practices after February 18 (excluding any freshmen that are moved up to JV), could the freshmen that are done play in the February 26 tournament without having any eligibility issues?

A.: Yes. Once they have fulfilled their obligation to the school/team and school season and the school has "cut them loose", they can begin nonschool pursuits without peril. You are also correct that any freshmen who you might "move-up" to JV/varsity are still considered "in-season" and may not begin nonschool competition until that next commitment has been fulfilled

Q.: My daughter plays on a summer softball traveling team, and as a team, we have a few questions regarding practicing as a team during the spring softball season. Can a summer AAU team practice, as a team, (if the team does not consist of any two or more high school teammates and no varsity coach is involved) during the spring softball season. I know that the girls cannot participate in any games or scrimmages outside of their own varsity team, until their season is finished.

A.: Yes. WIAA rules do not prevent a student from practicing with a club team during the school season. A school or coaches own rules ought to be checked out however. Please review our Rules At A Glance. See Article III—Students - D—Nonschool participation.

Coach Contact

Q.: We are looking into trying to co-op girls soccer next year with another school and I couldn't find any of the answers to my questions on the website. 1) Our home games would be at our school – do we need to have a bus transport the girls from the co-op school or can they drive themselves? I know practices they are allowed to transport themselves. 2) The gentleman who will be coaching our team this year and possibly the co-op next year is not a staff member. Our master agreement states that all positions not held by a staff member must be re-posted each year. As a result he has no rights to the position from year to year. How does this effect his out-of-season contact with the girls? (If at all)

A.: 1. Local policy decision. 2. That your coaching position is listed each year has no effect on the contact rules. He has a status as your coach. If he intends/wishes to be eligible to coach the team again in the next school season, he may not have coaching contact with them outside the season except

in the summer during Board of Control approved contact periods. If he has out-of-season contact we would consider him not to be an eligible candidate for contract consideration. 3. It's OK if in the summer and is part of the five Board of Control approved contact days.

Q.: I am the coaching director for a soccer club and also help coach at the high school. The club wants to get our high school players more involved with our youth program. Our club has had a policy of reimbursing our coaches for the cost of coaching clinics they attend. If a high school player attends a USSF coaching clinic so they can help coach youth soccer, can they be reimbursed for the expense they incur? In other words, can we treat a young coach the same way we treat our adult coaches without eligibility problems? Can a high school player help me as an asst. coach for a youth team? I assume they can help other coaches who are not involved with high school coaching, but I want to double check about my contact with them.

A.: Yes. However, the chance to have a soccer coaching class be paid for by the club needs to be advertised as available to any student who wishes to apply; not just based on "team status." No "special benefits" available because I'm an athlete. It is also CRITICAL to note and understand this is far and away completely different from allowing boosters or anyone else from covering the cost of a student going to a sport skill camp.

When it comes to a "sport camp" 100 percent of those costs must be covered by student or family only. The scenario you inquire about is seen more as "employee training." It is not uncommon for groups, businesses or rec. departments to cover the costs associated with license, training of umpires, life guards, etc. This is not considered to be in conflict with the provisions which address sport camps/clinics and related skill instruction. High school players can assist their coach in the summer....to a limited degree (6 days). See WIAA Handbook, p. 38 #3 a - e.

Q.: I am a head baseball coach and will be putting on youth clinics in March and April. It is my understanding that I cannot use my players to help with this clinic, but with some of the rule changes in other sports, I just wanted to check and see if that had changed. Could you tell me if my interpretation is correct?

A.: Your understanding is still accurate. During the school year, no sport coaches are allowed coaching contact except during the actual school season itself. Since you are a summer baseball school, that's in mid-May. The changes implemented last year and those which will come to the membership at this year's Annual Meeting only address coach/athlete contact in the summertime.

Q.: Can a freshman coach have off season coaching contact with upper classmen from the same school?

A.: It is possible, however, it requires the frosh coach has ZERO interface with the JV/varsity squads during the school season. They do not practice/scrimmage...the frosh coach is not on either team bench, charting, or in the locker rooms...the frosh coach

is not on the bench for WIAA tournaments even if the team goes to State.

Q.: The teachers of an elementary school are having a conference in mid-February. They have scheduled our soccer coach to be a clinician at one of the sectionals. Can he take some of our soccer players with him to demonstrate drills? My first reaction is to have him take senior boys, who have completed their high school eligibility.

A.: You have identified just about the only correct response. He may not have coaching contact during the school year with students who have remaining eligibility in the sport. One other possibility is for the host school to seek volunteers from within their program or neighboring programs and your coach could put those volunteers through the paces.

Q.: I have a few questions about a roving softball pitching coach. 1. If this man works with our players during the winter at the local sports center or YMCA, we can not hire him as a staff member for the 2005 season, correct? 2. Could this person come and pitch batting practice during the regular season? 3. Could this person work with our pitchers during the winter at our open gyms (again provided we don't hire him as a coach in 2005)? 4. At our open gyms, can player's parents instruct their own children? What about instructing other people's children at same open gym? These are parents who play softball and want to give their kids (and I guess other kids, who they feel need it) help. The way we are operating our open gym, is one member of the coaching staff must be present to open & close the facility. They are also responsible for safety issues (i.e. wearing a batting helmet in the cage) and are supposed to intervene when ever they think safety is an issue. We let parents come and participate (play catch, soft toss & other drills) with their child.

A.: 1. Correct. 2. No. Not if he has been working with your athletes outside the season. 3. No. Please review the rules for Open Gym (Rules At A Glance). There is no coaching by a coach or anyone else allowed at open gyms. If there is instruction going on at school sponsored open gyms, that's a problem. If parents wish to privately secure time/space and provide a private instructor for their child that's up to them...and it is a private matter. Something they do/pursue on their own. Do not equate or confuse "my taking my child for private lessons" as open gym. Be certain to maintain open gyms as they are defined in the Rules at a Glance. Parents might wish to provide added opportunities for their own child as they see fit. 4. Not at open gym. I see numbers of concerns within the model you describe. I recommend you review the Rules At A Glance re: Open Gyms, Article II - D. I have no authority to provide an interpretation different from the one that's approved there. You might want to also review II - A, B and C in that document. I think they are pertinent to your situation. (Note: batting helmets are considered apparel - things which are worn.)

Q.: I am a varsity girls soccer coach and I have a question about summer contact with my players. A club team which rosters players from six different high schools, including a few players from my school, is

registered to play in a three-day tournament, can I coach them in this tournament? I believe that I am not allowed to coach my high school players in competition, just practices or camps, during five days in the summer, am I correct?

A.: You are not correct. In fact, though I do not know for certain all of the details about this club team/program, it sounds almost like the "model" example of how a coach could work with players from his own school's team in the summer - under present rules. With the changes approved last summer, if you wished to be involved with coaching this club team as you have described it, I think it could be done, provided: The days were part of your five allowed contact days; the opportunity to play or try-out for this club was available to "anyone interested;" you will want to keep a close eye on the April, WIAA Bulletin for additional changes to the summer contact rule. Though I'm not certain whether they will be passed or not, there are a number of proposals that look like they will go forward to the Annual Meeting. If approved, these modifications would further relax the summer contact provisions.

Q.: Is it permissible to meet with prospective track athletes (distance runners) now once or twice a week as long as it is a running club situation and open to all students in the high school who would like to participate?

A.: No, during the school year no sport coaches are allowed coaching contact with their athletes - except during the actual school season. For some added text on coach contact please review our Rules At A Glance. The first article addresses coaches and coach contact.

Q.: I have a youth girls soccer coach who contacted us stating that it is OK for our high school girls coach to work with our freshmen girls until they go out for soccer in the spring. I told them that I did not believe that was correct, that once school started the coach could not work with any student who could be on the team, particularly if they would be moving up to the varsity. The only references I can find in the regulations states if they have "just completed 8th grade". Once the school year begins can a coach work with freshmen that have not been out for the sport until they season starts?

A.: No. Your initial interpretation is correct. During the school year, there is no coaching contact except during the season itself.

Q.: In terms of summertime contact regarding wrestling, can coaches drive wrestlers they will be coaching to meets sponsored outside our own school district? Does this also apply to summertime clinics?

A.: Yes. If they wish. Beginning this summer, wrestling coaches have been approved for summertime contact, from the end of school until the start of school in the fall -- or as otherwise defined by the school. A coach privately riding with/accompanying, or personally transporting a wrestler to a camp would no longer constitute a contact violation. Do keep in mind that unless the membership changes its position on this, to this point the school may not be involved in any way....no school vans, no school activ-

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ity accounts, etc. The burden is 100 percent that of the family, student and/or coach. (Annual Meeting might see a possible amendment on this Bylaw if it receives approval in the next few weeks in order for it to be advanced.)

Residence & Transfer

Q.: Do transfer rules apply the same way for foreign-exchange students when their placement of residence (new family in a different district) has been changed due to a problem with their initial host placement? Of course assuming their exchange program is on the approved list.

A.: Yes. Transfer provisions would apply for exchange students, but so would the potential waiver of transfer provisions, based on documented extenuating circumstances and/or home life betterment concerns.

Q.: There is a sophomore who has participated in VB and BASKETBALL at her current school. Her parents have divorced some time ago. This athlete lives with her mother in the school district she played VB and BASKETBALL for. This athlete is trying to come to the school my children attend to play SB. The school she attends now does not have a strong SB team so she is trying to play in our school district. This athlete's father lives in our school district. Her dad is trying to get her allowed to play SB in our school. He thinks all she needs to do is to say she is now living with him. Would this athlete be eligible to play this SB season in our school district? What would this athlete need to do to be eligible to play in our school?

A.: Based only upon the information you've provided, this student would not be eligible upon transfer to the "new school." WIAA Rules of Eligibility, Art. II Sect. 1-A-3: "In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school/and or practice shall determine "beginning of the school year." Under this rule a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school" (unless a waiver is provided in accordance with other sections within this article). I strongly suggest you share this with your school's AD and/or the family.

Q.: We have a student at a county transitional school. He takes all his classes there, grades are reported back to the school and put on a report card, we receive state aid for him because he is on our district roll, and he'll receive a diploma from our high school. He is taking the necessary class load. Question: Is he eligible to play sports at our high school in the spring?

A.: Yes. As you have described this situation, I would see him being enrolled as a full-time student of your school. (In some respects) No different than a student you had sent to XYZ Tech for all of their classes. As always the friendly advice when students are picking up credits off-site: Be certain you know when the report cards come out at the other campus, and that you promptly secure a copy. I've seen too many forfeits when the "other provider's" grades came out two weeks ago and no one knew.

Health & Behavior

Q.: Our community is putting on an old fashioned "pond" hockey tournament out

on the bay. (4-on-4) Our players have volunteered to keep score, call penalties, etc. (Through our local amateur hockey association.) I'm sure this part is ok, but there will be a beer tent on premises. Does this cause any kind of problem?

A.: This does not need to be a problem from a WIAA perspective. We do not have a "guilt by association" sort of provision. Kids can attend weddings and other assemblies where alcohol is legally present/legally dispensed and legally consumed. Student athletes just can't consume it (by WIAA). Some students serve alcohol in their summer employment settings. It does not, in and of itself, constitute a violation, from our perspective. It certainly is a topic you and your coach may want to address in a very direct manner, however. Obviously, in this sort of setting, student athletes are EXTREMELY vulnerable to "allegations" of underage consumption. Help your players by defining clear limits, expectations and guidelines, how to behave, etc., if they are going to help out in this civic event, that will keep them beyond reproach.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: The sophomore class wants to sponsor a three-person basketball tournament at the end of the season. I seem to recall that our school would have to have an outside sponsor in order to hold such a tournament involving our students. Any help for my memory is greatly appreciated.

A.: If the sophomore class is taking this on, it is "school sponsored." If they wish to run it and include your school's basketball players, it must be run prior to the end of the WIAA season. Mar. 12 is the end of the girls season. If they run it after the season as a school sponsored event, then do not allow students who have status in your basketball program and remaining eligibility to participate. If run after the season and you want all students involved, then you will see community/civic or booster organizations take over and sponsor this sort of activity "with proceeds going to the soph. class." See to it that it is run as a non-school activity. There's no trouble in "gifting" back to a school program or group by the sponsoring entity.

Q.: I was just wondering if I held a freshmen boys basketball tournament on March 12 as a fundraiser for my program, would that be a violation of the number of games allowed for a season, or is the 2004-2005 freshmen season considered over when the state tournament begins? Just for some clarification, would it be a violation if I or any other coaches were to coach the team? I simply want to host a 9th grade tournament on March 12 at our community center, but the coaches would have to be volunteer parents or whomever. But as I understand it, February 26 is the end of the season, so that is what is important, I would not be in violation in terms of too many games.

A.: You want to be careful with post season competitions. Be certain you have a clear understanding of coach contact provisions, nonschool competition rules and that you have the approval and support for fund raising initiatives from school administration. There are many fundraisers which can be run. Kids can get involved in non-

school competition once their season is over. In so far as the 9th grade season, if your varsity head coach wants to keep the frosh out to practice train with the JV/varsity, he may do that until the end of the season (State finals). If the 9th graders are continuing their season in this manner, they are not able to participate in non-school competition. Either their school season is completely over, or it isn't. At the 9th grade level a school may only sponsor X number of frosh games and the season regulations define the number of scrimmages you may have. I recommend you work your ideas through with your AD and Principal since ultimately anything that has to do with a member school's program is 100 percent their responsibility. The school season ends with the last game of the State finals, Mar. 19. After that, the SCHOOL may no longer sponsor basketball, assemble their teams, etc. (please see WIAA Handbook, Art. II p.26 Bylaws of Membership) That is oftentimes when clubs/leagues and other nonschool providers will re-start their programming, to fill the void they feel exists. Also: Under the present rules of eligibility, as they've been established by the member schools, a "school team" or group resembling a school team (the "frosh boys team" in this case) practicing or competing outside the season would hold potential problems for your school. Look over text of Rules of Eligibility Article VI, NONSCHOOL COMPETITION, Section 2 (WIAA Senior High Handbook, p. 37-38). See preamble to Section 2A - Out-of-Season, then review the criteria for acceptable nonschool participation and coach contact as described on p. 38. The best direction for you to go on something like this might be found in the Rules At A Glance document (on our website under Regulations, identified as Rules Overview on the menu). Look over the text on "Scrimmages in that document...and see if brining in some faculty or other members of the community and charging admission, might help you out.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: I am a varsity softball coach. I am contacting you to inquire about the limits of my participation in a baseball/softball open gym/clinic being held for any students from our school district or surrounding districts. The dates are in February, before the softball season. The clinic is for ages 8-13 and ages 14-18. It is being run by the Legion baseball coach with help from some local players who have graduated and gone on to college. My question to you is "What involvement can I have with this open gym/clinic? Am I limited to the younger group or am I not allowed to be involved at all? Since it is not required and open to any and all students, does it make any difference?

A.: I am very unclear what exactly you are trying to put together. I do not understand if this is Open Gym as described (I think very clearly) in the Rules At A Glance, or if this is a non-school sponsored/camp/clinic opportunity? If there's going to be any kind of instruction taking place, it is not an Open Gym. It must be nonschool sponsored and it is not "Open Gym" based on the definition you read. At school sponsored open gym there is no orga-

nizing, no coaching/instruction - by a coach or anyone else. Also remember; a school may not sponsor instruction, etc. during the school year other than during the actual season. Let's guess that what is trying to be put together is a non-school camp/clinic. Then, the coaching contact restrictions apply as described in Article I of the Rules at a Glance. You could not have contact with your HS aged student athletes in any way, shape or form in this setting. JV and varsity coaches can have coaching contact with students in 8th grade and below until the student begins 9th grade. Sometimes, local youth ball clubs want to bring school players and coaches together either to help younger kids or provide a clinic for new coaches. If you want something like that, then the "boosters" or sponsors need to make that happen during the school season, when players and coaches are allowed coaching contact. Remember a "school" can only provide a camp/clinic opportunity for grade schoolers - in the summertime. School coaches can use their senior high players as "clinicians" in only two settings: 1. If a camp/clinic is sponsored by a nonschool interest during the school season, obviously players and coaches are allowed contact. 2. During the summer/when school is not in session, a school may provide a camp/clinic for students who've just completed 8th grade or below, and coaches may use their high school players as clinicians for up to six days.

Q.: I know that over the years there has been much discussion about high school aged summer camps that are hosted according to WIAA policy, but the camps are held the week prior to the start of a given season. I know most of the prior discussion I have heard centered around soccer. The general question in the discussions was whether or not this was OK to do. To my knowledge I have not seen any policy that prohibits a summer camp from being hosted on the week prior to the start of a season, as long as the camp met the rules & regulations set up for all high school aged camps, relative to who is coaching, who is paying, rental of facilities, purchase of separate insurance, etc. I have three sports who want to offer summer conditioning camps open to any high school aged kids in accordance with the policies stated above. Cross country, soccer & boys volleyball. Question: Has this policy changed? Are these kinds of conditioning camps Ok as long as they follow established rules?

A.: No, the policy has not changed. These camps are allowed. Present, Related/Applicable WIAA references:

1. Handbook, p. 26, See article II, Sections 1-4 primarily.. (section 4 B is the one that contributes to those who to think a camp can not be run in August) They fail to differentiate between a school sponsored vs. non-school sponsored event. WIAA rules would prevent a school from sponsoring after essentially the end of July.

2. Handbook, P. 37-38, Rules of Eligibility, Section 2-Out-of-Season. Be certain these different coaches understand differing coach contact

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Please do not call the WIAA to determine your game assignment unless absolutely necessary as this will be an extremely busy time for us and we need you to help us as much as possible.

If the host school does not contact you, please make a call to the athletic director of the host school to confirm your game time.

If it becomes necessary for you to decline a contract or you become injured or ill, please call Deb Hauser at the WIAA and she will secure a replacement official for your game. We will find a replacement and contact your partner and the host school. You SHOULD NOT just send a replacement official.

Athletic directors will probably ask you to sign contracts upon your arrival at the game site due to the short turn around. Also, checks may not be provided to you on the night of the game, again due to the short turn around. Officials are expected to travel together unless they come from different areas and it is obvious you both must drive. Family members or other individuals accompanying officials to a tournament game must pay the full admission price and should not expect complimentary admission.

The second school alphabetically (according to the WIAA Directory of Member Schools) will wear light jerseys. The school wearing light jerseys will be designated as the home team on the scoreboard when neither team is playing on its home court.

The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 15. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 15 players in full uniform for each tournament game. Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game officials. Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament. As this is regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct, a technical foul shall be assessed to the head coach. The opposing team will shoot two free throws plus receive the ball for a division-line throw-in.

The pregame warm-up procedures will also be used during the WIAA basketball tournament series.

20:00 – Warm-up Begins. Officials enter the court and go directly to positions to supervise the pre-game warm-up.

12:00 – Officials conduct pre-game meeting with team captains.

10:00 – Officials proceed to scoretable and check scorebooks, brief scorer and timer, check game ball for NFHS authenticating mark, and check alternating-possession arrow.

1:30 – Officials introduce themselves to coaching staff and inquire about legality of player equipment.

0:00 – National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance followed by introduction of players.

We are asking tournament managers to start the clock 25 minutes prior to the scheduled game time to allow the game to start as published - 7 p.m., etc. The warm-up time on the floor is still limited to the 20 minutes as prescribed above. However, the extra 5 minutes should accommodate the playing of the anthem and the introductions, thus a 7 p.m. start.

Teams shall occupy the benches so they are shooting at the basket in front of where their coaches and reserves are seated for the second half of the game.

Officials are highly encouraged to conduct a pre-game conference. This meeting should consist of a review of officiating responsibilities, court coverage, NFHS mechanics and positioning, unusual situations, last-minute situations, new rules, coaching box regulations, etc. Each officiating team will determine their individual officiating responsibilities (referee or umpire). Officials should enter and leave the gym/fieldhouse together and support one another, particularly when or if a coach takes issue on a call/interpretation.

All WIAA rules and regulations along with NFHS basketball playing rules should be followed for each WIAA tournament game. †

2005 Wisconsin Track and Field Association State Indoor Championships

The Wisconsin Track and Field Association will host the 40th indoor track and field championships at the Camp Randall Memorial Sports Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison on Saturday, April 9, 2005.

Entry forms will not be mailed.

For further information contact the W/TFA website at wisctfa.com
Team entry fee is still \$90 per team or enter individuals at \$25 per individual. Please include entry fees with entry forms! †

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provisions. (p. 38 #'s 3, 4, 5) 3. There are some ideas being advanced to Advisory Council and BOC which, if approved might relax the summer even more. You'll know more at the Annual Meeting.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: Can basketball players participate in half-court shots, or perhaps if they are required to shoot a lay-up/free throw/and a 3-point basket if they are attending a basketball game as a spectator and are chosen at random by a school's booster club?

A.: **Three basic elements to seeing they are within compliance and for athletes to participate: Have a broad "N" of participants. Get as large a sample as you can. Don't allow a skewed sample, i.e. just athletes. The person whose name is drawn must be the shooter. If anyone gives the winning ticket to an athlete because he's the best shot in the sophomore class, e.g., now it is no longer "luck of the draw." Certainly not allowing student athletes to participate assures no problems. But,**

there are many of these gimmicks and they can take place w/o problems.

Q.: Please let me know if you see anything I should be concerned about. Our football booster club is interested in beginning a scholarship for football players, created via fundraised money.

A.: **Scholarships in general do not pose an amateur status problem for high school seniors. Obviously, each year a number of high school students are offered/receive scholarships from universities. Friendly suggestions I routinely offer include: Best if scholarships go to students with senior status. More book-keeping, etc., when they go to underclassmen and then are "held" for two years or longer. The record keeping/accounting can become burdensome. Make the scholarship check payable directly to the recipient's school beginning the second semester of freshman year. (Second semester is when student funds are typically depleted and the "reason" many will use for not returning.) †**

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

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are the addition of private schools into the Association and the substantial expansion of State Tournament Series opportunities in all sports for girls and boys.

In addition to his contributions at the state level, Chickering has also had an impact on interscholastic athletics on the national level. He is currently in his second term on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board. He served in a similar capacity from 1990-93, completing that term as president of the organization in 1992-93. He has also served on a number of national committees and served as chairman of the NFHS's first Strategic Planning Committee.

Chickering has received numerous other honors during his distinguished career. In 2003, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in recognition of his length of service, special accomplishments and contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local, state and national levels. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002. He also received special recognition for service to Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators in 2001 and was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from UW-Eau Claire in 2003.

Prior to becoming the WIAA's Executive Director, Chickering served on the Association's Board of Control from 1979-1985, including a year as vice president in 1980-81 and as president in 1981-82. He began his career in education as a teacher-coach at Gilman High School in 1963. He was named principal and athletic director in 1967, and then district administrator in 1969. In 1974, he was named the district administrator of Marathon schools.

Chickering is a 1959 graduate of Hawkins High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physical sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1963. He received a master's degree in school administration from UW-Superior in 1971.

The Oakley-Lindsey Foundation is the parent company of the ABC affiliates that broadcast the WIAA State Basketball and Hockey Championships live in March. †

Senior High Directory Changes

BRUCE HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Jeremy Peery

FENNIMORE HIGH SCHOOL – District Administrator Dick Feutz, Principal Dan Bredesen, Wrestling Coach Greg Jentz

HOWARDS GROVE HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Craig Schuenemann

LA CROSSE LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Matt Marohl

LAKE MILLS HIGH SCHOOL – Dist. Admin. address 120 E. Lake Park Pl, Lake Mills, WI 53551-1531

MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Dave Surita

ONEIDA NATION HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Thom Burke

POYNETTE HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Ryan Brockner

RACINE HORLICK HIGH SCHOOL – School Fax Number (262) 619-4390

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SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach James Cowdy

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach James Cowdy

SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Adam Vaughn

Coaches Education

American Sport Education Program Course Offerings

Joan Gralla



ASEP Instructors

If you want to have an ASEP course offered in your area, contact the appropriate ASEP instructor listed below. Keep in mind both parts of the ASEP course are needed to fulfill the WIAA requirements for Coaches Not Licensed to Teach; Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid. ASEP course offerings will be published in the BULLETIN and on our website as details regarding dates, sites, etc., are received from ASEP instructors.

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Steve Salisbury; Rice Lake High School; 30

ASEP Courses

On April 1, 2004 ASEP began offering the Sport First Aid Course online and on May 1, 2004 they begin offering the Coaching Principles Course online. For information on the online courses and to access them, please go to www.asep.com.

February 15, 2005 -

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

Sport First Aid

6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

February 18, 2005 -

Coaching Principles

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Len Collyard (262) 677-4051 or lcollyar@kmlhs.org.

February 27, 2005

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Contact: Jeff Kyle (217) 586-4799 or thekyles@mchsi.com

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For other information about ASEP course offerings in Wisconsin, please call 1-800-747-5698

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WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Sportsmanship: an important aspect of any game plan

By Mike Bates
Information Coordinator, WADA

As many conference races will soon be going down to the wire, and WIAA tournaments are just around the corner, now is a good time to remind people of the importance of good sportsmanship.

Ofentimes many people get caught up in the emotional aspect of sports, and the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) offers that sometimes people simply need to be reinforced with the importance of keeping things in perspective – especially in the high school athletic arena.

The main reason for schools to regularly stress the advantage of good sportsmanship is simple, according to Todd Clark of the WIAA. "If we don't... who will? Like many things we care so much about, if the ideals of sportsmanship are ignored, they'll go away," said Clark, the WIAA Communications Director whose staff responsibilities includes sportsmanship.



Todd Clark

"The WIAA strongly encourages school participation in sportsmanship programs and the existence of a sportsmanship plan that continually addresses these challenges of interscholastic athletics. As with most anything, it's better to be proactive than reactive," stated Clark.

And, as the winter sports seasons will soon be at the fever-high-pitch that's normally associated with tournament time, A.D.'s may find it helpful to remind the stu-

dents, coaches, faculty, staff, parents, booster club and their community of the role that positive sportsmanship can have on their team. "Coaches and players have to set a strong example for the fans," offered Jeff Sitz of Wisconsin Lutheran in Milwaukee. "It's best to stay focused, do your job, control what you can control and compete with dignity."

Schools also find that sometimes the further a team advances in the tournament series, the greater the fan base – especially if a team makes it to the state level. "The state tournament brings out the casual fan, who doesn't attend very often. Their only reference is what they see on TV during the college season," said Sitz, who has 20 years of experience as an A.D. and is the President-Elect of the WADA. "That's not always a great benchmark. That's why it's important to have your solid fan base understand their role in the contest. Be loud, have fun, cheer positively for your team.

"The state tournament is such a great time of the year in any sport. Your kids have worked so hard to get there, and you want the fans in the stands to step up and be an equally great representative of your school community. We, like many other schools, call in our "leaders" from time to time to discuss behavior in the stands," Sitz added.

There are many ways for an A.D. to communicate a school's sportsmanship goals, pointed out Clark. "For the



Jeff Sitz

student body, perhaps a series of announcements or the same message repeated during morning homeroom/PA announcements and/or at the end of the day," he explained. "Other opportunities to present a general sportsmanship message would be during pep assemblies or any other assembly during the year.

"Provide sportsmanship message/expectations and ramifications prior to the starting lineups or before the anthem at all games. Have preseason meetings with athletes and parents, and use the WIAA-provided sportsmanship brochure for parents. ADs can remind coaches on staff at regular staff meetings of their responsibility in educating student-athletes on their teams and what are the sportsmanship expectations," continued Clark, who has been on the WIAA staff since July, 2000.

Resource materials on ways to promote positive sportsmanship are available on the WIAA website and the WADA website, and, schools can plan to have representatives attend the WIAA Sportsmanship Summit held in the fall.

"Schools that make sportsmanship and citizenship an important part of the total educational process are better prepared to place situations into their proper perspectives. The display of sportsmanship and citizenship reveals character in individuals, schools and communities. The lack of sportsmanship, then, sends the opposite message," Clark added.

The website for the WADA is www.wadawi.org, and Mike Bates may be reached at mbates1@new.rr.com. ✦



Gymnastics Situations

By Jan Adkins, Official

1). **Wolf jumps** – On a wolf jump, the knees should be together. If, due to poor execution, the bent leg is below the level of the straight leg, give credit according to the level of the straight leg and take an execution deduction.

2). **BHS** – A BHS can get credit in the BHS bonus category just for being a BHS AND if it is "extra", above and beyond the required difficulty, it can also be given credit in the bonus category for "extras" for a total of .2 in the bonus category.

3). **Switch-side schusch** – A switch leg leap with one turn to land in prone position on the floor = one HS skill

4). **A glide kip breaks BBS between a cut catch and clear hip** – glide cut catch to suspension on LB (S), kip to front sup-

port (M), clear hip circle (S)

5). **Cut Catch** – If you give S credit for a cut catch (which must have flight), then you must also give credit for a S regrasp under event requirements.

6). A full twisting dive roll on FX = S

7). **Tumbling onto skill cushion** – If a gymnast uses a skill cushion for a S/HS/BHS tumbling skill she would not be penalized if she performs a M tumbling skill or a dance skill as she gets off the skill cushion.

8). **Mechanical Failure** – If there is mechanical failure of the music during a FX routine, the gymnast may choose to continue her routine without music (usually this is done to be sure that the gymnast has completed a routine just in case the music cannot be fixed). The judges will

score the routine and notify her of her score. If she elects to repeat her routine, the second score shall be final. Her other option is to stop immediately and repeat the routine for her final score.

9). **Music with voice** – At no time should there be voice on FX music, including at the beginning before the gymnast moves to begin her routine or at the end after her final pose. A routine begins with the signal from the SJ. For example, balks before touching the equipment are deducted, as well as a second fall on BB before the routine time resumes after the first fall.

10). **Accelerated Giants** – The accelerated giant is a certain technique for a giant. It is used to gain power mainly for multiple salto dismounts or sometimes large releases. It is difficult to explain in

writing but I will try my best -- it does not actually go thru a straight body handstand position, as we know it, on top of the bar in a vertical position. On a regular giant, if you draw a line following the toes, the line would make a circle. On an accelerated giant the toes get to about horizontal and then kind of make a straight line from there to about a 30-45 degree position past the vertical on the other side. (it would be easier to see a picture but it would be like a circle with one part straight, like you sliced off a piece). The arms should still be straight and there should be an open shoulder angle but the body sort of looks real rounded, like an overly hollow position, not really a pike, just rounded a lot. Once they get past the vertical they straighten out. ✦

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EDITORIAL

Six More Weeks of Winter?...Don't Miss It

On February 2 of each year, the town of Punxsutawney, Pa., becomes a mecca of media and public attention, to be outdone only by the seemingly ceaseless barrage of attention on the Super Bowl.

It is in this quaint little town of almost

7,000 residents nestled in rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, where Punxsutawney Phil, the self-proclaimed "king of groundhogs, seer of seers and the prognosticator of all prognosticators," makes his fearless prediction on how much more winter we'll need to endure. The legend was further enhanced by the 1993 film *Groundhog Day*.

According to the proclamation found on the official Punxsutawney website last week, maybe we shouldn't be putting away the winter coats or boots too soon.

"As I study the sun, it's all about fun. But I'm sorry to say I see my shadow today. When my shadow I see, six more weeks of winter there will be!" -- Punxsutawney Phil

I'm not sure how this fictitious forecasting became a national phenomena, but it provides a light, entertaining news filler for the media.

After seeing his shadow, he promptly returned to his burrow. Yes, back to his comfortable, cozy home not to be concerned about what he's going to miss over the next six weeks of winter. He has literally stuck his head in the sand.

Our state has its own version of Phil. Jimmy the Groundhog resides in Sun Prairie. He, too, is in the meteorological and tourism business. Unlike Phil, Jimmy came out of his hole on a cloudy day and did not see his shadow. Jimmy declared he would not return to his hole, "because we're going to have an early spring in Wisconsin."

Well, he's right we did, but the early spring stuck around only a couple days when the mercury climbed to above 50 degrees in areas around the state, but we're now back to winter. This leads some to believe Jimmy has ulterior motives for declining to go back into his hole. It's obvious to some of us, he doesn't want to miss the sports enthusiasts' most exciting time of the year--WIAA Tournament time.

Jimmy needs to invite Phil to the tournament scene in Wisconsin, which begins Feb. 12 in gyms and pools around the state with the wrestling and swimming and diving tournaments. Perhaps, then, he wouldn't be in such haste to be so flippant to

predict the impending weather and crawl back into his cozy den.

Oh no, he would begin to sense the excitement and drama the tournaments bring each year. As Jimmy has already experienced, Phil would find it extremely difficult to crawl back into his little hole and miss the whole Magic of March thing. Thoughts of bands playing, fans cheering, buzzers blaring, winners celebrating and emotions elevating as teams and individuals journey down the long, demanding tournament trail would be dancing in his head.

And these experiences are too precious to miss. There is far too much excitement, far too much to see, and far too many memories to be made to spend the next six weeks in a hole. Even if he gets a good television or cable signal under there, nothing beats the magic of high school tournaments at school facilities in local communities.

Not that we would ever want to steal any of Jimmy's or Phil's thunder, or turn Punxsutawney into just another hamlet without a February festival, but in Wisconsin it's quite clear how much winter is remaining. The WIAA State Tournament Series calendar provides a clear indication when winter gives way to spring.

The State Boys Basketball Championships is the culmination of the winter State Tournaments and the rite of passage to spring. Granted, the weather in Wisconsin might not always immediately accompany our mindset, but nonetheless, the spring sports begin their seasons and the winter sports seasons become fond memories.

While were on the subject of predicting the weather, how relevant are Jimmy's and Phil's forecasts? They don't see their shadow and spring is right around the corner. He sees his shadow and there's six more weeks of winter. Here in Wisconsin, isn't that a win-win situation?

Worst case scenario is another six weeks of winter. If they could guarantee that, most of us would take it in a blink of an eye. Heck, that would mean we would be enjoying spring on the first day of baseball practice, and softball and soccer would only have to be indoors the first week of practice. It certainly would solve a few facility issues wouldn't it?

With the winter tournament season upon us, it's time to join the excitement. It will continue to build with each passing contest. We're all excited for the arrival of spring, and that's why we have the fascination with our groundhog friends, but spring will be here soon enough--immediately following the tournaments. †



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Keep These Dates in Mind

February 15	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 15, 17 & 18	Hockey Regionals
February 18-19	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 19	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
February 22	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 22, 24 & 26	Girls Basketball Regionals
February 22, 25 & 26	Hockey Sectionals
February 24-25-26	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)
March 1	Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
March 1, 3 & 5	Boys Basketball Regionals
March 3-4-5	Boys State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 4	Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
March 4-5	Girls Basketball Sectionals
	State Wrestling Team Tournament (Madison)
	State Gymnastics (Wisconsin Rapids)
	Girls State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 7	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
March 10-11-12	Girls State Basketball (Madison)
	Boys Basketball Sectionals
March 14	Earliest Day for Girls Soccer Practice
	Earliest Day for Softball Practice
March 15	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Gymnastics
March 17-18-19	Boys State Basketball (Madison)
March 21	Earliest Day for Baseball (Spring) Practice
March 22	Primary Ballot Return Deadline
March 23	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Wrestling (Stevens Point)
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Hockey (Stevens Point)
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Basketball (Stevens Point)
March 25	Good Friday
March 27	Easter
March 28	Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
	Board/Council Election Ballot Mailed
April 8	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
April 19	Board/Council Election Ballot Deadline
April 25	Board/Council Election Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
April 27	WIAA Annual Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 1	Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
May 4	Middle Level Council Meeting
May 6	Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
May 11	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 13	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 19, 24 & 26	Softball Regionals
May 20	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 23	Track & Field Regionals
May 23-24	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 24-25	Boys Golf Regionals
May 27, 31, June 1, 3 & 7	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 26	Track & Field Sectionals
	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 26 & 28	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 30	Memorial Day

Test Dates

Students participating in interscholastic sports often find conflicts between these events and college test dates.

Listed below are the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2004-2005

Test Date*	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
April 9, 2005	March 4, 2005	March 18, 2005
June 11, 2005	May 6, 2005	May 20, 2005

ACT - 2005-2006

Test Date*	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
September 24, 2005***	August 19, 2005	September 2, 2005
October 22, 2005	September 16, 2005	September 30, 2005
December 10, 2005	November 4, 2005	November 17, 2005
February 11, 2006	January 6, 2006	January 20, 2006
April 8, 2006	March 3, 2006	March 17, 2006
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006	May 19, 2006

*Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2005 test is not scheduled in that state. This test date restriction may continue for the 2005-2006 testing year.

**During 2004-2005, the ACT Assessment Plus Writing is available only on the February, April, and June test dates. It will be available on all 2005-2006 test dates.

***The September 24, 2005, test dates are available ONLY in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington. †