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WIAA Board of Control Approves Alternate Realignment Plan

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control gave its approval of an alternate conference realignment plan in the north central area of the state involving the Cloverbelt and Marawood Conferences at a special meeting today.

Approval of an alternate proposal was made possible by the Board’s decisions following approval of the intial plan. At that time, the Board encouraged schools to continue dialog to develop possible alternatives that could gain greater widespread acceptance among the schools involved.

“If the exclusive schools within the new alignment sets want to pursue alternatives, the Board will consider them at a future meeting as a First Consideration in the process,” said Board Vice President Gus Mancuso of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School on Dec. 8.

All 32 district administrators of the schools in the Cloverbelt and Marawood Conferences support the alternate plan, which is scheduled to be implemented in 2008-09.

WIAA procedures provide a 40-day window for schools to appeal the initial approval before the Board considered final action. Thus, schools have until Feb. 20, 2007, to appeal the Board’s initial approval.

The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 505 senior high schools and 117 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors 25 championship tournament series in 2006-07. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

Cloverbelt - 18 teams	
East	West
Augusta 197	Altoona 470
Colby 400	Cadott 290
Columbus Cath. 153	Fall Creek 286
Granton 94	Gilman 167
Greenwood 155	McDonell Central 247
Loyal 229	Osseo-Fairchild 305
Neillsville 428	Regis 250
Owen-Withee 203	Stanley-Boyd 326
Spencer 245	Thorp 234

Marawood - 14 teams	
North	South
Abbotsford 203	Assumption 186
Athens 201	Auburndale 285
Park Falls 313	Edgar 230
Phillips 354	Marathon 293
Prentice 169	Newman Cath. 211
Rib Lake 189	Northland Luth. 121
	Pittsville 241
	Stratford 253

Note: The Marawood South and Cloverbelt will provide a minimum total of four boys and four girls nonconference basketball games to the Marawood North.

FOOTBALL ONLY	
Conference B - 9 teams	
Auburndale 285	
Edgar 230	
Marathon 293	
McDonell Central 247	
ParkFalls/Butternut/Glidden/Mercer 527	
Phillips 354	
Pittsville 241	
Prentice/Rib Lake 358	
Stratford 253	

Conference A - 9 teams	
Altoona 470	
Cadott 290	
Colby 400	
Fall Creek 286	
Neillsville 428	
Osseo-Fairchild 305	
Regis 250	
Stanley-Boyd 326	
Spencer/Columbus Catholic 398	

Conference C - 10 teams	
Abbotsford 203	
Assumption 186	
Athens 201	
Augusta 197	
Gilman 167	
Greenwood 155	
Loyal 229	
Newman Catholic 211	
Owen-Withee 203	
Thorp 234	

Note: The Marawood and Cloverbelt will play each other nonconference during the BYE week unless both schools decline.

Election Deadline Approaches

Administrators at WIAA member senior high schools are reminded that February 27 is the deadline to announce their candidacy for positions on the Board of Control and High School Advisory Council.

District administrators, high school principals and assistants at these levels who are interested in becoming candidates in their district (Board of Control) or large/medium/small classification (High School Advisory Council) should state their intention via a letter to the WIAA office. Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers’ bargaining unit.

Primary ballots (if needed) will be mailed March 6 with a return date of March 21. General election ballots will be mailed March 27 with a return date of April 18. An elections committee will convene to canvass the ballots on April 23 and the results will be announced April 25 at the WIAA Annual Meeting.

Positions open for which candidates may file by February 27 are as follows:

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 1 (northwest) for position now held by Terry Reynolds of Shell Lake (eligible for re-election).

District 6 (south central) for position now held by Jim McCartney of Horicon (eligible for re-election).

District 7 (southeast) for position now held by Scott Lindgren of Kenosha (eligible for re-election).

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools position now held by James Langkamp of Portage (not eligible for re-election).

Medium schools positions now held by Paul Rozak of Stratford (eligible for re-election) and Dean Sanders of Lake Mills (not eligible for re-election).

Small schools positions now held by Mike Beighley of Whitehall (eligible for re-election) and Graeme Williams of Loyal (eligible for re-election). +

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Gymnastics



Marcy Thurwachter

Gymnastics Clarifications from Jan Adkins

1) Pike jump requirements – when awarding difficulty for pike jumps, the criteria is determined by the angle of closure of the body, not whether the legs are at horizontal or within 10 degrees of horizontal. If, in order to achieve a 90 degree closure of the body, the chest leans way forward and the legs are low, a deduction may be taken for amplitude but difficulty credit is awarded. On beam, 90 degrees is a superior and 45 degrees is a high superior. On floor, they are one value lower.

2) In the bonus category for **“ultimate” routine**, if there is .5 or less taken in execution/amplitude for the routine, then the 0.1 **must** be given. The **“ultimate” skill** is up to your discretion. Just because you take no deduction on an individual skill does not necessarily mean that it is done to the ultimate. 0.1 may or may not be awarded.

Note: 0.1 is the maximum allowed to be awarded in the category for “ultimate”. You may not award 0.1 for routine and 0.1 for skill.

3) Tuck jump 2/1 = Bonus High Superior on floor. This skill isn’t listed with the tuck jumps, but at the bottom of the BHS column on the lp/jp chart on page 70 it states that all leaps/jumps with at least a double twist (except straight jumps) are BHS’s. Criteria must be met: knees must be within 10° of horizontal as with all tuck jumps and twist must be

within 90° of the end position (at least 1 ≤ twist).

4) On Floor Ex, a **front flyspring directly connected to a front salto** upgrades to a HS which then will fulfill the requirements of a front tumbling pass of only 2 skills. (this is true as long as the flyspring takes off from 2 feet and lands on 2 feet – Note: it is a bit difficult to do a flyspring from 2 feet as the first skill in a pass and have enough power for the salto following so we need to be sure they actually do a flyspring and not a front handspring from 1 foot to 2 feet if those are the only 2 skills in the pass). This does not work in reverse if a gymnast does a front salto directly connected to a front flyspring. If the salto is first, there must be a second salto directly connected to be upgraded to a HS – p.78 #15.

5) New Matting Requirements for the area between the supports of the bars - The matting between the supports of the bars **MUST** be 7’ wide, 8’ mats are not allowed, nor are 6’ mats. This is a new rule this year, stated on p. 26, Art. 3, d. If the area is not covered, the event must be **cancelled**.

6) Superiors that are indirectly connected in the same pass may only be awarded **back-to-back superior** credit if all skills are tumbling skills. (Example: front tuck-round off-back tuck. This is a S+M+S but may be awarded BBS since

it is in a continuous tumbling pass). This does not apply to dance skills. (Example: cat full-round off-tuck full is a S+M+S but would not receive BBS credit.

7) As long as the information (necessary for coaches in order to determine whether to submit an inquiry) is filled out on the team scoresheet, judges are not required to turn in their worksheets, but may choose to do so in place of the scoresheet if they want. If a coach sees that everything was awarded and they still think the score is way off, they may want to inquire about mathematical errors. They can ask the judges to add again just to make sure it wasn’t a math error. This should be done by the judges. The coach is not entitled to see the worksheet and check addition themselves.

8) When **spotting a roundoff entry vault** the required spotter must be close enough to the table to be able to reach the gymnast if she is in need of assistance. Standing 5 or 10 feet from the table would defeat the purpose of the rule. The spotter may stand in the front, on the side, or in back of the table, wherever is most necessary for a particular gymnast.

9) Dismounts from the feet on UB - a “cast to squat on-back salto off” is an illegal dismount of no value and therefore, will **not** fulfill the event requirement of a superior dismount. The “Korbut” back (p. 43), which is a “≤ front sole circle **back** salto off”, is allowed and is a S on p.43. A “≤ **back** sole circle **front** salto off” will be allowed since it also comes from a circling skill and is also a S.

10) UB - Casts not to handstand – A cast to within 10 degrees of handstand is a Superior. A cast that reaches at least a ≤ handstand could be used as a Medium if needed for difficulty. A cast above horizontal could be counted as a no value skill if needed to fulfill the requirement of 8 skills. If used as a medium or one of 8 skills, this cast would break any direct connection of superiors for back-to-back superiors (example: long hang kip-S, cast to ≤-M, flyaway-S). If the cast isn’t needed for a medium or one of 8 skills, then it is just considered the finish of the kip and would not break a series of BBS. The cast should be judged whichever way is to the advantage of the gymnast.

11) UB – series: cast to handstand hop to reverse grip in handstand (p.42, #3) = High Superior - provided the hop is done on the upswing and completed prior to reaching vertical and that both hands release simultaneously and finish in a different grip (p. 82). If not, the cast handstand = Superior. **From handstand, fall forward over high bar and swing backwards to straddle back over low bar** = High Superior (not listed in book). The combination would receive HS + HS and credit for one Back-to-Back Superior.

12) Gainer back salto off end of BB – p. 63, #27 – In order to receive HS credit the gymnast must be facing the end of the beam and step forward off the end into a back salto (she must be moving forward while flipping backward) and end up with her back to the BB. The pic-

ture in the book on p.63 for #26a should be moved over into box #27 as it shows the HS gainer back tuck off the end.

This is not to be confused with a back tuck salto that takes off from one foot. If a gymnast does a cartwheel or back walkover, lands on one leg and swings the other leg through into a back tuck salto ending facing the BB, this is not a HS gainer salto. It would be a salto from one foot and receive S credit.

13) FX – If a gymnast inadvertently takes a couple of steps prior to realizing that the **wrong music** is playing, she will not be penalized and will be allowed to restart her routine with the correct music.

14) FX – A coach may **not** walk into the center of the floor mat to retrieve a sting mat or skill cushion during a gymnast’s routine. The deduction is 1.0 from the final team score (p.17, Art. 6, g). She may only step into the competitive area if the sting mat/skill cushion is **on or near** the boundary line.

15) FX - A backhandspring to handstand that continues to a handstand double pirouette is only one skill and one HS. A gymnast may choose to get to the handstand in several different ways including kicking to handstand, back extension roll to handstand, back walkover to handstand or back handspring to handstand. All are considered as part of the handstand double pirouette – one skill.

16) BB - switch side leap - schushunova (straddle jump to prone position on BB)

This is a switch side leap landing sideways on the beam followed by a schushunova, which is actually a straddle jump that lands in prone position or back hip circles around the BB. According to our book, at the bottom of the leap/jump chart on p. 55 it states: **Note:** Jump/leap to prone position or back hip circle on BB shall be evaluated the same as the root jump/leap. In this case, the root jump is a straddle jump and therefore, would be awarded credit accordingly. If it is a M straddle jump it would be a M, a S straddle jump would be a S. No additional credit is given for the landing position. A schushunova is considered a dance skill and this series can be awarded credit for a dance series of difficulty provided the skills meet the criteria to receive difficulty credit.

17) Body Paint vs. Tattoos – As in other WIAA sports, body paint and tattoos are not considered to be the same. Tattoos will be allowed provided they are not considered offensive. If offensive it would need to be covered. Body paint is not allowed.

18) Competing Out-of-Order – There is a 1.0 team deduction if gymnasts compete in the wrong order. Ideally, the deduction would be taken immediately following the routine that is out-of-order but that is not always possible due to the fact that the judges are not always aware that the gymnasts have competed out-of-order. The deduction may be taken whenever the mistake is discovered. Immediately upon filing the deduction with the head scorer’s table the meet referee should also notify the coach of the penalty. +

Getting to know the Board . . .



Peg Ekedahl

Hometown: Rockford, Illinois

Education: High School: Jefferson (Rockford) 1973. **College:** Illinois State University 1976 BS Ed; UW-Whitewater 1984 MEPD; UW-Madison 1992 MS Ed Adm

Best experiences of your life were: Births of my two children

Favorite travel destination: Rhinelander with my entire family

Hobbies: Reading, walking, games and cards

Favorite book: Lord of the Rings Trilogy

Favorite singer: Bette Midler

Pet peeve: Pointless, disorganized meetings

If you could change one thing: Eliminate dysfunctional families for children

Favorite movie: Apollo 13

Biggest issue facing interscholastic athletics today: Maintaining core values of interscholastic athletics

Teaching, coaching, administrative experiences: Taught grades 4-6, middle school media specialist, staff development coordinator, director of instruction, superintendent/newspaper advisor

Assets to the Board: Willingness to learn and listen, genuine love for student activities +



2006-07 Officials Exams Due Dates

Officials exams will be sent with your rule books and also available online. Remember that corrected exams will not be returned to you. Make a copy of your exam answers before you submit them to the WIAA office so that you may review the ones you may have gotten wrong once answers are posted. Answers will be posted on the Officials Center once the due date has passed. You will also access your exam score off the Officials Center.

Sport	Return Deadline	
PART I EXAMS		
Baseball	March 23, 2007	
Softball	March 23, 2007	
Track/Field	March 23, 2007	
Sport	Mailing Date	Return Deadline
PART II EXAMS		
Baseball	March 20, 2007	April 6, 2007

Note: The 3-Person Basketball Mechanics Exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for sectional and State tournament assignments in 2007. +

Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

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.

SCENIC CENTRAL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CLINIC

Date: January 28, 2007
Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Site: Reedsburg Rec. Center
Contact: Derek Horkan 608-524-8231 or

QUAD COUNTY OFFICIAL'S ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL UMPIRES CLINIC

Date: March 24, 2007
Site: Dodgeville High School
Contact: Jerry Schewe 608-732-7919 or schewe@centurytel.net

THREE ZEBRA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: May 18-19-20, 2007
Site: Wisconsin Dells
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com

THE RIGHT CALL GIVING BACK 3-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: May 19-20, 2007
Site: Madison Area Technical College
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

NORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 15-16-17, 2007
Site: UW-River Falls
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or

YOU MAKE THE CALL 3-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 29-30-July 1, 2007
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Becky Blank 262-375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

STEP AHEAD 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 20-21-22, 2007
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or dkelliher@sbcglobal.net +

Coaches Clinics or Meetings

WISCONSIN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION - STATE CLINIC

Dates: February 9-10, 2007
Site: Four Point Sheraton (Milwaukee, WI)
Contact: Registration information contact Tom Wilson at twil@new.rr.com or 920-833-7199 ext. 364

ZIERLEIN FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: February 16-17, 2007
Site: Chicago Marriott Schaumburg (Schaumburg, IL)
Contact: Zierlein Clinics, 348 Main St, West Seneca, NY 14224; phone 716-675-1095; fax 206-338-6598; email: clinics@Zierlein.com
Note: Check for updates at www.zierleincinics.com

WISCONSIN FASTPITCH SOFTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Dates: February 17-18, 2007
Site: Country Springs Convention Center (Stevens Point, WI)
Time: Saturday 11 a.m. & Sunday 8 a.m.
Contact: Registration information at www.wfsca.org

WISCONSIN SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION 2006 CONVENTION

Date: February 25, 2007
Site: Fond du Lac High School Fieldhouse
Cost: \$40 if registered by February 16, \$50 after that date
Contact: Greg Winkler, Fond du Lac High School winklerg@fonddulac.k12.wi.us +

Officials Center Information

Please check the Officials Center located on our website frequently as new information is continuously being added.

If you can't remember the user ID and password to gain access to the Officials Center, please check your classification card as it is printed there.

Any questions regarding information on the Officials Center, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA. +

2006-07 Sports Meetings

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

TRACK & FIELD

Feb. 13, Tues. Fennimore, Nicolet, Rhinelander, Turtle Lake
Feb. 14, Wed. Altoona, Greenfield, La Crosse Logan, Waupun
Feb. 19, Mon. Drummond, Green Bay Southwest, Middleton, Wis. Rapids Lincoln

GIRLS SOCCER

Feb. 14, Wed. Menomonee Falls
Feb. 20, Tues. Stevens Point (WIAA Office)
Feb. 21, Wed. Chippewa Falls
Feb. 26, Mon. Madison Memorial
Feb. 28, Wed. Neenah

BASEBALL

Mar. 5, Mon. Ashland, Bay Port, Dodgeville, Nicolet
Mar. 6, Tues. Eau Claire North, Middleton, Union Grove, Wautoma
Mar. 12, Mon. Appleton North, Crandon, Janesville Parker, Wisconsin Dells
Mar. 14, Wed. La Crosse Logan, Marathon, Rice Lake, West Bend

SOFTBALL

Mar. 5, Mon. Hudson, Lakeside Lutheran, Stevens Point
Mar. 6, Tues. Drummond, Holmen, Mukwonago, Oshkosh North, Portage
Mar. 12, Mon. Ashwaubenon, Belleville, Phillips, West Bend, Westby
Mar. 13, Tues. Eau Claire North, Fennimore, New Holstein, Oak Creek, Wausau East

BOYS GOLF

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website.

BOYS TENNIS

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center on the WIAA Website. +

Meetings or Clinics

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

CALUMET COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Dates: Feb. 5, 19, 2007.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Site: New Holstein High School, Room 406
Contact: Larry Dietz 920-756-6287 or larry.dietz@proplating.com

LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 19, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Catholic Memorial High School Cafeteria
Contact: Nick Ortner 414-443-2790 or 414-287-1348 or

FOX CITIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 5, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Menasha High School
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-841-8813 dbaumgart3@new.rr.com or Mike Knoespel 920-738-7714 or jason.meyer@stocklumber.com

MANITOWOC COUNTY SPORTS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 7, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Dec. 13, Jan. 17 and Feb. 7 = Manitowoc County Office Complex
Contact: Keith Bonde 920-684-4324 or kbonde@lakefield.net

INDIANHEAD ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Dates: Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and 17, 2007
Place: Eau Claire YMCA
Time: 9 a.m.
Contact: James Sekel 715-832-0372 or or Rick Thompson 715-830-9978 or rthomps1@dor.state.wi.us

METRO SWIMMING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Date: Feb. 19, 2006
Site: Wauwatosa West High School
Contact: Ted Haasch 414-425-7465 or thaasch@wi.rr.com
Note: All swim officials and interested coaches are invited to attend all meetings +

Softball Sports Meetings

The following individuals will be assisting the WIAA with the Sports Meetings:
Arvo Britten, Wausau; Elwood Harebo, La Crosse; Tammy Hutchison, Kenosha; John Peterson, Madison; Karen Sorenson, Spooner; Pamela Steiger, Hortonville; Marcy Thurwachter, WIAA. +

Track & Field Sports Meetings

The following individuals will be assisting the WIAA with the Sports Meetings:
Joe Culliney, Grafton; Arland Peterson, Holmen; Tom Salo, Pittsville; Kirby Symes, River Falls; Dave Weidemann, Winneconne; Marcy Thurwachter, WIAA. +

Swimming & Diving



Tom Shafranski

Boys Swimming & Diving Tournament Schedule

Tournament assignments and sectional time schedules were published in the December 22, 2006 WIAA Bulletin.

Here are some reminders for this year's tournament program:

ENTRIES

1. Entries will once again be done via the Direct Athletics website. Each school will be emailed their password, user code and instructions.

2. Team entries are due via electronic entry by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007. Teams submitting forms after this time will be allowed to compete, but will not be seeded and will be placed in the slow heat. PLEASE BE AWARE ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED BY 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007.

3. Divers are required to participate in a minimum of 4 diving competitions to be eligible to enter the sectional tournament. Two of the four competitions must include a full format of 11 dives.

SUBSTITUTIONS/SCRATCHES

1. All Substitutions and scratches must be in writing 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting. Substitutions will be allowed for illness, injury, or for reasons of school discipline.

2. Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but must assume heat and lane assignments of original entries.

3. A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.

4. Schools may not make a substitution in an event not originally entered after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.

5. In the event of scratches, the sectional manager will not re-seed the event. The deleted swimmer/divers must be removed from all events (individual and relay) in the entire meet, except when certified by a physician or the meet referee.

RELAYS

1. Coaches must complete a relay card listing a maximum of eight individuals.

2. Relay cards must be completed and turned in to the meet referee. Time deadlines include: (a) sectionals - **at the coaches meeting** and (b) State - ½ hour prior to the start of the meet. Coaches will be allowed to change the designated four swimmers until the announcements of the results of the two previous events:

200 Yard Medley Relay - Up until end of the coaches meeting

200 Yard Freestyle Relay - The finish of the 100 freestyle

400 yard Freestyle Relay - The finish of the 100 backstroke

UNIFORMS

1. Only one single manufacturer's logo or trademark not more than 2 1/4" square inches in size is allowed on a swim cap or swimsuit.

2. The only other legal markings on attire, including swim caps is: competitor name, number, school name, school nickname, school mascot, and one American flag (2"X 3").

3. Competitors must be wearing legal attire before they will be allowed to compete. A competitor may not wear jewelry or apply tape over an item of jewelry.

4. Oil-based lotions may be applied only in the locker rooms. No oil is allowed on the pool deck.

5. On-site shaving is prohibited. Swimmers found in violation will be disqualified from the meet.

STATE MEET PARTICIPANTS/INFORMATION

Diving

1. Division 1 - The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries will qualify for semifinals and the 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals will qualify for the finals.

2. Division 2 - All 16 divers will perform 11 dives.

3. The diving order for Sectionals and State will be from an open draw.

Swimming

1. Participating in the state meet will be the winner in each event plus the next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) fastest/best individuals from all sectionals.

2. A tentative state qualifier listing will be made available to schools via the WIAA Website (www.wiaawi.org) on Sunday, February 11.

3. Extra qualifier standards will be available on the WIAA website after noon on Sunday, February 11.

4. Coaches are asked to provide spelling corrections, etc., to the WIAA prior to 8 a.m. on Monday, February 12.

5. Schools opting to attend on the day they are not competing may request tickets from the WIAA prior to Wednesday, February 14. Tickets will be provided for the number of state qualifiers plus one coach only for the meet you are not competing in. Tickets can be picked up at the Natatorium ticket booth on Friday or Saturday.

DIVING JUDGES

1. Diving judges will be selected at the sectional tournament sites by the coaches.

2. Division 1 sectional sites need to submit the names of two individuals and Division 2 should choose at least three judges. A total of seven judges will be used at the state meet. Selected judges will be noted on the tentative state qualifier listing.

TIME SCHEDULE

Ticket Prices
Single Session
\$6.00 - Student/Adult

Division 2

Friday, February 16, 2007
UW-Natatorium

12:45 p.m. - Locker rooms open to divers

1:00 p.m. - Deck area open - one-meter boards open for warm-ups

1:30 p.m. - Diving sheets due

1:45 p.m. - Diving Judges Meeting

2:10 p.m. - Boards Closed

2:30 p.m. - Diving competition to completion - approximately 5 p.m.

4:15 p.m. - Team packets available for pickup

4:45 p.m. - Locker rooms open to swimmers

5:00 p.m. - Deck area open - pool open for warm-ups

5:45 p.m. - Timers and deck stewards meeting - Room 1190

6:15 p.m. - Pool closed

6:30 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion - approximately 8:30 p.m.

Division 1

Saturday, February 17, 2007
UW-Natatorium

7:45 a.m. - Locker rooms open to divers

8:00 a.m. - Deck area open - one-meter boards open for warm-ups

8:30 a.m. - Diving sheets due

9:15 a.m. - Diving Judges Meeting

9:45 a.m. - Boards Closed

10:00 a.m. - Diving competition to completion - approximately 1 p.m.

12:45 p.m. - Team packets available for pickup

1:15 p.m. - Locker rooms open to swimmers

1:30 p.m. - Deck area open - pool open for warm-ups

2:15 p.m. - Timers and deck stewards meeting - Room 1190

2:45 p.m. - Pool closed

3:00 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion - approximately 6:00 p.m.

2006-07 ALL-AMERICAN STANDARDS

Boy's Event	Automatic	Consideration
200 Medley Relay	1:37.88	1:39.05
200 Freestyle	1:42.27	1:43.50
200 Ind. Medley	1:54.66	1:56.20
50 Freestyle	:21.29	:21.55
100 Butterfly	:51.02	:51.91
100 Freestyle	:46.65	:47.18
500 Freestyle	4:37.30	4:41.04
200 Free Relay	1:27.47	1:28.60
100 Backstroke	:52.29	:53.24
100 Breaststroke	:58.74	:59.66
400 Free Relay	3:12.50	3:14.74

Boys Swimming & Diving on School Center

A reminder to boys swimming and diving coaches that on-line entries will be used this year for the WIAA sectionals and can be found in the SCHOOL CENTER on the WIAA Website. By this time, schools should have received their Direct Athletic usernames and passwords. Your WIAA user ID and password can be identified by contacting your athletic director. Forms and information will not be sent to schools again this year.

The information found under Boys Swimming and Diving in the School Center includes:

Tournament Information

Tourney Information for ADs/Coach

Tourney Information for Managers

Tourney Competition Information

Substitution and Scratch Form

Ticket Request Form

Sectional Online Entry Information

Diving Resources

Diving Judges Instruction

Diving Scoresheet

Voluntary Diving Practice Schedule

For additional assistance for the WIAA boys swimming and diving tournament series, please contact Tom Shafranski by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. ➦

Volunteers Needed for State Boys Swim Meet

The Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held this year on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), February 16-17 at the UW-Madison Natatorium.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and deck stewards. If you are interested, please contact Deb Lepak at dlepak@wiaawi.org or by calling (715) 344-8580.

The state meet schedule is as follows:

Friday - February 16

2:30 p.m. - Diving competition to completion (approximately 5:30 p.m.)

6:30 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Saturday - February 17

10:00 a.m. - Diving competition to completion (approximately 1:30 p.m.)

3:00 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 6:00 p.m.) ➦

Hockey



Tom Shafranski

Hockey Officials Rule Interpretations

QUESTION: I've read the noise maker policy on your website, and have a question with regards to it. While attending a H.S. hockey game home team's goal was scored, the score officials sounded something similar to a cannon shot followed by horn (diesel type). I'm not sure if these sounds were recorded or live, or whether or not that matters. My question is if this is within the policy stated on your web page regarding noisemakers?

INTERPRETATION: During the regular season, matters of neutrality for contests are the responsibility of the conference (if a conference game) or the host school (if a nonconference game). During the WIAA Tournament Series, the WIAA has responsibility for matters like this.

In ice hockey, the use of "Fog Horns" whether recorded or live has become quite popular during recent years. The problem with the use of "Fog Horns" is that a minor official, who is to be as neutral as possible, is usually responsible for blowing the foghorn. The WIAA informs host schools during our tournament series that if a foghorn is to be blown following a goal for the host school, it must also be blown following the scoring of a goal by the visiting team. Otherwise, it should not be blown at all.

During the regular season, this is a regulation that many schools and conferences have applied to their school contests. Many times, because there are also nonschool contests played at rinks, this is misapplied.

QUESTION: How should officials handle play in front of the net in terms of implementation of the new penalty standard?

INTERPRETATION: With the standard of play initiative, players are still legally able to battle for position in front of the goal and in the corners. This may include considerable body contact. A player using their size, strength and balance to establish a favorable body position is an effective play and rewards players who use this skill to gain a competitive advantage. The use of the stick in this process to steer the opponent is also allowed as long as it remains close to the body and the arms are not extended in a manner that cross-checks the opponent. An example of an illegal tactic would include the extension or use of the arm(s) to push off in an effort to create distance between the player and the opponent or prevent them from legally playing the puck.

QUESTION: I am the President of our hockey booster club, I recently received a check from the host school of our co-op hockey program. Can I use

this check to reduce the amount each student-athlete owes for being on the hockey team?

INTERPRETATION: No, there are a number of concerns with this matter. First, the WIAA can not consider this hockey program to be a WIAA school program if the booster club is receiving checks from the school. The member school must be the recipient of funds for their athletic programs. The cash flow for this program is unacceptable and needs to be changed so that all funds are sent to the school, the school administration gets funds they receive approved through the school's gift acceptance policy and then distributes them appropriately.

The current mechanics for the cashflow of your program as indicated above will prevent this program from being involved in the WIAA tournament series.

Also, WIAA Amateur Status regulations prevent student-athletes from receiving reimbursement or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics. Receipt of funds to reduce a student-athlete's participation fee must be considered a violation of this regulation.

For situations like this, reversing the cash flow so that the school receives these funds allows school administrators to appropriately distribute these funds within Amateur Status regulations.

QUESTION: We had an 8th grade student from another school system in our community practice with the high school hockey team during the holiday break. Is this OK?

INTERPRETATION: No, allowing 8th graders from another school system to practice with a high school team is an unacceptable recruiting practice.

In addition, only students from your school who have a physical on file in the high school office should be allowed to practice with a high school team.

QUESTION: Can you address use of the free hand by offensive players and what is the correct way to handle these situations?

INTERPRETATION: A player who is in possession and control of the puck and has established body position may use their free hand to maintain that body position. In this situation, both players are skating shoulder-to-shoulder, or the defensive player is slightly behind, and the attacking player uses the free arm to fend off the defensive player and simply maintaining their already established body position, as long as they do not grab

the stick, sweater or arm of the opponent.

However, a player who uses a free arm to push off of an opponent and create space, or uses the free arm to originally establish body position by impeding the progress of the opponent, will be penalized for holding or interference.

QUESTION: I currently have a freshman goalie that is playing bantam hockey. I was wondering on the ruling, how much he can play at the varsity level?

INTERPRETATION: In hockey, as in other WIAA sports, once the hockey season has begun and a student-athlete has begun to practice with his/her school team, they must discontinue competition with any nonschool programs.

If a student-athlete should be "cut" from a school team, they may then rejoin the nonschool team. Also, in hockey, if a student-athlete is "cut" from the school team, the WIAA does allow a student to go from the school program to nonschool programs, one time, without resulting in a loss of eligibility for the school team. In other words, if "cut," a student may play bantams and then be asked to return to the school team one time during the school season. If this student should return and play in a nonschool contest, he/she is no longer eligible for the WIAA school team.

QUESTION: Can officials still receive credit for attending sport meeting this year?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, on the WIAA website < wiaawi.org > in the WIAA Officials Center on the ICE HOCKEY page under SPORT MEETINGS both of the videos that need to be viewed can be found there. Once an official finishes viewing these videos they may contact the WIAA office to receive credit for attending the sport meeting this year.

QUESTION: Can a player lift an opponent's stick?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, the use of the stick to lift an opponent's stick and gain possession of the puck, or prevent them from gaining possession of the puck, is considered a good defensive play that should not be penalized. Lifting a non-puck carrier's stick in a manner that does not impede their progress is also allowable under the rules. In addition, the use of the stick to check an opponent's stick, or press the opponent's stick to the ice or boards, is a good defensive play as long as it is done on the lower portion of the stick shaft and the intended purpose is to dislodge the puck or prevent the opponent from playing the puck.

Turning the stick blade over on top of the stick of an opponent for the purpose of pressing the stick and preventing the opponent from playing the puck is also allowable. If done, it must be on the lower portion of the stick and for the sole purpose of preventing the opponent from playing the puck. However, if done in a manner that impedes the progress of an opponent, or contact is made higher up on the stick, a penalty for hooking should be assessed.

QUESTION: Can players still take "dives" during games?

INTERPRETATION: One area that has gotten more attention as a result of the Standard of Play is diving. Although there is no indication this is a significant problem at the high school level, the action does exist and everyone will need to be on the same page in handling those rare situations.

First off, it is important to recognize that under the new standard, there is no inherent advantage to embellishing an action by the opponent. A player no longer has to fall down to have penalty called, so the end result is a player will essentially be taking himself or herself completely out of the play by doing so. It is also important to establish that even the most obvious dive does not excuse the illegal action of the opponent.

No current rules specifically identify diving as an infraction, we are somewhat limited in how officials can react to this type of action. When an obvious dive occurs, the recommendation is to have the official skate over and request to speak to the coach of the offending team. In doing so, they are acknowledging the fact a dive occurred and are asking the coach to address this action with their team. A friendly reminder that a diving action will have no effect on a penalty being called or not would also be warranted.

QUESTION: I need to check and see if the hockey tournament that you are sponsoring has been sanctioned by the MSHSL and also the NFHS if School X from Canada is playing in it again. I would appreciate a response today if possible.

INTERPRETATION: The only form listed on the MSHSL website is the NFHS Application for Sanction of Interstate and International Athletic Events. The very first point lists four scenarios that would require an event to have NFHS sanctioning. Our tournament did not match one of those scenarios. Therefore, it should not need any sanctioning. Fort Francis was eligible to play because, according to the NFHS application, Canada is considered a bordering state. +

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

Sept. 1, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV relays meet. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Sept. 7, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Chilton - David Son nabend 920-849-2358 ext. 4319 or sonna-bendd@chilton.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

Oct. 9, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV meet. Altoona - Gary Pszeniczny 715-839-6079 or gpszeniczny@al-toona.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 24, 2007 - Game. Pardeeville - Michael Haynes 608-429-2153 ext. 368. (1-4)

Aug. 27 and Sept. 4, 2007 - JV games. Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@west-field.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

Sept. 6 and 13, 2007 - Freshman games. Pioneer Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@westfield.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Oct. 11, 2007 - Freshman game. Northland Pines (Eagle River) - Rick Waski 715-479-6286 or rwaski@np-sd.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

Sept. 21, 2007 - Varsity game (willing to travel). Spring Lake Park (MN) - Dave Alto 763-785-5550. (1-4)

Oct. 8, 2007 - JV game. Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

GENERAL

2007 - Freshmen games. Pecatonica - Jim Strommen jstrommen@peca-tonica.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

2007 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Deer-field - John Polzin 608-764-5431 ext. 1106 or polzinj@deerfield.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

2007 (Week 1) - Varsity/JV game. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-2)

2007 (Week 3) - Varsity game (en-rollment 320). Norway (MI) - Brad Grayvold 906-563-9543 or bgray-vold@norway.k12.mi.us. (1-4)

2008 (Week 1) - Varsity game (home/away). Waupun - Lucky Wurtz 920-324-5591 ext. 2804. (1-5)

2008 (Week 1) - Game (2-year con-tract). Blair-Taylor - Gerald Blaha 608-989-2039 or blahag@triwest.net. (1-4)

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 1 and 2) - Varsity/JV game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 1 and 2) -

Varsity games. Stevens Point - Mike Riley 715-345-7307 or mriley@wisp.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2007 - Varsity/JV game. South Milwaukee - Kyle Konkol 414-766-5922 or konkol.kyle@sds m.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Aug. 23, 2007 - JV game. South Mil-waukee - Kyle Konkol 414-766-5922 or konkol.kyle@sds m.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Aug. 24-25, 2007 - Varsity team for round robin tournament. South Milwau-kee - Kyle Konkol 414-766-5922 or konkol.kyle@sds m.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Sept. 7-8, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mail-milton.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

Sept. 8, 14 and 28, 2007 - Varsity/JV game. South Milwaukee - Kyle Konkol 414-766-5922 or konkol.kyle@sds m.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity quad. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-2)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity invi-tational (3 games). Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Joshua Kubly 715-845-8274 or jkubly@newmancatholicschools.com. (12-20)

Sept. 15 and 20, 2007 - JV game. South Milwaukee - Kyle Konkol 414-766-5922 or konkol.kyle@sds m.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Teams for 4-team tournament (varsity/JV). Northland Pines (Eagle River) - Rick Waski 715-479-6286 or rwaski@npsd.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

GENERAL

2007 - JV games. Whitnall - Bob An-tholine bantholine@whitnall.com or Craig Austin caustin@whitnall.com. (1-5)

2007 - Varsity and JV games. Mayville - Sig Schecher 920-387-7960 ext. 103. (1-4)

Girls Swimming & Diving

GENERAL

2007 - Berth in invitational (preferably in or near the Madison area). Wausau East - Mike Younggren 715-261-0656 or myounggr@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 22, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV quad tournament. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046. 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

GENERAL

2007 - Duals or quads (JV/freshmen). Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6715 or jemcclo@spasd.k12.wi.us. (12-20)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2007 - Team for invitational. Oconto - Rick Sherman 920-834-7812 ext. 317 or sherrick@oconto.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

Aug. 27, 2007 - JV dual, tri or quad. Green Bay NEW Lutheran - Mike Stock 920-727-5592. (1-5)

Aug. 28, 2007 - Freshmen team for quad. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Aug. 28, 2007 - Team for varsity quad. Freedom - Kurt Erickson 920-788-7940 or kerickson@freedom-schools.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

Aug. 30 or Sept. 25, 2007 - Varsity/JV dual. Shullsburg - Bob Boyle 608-965-4427 or bboyle@shulls-burg.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Aug. 30, 2007 - Teams for quad (also willing to travel to play in a quad at or around this date). Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau - Matt Wenthe 608-582-2291 ext. 1012 or mattwenthe@getschools.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Sept. 1, 2007 - Team for invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jover-gaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for JV invita-tional. Brillion - Peter Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@brillion.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

Sept. 15, 22 or 29, 2007 - Berth in invitational. Shullsburg - Boy Boyle 608-965-4427 or bboyle@shullsburg.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Sept. 21, 2007 - Teams for JV invita-tional. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5500. (1-8)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity and JV games. Mayville - Sig Schecher 920-387-7960 ext. 103. (1-4)

2007 - Berth in varsity/JV tourna-ments. New London - Stephanie Hauser 920-982-8420 ext. 1004. (1-2)

2007 - Duals or tris. Janesville Parker - Kari Cinto kcinto@janesville.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

Boys Volleyball

GENERAL

2007 - Matches. Madison East - Rick Raatz 608-204-1720 or rraatz@madi-son.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007 - Berth in varsity/JV tourna-ments. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 23-24, 2007 - Teams for var-sity/JV tournament. Elkhorn - Dean Wil-

son 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

Nov. 23-24, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jleder-mann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2007 - Teams for tournament (2 games). Northwestern (Maple) - Steve Gustafson 715-363-2434 or sgustafs@maple.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Brookfield East - Corey Golla 262-781-1045. (1-2)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6715 or jemcclo@sw-pasd.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Berth in Christmas tourna-ment. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwau-kee School of Languages - John Pitta 414-267-8215 or pittaj@uwm.edu. (1-10)

2007-08 - Game. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Al-lison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Pecaton-ica - Jim Strommen 608-523-4285 ext. 106 or jstrommen@pecatonica.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Sevastopol - Curt Kaczor 920-743-6282 ext. 119 or ckaczor@sev-astopol.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. New Auburn - Brian Henning 715-237-2505. (1-4)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV game. Monona Grove - Dan Zweifel 608-221-7666. (1-2)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. River Valley - Matt Bredesen 608-588-2554 ext. 225 or mbredesen@rv-schools.org. (1-4)

2008-09 - Berth in Christmas tourna-ment. Weyauwega-Fremont - Matt Wilbert 920-867-2148 ext. 312 or mwilbert@wegafremont.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 23-24, 2007 - Teams for tour-nament (varsity/JV). Hudson - Larry Of-stedal 715-377-3714 ext. 8091 or ofstedld@hudson.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

Nov. 23-24, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Assumption (Wisconsin Rapids) - Joe Birkhauser 715-422-0915. (1-8)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Teams for var-sity/JV tournament. Sheboygan South -

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Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 27-28, 2007 - Team for tournament (2 games). Northland Pines (Eagle River) - Rick Waski 715-479-6286 or rwaski@npsd.k12.wi.us. (12-23)

Dec. 27 & 29, 2007 - Team for tournament (2 games). Blair-Taylor - Gerald Blaha 608-989-2039. (1-4)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@de-forest.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Parkview - Scott Schmiesing 608-879-2994 ext. 5117 or schmisco@parkview.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Sevastopol - Curt Kaczor 920-743-6282 ext. 119 or ckaczor@sevastopol.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@westfield.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game (2-year contract). Richland Center - Aaron Mithum 608-647-6131 or Sharon Long 608-647-8603. (1-4)

Boys Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 23, 2008 - JV game (home). Waupun - Lucky Wurtz 920-324-5591 ext. 2804. (1-9)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 1, 2007 - Team for team invitational. Coleman - Austin Retzlaff 920-897-2291 ext. 159 or retzlaff@coleman.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for multi-dual varsity tournament. Weyauwega-Fremont - Matt Wilbert 920-867-2148 ext. 312. (12-22)

Dec. 8, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament (5 matches guaranteed). Menomonee Falls - Jim McMahon mcma-jim@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (12-20)

Dec. 11, 2007 - Team for double dual. Bonduel - Roger Toole 715-758-4858. (12-20)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Team for 8-team dual tournament. Hudson - Larry Ofstedal 715-377-3714 ext. 8091 or ofstedld@hudson.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

Jan. 12, 2007 - Team for team invitational. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

Jan. 5, 2008 - Varsity/JV teams for round robin dual tournament. Baraboo - Dave Hedgepath 608-355-3945 or dhedgepath@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Jan. 5, 2008 - varsity/JV teams for invitational. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunna@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Team for dual. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5500. (1-8)

2007-08 - Team for dual, preferably away. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

SPRING

Baseball

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity games. Milwaukee Bradley Tech - Todd Hencik 414-212-2562 or hencsitm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

Boys Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

May 11, 2007 - Varsity teams for 5-person, 18-hole stroke play event at Fire Ridge Golf Course. Grafton - Bob Chesney 262-692-2453 ext. 441 or rchesney@nosd.edu. (12-20)

GENERAL

2007 - Meets. Stevens Point - Mike Riley 715-345-7307. (1-4)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 7, 2007 - Varsity team for 2-game tournament. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (1-8)

Apr. 21, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Madison East - Rick Raatz 608-204-1720 or rratz@madison.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

May 5, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament (2 games). Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

May 5, 2007 - JV game. Racine Case - Dan Peterson 262-939-2872 or casesoc-cergirls@yahoo.com. (1-8)

May 10, 2007 - Game. Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Bandow 920-845-2336 or jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

May 18-19, 2007 - Team for tournament (2 games). Muskego - Eric Hess 414-313-8778 or eric.hess@yahoo.com. (1-8)

GENERAL

2007 - Freshmen matches. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007 - Matches. Belleville/New Glarus - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007 - Match. Madison East - Rick Raatz 608-204-1720 or rraatz@madison.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007 - Berth in varsity/JV tournaments. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

2007 - Berth in varsity tournament. Merrill - Pete Miller 715-536-4594 ext. 3024. (1-8)

2007 - JV games. Mayville - Sig Schecher 920-387-7960 ext. 103. (1-4)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 13, 2007 - Game (Madison area). River Falls - Rollie Hall 715-425-1830 ext. 1111. (1-4)

Apr. 21, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Marathon - Ryan Winkler 715-443-6232 ext. 213 or rwinkler@marathon.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

May 5, 2007 - Team for frosh 8-team tournament. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-2)

May 11, 2007 - Team for varsity invitational (2 games, rain date May 12). Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517. (1-4)

May 12, 2007 - Varsity team for 4-team invitational (2 games guaranteed). Baraboo - Dave Hedgepath 608-355-3945 or dhedgepath@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity/JV game. Mukwonago - Dan Purney purneda@mukwonago.k12.wi.us. (1-9)

2007 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Pioneer Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@westfield.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Brookfield East - Corey Golla 262-781-1045. (1-4)

2007 - Tournament (varsity/JV). South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8508 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (12-21)

2007 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (12-21)

Boys Tennis

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity/JV game. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (1-9)

2007 - Berth in varsity/JV tournaments. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

2007 - Varsity/JV tournaments. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

2007 - Varsity/JV matches. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-2)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

Mar. 27, 2007 - Girls team for varsity

meet. Whitefish Bay - John Gustavson 414-963-3972. (1-9)

Apr. 3, 2007 - Team for indoor invitational to be held at UW-Stout. Menomonie - John Neiderhauser 715-232-2609 ext. 205 or john_neiderhauser@msd.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

Apr. 13, 2007 - Girls teams for varsity/JV relay meet. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-2)

Apr. 17, 2007 - Team for co-ed JV triangular. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-2)

Apr. 19, 2007 - Teams for quad. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau - Matt Wenthe 608-582-2291 ext. 1012 or mattwenthe@getschools.k12.wi.us. (1-2)

Apr. 19, 2007 - Teams for girls invitational. Appleton West - Kiya Hunt huntkiya@aasd.k12.wi.us. (12-1)

Apr. 20, 2007 - Girls team for varsity/JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Apr. 20, 2007 - Boys team for relays meet (varsity/JV). Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Apr. 21, 2007 - Teams for co-ed varsity relay invitational. Shoreland Lutheran (Kenosha) - Mark Stein 262-859-2595 ext. 138. (1-4)

Apr. 26, 2007 - Co-ed teams for freshmen invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-2)

Apr. 26, 2007 - Teams for boys JV invitational. Hamilton (Sussex) - Mike Gosz 262-246-1805 ext. 1125. (12-18)

Apr. 27, 2007 - Boys team for varsity/JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (1-10)

Apr. 27, 2007 - Co-ed teams for varsity invitational. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (1-4)

May 3, 2007 - Boys team for varsity invitational. Oshkosh West - Brad Jordarski 920-424-0413 or brad.jordarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (1-8)

May 4, 2007 - Co-ed teams for varsity invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-2)

May 11, 2007 - Teams for varsity invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

May 12, 2007 - Co-ed teams for JV invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steven Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-2)

GENERAL

2007 - Berth in co-ed meets. Fall River - Mike Foley 920-484-3333 ext. 2258 or mfoley@fallriver.k12.wi.us. (1-4) +

Eligibility Questions & Answers

Dave Anderson



Residence & Transfer

Q.: We have received an inquiry regarding a student transferring from a public school to our school (private). The student is currently in the third semester at the current school and participates in cross country and track. Open enrollment policies would allow that student to have full eligibility in 2007-08 if they met the open enrollment deadline of Feb. 1 and were entering a public school. As a private school we do not have open enrollment capabilities. Would this student then be ineligible for practice and competition in 2007-08 if they transfer to our school next fall? We do have a registration day on Jan 31. If this student registered on Jan. 31, would that student then have full eligibility in the fall of 2007-08? We and the parents understand that the student could transfer at the end of the current semester and have nonvarsity eligibility for the rest of this year and then have full eligibility next fall. Would that be a correct interpretation?

A.: Yes to your first question about transferring beginning in the fall of 2007. Student would be ineligible for one calendar year. If the student would be enrolling in your school – as a full-time student - this Jan. 31. YES. Next year their status would be that of a continuing/returning student at your school, rather than a new transfer.

Q.: If a student, who has completed their sophomore or junior year, transfers and enrolls in our religious school before the beginning of next school year, would they be eligible for next year? I assume if they were to participate in pre-school practice or attend one day in their current school, they would then fall under the new transfer guidelines if they would then enroll in our school.

A.: If your question means: a student completes their 2006-07 school year at school 'A' in May/June of 2007 and then transfer to school 'B' in the summer - are they eligible at 'B'? If this transfer involves a student who has completed 4th consecutive semester - NO.

Q.: We have a current junior that is talking about transferring at the semester this year. Will she be eligible to play at the school she is transferring to during the 2007-2008 school year (her senior year)? My understanding was she would not. Can you clarify this for me?

A.: Student would be ineligible for the remainder of this school year - 2006-07 (unless you did not object – on transfer student form, thus giving her non-varsity status this year) but, would be "re-enrolling" at the 'new school' next

year as a continuing student – and would be eligible. Making the move 'under the wire,' so to speak.

Q.: We have a 10th grade student who just transferred to our school this week. He had attended a nearby religious school as a freshman. His grades were fine there according to the transcript. This year he was home schooled in something called "IQ Academies." The only information we received from them was that he has no credits from IQ Academies. He wants to play JV basketball. I'm not sure how to determine if he is academically eligible.

A.: Just to protect yourself and programs, you may wish to fax transfer student form to the religious school and possibly an administrator of IQ Academy. Be certain neither school would indicate any reason to object. If neither school objects, student could be provided non-varsity opportunities this school year – after a grade check following 15 scheduled school days (assuming he is at that time meeting your academic standard). If family does not reside full-time/primary residence in your district, they will want to engage in open enrollment this February In effect this student does not have a school issued report card in the "most recent grade reporting period." As a result then, FOR ELIGIBILITY PURPOSES, it is the equivalent of "more than one failing grade."

Amateur Status

Q.: A parent of one of our boys basketball players had a question, and I wanted to pass it on to you to make sure I am giving them the correct information. The player has been asked to play on an AAU team this summer. The coach for the team said that the players would be receiving uniforms and shoes for free. The players would have to provide their own transportation to the games. Does this break WIAA rules? If the team wanted to provide transportation could they do that also?

A.: Transportation being reimbursed/provided is permitted within our member's rules. Receiving uniforms, shoes, is not and would be career ending as an amateur status violation. These items must be purchased by the player – or retained by the club. Related text: Rules At A Glance Art. III. See; C & F.

Q.: In looking at the "acceptable" awards/items that may be given to team members, where do "team season videos" fall? They could be as simple as being produced by a coach using video or digital video or utilization of a more professional person to highlight

the season. Does it matter if it was a coach/parent who put hours of sweat equity into producing a season highlight reel or if someone is hired to put together a more professional product? Can the school/coach/booster group/parent give a copy to each team member at season's conclusion regardless of who produced it? Or does this fall under the "athlete must purchase their own copy" scenario.

A.: We would consider a season – or 'highlight' - DVD/video as an acceptable award. It has insignificant 'value' from a cash/merchandise perspective and is meaningful pretty much only to the team members receiving it.

Q.: We've got an athlete who is about to score his 1000th point. From what I read, it would not be OK to give him the ball but I just want to make sure.

A.: Actually, in the context you've described, awarding the 'game ball' is identified as an acceptable recognition/award. Always has been. Read carefully – both, Bylaws Article XI, Sect. 1A and Rules of Eligibility, Art. IV, Section 1B-1b. Game Balls are identified as "OK."

Competition & Practice

Q.: Our frosh boys basketball team has already had its one scrimmage. Our 8th grade team would like to come and scrimmage the frosh. Are we allowed to do this?

A.: Yes. Generally, we have viewed this as much the same as a JV and varsity team from same school/district scrimmaging each other, i.e., one-in-same school program. Virtually an intra-squad practice, and there are no restrictions on the number of times you can do that. If this was a second scrimmage and it was with a private school or a middle school whose students go on to attend a high school other than yours (e.g.), it would not be allowed – unless you had room in your season maximums and in effect, could "burn a game" for the second scrimmage opportunity.

Q.: We are located on the western border of Wisconsin. We play a lot of Minnesota schools. Does this mean anytime we participate in a tournament or invite in Minnesota we have to get permission?

A.: Not necessarily. Only if the tournament falls under/into - the category of those interstate events that the Bylaws indicate require a waiver. Look over Bylaws, Article II, Section 5 – pgs. 26-27. When WIAA approval is necessary is explained in F-3&4. If National Federation Sanctioning is required – as described in F-1, that must be secured in order for WIAA approval to be given.

Participation Issues

Q.: I have a student who would like to transfer from another private school to our school, also private, and play tennis. The issue is we currently do not have a tennis team. We currently have only 40 high school students and we have not had any tennis players. I thought of two options 1) ask a local school about a co-op team, 2) have the student play as an individual. In reviewing the rules I need some help on item number 2. Any thoughts on how I can help this student out?

A.: You actually have several 'layers' of issues within your note. They include deadlines for offering/sponsoring a sport opportunity... same for co-ops. Those issues are within Ms. Hauser's area of authority. I'm certain she's responded from that perspective. Your question also requires interpreting a transfer student's eligibility. Flatly – by rule – a transfer student is not eligible. If the "sending school" indicates "no objections" on the transfer student form, student may be provided non-varsity opportunities, only – unless a transfer waiver is requested by you....and approved by us. Other considerations: For sake of harmony, your earliest of follow-up after being approached in this manner should always be with the other member school's AD. To 'disclose and discuss' the contact and topic of transfer. No secrets/no surprises within this membership. It keeps us a strong membership. Also, a school can only seek a 'wavier' on behalf of their own full time students. We do not speculate on relief. If/when a student actually becomes 'your full-time student' you might consider requesting relief for the student...if you are able to see the documented extenuating circumstances which made the transfer necessary. In so far as your #2 question: Schools sponsoring a sport - a 'team' - for one student, it has been done. That "model" is neither recommended nor endorsed at this level. Too many times the single student "program" is primarily driven only by parent interest and parent funding...with the school only lending their name to and not taking actual ownership and responsibility for the program and running it with the administrative oversight and control as would be expected.

Q.: Many school districts in the state are struggling financially, and districts are considering many ways to reduce their spending. The X school district

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has published its list of cuts for 2007-08 and it includes cutting boys and girls tennis, boys golf and girls swimming. I realize these are proposed cuts, and if a referendum is passed, these programs probably will be saved. Your website covers the rules involving transferring to another district without actually moving to that district. But is there anything allowing a student to play a sport in another district if there home district does not offer that particular sport? So the student would attend X schools, but would travel after school to one of the nearby high schools to be part of their swim, golf or tennis team. Schools schedules, driving arrangements, driving time and practice times meshing will be a mute issue if this is not an allowable activity per the WIAA.

A.: The response to the specific scenario you describe is - "no." Our member's rules provide that - "a school may only use their own full-time students on interscholastic teams." The Bylaws allow for member schools to seek to form co-op teams. In some instances this idea is embraced and might be a workable band-aid. In other settings and for a variety of reasons, some schools prefer to not consider co-op programs.

Q.: We have a young man who was a previous student but has spent the first semester attending Rawhide Boys Ranch. We understand he's made some great strides there and he's planning on returning to our school sometime in January. Our question is whether there are any restrictions on his eligibility to participate in wrestling. To my knowledge, he was NOT under any restrictions upon leaving our school for his stint at Rawhide.

A.: Ordinarily, when a student is released from jail and/or camps like Rawhide and then return home and to the resident school, there is little difficulty in re-establishing eligibility. When student returns, the family and case worker can 'document/ explain the student's departure from and return to - your school. In turn, you can forward the documentation here and request either clarification of eligibility status...or a transfer waiver. We will apply appropriate interpretation. Be certain those things which contributed to his placement to Rawhide are reconciled with your schools participation code.

Q.: One of our varsity basketball players quit our team on Dec. 12. He then played in a church league basketball game on Dec. 17. Now he is having second thoughts about quitting our team, and has asked to be reinstated. I am not sure if he would even be eligible to play for us anymore this year, since he played for the church league

team during the high school season. What would be your interpretation?

A.: Must be regarded as ineligible for remainder of season based on interpreting ROE Article VI (p. 37). Otherwise, students would 'quit school team' following any given Friday night game, play for the city league on the weekend and repent/rejoin school team on 'Monday.' Student was not 'cut' or suspended due to discipline - he quit; on his coach, on his teammates, on the school. Can't work that way. Section IA is applicable text.

Q.: We have a situation that has resulted in a recommendation for expulsion of a high school student who is also involved in athletics. My principal asked me to check with you on the eligibility status of a student who is expelled from one school to play WIAA sports at another school. This is for informational purposes. The situation is as follows: A high school student called in a bomb threat as a hoax. The principal and superintendent are recommending expulsion to the school board. Scenario One - If the student is expelled by the school board for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, and enrolls to finish the year out in another WIAA member school, would he be eligible to play sports at the new school for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year? Scenario Two - If the school board expels the student for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year and also for the 2007-08 school year, and he enrolls in another WIAA member school, would he be eligible to play sports starting next year, 2007-08 at the other school? Then if he returned to the original school for the 2008-09 school year, would he be eligible to play sports at the original school starting in 2008-09? (I think the answer to this is no, due to his transferring after his sophomore year or 4th consecutive semester of high school.) Scenario Three - If the student is expelled by the school board for the remainder of his high school career, would he ever be able to gain eligibility at another WIAA member school?

A.: 1) No - You are correct. Handbook, p. 33 - ROE / Art. II, Sect. 3-a-7. 2) No - same as #1. By simple application of rule - you are correct...but this hypothetical might be shaped into a compelling 'appeal' situation. 3) NO, and so long as your school follows up - he would be denied eligibility in most bordering states, too...at least at schools that belong to their respective state Associations. Most Associations have 'reciprocity' in this respect.

Nonschool Competition/Participation

Q.: Is there any problem with a var-

sity basketball player going to a tryout for a AAU team while in season?

A.: Not a problem from a WIAA eligibility perspective - see III-D of the Rules At A Glance.

Coach Contact

Q.: I have a question concerning out-of-season contact with one of our softball pitchers. An off-staff assistant coach of ours will no longer be assisting our team this spring due to a change in his work commitments. He will no longer be at any practices or games or provide any instruction as part of our program. Can he work individually with one of my pitchers this winter since he will no longer be coaching with us, or does this violate regulations?

A.: As you have described the scenario above, there would be no WIAA violation. Should be cautioned - and made crystal - that engaging in such a coaching relationship (during the school year and outside of the season) the person must have ZERO interface/involvement with the school team/athletes/program - other than as a spectator, or you would be 'vulnerable.'

Q.: I am a non-teacher JV boys soccer coach and am involved with a local yoga studio where I teach classes from time to time. I just want to make sure that I am not violating any WIAA rules in case any HS soccer players sign up for my classes. Can you verify that I am ok to teach yoga to our HS soccer players?

A.: This would not need to be or become perilous. On the surface would not automatically be seen as a violation. This ought not to morph into team stretching/conditioning. You and the school may be observant/cautious of special benefits/discounts for team members. But if as innocent as described, my first two statements prevail.

Q.: Our school has a foreign exchange student that may be interested in playing boys tennis during the 2007 season. Can I, as coach of the boys tennis team, hit with the student prior to the start of the season? Obviously he is not yet a team member but because of our no cut policy he will be if, in fact he opts to join the team in Mar. 2007.

A.: In a word, 'no.' Our member's rules identify that during the school year coaching contact may only occur during the actual, school season only. See Article I of the Rules At A Glance.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: I had a question in regards to a winter camp we will be hosting at our high school in January. I was wonder-

ing if I had my players assist in the baseball camp if that would be a WIAA violation. Our players work all of our summer baseball camps and I was hoping to utilize them as instructors for our upcoming winter camp for grades 1-8. Please let me know the ruling on this as soon as possible.

A.: First, you can achieve the 'end result' of this within the rules, but - a school is not able to sponsor camps/clinics, except in the summer. If a non-school entity, i.e., the local YMCA, booster club, optimists, firemen, etc., wished to sponsor this sort of opportunity, they could. You and your coaches could assist them, coach the little ones, help develop the clinic model and so on. Using your players as clinicians - would be possible if this non-school sponsored camp was offered during your school baseball season (obviously, you can have coaching contact during the season) and players can serve as clinicians in the summer time.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: The local youth baseball program is planning a camp for 5th through 12th graders (spring training). They are planning to use the high school gyms. As the varsity coach can I work this camp? Are there any other things at I should be aware of?

A.: Glad to see the spring training model is being planned/sponsored by your youth baseball group. I get a lot of questions about this. You're going about it the proper way. As you will see in Article I of the Rules At A Glance "JV and varsity coaches are able to have contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade." Thus, you could assist the youth baseball group and be involved in coaching/instructing at their camps - for all students from grades 5-8. However, during the school year, you are not able to have any coaching contact with students who are already in 9th-12th grade - except during the actual school season (Mar. 19).

Health & Behavior

Q.: I have two questions: 1) Can physician assistants do sports physicians? 2) Can physician assistants fill out the skins sheets for wrestlers?

A.: 1) YES - but ... A PA may do all or part of the pre-participation exam as directed by an MD. MD's signature or stamp must be affixed. A PA can not 'sign-off' independent of a MD. 2) I am not completely certain what exactly, you mean when you say 'fill out the skin sheets' - so as a result will respond - NO. MD/DO - specific/only. +

Wrestling Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: My son is an 8th grade wrestler and he has very poor vision. He would like to have prescription goggles made for wrestling. Is this allowed?

A.: There have been considerable changes and improvements made in some lines of sport vision goggles in recent years. Some of these have been looked at quite carefully and closely by wrestling officials and wrestling rule writers - and have been allowed to be worn in wrestling competition. If considering this, I recommend you do a bit of research first. Get a couple of sample frames.. and have your high school coach seek out a veteran official in your area - and if you wish, take some digital photos and email them here - before you order/purchase. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT 'ANY' FRAME - BECAUSE IT IS PRESCRIBED - WOULD BE ALLOWED. One of the product lines I have seen at National Rule meetings has been called 'eyegogs' (as best as I recall, off hand). Most who have seen this line have agreed it would likely cause no more concern for injury to an opponent - due to hard/sharp edges - then a typical head gear and early reports appear to indicate it has held up to the rigors of the sport and afforded minimal risk to the wearer, as well. Please do understand that the final determination on whether - or not - to allow non-required equipment such as eye wear - will always rest with the contest official.**

Q.: Do you foresee the WIAA approving the new singlet design (2 piece) in the very near future? The reason I am asking is that my team is in line for new uniforms and we have a seven year rotation.

A.: As this is a NF rule, I forwarded your question to the NFHS. Their response: "At this time, I do not believe that the NFHS wrestling Rules Committee will approve this two piece uniform style like the NCAA currently allows."

Q.: Say a wrestler is ineligible to wrestle 285 until December 28 of this year because when he did his skinfolds, he was over 300 pounds and a wrestler can only lose half a pound a day. If the wrestler was already down to 285 because of working out hard and eating healthy, can he wrestle exhibition matches on JV or could he even wrestle a JV tournament where there are no established weight classes because guys are just grouped together according to closest weight?

A.: NO. the earliest the student is eligible to wrestle is - as you identify, 12/28. Prior to that date he is not eligible.

Q.: I noticed at a recent dual match that one of the teams wrestlers were rubbing lotion on their legs before their matches. Isn't this a lubricant? Shouldn't these wrestlers' have been disqualified or is this OK? One of the coaches from the opposing team told me as well after the dual that is was a white lotion in a "Lubriderm" bottle. I was just checking into it for him. He has been asking me about it, and since I am just starting out refereeing high school matches this year, I would like to know. I

wasn't the ref that night, just a spectator.

A.: Here's a response from a veteran official - If I were the official and was suspicious of the nature of what was in the container - I would request to inspect it. Read the label, put some on your skin and see what you think. There are a number of anti-bacteria lotions/creams out there. It is becoming more common to use these creams due to the concerns about ring worm and other contagious skin conditions. A name doesn't always mean much - "Lubriderm" by name doesn't make it illegal. If the coach suspects that the skin is being "slippery," etc., because of the cream - tell the official of your concerns so he can do a proper inspection and make an immediate decision.

Q.: I had one of my wrestlers go to Madison to get hydrostatic weighed. My question is if the wrestler is sub. 7 percent after the test results , do you still calculate subtracting the 2 percent parent permission? Here is my question in a numbers form. My wrestler weighs 114 # and passes the urine specific gravity test. He then, after being hydrostatic weighed is at, let's say 6.99 percent body fat. Does the wrestler get 1.99 percent for parent permission? Example (114 # / 1.99 percent = 111.7314 #.) If not, I would think to be on the safe side the wrestler should weigh in at 112#.

A.: MW is calculated at 7 percent body fat regardless of body fat. Therefore, a wrestler with less than 7 percent is calculated up to a MW at 7 percent body fat. Parental permission does apply to all (regardless of body fat level). The answer to the question "if the wrestler is sub 7 percent after the test results, do you still calculate subtracting the 2 percent parent permission?" is yes. However, it is important to know that MW is calculated up to 7 percent prior to applying parental permission. The 7 percent Committee discussed this a few years ago and decided that parental permission should apply to all (6.99 or 7.01 percent fat).

Q.: Just want to clear up what is probably my misunderstanding. There are two distinct situations in which a wrestler might be hydrostatically re-weighed. It was my impression that in both those cases, the wrestler's original weight (weight recorded at original skinfolds test) was used in determining what his 7 percent minimum would be. We just had a wrestler come back from getting hydrostatically tested (he was within two pounds of his lower weight class) and his body fat came back the same, but the test said he could go to the lower weight class (I'm assuming because he weighed 3 pounds less the second time around). Now I am thinking as follows: If you are under the appeal process (must be completed within 14 days of original) they use your original weight to calculate your 7 percent minimum. If you qualify for the special re-weigh provision, they use your new weight to calculate your 7 percent minimum and disregard your old weight. Is this correct?

A.: A wrestler's original skinfolds weight is used in the calculation on a

skinfolds appeal as well. Hydrostatic weighing is a completely separate process, where the calculations are done using the wrestler's weight as recorded at the time of the hydrostatic test.

Q.: I have encountered situations about near fall points on the out-of-bounds line. Some coaches argue that there is an official NFHS interpretation that you can give points on the line, but not a pin, while there has been a previous WIAA interpretation that no points or a pin can be awarded if the wrestlers scoring area is out-of-bounds. Which interpretation seems to be correct, because the confusion comes when it comes down to out of state schools coming to wrestle here in WI (IL teams)?

A.: Received this response from the masters: 1. The supporting points of the defensive man when he is in a near fall situation are his shoulders and/or his scapula. If both shoulders and/or both scapula are in bounds then near fall points or a fall may be scored. (On or over the line is considered out-of-bounds.) 2. The interpretation has always been (to my knowledge) no pin or points when over the line. I have never seen this other interpretation.

Q.: In an overtime situation, wrestler A takes down wrestler B and proceeds into a pinning situation. Wrestler B starts swinging his arms and makes contact with wrestler A on the side of his head. I stopped the match so wrestler A does not retaliate. I then awarded the match to wrestler A because of the takedown and then gave an unsportsmanlike conduct to wrestler B (it was not a flagrant act), and deduct a team point. 1) Is this the correct procedure or should I have given wrestler A a 2 near fall, and 1 point stoppage, and 1 penalty point for unsportsmanlike conduct? (All those points do nothing for the individual score). In my mind, technically, the match was over after the takedown. 2) If a wrestler does not earn a pin during regulation match time- why should he be awarded team points for a pin in overtime?

A.: Here's what we were able to come up with...and most agree on: If wrestler A takes his opponent directly to his back in the sudden victory period, wrestling always continues and ends when the defensive wrestler comes out of the near fall situation or a fall occurs. If you are forced to take the defensive wrestler off his back as was described in the situation, then one of two things should take place. 1 - The offensive wrestler is awarded two points for the takedown, 2-4 points for the near fall (depending on how long the criteria was met/imminent, etc.) and one match point for the unsportsmanlike or unnecessary roughness act. No team points would be deducted, as this occurred during the match. Refer to rule 5-18-2, the match is not over until the overtime ends. As was described in this situation, the match was still in progress. 2 - Anytime you take a wrestler off his back due to repeated unsportsmanlike conduct or repeated unnecessary

roughness - you should consider flagrant misconduct as one of your options. I really don't understand your second question. As described above, you have to give the offensive wrestler the opportunity to pin his opponent if he takes him directly to his back in the sudden victory period.

Q.: If an athlete injury defaults at an individual tournament, are those injury default(s) considered losses? Second question: If an athlete in a tournament forfeits due to injury or illness, are those counted as losses? If an athlete in a tournament forfeits not due to injury or illness, are those counted as losses? Additional situation: If an athlete injury defaults at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to that point kept or eliminated completely? If an athlete forfeits due to injury at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to that point kept or eliminated completely? If an athlete forfeits not to injury or illness at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to the point kept or eliminated completely?

A.: My first reaction is that anytime someone 'counts a win' - someone else must count a loss. Or an alternative would be - simply, don't count a win that did not come as a result of head to head competition. With respect to 'points earned' prior to forfeiting; See NF Rule 9-2-3 (p. 47). In part it reads: "...in Tournaments ... Points are awarded as earned. Place points already earned shall be deducted in case of forfeit (other than injury) or disqualification from the tournament..." There are also several case examples starting on p. 57; 9-2-3 A, B, C.

Here's more on this topic:

Q.: If an athlete injury defaults at an individual tournament, are those injury default(s) considered losses? Second question: If an athlete in a tournament forfeits due to injury or illness, are those counted as losses? If an athlete in a tournament forfeits not due to injury or illness, are those counted as losses? Additional situation: If an athlete injury defaults at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to that point kept or eliminated completely? If an athlete forfeits due to injury at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to that point kept or eliminated completely? If an athlete forfeits not due to injury or illness at an individual tournament, are their team points earned to the point kept or eliminated completely?

A.: My thoughts on the win/loss record due to default/forfeits: I always thought that if a wrestler starts wrestling and then injury defaults during the match, that always counted as a loss. A forfeit, where the wrestler never steps on the mat, no wrestling occurred - that never was considered in the win/loss record for the athlete who forfeited. It was, however, considered as a win for the athlete that was awarded the forfeit. +

Basketball Seating Capacities

Below are the seating capacities for all schools sponsoring basketball. The seating capacity noted for each school will be used to determine whether games need to be moved due to large crowd interest in a given game. If your capacity is not listed at all or not listed accurately, please notify Deb Hauser in writing immediately. Please do not call to indicate a change as we need written documentation ... WIAA fax (715) 344-4241 or email <dhauser@wiaawi.org>.

If you are hosting a WIAA basketball tournament game and expect a large crowd, you are strongly encouraged to do a presale. Tournament managers are authorized to indicate to schools re-

questing a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time, which is determined by the tournament manager.

Based on the numbers below, if your team is playing in the game, you will be required to give your opponent 1/2 of the capacity (e.g. 1400 capacity -- you keep 700 tickets and you give your opponent 700 tickets). Don't hold tickets to sell at the door. Give your opponent their half of the tickets immediately! We would much rather have a SELLOUT than 500 people waiting at the door for 100 tickets. Thanks for your cooperation.

Abbotsford	900	Delavan-Darien	1100	La Farge	800	North Crawford	920	Shiocton	950
Abundant Life Christian	500	Denmark	879	Lac Courte Oreilles	300	North Fond du Lac	1140	Shoreland Lutheran	850
Adams-Friendship	1000	Divine Savior	640	Laconia	1200	Northland Lutheran	440	Shorewood	1600
Albany	850	Dodgeland	1200	Ladysmith	1200	Northland Pines	2050	Shullsburg	1100
Algoma	1000	Dodgeville	1000	Lake Country Lutheran	300	Northwestern	1100	Siren	800
Alma	900	Dominican	1000	Lake Holcombe	400	Northwood	1000	Slinger	1500
Almond-Bancroft	800	Drummond	400	Lake Mills	1100	Notre Dame	1400	Solon Springs	700
Altoona	1600	Durand	1000	Lakeland	2400	Oak Creek	2100	Somerset	2000
Amery	2000	East Troy	1200	Lakeside Lutheran	1200	Oakfield	875	South Milwaukee	1700
Amherst	1000	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	400	Lancaster	1400	Oconomowoc	1780	South Shore	650
Antigo	2200	Eau Claire Memorial	1650	Laona	700	Oconto	1188	Southern Door	1600
Appleton East	2400	Eau Claire North	1900	Lena	1000	Oconto Falls	1785	Southwestern	1200
Appleton North	2700	Edgar	1800	Lincoln	600	Omro	1200	Sparta	1300
Appleton West	1660	Edgerton	1200	Little Chute	1400	Onalaska	2257	Spencer	850
Aquinas	1100	Elcho	400	Living Word Lutheran	280	Oneida Nation	1500	Spooner	2500
Arcadia	1500	Eleva-Strum	1250	Lodi	1500	Oostburg	1200	Spring Valley	1460
Argyle	850	Elk Mound	1350	Lomira	700	Oregon	1100	Stanley-Boyd	1160
Arrowhead	1800	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	1200	Loyal	1000	Osceola	2000	Stevens Point	2600
Ashland	1900	Elkhorn Area	2000	Luck	875	Oshkosh Lourdes	1500	Stockbridge	500
Ashwaubenon	3500	Ellsworth	1600	Luther	1300	Oshkosh North	3000	Stoughton	1500
Assumption	1000	Elmwood	900	Luxemburg-Casco	900	Oshkosh West	2400	Stratford	1000
Athens	1200	Ethan Allen	400	Madison East	1300	Osseo-Fairchild	1900	Sturgeon Bay	1100
Auburndale	1464	Evansville	2000	Madison Edgewood	1600	Owen-Withee	1000	Sun Prairie	1750
Augusta	1200	Fall Creek	1150	Madison La Follette	1700	Ozaukee	1000	Superior	1600
Badger	1500	Fall River	400	Madison Memorial	1350	Pacelli	1000	Suring	1300
Baldwin-Woodville	1650	Fennimore	1000	Madison West	2100	Palmyra-Eagle	900	The Prairie School	700
Bangor	950	Flambeau	900	Manawa	1100	Pardeeville	1152	Thomas More	850
Baraboo	2250	Florence	1300	Manitowoc Lincoln	3500	Park Falls	1500	Thorp	980
Barneveld	550	Fond du Lac	2800	Manitowoc Lutheran	750	Parkview	750	Three Lakes	1100
Barron	1000	Fort Atkinson	1900	Marathon	1200	Parkway Christian Academy	325	Tigerton	500
Bay Port	2500	Fox Valley Lutheran	1688	Marinette	1400	Pecatonica	800	Tomah	1000
Bayfield	750	Franklin	1100	Marinette Catholic Central	900	Pembine	785	Tomahawk	1500
Beaver Dam	1800	Frederic	1100	Marion	1200	Peshigo	1000	Tri-County	745
Belleville	1100	Freedom	1600	Markesan	1500	Peshigo	1200	Turner	1000
Belmont	1200	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	1350	Marquette University	2000	Pewaukee	1000	Turtle Lake	1000
Beloit Memorial	2800	Germantown	1200	Marshfield	3500	Phelps	800	Two Rivers	2000
Benton	1300	Gibraltar	850	Martin Luther	800	Phillips	1200	Union Grove	1400
Berlin	1200	Gillett	1000	Mauston	1800	Pioneer Westfield	1500	Unity	1000
Big Foot	850	Gilman	989	Mayville	900	Pittsville	1300	University Lake School	400
Birchwood	550	Gilmanton	475	McDonell Central	850	Pius XI	1800	University School of Milw.	350
Black Hawk	900	Glenwood City	1100	McFarland	1450	Platteville	1300	Valders	1400
Black River Falls	1100	Glidden	850	Medford Area	1100	Plum City	900	Valley Christian	400
Blair-Taylor	1000	Goodman	700	Mellen	900	Plymouth	1800	Verona Area	1600
Bloomer	1000	Grafton	1500	Melrose-Mindoro	1400	Port Edwards	800	Viroqua	1200
Bonduel	700	Granton	1050	Menasha	2200	Port Washington	1250	Wabeno	1000
Boscobel	1000	Grantsburg	1000	Menomonee Falls	1650	Portage	1700	Washburn	800
Bowler	900	Green Bay East	1350	Menomonie	1600	Potosi	800	Waterford	1150
Boyceville	1200	Green Bay NEW Lutheran	500	Mercer	800	Poynette	1350	Waterloo	650
Brillion	1500	Green Bay Preble	1600	Merrill	2500	Prairie du Chien	1400	Watertown	2000
Brodhead	1000	Green Bay Southwest	2000	Messmer	1500	Prairie Farm	1000	Watertown Luther Prep	700
Brookfield Academy	200	Green Bay West	1800	Middleton	2050	Prentice	1200	Waukesha North	2000
Brookfield Central	1750	Green Lake	600	Milton	850	Prescott	900	Waukesha South	2200
Brookfield East	2100	Greendale	1100	Milwaukee Bay View	1200	Princeton	550	Waukesha West	2200
Brookwood	960	Greenfield	1500	Milwaukee Bradley Tech	1500	Pulaski	2200	Waunakee	1700
Brown Deer	1000	Greenwood	800	Milwaukee Custer	1000	Racine Case	1800	Waupaca	1600
Bruce	1100	Gresham Community	500	Milwaukee Hamilton	1100	Racine Horlick	3800	Waupun	1400
Burlington	1800	Hamilton	1400	Milwaukee Jeanau	250	Racine Lutheran	800	Wausau East	2530
Butternut	800	Hartford Union	1800	Milwaukee King	3200	Racine Park	3200	Wausau West	2600
Cadott	900	Hayward	1800	Milwaukee Luther	2000	Racine St. Catherine's	1500	Wausaukee	1400
Cambria-Friesland	800	Heritage Christian	800	Milwaukee Madison Uni.	1100	Randolph	850	Wautoma	2000
Cambridge	1200	Highland	800	Milwaukee Marshall	1200	Random Lake	1400	Wauwatosa East	1500
Cameron	1100	Hilbert	850	Milwaukee North	2500	Reedsburg Area	1850	Wauwatosa West	1500
Campbellsport	1500	Hillsboro	1000	Milwaukee Pulaski	800	Reedsville	1200	Wauzeka-Steuben	850
Cashton	1200	Holmen	1200	Milwaukee Riverside Uni.	1000	Regis	1280	Wayland Academy	800
Cassville	900	Homestead	3000	Milwaukee School Lang.	150	Rhineland	1500	Webster	1200
Catholic Central	900	Horicon	1000	Milwaukee South	1600	Rib Lake	600	West Allis Central	3500
Catholic Memorial	900	Hortonville	1400	Milwaukee Vincent	2000	Rice Lake	1300	West Allis Hale	1200
Cedar Grove-Belgium	1200	Howards Grove	1000	Milwaukee Washington	650	Richland Center	1600	West Bend	3500
Cedarburg	2000	Hudson	1600	Milwaukee Cons.		Rio	1000	West De Pere	2400
Central Wisconsin Christian	750	Hurley	1000	Lifelong Learning	200	Ripon	1600	West Salem	1650
Chetek	1400	Hustisford	1200	Mineral Point	1500	River Falls	2000	Westby	1600
Chilton	1800	Independence	1000	Mishicot	1250	River Ridge	1000	Weston	720
Chippewa Falls	1550	Iola-Scandinavia	1000	Mondovi	1400	River Valley	1500	Westosha Central	1800
Clayton	800	Iowa-Grant	950	Monona Grove	1500	Riverdale	1250	Weyauwega-Fremont	1200
Clear Lake	1260	Ithaca	900	Monroe	2000	Roncalli	1600	Weyerhaeuser	700
Clinton	1500	Janesville Craig	2200	Montello	800	Rosholt	700	White Lake	250
Clintonville	1600	Janesville Parker	2400	Monticello	850	Royall	900	Whitefish Bay	3000
Cochrane-Fountain City	1200	Jefferson	1200	Mosinee	1000	Saint Croix Central	1200	Whitewater	1200
Colby	1000	Johnson Creek	600	Mount Horeb	900	Saint Croix Falls	1360	Whitehall	1500
Coleman	1000	Juda	600	Mukwonago	1200	Saint Francis	700	Whitewater	1000
Colfax	1700	Kaukauna	2000	Muskego	1431	Saint Joan Antida	150	Whitnall	1200
Columbus	1200	Kenosha Bradford	2700	Necedah	1600	Saint John's	700	Wild Rose	1000
Columbus Catholic	900	Kenosha Christian Life	1000	Neenah	2700	Saint Lawrence Seminary	400	Williams Bay	1000
Conserve	500	Kenosha St. Joseph	1500	Neillsville	1900	Saint Mary Central	1056	Wilmot Union	2000
Cornell	750	Kenosha Reuther	300	Nekoosa	800	Saint Mary's Springs	1100	Winnebago Lutheran	1500
Crandon	1100	Kenosha Tremper	1550	New Auburn	1000	Sauk Prairie	2000	Winneconne	1150
Crivitz	1200	Kettle Moraine	2000	New Berlin Eisenhower	1800	Seneca	800	Winter	800
Cuba City	1200	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	1000	New Berlin West	3000	Sevastopol	700	Wisconsin Dells	1600
Cudahy	1600	Kewaskum	1500	New Glarus	1000	Seymour	1820	Wisconsin Heights	1000
Cumberland	1200	Kewaunee	1500	New Holstein	1800	Shawano Community	1500	Wisconsin Lutheran	1200
D.C. Everest	1800	Kickapoo	1070	New Lisbon	750	Sheb. Area Lutheran	1200	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	3000
Darlington	1100	Kiel	1600	New London	1600	Sheb. County Christian	800	Wittenberg-Birnamwood	1000
De Pere	1600	Kimberly	2300	New Richmond	900	Sheboygan Falls	2000	Wonewoc-Center	1000
De Soto	750	Kohler	1200	Newman Catholic	900	Sheboygan North	3100	Wrightstown	1600
Deerfield	800	LaCrosse Central	1800	Niagara	1000	Sheboygan South	3000	Xavier	1150
DeForest	1400	LaCrosse Logan	1900	Nicolet	1600	Shell Lake	1000		

Senior High
Directory Changes

ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL – Athletic Director email gebenish@argyle.k12.wi.us

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL – Wrestling Coach Jim Pearce (spelling)

ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Megan Fraaza

BADGER HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Glen Biller

BARABOO HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Lynn Keeling

BIG FOOT HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Glen Biller

BRILLION HIGH SCHOOL – Girls Track Coach Ryan Peterson Ext. 1110

BROWN DEER HIGH SCHOOL – Cheerleading Heidel Dietz Ext. 7015; Speech Coach Lisa Albers Ext. 7083; Choir Director Jason Cree Ext. 7071; Wrestling Coach Jared Sommers Ext. 7015; Girls Basketball Charlie Kazel Ext. 7015; Girls Volleyball Coach Josh Herrell Ext. 7057

COLBY HIGH SCHOOL – Athletic Director Jeff Rosemeyer (715) 223-2338 Ext. 130, email jrosemeyer@colby.k12.wi.us

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Joe Pohl

MARINETTE HIGH SCHOOL – Athletic Director Joel Hanner, email jhanner@marinette.k12.wi.us

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Faye Egger

MELLEN HIGH SCHOOL – Athletic Director phone Ext. 203

MELROSE-MINDORO HIGH SCHOOL – Dlete: PO Box 181 C

MILWAUKEE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Denzel Shareef; Girls Swimming Coach (spelling) Denzel Shareef

MILWAUKEE CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Krystal Ganz

MILWAUKEE MADISON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Krystal Ganz

MILWAUKEE MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Krystal Ganz

MILWAUKEE PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Denzel Shareef; Girls Swimming Coach (spelling) Denzel Shareef

MILWAUKEE RONALD W REAGAN COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Denzel Shareef; Girls Swimming Coach (spelling) Denzel Shareef

MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Krystal Ganz

MILWAUKEE VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Tommy Walker

NEENAH HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Carrie Raeth Ext. 209

ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL – Bosity Swimming Coach Brian Erdmann

OSHKOSH LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Dave Dettmann

OSHKOSH NORTH HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Swimming Coach Dave Dettmann

REEDSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Track Coach Phil Hasler (spelling of last name)

Game DQ’s Way Down in Ice Hockey –

AD’s Ask to Continue to Discuss Checking from Behind with Ice Hockey Coaches

There is good news when it comes to Game Disqualification penalties in WIAA Ice Hockey thus far during the 2006-07 season. Game Disqualification penalties are at an all-time low for varsity players. As of January 8, 2007, only ten (10) Game Disqualification penalties have needed to be assessed to varsity student-athletes. As of this date last year, 26 total Game Disqualification penalties had already been issued during this same period of time.

The continuing interest and growth in the number of WIAA JV Ice Hockey programs has brought an unfortunate increase in the number of Game Disqualification penalties for JV student-athletes. Currently, seven (7) Game Disqualification penalties have had to be issued during JV games. This compares with only four as of this time last year.

Also a concern is that once again this year, the most called Game Disqualification penalty has been for Checking from Behind. Of the 17 Game Disqualification penalties, nine (9) have been for Checking from Behind.

This penalty has been a point of emphasis in the NFHS Rule Book, at WIAA Sport Meetings, with other Ice Hockey Governing Bodies, the WCHA has even provided a checklist to coaches in an effort to prevent this dangerous act from occurring and yet continues to have to be called on a regular basis.

The NFHS Rule is very clear when it indicates that checking from behind is the most dangerous situation in ice hockey. This is due to the potential for catastrophic injuries that could possibly result in paralysis or loss of life. Injuries such as concussions, broken collarbones, separated shoulders and sprained necks are also a result of this reckless play. Coaches need to instruct their play-

ers to pull up from body checks when they see the backs of their opponents, especially near the boards.

Ice Hockey officials have been instructed to enforce this regulation to the fullest extent of the rule whenever they identify a check from behind that is flagrant or causes the player to crash headfirst into the boards or goal frame. A Game Disqualification penalty must be assessed in accordance with NFHS regulations (see NFHS Rule 6-7-7, page 38). All other Checks from Behind result in a minor penalty and misconduct.

Athletic Directors of school Ice Hockey programs are asked to discuss Checking from Behind with their Head Coach. Take time to review this regulation with your Head Coach and discuss incorporating practice drills that will teach ice hockey players appropriate skills to pull up and avoid Checking from Behind especially when athletes are next to the boards and around the goal. This extra emphasis will be of great help preventing penalty time, Game Disqualification’s, but most importantly, potential serious injuries, even catastrophic injuries.

Other Game Disqualification penalties called so far this ice hockey season include: Verbal Abuse of Official (2), Butt ending (1), Fighting (1), Head Butting (1), Board Checking (1), Leaving the Bench (1) and Kicking (1).

As the WIAA tournament series draws near, ADs working with their coaches, including JV coaches, and coaches working with their players can be a huge advantage to the school teams that are able to teach alternatives for each of these Game Disqualification penalties. The extra effort of ADs and coaches can go a long way in educating their players about each of these aggressive penalties and the potential consequences associated with them. +

Hockey State Tournament
Selection Information

The selection of officials for the WIAA State Hockey Tournament Series is always a very exciting and, yet, difficult task. This past year coaches were asked to rank officials as they have done in the past and to provide a list of the top ten officials they had seen during the 2005-06 WIAA hockey season. Of the 100 boys and girls WIAA high school hockey programs, 75 schools returned their on-line ranking forms. This was the first year the on-line forms have been used. Obviously, that is 75% of the schools that returned their ranking forms, the highest percentage of all the winter sport teams.

Input received from school programs was combined using a 60/40 ranking system where the Top Ten listings from the coaches made up 60% of the ranking while the point value of the six-point rank made up the other 40%.

There were 127 officials who indicated availability for the 2005 WIAA Hockey Tournament Series. Of those identifying availability, 123 hockey officials were issued contracts to cover 97 games.

Due to escalating gasoline prices along with requests from officials and athletic directors, officials will be primarily assigned to their geographic area contests again this year. Every effort will be made to prevent an official from seeing a school team twice during the tournament series.

This past December, Hockey Ranking Forms for officials were sent to member hockey schools. This form asks for the input of hockey coaches to help determine officials for the 2007 hockey tournament series. This information is critical to the process the WIAA uses to contract regional, sectional and state tournament officials. Coaches are strongly encouraged to be certain they receive these forms, complete them and return them to the WIAA.

Officials are strongly urged to provide a card with your name and WIAA Officials Number to the head coach of each varsity contest you officiate. Providing coaches with a card has been very helpful to coaches in being able to provide an appropriate ranking for officials that work their contests. +

Directory of
Conference

NORTH SHORE CONFERENCE – Commissioner email brandy5128@sbc-global.net and phone number (414) 963-9845

Jr. High/Middle Level
Directory Changes

NEW - NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL – 103 E King St, Rhinelander 54501; (715) 362-5588; Grades 6-7-8; Enrollment 63; District Administrator Dr. Roger Erdahl (715) 362-5588; *Prin. Shirley Heise (715) 362-5588; Athletic Director Jodi Peyer (715) 362-5588; AODA Shirley Heise; School Fax (715) 362-0952; email rccsouth@new-north.net. **Boys Sports:** Football Gr. 6-7-8; Swimming Gr. 6-7-8; Tennis Gr. 6-7-8; Track Gr. 6-7-8; Wrestling Gr. 6-7-8. **Girls Sports:** Swimming Gr. 6-7-8; Tennis Gr. 6-7-8; Track Gr. 6-7-8 +

Basketball – More on the Jump Stop

This continues to be a general struggle area, not just in our area, but around the country. The concept is pretty simple, but it is hard to officiate. Once a player, off of a dribble, leaps off of one foot and lands on two feet, there is no more pivot foot. Too many times, we let that player pivot or take a small step with one foot to create space. That is a traveling violation.

Confusion comes into play when a player catches the play, say in the air, and lands in a jump stop on both feet. In that case, either foot could be the pivot foot. That is an important difference between a player catching the ball or a player dribbling the ball.

We encourage officials to check out the new MyReferee web portal. Over 1,000 articles from past Referee magazines are available in an archive for anyone to use, free of charge. Go to www.referee.com and click on the MyReferee

button to learn more. It is considered the largest online library of officiating information.

After nearly thirty years of competition, the Wisconsin TFA State Indoor Championship Meet is moving to the campus of UW Whitewater. The meet will be hosted by Whitewater High School and will follow the same format with a few minor changes. "We are very excited to host a meet of this magnitude, and will do everything we can to uphold the great tradition established by John Klement, Glenn McNaughton, Don Loker, and the rest of their crew" said, Whitewater High School Coach Mark Maas. The meet will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2007. Coaches and athletic directors can access contracts and other information by logging on to wistfa.org. There is also a link on the WISTCA website. For other questions contact Mark Maas at: work 262-472-8326 home 262-473-2646. ➦

Basketball Rule Interpretations

Q: Can players have water on the floor during a 30-second timeout?

A: Yes. When the horn sounds to indicate 10 seconds remaining, players should be moving out of the time-out, floor should be wiped up, and players should be ready to play when the second horn sounds.

Q: Can players wear a white headband on their head?

A: Yes. Headbands and sweatbands must be white or similar in color to the torso of the jersey and must be the same color for each item and all participants. Only one item is permitted on the head and on each wrist. Items must be moisture-absorbing, nonabrasive and unadorned (ex-

cept one manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference is allowed on each piece).

Q: Are thunder stiks allowed at basketball games.

A: Yes. Thunder stiks are permissible. If possible, thunder stiks should not be used when an opponent is shooting a free throw.

Q: Can a player trap a ball on the backboard?

A: Yes. It is not illegal to pin the ball against the backboard. In the NBA it is goaltending if the player pins the ball against the backboard.

Q: Can a player slap the backboard?

A: Yes, provided it is not done to vent frustration or to gain an advantage. ➦

WIAA Scholar Athlete Program 2006-07 School Year

Timeline of Events

January 19, 2007 – Website entry available for use on WIAA Home Page

(Left-hand column, click on Scholar Athlete in gold)

March 9, 2007 – Scholar Athlete Entries due via electronic entry by 12:00 midnight.

March 27, 2007 – Scholar Athlete Selection Committee Meets

May 6, 2007 – Scholar Athlete Banquet at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau, WI ➦

Wisconsin Track & Field Association State Indoor Championship

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The 2007 WIAA Scholar Athlete Program is now Underway

The WIAA Scholar-Athlete nomination forms and information materials have been sent to member schools. This program, which began in 1984, has earned the respect of administrators, coaches, parents, and recipients. Last year, 601 young men and women from 338 of our member schools were honored as WIAA Scholar Athletes. We hope your school participate and that you will enable a worthy boy or girl from your school to be so honored in 2007.

This year, the submittable form has again been provided on the WIAA website (wiaawi.org). It is strongly

recommended that school officials review and verify information for their candidates and assist their nominees with completion of the form. The only part of the nomination forms that school officials may not assist with is the writing of the essay question.

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

thorough understanding of the criteria help identify outstanding candidates.

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

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

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

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

Questions & Answers about the WIAA Scholar Athlete Program

Question: Should an Athletic Director or School Administrator submit a boy and girl from their school even if that boy and/or girl will most likely not be considered for state-wide Scholar Athlete recognition?

Answer: Yes, each boy and girl nominated by a school receives a gold Scholar Athlete medal which can be given to the student at the school's Award Banquet at the end of the year.

Question: If you are not a 4.0 GPA student-athlete, can you can be a state-wide WIAA Scholar Athlete recipient?

Answer: All students with 4.0

GPA's are automatic semifinalists for State-wide recognition. However, a representative from the Wisconsin Athletic Director's Association reviews all nominations with a 3.5 GPA to 3.99 GPA for consideration as State-wide WIAA Scholar Athlete recipients as well.

Question: Is a student-athlete who competes in individual sports more likely to be selected as a State-wide recipient than a student-athlete who competes in team sports?

Answer: The WIAA Scholar Athlete program has been carefully structured to award points as equi-

tably as possible between individual and team sports. For example, a special clause in the Selection Criteria limits multiple event sports to one or two championship points per meet and another only allows three points total to be given to a student-athlete who competes in a sport with both a team and an individual dimension.

Question: It seems student-athletes from the same schools are selected year after year. Is this true?

Answer: Of the 503 WIAA member schools, 295 schools now have at least one WIAA Scholar Athlete.

Each year it seems there will be an average of around seven schools that have a WIAA Scholar Athlete selected for the first time.

Question: Is it easier for schools that are in Division 1 to have a State-wide WIAA Scholar Athlete selected than it is for schools in Divisions 2, 3 and 4?

Answer: WIAA Scholar Athlete divisions are the same divisions that are used for basketball and volleyball. The number of schools in each Division does vary from year to year. However, the number of schools in each Division is normally within a dozen of each other. ➦

Swimming & Diving

Tom Shafranski



Swimming & Diving Questions and Interpretations

Question: Can TIVO be used to videotape dives during WIAA diving competitions?

Interpretation: NFHS Rule 4-1-3 prohibits video equipment to be used to verify any decision made during the meet. NFHS and WIAA rules remain silent regarding the use of TIVO as a teaching aide during swimming and diving competitions.

The WIAA maintains the rights to video produced during WIAA tournament competitions. Consequently, so long as video taken during the tournaments is not reproduced, TIVO is acceptable by rule for use during the WIAA tournament series.

Question: If a technical error preventing a student-athlete's entry or a relay teams entry from being received is identified in the entries of a school's swimming and diving team following the 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2007, deadline, can an athlete still be entered in the WIAA sectional meet?

Interpretation: Yes, student-athletes and/or relay teams can still be entered in the WIAA sectional meet if a technical error in the entry process occurs or a student is accidentally left out of the entries. If either of these situations are identified, coaches need to contact their athletic director and have the A.D. contact Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director, as soon as possible.

Coaches are reminded to be

certain they receive and print a **CONFIRMATION FORM** following completion of entries and keep a copy.

Sectional Psyc Sheets will be placed on the WIAA website of the BOYS SWIMMING page following the close of entries on Tuesday evening, February 4, 2007.

If a Confirmation Form identifies entry of a student-athlete and/or relay team was done correctly, but a computer or technical problem caused an error in the entry process, student-athletes and/or relay teams can be entered and the event reseeded.

If a student-athlete and/or relay team is not verified on the Confirmation Form, then they may be entered, but will be placed in the slow heat and outside lane of the event.

Coaches will not be allowed to purposefully "not enter" a swimmer in an event so that a swimmer is placed in a slow heat in order to have time to recuperate for an upcoming event.

*****REMINDER—RELAY TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS MAY BE DELETED WHEN CHANGES ARE MADE TO ENTRIES IN DIRECT ATHLETICS. ALWAYS REVIEW CHANGES, PRINT AND KEEP A COPY OF THE CONFIRMATION FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

Question: I was sure I put my 200 m. relay team in the Direct Ath-

letics entries. Unfortunately, I have lost my confirmation form. Can they still be entered and seeded?

Interpretation: The 200 m. relay team can be entered, but it will have to be placed in the slow heat's outside lane. Without a confirmation form verifying entry, student-athletes and/or relay teams can only be entered in an event, they will be placed in the outside lane of the slow heat and the heat can not be seeded.

Question: Can a school swimming and diving team have a scrimmage with an alumni group and not have it count towards one of their 14 allowed meets?

Interpretation: Yes, an alumni scrimmage can be held that does not count towards one of the 14 allowed regular season meets. First, it must be understood that a "scrimmage" is considered to be a practice. Consequently, this alumni scrimmage must be conducted like a practice in order to not be counted as one of the 14 regular season meets.

This means that the following items should not be involved in the scrimmage:

- No officials or starters
- Events are not in order and are of differing lengths like those designed during a practice session
- Relay distances and number of swimmers are changed

- No record of times or results were kept

- No score is kept
- No results are posted or reported to local media
- There is no limit on the number of events entered or relays swum
- No rules regarding splitting the races up with multiple swimmers

Question: I was on the WIAA web page and saw that freshmen or 9th graders can only swim 12 meets as compared to other grades that can swim 14 meets. Does that only apply to JV 9th graders and/or varsity 9th graders?

Interpretation: To clarify for you, teams with only grade 9 students (freshmen swimming and diving teams) are allowed to schedule a maximum of 12 meets.

Each freshman swimmer/diver is allowed to compete in up to 14 meets during the WIAA regular season.

Question: Do the relay entries have to include all eight individuals who will be listed on the relay card?

Interpretation: For record keeping purposes, listing all eight individuals, competitors and alternates, is very helpful to meet management. The Direct Athletics Entry program requires four individuals to be listed. It is the relay card that is handed in at the sectional meet that is the official entry card. ➦

Coaches Education Opportunities

There now is another avenue available for coaches not licensed to teach (CNLT's) to complete the WIAA educational requirement.

Coaches can now choose between the ASEP Coaching Principles and ASEP Sport First Aid Courses or the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and the NFHS First Aid for Coaches courses.

The ASEP courses continue to be offered online at asepc.com. Periodically there are instructor-led courses offered which are listed in the Bulletin and on the WIAA website.

The NFHS courses are available for coaches to complete online only. There will not be any instructor-led courses in Wisconsin at this time. There is a link <nfhsllearn.com> at the bottom of our homepage on our website to access registration information for these courses.

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching consists of five units, will take approximately 4-6 hours to complete and costs \$35.00:

- Unit 1 – Educational Athletics and the Role of the Coach
- Unit 2 – The Coach as Manager

- Unit 3 – The Coach and Interpersonal Skills
- Unit 4 – The Coach and Physical Conditioning
- Unit 5 – The Coach as Teacher

The NFHS First Aid for Coaches course consists of six units, will take approximately four hours to complete and costs \$45.00:

- Unit 1 – Coaching Responsibilities and Injury Prevention
- Unit 2 – Preventing Disease Transmission
- Unit 3 – First Aid
- Unit 4 – Breathing Emergencies
- Unit 5 – Prevention and Care for Specific Injuries
- Unit 6 – Sudden Illness

If you have any questions about the new NFHS coaching course offerings or about the WIAA educational requirements for any coaches that are not licensed to teach, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office 715-344-8580 or jgralla@wiaawi.org. ➦

Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

CURRENT ASEP COURSE OFFERINGS

ASEP continues to offer the Sport First Aid Course and the Coaching Principles Course online. For information on the online courses and to access them, please go to www.asep.com.

Quality Suites, Rockford, IL

February 4, 2007

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

La Quinta Inn, Arlington Heights, IL

February 24, 2007

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

Quality Suites, Rockford, IL

March 24, 2007

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

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

Feb. 15, 2007 - Sport First Aid - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2007 - Coaching Principles - 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Len Collyard 262-677-4051 ext. 1105 or lcollyar@kmlhs.org.

Luther High School (Onalaska)

Sport First Aid

March 6, 2007

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact: Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us.

North Crawford High School

Coaching Principles

March 17, 2007

9 a.m. to 4:30

Contact: Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us.

Shawano Community High School

Sports First Aid

March 17, 2007

Contact: Deb Malueg 715-754-4501 or dmalueg@marion.k12.wi.us

ASEP Instructors

If you want to have an ASEP course offered in your area, contact the appropriate ASEP instructor listed below. Keep in mind both parts of the ASEP course are needed to fulfill the WIAA requirements for Coaches Not Licensed to Teach; Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid.

ASEP course offerings will be published in the BULLETIN and on our website as details regarding dates, sites, etc., are received from ASEP instructors.

ASEP Certified Instructors

Joel Babinec; 1034 Schafer Dr; Onalaska WI 54650; (608) 783-5435 ext. 359 or 781-7042 babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us

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NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholarship

Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2007. Basic details and a link to the NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholarship Program will be available on the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) website at www.wadawi.org <<http://www.wadawi.org>>. +

WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



WADA Presents Scholarship to Six Individuals

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Six graduates from the Class of 2006 were honored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) as recipients of the first-ever WADA Scholarship.

The six individuals, each a son or daughter of a current WADA member, were selected by a special WADA committee. Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship. The recipients, in alphabetical order:

Amy Fabian – Mauston High School

New Lisbon, WI

Parents: Randy & Susan Fabian

College: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

Kyle Martell – Cudahy High School

Cudahy, WI

Parents: Philip & Diane Martell

College: University of Wisconsin – Madison

Whitney Miller – Bowler High School

Bowler, WI

Parents: Loren & Donna Miller

College: University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Trevor Prochaska – Fennimore High School

Fennimore, WI

Parents: James & Darcy Prochaska

College: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Emma Roginski – Eleva-Strum Central High School

Eleva, WI

Parents: Richard & Rebecca Roginski

College: Rochester Community & Technical College

Anthony Sobrilsky - Beaver Dam High School

Beaver Dam, WI

Parents: Todd & Ann Sobrilsky

College: Carroll College

Recognition of the recipients took place at the 40th Annual WADA Workshop, which was

held in Appleton this past November at the Paper Valley Hotel.

The selection process included one WADA Board member plus one WADA member from each of the seven districts across the state. Each candidate was evaluated based upon five categories:

- Athletic participation.
- Other co-curricular activities.
- Non-school affiliated community service.
- Answers to two questions listed on the application.

• Leadership roles in athletics and other co-curricular activities.

Applications for the 2007 WADA Scholarship are due by April 1, 2007. Details regarding the WADA Scholarship Program, as well as an application packet, may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

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

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EDITORIAL

Conferences Play Role In Interscholastic Integrity

If we can do anything to help coaches identify measurable, quantifiable and somewhat realistic goals for their teams each year, such assistance would probably be well received within the coaching fraternity.

Unfortunately, what help this column may be able to provide is most likely universal in acceptance and philosophically prevalent by coaching staffs at any level of competition.

The bigger challenge is selling reasonable goal-setting to the fans, parents and boosters who have their “eyes on the ultimate prize.” Define the ultimate prize anyway you want, but at the interscholastic level, that prize is widely recognized as the state championship.

While those lofty aspirations are realistic to a certain few programs throughout the state each year in any given sport, those expectations for all but a handful of those programs will be met with the disappointment of failing to reach an unrealistic goal.

Since the evolution of the State Tournament Series, schools have competed beyond the parameters of the regular season to achieve greater exposure and glory.

But, as any educator, coach or parent can tell you, we must learn to walk before we run.

To even entertain thoughts of a post-season run at a state championship, programs must first accomplish goals to be competitive in their league.

As many coaches profess, their program's goal on an annual basis is to--first and foremost--win the conference championship. Whether that's a realistic standard or not is relative to each program, but it's much more within reach, theoretically, than a state championship.

However, schools and coaches have a tough sell today. Conference realignment discussions begin with post-season opportunities and preparation. Statewide polls and rankings determine which teams are state contenders before the games are played. And, of course, there is the lure of the golden trophy for the trophy case. So much of the focus of enthusiastic fans goes beyond the confines of the conference to a more “global” incentive.

Although it may be presumptuous to some extent, but one would assume most successful coaches have iterated “if we take care of business in our conference, everything else will fall into place” once or twice. Is it just “coach-speak?” Maybe, but there's too much logic and wisdom in such a statement to dismiss it as such.

The integrity of conferences and the pride associated with membership in a conference can not be understated. For those doubters, ask anyone who has participated in conference realignment discussions, or ask any school which has ever been without a conference. You will begin to understand the value of belonging.

Leagues that have proud histories and traditions challenge any realignment plan that would alter the league's landscape, just as a family would protest separation of a sibling.

As a member of a conference, schools have access to many benefits. Student-athletes receive honors and recognition for their outstanding athletic achievements by being selected to all-conference teams, which is arguably the most prestigious of all honors, based on the premise those making the selections have actually witnessed all the players receiving consideration.

Conference schools and districts often collaborate for programs and activities outside of athletics as well. Several leagues sponsor music, forensics and debate competitions and recognition; so conference allegiance is not just displayed in the gym or on the field on Friday nights.

Membership in conferences also provides forums to share policies and ideas on such issues as student scholarship, sportsmanship, safety and conduct. A number of conferences have chosen to further enhance their stature and those of their member schools with websites that offer updated standings and statistics, as well as descriptions of various league programs.

This interaction and familiarity with schools within conferences breeds perhaps the most exciting spectacle of any competition, athletic or otherwise--the rivalry. One would be hardpressed to identify a respectful, all-sport rivalry with a school outside the confines of one's own conference. Yet, there probably isn't a handful of coaches that would not stand up and defend his/her conference at a seed meeting when taken to task. In addition, it would be difficult to match the excitement derived locally by a clash for a conference crown.

The WIAA salutes the 50 conferences statewide that provide enhanced programming and another unified forum to 505 schools in the WIAA membership. Undoubtably, their function brings added integrity to interscholastic programs for our membership. ➦

Calendar

Keep These
Dates in Mind

February 1	Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
February 1-2	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
February 2	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
February 10	Wrestling Individual Regionals
	Boys Swimming & Diving Sectionals
February 13	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 13, 15 & 16	Boys Hockey Regionals
February 16-17	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 17	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
February 20, 22 & 24	Girls Basketball Regionals
February 20, 23 & 24	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals
February 22-23-24	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)
	Gymnastics Sectionals
February 27	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 27-March 1 & 3	Boys Basketball Regionals
March 1-2-3	Boys State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 2	Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
March 2-3	Girls Basketball Sectionals
	State Wrestling Team Tournament (Madison)
	State Gymnastics (Wisconsin Rapids)
	Girls State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 5	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
March 6	Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
March 8-9-10	Girls State Basketball (Madison)
	Boys Basketball Sectionals
March 9	Scholar Athlete Nomination Due Date
March 12	Earliest Day for Girls Soccer Practice
	Earliest Day for Softball Practice
March 13	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Gymnastics
March 15-16-17	Boys State Basketball (Madison)
March 19	Earliest Day for Baseball (Spring) Practice
March 20	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Basketball (Stevens Point)
March 21	Primary Ballot Return Deadline
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Wrestling (Stevens Point)
	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Hockey (Stevens Point)
March 26	Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
March 27	Board/Council Election Ballot Mailed
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter
April 17	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
April 18	Board/Council Election Ballot Deadline
April 25	WIAA Annual Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 2	Middle Level Council Meeting
May 4	Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
May 6	Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
May 9	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 15	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 17, 22 & 24	Softball Regionals
May 18	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 21	Track & Field Regionals
May 21-22	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 21-22-23	Boys Golf Regionals
May 23-24	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 24	Track & Field Sectionals
May 24 & 26	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 25, 29, 30 & June 1	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29-30	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 31	Softball Sectionals
May 31 & June 1-2	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
May 31 & June 2	Girls Soccer Sectionals

Test Dates

Students participating in interscholastic sports often find conflicts between these events and college test dates.
Listed below are the 2006-2007 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2006-2007

	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
Test Date*		
February 10, 2007	January 5, 2007	January 19, 2007
April 14, 2007	March 9, 2007	March 23, 2007
June 9, 2007	May 4, 2007	May 18, 2007

***Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2006 test is not scheduled in that state. This test date restriction may continue for the 2006-2007 testing year.**

*****The September 16, 2006, test dates are available ONLY in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington. ➦**