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Delegates at the Annual Meeting participate in Open Forum discussions. Approximately 420 delegates from 337 member schools attended the meeting at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau on April 27.

## WIAA Membership Passes Six Amendments at Annual Meeting

STEVENS POINT, Wis. -- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association membership voted to adopt six amendments and make several editorial revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its Annual Meeting held in Wausau on April 27.

Three of the approved amendments apply to the school competition and practice requirement Bylaw, as well as the nonschool participation article of the Rules of Eligibility. Member school delegates approved the change that will now permit schools to sponsor camps, clinics, practices or competitions in the summertime during the unrestricted contact period. The amendment to the Bylaw passed 314-19.

A related change requiring clinics for students below the ninth grade to be concluded by July 31, consistent with the parameters of unrestricted contact periods for students in grades 9-12, was approved 325-7.

An amendment to the out-of-season nonschool participation provision of the Rules of Eligibility was approved 296-39. The change removes the restrictions of what schools, teams and coaches choose to do within the allowed unrestricted contact period with students in grades 9-12. If activities are strictly voluntary and open to all interested students, coaches have the opportunity to provide the same instruction, workout and direction in the summer that takes place in a practice or competition during the sports season.

Two of the approved amendments refer to the residence and transfer eligibility provisions. The changes provide immediate nonvarsity eligibility to student-athletes that are not eligible for varsity competition because of existing rules for transfers if both schools involved give their consent. These transfers include students not residing in the same district as the school they attend, foreign students not participating in an exchange program that has the "Full" listing status by CSIET and for nonpublic school students not living with their parents.

These adoptions do not provide eligibility at any level for student-athletes that have transferred more than once in a given school year or those whose attendance at a school is result of recruiting or undue influence. The transfer amendments were approved 288-47 and 293-43, respectively.

A modification to the membership requirements language of the Constitution was also approved. With a 311-21 vote, the membership established a four-year moratorium on a school's reinstatement when it voluntarily terminates its membership.

The membership also approved the editorial changes to the Rules of Eligibility, which are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules, with a 319-9 vote.

A total of 420 delegates from 337 schools were in attendance. The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 506 senior high schools and 134 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It currently sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. ✦

## 2004-05 Election Results

The results of the recently completed Board of Control and Advisory Council elections are as follows:

### BOARD OF CONTROL

**District 3 – Roger J. Foegen, Bangor** – Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

**District 4 – James Smasal, Winneconne** – Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

**Ethnic Minority At-Large – Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Large Schools – Don Tolkacz, Pulaski** – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

**Medium Schools – Jeff Jacobson, Platteville and Troy Gunderson, West Salem** – Elected to three-year terms, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

**Small Schools – Mark Gobler, Luck** – Re-elected to three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

**Ethnic Minority At-Large – Keith Posley, Milwaukee** – Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2008 meeting.

There will be a special election in the fall for two positions on the Advisory Council. A large school position to fill the vacant spot where no one was elected in the recent election. This position will be a three-year term. Gender at-large position due to the resignation of Deirdre Wells of Medford. This position will be a one-year term.

Information on the special election will be emailed to schools in August and also published in the Bulletin. ✦

## Middle Level Council Opening

There is still one opening on the Middle Level Council for the 2005-06 school year. This opening is the Gender At-Large position.

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

Individuals interested in filling this position should contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office.

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

Make up of the Middle Council includes a representative from each Board of Control District, an ethnic at-large and gender at-large representative along with liaison representation made available to the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators, Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association. ✦

## U.S. Supreme Court Remands Michigan Seasons Case

The U.S. Supreme Court has vacated a previous judgment of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and has remanded the case involving high school athletics seasonal placements in Michigan to the Sixth Circuit for further proceedings.

The existing stay issued by the Sixth Circuit in 2002 continues following the recent decision, maintaining the placement of school seasons in Michigan for the 2005-06 school year.

The outcome of the case has drawn attention in relation to the WIAA's current configuration of sports seasons. ✦

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# 2005 Annual Meeting Director's Report



Doug Chickering

Where we were, where we are and where we're going has to be the theme of any annual report to the WIAA's membership. Earlier action on the amendments was yet another display of an Association that works through its membership. Thanks for being here.

As I complete the first several months of my twentieth year in this position, it is appropriate to offer a more summarizing opening paragraph than I generally

do in the Director's Report. Five significant changes come to mind that I think have strengthened the Association. Divisions have been added in postseason play, we're in a contemporary building, the membership has expanded, the staff has been restructured and tournament venue options have positively added to the excitement of championship play. Services absent from those provided in the mid-eighties include the WIAA Benefit Plan and a housing program in Madison for students attending state tournaments. In the last two decades, the Board's role has significantly changed as appeals responsibilities and hearing procedures have become a more recognized and accepted function. When I compare what we do now with how the Association Board functioned during my own six-year stint, from 1979 until 1985, I'm comfortable and proud of our respective roles and how we perform them. The expectations of the membership are being met, and staff and Board do not step on each other's toes as we go about our duties. The standing the WIAA enjoys is a tribute to an involved membership.

That's not to say we don't have issues. A critical discussion this morning focuses on the enlarged membership and an observation that the nonpublic schools have an advantage because we place schools into divisions on a face value membership count. As we look at enrollment multipliers or other options for the upward placement of nonpublic schools, we can't ignore the flexibility available to public schools and their students. Open enrollment allows options for public school choice similar to those enjoyed by nonpublic school families. Multi-school districts have always had the authority to assign students to schools within their jurisdiction. The placement of students in public schools to special needs curriculums or centers is another unregulated choice. We have charter schools, alternative schools, splinter schools, virtual schools, schools-within-schools, multi-plexes, etc. The impact of public school options isn't as visible as the comparisons of public and nonpublic schools successes are, but it someday will be. Count on it! As other states study multipliers and socioeconomic factors to minimize or eliminate advantages a set or sets of the membership may have, let's listen but exercise patience. A pure multiplier is not the answer. Demographic factors based on public and nonpublic schools governance models, geography, conference affiliations, urban and rural locations and school size considerations have to be components of any adjustments.

Let me cite an example of two sets of schools within our membership. The first is a group of 70 schools (13.8% of the membership) with 23,137 students. The second has 15 schools (6.8% of the membership) and 20,857 students. The enrolled student populations are comparable. Students in the first group are not impacted by attendance boundaries, those in the second have boundaries but legislated choice options nearly negate any influence the boundaries may have. The first is made up of the nonpublic schools in the WIAA; the second is the largest 15 schools within the Milwaukee Public Schools. MPS students have enrollment choices under MPS policies as well as inter-district options. If we apply an enrollment factor to the nonpublic schools, a quick response would be that the MPS schools and suburban schools participating in the inter-district transfer program should also have enrollments modified. This is not presented to point fingers. It is put on the table to show that this is not just a nonpublic school issue. Any formula applied has to have a rationale that can be defended and understood.

High school athletics and activities are under more

scrutiny now than ever. The budget crises our schools face are real. As program cuts are contemplated, I only urge decision-makers to recognize the many choices available. Students will go to schools having programs. The dollars, whether tuition payments or equalization aid, will follow the students. Schools reducing the scope of their programs should factor into the fiscal analysis the likelihood of losing students whom otherwise would not have considered transferring.

Other states have applied multipliers to nonpublic school enrollments without any obvious success. In one state, over a two-year period of time, the nonpublic schools won more championships after the enrollments were increased than they did in a like time span before the adjustments were ordered. No state can declare the multiplier effect lessened opinions about what is reality and what is perception. School commitments to programs and coach retention influence program success in both public and private schools.

Choice is a central theme in national and state legislative circles. Any action we take will have to stand the scrutiny of legislative leaders and the courts. That's why it's so important that we work through this collectively as a membership. We can't afford a public school versus nonpublic school fight. That would only fuel the efforts of those already inclined to cut programs.

As we move forward, I'm going to gather some numbers that may help determine our direction. Public schools involved in open enrollment, including the inter-district transfer programs in southeast Wisconsin, will be asked to report the number of students participating in athletics who come through open enrollment. Nonpublic schools will be asked to identify the number of students enrolled who reside outside the public school district where the nonpublic school is located. The collected data, perhaps, will guide us in comparisons of the public and nonpublic member schools within our membership.

If we had to make a decision right now, I think we would only have two choices, (1) stay as we are, or (2) declare a public and a nonpublic school champion in each division. If we opted for the latter, how long do you think it would be before someone asked, "Why don't we have a playoff?"

Let's remember where we are. All schools desire to be successful, all schools adhere to the same eligibility requirements, all schools attract students by reputation, all schools are likely to be accused of recruiting and all schools have students who live outside their attendance areas. Our two membership sets differ through funding, enrollment selectivity and participation rates, but those same three differences can also be identified within each set. To be successful we have to communicate more effectively, enforce our own rules even if it means reporting a violation of another school and recognize that we need each other.

The Executive Director's role has changed. A step back from conference realignment responsibilities give me a better perspective about what should motivate league revisions and a confirmation of the need for more involvement by staff and those impacted. The model now in place is somewhat time sensitive, but I think it will serve our schools well. Assigning the staff responsibilities to Deb Hauser came as a result of my weariness. Liken it to burnout. She has brought a new aggressiveness to the WIAA's role, and this duty is consistent with her tournament planning responsibilities.

For the public image of the WIAA, I've attempted to improve our relationships with our partnering organizations. The presentation we made at the WASB convention this year was a step in the right direction. That we will be invited back next year is a plus. The State Superintendent's invitation to serve on the High School Task Force acknowledges a relationship initiated by the Department of Public Instruction. Deb's relationship with WADA is exemplary. A goal of mine will be to resume the discussions we've had with the music and forensics associations to discuss calendars. With Mike George's retirement from the Wisconsin School Music Association, our regularly scheduled meeting wasn't held this year. I will renew those discussions. Our recognition of the Wisconsin Association of Cheer & Pom Coaches championships appears to be meeting our schools' needs.

At a Board retreat in May, we'll spend some time looking at the responsibilities of governing bodies of not-for-profit associations. My participation on the

boards of other organizations assists me in preparing for that discussion. A federal act outlines the need for additional policies or procedures relating to internal controls, conflict-of-interest expectations, fiscal oversight and codes of ethics. When we're done, participants will feel comfortable that this Association, its Board and its staff are responsible to its membership.

A major consideration next year will be directed at creating alternative revenue sources. Todd will be assisting me. I think we've gone as far as we can with state tournament admission fees for a year or two. Regional & sectional prices are being reviewed. The Big Rivers and Packerland Conferences have encouraged us to do this. This past year, changes were made increasing tournament royalties from merchandise sales. Swimming & Diving and Tennis provided us with new monies in the fall. In 2005-06, the State Hockey Tournament's dry goods sales will come under our jurisdiction. Video advertising at Camp Randall and in the Kohl Center also has potential. Our relationship with When We Were Young Productions offers hope for both fiscal and program opportunities. In mid-April, we meet with our television rights holders to outline the roles of WWY as a delayed provider in contrast with the rights of Quincy Newspapers, Inc., as the live originator.

A goal of the WIAA has been to have its football, hockey and basketball championships carried on a statewide radio network. Other sports will eventually be added. Current policy allows any radio station wishing to broadcast a state game(s) to do so for a rights fee. With this privilege, building a network to carry each game of all four state tournaments is difficult. There is no incentive for stations to join the network if they are permitted to broadcast games on a selective basis. The likelihood of retaining the statewide network is contingent upon granting any rights holder the exclusive right to originate play-by-play broadcasts from the state sites. This is as is our television agreement. A new plan is not likely to meet with total acceptance from stations regularly carrying games throughout the season.

This year we had six seats up for election on the Advisory Council. With only two announced candidates, four had to be filled via a write-in option. Three were, but one was not because of qualifications for membership. A special election for a large school seat on the Council will be part of another special election to fill an at-large seat created by a resignation. Qualifications will be clarified and potential candidates will be notified in the future when incumbents opt not to run. The strength of this Association has been and will continue to be the people elected by the membership.

Future agendas will find us discussing national championships, season placements (Michigan litigation), an all-school football playoff model and new sports considerations. We'll have plenty to do. Don't forget technology and seeding considerations. Be assured that we will be aggressive in delivering information to our schools through electronic applications. Be just as assured that seeding will continue to come before the Board as we consider Coaches Advisory Committee recommendations.

Add to that eligibility for nontraditional students, physical education credit for athletic participation and a steroid (supplement) awareness educational requirement. Along with steroids, obesity and gambling will be on the table. As educators, we can't ignore social concerns that may not be a part of our core responsibilities. Sports and steroids and gambling are perhaps inseparable in today's society. Look for a future Bulletin article on gambling.

The WIAA now has one outstanding court case. That involves a male student who wishes to participate on the girls gymnastics team at his high school. It's at the appellate court level now. Schools interested in having boys participate on an exhibition status before girls gymnastics meets, can only do so if they sponsor a club program. Students participating on an exhibition status must meet all eligibility standards.

Your thoughts are important to me. This report is designed as a State of the Association message. Information provided is intended to assist the membership as it directs the Board and staff. Take advantage of your opportunities.

Thanks for listening. Please stay and participate in the Open Forum. ✦



# OFFICIALS



## 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.*

### YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRE CLINIC

Date: May 15, 2005  
Site: La Crosse, WI  
Contact: M. Scott Ott (608) 793-1956 or ott@usjuniortours.com

### YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRE CLINIC

Date: May 21, 2005  
Site: Mayville, WI  
Contact: M. Scott Ott (608) 793-1956 or ott@usjuniortours.com

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CAMP

Date: June 17-19, 2005  
Site: UW-River Falls  
Contact: Tom Fiedler (715) 577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu

### RLOA 3-PERSON, 2-DAY CAMP

Date: June 28 & 30, 2005 and July 5 & 7, 2005  
Site: Racine Park High School  
Contact: Ron Quirk (262) 634-2216 or ronrefump@aol.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

### WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS & LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

#### INVITATIONAL OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: July 15-17, 2005  
Site: Lawrence University, Appleton, WI  
Contact: Don Baumgart (920) 788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 12 and 13, 2005  
Site: Kimberly High School  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### 8TH ANNUAL SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

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

### IACAO 34TH ANNUAL FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 13, 2005  
Site: Naperville North High School, Naperville, IL  
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Gregg Buchner at zbragjb@aol.com

### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 17 and 23, 2005  
Site: West Allis Hale HS (8-17) and Milw. Lutheran H.S. (8-23)  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 19 & 20, 2005  
Site: Waunakee High School  
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

### 2005 RLOA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Date: November 9, 2005 - Classroom Session  
November 14, 2005 - Girls Varsity Scrimmage  
Where: November 9 - Starbuck Middle School (Racine)  
November 14 - Racine Horlick High School  
Time: November 9 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
November 14 - 4:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Cost: RLOA Members - \$10  
Non-RLOA Members - \$20  
Contact: Ron Quirk (262) 634-2216 or (262) 880-1944 or ronrefump@aol.com †

## 2004-05 Sports Meetings

**At High School Identified - Unless Otherwise Specified**

**All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.**

### **GOLF**

**Saturday, June 18** - WHSOCA Annual Meeting, Black Wolf Run, Kohler

## Meetings or Clinics

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

### LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL CLINIC

Site: Brookfield Central High School  
Date: June 3-4, 2005  
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (3rd) and 9 a.m. to 12 noon (4th)  
Fee: \$30  
Contact: Nick Ortner (414) 443-2790 or nick.ortner@milliman.com

### BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Dates: August 15, 2005, Sept. 19, 2005,  
November 7, 2005, January 16, 2006  
Site: De Pere High School Library  
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Contact: Chuck Heidner (920) 469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

### BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION -

#### DIVING JUDGING AND REFEREEING CLINIC

Date: September 12, 2005  
Site: Pulaski Middle School Pool  
Date: September 26, 2005  
Site: Neenah High School Pool  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Contact: Chuck Heidner (920) 469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com †

## Great Northern Conference

The Great Northern Conference, consisting of Lakeland, Medford, Mosinee, Northland Pines, Tomahawk, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood, pending WIAA approval seeks applicants for the Conference Commissioner vacancy. Please submit cover letter and resume to Bob Wiinamaki, Athletic Director, 1015 W Broadway, Medford, WI 54451 or via email at bob@medford.k12.wi.us. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 30, 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. †

## Soccer



Deb Hauser

# WIAA State Soccer Championships Fuel Stadium Upgrades at Uihlein Soccer Park

MILWAUKEE, WI -- The Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, operators of Uihlein Soccer Park on Good Hope Road, began extensive renovations to its main stadium field last week. Links Land, LLC of Janesville, WI was contracted to perform the work. The project is ahead of schedule and will be completed within the next two weeks as weather has allowed crews to work uninterrupted.

"For the last couple of years, the stadium project has been on our agenda and with the extensive rains we saw prior to last year's Boys State High School Championships, we felt it was prudent to address the situation this spring," said Toby Whipple, Club President. "After an exhaustive search to find the

right company and scope of work, we hired Links Land, LLC to head up the project." Bill Walton, owner of Links Land, LLC, "presented us an answer to our drainage issues as well as a long-term program to strengthen the fields root system".

"Uihlein's main stadium has always been a premier facility and will remain that way as we complete these refinements," comments Bill Walton. "We monitored the situation for over a year and took our time to determine the best course of action. Early discussions revolved around a complete tear-out but upon further investigation, the turf was vibrant and only needed alterations, not replacement."

The work being performed includes a complete under-drainage system designed to pull water away from the playing surface. Additionally, a unique process of introducing sand into the soil profile will increase oxygen to the root system for better overall health. "The process we use to infuse sand into playing surfaces has been long practiced in the golf industry, particularly on the renovation of putting greens. The system not only alters the soil profile, but it actually fractures the surface up to 10 inches deep to allow for de-compaction. Compaction and water issues are the two largest concerns facing sport turf managers."

"The WIAA State Soccer

Championships are important to Milwaukee as it is the only championship event being held in the states largest metropolitan area," says Matt Demet, MKSC Board Member and Senior Vice President of Johnson Trust. "As an organization dedicated to providing soccer opportunities for our community, it was an easy decision to put forth the necessary funds to make this project a reality. The WIAA has put a great deal of faith and trust in our group and we want to continue to show our level of commitment to this relationship." Uihlein's main stadium will continue to be a place where dreams come true for our young high school athletes for many years to come. †

## Soccer Questions & Answers

**Q:** Is there a roster limit for REGULAR season games?

**A: No. During the regular season, there is not a roster limit. Once the WIAA tournament series begins, however, teams are limited to 22 players in uniform.**

**Q:** Are players allowed to wear the Full 90 Headgear?

**A: Yes. The Full 90 Headgear is acceptable and does not require the coach to produce a statement from a medical doctor. Full helmets may NOT be worn by field players.**

**Q:** How much time should there be between the end of the 2nd half and the start of the overtime period?

**A: Following the conclusion of the 2nd half, there shall be a five minute interval prior to the start of the overtime periods. At the end of the first overtime period, teams shall change ends, and there shall be a two-minute interval between periods.**

**Q:** Players are warming up in t-shirts and do not have their uniforms on during the equipment check. Is there a penalty?

**A: No penalty. However, to expedite the need to check jerseys again, players should warmup in their playing attire.**

**Q:** Are the soft-pliable bracelets (Lance Armstrong, breast cancer, etc.)

legal to wear?

**A: No. These items are considered jewelry and may not be worn.**

**Q:** Are players allowed to wear sweatbands on their bicep area?

**A: No. Sweatbands may be worn on the head or wrist. See Rule 4-2-3.**

**Q:** What color jersey does the home team wear during the WIAA tournament series.

**A: The color of the jersey is NOT determined by who is home or away during the tournament series. The jersey color is determined by alphabet. This spring, the second team alphabetically will wear light colored jerseys**

**during the WIAA tournament series. Use the WIAA Directory of Member Schools to determine the alpha location of schools. For example, Newman is not Wausau Newman.**

**Q:** Where can I find the location of my seeding meeting?

**A: Dates, times, and locations of the girls soccer seeding meetings can be found on the WIAA School Center. Coaches should contact their athletic director for assistance in finding information on the School Center. Seeding procedures, voting forms, season summary forms, etc., are all available on the School Center. †**

## WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

### WADA to Offer Leadership Training Classes, CAA Exam

By Mike Bates, Information Coordinator, WADA

Many interscholastic athletic administrators are often looking to improve in the area of professional growth.

One way is through Leadership Training Classes (LTC) and the Certified Athletic Administrators (CAA) Exam. You are encouraged to participate in the sessions that will be offered this summer.

The Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) will offer the "basic core" of the Leadership Training Program, as provided by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators (NIAAA) Certification Program. The program is a broad-based curriculum which enhances the leadership potential and ability of NIAAA members, and it is composed of courses that will focus on specific and timely topics in athletic administration.

Plans are to offer two LTC courses plus the CAA exam, all in conjunction with the WADA Golf Outing – which will be Tuesday, July 19, in Wisconsin Rapids. More details as well as the registration form will be available on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org).

The NIAAA Certification Program encourages athletic administrators at various career and/or experience levels to exchange ideas and to seek additional training, knowledge and skill through formal classes as well as

independent study and research. Certification was developed to identify an organized sequence of professional growth opportunities, in a program that would be helpful for current, or potential, athletic administrators.

There are many certification benefits and objectives, according to the NIAAA:

#### BENEFITS

- Develop a sense of personal and professional satisfaction.
- Demonstrate a commitment to excellence in the profession.
- Provides growth of professional knowledge and expertise.
- Enhance the perception of the profession.
- Increase the potential for employment opportunities or incentives.
- Participate in a nationally registered certification program.

#### OBJECTIVES

- To promote the professional standards, practices and ethics.
- To encourage self-assessment by offering guidelines for achievement.
- To improve performance by encouraging participation in a continuing program of professional growth and development.

➤ To identify levels of educational training essential for effective athletic administration.

➤ To foster professional contributions to the field.

➤ To maximize the benefits received by the school community from the leadership provided by certified athletic administrators.

Other "positive reasons" from the NIAAA for taking part in the program:

– The NIAAA promotes the development and prestige of state athletic administrators organizations which will contribute, in cooperation with their state high school associations, to the interscholastic athletic program of each state.

– The NIAAA provides an efficient system for exchange of ideas between the National Federation of State High School Associations and state athletic administrators organizations as well as individual athletic administrators.

– The NIAAA strives to preserve the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the curricula of schools.

Make plans to sign up. Registration material will be available on the WADA website.

The website for the WADA is [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org), and Mike Bates may be reached at [mbates1@new.rr.com](mailto:mbates1@new.rr.com). †



# Tennis



Tom Shafranski

## Tennis Interpretations

**QUESTION:** Can a singles player be entered at the number two position if he has played the varsity number three position most of the year and only played the varsity number two position twice?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, to be allowed to be entered in the WIAA Tennis Subsectional in singles flights 1, 2 and 3, a player must have played at least three singles matches during the regular season at any varsity flight. A player entered at flight 4 does not have to meet this requirement.

**QUESTION:** Does a doubles team have to have played together at the number one varsity doubles position to be allowed to play at that position during the WIAA tournament?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, for a doubles team to be entered in the WIAA Tennis Subsectional in doubles flights 1 and 2, that doubles team must have played together in at least three doubles matches during the regular season at any varsity flight. A doubles team entered at flight 3 does not have to meet this requirement.

**QUESTION:** Does a doubles team have to have played together at least three times at a varsity position during the regular season to receive a seed at the WIAA Subsectional?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, to receive a seed in flights 1 and 2 in doubles, a doubles team must have played at least three varsity matches at that specific flight. Otherwise, they do not receive a seed.

**QUESTION:** Can a singles player receive a seed for the WIAA Subsectional Meet at the number one varsity singles position if he has not played three matches at the number one varsity position during the regular season?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, to receive a seed in flights 1, 2 and/or 3 in singles, a player must have played at least three matches at that specific flight. Otherwise, they do not receive a seed. Flight 4 is seeded based

upon the individuals in that flight.

**QUESTION:** Can you schedule JV meets as long as the players do not play the majority of their matches on the varsity level?

**INTERPRETATION:** JV matches can be scheduled separately from the varsity matches. This is as long as the 14 meet maximum is not violated for the JV team and that no more than six of these JV meets are multi-school meets (involving total of more than two teams).

Again, you will also have to monitor the student-athletes involved. Student-athletes can move back and forth from varsity to JV, but may only compete in a maximum of 14 meets with a maximum of six being multi-school meets.

**QUESTION:** Can a player enter a regular season tournament and withdraw if they have to leave for prom? Does this match count as a loss on their record?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Regulations I. N., Standards of Conduct, 16., Players shall not withdraw after the event has started except for illness, injury or personal emergency. A player shall not withdraw from an event (whether during the course of a match or before the start of a match and whether in the qualifying, main or consolidation draw), except for illness, injury, or personal emergency. If the player withdraws for other reasons, the match shall be recorded as a default.

A personal emergency has been considered to be a serious situation such as a death in the family, accident or medical emergency to a family member. Withdrawing from the tournament to attend prom is considered to be a loss on the player's record and needs to be included on the WIAA subsectional entry form.

**QUESTION:** Can alumni attend practice and hit with current high school team members?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, howev-

er, in accordance with WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, E., An alumni contest counts toward season maximums.

The event must in no way appear to be a tennis match. If alumni, community members, special guests come to practice, every effort must be made to prevent the event from appearing as a contest.

**QUESTION:** The tournament announced on its entry form that the deciding match tiebreak would be used in lieu of the third set. The players inadvertently play a regular tiebreak set until they realize the mistake at 3-0. What should happen?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Comment 27.2: Since the mistake was discovered before the start of the fifth game, the player who is ahead 3-0 has won the set and the final set score should be shown as 3-0.

**QUESTION:** The tournament announced on its entry form that the 10-point deciding match tiebreak would be used in lieu of the third set. The players inadvertently play a regular tiebreak set until they realize the mistake at 2-1 and 30-all. What should happen?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Comment 27.3: Since the mistake was discovered before the start of the fifth game, the players must continue playing until the score reaches 3-1 or 2-2. If the score reaches 3-1, the player who is ahead wins the set and the final set score is recorded as 3-1. If the score reaches 2-2, a 10-point deciding match tiebreak is played. The score is recorded as 3-2(x) with the score in the deciding tiebreak placed inside the parentheses.

**QUESTION:** The tournament announced on its entry form that the deciding match tiebreak would be used in lieu of the third set. The players inadvertently play a regular tiebreak set until they realize the mistake after the server has served a first service fault to start the fifth

game of the final set. What should happen?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Comment 27.4: Regardless of whether the score is 2-2, 3-1 or 4-0, the players must continue playing a full tiebreak set because they have started the fifth game. If the score reaches 6-all the players would play a 7-point set tiebreak. The score is recorded the same as any other tiebreak set.

**QUESTION:** We ran into a situation where two players involved in a match simply could not resolve their service order differences. What are the steps in correcting errors?

**INTERPRETATION:** USTA Comment 27.1: The general guiding philosophy regarding any mistakes made by players in failing to change ends, serving from wrong ends, serving to the wrong court, receiving from the wrong court, etc., is this: Any such error shall be rectified as soon as discovered but not while the ball is in play, and any points completed under the erroneous condition shall be counted.

There are only three exceptions to the "rectify immediately" requirement. One is in the case of a doubles match where the players of one team happened to reverse their left court/right court receiving lineup in the middle of a set, and the switch is discovered in the middle of a game. In this case the players finish that game in the "new" positions, but resume their original lineup in all receiving games thereafter in that set.

The second is where a ball change has not taken place in proper sequence. Rule 27I now says that this mistake shall be corrected when the player, or pair in case of doubles, who should have served with the new balls is next due to serve. Do not change in mid-game.

The third occurs in a tiebreak, either singles or doubles, in various situations. †

## 2005 WIAA Boys State Tennis Tournament Parking Information

### No School Parking Passes will be Issued for 2004-05

The parking lots normally used for the WIAA Tennis Tournament are under construction or being used as overflow lots. During the 2005 WIAA State Tennis Tournament we will be inconvenienced because of this construction. Please be patient and plan to allow extra time.

Below you will find updated information we have received pertaining to this parking situation:

● Schools and spectators are encouraged to park their vans and cars at their hotel and utilize shuttle services from their hotel. Check at the hotel for this service and the time schedule.

● Schools may wish to have a "designated driver"--A person who is not coaching. In this way coaches and participants can be dropped off at Nielsen Tennis Stadium and the "designated driver" can find available parking.

● The difficult parking times will be on Thursday afternoon until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday until 4:30 p.m. Parking attendants will be staffing lots and charging for parking until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

● Limited parking will be available in Lot 60. Purchase a permit from the lot attendant for \$5.00

● Many lots will open for free parking after 4:30 p.m. PLEASE check lot entrance signs.

● For additional information please visit the UW-Madison transportation website < [www.fpm.wisc.edu/trans](http://www.fpm.wisc.edu/trans) >.

The WIAA greatly appreciates your understanding and patience with this parking situation. We look forward to a wonderful parking facility that will truly enhance our tournament in future years. If you have additional questions, or concerns, please contact Tom Shafranski by calling 715-344-8580, or via email < [tshafranski@wiaawi.org](mailto:tshafranski@wiaawi.org) > †

# Games Wanted

Schools Should Notify WIAA When Games Are Filled. Listings will be removed after one month from the date they were first listed. The date at the end of each listing is the date that particular listing was first listed.

## FALL

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 27, 2005** - Varsity/JV teams for meet. Adams-Friendship - Mike Norton (715) 423-4066 or (608) 339-3921 ext. 710 or mnorton@wctc.net or Gretchen Pease at (608) 339-4079. (5-4)

**Sept. 8, 2005** - Team for invitational. Milton - Jim Johnson (608) 868-9565 or johnsonja@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

#### GENERAL

**2005 (week of Aug. 29)** - Co-ed meet. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (4-28)

### FOOTBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 16, 2005** - Varsity Game. Phillips - Jeff Schillinger (715) 339-4945 or jschillinger@phillips.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**Oct. 8, 2005** - Teams for invitational. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**Oct. 13, 2005** - Varsity game. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Bob Cowman (920) 876-3381 or bcowman@elgs.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

**Oct. 13, 2005** - JV game. Milton - Jim Johnson (608) 868-9565 or johnsonja@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

#### GENERAL

**2006 (weeks 1, 3 & 9)** - Varsity games. Wittenberg-Biramwood - Tina Bacon (715) 253-2211 ext. 135 or tbacon@witbirn.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

**2006 (weeks 3 & 4)** - Varsity/JV games. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**2006 (week 7)** - Varsity game. Black River Falls - James Hornby (715) 284-4324 ext. 2211 or hornbjam@brf.org. (4-18)

**2006 & 2007 (week 3)** - Varsity game. Adams-Friendship - Gretchen Pease (608) 339-3921 ext. 405 or pease-g@af.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

### GIRLS GOLF

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 23-24, 2005** - Teams for 2-day tournament. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

#### GENERAL

**2005** - Duals or tournament berths. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**2005** - Berth in varsity invitational. Kimberly - Brian Matz (920) 423-4160 or bmatz@kimberly.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

### BOYS SOCCER

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 3, 2005** - Team for varsity/JV invitational (2 games). Janesville Craig - Jim Langkamp (608) 743-5007. (4-26)

**Sept. 10, 2005** - Team for varsity invitational. Marshfield Columbus - Joe Konieczny (715) 387-1177 or konieczny@mflacs.net. (4-18)

**Oct. 1, 2005** - Team for quad. Mount Horeb - Kurt Schumacher (414) 768-6108. (4-22)

**Oct. 8, 2005** - Teams for invitational. East Troy - Paul Kielas (262) 642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

#### GENERAL

**2005** - Varsity games. Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Joshua Kubly (715) 845-8274 or jkubly@newmancatholicschools.com. (5-2)

**2005** - Berth in JV tournament or JV games. Waupun - Jason Buchholz (920) 324-5591 or jbuchholz@waupun.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 10, 2005** - Team for relay invitational. Rhinelander - Paul Johnson (715) 365-9512. (5-3)

### GIRLS TENNIS

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 13, 2005** - Teams for varsity tournament. Kenosha Bradford - Steve Knecht (262) 653-6189. (5-2)

**Aug. 16, 2005** - Teams for varsity dual. Kohler - Ken Roeder (920) 459-2920 ext. 1419 or roederk@kohler.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

**Aug. 20, 2005** - Team for 8-team varsity invitational. Wauwatosa East - Glen Slonac (414) 773-2522. (5-3)

**Aug. 27, 2005** - Teams for tournament. Tomah - Tom Curran (608) 374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

#### GENERAL

**2005** - Duals or tournament berths. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann (920) 459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

**2005** - Duals or tournament berths. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**2005** - Berth in varsity invitational. Berth in JV invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran (608) 374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

**2005** - Berth in varsity/JV duals. Union Grove - David Pettit (262) 878-2434 ext. 1286 or pettdav@ug.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 10, 2005** - Varsity/JV teams for 8-team tournament. Beaver Dam - Todd Sobrilsky (920) 885-7520 ext. 110. (5-4)

**Sept. 17, 2005** - Team for 8-team tournament. Kaukauna - Dan Retzki (920) 759-6154 or retzkid@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

**Sept. 24, 2005** - Teams for JV invitational. Princeton - Mark Lind (920) 295-6571 ext. 525 or marklind@princeton.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

**Sept. 24, 2005** - Teams for varsity quad. The Prairie School - Sandy Freres (262) 260-4398 or sfreres@prairieschool.com (4-26)

**Sept. 24, 2005** - Teams for varsity quad. Oak Creek - Jim Andrus (414) 768-6108 or j.andrus@oakcreek.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

**Sept. 24, 2005** - Team for varsity tournament. Kenosha St. Joseph - Ellen Santarelli (262) 308-1647 or ellenrose@gmail.com. (4-20)

**Sept. 24, Oct. 8 or 15, 2005** - Berth in varsity tournament. Plymouth - Mike Slagle (920) 8920-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Sept. 26, 2005** - Teams for JV/freshman tournament. North Crawford - Dave Bergum (608) 735-4311 ext. 181. (5-2)

**Oct. 8, 2005** - Teams for invitational. Rio - Dan Reiersen (920) 992-3141 ext. 138. (4-26)

**Oct. 8, 2005** - Team for tournament. Madison Edgewood - Chris Zwettler (608) 257-1023 ext. 144. (4-21)

#### GENERAL

**2005 (week of Aug. 22)** - Teams for JV quad. Germantown - Bill Harrod (262) 628-9518. (5-2)

**2005 (week of Sept. 24)** - Berth in varsity tournament. Germantown - Bill Harrod (262) 628-9518. (5-2)

**2005** - Berth in varsity tournament. Janesville Parker - Jim Langkamp (608) 743-5007. (5-2)

**2005** - Berth in varsity tournament. Union Grove - David Pettit (262) 878-2434 ext. 1286 or pettdav@ug.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**2005** - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Badger - Jim Kluge (262) 348-2000 ext. 2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Oct. 15, 2005** - Teams for tournament. Waukesha West - Teri Abraham (262) 970-3919 or tabraham@waukesha.k12.wi.us (4-18)

## WINTER

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 25-26, 2005** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. New Berlin West - Jane Hoffman (262) 789-6454. (4-18)

**Dec. 17, 2005** - Game. Milwaukee Vincent - Tom Diener (262) 236-1368. (4-26)

**Dec. 19-20, 2005** - Team for varsity/sophomore 4-team tournament. The Prairie School - Sandy Freres (262) 260-4398 or sfreres@prairieschool.com. (4-26)

**Dec. 27-28, 2005** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Marshfield Columbus - Joe Konieczny (715) 387-1177 or konieczny@mflacs.net (715) 387-1177. (4-18)

#### GENERAL

**2005-06** - Games (all levels). West Bend East and West - Ron Held (262) 335-5608 or rtoheld@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**2005-06** - Game. Randolph - Bob Haffele (920) 326-2431 or bhaffele@randolph.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**2005-06** - Game (all levels) prefer away. Waterford - Barb Deichl (262) 534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV game. Denmark - Bill Miller (920) 863-2176 ext. 2251 or millerb@denmark.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

**2005-06** - Games (all levels). West Bend East and West - Ron Held (262) 335-5608 or roheld@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**2005-06** - Freshmen games. Catholic Central - Paul Deacon (262) 763-1510 or bdeacon@cchsnet.org. (4-14)

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 21-22, 2005** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Union Grove - Dave Pettit (262) 878-2434 ext. 1286 or pettdav@ug.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Dec. 27-28, 2005** - Team (all levels) for tournament. Kettle Moraine - Mike Fink (262) 968-6273 ext. 215. (4-21)

**Dec. 29-30, 2005** - Team for tournament. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell (608) 252-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

#### GENERAL

**2005-06** - Games. Westosha Central - Kris Allison (262) 843-2321 ext. 245 or allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (5-4)

**2005-06** - Games. Madison East - Kurt Gundlach (608) 204-1720. (5-3)

**2005-06** - Games (all levels). New Berlin West - Jane Hoffman (262) 789-6454 or hoffmanj@nbps.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**2005-06** - Game. Randolph - Bob Haffele (920) 326-2431 or bhaffele@randolph.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV/freshman game (preferably home). Wisconsin Heights - Steve Rhoads (608) 767-2586 ext. 1125. (4-26)

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV game. The Hope School (Milwaukee) - Jim Datka (414) 264-7557 or jdatka@thehopeschool.com. (4-22)

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Park Falls - Chuck Woelfel (715) 762-2474 ext. 226. (4-20)

**2005-06** - Games (all levels). West Bend East and West - Ron Held (262) 335-5608 or roheld@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV game. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen (262) 862-2351 ext. 322 or dineenk@wilmoth.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

### GYMNASTICS

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 12 & 15, 2005** - Teams for varsity/JV dual meets. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (4-28)

**Jan. 28, 2006** - Teams for varsity invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson (262) 723-4920 ext. 1619. (4-21)

#### GENERAL

**2005-06** - Varsity/JV dual. Whitewater - Doug Parker (262) 472-8105. (4-26)

### BOYS HOCKEY

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 22, 26 and Dec. 17, 2005** - JV games. Beloit - Brice Gustafson (608) 361-3023 or bgustafs@sdb.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**Dec. 27-28, 2005** - Team for tournament (2 games). Eau Claire North - Dave Turner (715) 852-6608 or dturner@ecasd.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

### GIRLS HOCKEY

#### GENERAL

**2005-06** - JV games. Baraboo/Reedsburg/Mauston - Jim Cabaj (608) 356-6144 or 393-4785 or jcabaj@charter.net. (5-2)

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 10, 2004** - Team for relay invitational. Rhinelander - Paul Johnson (715) 365-9512. (5-3)

### WRESTLING

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 3, 2005** - Teams for frosh invitational. Plymouth - Mike Slagle (920) 892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Dec. 20 or 22, 2005** - Dual meet. Weyauwega-Fremont - Jake Ekern (920) 867-2148 ext. 311. (4-26)

**Dec. 30, 2005** - Team for tournament. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson (608) 834-7346 or jlnelso@spasd.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Jan. 7, 2006** - Teams for invitational (16-team scramble format). Cedar Grove - Josh Ketterhagen (920) 668-8686 ext. 552 or jketterh@cgbsd.com. (5-2)

**Jan. 7, 2006** - Teams for varsity team tournament. Plymouth - Mike Slagle (920) 892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Jan. 14, 2006** - Teams for varsity invitational. Stevens Point - Mike Devine (715) 345-7307 or mdevine@wisp.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Jan. 21, 2006** - Team for JV tournament. Turner - Kathy Leong (608) 368-3143 or kaleong@fjturner.k12.wi.us. (5-2)

**Jan. 21, 2006** - Teams for invitational. Manawa - Adam Miller (920) 596-2524 ext. 3041. (4-26)

#### GENERAL

**2005-06** - Dual. Cadott - James Sekel (715) 289-4211 or sekelj@cadott.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

**2005-06** - Dual meet. Viroqua - Eric Anderson (608) 637-1646 or anderi@viroqua.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

## SPRING

### BASEBALL

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 31, 2006** - Varsity/JV game. Rhinelander - Paul Johnson (715) 365-9512. (5-3)

#### GENERAL

**2005** - JV games. Waupun - Steve Lenz (920) 324-5591 ext. 2804 or slenz@waupun.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**2006** - Varsity/JV games and tournaments. Denmark - Bill Miller (920) 863-2176. (4-22)

**2006** - Varsity games. Brookwood - Ken Clinton (608) 337-4401 or kclinton@now.k12.wi.us. (4-20)

### BOYS GOLF

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 14, 2005** - Team for invitational. Columbus - Jay Schroeder (920) 623-5956. (5-2)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Berth in invitational. Platteville - Greg Quam (608) 342-4024. (4-26)

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 29, 2006** - Team for invitational. DeForest - Mike McHugh (608) 842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (4-26)

#### GENERAL

**2005** - Freshman game. Brookfield Central - Bryan Yenor (262) 785-3910 or yenorb@elmbrook.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

### SOFTBALL

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Games. Tomah - Tom Curran (608) 374-7976. (4-26)

**2006** - Varsity/JV games and tournaments. Denmark - Bill Miller (920) 863-2176. (4-22)

### BOYS TENNIS

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 23, 2006** - Girls team for indoor meet. Marshfield - Len Luedtke (715) 387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-21)

#### GENERAL

**2006** - Berth in multi-school invitational. Kohler - Ken Roeder (920) 459-2920 ext. 1419 or roederk@kohler.k12.wi.us. (4-28)

### TRACK & FIELD

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 7, 2005** - Team for invitational. Delavan-Darien - Sandy Ortiz (414) 687-0450. (4-14)

**Apr. 21, 2006** - Teams for boys relays. Fond du Lac - Brian Skortz (920) 906-6508. (4-21) ✦

# Golf Interpretations

**QUESTION:** Player A tees off over a hill to a blind green with environmental protected area to the right. The ball appears to go slightly right into a protected area. Players in the group, two coaches and one observer look for Player A's ball in and out of the protected area. After 2 minutes of search, the group comes to consensus that the ball went into the protected area and he needs to take a drop anyway (whether he finds it or not), so he took a drop and hit the dropped ball towards the green. After Player A hits the ball and approaches the green, he finds his ball farther up than anyone was looking for it, in play. Player A then plays that ball also, finishing the hole with two balls so that we could get a ruling on what to do. The original ball is played due to doubt as to procedure. What is the ruling?

**INTERPRETATION:** First, keep in mind that this is a regular season conference match and officially any appeals/protest needs to go to the conference commissioner. My response is advisory to the conference commissioner. Any conference regulations that might apply do supersede both WIAA and USGA regulations.

There are a number of layers to respond to this situation. I will do my best to work you through each layer.

Based upon the information I have been able to obtain, this appears to be a situation where the original ball was thought to have been lost in a lateral hazard, another ball was put into play and then the original ball was found. Ultimately, this made an impact

on the outcome of the match as he scored a three (3) with his first ball and a five (5) with his second ball. The boy decided to play both balls so that he could check with meet officials when the opportunity presented itself. USGA Rules 3, 15, 26, and 27 all can be applied. Here is how this works:

In general, if a player after playing a stroke plays another ball, the original ball is lost and the other ball is the ball in play--USGA Rule 27. This is true even if the player has not walked past his original ball and is also true if the five minutes to look for a lost ball has not elapsed.

There is no need to apply a two-stroke penalty for playing the original ball as USGA Rule 3 covers this matter. The boy was simply playing the ball due to doubt as to procedure.

In the end, it is the score of five (5) on the hole that does count. This means that the two teams tied during the nine-hole competition. It is my understanding that Team A won the play-off during and exciting extra two holes of competition.

This position is supported by:

(a) The Definition of "Ball in Play," which provides that a ball substituted for the ball in play becomes the ball in play, whether or not such substitution is permitted;

(b) the Definition of "Lost Ball," which provides that a ball is lost if the player has put another ball into play under the Rules, i.e., played another ball under a stroke

and distance procedure; and

(c) Rule 27-2a, which provides: "The player shall inform his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play that he intends to play a provisional ball, and he shall play it before he or his partner goes forward to search for the original ball. If he fails to do so and plays another ball, such ball is not a provisional ball and becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 27-1); the original ball is deemed to be lost."

In addition, various USGA situations (15/5, 25-17 & 27-2b/4) continue to support the need for the second ball to be the score that counts.

**QUESTION:** I had a parent stop by my store today to purchase a driver for their son who plays on a WIAA school team. The parent indicated the WIAA does not allow drivers over 400 cc to be used in their competitions. USGA allows drivers to be up to 470 cc's. Is this true?

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA follows equipment specifications as found in the USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix II. As indicated on page 119, driver heads can be up to 470 cc. This is the maximum size WIAA school team players are allowed to use as well.

In an effort to promote participation opportunities for high school golfers, the WIAA has taken a fairly liberal position regarding club design. If a coach or A.D. has questions regarding clubs, please feel free to contact Tom Shafranski at the WIAA office by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org.

**QUESTION:** Can an alumni group come to practice and play with current members of a golf team?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, E., Note: An alumni contest counts towards season maximums.

The event must in no way appear to be a golf match. If alumni, community members, special guests come to practice, every effort must be made to prevent the event from appearing as a contest.

**QUESTION:** Can a golf team have a banquet paid for by a donor with alumni following a practice?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2, 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:** Can a parent donate hats to the golf team?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, in

accordance with WIAA Amateur Status regulations, student-athletes teams may receive hats donated by someone from outside of the school. For consistency purposes, enough hats for the entire team should be provided, this includes all JV and varsity team members. Hats should not be provided for selected individuals (i.e. varsity players only).

**QUESTION:** Can a player practice putt or chip after the completion of a hole during the high school regular season or tournament series?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Season Regulations, 15., h, page 15, During the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, there shall be no practice putting after the completion of a hole. In addition, chipping is not allowed as well.

**QUESTION:** I understand that a golf team must designate their home course each year. Can I send players to another course to practice if I do not go with them? Would this count as a practice away from our home course that would need to count as one of our 14 meets?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Season Regulation, 9., A school which practices on a course (except home course) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets.

If a coach goes to a practice site with his/her golfers other than their home course where they will be competing, this practice must count towards their meet maximums.

If a coach sends/directs golfers to go to a course where they will be competing, even though he/she does not attend, this practice must count towards their meet maximums. Please keep in mind that as a coach, you and your school also take on liability for anything that happens to golfers when you send them anywhere.

Golfers are allowed to go to another golf course where they may compete later in the year with their parents, relatives, on their own, with friends, etc. without the direction of the coach.

**QUESTION:** Can a golfer use the heel of his/her club to make an indent in the ground a couple of inches in front of the ball to provide an imaginary line of flight to the target?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, USGA Rules 8-2 and 13-2 both identify that a player must not improve or allow to be improved--his line of play or a reasonable extension of that line beyond the hole. Penalty for breach of rule is a two-stroke penalty. †

## Electronic Scorecard to be Used at WIAA Golf Regionals and Sectionals

A new golf scorecard will once again be used during the 2005 WIAA State Boy's Golf Tournament series.

This updated scorecard will again feature hole by hole scoring for each golfer. This year's new scorecard will also include automatic Team Qualifier, Individual Place and Team Place identification.

Most importantly, use of the electronic scorecard allows the WIAA to post scores from each regional and sectional on the WIAA website < wiaawi.org > following the completion of each tournament series meet.

WIAA electronic scorecards will be emailed to athletic directors hosting WIAA Golf Regional Tournaments on Monday, May 16, 2005. Athletic directors are asked to be certain to provide these electronic scorecards to the golf tournament manager if they are not acting as the host. Please take time to become familiar with these electronic scorecards.

Following completion of the golf meet, tournament managers should email the completed electronic scorecard IMMEDIATELY to the WIAA (tshafranski@wiaawi.org) and then also email a copy to your sectional tournament manager. Email addresses for sectional tournament managers can be found in the information packet for golf tournament managers found on the School Center of the WIAA website.

Questions regarding the electronic scorecard can be directed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director via email at the address found above or by calling (715) 344-8580. †

# Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

## Amateur Status

**Q.:** My daughter is a 12th grade student athlete and has been asked to participate in a heart health awareness program sponsored by a health care facility in our community. She has been asked to model active wear during a luncheon to promote heart healthy lifestyle choices. The clothing is not being promoted for sale, is not school or team specific, and she is not receiving any compensation. Would her donation of time be in violation of any WIAA rules?

**A.:** Students are able to model. Quite a number of student athletes are professional models, in fact. There does not need to be a problem in this for your daughter. Very simply, be certain your daughter is not identified as "an athlete" (by either words/text or props-such as balls, rackets, golf clubs, or attire such as uniforms, jerseys, etc.). So long as she is not "identified as an athlete," does not "appear as an athlete," or "promote as an athlete," there is little likelihood of peril. She ought to be identified only as "Jane Smith," 12th grader, XYZ High School. Second, you may want to schedule a visit with your school's AD to go over this topic. Your AD should always be your first contact for those questions/concerns regarding a student's school sport participation. If an AD at a member school has questions, we are ready to respond. They know how to reach us.

**Q.:** Our district puts together a calendar for each school year with either student artwork or something as the "top half" of the calendar as you flip the pages each month. Our local veterinary clinic is sponsoring a page this year and the owner's son is one of our wrestlers - he competed at State this year. They asked that their son's picture be put on the same page of the calendar as their advertisement. Would we be violating any amateur status rule? I'm thinking that we would not be doing anything wrong, as schools use team or action photos all the time for their calendar-posters for the various sports seasons.

**A.:** It is a little difficult to say with certainty, sight unseen, whether a problem or not. Certainly and you are correct that it is quite common for "all the local businesses" who sponsor our "team schedule poster," e.g., might be identified as supporters/sponsors of our programs, without the assumption being made that the athlete or team pictured is "endorsing" the product/good or service. I can imagine a picture of a wrestler...and then in small print or in the corner, "this month sponsored by XYZ Veterinary Clinic," and I have no problems or concerns with that image. If a mom and pop business should seek to capitalize on their child "as an athlete" it would be a violation, just the same, e.g., "I'm

Tommy Smith the all-state QB and you won't find more honest folks to deal with than my mom and pop." This sort of endorsement would be a violation regardless of family ties.

**Q.:** Every year there's a golf tournament for a fund raiser for our local ambulance service. The tournament is in the summer after school is out. This year, for some reason, it was decided to give cash prizes instead of trophies. My question for you is; if a high school athlete wins this tournament can they donate the money back to the ambulance service without violating any WIAA eligibility rules. The athletes in question would most likely want to play football in the fall as well as golf in the following spring. It sounds to me, that we could have a separate set of prizes for high school students, something like trophies or plaques, and still have the cash prizes for non-students. Is this correct? 2. My next question is, what about hole-in-one prizes? At most of these tournaments they give a prize for a hole-in-one, could a student accept a prize if they won one of these prizes? Or, can they even play, without penalty, if these types of prizes are given out?

**A.:** Simple answer to your question is NO. Golf might be the single biggest destroyer of amateur status and eligibility for school sports. If a high school athlete accepts/receives or directs a cash or merchandise award received for achievement, potential or performance in athletics, their high school eligibility is terminated - for the remainder of their high school career. From what you describe has been done in the past, this appears as a "bad" idea. It's pretty distressing for all when we tell the AD's, the students and parents the student may not play school sports anymore. If the sponsors want to give away money, they could have a prize schedule, separate for adults and student/school age participants. 2. The rule is the same. A hole in one is "achievement/performance as an athlete." They may only receive something of a symbolic nature. Non-cash/merchandise. They could still play. There are a number of school-aged participants in pro-am events. Just do not accept/receive or direct the unacceptable prizes.

**Q.:** A member of the community wants to take the entire track team from one school to dinner. Can this be done? If yes, are there any restrictions?

**A.:** Yes, it can be done. See Handbook, p. 29, Article XI, Section 2A is applicable. Restrictions (very few, really): must meet with approval of school administration; ought to be a voluntary thing; inclusive of all team members who wish to attend. Precautionary: be sure there are no "special gifts" other than the dinner itself, which could compromise amateur status.

## Competition & Practice

**Q.:** We do not have a baseball field located "on school property," so we use the city fields for baseball, softball, and also for football games. The past few weeks, we've had a grandparent who feels the need to smoke his pipe continually throughout the entire baseball game. Even though, this is a city field, isn't it considered a "school function" (temporarily considered the same as if it were being held on "school property"), whereas no tobacco or alcohol can be used on those grounds during that time?

**A.:** For the duration of the school's event, the school must have control of the setting and environment. For the duration of the event, the school "owns" that facility. While in the school's use, the local park is the same as a school cafeteria or classroom. Smoking/drinking are not allowed on school grounds. Grandpa needs to be confronted.

**Q.:** My JV coach has an eighth grade daughter and he wants her and her friend to practice with the JV team to improve their skills. I believe he can have his daughter work with them but don't think he can have anyone else. Could you please clarify this for me?

**A.:** Please go to our website ([www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org)). Under Regulations, choose WIAA Rules Overview. Article II, Letter E - Scrimmages is the text we would reference on this question. Simple answer would be "yes" members of the community can take part in a school team practice. Having said that, bringing up/involving/including 8th graders ought to be something which is done *only* with the awareness and support/approval of school administration, however. There are potential recruiting, liability and "instructional time and turns"/public relations related concerns that are appropriately addressed and decided upon by the school's administration. (When an 8th grader takes a single turn at bat or in the field - it's a turn that "my daughter" isn't getting. It's obvious the coach has already "written off" my daughter and made team determinations for next year, already, etc.)

## Participation Issues

**Q.:** I am an athlete in high school. In the fast approaching school year of 2005 and 2006 I will be a senior. I have been informed that my school has decided to cut our varsity football program due to numbers. I was also informed, that I will not be permitted to play football for another school just because my school isn't dropping the football program altogether. I would like to know the procedure to waive this ruling so that I am not penalized for circumstances outside of my control.

**A.:** The WIAA does not have a "waiver" for the situation you find yourself in. This is not a "mem-

bership" situation, but rather a local concern and a matter of local doing. The possibilities which would "assure" your eligibility include: 1. Enroll as a full-time student at a nearby public school, pay tuition and you would be eligible; 2. Enroll as a full-time student at a nearby nonpublic school, pay tuition and you would be eligible.

There is not a "WIAA rule" that would prevent you from playing JV ball for your own school team.

## Nonschool Competition/Participation

**Q.:** My daughter is a 7th grader at a middle school and is currently on the 7th grade track team. Can she run in an annual Fun Run? It's a two-mile fun run with no prizes or trophies? They do get t-shirts, if she doesn't accept one, can she run? I don't believe our school is a member of the WIAA.

**A.:** The nonschool competition rule is the same at member middle schools as it is at the senior high. The "school loyalty provisions" prevent a student from participating in nonschool competition in the same sport they are "in-season" with, as a member of a school team. If a student attends a non-member middle school "WIAA" rules do not apply. In this instance your daughter's involvement/participation would be governed by local control. Second, you may want to schedule a visit with your school's AD to go over this topic. Your AD should always be your first contact for those questions/concerns regarding a student's school sport participation. If a member's AD has questions, we are ready to respond.

**Q.:** UW-Madison is having an open meet on May 7. It's open to anyone who wants to compete and will be seeded by sent in time. Is it illegal for a high school runner to participate in this meet?

**A.:** The simplest of answers to your question would be yes, it's illegal. The reality is that it might be possible for a student to participate in this sort of event - but there are caveats. First, since this event is taking place during the school season, it would need to be scheduled/counted as one of your "team maximums." For a member of your team to compete "unattached" would violate the nonschool competition provisions and they would be ineligible for the remainder of the season. Second, as a "school team" competition, the Bylaws (Handbook p. 26, Article II-Section 5 C, D, E) outline the requirements that need to be in place for a "school team" to compete in events being sponsored by a "nonschool" source. Frankly, I suspect none of those provisions have been put in place, but I'm unable to say for certain.

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I've not been provided any details about the event.

### Coach Contact

**Q.:** Suppose I have a coach who will be using his contact days to coach the girls in a weekend tournament. Is it okay for all of the girls to travel together to the tournament in his motor home?

**A.:** **Simple answer: Yes, if you wish to allow it. During the recently approved unrestricted coach contact period if the athletes travel together and the coach transports, it is not a "violation." Obviously, coaches may have contact during the five approved days. Especially if they are going to be traveling/competing as "the school's team" how you or your school board wish to allow and/or provide for their transportation is going to be up to you to determine. You could provide a school bus if you like, during the unrestricted days.**

**About the only stipulations are that the trip is voluntary and available to every girl in school who wishes to go to the tournament.**

### Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** With the passage of the amendments to the Bylaws for the Rules of Eligibility, I am wondering about some situations and how they will be handled. 1. For example, if a sophomore student transfers during the school year, under the new rules he could receive non-varsity eligibility for the remainder of the school year. The following year, would the student need a waiver to be eligible for varsity competition, or would he be automatically eligible? As the rule stood until now, the student would "pay the price" for transfer by sitting out the rest of the school year. 2. A similar situation could involve a freshman student who is living with an uncle or friend of the family, but not with parents. Under the old rules, this student would be ineligible for the year, but after a year of "sitting out" he could become eligible as long as his attendance was continuous. The following year, would he need a waiver to be eligible to compete at the varsity level, or would he be automatically eligible? Again, with the new rule he is not "paying the price" in quite the same way as he would under the old rule.

**A.:** **1. Yes so long as administration from both schools agree and there's no code or expulsion issues, etc. No waiver needed the following year - the student would be automatically eligible based on "continued/unbroken enrollment," the student could be eligible without restriction. The former rule would require the athlete to sit out for the rest of year one but it is no longer the rule now, unless the sending school administrator refuses to "sign off". 2. Correct, and the student might be either foreign or domestic - from any country/any state. The student would be automatically eligible without restriction the following year if enrollment remained unbroken. No waiver needed.**

### Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

**Q.:** Now that the summer contact rules are in place, I just want to touch base with you as a follow-up to our phone conversation a few weeks ago. I want to teach a summer school wrestling class for 6-12 graders which would begin the second week of summer vacation for our district and run through the end of the July. Our summer school consortium is advertised throughout our area. Usually a small fee is charged for these courses for all students. The class would meet twice per week for 90 minutes and would be for teaching new techniques, combative games, and general wrestling conditioning with cross over benefits for other sports. As the head wrestling coach at the school, it is my understanding that I would be able to do this with students planning to participate on next year's high school team. It is my understanding from the Annual Meeting that wrestling has an open window from the end of school until July 31. And that school district may sponsor this type of activity. Is this correct?

**A.:** **There are several elements contained in your idea/proposal which may be getting jumbled together inappropriately. Prior to the Annual Meeting, member schools were not allowed to "assemble athletes", provide programming, except during the actual school season, for students in grades 9-12. (As you know, schools have been allowed to provide middle school camps, etc., for many years prior to this.) "Schools" are now able to sponsor sport opportunities to high school students in the summer (no later than July 31). However, school sponsored camps/clinics/competition is limited to up to four days football and up to five days for all other WIAA sports sponsored by the school. (Bylaws - Proposal #2) You are correct in that wrestling coaches have been afforded an unlimited amount of coaching contact as a result of recent changes (so long as the contact is in the summer and concludes no later than July 31). Such contact might be inclusive of up to five days which can now be sponsored by the school district (and can resemble the school's wrestling team practicing/competing outside the season). Simply put, the 5-to-6 week/2 days per week summer school plan you've outlined will exceed the five days allowed for "school sponsored - summer athletic programming". As you've outlined it here, that comes to 10 to 12 days of school sponsored programming. While your model can work for students who've just completed 8th grade and below... it is not in compliance with the recently approved changes for senior high.**

**Q.:** May a school issue a helmet and shoulder pads to an athlete to use at a summer football camp?

**A.:** **Yes. With official school board (or governing board) approval.**

**Q.:** I have a few questions for you.

1. Can a school run a multi-school league during the off season (i.e., spring or summer basketball league)? If yes, what special precautions should they look out for? 2. A school wants to hold an out-of-season game with alumni and their basketball team. This may include some current underclassmen. Can they do this? Can they charge a \$1 for admission?

**A.:** **1. Generally the answer is "no" a school may not "sponsor", except during the actual school season. Now however, with the changes brought about at the 2005 Annual Meeting a school CAN sponsor a camp/clinic/league or competition up to five times (5 days) in the summer. This sort of school sponsored opportunity must: be voluntary; be made known to and accessible to any/every student interested within the school's student population (same as all other school sponsored programming). Such an opportunity can include students/teams from other schools; it can only be run between the end of the regular school year and must conclude no later than July 31. 2. It is now possible to do what you've described at two different times of year. First is during the actual school season of a sport. Schools have been allowed to schedule alumni games during the "regular" school season for quite some time. Keep in mind that during the "school season" an alumni contest must be counted as a game within the max you may schedule. The second time this can take place would now be - in the summer - as one of the five allowable, unrestricted contact days.**

### Open Gyms and Camp Issues

**Q.:** I have a bit of a concern about something that I read from the minutes of the Annual WIAA meeting: *A related change requiring clinics for students below the ninth grade to be concluded by July 31, consistent with the parameters of unrestricted contact periods for students in grades 9-12, was approved 325-7.* Will this ruling effect the camps that are conducted at local colleges/universities?

**A.:** **Sorry for any confusion. Sometimes with as much as we put out of this office and in an effort to be succinct, things can sometimes be "lost in translation." 1. Until now, it used to be that a member school could only sponsor camps/clinics for students who'd just completed 8th grade and below....(now a member can provide summer programming for their senior high students too, up to four days football or five days all other sponsored sports). 2. It used to be that the last allowed date for coaches to use their senior high athletes as clinicians in those school sponsored camps was the "last Saturday in July" (every year this date caused some confusion and**

**situations of non compliance). 3. This particular change was primarily intended to create a "common ending date" consistent with other, recent changes - all which conclude on July 31. 4. NOW clinics/camps must be concluded by July 31 if senior high athletes are going to be used as clinicians. In addition, the unrestricted coach contact window closes on July 31 for all WIAA sport coaches, as well. Technically and for now, nothing prohibits a school from sponsoring a camp or clinic for their middle level students, only, after July 31 but the senior high kids may not be used as clinicians beyond that date (remember JV and varsity coaches can have contact until a student actually enters 9th grade). This fundamental has not been affected/changed/alterd by any of the recent approved changes. Our rules have no influence on when a nonschool provider sponsors their activities.**

**Q.:** After reading the memo from the WIAA, I am a little confused and need a clarification concerning summer clinics. Can students below the 9th grade level participate in a clinic that is not run by their coaches after July 31?

**A.:** **Yes, of course...and JV and varsity coaches can continue to have coaching contact with students until they actually begin 9th grade.**

### Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

**Q.:** Our girls SB and boys baseball team want to fund raiser by having a seven inning contest between each other using a softball. They would run a 50-50 raffle and have other gimmicks during the contest to raise money. Any problem eligibility wise or playing too many games in one season by doing this? This would be run June 4. Also our club advisor wants to run a softball tournament open to different clubs within our school. Can our SB or baseball players play in this tournament where the club that wins will get some cash for winning the tourney? The date will be May 14 for clubs softball tourney. The winning club gets the prize money into their club account. Can our SB or BB players participate.

**A.:** **No problems with your first proposal, both baseball and softball are still in-season, so this can be done, and does not count against your season maximums (I presume this is a program fundraiser and that student athletes are raising money for their programs). My understanding is that this is a fundraiser within your school only and not involving students from any other school and that no student athlete will themselves receive any sort of cash or merchandise award for their participation/achievement. As for your club softball tourney, keep in mind NO high school athletes may ever "win" cash or merchandise awards for performance in WIAA recognized sport competition. ✪**

# Baseball Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

**Q.:** Got a call this evening from a young friend of mine about uniforms. Asked me if the American Legion baseball patch on the left uniform sleeve was legal. I told him it was not and the rules clearly state what can be worn as part of the uniform. I asked him what they did and he said they told the coach, I don't even know who they had today, to have the patches removed, adding there's no alternative. I said he was right, to the best of my knowledge. I've never seen that patch on a varsity baseball uniform myself. Am I right? It is not a permitted attachment, is it?

**A.:** You are correct. Of the very few things "allowed" on the jersey, a Legion patch is not one of them. And the WIAA retains the same "clean shirt" approach with teams as we do with contest officials.

**Q.:** We do not have a baseball field located "on school property," so we use the city fields for baseball, softball, and also for football games. The past few weeks, we've had a grandparent who feels the need to smoke his pipe continually throughout the entire baseball game. Even though this is a city field, isn't it considered a "school function" (temporarily considered the same as if it were being held on "school property"), whereas no tobacco or alcohol can be used on those grounds during that time?

**A.:** For the duration of the school's event, the school must have control of the setting and environment. For the duration of the event, the school "owns" that facility. While in the school's use, the local park is the same as a school cafeteria or classroom. Smoking/drinking are not allowed on school grounds. Grandpa needs to be confronted.

**Q.:** I have a question regarding pitching in baseball. How many times can a coach come out in an inning and talk to the pitcher before he has to be removed?

**A.:** Depending how many defensive conferences he has left, he may confer with the pitcher up to three times (if he has three left to use) in one inning before removing on the fourth trip. However, only once per inning in extra innings as defensive conferences are not cumulative. Rule 3-4-1.

**Q.:** I have witnessed an aluminum bat that appears to be illegal. At the base of the handle, just before the bat expands into the barrel, this bat has a manufactured rubber grommet that is machined into the groove the

bat. The bat I notice was an Easton. The black band in the middle of the bat is a rubber grommet that is appears to separate the bat into two parts. This is a baseball bat, though we also saw it in a fast pitch game as well. I know of no reason for the grommet. Every thing else about the bat is legal. It appears to violate the equipment definition for an Aluminum bat. Could you please investigate and inform me of this bats legality?

**A.:** I took this one to the National Federation and this is the response I received: "The committee ruled the two piece Easton Connexion bat as legal several years ago. It meets the BESR standard and should be allowed for play."

**Q.:** Rain out on Tuesday. We were in the top of the first 2 outs and a 1-0 score. Where do we start when the game is re-scheduled? We have no specific conference rules regarding this. My coach and commissioner say start over; their coach and the umpire say start from where we left off.

**A.:** Restart from where you left off. Please see Spring Season Regs., p. 5: #15-National Federation Adaptations - b. is the applicable provision. As you will read this has been formally enacted by the WIAA in accordance with the National Federation allowed modifications as prescribed by NF playing rules.

**Q.:** School A played School B on Monday. During game 1 of the double header, B pitched "Joe" 3 innings.

On Saturday, B played School C in a double header. According to the C coach (via e-mail), "Joe" pitched 2 innings in game 1 and 4 innings in game 2. Total 6 innings on Saturday. With 3 more on Monday, doesn't this violate the pitching rule? This was important (if true) because B saved arms in game 2 and were able to close us out 6-5.

**A.:** It is always appropriate for a coach to bring concerns to their own AD and/or principal, first. Generally, I encourage school's AD's to work together. I really do subscribe to the simple philosophy of "treat others as you'd like to be treated." If the information is accurate: it is appropriate for you to raise the question unless the "extra innings" came in an "extended innings" game as described in the Spring Season Regs. p. 4, d-1, it was indeed in excess of the pitching rule. if confirmed, at the point of the 8th inning the pitcher became an ineligible player and (again, if

confirmed) the contest would be forfeit – per WIAA Rules of Eligibility Article I, Section 5 (Handbook, p. 31). We can proceed by having your AD contact B and C and allowing B the chance to confirm/deny and/or "self-report." Or, I can easily carbon copy B and C and request all AD's to offer a response to me.

**Q.:** I have a pitching rule question I'd like to ask your interpretation on: The pitcher steps on the rubber to assume the wind-up position with the ball in his glove and both arms down at his sides. He takes his sign and simultaneously brings both hands together in his glove in front of his body and comes to a complete stop. Then, after the stop, he separates his hands and continues with his delivery. I cannot seem to find anything in the rule book or case book that identifies the above action as legal or illegal. The case book does have several wind-up scenarios but none of them that deal with starting with both hands down at the sides address the simultaneous movement of both arms and then coming to a stop in the glove in front of the body before the delivery. I have not had any coach question whether these actions are legal or illegal and I have not been interpreting and calling these actions illegal. Do you agree with my interpretation of these actions?

**A.:** Had some good discussion on your question. Here's where we come down on it. Illegal pitch - award a ball to the batter. Rule 6-1, Art. 2 (b) Pitcher can start with both hands at this side. BUT, after he starts his movement to pitch, he must continue the motion without interruption or alteration. I interpret the stop as an interruption with the delivery. Pitcher has a wide range of "acceptable" starting positions, but once is in motion, can not stop.

**Q.:** I had this happen at a JV baseball game last Saturday. I could not find any rule to determine if it was handled correctly, or not. Here is the situation: Team B had a runner on first base. Team A pitcher, while off the rubber, looked at the runner at first, and then started to stepped on the mound, started to place his foot on the rubber to go into a set position. At the time he contacted the rubber (no motions were made to pitch), he dropped the ball at his feet. He calmly stepped off the rubber with his back foot, and then brought his front foot back off the rubber; and then walked around the rubber,

picked up the ball, and then reset himself on the mound in the set position. The runner didn't advance (I believe it is still a live ball.), and my feeling was since he stepped off the rubber first, before picking up the ball, I don't believe he committed a balk. Neither coach was sure what to call, either. Since nothing happened-runner didn't try to advance, and it was not part of his stretch motion-which would have made it a balk - nothing was called. Is this a correct ruling?

**A.:** As you will read, we had quite a good chat about your scenario. I will admit that initially I was inclined to see a balk. No Longer - based on the following. Perhaps on occasion "reason" does prevail. 1. In one sentence it says, he started to place his foot on the rubber to go into the set position. At the time he contacted the rubber he dropped the ball at his feet. How could he make any motion to pitch when he just stepped or contacted the rubber? He took no sign, never went to a set position. If I read this right he stepped on the rubber and dropped the ball. I think the statement (no motions were made to pitch) is of no consequence. How could you have motion to pitch by just stepping on the rubber. Wouldn't this be a quick return pitch then?

According to the statement at the time, "he contacted the rubber, he dropped the ball". If one now calls this a balk, then I'm assuming that any time the pitcher steps on the rubber and drops the ball, its' a balk. I believe once he engages the rubber, not stepping on it, and now drops the ball, I have a balk call. To me, I'm concerned whether the pitcher has engaged the rubber & stabilized his position. Let me see the thing & I'll give you the call. 2. When does a pitcher "intentionally contact the rubber?" Is it when his pivot foot contacts the rubber or when he "settles in" with his non-pivot foot? I've always interpreted it as when his pivot foot is set on the rubber and have disregarded the non-pivot foot. In the original example given I was under the assumption that the pivot foot intentionally contacted the rubber, in which case I still say balk, irregardless of where the non-pivot foot is. But, again, it depends on what an umpire considers "intentionally contacting." †

# 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes

**April 27, 2005**

The 110th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 commencing at 9 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau.

Board of Control President Tom Barth, Principal at La Crosse Central, presided. There were 420 delegates in attendance representing 337 schools. The President opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates and relaying the importance of the Annual Meeting. He then proceeded to review the materials in the meeting packet and introduced the head table which included Executive Director Douglas Chickering, Deputy Director Dave Anderson, President-Elect Jim Dyer of Pius XI, Treasurer Scott Lindgren of Kenosha Public Schools, Administration Coordinator Julie Kage and Parliamentarian Dr. William Davidson of Stevens Point.

The 2004-05 highlight video presentation produced by Todd Clark was shown.

Minutes of 2004 meeting stand as presented. The meeting minutes were mailed to all members following last year's meeting, published in the WIAA Bulletin, in the WIAA Yearbook and acted upon by the Board of Control at a subsequent meeting.

Treasurer Scott Lindgren reviewed the financial report included in the delegates' meeting materials. Total revenue for FY2004 was \$6,723,161 and operating expenses were \$6,601,330. Revenue from operations was \$46,756, resulting in a net increase in earnings of \$168,587. The June 30, 2004 fund balance was \$2,791,704. A balanced budget with income and expenses of \$6,913,275 is expected. Fall tournament results were about \$54,000 below net projections and winter receipts may not meet budget expectations but no immediate adjustments seem necessary.

A motion was made by Jim Johnson, Milton and seconded by Dave Morley, New Auburn, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Joan Gralla presented the Election Report. In the Board of Control election, Roger Foegen, Bangor, was elected to a three-year term for District 3. James Smasal, Winneconne, was elected to a three-year term for District 4. Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee, was re-elected for a three-year term for the Ethnic Minority At-Large seat. In the Advisory Council election, Don Tolkacz, Pulaski, was re-elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools. Jeff Jacobson, Platteville and Troy Gunderson, West Salem, were elected to three-year terms representing Medium Schools. Mark Gobler, Luck was re-elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools. There will be a special election in August for the At-Large Gender Representative created by Dee Wells' relocation to Minnesota and a Large School seat not filled in the General Election. Election winners were introduced.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Peg Ekedahl, Milton; Mark Huenink, Appleton; Kevin Knudson, Barneveld; Gus Mancuso, Wisconsin Rapids; Jim McCartney, Horicon; Terry Reynolds, Shell Lake and Walter Wetzell, Neillsville. Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee was excused. Board of Control liaisons Ken Cole, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Jeff Sitz, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association were introduced. Mr. Cole who

has been a strong supporter of the WIAA was congratulated on his retirement. Guests in attendance included John Roberts and Matt Otte. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well.

Voting procedures for the amendments were explained by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director. He explained that the Constitution of the WIAA states "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 percent of the member high schools." He also explained if a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting. Voting delegates have been appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, will conduct the vote count. Tellers assisting with today's meeting were Karen Pecor, Faith Christian; LeeAnn Corning, Milwaukee Madison; Rob Wagner, Lancaster; Tina Bacon, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Doug Parker, Whitewater.

## Proposal #1

CONSTITUTION--Article III--Membership, Section 6 - Voluntary Resignation

This change would establish a moratorium in situations when a member school resigns from the Association and then seeks re-admission. The Board of Control could grant a waiver in the event of extenuating circumstances.

A motion was made by Mike Devine, Stevens Point and seconded by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 311-21.

## Proposal #2

BYLAWS--Article II--School Competition and Practice Requirements, Section 2 - Competition and Practice Restrictions

This change would allow schools to sponsor camps/clinic or competition in the summertime and to include students from other schools.

A motion was made by Paul Rozak, Stratford and seconded by Eric Burling, Burlington to support the amendment.

Geoff Steinbach, Arrowhead asked how this would affect open gyms in the summer. Dave Anderson explained this does not change or alter rules that govern open gyms.

The motion was approved by a vote of 314-19.

## Proposal #3

BYLAWS--Article II--School Competition and Practice Requirements, Section 2 - Competition and Practice Requirements

This change would require clinics for students in grade 8 and below to conclude no later than July 31. It also moves the reference to these clinics to the Exceptions in Section 2 created in Amendment #2. This change does not alter coach contact provisions or interpretations as provided in the Rules of Eligibility.

A motion was made by Ed Zepka, Appleton West and seconded by Tom Carroll, Baldwin-Woodville to support the amendment.

Lance Bagstad, Bangor asked if the rule would apply to those previously in

grade 8 and down or those entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Dave Anderson clarified that the rule would not effect students until they were entering grade 9.

Rich Reitzner, Stoughton asked if this is approved, will it take effect this summer? Dave Anderson answered yes it would apply this summer. Mr. Reitzner responded we have camps scheduled this summer beyond August. Mr. Anderson further explained camps may be able to be sponsored beyond July 31; however, varsity athletes may not be used as clinicians.

The motion was approved by a vote of 325-7.

## Proposal #4

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article VI--Nonschool Participation, Section 2 - Out-of-Season

This change allows members of a school's team to voluntarily assemble and be coached by their school's coach in the summertime for up to 4 days (football) or 5 days (all other WIAA sports sponsored by the school) in camps and/or competition, without restriction.

A motion was made by Pete Miller, Merrill and seconded by Joe Beran, La Crosse Central to support the amendment.

Mike Younggren, Wausau East wasn't aware wrestling was added to the list of more liberal summertime contact. He was reluctant to support it in fear of specialization. Dave Anderson explained the Wrestling Coaches Advisory Committee's recommendation was initially denied after it was brought forth a year ago. Thus, last summer there was no wrestling contact allowed. The Board of Control approved wrestling summertime contact similar to that allowed gymnastics, in the fall of 2004, so it was appropriate that wrestling be included on the list.

Gene Spindler, Menasha asked with having unrestricted contact for five days whether it would be permissible for a school to pay for competition in tournaments. Dave Anderson responded yes and that this could have been raised during the discussion on the Bylaw change. Mr. Spindler continued by stating the school can pay as long as it is during the 5 days of contact but outside of that a booster club may pay for team participation, but for individual/personal camps/clinics/instruction, the student and/or family must still cover 100% of those costs.

An editorial change will be made to Article VI, Section 2, C, e to remove "the last Saturday in July" and change it to "July 31".

Mike Younggren, Wausau East asked if there was any way to separate wrestling from the list. Dr. Bill Davidson indicated a motion could be made to remove it but it could not be voted on until next year.

Dave Anderson cautioned the membership by indicating the change involving wrestling was approved under the Board of Control's authority. He added Dr. Davidson indicated to him this could be presented for reconsideration and action next year or bring back through the Area Meetings or through the committee process. Mr. Anderson affirmed the accuracy of that understanding.

The motion was approved by a vote of 296-39.

## Proposal #5

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article II--Residence and Transfer, Section 1 - Determining Residence for Public School Students

This change would eliminate a residency requirement for nonvarsity eligibility.

A motion was made by Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest and seconded by Linzi Gronning, Holmen to support the amendment.

Jack Overgaard, D.C. Everest thanked the WIAA for including this amendment. He indicated he was trying to get something like this passed for four years. Often students transfer through no fault of their own and schools would like to allow them to be included. Mr. Barth said this addresses amendment #6.

Jeff Kneser, Northland Lutheran asked if this would affect nonpublic students who reside in a school district other than where the school of attendance is located and if it would be necessary for them to secure a waiver. Mr. Anderson explained this does not change the current rule which reads "a full time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions" found in Article II, Section 2, A of the Rules of Eligibility. The present residency rule does not require a written waiver when the above requirements are met.

The motion was approved by a vote of 288-47.

## Proposal #6

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article II--Residence and Transfer, Section 3 - Transfers

This change would provide all transfers nonvarsity eligibility so long as both schools agree, regardless of when transfer occurs.

A motion was made by Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild and seconded by Dean Sanders, Lake Mills to support the amendment.

Geoff Steinbach, Arrowhead asked if a senior automatically would be placed on the junior varsity team in this situation. He also asked if it was healthy for nonvarsity competition, why not varsity. Dave Anderson responded that there have been repeated requests from the membership to allow transfer students to become involved.

The motion was approved by a vote of 293-43.

Editorial changes to the Rules of Eligibility were presented by Dave Anderson. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the interpretation of the rule. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.

A motion was made by Linzi Gronning, Holmen and seconded by Mike Devine, Stevens Point to adopt the editorial changes.

Mike Devine, Stevens Point asked if a coach could give Christmas or birthday presents to athletes. Dave Anderson responded the rule applies to awards for achievement in athletics, not a gift from a friend. A symbolic quality is necessary.

Pam Huston, Wausau West asked if a foreign exchange student is not allowed to transfer during a season unless he/she goes through the waiver process. Dave Anderson answered the WIAA would consider nonvarsity status if the foreign exchange student transferred with the consent of both schools involved.

The motion was approved by a vote of 319-9.

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### Old Business

None from the floor.

Doug Chickering reported that the WIAA is in its fifth year of a combined membership involving public and nonpublic schools. A critical discussion this morning focuses on the enlarged membership and an observation that the nonpublic schools have an advantage because we place schools into divisions on a face value membership count. As we look at enrollment multipliers or other options for the upward placement of nonpublic schools, we can't ignore the flexibility available to public schools and their students. Open enrollment allows options for public school choice similar to those enjoyed by nonpublic school families. Multi-school districts have always had the authority to assign students to schools within their jurisdiction. The placement of students in public schools to special needs curriculums or centers is another unregulated choice. We have charter schools, alternative schools, splinter schools, virtual schools, schools-within-schools, multi-plexes, etc. The impact of public school options isn't as visible as the comparisons of public and nonpublic schools successes are, but it someday will be. As other states study multipliers and socio-economic factors to minimize or eliminate advantages a set or sets of the membership may have, let's listen but exercise patience. A pure multiplier is not the answer. Demographic factors based on public and nonpublic schools governance models, geography, conference affiliations, urban and rural locations and school size considerations have to be components of any adjustments.

The Director cited an example of two sets of schools within our membership. The first is a group of 70 schools (13.8% of the membership) with 23,137 students. The second has 15 schools (6.8% of the membership) and 20,857 students. The enrolled student populations are comparable. Students in the first group are not impacted by attendance boundaries, those in the second have boundaries but legislated choice options nearly negate any influence the boundaries may have. The first is made up of the nonpublic schools in the WIAA; the second is the largest 15 schools within the Milwaukee Public Schools. MPS students have enrollment choices under MPS policies as well as inter-district options. If an enrollment factor is applied to the nonpublic schools, a quick response would be that the MPS schools and suburban schools participating in the inter-district transfer program should also have enrollments modified. This is not presented to point fingers. It is put on the table to show that this is not just a nonpublic school issue. Any formula applied has to have a rationale that can be defended and understood.

High school athletics and activities are under more scrutiny now than ever. The budget crises our schools face are real. As program cuts are contemplated, decision-makers have to recognize the many choices available. Students will go to schools having programs. The dollars, whether tuition payments or equalization aid, will follow the students. Schools reducing the scope of their programs should factor into the fiscal analysis the likelihood of losing students whom otherwise would not have considered transferring.

Choice is a central theme in national and state legislative circles. Any action we

take will have to stand the scrutiny of legislative leaders and the courts. That's why it's so important that we work through this collectively as a membership. This membership can't afford a public school versus nonpublic school fight. That would only fuel the efforts of those already inclined to cut programs.

Two surveys are likely. Public schools involved in open enrollment, including the inter-district transfer programs in southeast Wisconsin, will be asked to report the number of students participating in athletics who come through open enrollment. Nonpublic schools will be asked to identify the number of students enrolled who reside outside the public school district where the nonpublic school is located. The collected data, perhaps, will guide us in comparisons of the public and nonpublic member schools within our membership.

If we had to make a decision right now, I think we would have only two choices, (1) stay as we are, or (2) declare a public and a nonpublic school champion in each division. If we opted for the latter, how long do you think it would be before someone asked, "Why don't we have a playoff?"

Paul Rozak, Stratford said it boils down to recruitment of athletes, even at the junior high level. The WIAA took a good stand on redshirt freshmen. Doug Chickering indicated the WIAA understands recruiting takes place. Programs that are successful have effective, committed coaches that attract kids. This is not recruitment in the sense where it can be regulated. Choice being what it is, the WIAA cannot prevent it from happening.

Ron Perry, Melrose-Mindoro stated with open enrollment, deadlines have to be met. Would the membership consider the open enrollment dates for public school-nonpublic school transfers? Doug Chickering explained the WIAA had an August 1st deadline, but it was changed to attending a day of practice or classes concept. This seems to work. The WIAA is aware of the transfer from Melrose-Mindoro to Aquinas and Doug Chickering told Mr. Perry to remind the young man who is transferring that once he transfers, he is ineligible at Melrose-Mindoro if he returns and must live with parents to be eligible at Aquinas.

Larry Villiard, Bruce agreed the WIAA needs to be very careful and patient in this area. It is not about recruiting because good programs attract kids. The WIAA needs to look at the geographic makeup of all schools involved. Rural schools are in a very different situation than urban ones. Perhaps a formula could be made based on the enrollment of public schools in an area.

Doug Chickering echoed his comments on conference affiliation and a differentiation of rural and urban settings.

Jerry Petitgoue, Cuba City said he was very proud of Wisconsin's state association and doesn't want to get in a border war. He feels the answer lies in urban vs. rural settings. Divisions 3 and 4 were created to allow small town kids the opportunity to go to state. We should look at conferences and if a school is in a conference with Division 2 schools, they should compete in Division 2 tournament play. Doug Chickering reminded the membership that conference affiliation is included in the criteria to be considered.

This will continue to be on agendas. A survey will follow.

There are 196 WIAA member schools who have coaches with membership in the WACPC. Doug Chickering attended its championships and was impressed with their organization. They differ from the WIAA with their co-ed dimension, lack of defined seasons and no prohibition against post season competition. They are in favor of coaches education and are safety driven.

Ed Zepka, Appleton West said cheerleading should be part of our program. They work hard and deserve credit. The WIAA has co-ed programs with girls in football, wrestling and hockey. Doug Chickering asked how the WIAA would deal with invitations to national championships. Ed Zepka replied most schools have budget restraints and cheerleaders have to go on their own.

National championships and inseason travel provisions were considered next. Some students from Madison West were invited to a national cross country championship. The WIAA denied participation but the seniors went. The WIAA will continue to say no to national championships. Travel is allowed during the regular season as long as it is included in game maximums. The inseason allowance may help defend our position against post season national championship play. The Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee is advancing through the committee process a motion to limit the number of out-of-state classics/invitations to one per season.

### New Business

None from the floor.

Deb Hauser explained the conference realignment process of asking annually through the Area Meetings if any schools wish to have realignment addressed. This allows other schools affected to hear concerns. February and March meetings are off limits with Deb Hauser's basketball responsibilities. Currently the WIAA is examining the Green Bay area. Things have changed and are changing in schools; some have significant growth. Realignment may have to occur every five to seven years. Traditional, rivalries, etc. may be a thing of the past. Deb Hauser will hold a meeting involving the Central Wisconsin, Marawood and Cloverbelt Conferences 20 minutes after the Open Forum concludes.

Dave Anderson addressed football "All Play" interests. For the last couple of years the WIAA has heard an argument from schools wishing to withdraw from a conference because of the inability to qualify for the Football Playoffs. The addition of the 7th division did help in that area. Within the last two years, there were two proposals to include all schools in the playoffs and both were dismissed by the WFCB Board of Directors. In recent weeks, there was a survey of head coaches by the Wisconsin Football Association and 227 did not support all play while 56 coaches responded favorably. The North Shore Conference conducted a survey directed at athletic directors and of the 230 respondents (55% of athletic directors in WIAA) 78.5% were opposed to all play. About 11% felt it did affect conference realignment and 89% felt there was no application. The Football Playoff criteria evolves based on input of membership.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has had litigation in the federal courts on season placements. It originally started through opposition to

the basketball and volleyball season placements. The courts added concern about golf, tennis, swimming & diving and soccer considerations and attempted to define traditional or favorable seasons. The same sports are offered in different seasons in Wisconsin. On April 29th, the Supreme Court will determine if it will take jurisdiction with a decision announced either on May 2 or 3. There may be a need for adjusting the golf and tennis seasons. Of the 40 states at a recent national meeting, three states conduct only boys soccer in the fall. The WIAA would like to deal with this proactively.

Doug Chickering stated there has been interest expressed in new sports. Lacrosse is one program receiving attention and according to Sports Illustrated, it is one of the most rapidly growing sports. There are also advocates for rugby. Interest has also been expressed in skiing, snowboarding, powerlifting and competitive cheer. The most frequent plea is for interscholastic bowling. Bowling should probably be pursued as it may involve kids that may not be involved in interscholastic athletics. The schools could establish it at conference levels and then go from there. In 2005-06, there is likely to be 15 girls hockey teams. If schools want a boys gymnastics program, they should organize them as a club team and then hold exhibition matches before the girls' matches.

President Barth introduced Doug Chickering for the annual Director's Report (see page 2 in this issue).

Tom Barth thanked the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting and their input.

A motion was made by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids and Jack Overgaard, DC Everest to adjourn the meeting at noon.

The Open Forum began at 12:05 p.m.

A question was asked if wrestling exposures would remain at fourteen. Dave Anderson answered the season maximum has not changed. Another question was asked if spring baseball was going to add another division to which Mr. Anderson responded a new model will be introduced to the membership.

Russ Thomas, Milwaukee Public Schools asked if the seeding discussion involved seeding the entire sectional group.

Doug Chickering responded the basketball coaches recommendation is to do it for Division 1 only. Then Mr. Thomas asked about hosting responsibilities and what is the criteria of hosting a sectional tournament series. Doug Chickering explained at last year's Area Meetings assigning host schools to sectional tournaments was discussed with the intention to separate semi-finals from finals. The WIAA is aware of the concerns about the sectional tournament hosted at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Discussions with participating schools reported dissatisfaction. Mr. Thomas hoped prospective host schools would be included in further discussions. Doug Chickering indicated to Mr. Thomas that this is not an issue he cared to discuss in a public forum.

Luke Francois, Middleton asked if consideration would be given to adding girls wrestling as a possible new program. This will be considered when participation figures are known from throughout the state. Mr. Chickering went on to say one state has girls exhibitions before its state

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tournament. Mr. Francois said the coaches association would be supportive of the concept of invitationals for girls.

The Dunn-St. Croix Conference requires schools to hire three-person basketball officiating crews. The conference hopes the WIAA will hire officials for baseball and softball. Three-person crews will be used at state in 2006, at sectionals the following year and in regional finals the next year. The same fiscal concerns were voiced when the WIAA went to five football officials. There are no three-person requirements during the regular season.

Don Green, Random Lake indicated he advocates the use of three basketball officials. He went on to say he hopes the WIAA will explore using distant learning labs and rules meetings to educate 3-person mechanics. Deb Hauser is currently finalizing plans for this. In a May *Bulletin* specific details will be provided. The National Federation of State High School Associations will have an online course concerning 3-person high school mechanics this summer. The Officials Manual contains 3-person high school mechanics. There will be four hours of WIAA standardized training prior to the three camps planned for this summer. Time will also be devoted to this at the basketball sport meetings next fall. This is needed as the game has changed. This will be a transition year, but 3-person

mechanics will result in a better-called game.

Steve Berg, Winnebago Lutheran said even though the WIAA only requires four officials for football games, there are always five officials contracted. He feels the same result will evolve with three basketball officials and was concerned about the resultant cost factor. Doug Chickering stated the WIAA needs to present the best game possible which is not to say the WIAA doesn't recognize the long-term cost impact on schools. This is the correct decision based on way game is played now.

Joe Vitrano, Wauwatosa East said the 16-team sectional in the Milwaukee area should be seeded as a sectional. The WIAA should allow a 1500 seating capacity gym to host the first two rounds. Mr. Vitrano is in favor of raising the ticket prices for sectionals to \$5. The additional money could be used to defray costs of hosting in collegiate venues. Doug Chickering responded the WIAA wants to get as many people as possible into games and wants to be involved in operational aspects with local hosts.

John Frizzel, Wisconsin Dells asked if there could be a spot on the WIAA website for middle school games wanted. Todd Clark questioned if there a need to do this and Mr. Frizzel said it would help our conference. Todd Clark indicated the

WIAA can consider this.

Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids said he agreed with the increasing admission fees. The WIAA needs to pay officials what they get paid by conferences. Doug Chickering said the WIAA reviews officials compensation on a regular basis and another rotation will be considered.

Josh Kubly, Newman indicated Newman applied for and was granted the 8th grade waiver in the fall and now in the spring, the waiver process seems to be more stringent. He asked what will be the process be in the fall. Tom Shafranski explained at the 2004 Annual Meeting, the membership approved the 8th grader waiver provision. The intent of waiver was to separate 6th, 7th and 8th grade from 9th grade programs. This year the WIAA received early requests for winter waivers in September and it was found that some basketball programs were utilizing nonschool contact opportunities to determine who would participate in basketball. In the fall, there were requests for softball. Through the process there has been criteria established and the WIAA will work with each school to identify if it is appropriate to grant the waiver. This will be shared through the committee process. Yes, there will be fall waivers granted. There were none granted for winter sports this year.

Jerry Zanotelli, Abbotsford indicated

they applied for a softball waiver. Being a small school, some kids come out as junior or senior when they last played as an 8th grader. Not putting the best kids on the varsity team but rather the oldest kids hurts a small school. There is preliminary planning and approval needed so it is not possible to ask for approval just prior to the season. An initial sign up does not provide guaranteed numbers. Only a small percentage of kids participate in athletics at a small school. If we recruit for softball, we lose in our track program. We don't know how to deal with problem in future. Doug Chickering responded the WIAA recognizes those concerns but it has an institutional fear that this could lead to a 5th year of eligibility. It is also concerned with creating elite 8th grade teams. The WIAA cannot approve waivers based on those needs.

Todd Langseth, Antigo said his school has had good fall and winter programs and with the price of fuel, has there been any thought given to increasing the mileage rate for busing. Doug Chickering answered that the WIAA can give consideration to that. It has increased money given to schools who host tournaments. The WIAA needs to find alternate sources of revenue. There are apprehensions about increasing ticket prices because of the economy.

The Open Forum concluded at 12:40 p.m. †

## Track & Field Questions & Answers

Question 1: In a relay, the incoming runner, after handing off the baton, pushes the outgoing runner in an attempt to help him accelerate faster. Is this a disqualification?

**Answer: Illegal. Rule 5-10-1 " . . . incoming competitors may not assist teammate by pushing them."**

Question 2: Can you tape a shot thrower wrist with a wrap through the area around the thumb and finger to support the wrist?

**Answer: No, Rule 6-5-7 "Taping of any part of the hands or fingers should not be permitted unless there is an open wound that could be protected by tape."**

Question 3: How far do you carry the rule of throwing the baton after a relay is done? Anywhere on the infield, just near the finish line or anywhere around the track?

**Answer: Official's judgement, Rule 5-10-2. Comment from Case Book; "Batons flying through the air, especially in a congested area, are extremely dangerous implements."**

Question 4: If a track does not have holes for starting blocks and a runner slips while coming out of those blocks, does that qualify for a restart? The runner did have a teammate standing on his blocks, but he could not hold him. The coach requested a re-run of the heat.

**Answer: Official's judgement, Rule 5-7-5. "For an unfair start, the starter or assistant shall recall the contestants for firing the starting device." The criteria for rerunning a race can be found in the Case Book, 3-4-3, and includes interference or an error in meet administration. The starter or recall starter would need to observe the blocks slipping and should have recalled the start as opposed to rerunning the race.**

Question 5: The starter of the 4 x 200 can't see all eight athletes in their lanes. He can only see lanes 5 through 8. He is using verbal commands with a megaphone instead of a whistle. As he calls "take your mark", lane 1 does not respond. Because he does not see him, he continues with

"set." The runner is just beginning to get into the blocks when the gun goes off. Confused the runner hesitates for several seconds and finally begins to sprint. Should the assistant starter watching lanes 1-4 have stopped the commands?

**Answer: Yes, the National Federation Track & Field Manual, page 28-29, lists as a duty of the assistant starter "to ensure a fair start." Reasons for halting the starting process include; f) "The starter moving ahead in the starting sequence when all competitors are not ready." Comment: Coaches may want to instruct their athletes to raise their hand to gain the attention of the starter if they are not ready or are having problems with their blocks.**

Question 6: I know that hats worn during competition must be knit (stocking) hats and be unadorned, however, I can find nothing about color. May the hat be any color or combination of colors or must it be a single color?

**Answer: The Track & Field Regulations do not contain any reference to the color of a knit hat, therefore it may be solid or multicolored.**

Question 7: A number of athletes are wearing undergarments with two visible logos. Is this legal? Are there any possible solutions?

**Answer: Illegal. Rule 4-3-1b4 "A single manufacturer's logo/trademark no more than 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension more than 2 1/4 inches, is permitted on each item of apparel." Using preventative officiating have the clerk provide athletes with a piece of tape to apply to one of the visible logos. Because of the cold weather tape may not stick. If the athlete began the competition with tape over the logo and it falls off do not disqualify. Coaches should carefully evaluate athlete's uniforms to insure they are legally attired.**

Question 8: We would like to provide checkmarks on the track for the pole vault (Rule 7-5-20). Is the "back of the box" where the butt of the pole is planted or

where the incline of the box meets the track?

**Answer: You should measure from the back edge of the box flush with the track.**

Question 9: There are pole vault poles (Maxima) that no longer have the pole rating located in a "3/4 inch contrasting color located within or above the top handhold position." (Rule 7-5-3) The pole does have a permanent mark with the pole rating located lower on the pole. Is this legal?

**Answer: Coaches should carefully inspect the pole's condition. The coach should reapply the pole rating in the proper location on the pole. This would make the pole legal.**

Question 10: I know that religious medals may be worn if taped to the body under the uniform (Rule 4-3-4). Is it legal to have a religious medal taped to the wrist if a long sleeve garment is worn over the taped medal?

**Answer: Legal. If though, the athlete rolls up their sleeves or removes the long-sleeved undergarment they would be in violation of Rule 4-3-4.**

Question 11: One athlete is wearing a blue bodysuit with blue shorts. The three other members of the relay team are wearing traditional uniforms, track jersey and shorts. All four athletes have identical tops and shorts. The only difference is that the athletes with traditional shorts have white compression shorts under their regular shorts. Is the athlete with the bodysuit illegal because his "undergarment" is blue?

**Answer: No, Wisconsin's interpretation is that the bodysuit, even though covered by shorts is still a uniform and has not become an "undergarment." This relay team is legal.**

Question 12: At a recent meet the heights in the high jump were discovered to be completely inaccurate. The high jump official was using the markings on the high jump standards as the official heights. What would be the proper procedure?

**Answer: Host schools are urged to verify that the markings on their standards are accurate. Alternatives include purchasing a measuring**

**device or marking your own measuring stick. Use of a tape measure can slow the competition and should be used to verify records.**

Question 13: During the start of the 200 meter dash, the starter has the following situation: He begins the starting process, runners to your mark and then the set command. At this time a girl false starts or moves after coming to the set position, but prior to the gun. When the gun is to be fired it miss fires. The starter calls the runners back and DQ's the runner for a false start.

**Answer: Correct call (Rule 5-7-4c) "Failure to remain motionless after assuming the set position prior to the starting device being fired." The miss-fire of the gun is irrelevant to the disqualification.**

Question 14: I have some concerns about digital cameras. Is it legal to take a picture on a digital camera and show it to the athlete during the competition? My other concern with digital cameras is the ability to take a 30-second video and show it. I have come across this situation recently and don't want my athletes getting into trouble for it.

**Answer: Rule 4-5-9g states "A competitor views a videotape or ANY OTHER VISUAL REPRODUCTION of the competitor's performances prior to the completion of the competition." I would include digital cameras and picture phones in this category.**

Question 15: Is it a legal jump in the long/triple jump if the athlete lands on the runway and not the pit?

**Answer: Illegal. Rule 7-6-4 defines the landing pit as ". . . filled with sand or other soft material to a depth that will ensure a safe landing." Based on that definition and Rule 7-16-13e, which states it is a foul if "In the process of landing or leaving the pit, touches the ground outside the landing nearer the foul line than the nearest mark made in the landing pit." An athlete landing on the runway would have a foul jump. †**

# Softball



Marcy Thurwachter

## Softball Questions & Answers

**QUESTION 1:** During last night's game, the opposing head coach was restricted to the dugout during the game due to arguing a call made by the officials. Is there a rule pertaining to the coach not being able to coach the next game or is that when the coach is officially "ejected" from the game and playing area?

**ANSWER:** The WIAA does not have a rule that would require any coach to be held out from a future contest. That would be the prerogative of the school or their conference. This is true for restrictions to the dugout as well as game ejections.

**QUESTION 2:** Runners on 2nd and 3rd and 1 out. The batter hits a ground ball to the shortstop, as the shortstop is running to field the ball the base runner runs in front of her causing the shortstop to stop. The umpire in the field gave a delayed dead ball signal and after the play stopped she called the runner out. The second part of the problem is that we both forgot about the runner on 3rd, who should have been placed back on 3rd because she had not touched home before the interference was called. The next batter received a pitch when I remembered that the runner from 3rd had scored and I stopped play and returned her to 3rd. Returning her to 3rd is correct but the question is the timing because 1 pitch had been delivered to the next batter. The 2nd part of the question is do the offensive and defensive players have to make physical contact to call interference?

**ANSWER:** Rule 2-32 defines interference as "...any act by a member of the team at bat who interferes with, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play..." It is not necessary to have actual physical contact for interference to be called. This is a judgement call by the umpire. Rule 10-2-3m gives the plate umpire the ability to "rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy." In this case the delayed deadball call should have not been made. Making a deadball call would have prevented the runner from advancing to home. The plate umpire's decision to return the runner to third was the correct call.

**QUESTION 3:** The visiting coach asked if their pitcher could use one of their balls because the game balls were too slippery for their pitcher who has small hands. The ball she had was stamped with the NFHS logo, but was a different brand than the balls provided by the host school. She claimed that the umpires at another game had allowed it and that they had checked the rule book and it was OK. I checked the rule book after the game and could only find that "the home team shall provide enough new balls to permit the game to proceed without unnecessary delay." Could we have allowed the visiting team to pitch their own balls?

**ANSWER:** The WIAA Softball Season Regulations state: "In the absence of a conference approved ball, teams are allowed to provide and use their own game ball in regular season play provided it meets NFHS specifications, and is optic yellow." If this was a conference game and there is not a specified conference ball the visiting team's request should have been granted. The same ruling would apply if this were a non-conference game.

**QUESTION 4:** I have a question on when a runner is legally released from a base (tagging up) on a caught fly ball. A situation occurred where a fly ball to an outfield hit in the fielder's glove, was bobbled for an instant and then caught before hitting the ground. The baserunner at 3rd tagged up and left when the ball first hit in the glove thinking that it was caught. She had left the base when the ball was actually secured by the outfield. She scored on the play but was called out on appeal that she left too early. Was this a proper call or is the runner

released when the ball hits the glove?

**ANSWER:** Incorrect call. Rule 8-4-1e states "Runners may advance with liability to be put out when: a legally caught fly ball is first TOUCHED by a defensive player." The run should have counted.

**QUESTION 5:** I had a pitched ball tonight that hit the ground and then bounced off my arm, never coming in contact with the catcher or batter. The runner on 1st base advanced to second, I ruled it a dead ball and sent her back to 1st. Was I right?

**ANSWER:** Incorrect call. Rule 8-4-1d "Runners entitled to advance when a thrown ball (including a pitch) hits an umpire"

**QUESTION 6:** If a pinch runner goes into the 4 spot in the 3rd inning and is removed after the inning is over, does she have a re-entry left and does she have to stay in the 4 spot the rest of the game?

**ANSWER:** The pinch runner is treated the same as any other substitute. Rule 3-3-5 "any player may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup."

**QUESTION 7:** Team A had runners on 1st and 2nd and no outs. The batter hit a pop up which was not overly high, that was between the pitcher's mound and home plate. My partner and I had signaled to each other, before the pitch, about the possibility of an infield fly. I did not hear the call of infield fly and the catcher of Team B did drop the ball but picked it up and threw it to 3rd base, the runner on 1st went to 2nd. Because I did not hear the call I called the runner out on a force at 3rd. The 3rd base coach did not keep the runner there for a possible question on the play and she went to the dugout. My partner then indicated that he had called an infield fly. What we did was to call the batter/runner out on the infield fly and the runner that was out at 3rd was out because she left the field of play. In retrospect we now think we should have placed the runner at 3rd because she wasn't tagged out as there wasn't a force on the infield fly and the runner at 2nd obviously stays there. What should the ruling have been? Can we put a runner back on base even though she left the field of play because she assumed she was out?

**ANSWER:** Rule 10-2-1m states regarding duties of the plate umpire; "rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy." I believe the situation you have described would have been handled correctly if you had returned the runner to 3rd.

**QUESTION 8:** If a coach does not list substitutes on the score card. Is there a violation and a penalty?

**ANSWER:** While Rule 3-1-3 states that "The team's lineup card shall include name, jersey number...and should include each eligible substitute." Rule 3-3-1 allows that "A player, who is not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card, shall not be prohibited from playing." There isn't a penalty for violating Rule 3-1-3.

**QUESTION 9:** Batted ball hits home plate then goes into fair territory?

**ANSWER:** Fair ball. Rule 2-21 defines fair territory. "home plate...considered part of fair territory."

**QUESTION 10:** I have been trying to get a ruling on a fly ball hitting a limb of a tree hanging into fair territory.

**ANSWER:** Rule 4-1-3 "Field conditions. If there are unusual conditions...the home coach shall propose special ground rules. If sanctioned by the visiting team these shall be in force. If the teams cannot agree, the umpires shall formulate ground rules." Note: the tree limb should be trimmed.

**QUESTION 11:** If a player has tape over her nose stud is it legal?

**ANSWER:** No. Rule 3-2-12 prohibits all jewelry with the exception of medical-alert and religious medals. Penalty: Rule 3-6-3; "issue a team warning to the coach of the team involved and the next offender on that team shall be restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game." Note: Lance Armstrong bracelets ARE considered jewelry.

**QUESTION 12:** Please clarify the obstruction rule change.

**ANSWER:** Rule 2-36 "Obstruction is the act of the defensive team member that hinders or impedes a batter's attempt to make contact with a pitched ball or that impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running bases, unless the fielder is in POSSESSION of the ball or is fielding a batted ball." The change in the rule is the omission of "about to receive a thrown ball." Obstruction may be called unless the fielder is in possession of the ball NOT about to receive it.

**QUESTION 13:** Are pitchers allowed to warm-up from the pitching rubber before the actual start of the game (during each team's infield practice)?

**ANSWER:** Yes, there is no NFHS rule or WIAA regulation that would prohibit this practice.

**QUESTION 14:** After the ball is grounded out to short the ball is thrown back to the pitcher who has her mouthguard in her pitching hand. With the ball in her glove and the mouthguard in her pitching hand she a) puts the mouthguard into her mouth and steps on the pitcher's plate b) steps on the pitcher's plate and then puts the mouth guard in her mouth. Is this an illegal pitch?

**ANSWER:** Yes, Rule 6-2-2 "A pitcher who licks her fingers shall wipe them off before bringing them in contact with the ball." See also Case Book, 6-2-2, Situation B.

**QUESTION 15:** Are stocking caps worn on the head during cold weather illegal if worn under the batting helmet? In a recent game we made player's remove them because the helmets did not fit properly.

**ANSWER:** Correct call. Rule 3-2-10, "Players shall wear/utilize uniforms/equipment properly and as designed by the manufacturer."

**QUESTION 16:** At a recent game a coach questioned whether a pitcher must have both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate. I answered no, Rule 6-1-1. Is this an NCAA rule?

**ANSWER:** Yes, NCAA Rule 10-2-a1.

**QUESTION 17:** The fifth batter on the line-up card was #13, however #21 came to the plate. After she became a runner, I called time and spoke with the plate umpire. He checked his card and sure enough #13 should have been the batter. The opposing coach said he must have put the wrong number down, but the name was correct. The umpire ruled OK since the player's name was right. Is this the right call?

**ANSWER:** Yes, refer to the Case Book, 3-1-3, Situation. RULING: "While Brown technically has violated the rule that requires that player's name, shirt number, and position to be on the lineup card, there is no penalty, since the batting-out-of-order rule requires only that the name be in the proper order."

**QUESTION 18:** Umpires in a recent game would not allow a team to use their helmets that had facemasks attached to the batting helmets because the facemasks a) did not have the NOCSAE seal b) discovered the coach attached the masks himself. Was this the correct procedure?

**ANSWER:** No, Rule 1-6-6 requiring NOC-

**SAE approved facemasks on batting helmets does not take effect until January 2006. Facemasks that are NOCSAE approved must have either an embossed mark or permanent sticker. The facemask may be attached by the manufacturer or attached by the purchaser provided the procedure is approved by the manufacturer. Facemasks and batting helmets must be from the same manufacturer.**

**QUESTION 19:** I have a rules interpretation question that has come up in the last two games regarding the obstruction rule. If a thrown ball pulls a fielder into the base path, is that obstruction? This has happened at first on a force and second on a steal. Both times the umpires have said that it was legal for the fielders to be in the base path because they were going to catch the ball. Yet, 8.4.3.b only says "in the act of fielding a batted ball."

**ANSWER:** Please refer to the Case Book, 8-4-3, Situation E: "A throw from F9 draws F2 into the base path of R1. The ball and R1 arrive simultaneously causing contact between F2 and R1....The contact is not intentional or flagrant. RULING: There is no obstruction or interference. This is viewed simply as a collision." It is very difficult for me to comment on an umpire's judgement call. I will say that the umpire's comments seem to be referring to the rule that was in place last year. Rule 2-36 was changed so that the "...fielder is in possession of the ball or is fielding a batted ball."

**QUESTION 20:** The pitcher is pitching and requests to get her inhaler as she is suffering from asthma. Can this action be done during the inning without any penalty or does she have to be replaced? I realize she can re-enter and that stuff, but curious if we can stop the game and have her use the inhaler?

**ANSWER:** The closest reference I can find is in the Case Book, 3-7-1, Situation B: "The coach of the defensive team has used her three charged conferences. In the 7th inning, the coach (b) checks with F1 who has just been hit by a batted ball. RULING: In (b) this is not a charged conference. The umpire should accompany the coach to check on the injured player and make sure coaching does not take place." Based on the reference, I'd say you should be able to administer her inhaler.

**QUESTION 21:** Thought you might like to know that there seems to be some confusion about the DP/Flex rule and the old DH rule. I have run into one situation in the past week where a coach listed a DH in their line-up. When told that was a past rule, he said that he thought it was legal to do so this year. Then, today, Sunday, that coach called and told me that in a game since the game I had him, that two umpires allowed his opponents to use the DH, stating that you could use either the DH or the DP/Flex.

**ANSWER:** You are correct. There is no longer any DH (designated player). Teams now have the option of using the DP/FLEX. Rule 3-3-6 is the rule for the DP/FLEX. The School Center and Official's Center also have detailed information regarding the DP/FLEX. The DP/FLEX replaced the DH last season (2004).

**QUESTION 22:** I was wondering if the facemasks for next year have to be like a football style (metal cage) facemask? Could they possibly be a clear impact resistant mask, which does not interfere with the batter's vision? It almost looks like a larger version of the clear mask that football players wear to protect their eyes.

**ANSWER:** To my knowledge the NOCSAE approved facemasks are all the cage type masks. I am not aware of any approved facemasks that would be the clear high impact type. †

# Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

## American Sport Education Program Course Offerings

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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.

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## EDITORIAL

# Ready for a Pop Quiz on Changes?

*Put away everything but a pencil...*

The membership voted to dramatically alter long-standing regulations regarding summertime opportunities and transfer and residency policies. Here's an opportunity to see where you grade in recalling what took place during the Annual Meeting and identifying the changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility and the impact of those changes. The much-beloved pop quiz is always a challenge. Good luck!

**1. All six amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility passed at the Annual Meeting by what combined percentage.**

- A) 91 percent (an average vote of 305-29)  
B) 82 percent (an average vote of 274-60)  
C) 71 percent (an average vote of 234-100)  
D) 67 percent (an average vote of 224-110)

**2. With the passing of the amendments to the Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, beginning this summer, how many unrestricted contact days will wrestling and baseball coaches have with athletes in their programs?**

- A) None  
B) Five, which do not need to be consecutive  
C) Four, which need to be consecutive  
D) Unlimited between end of school and July 31

**3. Can schools run camps for students in eighth grade and below during the summertime?**

- A) Yes, it is permissible all summer  
B) Yes, only between the end of school and July 31  
C) Yes, but it must be available to all interested students  
D) Both A and C

**4. Is it permissible for coaches to use the athletes they coach as clinicians in camps for eighth grade students and below in the summertime?**

- A) Yes, at any time during the summertime  
B) Yes, but it must be completed by July 31  
C) Yes, but it must be limited to six days  
D) Both B and C

**5. How many schools within the WIAA membership of 506 had at least one voting delegate attend the Annual Meeting?**

- A) 472 (93 percent)  
B) 442 (87 percent)  
C) 372 (74 percent)  
D) 337 (67 percent)  
E) 312 (62 percent)

**6. Coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue in the summer in baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling with what conditions?**

- A) Contact can not be school sponsored  
B) Contact may not include assembling a school team for competition or practice  
C) Contact in an acceptable program must not be limited to students on the basis of school affiliation, athletic experience or team status  
D) All of the above

**7. What conditions remain intact with the unrestricted summertime coaching contact periods?**

- A) Participation in camps must be voluntary and available to all interested students  
B) The contact is restricted to the coach and athletes of the sponsoring school, and it must not be school sponsored

- C) None, as long as contact is done between the end of school and July 31  
D) Schools may not assemble athletes to compete in a recognized sport or in anyway resembling a team practice

**8. How long is the moratorium on schools that voluntarily terminates its membership in the Association?**

- A) Two years  
B) Three years  
C) Four years  
D) Indefinite, and can only rejoin the membership by petitioning to the Board of Control

**9. What impact does the change in the transfer requirements in the Rules of Eligibility have on participation?**

- A) A transfer student, whose attendance at a school is the result of undue influence (recruiting for athletics) is eligible for nonvarsity competition only  
B) With written consent from both schools involved, a first-time transfer is eligible for only nonvarsity competition during the duration of the school year  
C) A transfer student, who transfers more than once in any school year is eligible for only nonvarsity competition during the duration of the school year  
D) Foreign student directly placed or placed by exchange programs not affiliated with CSIET is eligible for only nonvarsity competition for the duration of the school year  
E) Both B and D

**10. What is not impacted by the change in the residency requirements in the Rules of Eligibility on participation?**

- A) Full-time students whose residence and attendance at a school that does not conform with the existing provisions shall be granted eligibility for varsity competition for the duration of the school year without a waiver by the Board of Control  
B) Full-time students whose residence and attendance at a school that does not conform with the existing provisions shall be granted eligibility for only nonvarsity competition for the duration of the school year unless a waiver is provided by the Board of Control to allow varsity eligibility  
C) A full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing full-time with parents in accordance with existing provisions are only eligible for nonvarsity competition for the duration of the school year unless a waiver is provided by the Board of Control to allow varsity eligibility  
D) Both B and C

**Answers to Quiz: 1. (A) 2. (B) 3. (A) 4. (D) 5. (D) 6. (C) 7. (A) 8. (C) 9. (D) 10. (A)**

### Report Card

#### Correct

9-10

7-8

6 or fewer

#### Comment

Give yourself an A!

Not bad, but be sure to check the Handbook.

Should of attended the Annual Meeting, and please study the Handbook.



## Keep These Dates in Mind

- 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  
May 31 . . . . . Softball Sectionals  
May 31 & June 1 . . . . . Boys Golf Sectionals  
June 2-3-4. . . . . State Boys Individual  
Tennis Tournament (Madison)  
June 2 & 4. . . . . Girls Soccer Sectionals  
June 3 . . . . . Officials License Reapplication Deadline  
June 3-4. . . . . State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)  
June 6-7 . . . . . State Boys Golf Tournament (Madison)  
June 7 . . . . . Spring Baseball Sectionals  
June 9-10-11 . . . . . State Softball Tournament (Madison)  
. . . . . State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)  
June 10-11. . . . . State Boys Team Tennis  
Tournament (Madison)  
June 13. . . . . Sports Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 14-15-16. . . . . State Spring Baseball  
Tournament (Appleton)  
June 22 . . . . . Advisory Council Meeting  
June 23 . . . . . Advisory Council/Board of Control Meeting  
June 24 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting  
July 15. . . . . Summer Baseball Regionals  
July 19. . . . . Summer Baseball Regionals  
July 22 . . . . . Summer Baseball Sectionals  
July 27-28 . . . . . State Summer Baseball  
Tournament (Stevens Point)

## 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	Late Registration
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June 11, 2005	May 6, 2005	May 20, 2005

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September 24, 2005***	August 19, 2005	September 2, 2005
October 22, 2005	September 16, 2005	September 30, 2005
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February 11, 2006	January 6, 2006	January 20, 2006
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\*\* 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.

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