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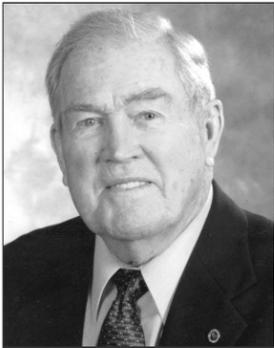
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## Former Executive Director Roberts Inducted into Basketball Hall



John Roberts

John Roberts, former executive director of the WIAA, was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association during its Hall of Fame Banquet on Oct. 6 in Madison.

Roberts served as executive director for 28 years from 1957-1985. During that time, interscholastic athletics experienced substantial growth in both sponsorship and participation, including the advent of girls sports in 1969.

High school basketball in the state flourished during his tenure with the reinstatement of the class system in 1972 with two classes and then the expansion to three classes in 1974. With this model, all sports began implementing the class system, and in 1976, an inaugural post-season playoff for football was established.

Exposure for high school basketball also increased when television delivered the State Tournaments to homes around the state in 1960.

Roberts also oversaw a vast transition in the duties and responsibilities of the WIAA. The Association created and limited sports seasons in 1959, and was issued the challenging task of conference realignment in 1973. In addition, cooperative programs helped make it possible for many student-athletes to participate that otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity and was the catalyst for many new programs in 1982.

A relocation of the WIAA office from Marinette to Stevens Point in 1958 also occurred during Roberts' tenure.

With the growth of high school sports came the expansion of the Board of Control and the Executive staff, as well as administrative support staff during the Roberts era.

The WIAA expanded its interest in the health and well-being of participants under Roberts by implementing catastrophic insurance in 1970 and sponsoring injury workshops and programs to help prevent the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

He was instrumental in the development of a conference for athletic directors in the early 60s, which evolved into the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association Workshop in 1967.

Roberts also was involved in high school athletics at the national level having served on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board of Directors from 1978-1981 and will be receiving an award of merit from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in December. +

## Advisory Council Special Election Results

In the special election that was recently held, Brian Henning of New Auburn was elected to fill a 1-year term as a small school representative on the Advisory Council. Brian's term will begin with the October 30, 2007 Advisory Council meeting.



Brian Henning

## Winter Sports Meetings To Be Held Online

The sports of basketball, gymnastics, and hockey will be holding their meetings via the WIAA website. Officials and coaches should access the Official's Center and School Center respectively to view the presentations. Once on the Center, click on the sport you wish to view. The link to the presentation is listed under Rules-Related Information as "Sport Meeting Presentation". Coaches in all three sports must complete the attendance verification form which is also located under the Rules-Related Information link. Officials in gymnastics and hockey must also complete the attendance verification form found on the Officials Center. Wrestling meetings will be held in the traditional manner. +

## IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

### REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

The tournaments have arrived and the WIAA needs the assistance and cooperation from participating schools and host managers to provide timely, accurate and complete information for tournament programs and website updates.

In addition, the WIAA will again be collecting scores for all team sports and posting results on the WIAA website each night of regional and sectional competition. Tournament host managers must report scores within 20 minutes following the conclusion of the game.

Please report the score by calling (715) 344-8580 and selecting the respective sport's score-reporting voice box if someone does not answer.

### SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Schools advancing teams to the sectional level of the Tournament Series are required to submit a team photo, roster, school facts, results, up-to-date statistics and roster to the WIAA.

Again this year, the WIAA will be requiring schools to use the WIAA Statistics Template to submit team and individual statistics and rosters. The rich text formatted template can be downloaded from the WIAA website on each team sport's home page. Click on the link named "98 Word Statistics Template" and "98 Word Roster Template" and complete the form by using established tabs to navigate to the appropriate columns.

Completed templates must be emailed to the WIAA by specified deadline. Please email statistics, rosters and photos to: Lisa Gagas at [lgagas@wiaawi.org](mailto:lgagas@wiaawi.org). Faxed statistics and rosters in various formats will not be accepted. Information must be submitted in the prescribed format to be included in the State Tournament Program. Athletic directors and coaches are asked to make plans now to provide information in a timely manner.

Photos sent electronically must be scanned at 300 dpi, no larger than 5" X 7" and saved as a jpeg file for the tournament program. **Please do not put the photo into a word document - email the jpeg file of the photo by itself.** +

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# WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



## Bruce Brown, Brian Cain are featured speakers At 41st Annual WADA Workshop in November

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Bruce Brown and Brian Cain, two nationally-known individuals, each will be the keynote speaker at each of two sessions for next month's statewide Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association convention in Appleton.

Brown, director of Proactive Coaching in Seattle, Washington, and Cain, director of Brian Cain Peak Performance in Richmond, Vermont, will speak when the 41st annual WADA Workshop takes place Nov. 4-5-6 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel.

Brown will be the keynote speaker for the Opening Session on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4. His talk will be "Character Based Coaching: Life Lessons For Athletes."

Cain will be the keynote speaker on the morning of Monday, Nov. 5. His talk will be "The 5 P's of Peak Performing Athletic Directors."

### Bruce Brown

Bruce Brown serves as director of Proactive Coaching, a company that conducts workshops and provides materials for coaches, athletes, parents, businesses and school districts. His goal is to help enhance effectiveness in building teams and student-athletes in both character and competence. Here is a quick look at his bio:



BRUCE BROWN

35 years as a teacher, coach, athletic administrator at the junior high, high school, junior college and college levels. Coached football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball. National presenter for the NAIA's "Champions of Character Program. Speaks nationally to athletes, coaches, parents, school districts and corporations. Twenty-four year employee of the National Football League.

Major Awards: 2002 NAIA National Co-Athletic Director of the Year, 2003

Lifetime Achievement Award - Citizenship Through Sports Alliance, 2004 College of the Ozarks and Coach Krzyzewski Leadership and Service Award, and, 2005 American Baseball Coaches "Honor" Award with Cal Ripken, Jr.

Speaking with Athletes: Redefining the Term Athlete for HS, and, Life Lessons for Athletes for MS.

Speaking with Leadership Students: Captains – Seven Ways to Lead Your Team, and, First Steps to Great Teams – Establishing Core Covenants.

Speaking with Coaches: Redefining the Term Athlete; First Steps to Great Teams; Establishing Core Covenants and Building the Inner Circle; Improving Your Existing Team; Captains; Developing Player Leadership; Developing Positive Athletic Traditions – Eliminating Hazing; The Power of Your Words – Changing Attitudes and Developing Trust; Concepts of Motivation; Teach Attitude First; Positive Conditioning; Stages of Coaching; Thematic Approach to Teaching Character; Transitioning Athletes – How the HS coach can help the feeder coach and how the feeder coach can help the HS coach. Speaking with Administrators: Let's Point Toward Hope; Building a Character Based Athletic Program; Program Assessment; Developing an Athletic Department Philosophy; Developing an Athletic Handbook; Hiring Assessment; Coach Assessment; Coach Training; Mentor Program; Speaking with Parents; The Parent's Role in Athletics; Life Lessons for Athletes.

Speaking to Teachers: There Was This Teacher – Concepts of Motivation; Building a Team in Your Classroom.

### Brian Cain

Brian M. Cain, MS, CAA has worked as a Peak Performance Coach to some of the top high school, college and professional players in the game today, and his techniques are very appropriate to athletic directors.

For anyone who wants to perform at a peak performance level on a consistent basis, Cain is one of the top Peak Performance Coaches in the country. While he specializes in baseball, Cain is also an educator – having been both an instructor of Sport Psychology at the University of Vermont and at various high schools and clinics around the country.



BRIAN CAIN

Cain helps provide individuals looking for an edge or for a way to improve their overall job performance.

Some of the skills that Cain stresses are mental skills like self-control, relaxation, performance routine, imagery, quality preparation and confidence – skills that can be taught, just like learning to throw or catch a baseball. Most individuals leave these ever important skills to chance and subsequently they experience the peaks and valleys of performance that can be ironed out through proper mental training.

His vision and mission at the Workshop is to provide athletic directors with the mental skills and the training necessary for achieving consistent high levels of performance.

One of the top speakers in the USA, Cain is also a frequent and favorite guest on XM Satellite Radio.

### Workshop Info

Individuals who have not yet registered for the Workshop may still do so. Contact Joe Beran, A.D. at La Crosse Central at telephone (608) 789-7936 or via email at jberan@mail.sdlax.k12.wi.us.

More details about the WADA Workshop may be found on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org).

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

## Getting to know the Board . . .



### James Smasal

**Hometown:** Cedarburg, Wisconsin

**Education:** High School: Cedarburg 1979. **College:** UW-Eau Claire, 1983 Health/P.E./Coaching, BS; 1992 Ed. Admin./MA; UW-Oshkosh, 2004 Supt. Certification

**Person you would most like to meet:** Jesus Christ

**Best experience of your life was:** Birth of my children

**Favorite travel destination:** Saint Marten

**Hobbies:** Golf & Reading

**Favorite book:** The Kite Flyer

**Favorite singer:** Neil Diamond

**Pet peeve:** Meetings without an Agenda

**If you could change one thing, it would be:** Partisan Politics

**Your claim to fame:** The number and variety of sports I have coached.

**Favorite movie:** Brave Heart

**Biggest issue facing interscholastic athletics today is:** Club Sports

**Teaching, coaching, administrative, etc., experiences:** 6 years as a principal, 6 years as an athletic director; 6 years teaching and coaching (Varsity Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball)

**What assets do you bring to the Board:** Practical knowledge and approach to interscholastic competition. †

## Membership Reminder:

In 2008-09, the WIAA calendar will experience a swing year when all dates move to their latest possible position for each numbered week. Please refer to the "Numbered Weeks" calendar located on page 11 of the WIAA Senior High Handbook.

Review the 2008-09 calendar schedule to verify corresponding dates of events in 2007-08. †



# OFFICIALS



**Officials interested in regular-season game/meet openings can access the new "Officials Wanted" website at: [www.officialswanted.com](http://www.officialswanted.com)**

## 2007-08 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**

Basketball	November 16, 2007
Gymnastics	November 16, 2007
Hockey	November 16, 2007
Wrestling	November 16, 2007
Baseball	March 14, 2008
Softball	March 14, 2008
Track/Field	March 14, 2008

### Sport                      Mailing Date                      Return Deadline

#### **PART II EXAMS**

Basketball	December 3, 2007	December 21, 2007
Wrestling	December 3, 2007	December 21, 2007
Baseball	March 17, 2008	April 6, 2008

#### **MECHANICS EXAM**

3-Person Basketball Mechanics	December 3, 2007	December 21, 2007
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**Note: The 3-Person Basketball Mechanics Exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for regional finals, sectional and State tournament assignments in 2008. †**

## 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. †

## Meetings or Clinics

#### **METRO SWIMMING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

Site/Time: Wauwatosa West HS R 235 SE corner of the second floor - 7:30 pm

Date: Nov. 19, 2007 and Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 2008

Contact: Ed Gregoire, 262-334-7221 or edgregoire@yahoo.com

Note: All swim officials and interested coaches are invited to attend all meetings.

#### **CALUMET COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

Date: Nov. 5, 12, Dec. 17, 2007, Jan. 14, 28 and Feb. 11, 2008

Site/Time: New Holstein High School - 6 p.m.

Contact: Larry Dietz 920-756-6287 or larry.dietz@proplating.com

#### **LAKELAND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION – BASKETBALL MEETINGS**

Dates: Nov. 5, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 2007 and Jan. 21, 2008

Site: Catholic Memorial High School (Cafeteria)

Time: 7 p.m.

Contact: Nick Ortner 414-443-2790 or nick.ortner@towersperrin.com

#### **MANITOWOC COUNTY BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MEETINGS**

Date: Nov. 7 at First German School (1025 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Manitowoc)

Dec. 12, 2007, Jan. 9 and Feb. 6, 2008 at Manitowoc County Office Complex (4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc)

Time: 7 p.m.

Contact: Keith Bonde 920-684-4324 or

#### **QUAD COUNTIES BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MEETINGS**

Date: Nov. 11 & Dec. 16, 2007

Site/Time: Chicago's Best - 95 N 2nd St., Platteville - 6 p.m.

Contact: Steve Atkinson 608-929-4525, 608-574-8060 or satkinson@highland.k12.wi.us †

## 2007-08 Winter Sports Meetings

**At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)**

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

#### **GYMNASTICS**

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

#### **BASKETBALL**

NO MEETINGS - Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center and Officials Center for officials. There will not be a verification form for basketball officials.

#### **HOCKEY**

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

#### **WRESTLING**

October 30, Tuesday                      DeForest, Menomonie, Wis. Rapids Lincoln

October 31, Wednesday                      Cudahy, Mineral Point, Tomahawk

**Note: Sites and dates for spring sports meetings will be determined at a later date.**

## 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.*

#### **TOTAL DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC**

##### **(2-person and 3-person training)**

Dates: Select Sunday evenings between Sept. 23, 2007 and Nov. 11, 2007 (you will be scheduled for at least three Sundays based on availability)

Site: Pius XI High School (Milwaukee)

Cost: \$85

Contact: Daron Lindemann 414-841-2289 or dlindemann@gracedowntown.org

#### **TOTAL DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP**

Dates: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 and 17, 2007

Site: Pius XI High School (scrimmage at Kettle Moraine High School)

Contact: Daron Lindemann 414-525-9480 or

#### **SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION TWO AND THREE**

##### **PERSON CLINIC**

Dates: November 2 & 3, 2007

Site: Nov. 2 at Monona Grove High School – Nov. 3 at Madison LaFollette H. S.

Cost: \$50.00

Contact: Dan Howard 608-212-5534 or www.swoa.info

#### **YELLOWTHUNDER 2 AND 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CLINIC**

Dates: Nov. 7 and 19, 2007

Site: Cambridge High School

Contact: Lee Roberts 920-992-3120 lroberts@wbmi.com

#### **MILWAUKEE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION – WRESTLING OFFICIALS**

##### **TRAINING CLINIC**

Date: November 10, 2007

Site: Milwaukee Lutheran High School – 9700 W. Grantosa

Contact: Rick Schultz 414-507-4736 or exolinear@sbcglobal.net

#### **RLOA 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CLINIC**

Date: November 17, 2007

Site: Racine Park High School Fieldhouse

Contact: Ron Quirk 414-489-2522 or 414-489-2505

#### **3 ZEBRAS BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP**

Dates: May 16-18, 2008

Site: Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com

#### **3 ZEBRAS BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP**

Dates: July 24-27, 2008

Site: D.C. Everest High School (Schofield)

Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com †

## Coaches Clinics

#### **WISCONSIN TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION - 19TH ANNUAL**

##### **TRACK COACHES CLINIC**

Dates: Feb. 15-16, 2008

Site: Wyndham Milwaukee Airport & Convention Center (Formerly Four Points Sheraton Airport)

Note: The dates are two weeks later than last year's clinic. Mark your calendar now and save the dates. †

# 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. 5, 2008** - Teams for invitational. West Allis Hale - Ron Kurtz 414-762-3017 or rkurtz1186@aol.com. (10-1)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Teams for meet. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@bell-ville.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Sept. 23, 2008** - Teams for relay meet. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Oct. 7, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV meet. Auburndale - Mark Luetschwager 715-652-2115 or mluetschwager@aub-schools.com. (10-17)

**Oct. 7, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Brillion - Pete Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@bril-lion.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**Oct. 7, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

### Football

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 5, 2008 (Week 2)** - Varsity/sophomore game (home). West-asha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245. (10-9)

**Sept. 5, 2008** - Game. Suring - Bruce Parkovich 920-842-2182 ext. 224. (10-3)

**Sept. 8, 2008** - JV game. Deerfield - John Polzin 608-764-5431 ext. 1106 or polzinj@deerfield.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Sept. 12, 2008** - Varsity game. North-wood (Minong) - Curt Zamzow 715-466-2297. (10-9)

**Sept. 15, 2008** - Team for JV game. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau - Matt Wenthe 608-582-2291 ext. 1012 or mattwen-the@getschools.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Sept. 30, 2008** - JV game. Howards Grove - Thad Gabrielse 920-565-5469 or tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**Sept. 25, 2007** - Varsity game. Oconto Falls - Lou Hobyen 920-848-4467 or louhobyen@ocontofalls.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

#### GENERAL

**2008 (Week 1)** - Varsity game. Tri-County (Plainfield) - Ken Dill 715-335-6366 ext. 40 or dillken@tri-county.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**2008 (Weeks 1 & 2)** - Varsity game. Abundant Life Christian (Madison) - Lesly Verbeten 608-221-1520 ext. 332 or lverbeten@mail.lakecitychurch.org. (10-10)

**2008 (Weeks 1 & 2)** - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeelutheranhs.org. (9-27)

**2008 (Week 2)** - Game. Hamilton (Sussex) - Mike Gosz 262-246-1805 ext. 1125. (9-27)

**2008 (Week 3)** - Varsity/JV game. Mauston - Randy Fabian 608-847-4410 ext. 4442 or randy\_fabian@fc.mauston.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**2008 (Week 4)** - JV game. Wautoma - Jordan Sinz 920-787-3354 ext. 1040 or sinzj@wautoma.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**2008 (Week 6)** - Varsity game. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**2008 (Week 9)** - Game. Luther (On-alaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 1)** - Varsity game. Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-854-2721 ext. 319 or 715-927-3894 or ves-

perman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (10-17)  
**2008 & 2009 (Week 1)** - Varsity/JV game. Germantown - Jack Klebesadel or Phil Datka 262-253-3400. (9-27)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 1)** - Varsity game. Three Lakes - Jason Stebbeds 715-546-3321 or stebbeds@3lks.net. (10-8)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 2)** - Game. Pacelli (Stevens Point) - John Raflik 715-342-2018 or jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 3)** - Varsity game. Wautoma - Jordan Sinz 920-787-3354 ext. 1040 or sinzj@wautoma.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**2008 & 2009 (Week 8)** - Game. Wis-consin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179. (10-5)

**2008 & 2009** - Game week 8 in 2008 and week 7 in 2009. Frederic - Jeff Carley 715-327-4223. (9-27)

**2009 (Week 1)** - Game. Luther (On-alaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**2009 (Week 2)** - Varsity game. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**2009 (Week 3)** - Varsity game. Mer-rill - Pete Miller 715-536-4594. (10-17)

### Boys Soccer

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for varsity quad. Winneconne - Todd Schroeder schroedt@winneconne.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**Sept. 29, 2008** - Teams for quad. Hartford - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3200 ext. 228 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (10-9)

**Oct. 15, 2007** - Varsity game (home or away). Milwaukee Ronald Reagan - Coach Magner 414-304-6164 or magn-ertg@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (10-2)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - JV games. Notre Dame Acad-emy - Ken Flaten 920-429-6108 OR kflaten@notredameacademy.com. (10-3)

### Girls Swimming & Diving

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 23, 2008** - Team for invitational. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**Sept. 9, 2008** - Team for dual. DeFor-est - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mm-chugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

### Girls Tennis

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 23, 2008** - Team for varsity dou-bles invitational (5 doubles teams). Mon-roe - Kevin Keen 608-328-7113 or Kevin.keen@monroe.k12.wi.us. (10-12)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Multi school match late August or early September. Oconomowoc - Suel-lyn Roher srohrer702@sbcglobal.net. (10-17)

### Girls Volleyball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 6, 2008** - Team for varsity invi-tational. Watertown - Carolyn Bertolus cbertolu@lps.wels.net. (10-9)

**Sept. 6, 2008** - Varsity teams for 6-team round robin tournament. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for JV invita-tional. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158. (10-17)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for 6-team tournament. Auburndale - Mark Luetschwager 715-652-2115 or mluetschwager@aubschools.com. (10-17)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for JV multi-team tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236. (10-1)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Teams for JV invita-

tional. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158. (10-17)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Teams for 8-team varsity tournament. Northwestern - Steve Gustafson 715-363-2434 or sgustafs@maple.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Berth in tournament. Amery - Renee Chapek 715-268-9771 ext. 234. (10-9)

**Sept. 27, 2008** - Teams for frosh invi-tational. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158. (10-17)

**Oct. 11, 2008** - Team for 8-team tournament. Kickapoo - Kent Petersen 608-627-0142 or kpetersen@kick-apoo.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Matches. Amherst - Bill Schweitzer 917-824-5522 ext. 221. (10-11)

**2008** (Berth in tournament. Luther (Onalaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoel@luther.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

## WINTER

### Boys Basketball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 27-28, 2007** - JV game. There is potential for 2 games. Waukesha South - Billy Swartz 262-510-4667 or bswartz@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

#### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV game. Mellen - Ray Dauphinais 715-274-3601 ext. 218 or rdauphinais@mellen.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2007-08** - Varsity/JV/frosh game. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic 414-766-5070 or audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2007-08** - Freshmen games. St. Lawrence Seminary - Kevin Buelow 920-753-7516 or kbuelow@stlawrence.edu. (10-5)

**2008-09** - Games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-2373 ext. 1407 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**2008-09** - Games. Amherst - Bill Schweitzer 715-824-5522 ext. 221. (10-11)

**2008-09** - Varsity game. Tri-County (Plainfield) - Ken Dill 715-335-6366 ext. 40 or dillken@tricity.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

### Girls Basketball

#### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Frosh games. Southern Door - Luke Goral 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southernndoor.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2007-08** - Sophomore and JV game. Janesville Parker - Steve Schroeder 608-743-5645 or ssschroede@janes-ville.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2007-08** - JV games. Wisconsin Valley Lutheran (Mosinee) - Jim Rawlings 715-693-2693 or jrawlings@wisconsinvalley-lutheran.org. (10-10)

**2007-08** - Games. Stockbridge - Tom Hanke 920-439-1159 or tomhanke@stockbridge.k12.wi.us. (10-2)

**2007-08** - Sophomore games. Janesville Parker - Steve Schroeder sschroeder@janesville.k12.wi.us. (10-2)

**2008-09** - Games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-2373 ext. 1407 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2008-09** - Games. Amherst - Bill Schweitzer 715-824-5522 ext. 221. (10-11)

**2008-09** - Varsity game. Tri-County (Plainfield) - Ken Dill 715-335-6366 ext. 40 or dillken@tricity.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Alma - Larry Grisen 608-685-4416 or grisen@alma.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

### Gymnastics

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 10, 2007** - Teams for tourna-ment. Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6713 or jemcclo@spasd.k12.wi.us. (10-2)

#### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Meets. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-2373 ext. 1407 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

### Boys Hockey

#### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Games. Lakeland (Minoc-qua) - Al Wooldridge 715-358-8499 or Wooldridge@luhs.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**2007-08** - JV games. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

### Wrestling

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 1, 2007** - Teams for frosh tour-nament. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Dec. 8, 2007** - Team for 6-team dual meet. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Dec. 8 or 15, 2007** - Berth in JV invitational. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@bara-boo.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**Jan. 5, 2008** - Team for team tourna-ment. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236. (10-3)

**Jan. 5, 2008** - Team for varsity dual tournament. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Jan. 6, 2008** - Teams for varsity invi-tational. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Jan. 12, 2008** - Teams for 6-team varsity dual tournament and teams for multi-team JV round robin tournament. South Milwaukee - Joel Shilling 414-766-5239 or jshilling@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Jan. 12, 2008** - Varsity dual tourna-ment. Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (9-12)

**Jan. 19, 2008** - Team for varsity 16-team dual invitational. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 mbrand@whitnall.com. (9-27)

**Jan. 19, 2008** - JV dual meet tourna-ment. Homestead - Ernie Millard 262-238-5843 or emillard@mtsd.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

#### GENERAL

**2007-08** - Dual meet. South Milwau-kee - Joel Shilling 414-766-5239 or jshilling@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**2007-08** - Varsity dual. Tri-County (Plainfield) - Ken Dill 715-335-6366 ext. 40 or dillken@tricity.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**2007-08** - Varsity dual meet. Ozaukee - Lee Baldwin 262-692-2453 ext. 437 or Jerry Hoffman 262-692-2453 ext. 469. (9-27)

## SPRING

### Baseball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 17 or 18, 2008** - Game (preferably home). Merrill - Brian Artac 715-536-4594 ext. 3146 or brian.artac@maps.k12.wi.us. (10-11)

**May 3, 2008** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. River Falls - Ryan Bishop 715-425-1830 ext. 3102 or ryan.bishop@rfsd.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

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## Games Wanted

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### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Holmen - Linzi Gronning 608-526-9208 or grolin@holmen.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2008** - Games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-2373 ext. 1407 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**2008** - Varsity game. Pacelli (Stevens Point) - John Raflik 715-342-2018 or jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. (10-5)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Evansville - Brian Cashore 608-882-3506. (10-3)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Ozaukee - Lee Baldwin 262-692-2453 ext. 437 or John Tucker 262-692-2453 ext. 426. (10-1)

### Girls Soccer

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 1, 2, 3 or 4, 2008** - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Kenosha Bradford - Steve Knecht 262-653-6189 or sknecht@kUSD.edu. (10-1)

**Apr. 3, 4, 5, 19, 24, May 15 or 16, 2008** - Varsity/JV games. Homestead - Rich Dorn 262-821-9922 or rdorn@tds.net. (10-2)

**Apr. 12, 2008** - Varsity match. Germantown - Eric Vivoda 262-502-7101 or evivoda@germantown.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**Apr. 12, 2008** - Team for quad. Evansville - Brian Cashore 608-882-3506. (10-2)

**Apr. 18-19, 2008** - Team for 2-game varsity quad. St. Mary Central - Elliot Kramsky ekramsky@tcces.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**Apr. 18-19, 2008** - Team for varsity tournament. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (10-5)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for varsity tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (10-5)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Varsity teams for invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wau-sau.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Apr. 25-26, 2008** - Varsity team for tournament. Oconomowoc - Mike Bizjak 262-560-3111 or mike.bizjak@oasd.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**Apr. 25 & 26, 2008** - Varsity team for quad. Brookfield East - Bill Armstrong btuengr310@hotmail.com (10-1)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Varsity team for multi-school tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (10-10)

**May 9, 2008** - Team for varsity quad. Lodi - Jeff Lund 608-592-3853 Ext. 4412 or lundje@lodi.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**May 10, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV 8-team invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**May 10, 2008** - Varsity/JV teams for 8-team tournament (3 games). Sheboygan North - Randy Ingels 920-698-0005 or rtingels@charter.net. (10-1)

**May 13, 14, 15 or 16, 2008** - Game. Waukesha South - Peter Byrne 262-646-7177 or pbyrne@sjnma.org. (10-17)

### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity/JV matches. Madison East - Jessica Fenner 608-347-6038 or jfenner@madison.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2008** - JV games. Germantown - Eric Vivoda 262-502-7101 or evivoda@germantown.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**2008** - JV games or berth in tournament. Notre Dame Academy - Ken Flaten 920-429-6108 or kflaten@notredameacademy.com. (10-3)

**2008** - Freshmen games. Homestead - Rich Dorn 262-821-9922 or rdorn@tds.net. (10-2)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Oshkosh West - Brad Jodarski 920-424-0143 or brad.jodarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

**2008** - Games. Winneconne - Todd Schroeder 920-582-5810 ext. 118 (10-1)

### Softball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for JV quad. Wilmot Union - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmot-hs.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Varsity teams for invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wau-sau.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**May 3, 2008** - Team for varsity tournament (2 games). Sheboygan Falls - Joyce Eberle 920-980-9605 or jeber32@excel.net. (10-9)

**May 3, 2008** - Teams for 2-game tournament (varsity/JV). Muskego - Scott Kugi 262-679-2300 ext. 4517 or skugi@mnsd.k12.wi.us. (10-1)

### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity game. Pacelli (Stevens Point) - John Raflik 715-342-2018 or jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. (10-5)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Notre Dame Academy - Ken Flaten 920-429-6108 or kflaten@notredameacademy.com. (10-3)

**2008** - JV and frosh games. Germantown - Jack Klebesadel or Phil Datka 262-253-3400. (9-27)

### Boys Tennis

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 18, 2008** - Teams for 8-team invitational. Racine Park - Jim Kerkvliet 262-619-4457 or james.kerkvliet@racine.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for multi school match. Oconomowoc - Suellyn Roher sroher702@sbcglobal.net. (10-17)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Teams for varsity quad. Jefferson - Dan Wilharm 920-675-1346 or wilharm@jefferson.k12.wi.us. (10-3)

**May 3, 2008** - Teams for varsity quad. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**May 6, 2008** - Varsity/JV match (will host or travel). Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (10-3)

### Track & Field

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 27, 28, Apr. 1, 24, or 25, 2008** - Co-ed meet. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Apr. 10, 2008** - Teams for indoor boys JV triangular - Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (10-8)

**Apr. 15, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV co-ed outdoor triangular. Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (10-8)

**Apr. 16, 2008** - Teams for co-ed JV meet. Shoreland Lutheran - Mark Stein 262-859-2595 ext. 138 or mstein@slhs.us. (9-27)

**Apr. 18, 2008** - Team for co-ed invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (9-27)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for co-ed invitational. Parkview - Shane Suehring 608-879-2994 ext. 5163. (10-17)

**Apr. 19, 2008** - Teams for co-ed varsity relay invitational. Shoreland Lutheran - Mark Stein 262-859-2595 ext. 138 or mstein@slhs.us. (9-27)

**Apr. 24, 2008** - Co-ed teams for invitational (FAT timing and online entries). Auburndale - Mark Luetschwager 715-652-2115 or mluetschwager@aub-school.com. (10-17)

**Apr. 25, 2008** - Team for varsity co-ed invitational. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**May 7, 2008** - Teams for JV co-ed invitational. Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (10-8)

**May 8, 2008** - Teams for co-ed JV meet. Shoreland Lutheran - Mark Stein 262-859-2595 ext. 138 or mstein@slhs.us. (9-27)

**May 9, 2008** - Teams for boys track invitational. Janesville Parker - Steve Schroeder 608-743-5645 or ssschroeder@janesville.k12.wi.us. Or Kari Cinto 608-743-5641 or kcinto@janesville.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

### GENERAL

**2008** - Indoor meet in early to late March. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (10-17)

**2008** - Berth in quad or invitational (early in the season). Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (10-3) +

FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

# NFHS Unveils New National Magazine – High School Today



INDIANAPOLIS, IN (September 24, 2007) — With a goal of sharing the mission and core values of education-based athletics and fine arts programs with more individuals in the high school community, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has launched a new national magazine entitled “High School Today.”

The first issue, dated September 2007, has been published and features an article on the 35th anniversary of Title IX. Other features include an article on the Supreme Court’s ruling in the Brentwood case from Tennessee, a report on the annual celebration of National High School Activities Week and a feature on the public/private school issue.

“High School Today” replaces the NFHS News, which had been the organization’s primary news source

since 1983. The new magazine will be published eight times a year, September through May, with a combined December-January issue. In addition to a change in design, the content will include professional development articles and timely features, in addition to hard news.

Eventually, “High School Today” will be sent to superintendents, principals and school board members throughout the country, in addition to the current distribution of athletic directors and NFHS member state associations.

“We are excited about this new opportunity to reach more people with positive messages about high school sports and fine arts programs,” said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS executive director. “More than 11 million students are participating in high school activity programs, including sports and fine arts, and we want to share

the good things that are occurring in schools throughout America.”

In addition to the printed magazine, “High School Today” is available

online through the NFHS Web site. All articles in each issue of the magazine can be accessed at [www.nfhs.org/hstoday](http://www.nfhs.org/hstoday). +

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# Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

## Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** A junior boy is planning to go to Europe for a year of study, it would be his normal senior year here. Can he then come back and compete when he finishes his fourth year here. He is very young so age won't be an issue.

**A.:** Simple answer would be 'no' - based on ROE Art. V (p.35) Section 1A-3d and 4. A student is afforded the potential of eight consecutive semesters of eligibility following entry into 9th grade. The semester 'clock' does not stop for a year abroad. The members have not embraced the red shirt year, the religious mission, study abroad as reason to delay graduation and/or extend the prospect for eligibility. At this time student could not be guaranteed eligibility upon return - in what would be considered his 5th year of HS, for eligibility purposes.

**Q.:** Here is a new question. We have a young man on our varsity football team, he turned 18 over the weekend. He is moving out of his mother's house and in with his grandparents. His grandparents live five miles away in another district. He has always gone to school in our school and intends to stay here. Is he still eligible for football?

**A.:** Yes. So long as parents still reside in your district.

**Q.:** I received a call from an Illinois resident indicating that she and her family would be moving to our town within the next few weeks. She inquired as to the athletic eligibility of her 9th grade daughter. My interpretation is that since this move constitutes a complete and total move on the part of the family and that since it is not at semester and assuming no undue influence on the part of any person, this girl would be eligible after the 5th calendar day after said move. Are there other issues I have neglected to consider? If not, am I correct in my interpretation?

**A.:** You are completely on the right track. If student began a fall sport - you will need to reconcile the number of meets student has already had in Illinois..and she may not exceed WIAA individual regular season exposure limits. Certainly look over EVTS form from sending school, thoroughly - any code, academic or other issues. You will want to verify this has been a complete and completed/total move involving the entire family, with no strings/property connecting back to their former community. If they still own home back in IL, it would be most appropriate to have family write up their story, you bring here and we routinely provide residence waiver - until home sells.

## Amateur Status

**Q.:** I have a question concerning shoe discounts for students and teams. Am I correct to assume that the following is allowable and not an amateur status violation: A vendor wishes to provide a team discount to players if so many pairs of shoes are purchased by a team. In this case the school buys the shoes, pays the vendor and collects the money from the players that make the team. Otherwise any discount from the vendor would have to be available to any student in the school population.

**A.:** I do not like this model - I prefer the model where every kid

who goes out - gets the discount just for going out. Or better yet, every kid and teacher in school can show up in the cafeteria Thurs. from 4-6 ... and will get XX percent school/student discount. In years past, schools used to provide basketball shoes to teams. Just like providing shoulder pads/helmets. As I understand the question - this is not that model. You/the school is not purchasing to own - and then issue the shoes and collect at end of season. You will re-sell at a reduced price - a price not available to any/every interested student - just to those who make the team. From that perspective then at least - the discount in the model IS performance based...a benefit afforded only for those making the team. Would not advise /could not support.

**Q.:** We would like to recognize students that participate in three sports by giving them a t-shirt. The only requirement would be that they were out for three sports the previous year. Is this legal?

**A.:** Yes - no problem. HB p. 29 - Bylaws Art. XI-1A.

## Competition & Practice

**Q.:** Our wrestling team is requesting permission to wrestle in Greenville, South Carolina on December 22. They will be going with the head coach and parent chaperones by bus. Do you need any other information? It goes in front of our school board shortly and it looks like they will be approving it. Is there anything else you need?

**A.:** This does not need to be a complicated/cumbersome process. Essentially what we're seeking is to fall into compliance with member's Bylaws in this area Please look them over - in the Sr. High Handbook, p. 27 Article II, Section 5G, 1-7. You need to determine if the competition would require, National Federation sanctioning and/or WIAA sanctioning. What we need to know is - what is the event/competition your team might engage in SC. Who else/how many other schools involved/who is sponsoring/promoting (school based or non-school based) In a nutshell - what we need to answer all those questions is response to 3-4 questions, i.e., Please verify with the event sponsor: Does this event require National Federation sanctioning? If so, has it been requested for this year and/or approved in the past? Are all participating schools 9-12 high schools and members of their respective state High School Associations? Get responses to those questions to me and we can move this forward.

## Participation Issues

**Q.:** I am writing to check to see if a student that is enrolled in our GED Option 2 program would be eligible to participate in athletics here also. The athlete is considered to be a senior and full-time student.

**A.:** Potentially - yes. We are familiar with GED02. Fundamental question is to be certain that this student's full-time status and/or full-time equivalent meet requirements as contained in "note" p. 35. ROE Art.V Sect. 1A - Same as every

other full-time student. If so, then no reason to deny.

**Q.:** I have a question for you regarding a Foreign Exchange Student. We have a young man that has been approved to play JV level soccer only as the GAPP - German American Partnership Program is not CSIET approved. I told them that I would contact you to see if there is an appeal process that we could follow, or if this move is simply not possible.

**A.:** No. Could practice but not compete. The residence and transfer articles do contain a waiver provision; p. 34, Section 5. What are the 'documented extenuating circumstances' associated with this student? To this point, the Board of Control has not waived any foreign student provisions. To do so would be providing opportunities and consideration to students who have no actual or legitimate status in our member schools, opportunities and consideration that is not available to domestic students.

## Nonschool Competition/Participation

**Q.:** I have a question regarding middle school basketball. Our school is a member of the WIAA for middle school athletics. We are a member of a league and our boys basketball season starts practice in two weeks, with games being played during the months of November and December. I was approached by a parent who would like to have her son, and some other middle school athletes participate in charity three-on-three basketball tournament sometime mid-November. My question is, does participation in a three-on-three tournament constitute participation in a non school sponsored game?

**A.:** YES. See Rules A/A Glance III-D. Also see Middle Level Handbook, p. 26. Our middle level rules with respect to non-school competition are a little different from the high school level - but still would not allow for participation in a three on three event - while a member of the school team and in-season.

**Q.:** There is a fun run this weekend. Some of the boys from the JV soccer team at our school planned to run - fundraiser for a charity organization for families of children with cancer. Is there any WIAA rule that would affect their eligibility considering they are not on the cross country team? Does it matter if they will run track in the spring?

**A.:** WIAA rules would not prevent this. The member's non-school competition prohibition is sport specific III-D of attached. Kids who are currently out for school cross country could not run in this event (though they could enter as walkers). Always be sure the school and coaches is/are aware and not opposed to the student's engaging in activities which may injure or deplete the student. Track athletes could participate outside of the HS track season.

## Coach Contact

**Q.:** An area physical therapist is a volunteer coach for our basketball team two to three nights a week. I have some questions about if this would be legal. Last spring we had open gyms in the mornings that everybody in our school

was invited. He has a basketball training camp that he was running over in a nearby community and I asked him if he would be interested in coming over to our school and running kids through some drills (ball handling, passing and shooting). He did this free of charge with the kids ranging from grades 7th -12th with both boys and girls participating. Basically he took whoever showed up at 6:30 in the morning and worked them out. He came in a maximum of 8 times. At the most there would be 10 kids total but some will play varsity that he had contact with. Can he be a coach at all this year? how about next year? Can he coach our freshmen? I would have never asked him to run workouts for the students if I had known that he would transfer jobs and be able to coach this year. I was wondering what the rules say about his being a coach for us.

**A.:** The coaching contact provisions as detailed in Article I of Rules At A Glance - are interpreted that whether paid or volunteer - a person may not coach students during restricted times and then coach them again during the next school season. This person is not presently an eligible coaching candidate. He could put himself into a position to be a viable candidate next year. Second, you are going to need to visit with your coach and probe a little bit further to determine whether there's been a violation here. Please See Art. IJ-D-2 of Rules A/A Glance. In school sponsored open gyms - there is no organizing/instructing - by a coach or anyone else. We will not consider your coaches casual/informal communication with you to be gospel. But it raises concerns we need to point out to you.

## Open Gyms and Camp Issues

**Q.:** Is it a problem to have boys swim team members swimming at our pool if the pool is open for any student to attend?

**A.:** So long as "open pool" is announced/made known and available to any/every student in school - and conforms to text/spirit of II-D of the Rules At A Glance. Boy's swim team members could attend.

## Health & Behavior

**Q.:** I have a student who has approached me about the possibility of working for relatives in a bar/restaurant. He is currently 18. He would be in a position where from time to time he would be working behind the bar. I don't like the situation, but was wondering if there is anything written that could be used to apply to this situation.

**A.:** 'No' - Have addressed this numbers of times in Q/A. WIAA rules would not prevent student from being employed in this manner. It is key for the student and parents - to have it explained straight-up and plain - how vulnerable they are to the perception of drinking, providing, simply by being around it. You might also explain it to 'uncle' too...that not only the team but 'nephew, too' could get dinged if all involved aren't clear, thoughtful and careful. It's not the setting for goofiness but WIAA rules would not prohibit legal employment. +

# Football Questions & Answers

**Q.:** I need a clarification concerning gloves. On page 22 of the rule book it states that gloves must completely cover the fingers and thumb. Does this mean then that the gloves that many linemen wore with the end of the fingers cut off are now illegal?

**A.:** Probably not. Unless a lineman took a pair of wide receiver's gloves and cut the fingertips off – for some reason. My sense is that you may be misinterpreting/confusing 'gloves' with lineman's hand pads.

**Q.:** Since the start of the 2007 high school football season, I keep hearing screams from the side lines and the crowd about horse collar tackles. It seems like this is the automatic response whenever someone is tackled from behind. When I talk to the coaches, they are stating that half the refs are penalizing teams for this action (in it's proper form) and the other half is stating that the horse collar penalty does not apply to high school football. I don't see any reference to this tackle being a penalty in the rule book, but I thought it was brought up as a point of emphasis in the slide show presentation from the 2006 football meeting. Question: Is the horse collar tackle legal in WIAA high school football? If not, what is the signal for this infraction? (face mask, with explanation?)

**A.:** Yes, presently this is legal. There has been – and likely will continue to be – discussion of this tackle at the national level. My sense of the landscape over this past year would be that if presented, there may be action supportive to the prohibition of this tackle. But at present it is not a violation of National Federation playing rules.

**Q.:** I had a group of veteran officials from Minnesota tell me that we could not throw a forward pass back to our quarterback if he started with his hands under center? All other officials I have talked to said that is incorrect. Can you refer me to the rule that allows us to or not to do this play in case I run into this situation again that I have documentation.

**A.:** Confusion over this may stem from the mingling of NFL rules with high school rules. Under Federation and NCAA football rules the quarterback IS an eligible forward pass receiver. (Federation rule 7-5-6 and NCAA rule 7-3-3) Of course eligible forward pass receivers in high school and college must be wearing numbers 1-49 and 80-99 and take positions on the ends of the line or in the backfield. A maximum number of 6 players are forward pass eligible. Under NFL rules the T-formation QB (QB under snapper) is NOT an eligible forward pass receiver. However, the QB in shotgun formation is an eligible receiver. (NFL rule 8-1-4) Therefore, 5 or 6 NFL players could be "eligible," depending on the NFL formation. Further, NFL players must take positions according to their numbers (50s, center; 60s, guards; etc.), but a player can "report in" to the referee (who announces to the defensive team captain) to play a position other than that required by his number. The reason the NFL T-formation (QB under snapper) is not eligible is that the QB under snapper is not in the backfield and is not defined as a backfield player. Under Federation and NCAA rules an exception is made for QB under-snapper (Federation 2-32-3 and NCAA 2-27-4) and, as a result, the QB is included in the definition of "back." Of course, all players, regardless of number or position, can receive a backward pass. This applies to all three rules codes. An MSHSL representative has stated that they do not have a special adoption on

this situation either.

**Q.:** Our crew decided we should check with you on a ruling we made during a varsity football game recently. With about 4 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter, A had the ball, 4th and 3 at the B 47 yard line. A broke the huddle and moved into formation at the line of scrimmage, with all 5 interior linemen standing with their hands on their knees. At the quarterback's command "set," all 5 straightened up and then took a 3 point stance (the old Dallas flex). As soon as they straightened up, several B players encroached. Both the linesman and the line judge threw their flags, and then met with me near the ball to discuss our ruling. We agreed that the "Dallas flex" move was legal because it did not simulate any action at the snap. We ruled that B encroached. After consulting with the team A captain, we advanced the ball 5 yards, and awarded a new series to A. Coaches on the B side line claimed we should have ruled a false start or illegal procedure against A because they had not done the "Dallas flex" move before this time in the game, and it was clearly intended to cause B to encroach. At halftime, we reviewed the rule book and the case book for rule 7-1-7. We could find nothing to indicate the "Dallas flex" simulated action at the snap. Further, we discussed the use of a "hard count" sometime in a game, and decided that the "flex" and the "hard count" fell into the same legal action. After the game, we told the B coach we would be contacting you about our ruling, and would cc both athletic directors so both teams would know your view of our ruling. Please let us know how we did.

**A.:** No way to soundly second guess or to escape 'judgment.' Might not be seen any different then a shift... Most tough to call, sight unseen/without context. However, if a team did not use the "flex" prior to that time, my tendency is to call it a "false start" and penalize the offensive team. I will bet that the offensive team did not use the "flex" during the remainder of the game. If I remember correctly, this was a topic some 20-30 years ago when Dallas started using the flex. I believe that the interpretation was, if the offense used the flex every time, this would be ok, but any deviation would constitute a false start. Although this is a shift, in the absence of a player taking a new position to counter the defensive alignment, the only reason this is done is to cause the defense to encroach. I do believe that the other shifts you have described, without "simulating action at the snap" are designed to mask the offensive play or catch the defense in the wrong alignment. The flex does nothing to enhance those strategies, only for the defense to commit a foul.

**Q.:** We have had a couple of plays that I would like clarification on. Blocked field goal attempt (the block occurred on the K's side of the LOS), the ball goes beyond the LOS. Can the kicking team recover the ball? Advance the ball? Can the defense advance the ball? Field goal attempt is NOT blocked, but falls short and stays in the field of play. Can the kicking team recover the ball? Advance the ball? I do know that the receiving team can advance it...right? Lastly, if the blocked kick or punt stays behind the line both teams can recover and/or advance...right? We have had 2 sets of officials tell us something a little different in each of the cases.

**A.:** Federation rules: A scrimmage kick can be a punt, field goal attempt (place kick), or a drop kick. The same rules apply to any scrimmage kick. That is, what applies to a punt applies to a field goal attempt. (A discussion of the drop

kick is a mute point during this era of football.) The following answers do not apply to a try-for-point after a TD. All of that leads to the answers: (1) Field goal attempt blocked behind the neutral zone (NZ) and recovered behind the NZ. Kicking team can down the ball, causing it to become dead. Receiving team owns the ball. A field goal attempt is a scrimmage kick. (6-2-1) Touching behind the NZ or in the expanded NZ is ignored. (6-2-6) That is to say, "blocking a kick" can occur only behind the NZ or in the expanded NZ. (6-2-6) Touching beyond the NZ can be "first touching," if by K, or can be a "change of possession," if by R. (5-1-3-f; 6-2-5) The receiving team can recover (or catch) any scrimmage kick -- anywhere -- and advance the ball. (6-2-2) The kicking team can recover (or catch) any scrimmage kick behind the NZ and advance the ball -- even if the ball had been beyond the NZ. (6-2-4; 5-1-4) (2) Field goal attempt blocked behind the NZ and recovered beyond the NZ. The missed field goal is treated exactly like a scrimmage kick (punt). Kicking team can down the ball, but it belongs to receiving team. Touching behind the NZ is ignored. (6-2-5) The receiving team can recover (or catch) any scrimmage kick -- anywhere - - and advance the ball. (6-2-2) The kicking team can recover (the ball has touched the ground - rule 2-30-1) only. The kicking team cannot advance a kick (a kicked ball) that is recovered (or caught) beyond the NZ. The team that will be in possession at the end of the down depends on whether or not Team R touched the kick (kicked ball) beyond the NZ (5-1-3-e & f). (3) Field goal attempt is not blocked behind the NZ but does not cross the goal line plane. Blocked scrimmage kick (punt or field goal) can be advanced by both teams if recovered behind the line of scrimmage. This is a scrimmage kick and treated just like a punt. The receiving team can catch or recover the kick (kicked ball) and advance (6-2-2). The kicking team can recover but it is "first touching" (6-2-5). The kicking team could touch the ball several times and there would be several spots of "first touching" (6-2-5) all indicated by bean bags (or officials' hats). The kicking team can catch (secure in flight, rule 2-4-1) the field goal attempt if no Team R player is in position to catch the scrimmage kick. (6-5-6-Exception) If a Team R player is in position to catch the kick, then the Team K player has committed kick-catch interference (6-5-6). If the ball rolls dead without being touched, then the receiving team gets the ball at the dead ball spot. (Table 6-4; 5-1-3-d & e) Case Book Play Rulings 6.2.3 A & B; 6-2-4; 6-2-5; and 6-2-6 cover some of the situations that may be encountered. During a try for point by place kick, the ball is dead when it is certain the kick will not score. (6-2-2 and 6-2-3) That is, no one can advance a missed kick-try. NCAA and NFL rules treat the field goal attempt somewhat differently than do Federation rules. NCAA rules treat a try-for-point differently than do Federation and NFL rules.

**Q.:** I would like to get a clarification on a high school rule involving contact by a defender on a receiver. I know that at the high school level there is no five yard chuck or contact rule. But if a receiver is making an attempt to run a pass pattern, can the defender continue to make contact with him/her until the ball is thrown? I was doing a game last Friday night and the team coaches were in the

same press box area that we were broadcasting from. I heard them complaining about the defender continuing to make contact with their receiver while he was going down field. Now I know that if the ball is in the air that any contact would be considered 'pass interference'. I also understand that a defender can not 'hold' the receiver in order to keep them from running their pattern. But how much and for how long can a defender make contact with that receiver?

**A.:** That's correct - the chuck rule is NFL. There's also no "non-catchable" pass rule like at other levels of play. Potentially, the defender could make contact at least from the perspective that the receiver could – arguably be viewed as a potential 'blocker.' High school rules provide that all players are allowed to block and/or 'ward-off' blockers. Most officials will allow a defender to 'ward-off' - chuck a defender until such a point in time as the ball is in the air – and/or the receiver has gained a separation on one plane or the other, at which time it is abundantly clear with head/shoulders/feet beyond the same line/plane as the defender, e.g. It is not possible for me to block him...and/or will see separation inside/outside /horizontal or vertical plane of separation. Unfortunately, not enough coaches and fans know the high school rules sufficiently and too often confuse them with NCAA or NFL provisions. Page 59 of the National Federation's Football Handbook begins an excellent discussion of this rule. A ruling of pass interference for a ball in the air is essentially, correct – but technically, must be a legal forward pass, and a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone. If the receiver is real/real slow, contact could be for quite a while. Potentially until a legal forward pass has crossed the neutral zone, one of the keys for potential receivers is speed, release/escape technique and separation. If a kid's slow and/or poorly coached in releases and running routes for max separation - when lined up opposite an athletic, aggressive and well-coached corner, it will often bring out 'holding/interference' complaints from coaches. Some Insight: Some of the rationale - interpretation/application of this rule stems from the philosophical understanding that the offense 'knows the play, knows the count, etc. Thus and because of those 'advantages' certain actions by the defense are determined to be acceptable within the high school rules. One of the key purposes/objectives for 'rule of play' is to preserve 'balance' between offense and defense'. (Along with athlete well-being provisions and other competitive equity based provisions).

**Q.:** I have a question about a rule interpretation that happened to us during our week 2 contest. We went to overtime tied at 3. During the second overtime, the visitor had the ball first and scored a touchdown. On the point after attempt, our kicker was ruffed and the try was good. I believe if it were in regulation, we would have had the option to assess the penalty on the kickoff that would have followed the point after attempt. My question is this, since the home team still had to run their four plays in overtime, should the penalty have been assessed to them on their first play in the second overtime (i.e. should they have had first and goal from the 25 yard line instead of the 10 yard line)? We were told that we had the choice of taking the result of the play (a good PAT) or we could move the ball half the

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# Hockey Rule Interpretations

**QUESTION: I have a question about the preseason high school open hockey sessions. Can a coach of the team be the adult supervisor for these sessions as long as they do not coach any of the sessions, provide instructions on how the sessions should run or have any ice related role? The reason I ask is the rink needs to have adult supervisors for these open ice sessions and we are trying to determine who can help the rink complete this supervision. I do know that team coaches can't be involved on the ice or provide any coaching to the players but I am unclear on whether they can supervise.**

**INTERPRETATION:** This past spring the WIAA Board of Control approved, the following change of interpretation:

Effective immediately, coaches will now be allowed to recreate with student-athletes in out-of-season open gym settings that are purely recreational, i.e., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills, or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

First, remember that Open Gyms are 'school sponsored' programming made known, open and available to any interested student in your school's student population. Open Gyms may include members of the community.

\*Coaches may now skate, outside of the season with students, including members of the team [ even during the school year - out side of the season] during open skates.

\*Coaches should be advised that this [must] be casual [recreational] connected to the school's open gym, conditioning for [any interested student], e.g.,

\*The opportunity must be voluntary and may not be restricted to hockey athletes, only. Include any interested student - same as required in all open-gyms. Do not include athletes from other schools.

\*Opportunity may not resemble a "practice"; e.g., coach with a watch & clipboard, interval running, taking attendance, posting a specific/required work out, e.g.

Review Rule At A Glance Text regarding Open Gym for additional specifics about Open Gyms. Nothing has changed with respect to a coach's inability to organize, mandate attendance, coach/instruct, demonstrate and/or direct a practice, e.g., in an open gym setting. Nothing has changed with respect to the stated philosophy for Open Gyms.

Really, the only element which has changed is that prior to this, coaches could only supervise open Gyms. Now, coaches "playing" along with the students - in open gyms - will not be considered a violation of Open Gym provisions.

That notion and image - of 'pure play' - has been a central one in the deliberations leading to this new interpretation.

The new, added text we think is very clear: "Coaches may be allowed to recreate with students and other faculty in open gym settings, provided they are purely recreational in nature".

Look over the existing text of open gyms and in particular the philosophy...then consider the new text. The new interpretation as approved by the Board, now allows coaches to participate with students in an Open-Gym - in a recreational climate/activity/manner.

Can you take a few shots with the puck, can you throw and play catch, can you take some turns pitching - sure/perhaps; in a climate of "play and recreation"... and not one which will easily be described only as pre-season hockey practice.

It is advisable to think carefully of what you will and/or won't take part in within your particular open gym environment. What actions will make you, your kids or program vulnerable to the assertions - later on, when parents or students become disgruntled - and will then be described to us as simply, "mandatory, out of season practice with the coach directing, providing instruction and feedback"?

We think it's important to recognize that not every Open Gym might be conducive to a coach 'playing' along with students.

In addition to the above, it is appropriate to remind coaches as well as school administration that: Schools will continue to hold all responsibility and liability - for a coach participating with students in this setting - should school administration choose to allow it..

Also, the original Rules A/A Glance and text for Open Gyms (Art. II D) are attached.

Again, keep in mind that the Member's Bylaw (Article II, Handbook p 26), the fundamental rules and fundamental philosophy of/for Open Gyms - in order to be in compliance with the Bylaw and Rules of Eligibility, have not changed - at all.

**QUESTION: I am working to hire my coaching staff that will help coach this season. One person that I have communicated with has been hired to be an assistant with the before/after season Phoenix Hockey organization. Since we have two players on his before/after program that will be playing on our high school hockey team I wanted to research the rules on this and see if he would have an opportunity to work with the high school team as well. Someone mentioned to me there might be a waiver that we could get to allow him to help coach with us this season as long as he does not coach with the before/after program next year. Is that true? This coach has a lot of experience and would really help our program grow but I wanted to make sure that I follow the proper procedure in this. Any advise you can provide for me would be helpful.**

**INTERPRETATION:** The response to this inquiry is generally, 'no, not an eligible candidate' - given recent coaching contact...

Typically the 'emergency coach contact waiver' is provided if/when - a given candidate can not be hired and the school is confronted with having NO coach.

It has not been provided for JV coaches, assistant coaches and the like.

My understanding from your note then, is that this prospective coach has not yet had out-of-season contact with your schools players. But WILL have - by virtue of his contract with the club team. If this understanding is accurate, best possible solution might be to see if there are any alternatives available to the coach and/or players, i.e., either the coach get assigned a different team or age group...that does not include players from your school - OR - players get assigned a different club team.

If my understanding is accurate - and if either of these two possible out-of-season disconnects was able to be activated, then there would be no peril in hiring this coach...

Otherwise, given what's known, it would be a difficult and unlikely, waiver appeal.

**QUESTION: Will goalie pads be changing from 12 inches to 11 inches in Wisconsin anytime soon? Our goalie is looking to purchase new pads and do not want to have them be outdated right away. Do you know anything about this?**

**INTERPRETATION:** I am aware of potential rule changes and some discussions that have taken place regarding goalies leg pads being reduced from 12 to 11 inches. Although these discussions are taking place with governing bodies, no changes have been made with NFHS or USA regulations. The width continues to be 12 inches for the coming year for both the WIAA and USA ice hockey. USA rules are in place through 2009, the NFHS rules are reviewed on an annual basis; however major changes like these will normally be coordinated with USA rule changes.

When/if changes like these are made, there is normally a period of a couple of years for implementation of the new rule to take place. This allows the purchase of equipment to be organized. When/if changes are made in the rules, I will let you know. To purchase 11" goalie pads will never hurt anyone as it is most likely these will be allowed for a long time to come. There continues to be no problem with the purchase and use of 12" wide pads for the year ahead.

**QUESTION: Our family is at a smaller public school within 30 minutes of 3 Division 1 schools. Our school does not offer hockey and does not have the numbers to support a WIAA hockey team. We know of 7 kids at our school that play either AAA or club hockey in the area. My question is this, without open enrolling and disrupting the educational experience and friends of my son and daughter, is there any rules that would allow a child to play at the closest geographical high school that has the sport that isn't offered at our school? If this isn't possible how would one put together some type of proposal (if that is possible) for the WIAA to look at if they haven't already. I would envision the family that is trying out for another schools program would be responsible for getting the child to the school and the cost of the program for the athlete so the schools are not out anything monetarily. There would be no competitive advantage for schools with this as the home school doesn't offer the program. Open enrolling in my opinion would have more of an adverse affect on the competitive landscape. I know of multiple kids that have went to other schools for a sport and these situations were based on the competitive situations so that was their choice to go our school had programs for their kids to play. We only seem to have the option as open enrolling when the circumstances are completely different. We are just looking for our children to have a chance to play at the WIAA high school level at these sport and have the ability to stay in the school system they have been in for many years. In the case of many kids at smaller schools they play multiple sports. In our situation our kids play other sports with their friends at school since they were small and if they needed to open enroll to play one sport they are also sacrificing the relationships in sports they have made over the years.**

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA welcomes the City A area to high school hockey and I have recently begun discussions with both City A high school athletic directors regarding this situation. It has become common for other communities in the area of large school districts to investigate their options/opportunities to be non-host schools involved with this potential co-op.

As you probably already realize, there are very complex issues involved with the development of this co-op. Prior to going further, I hope you don't mind if I provide you with one important piece of information that I want you to be aware of and then ask one question:

One important thing for you to understand is that the City A schools involved are WIAA member schools currently determining whether or not their schools should or should not become a co-op. It is our role as the WIAA executive office to support and assist them and the direction they identify as a school district. We will do the same for school administrators in City B. Since one of the City A high schools will be the host school of the co-op should it be approved, the City A School District has the right to determine the schools they wish to include in this co-op and can deny other school districts from being included. Therefore, it is important that I cc them in on any and all communications pertaining to this matter. In addition, I will always include athletic directors from the school district where questions are coming from so that they are aware of interests and my responses as well. This is the healthiest way to handle matters like this.

**QUESTION: I got my ranking information this past week. Upon viewing this information and all the team coaches that rank me. I found out that I got a ranking from a coach that I did not even ref or line a game last year. The question is do you verify that these rankings that come in are true rankings or as in this case a ranking by a coach that I never did a game with. With getting ranking from coaches that you never did a game with puts**

**the value of ranking very low as they are no longer creditable. We fill out our season schedule for playoff games so you have our schedule and you also can use the Arbiter for verifying games we worked. This makes we wonder what kind of score I did get from a coach that I never worked a game with. I still think evaluation by your piers is very good as they know the game know officiating and know the positioning on ice. As a level four coach in USA hockey, coaches are into the game coaching and not observing the official, except when a play effects there team and the official makes the call in favor or not in favor of the team. I find there are limited coaches that have experience of officiating and can properly evaluate the official. Its like me doing a review or grading your job performance as I do not understand your job and all your duties. I am sure you would also be concerned if your performance grade was low. I guess what I am asking is, that if you used the coaches for ranking that you at least verify the information and that official actually officiated the game.**

**INTERPRETATION:** First, you may or may not realize that for every five rankings, one high and one low score is thrown out. In your situation, you had six total rankings. Consequently, the highest ranking and the lowest ranking were not considered.

As with all WIAA sports where officials are ranked, a coach is able to provide a ranking any time he/she sees an official work. This can be during a game they are coaching, or it can be while they are scouting, or even watching videotape of a contest.

If an official has a concern regarding a coach actually seeing an official work, Joan Gralla, WIAA Officials Liaison, is the contact. I have included her in on my reply. Please follow up with an email or call to Joan ([jgralla@wiaa.org](mailto:jgralla@wiaa.org) or (715-344-8580) if you do not believe the coach saw you work last year. She will follow up with the school.

**QUESTION: A head coach (hockey) is asked to run a few summer/fall skills sessions for the local youth program (all participants are under 9th grade level). He will set the practice agenda for the age appropriateness and would like to use high school players for puck gathering and cone movement and demonstrations.**

**The players are volunteers looking for "volunteer hours" for college entrance.**

**Is this possible?**

**INTERPRETATION:** The first element that we are dealing with is coaching contact outside of the season. You are heading in the right direction with this as coaching contact must conclude by July 31 each year for hockey and other identified sports. Next, student-athletes serving as clinicians must also conclude by July 31. Contact by any coach (head, assistant, volunteer, etc.) after July 31 is considered to be illegal contact unless it is with the coach's son or daughter.

A coach can be involved in a camp or clinic after this date with student-athletes he/she will not be coaching during the upcoming season.

I've include a copy of the WIAA Rules at a Glance. This document probably provides the best language for this matter in I. and II., C.

**QUESTION: Can you explain my ranking? Since I do most of my high school refereeing in Minnesota I am not up on how the system works in Wisconsin. I have the computerized sheet showing some schools that ranked me as a result of play-offs. It is not clear to me if this was coaches that ranked me and who if anyone else did or should have ranked me? The computerized numbers and the handwritten number tell 2 different stories. I am not sure what the "TOP 10 List" (60% of ranking) is. Regardless I will continue to play a supportive role as needed.**

**INTERPRETATION:** Only head coaches who have seen you officiate—in games, while scouting, on video tape, etc.—are allowed to provide a rank for you each year. Coaches are allowed to rank each official in two ways:

1. Top 10 List—this is a list that each head coach is allowed to provide. Coaches rank 10 officials 1-10 who they believe should receive an opportunity to officiate the State Tournament in Madison. I break down each time a coach identifies you as a Top 10 Official and the position (1-10) where they place you. Points are distributed on a six-point scale and awarded for each ranking, added up and divided by the number of rankings for your score on the Top 10 List. This Top 10 ranking is given 60% of your overall ranking.

2. Coaches Ranking Form—this is a form where coaches can give you a ranking of 1-6. From this form we take each ranking, for each five rankings, we toss out the high score and the low score with a maximum of 2 high and 2 low rankings thrown out to identify your average. These scores are then added and divided by the number of scores to identify your coaches ranking score. This score is given 40% of your overall ranking.

3. The Top 10 List and the coaches ranking Form scores are averaged together to identify your overall score. This is the score that is used to determine your rank for WIAA Tournament officiating.

**QUESTION: We had a senior to be high school girl get a hole in one at our Booster Hockey Golf Outing Saturday.**

**Can she accept the prize, a 2-year lease of a car, or would that impact her high school eligibility this year?**

**INTERPRETATION:** Answer's - "no". Student may not accept, receive or direct to another a cash or merchandise award. This would end her high school career.

**QUESTION: This is a Hockey Tournament that includes school teams from Canada we are scheduled to play in this winter. The e-mail I forwarded to you has the place we are playing, the teams involved and we play three games. We don't know who we play yet. Can you tell by this if this is ok to**

**play in, or do you need more info?**

**INTERPRETATION:** We will need a little more info, confirmed. (I am uncertain how National Federation views Canadian Province schools for sanctioning purposes - whether they consider provinces the same as 'bordering states', or not). So as a result what we simply need answers to: Please verify with the event sponsor:

• Given conditions as outlined in Bylaws Art. II Sect 5-G - it does not appear this event requires NF sanctioning. We would still need to have confirmed:

• Are all participating schools 9-12 high schools and members of their respective state High School (or Provincial) Associations?

**QUESTION: My girl's hockey ice time scheduler informed me that we need to inform you that we have, for our 20th game, scheduled, Ozauskee WAHA. They will play at Stoughton on January 12, 2008.**

**Is there a form I need to complete or will this suffice Tom?**

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA school teams are allowed to compete against non-school teams. There are three things that must be included:

1. WIAA licensed officials have to be used.

2. WIAA/NFHS playing regulations have to be used—not USA.

3. School administration has to approve of the contest.

**QUESTION: I am a WIAA hockey official, I also run the score clock for WIAA games. Who do I contact to get a set of WIAA score sheets?**

**Last season all the games that I did were done on USA hockey score sheets.**

**INTERPRETATION:** Neither the WIAA nor the NFHS provide score sheets for ice hockey. As an athletic director, I always made them for the entire conference and distributed them to the other conference schools. My best advice is to contact the athletic director at the school you are affiliated with. I do have a model that I can fax to athletic directors as they prepare for the upcoming ice hockey season. If they need a copy of this model, let the AD know they can contact my office and ask, we'll fax them a copy.

**QUESTION: Our school district is approving of girl's ice hockey starting during the 2007-08 school year. Will we be able to participate in the WIAA Tournament Series?**

**INTERPRETATION:** Unfortunately, we WILL NOT be able to place you into the 2007-08 WIAA tournament series for hockey... deadline for adding was April 1, 2007. You can still play a regular season schedule.... you just won't be eligible for the tournament series this year.

**QUESTION: Can you clarify the WIAA stance on JV hockey programs for co-op hockey programs? We want to schedule 10-12 "JV" games to assure some of our younger/less skilled players get some game action. I guess I am unclear if this is acceptable.**

**INTERPRETATION:** So long as a program is considered to be a "JV" program, the WIAA has allowed local schools to determine co-op programs. As an association, we have not had "JV" co-op teams apply or be approved through any type of protocol. Schools are able to organize these teams as they wish.

**QUESTION: Can you e-mail me the guidelines for the hockey co-op. We are currently in one with Reedsburg and I need to look at the rationale again because we are in a renewal time. Or point me in the direction to find it. Thanks for your help.**

**INTERPRETATION:** The best place to find this is on the WIAA website. From the WIAA website's home page, go to WIAA INFO. From here, go to FORMS. Once you get to this page, you will find under Membership Applications the Cooperative Program Application. On this form, you will find all the technical aspects of renewing a co-op program. The key date to keep in mind is April 1, 2008, as this is the date the Co-op Program Application is due here in our office to Ms. Deb Hauser.

There is additional information in the Sr. High School Handbook, page 20; however, there is actually more information on the form than in the Handbook.

**QUESTION: I just learned about the tournament listed below. The last part concerning tickets makes me a little nervous. Please take a look and let me know what you think when you get a chance.**

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA executive staff have been very careful with approving/allowing a tournament like this from taking place. As a matter of fact, we continue to discuss this and other situations in basketball and baseball with teams like the Bucks, Timberwolves, Brewers, Twins, Timberattlers (in Appleton) and other professional and semi-professional (for profit) organizations.

Awareness of these tournaments and contests is beginning to be understood by the WIAA membership.

Because of the ongoing educational program and the many, many different ways these professional organizations are attempting to draw high school aged students and teams to their contests with their willingness to allow high school teams to use their facilities, we have granted a second waiver allowing this tournament to take place. We did this last year because I learned of one contest being conducted this way two-days prior to the game. This year we are allowing it as we have further discussions with the WIAA membership regarding the value of these contests and tournaments.

We are just concluding our Area Meetings where this specific event and situation was used to bring further awareness and education to the WIAA membership. We have not had an opportunity to discuss this as an executive staff just yet since the meetings concluded Wednesday and we are now into the tournament series.

I will be glad to keep the ice hockey coaches informed regarding any position and language developments that result from membership input. Any input you or the WHCA have is welcomed. +

# Winter Rules Revisions for 2007-2008

## Swimming & Diving

**1-3-4** - Further defines that a race officially begins when the swimmers are called to the blocks by the referee's long whistle under both verbal and whistle commands.

**Rationale:** Rule 1-3-4 although defining the start of the race was unclear as to the actual start based on which preparatory command protocol is being used in the competition. The use of the referee's long whistle will be standard under both styles of preparatory commands.

**3-3-4** - Clarifies how illegal attire and jewelry shall be handled by the official and more clearly describes the wearing of a medical alert item and a religious medal. The NOTE includes the procedure the official follows when illegal attire or jewelry is observed being worn during a heat/round of competition.

**Rationale:** Clearly prohibits the wearing of jewelry and illegal attire by a competitor and identifies medical and religious medals as not being jewelry. Wording is clearer as to what is not jewelry and procedure to follow if the event is in progress and the wearing of jewelry is observed. This is similar to other NFHS rules on jewelry.

**3-5-3** - Penalty 2 New c States a specific penalty of disqualification for a competitor in diving who enters the water without the diving referee's permission.

**Rationale:** Previously there was not a clearly defined penalty for a competitor entering the water without permission from the diving referee in the event of diving. This penalty is more appropriate for the event of diving rather than having the swimming event penalty apply.

**5-1-1** - Changes the metric race equivalent of the 500 yard freestyle to 400 meters.

**Rationale:** The standard length for high school swimming is 500 yards. When converting to meters the 400 meter race is closer to the actual distance of 500 yards. 500 meters is actually a longer race than 500 yards. This change now gives relevance to the metric distance.

**8-1-3** - Penalties 1 and 2 Changes the current order of infractions and false starts to reflect the order in which the action would occur and revises the penalties to accurately reflect the no recall false start in nonchampionship and championship meets.

**Rationale:** With the adoption of the no recall false start the language in penalties 8-1-3 needed to be revised to indicate when a swimmer who is disqualified for a false start shall not compete and when the race shall continue and notice of the disqualification to be at the end of the race.

**8-1-6** - Penalty Dual confirmation may be used in any meet for a false start; therefore, the phrase, "In championship meets," was

deleted.

**Rationale:** The no recall false start has been adopted for all meets. The second PENALTY portion of 8-1-6 was not previously updated to reflect this adoption.

**8-2-2c** - Clarifies the dolphin kick may be executed after the initiation of the arm stroke and before the breaststroke kick.

**Rationale:** The wording clarifies the original application of the rule that the dolphin kick can be executed at any point after the initiation of the arm stroke but before the breaststroke kick.

**9-3-6, 9-3-6 - New Penalty 1** Restricts a change in the position of a voluntary dive if the change would make the true DD total for the five voluntary dives exceed 9.0 and should the change not be detected before the next dive(s) being performed a potential of a failed dive exists.

**Rationale:** This change serves to prevent an oversight during competition by a diver changing positions to a higher DD that would result in a total exceeding 9.0. It also prevents a diver from listing a lower DD then changing position to receive higher scores even though scored at the original degree of difficulty.

**9-5-1** - Allows the diver to have the arms in the position of his/her choice for the forward starting position.

**Rationale:** Many divers, when using a forward start, prefer to have their arms in a variety of positions when they assume the starting position. What is important to officials is not where the arms are but, rather, having the arms in a set position so that the officials know when the starting position is achieved. This change in other rule codes has proven to be advantageous for the diver to be able to start from a more comfortable position.

**9-6-3b, and Note** - Eliminates the announcer displaying awards given by the diving judges and includes the option when an electronic scoreboard is used, with all judges' awards displayed, for the announcer to announce only the total award received for the dive.

**Rationale:** The announcer should not have the responsibility to display scores. When all the judges' awards are displayed electronically and plainly visible for all to see, it is not required to announce each individual award for every dive and will assist in efficiency of the event administration.

**Protocol for Automatic Relay Judging** - Changes when the relay takeoff judge is to signal an observed violation to coincide with the requirement in 4-6-4c, "last competitor is in the water before signaling"

**Rationale:** The rule change aligns the protocol with requirements and language in NFHS Rule 4-6-4c. +

## Basketball

**2-12-4; 5-11-2:** Changed the warning horn for a 30-second timeout to be sounded with 15 seconds remaining

**2-12-5; 10-5-3:** Changed the replacement interval for a disqualified or injured player to 20 seconds, with a warning horn sounded with 15 seconds remaining.

**4-15-4d; 9-5-2:** Changed that a dribble ends when loss of control by the dribbler is caused by the opponent touching, or being touched by, the ball, rather than an intentional batting of the ball.

**4-42-5:** Changed that a throw-in ends when the throw-in pass is "legally" touched by another player.

**Signal Chart:** Added a signal (spreading of the arms) for when a defender is not in a closely-guarding position.

### 2007-08 National Federation Major Editorial Changes

**3-4-6b New:** Implementation date reached requiring the home team to wear white jerseys.

**3-5-2 & New d:** Added that guards, casts,

braces and compression sleeves must be worn for medical reasons.

**3-5-3d:** Clarified that hard items worn on the head are prohibited.

**4-38; 7-5-1:** Clarified when the resumption-of-play procedure is in effect.

**4-40-2d:** Clarified the definition of a legal screen.

**7-5-2 thru 7:** Articles reordered for better understanding and application.

**10-3-3:** Clarified that a technical foul shall be called when a player purposely and/or deceitfully delays his/her return to the court after legally being out-of-bounds.

**10-6:** Section reorganized for better understanding and application.

### 2007-08 National Federation Points of Emphasis

1. Uniforms
2. Free Throws
3. Ball Handler/Dribbler
4. Displacement +

## Ice Hockey

**Rule 3-1-4:** Change the maximum curvature from 1/2" to 3/4" measured on the bottom of the blade from the toe to the head.

**Rule 3-3-1: Add to 3-3-3:** Acceptable throat/neck protection includes: A mask with "flapper"-style protector attached or a mask with an extension worn in combination with at least one of the following: A separate neck guard providing throat protection or a neck guard as part of a manufactured undergarment providing throat protection (chest protector extensions do not satisfy the requirement).

**3-4-4:** Insert wording: "All players, including goalkeepers, shall wear and have properly inserted into their mouth during the course of play a properly fitted tooth and mouth protector." Delete: "It is required that dental guards be attached to the face mask."

**3-4-4:** Change wording: PENALTY for initial vio-

lation, offending player shall be immediately replaced on the ice, and the referee shall warn the offending team that subsequent violations by any player of that team shall result in the player being assessed a MISCONDUCT. GOALKEEPER-MINOR.

**5-5-b5:** Allows a linesman to stop play if he or she sees a high-stick infraction or puck played illegally with the hand.

**6-12-1:** Revise to say that the puck will be dropped from the beltline. The official dropping the puck shall set the players and hold the puck at the beltline. When players are legally set, the official shall drop the puck. The official shall not present the puck or hold the puck away from the beltline.

**6-12-10g; 6-21-3:** Change faceoff location to attacking zone for error in icing call by official instead of center ice.

**Signals:** A new signal for "Contact to the Head" was added. +

## 2006-08 Gymnastics

**Rule 1** - Board Safety Mat - Manufactured mat that goes around the front and side of a vaulting board. It is the responsibility of each team to provide the safety mat for its own gymnasts.

**2-1-5** - Judges shall not use cell phones or other electronic devices in the competitive area.

**3-1-3; 7-1-1; 8-13** - The rules were changed to simplify matting specifications. The working and landing area shall have nonslip matting at least 5 inches thick. The maximum total matting including a sting mat shall not exceed 16 inches. The top mat including a sting mat shall not be wider than any mat underneath it except for a mat at least 4 inches thick on top of a base mat. A manufactured safety mat may be used around the front and sides of the board.

**3-3-5** - A properly secured head covering and/or long tights or gymnastics pants (with stirrups) may be worn for religious reasons provided a request for permission is made in writing to the state association. The letter of permission from the state association should be shown to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet.

**4-1-2E; 7-3-5; 8-3-5; 9-3-5** - Bonus was changed to specify 0.1 for one or a series of superiors/high superiors/bonus high superiors performed to the ultimate and/or an entire routine with full difficulty to the ultimate technique and execution (0.5 or less deducted under Execution); 0.1 for an extra high superior or back-to-back superior; up to 0.4 for bonus high superiors performed with no more than 0.3 deducted under execution (0.2 for one and 0.2 for a second, different one); up to 0.2 for back-to-back superiors (0.1 each).

**5-1-4** - The written inquiry (or the verbal intent to inquire) must be submitted to the meet referee no more than five minutes after all scores for that team are recorded for that individual event.

**5-1-6e** - There is a 1.0 team deduction for a coach or gymnast using a cell phone or electronic device in the competitive area (after one warning per team).

**6-1-1 Note** - The vaulting horse is not legal equipment even by state association adoption.

**6-2-2** - On a round off-entry vault:  
a. A coach shall be present as a spotter before the gymnast may vault;  
b. A manufactured safety mat shall be placed around the front end and sides of the board;  
c. Judging begins with the takeoff from the board.

**6-2-4** - A round off-entry vault is void if it includes a salto and twist in afterflight.

**6-2-6** - The stoop vault was deleted, and each round off-entry vault has the same value as the equivalent handspring-entry vault.

**6-5-2** - For handspring vaults only  
• Spotter facilitates the gymnast in preflight, 1.0 and/or

• Spotter facilitates the gymnast in afterflight, 1.0

**7-1-2** - Host management shall mark the minimum setting in black and maximum setting in red on the competition bars.

**7-1-3** - The matting between the bars shall be 7 1/2 feet wide.

**7-3-3** - A deduction of up to 0.1 for lack of direction change (excluding mount and dismount) replaced "uniqueness of choreography," and "lack of tempo change" was deleted under Composition.

**7-4** - Made the following changes to difficulty on bars: sole circle to handstand with 1/2 twist = BHS; flyaway (tuck/pike) = S, layout flyaway/flyaway (tuck/pike) 1/1 twist = HS; layout flyaway 1/1 twist = BHS; from handstand on HB, back salto dismount = HS; delete clear back hip circle or giant to back salto dismount from BHS list.

**8-3-3; 9-3-3** - Artistic presentation replaced "uniqueness of choreography" under Composition.

**8-4** - Made the following changes in difficulty on beam: series of front walkovers/tinsicas = HS; gainer back salto dismount from the end = HS; gainer back salto with 1/2 twist dismount from the end = BHS; Arabian salto dismount = HS.

**9-1-3** - There is no longer a deduction for an individual inadvertently stepping into the competitive area of floor exercise to place/remove a sting mat or skill cushion near the boundary line.

**9-4** - Made the following changes in difficulty on floor: Added Schuschunova back to the jump/leap chart as a S; jump 1/1 twist Schuschunova = HS; Arabian dive roll = M; Arabian layout dive roll & dive roll 1/1 twist = S; layout dive roll 1/1 twist = HS; one-arm cartwheel and dive cartwheel = M.

### Editorial Changes

- Rule 1  
4.1.2A  
8.2.3  
9.2.2

### Points of Emphasis

1. Sportsmanship
2. Cell Phones and Electronic Devices
3. Inquiries
4. Equipment
5. Extra Warm-up
6. Twists and Turns
7. Vaulting
8. Hop Grip Change on Bars
9. Balance Beam
10. Completion of a Skill
11. Criteria for Selected Jumps and Leaps
12. Tumbling Pass Floor +

## Wrestling

**1-1-2 New** - A random draw for championship final matches for an individual tournament, regular season and/or state high school championship series, may be used for competition.

**3-1-1** - The referee's uniform consists of a short-sleeve knit shirt, with alternating black-and-white 1-inch stripes, or gray with black pinstripes.

**4-2-3** - A clarification was made on communicable skin conditions or any other condition, in that the current written documentation from a physician needs to be on an approved form from either the NFHS or state association.

**4-2-5 NEW** - Each contestant who has braces or has a special orthodontic device on his or her teeth, shall be required to wear a tooth and mouth protector.

**5-20-6 NEW** - Prior to assuming an offensive starting position, the offensive wrestler may signal to the referee the neutral position. The defensive wrestler is awarded an escape, and wrestling begins from the neutral position.

**5-31-1** - The head coach shall be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct if wrestlers report to the scorer's table not in proper uniform, not properly groomed, not properly equipped or not ready to wrestle. Exception: The head coach shall not be penalized when a wrestler

reports to the scorer's table with shoelaces that are not properly secured.

**6-4-4** - Any coach of the contestant or the contestant has the prerogative to default a match to the opponent at any time by informing the referee.

**6-6-4a1; 6-6-5a1** - Errors by the timekeeper, official scorer or referee must be corrected prior to the offended contestant leaving the mat area if additional wrestling is necessary. If additional wrestling is not necessary, the error may be corrected as long as the offended contestant or coach remains in the mat area.

**8-2-1a-h** - The exact procedure to follow when administering the second injury timeout during a match was added for clarification.

**Other Changes** - 2-1-1; 3-1-2; 3-1-4c; 3-1-11; 4-3-1; 4-5-8; 5-8; 5-18-2; 5-28-1c; 6-1-3; 6-7-1c4; 6-7-1d; 6-7-3; 7-1-5g; 7-1-5t; 7-1-5v; PENALTY CHART - Coach Misconduct; PENALTY CHART - Note 2; PENALTY CHART - Summary of Technical Violations; 9-1-8; 9-2-3h; SCORING ABBREVIATIONS; ILLUSTRATIONS 56., 62., 86.

### Points of Emphasis

1. Correction of Errors
2. Stalling
3. Sportsmanship
4. Communicable Skin Conditions +

# Cross Country & Volleyball



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## Cross Country Q & A's

Response to inquiries regarding the Nike Team National Regional Meet:

There are three primary regulations that relate to the Nike Team Nationals event. They include:

Bylaws

Article II, Section 5a "A school shall not participate in: Post-season contests (other than Association tournament games).

Article II, Section 5g6 "No approval shall be granted for any tournament, meet....determine a national high school championship..."

Rules of Eligibility

Article VI, section 2A "It is the philosophy of this Association that while athletes should not be unreasonable restricted...no activity in which they are engaged should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season."

Why are these rules in place? Several items come to mind:

Philosophical question: Are national championships beneficial/necessary?

Proliferation of national championships. If Nike has one now, one has to expect that other corporations will develop a similar model in the near future. Border Challenge was in the works but apparently lacked the necessary financial backing.

Loss of class time.

Length of season. If a team actually advances to the championship meet in Oregon, their season would extend until Dec. 1. Several weeks longer than the collegiate season.

Impact on other school activities. Potential to impact other sports seasons. For example; if XC runners are also involved in a winter sport do they skip the winter sport to train for XC? Do both at the same time? Abandon their XC team to move on to the winter sport? While this may not effect La Follette this year, it is an issue that must be considered.

Perceived advantage of a longer season.

Perceived advantage to the program. With school choice, will this become an advantage for certain schools to attract talented athletes?

No coaching contact is currently allowed out of the school season—who coaches the team?

Financial impact on school districts. While Nike will pay the expenses of teams that advance to the championship meet, the cost of the regional meet in Indiana is the responsibility of the participating teams.

Keep in mind that this applies to all sports. How would a national championship in basketball, football, softball or any other sport impact the high school athletic season?

Clarification regarding temporary tattoos, face/body painting, and hair painting:

The WIAA has received inquiries regarding the use of temporary tattoos, face/body painting and hair painting during competition. In researching these inquiries it was found that neither the NFHS nor the WIAA Season Regulations currently prohibit these items. Language banning the use of temporary tattoos and paint was found in the Meeting Booklet for the Track Season 2002. This language was not properly promulgated. It was contained in a list of illegal items. In discussing this situation with the WIAA Executive Director, Mr. Chickering, it was decided to continue the ban on face and body paint due to possible safety implications. Temporary tattoos and hair painting will be ALLOWED. If meet officials find athletes with face/body paint during check-in, attempts should be made to remove the paint but no athletes should be disqualified. Officials should use the jewelry reporting form and WIAA Staff will contact the school. It is hoped that coaches and athletes will honor the integrity of the sport when considering the use of tattoos and paint. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Cross Country Coaches Advisory meeting.

**Question 1:** We were at a meet recently and there were several people with dogs. Are dogs allowed at cross country meets?

**Answer:** Dogs are not allowed at the

**State Meet in Wisconsin Rapids. The WIAA makes this a point of emphasis for all sectional meets as well. It would be in the best interest of everyone if meet managers would include this restriction in the meet information for their regular season meets and help to enforce it.**

**Question 2:** Some officials have allowed tape to be put over the additional logo which appears on many undergarments. Recently the starter at our conference meet said absolutely no tape and had kids removing shirts with more than one logo. At the sectional a week later the three officials said to make sure tape was covering a second logo if necessary. With colder weather approaching, could you clarify this rule for cross country?

**Answer:** Tape is legal. This interpretation has been in place for both cross country and track & field for a number of years. There is no reference to the contrary in the Rule Book or Case Book.

**Question 3:** Following the regular varsity cross country race that we host we have a community "fun run". I have always encouraged my runners to use this as a cool down and opportunity to interact with the elementary school students that participate. Is this legal?

**Answer:** Illegal. From the August 18, 2006 WIAA Bulletin: "Open race held after competitive races should not include any team members." The following issues are of concern: exceed season maximum for number of meets, violation of the scrimmage rule, and question of race sponsorship."

**Question 4:** The officials at our meet asked each girl that they saw with their shorts rolled down to unroll the waistband. What is the proper procedure?

**Answer:** Rule 9-6-2; "Uniforms must be worn as intended by the manufacturer. The waistband of a competitor's shorts shall be worn above the hips. There shall be no bare midriff." This rule applies to both boys and girls. It is recommended that the meet referee cover this rule during the coaches meeting. Due to the fact that some uniforms may be quite old or poorly fitting it is hoped that officials will allow some leeway regarding this rule. Coaches should be responsible for their athletes appearance. If an official feels that an athlete, either by rolling their shorts or wearing them especially low on the hips, has violated the rule their coach should be contacted and informed of the situation. The WIAA is sensitive to discussions of this nature between officials and athletes. Similar to the Case Book 4-3-3, Sit. A, officials should not ask athletes to lift their jerseys to see if they have their shorts rolled.

**Question 5:** Are GPS watches allowed?

**Answer:** Legal. Current NFHS Rules do not prohibit these devices.

**Question 6:** Are teammates allowed to wear different length uniform bottoms?

**Answer:** Legal. Rule 9-6-1b1; "Bottoms may vary in length and style but must be the same color and design for all team members." Style refers to a possible combination of one athlete in compression shorts and the others in traditional shorts. Design refers to stripes or other trim.

**Question 7:** If one athlete wears a long sleeve shirt under his/her jersey must everyone wear one?

**Answer:** No. Rule 9-6-4 does not require all runners to wear apparel under their uniform. If more than 1 athlete wears an undergarment then they must be the same color. Apparel worn under the jersey and bottoms do not need to be the same color. I.e. white under the jersey, black under the bottoms. Carefully review Rule 9-6 in its entirety. +

## Volleyball Q & A's

**Question 1:** Can a team run around the entire gymnasium as both teams enter the facility?

**Answer:** Legal. There are no restrictions regarding this prior to the start of the pre-game warm-up.

**Question 2:** Our players would like to paint their faces for our homecoming match. Is this legal?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 4-1-7; "Players shall not wear body paint or glitter on their hair, face, uniform or body."

**Question 3:** During the 20 minute warm-up session, may a team go to an alternate court/gym which is out of view of the match officials?

**Answer:** Teams must warm-up in sight of the officials. Refer to the Case Book/Manual, page 57; Prior to Each Game. Reference is made to the warm-up period and the officials observation of the teams.

**Question 4:** An official questioned me about my roster not being complete at a game. He was referring to the roster on that school's program, not the official roster that I submitted. Which roster is the "official" one?

**Answer:** The roster that you submit is the official roster. While it would be ideal to have accurate rosters in every program, it is certainly possible that injuries or illnesses can lead to roster changes.

**Question 5:** I continue to have officials question my libero replacement when the libero stays on the court to serve. When the officials see two players with the same color jersey replacing each other they instead want me to substitute them. Please clarify.

**Answer:** From the recent Volleyball Sports Meetings: "Umpires and assistant scorers will need to get used to the idea of 2 teammates in the same color uniform top switching on-off the court behind the attack line. This happens because the previous right front will be coming off the court and a teammate will go in to take the place of where the libero would have been."

**Question 6:** I have 2 libero players. May they both wear the same jersey number?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 4-2-3; "Each player, including the libero, shall be identified by a number on the uniform top which is not a duplicate of a teammates' number."

**Question 7:** Does the number placement on the libero's jersey have to match that of their teammates? For example, libero's number is centered and other jerseys' numbers are on the shoulder.

**Answer:** Legal. There are no restrictions provided the number is legal per Rule 4-2-4.

**Question 8:** We have some shorts with a logo on the right leg and some with the logo on the left leg. Is this legal?

**Answer:** Legal. Provided the logos meet the dimensions listed in Rule 4-2-9, the location of the logos are not an issue.

**Question 9:** Is it legal for my setter to have a towel in her waistband to wipe her hands on?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 4-1-4; "Any equipment that in the judg-

ment of the referee increases a player's advantage or presents a safety concern, i.e., towel tucked in uniform waistband, is prohibited."

**Question 10:** Team A requests a substitution and after the umpire has processed the sub onto the court another player comes into the substitution area. The umpire denies the second sub as it was too late in coming and then turns control back to the referee. The coach from Team B protests to the umpire saying either the second sub should be permitted or Team A should be given a delay of game penalty. Please clarify.

**Answer:** Substitution denied is the correct procedure. Please refer to the Case Book; 10-2-7, Sit. C; "If this improper substitution procedure becomes excessive or delays progress of the game, an unnecessary delay is called." From your description, I don't believe there was a delay.

**Question 11:** Is a conch shell considered an artificial noisemaker? Can the mascot use it as a megaphone?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 1-8 prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers. A conch shell does not magnify the voice which is what a megaphone would do. A megaphone is legal.

**Question 12:** Can the coach sit on the floor in the libero replacement zone?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 12-2-6. The team bench provides a place for the coach to sit.

**Question 13:** Can the coach have 3 captains at the prematch conference?

**Answer:** Illegal. Rule 1-6-2. This rule will be on the agenda when the Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committee meets.

**Question 14:** The wrong player number (5) replaces the libero in the left front position. 5 rotates to the center front and then the right front. The coach then calls a time-out. When the players come back on the floor 5 is not on the floor but 7 is and then they substitute 4 in. Is there any penalty that can be administered?

**Answer:** Illegal alignment. Rule 10-4-1b; Penalty. Apparently there was a breakdown by the libero tracker in this situation. Coaches do not have the ability to simply call a time-out and substitute to rectify the situation. The officials should consult the libero tracking sheet and penalize as indicated.

**Question 15:** To what extent do knee braces have to be padded?

**Answer:** Rule 4-1-2; "...permitted...if in the judgment of the referee, they are not considered dangerous. The referee shall, however require a support/brace to be covered or padded if a sharp edge or point is exposed."

**Question 16:** As part of the server's service, the ball is tossed slightly, just above her head to the length of her arms and held there for an instance. She then proceeds to toss the ball up and start her serving motion. Is this legal?

**Answer:** If this "slight toss" is, in your judgment, an actual attempt to serve, then a re-serve would be called. From your de-

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scription it appears that it is merely a part of this athlete's routine similar to bouncing the ball, etc., and would be allowed but not recommended.

**Question 17:** Is an assistant coach allowed to stand to coach in place of the head coach?

**Answer: Not allowed. Rule 12-2-6 and Wisconsin Regulations. If a coach has a particular medical condition which would not allow for him/her to stand the school may request a waiver from the WIAA staff.**

**Question 18:** The JV team was warming up before the match started and the opposing varsity coach asked me if varsity players were allowed to handle the ball prior to their match. I told her no and she pointed out that Team A's libero is hitting and digging balls with the JV team. How should this be handled?

**Answer: Inform the Coach of Team A that this is not allowed. Coaches must take responsibility for knowledge of the rule and obeying it.**

**Question 19:** Team A requests a timeout. Player from Team A leaves the huddle to go into the bleachers. The head coach then asks for a ruling on a substitution as that player is complaining of a medical problem and cannot continue. Coach wishes to use the libero as an exceptional substitute (Rule 10-4-4-b). There is not an extra regular jersey for the libero to wear. In the meantime, the player in the stands returns and says she's OK to play. We charged the team with unnecessary delay and returned to play. Was this correct?

**Answer: With the possible exception of checking with the athletic trainer as to the status of the athlete and her ability to return to play it appears everything was handled correctly. If the exceptional substitute was to be used, she would not be allowed to play if a regular team jersey was not available. Teams should always have a spare jersey with them.**

**Question 20:** I had a 3 person substitution going on. I had subbed B in for player A. I then subbed C in for B. When I went to sub A back in the game, I was told that this was an illegal substitution. The referee and umpire both agreed that player A could not come back in the game. What is the correct call?

**Answer: Legal. If none of these players are the libero it is allowed. Refer to the Case Book, 10-3-1, Sit. B. This is the exact situation.**

**Question 21:** Recently the referee, while conducting the coin flip, stated that the captain had to call heads or tails before the coin was tossed. He said that this was a new rule. Is this correct?

**Answer: Incorrect. Page 57 of the Case Book/Manual; "...captain calls heads or tails while the coin is in the air."**

**Question 22:** Is it legal for teams to wear headbands with sequins?

**Answer: May be legal. Case Book 4-1-6, Sit. B; "A headband must be made of soft material. The reflective material should not be hard, unyielding or easily removed."**

**Question 23:** Can the coach stand beyond the endline?

**Answer: Illegal. Rule 12-2-6 and Wisconsin Regulation; "A head coach may stand in the libero replacement zone. . ."**

**During the course of the season there have been questions that generated a need for further clarification from the NFHS office. The WIAA has now received these clarifications which should supersede the original answers if they are different.**

\*Libero does not leave the court and goes from her backrow position to the server's position. Replacement takes place between the other 2 players for the front row. Team now asks for a line-up check. The official discovers that they are 1 rotation out of order

(libero is one position too early to serve). What is the call?

**Illegal replacement, unnecessary delay, correct the line-up and loss of rally. Case Book 6-2-2, sit. A: "The order is corrected, and no penalty is given unless it is determined that Team S had an improper server...."**

\*After the referee has blown the whistle and motioned for the server to begin the serve, the server throws the ball in the air, but does not complete the serve. Before the referee motions for the re-serve, the coach notices an improper serving order and has the proper server pick up the ball to serve. What is the correct ruling?

**Legal. No rule specifically states that this is prohibited, although the new server will not be eligible for a re-serve.**

\*Coach submits their roster on time. He/she submits the line-up at 5 minutes prior to the start of the match. Is it permissible to change the line-up prior to the 2 minutes deadline?

**Legal. No rule specifically states that this is prohibited.**

\*Team A serves the ball which is misplayed by Team B and goes out-of-bounds. Both the umpire and scorekeeper discover that Team A's server is out of serve order and was the wrong server. The umpire realized that the wrong server was about to serve. Should he/she have whistled the play dead prior to the contact of the ball?

**Illegal alignment/improper serving order-server. At the moment the ball is contacted for the serve, there is: An improper server.**

**Question 1:** Can I change my roster from match to match during the tournament series?

**Answer: Legal. Page 65 of the Volleyball Season Regulations; "A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament match to the next." Make sure that the scorekeeper is aware that the roster you submit is the correct one as the change may not be indicated in the tournament program.**

**Question 2:** I am the announcer for our home volleyball games. May I announce our player's names using their nicknames?

**Answer: If you mean using, for example, Alex for Alexandria that would be allowed but introducing Hannah "The Hammer" would be inappropriate.**

**Question 3:** I know that we are to remove all temporary posters from our gym's walls during the tournament but can fans hold signs?

**Answer: Hand-held signs are allowed at all levels of tournament play provided they are in good taste.**

**Question 4:** Can our drumline play during the tournament?

**Answer: Allowed. Rule 1-8; "The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, between games and post-game." The school's drumline is considered to be their band and not an artificial noisemaker.**

**Question 5:** An area business supplied our fans with foam noodle type spirit sticks to use during tournament games. The officials felt these were the same as thundersticks and said they could not be used. Are they legal?

**Answer: These types of spirit sticks are interpreted to be similar to foam fingers, which are allowed. Anything of this nature (foam fingers, towels, etc.), however, may only have the school name, nickname, etc., and may not have advertising printed on it.**

**Question 6:** Is a foot dig legal in high school play?

**Answer: Illegal. Rule 9-4-5; "Legal contact is a touch of the ball by a player's body above and including the waist which does not allow the ball to visibly come to rest or involve prolonged contact with a player's body." +**

## Football Q & A

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distance to the goal and try again. Any clarification you can give me would be greatly appreciated. I have had many discussions about this play since it occurred with multiple officiating crews and they are interested as am I on getting your interpretation on this particular situation.

**A.: In the overtime period, the penalty for the foul (i.e., roughing the kicker) on the try after a touchdown can be administered at the succeeding spot, that is, at the 10-yard line. If accepted, the penalty would move the ball back to the 25-yard line. Rule 8-3-5-b, as indicated in the question to you, says that the penalty is enforced "at the succeeding spot." Note that, unlike the 2007 rule change in rule 8-2-2 (which says that a foul on a TD can be enforced only on the ensuing kickoff), 8-3-5-b says, simply, "the succeeding spot." Play ruling 3.1.1 Situation P (page 93, 2007 rules book) is the same play described by Mr. Todd Anderson. Note, though, the rule reference for Overtime PR 3.1.1 P (page 93) is not correct; the rule reference should be 10-5-1-d. Situation 3.1.1.p on page 93 also supports administering the foul on the succeeding spot (B ball on the 25 yard line).**

**Q.:** On the phone we spoke about when the clock should start in a running clock situation.

The two times in question are: 1. After a score. If the kick off goes out-of-bounds or into the end zone. Does the clock start on the ready or with the snap. 2. After a time out or after the time between the 3rd and 4th quarter. Does the clock begin on the ready for play, or at the snap.

**A.: As I recall - at the time of your call I responded to start the clock on the ready to play - as I check what we have held to in the past - I spoke quickly and incorrectly. Here's what we've used/published in the past: In the 5 clock-stopping situations the game clock will start: (1) Time Out charged to a team -- snap. (2) Score -- when kickoff is legally touched. (3) Intermission -- snap. (4) Injury time out (viz., officials' time out) -- ready for play signal. (5) Officials' time out -- ready for play signal. In (1) the team called time out, presumably, to stop the clock and should be given those few seconds of game time. In (2) the intent of the adaptation, some believe, is to give some semblance of real game timing when a team scores - allow special teams personnel to be assembled and not perpetuate other problems. In (3) to start the game clock on the "ready" could place a team at a disadvantage if it is not ready to play immediately after a change of goals. In (4) the time out for an injury is an officials' time out, same as in a regularly-timed game. In (5) the clock always starts on the "ready" after an officials' time out, unless a "major clock stopper" is involved (e.g., team charged time out, score, etc.) It should be mentioned that the referee (and his crew mates) has (have) the discretion to "use up" the clock in ways that allow a team to be less-embarrassed by what could become an even larger lopsided score.**

**Q.:** Several of our varsity football players who are also in shop class together ap-

proached me and asked if they could make a large stencil of our school mascot then use it to paint the mascot onto our football field for the homecoming game in 2 weeks. What are the WIAA regulations regarding a project of this type, or where can I access the regulations?

**A.: There is no National Federation or WIAA provision that would prevent your use of the stencil. National Federation playing rule 1-2-3h does address that decorative markings in the end zone are not closer than 2 ft. to boundary and goal lines. Some schools will see that yard lines might be creatively extended through mid field logos.**

**Q.:** We had a recent situation that occurred that we would like some help with. K is lined up for a scrimmage kick and kicks to R. R1 muffs the ball between the 5 yard line and the goal line. In an effort to pick up the ball R1 and K1 contact the ball and it goes into the end zone and is recovered by K. We understand that the "force" originated from the kick and had the ball enter the end zone directly from the muff would have a touchback. We also understand that, in the case book under touchback (don't recall the number at the time of this email), there is a similar play and there is no new force on the ball even if R1 tries to pick it up and it goes into the end zone. It still remains a touchback. My question is, does the situation change if K1 touches the ball after the muff?

**A.: The answer to this question is "no," touching by K and recovery by K in the end zone under circumstances as described - do not affect this outcome. Touchback! Case 6-3-1Bc also appears to address. Here's what the masters said: 1) My initial opinion is that all of the touching of the ball does not matter and the play ends up being a touchback. R touched the ball first which prevents K's touching of the ball being ruled illegal touching. Since no one ever possesses the ball, it becomes dead as it enters the end zone and is ruled a touchback. 2) The most important question is: What was the force that put the ball into the EZ? The force is still the kick and thus when it touched in the EZ, it would be a touchback. There is no spot of first touching by K, because R touched it first. If R had fumbled the ball at the 4 and it went into the EZ, then K could recover for a TD.**

**Q.:** Had a coach ask this question at last night's game: Team A surrenders a safety to B and chooses to use a punt for the free kick from A's 20. If the kick were made using the tee, A could attempt an onside kick. Can A attempt an onside kick with the punt? The coach said there has been debate amongst his staff, as there was between the crew members. I said I would contact you for a definitive ruling.

**A.: Yes - there is no restriction on an on-side kick as to whether it is a punt or kicked using a tee. The restrictions are the same....the ball must travel ten yards, contact the ground, etc., before being attempted to be recovered by the kicking team. It remains a free kick. Rules provide the ball may be punted following a safety. There is no further provision that appears to restrict/impact other dimensions of play in free kick - using a punt. +**

# Swimming & Diving Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

**Question:** Can the warm-up time for diving meets be extended at a WIAA Sectional Diving Meet?

**Interpretation:** Yes, the length of warm-ups can be extended. It is difficult to determine the exact number of divers each sectional will have until entries have been received. With the combination of sectionals this year, estimates using the number of divers from past years has been used in an attempt to determine approximate numbers for the 2007 girls diving competitions at each site. Meet managers have been willing to work with diving coaches to make certain time is allowed for divers to complete their warm-ups prior to the start of competition.

**Question:** How will judges for the sectional diving competitions be determined since we will have more than seven coaches at our sectional?

**Interpretation:** The selection of judging panels has historically been determined at the sectional meet through an informal meeting process. Since this is the first year of this new format and some sectionals will have more than seven coaches, the most experienced diving coaches should be given the opportunity to judge first, followed by coaches with less experience. If coaches are not able to determine the coaches who will be on the diving panel, the criteria found below can be used as a guideline in making this determination:

1. Number of years judging at a WIAA State Diving Meet
2. Number of years as a WIAA school team coach.
3. Exam score from the diving portion of the NFHS exam.

**\*\*Judging panels to be determined at the diving meeting conducted by the diving referee with the coaches.**

**Question:** Are all divers allowed to have 11 dives at the sectional meet?

**Interpretation:** Yes, all divers are now allowed to have 11 dives in the sectional diving competition.

**Question:** I have a question about our UW-SP Sectional meet and I am confused as to diving at either the EC North or Neenah locations?

**Interpretation:** The geography of the schools involved is bigger than any other sectional that we have. As we looked at combining some of the sectionals together—but scoring them separately—we discussed these issues with the WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee and the Sports Advisory Committee (athletic directors from across the state). Coaches wanted sectionals divided up so that we did not exceed 30 competitors at a site, while A.D.s asked to keep travel as reasonable as possible.

Consequently, when we looked at the UW-SP Sectional, we determined that the best way to do this one for diving was to give each diving school an option of the sectional where they would prefer to dive. With this in mind, you have the choice of going to Eau Claire North's or Neenah's—obviously, the E.C. North Sectional is your best bet. Now, this means that your divers will still be competing against other divers from your UW-SP Sectional only and the points your divers earn will be scored for the River Falls team in the UW-SP Sectional. The issue is that some of the other divers will be competing at the Neenah Sectional. What we will do is we will take the diving scores for the UW-SP Sectional from the Eau Claire North Sectional and the Neenah Sectional and compare them here at our office after the competition is concluded. Results and final scores will be posted on our website later that evening. Diving medals will be provided to coaches on Saturday at the UW-SP Sectional Swimming meet.

During the diving meet, D1 competitors will be mixed in with D2 competitors; however, D1 competitors are only competing against other divers from their sectional and D2 divers are only competing against other divers from the UW-SP Sectional. The results simply are not known until we receive them from the sectional sites and then compare them here in St. Point.

**With this structure we hope to address escalated scoring issues in diving along with being able to have enough judges at each site to have a seven-person judging panel.**

Thus far, I have not received any concerns from other teams as I am contacting each diving school from this sectional to inform them of this format. If you or a school administrator have any concerns, please do not hesitate to make me aware of them. We believe this format will meet the needs of a number of issues we are currently facing in diving, especially with this sectional.

**Question:** The first place swimmer in a race I was officiating registered a time of 1:06.01 in the 100 fly. The coach immediately questioned the time, stating she had clocked it closer to 1:04. The backup time (button) was 1:03.86 and the manual watch time was 1:04.01. I ruled that the official time would be the touchpad time of 1:06.01 per NFHS Rule 6-3-4. Is this the correct ruling?

**Interpretation:** When a potential error in timing takes place, the first thing an official should do is check to see if another official or a manual timer saw the swimmer actually touch the pad. In this case, another official was able to verify that the swimmer did indeed touch the pad appropriately. It seems the timing system for this race did not stop after being touched.

The practical way to handle this situation is to go to the backup time (the button time) and accept this time as the official time for this swimmer.

This time can be changed on the official score sheet.

**Question:** Can we get a waiver that will allow our coaches to work with female swimmers during the school year after the conclusion of the WIAA Girls Swimming and Diving season?

**Interpretation:** No, the WIAA does not provide a waiver allowing coaches to have contact during the school year after the WIAA Swimming and Diving season has concluded following the WIAA State Swimming and Diving Championship Meets.

**Question:** I have a question on whether or not a high school coach can coach a Y team with the same high school swimmers on the team during the same season and more importantly during the off season. It is my recollection that the coaches can not have contact with the swimmers until a certain date as far as coaching them at practices. If you could clarify this for me I would appreciate it very much.

**Interpretation:** WIAA Rules at a Glance is where you will find the best language to respond to your question. Here under I., you find it indicates that coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children).

NFHS and WIAA language remains silent regarding coaches coaching student-athletes on a non-school team during the school season. I encourage caution with situations like this as the risk to swimmers and divers increases with this amount of practice. In addition, additional practice will certainly take away time student-athletes will need for after school studies. Be reminded that swimmers and divers are not able to compete in non-school events during the WIAA school swimming and diving season.

Once the school season concludes (following the State Meets or as determined by school administrators at each local school), coaches must cease and desist from having contact with student-athlete who will be members of their school team the next year. No contact is allowed until the first day of summer recess in the summer of 2008.

**Question:** My boy is a freshman in high school. He swims on a local club team. Our high school does not have a pool or swim team. I have looked into a co-op with a nearby school and they turned us down. Is there any other way that my son could compete in WIAA swimming, besides using the school choice option. A school physical education teacher told me that there may be an opportunity to compete in the WIAA,

as a club (if all club members were going to the same school and at least in 9th grade). The teacher pointed out to me that a couple of local hockey teams have done this in the past. Is this possible?

**Interpretation:** To be eligible to participate in a WIAA school sport program a student-athlete must be enrolled full-time at a school where that sport program has been approved.

The scheduling of contests with nonschool programs is a local issue and is allowable so long as the school's administration approves of the contest, WIAA officials are used and NFHS/WIAA regulations are followed.

**Question:** Can you send me the location and the exact language of the rules that we discussed yesterday regarding swimming? It was a rule pertaining to whether or not a swimmer can exit the pool using the ladder instead of the side of the pool.

**Interpretation:** National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Rule 8-3-7, page 55, indicates that the first three members of relay teams shall leave the water by the finish end of their lane promptly after finishing their quarter of the race. For a violation by an individual member of the relay team, the relay team is disqualified from the event. Further, NFHS 8-3-7 Situation B indicates that due to unusual pool construction, relay swimmers are able to leave the pool from the finish end of their assigned lanes. **RULING:** the referee shall designate a permissible alternative point of exit for each lane. WIAA interpretations have also provided that so long as interference does not take place, a swimmer can be allowed to use alternative exit points of the pool following their event.

**Question:** Can you coach a YMCA swim team if you are a high school swim coach? If you can, how? Can you please explain this. I see a lot of coaches coaching both school and Y.

**Interpretation:** WIAA Rules at a Glance, I., indicates: Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). There is no distinction between varsity and J.V. coaches i.e., J.V. coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times and vice versa, nor any distinction between paid and non-paid (volunteer) coaches.

Swimming and diving coaches are able to have contact with student-athletes they will be working with in an upcoming season during the summertime period.

If a coach decides to coach in a non-school program during the school year, outside of the WIAA season, and has contact with swimmers or divers you will be coaching, you will not be eligible to coach the school team next year.

**Question:** As I was getting official contracts out for swimming sectionals and noticed that the Fall Handbook (page 45) the mileage is listed as \$0.34 per mile but on the Financial Report from the School Site Center is lists \$0.37 per mile. Please advise which amount is correct.

**Interpretation:** The 37 cent rate is the correct amount. The decision to increase the travel rate for officials was made following the printing of the Fall Season Regulations. The new rate is included in the Winter Season Regulations.

**Question:** How many officials are needed for a diving competition?

**Interpretation:** The new language approved by the Officials Advisory Committee indicates the following:

Swimming Officials—two (2) are required for swimming competitions.

Diving Officials—one (1) for non-championship diving competitions.

**Question:** Is it a problem to have boys swim team members swimming at our pool if the pool is open for any student to attend?

**Interpretation:** So long as "open pool" is announced/made known and available to any/every student in school - and conforms to text/spirit of II-D of the WIAA Rules at a Glance, boy's swim team members could attend. †

# Swimming & Diving

Tom Shafranski



## Girls Swimming & Diving Tournament Information

All member schools sponsoring girls swimming & diving should have received their sectional and state information. Tournament assignments and sectional time schedules were published in the September 21 WIAA Bulletin.

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

### ENTRIES

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

Team entry forms are due via electronic entry by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 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, OCTOBER 30, 2007.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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").

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.

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

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

### STATE MEET PARTICIPANTS/INFORMATION

#### Diving

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.

Division 2 - All 16 divers will perform 11 dives. The diving order for Sectionals and State will be from an open draw.

#### Swimming

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.

A tentative state qualifier listing will be made available to schools via the WIAA Web Site ([www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org)) after 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.

Extra qualifier standards will be available on the WIAA website after 11a.m. on Sunday, November 4.

Coaches are asked to provide spelling corrections, etc., to the WIAA prior to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6.

Schools opting to attend on the day they are not competing may request tickets from the WIAA prior to Wednesday, November 7. 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

Diving judges will be selected at the sectional tournament sites during the diving coaches meeting. Seven-member judge panels should be able to be selected at each Sectional diving site. Division 1 sectional sites need to submit the names of two individuals and Division 2 should choose at least 3 judges for the State Diving competition. A total of 7 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, November 9, 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, November 10, 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. +

## Volunteers Needed for State Girls Swim Meet

The Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held this year on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), November 9-10 at the UW-Madison Natatorium.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and deck stewards. If you are interested, please contact Tom Shafranski at [tshafranski@wiaawi.org](mailto:tshafranski@wiaawi.org) or by calling (715) 344-8580.

The state meet schedule is as follows:

### Friday - November 9

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 - November 10

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.) +

## All-American Standards Girls 2007

Event	Automatic	Consideration
200 Medley Relay	1:49.55	1:51.05
200 Free	1:51.73	1:53.15
200 IM	2:05.85	2:07.66
50 Free	:23.89	:24.14
100 Fly	:56.87	:57.60
100 Free	:51.76	:52.41
500 Free	4:58.20	5:02.56
200 Free Relay	1:38.48	1:39.70
100 Back	:57.69	:58.57
100 Breast	1:05.36	1:06.39
400 Free Relay	3:34.18	3:36.86



# Sports Report "PLUS"

Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

## Football - Varsity - Two Rivers & Kiel

One of the few good things about being 62-years old is that you have memories of what life was like 40 and 50 years ago. So, when I say that the football players of today know what sportsmanship is all about, I am speaking from experience. In the early 1960's, I played the sport. In the late 60s and through the 70s, I covered the sport at the professional, college and high school levels as sports editor of the Oshkosh newspaper. And since then, I have officiated the sport. I think I know football.

Over the years I have seen sportsmanship evolve, getting better each year. Each year more and more emphasis has been placed on sportsmanship and the student athletes at the high school have responded. Their counterparts in the college and professional game need to take lessons from Two Rivers and Kiel football players.

The Two Rivers and Kiel high school football teams have every reason to be proud of their football players as these young men showed true sportsmanship Friday night at Two Rivers high school football field. We never heard an unkind

word spoken by the players the entire evening.

After a play had ended, players from each side helped their opponents to their feet. The words spoken were encouraging, such as "nice hit" or "good run." There was no taunting or showboating. There was only hard-hitting football. These young athletes have learned at home, at school and at practice what good sportsmanship means. They not only know what good sportsmanship means, they exhibited good sportsmanship. The communities of Two Rivers and Kiel have every reason to be proud of these students/athletes who are making high school football a good learning experience.

Dave Grey, Oshkosh



## Football - Varsity - Hortonville & Shawano Community

I would like to say in the 10 years that I have been officiating football that was one of the most enjoyable games I have ever officiated.

Hortonville - The linebackers 51 and 52 were great gentlemen, and just great kids. Their whole defensive front was the kind of

kids you always want to help. I have never met a greater group of young men that reflect off their coach. Sure they complained once in a while, but when you explained the situation they did not wave their hands in disgust, they would just say ok with a smile and had a great demeanor all game. Going back to the linebackers, I had a great time with them, and after the game 51 gave me a little hug and said thank you for working the game. First time in 12 years that a young man has ever gave me a hug.

Shawano - Was equally great gentlemen in a losing cause, in the front defensive line 29 was awesome, this young man just played tough and had a great time, their linebacker 47 was a great gentleman who came to play, but made sure his team were gentlemen and played by the rules, they never complained on any calls, and also came to play.

I do not know if you remember, but 47 also was the tight end and made all of their catches, he would come back on defense and said to me, now those are hands that Bubba Franks wished he had, just a great kid. The coaches were intense, but were GENTLEMEN. They should be proud of

what they put on the field, and how their athletes play and act.

There is no doubt in my mind that both coaching staffs know what STUDENT-ATHLETE means. Both coaching staffs should be commended for their coaching ability and the way they handle their young gentlemen.

As you know Jeff, this is the first time I have ever sent a letter like this, do not get me wrong I have great games every year, but this game touch my heart for some reason.

Dennis Lewandowski



## Football - Varsity - Winnebago Lutheran & North Fond du Lac

North Fond du Lac coaches were one of the best coaches I officiated in 10 years. They were knowable to the players and respectful to my crew of officials.

Also, the help from the Winnebago Lutheran Athletic Director Mr. Berg during the storm delay! It helped looking on the internet at the radar for the weather. And recognized the extra time out.

Raymond Raatz, West Allis

## Directory Changes

### Senior High

- ABBOTSFORD HIGH SCHOOL** - Girls Basketball Coach Larry Lecheler
- ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** - Added Football - X
- AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL** - Baseball Coach (spelling) Bagniefski
- BOWLER HIGH SCHOOL** - Athletic Director X, email address bowloff@bowler.k12.wi.us
- BROOKFIELD ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL** - Girls Swimming Coaches Dick Zache & Tricia Casper
- BROOKFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** - Athletic Director email address andersod@elmbrookschoools.org
- BUTTERNUT HIGH SCHOOL** - District Administrator (Interim) Stu Waller & Jim Schuchardt; Principal Joni Weinert
- CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** - Girls Golf Coach Shaun Cunningham
- COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY HIGH SCHOOL** - Girls Golf Coach Leanne Becker
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- SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL** - Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach (spelling) Jenny

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- ADD - X - GLACIER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2800 Military Rd; Cross Plains**

- 53528-9224; (608) 829-9420; Grades 6-7-8; Enrollment 626; Dist. Admin. Bill Reis (608) 829-9000 (7106 South Ave [Middleton, Zip 53562-3263]); \*Prin. Tim Keeler (608) 829-9420; Ath. Dir. Mike Harris (608) 829-9420; email mikeh@mcpasd.k12.wi.us; School Fax (608) 798-5425; Conference Affiliation Badger; AODA Contact Julie Colmar. **Boys Sports and Coach** - Basketball - Gr. 7-8; Cross Country - Gr. 7-8; Track - Gr. 7-8; Wrestling - Gr. 7-8. **Girls Sports and Coach** - Basketball - Gr. 7-8; Cross Country - Gr. 7-8; Track - Gr. 7-8
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# Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

## ASEP Instructors

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

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

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### Coaching Principles & Sport First Aid

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November 10, 2007  
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# WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



## 41st Annual WADA Workshop has lots to offer

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Attendees to the 41st annual WADA Workshop in early November will have plenty to choose from.

The theme for the 2007 statewide convention of athletic directors is "Sports Administration in the 21st Century," and the event will be held Nov. 4-5-6 at the Paper Valley Hotel in downtown Appleton.

Among the highlights of the annual event will be the two featured speakers: Bruce Brown, Director of Proactive Coaching in Seattle, Washington, and Brian Cain, Director of Brian Cain Peak Performance in Richmond, Vermont.

Also included on the opening day will be several Leadership Training Courses: 501 Philosophy, Leadership, Organization and Professional Programs; 504 Legal Issues I (Risk Management), 508 Legal Issues II (Hazing, ADA and Employment Law), 611 Interscholastic Athletic Budget Concepts and Fundraising, and, 703 Citizenship Through Sports and Fine Arts.

Also on Sunday will be a session for "new" AD's and first-time Workshop attendees. The afternoon Opening General Session includes a welcome from WIAA Executive Director Doug Chickering and a keynote address by Brown titled, "Character Based Coaching: Life Lessons For Athletes."

Later in the afternoon on the first day will be the Fall Caucus for each District, when elections will be held in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 and gender rep. The Distinguished Service Awards Banquet will be Sunday evening, when the WADA will honor individuals representing each District across the state.

On Monday morning, there will be a Spouse-Guest Breakfast & Activity called "I've Lost My Mittens" plus a Women's AD Caucus (with an election for a Women's Caucus Rep) followed by a keynote address by Brian Cain titled, "The 5 P's of Peak Performing Athletic Directors."

There will be four time slots of Mini-Sessions, which offer Workshop attendees choices of:

**Mini-Sessions 1** - Developing Student Athletes as Leaders in Your School and Community, by Brian Cain; Working With Superintendents, by Dr. Peter Burke, Director, Educ. Leadership, Edgewood College, Madison; Writing an Effective Disciplinary Appeal Process - Part I by Jan Doleschal, CAA LLM, of Pierski & Gray, LLP; First

Steps to Successful Teams: Core Covenants by Bruce Brown; Dealing With High Maintenance Coaches by Don Tolkaacz, CAA, activities director at Pulaski High School.

**Mini-Sessions 2** - Becoming a Master of Motivating Your School, by Brian Cain; The Parents' Role in Athletics by Bruce Brown; Writing an Effective Disciplinary Appeal Process - Part II by Jan Doleschal; Nonschool Competition: Exceptional Athlete Waiver by Tom Shafranski, Associate Director of the WIAA, and Training Coaches in an Education-Based Setting by Tim Flannery, Assistant Director, National Federation of State High School Association.

**Mini-Sessions 3** - The New WIAA Transfer Rule by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director of the WIAA; Curbing Violence at Athletic Events by Jay Hammes, Athletic Director at Racine Horlick High School; Building School Board Support for Interscholastic Athletics by John Ashley, Executive Director, Wisconsin Association of School Boards; Middle School Caucus by Jim Langkamp, Middle School Liaison to the WADA Executive Board and Athletic Director of the Portage Community School District; Coping in the Changing World of the Athletic Director by Brad Nemec, CAA, Athletic Director at Somerset High School.

**Mini-Sessions 4** - Recruiting and Training WIAA Officials by Marcy Thurwachter, Assistant Director of the WIAA, and Joan Gralla, House Manager of the WIAA; Building School Board Support for Interscholastic Athletics by John Ashley, Executive Director, Wisconsin Association of School Boards; Sportsmanship! Can We win the Battle? by Todd Fischer, CAA, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Osseo-Fairchild High School; What Can You Do to Make Your Conference a Winning Team? by Jim McLowry, CAA, athletic Director at Sun Prairie High School; Current Medical Issues in High School Sports by Dr. Connie Andringa & Dr. Kevin Walter, WIAA Sports Medical Advisory Committee.

The WADA Awards Luncheon sponsored by Healy will also take place on Monday. Lance Allan, sports director of WTMJ 4 TV in Milwaukee will be the Master of Ceremonies. The following awards will be presented: Those receiving WADA Years of Service recognition, the Andy Anderson Award, the

NIAAA DSA Award, the Retired Athletic Director Awards of Merit, the NIAAA State Award of Merit, the Presidents' Award, District Athletic Directors of the Year awards, and, the State Athletic Director of the Year award.

Later on Monday afternoon will be more LTC options: 502 Principles, Strategies and Methods, 506 Legal Issues II - Title 9, Sexual Harassment, ADA & Employment Law, 714 Dealing with Challenging Personalities, and, 790 LTC Instructional Methods and Techniques. The "NFL Monday Night Football Party" sponsored by Axis Publishing and hosted by the WADA Board will close out the day.

On Tuesday, the day begins with a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast, featuring Dick Bennett. He has spent more than 35 years teaching the game of basketball. Bennett formerly was the men's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, as well as at UW-Green Bay, at UW-Stevens Point, and several high schools in Wisconsin. The native of Clintonville retired following the 2005-06 season after coaching at Washington State University.



DICK BENNETT

The WADA Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday morning, with highlights being the election of a new WADA Vice President and NIAAA Delegates, recognition of the WADA Scholarship awards recipients, a 5-State Exchange idea sharing, plus a TV giveaway.

The WIAA Open Forum will follow, with members of the WIAA Executive Staff on hand for the session.

The late morning Wind-up Luncheon will include the Passing of the WADA Presidency from current President Bill Vickroy, CAA, of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln to President-Elect Mike Neary, CAA, of Edgerton, as well as an announcement of the election results.

Additional LTC options on Tuesday include 619 The Power of Curb Appeal.

More details and a complete schedule for the WADA Workshop will be available on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org).

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



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## EDITORIAL

# Interscholastic Athletics an Integral Part of the Educational Experience

Why do we have high school activities? That is the philosophical question we opened the annual Area Meetings with this fall.

The responses were encouraging and somewhat predictable based on the volumes of studies and materials available emphasizing the benefits of school activities on adolescence.

Yet, the political climate and challenges our member schools encounter with budgets, referendums and naysayers are indisputably evident not only in our communities, but also nationwide.

Space limitations prevent a complete and comprehensive review of all the benefits and the volumes of data that support the positive impact interscholastic activities have on youth, but here is a review of what we collected at the Area Meetings.

**School athletic programs are the only programs that require an educational component.** School academic codes require achievement in the classroom to be eligible to participate. But to go a step further, studies indicated that participation in interscholastic athletics resulted in higher grade-point averages and graduation rates, while reducing the number of absences and dropouts. In addition, studies by the American College Testing Service (ACT) and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) concluded that achievement in activities such as athletics is a better indicator of success later in life than high school or college grade-point average or high standardized test scores.

**School athletic programs require a level of sportsmanship and coaches education other programs do not.** At one of the meetings, an administrator indicated having the challenge to "reprogram" student-athletes who participated on club teams without a sportsmanship emphasis, because it was clearly evident that leadership was not apparent in nonschool programs. It's stated in the WIAA Constitution that one of the purposes of the Association and high school sports is "to formulate and maintain policies which will cultivate high ideals of good citizenship and sportsmanship." Furthermore, studies indicate those who participate in school programs are more likely to vote, volunteer and have a positive social impact and stay involved with their communities after graduation.

**School athletic programs assist in preparing youth for the workplace.** Following one of the Area Meetings, a parent of a student-athlete shared how his high school-aged daughter recognized the value of interscholastic participation and how it assisted her dealing with issues in the workplace. There should be little debate that high school athletics involves many of the elements found in the work environment, including teamwork, socialization, work ethic and decision-making skills to handle competitive situations in a capitalistic society. It is also interesting to note that results of one study revealed that 95 percent

of individuals at the vice president level in a sample of Fortune 500 companies participated in high school sports.

**School athletic programs help build character and leadership skills.** School and involvement in school sports competitions are inherently rule-oriented as is our society. Adhering to rules and laws is a fundamental requirement in a civilized society. Athletic codes and the playing within the rules of competition enhances self-discipline and compliance--an opportunity not found in the traditional classroom setting, according to 92 percent of students taking a 1995 study done in one midwestern state. A plethora of studies have also indicated that those who participate in high school activities have fewer discipline referrals and are less likely to use drugs, smoke cigarettes, become teen parents or be arrested.

**High school sports gives a community an identity and a bond.** Perhaps nothing brings a community together more than through its ties with the local high school sports teams. Recalling the events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, the nation was shocked and saddened like few other times in our nation's history. Photos and media accounts documented the unification that took place in communities as they drew strength and healing from coming together at high school events later that week. And, very few other positive circumstances can identify a community more than its athletic teams with scores in the media and exposure during State Tournaments.

**School athletics are healthy.** Not only is participation in high school sports healthy physically, but also mentally. Studies validate that participation in physical activity increases adolescents self-esteem. Child obesity has become a great concern. For the first time, a recent study revealed life expectancy for our children is less than it is for the generations before them. Interscholastic athletics have an inherent health benefit with an exercise component. While not a substitute for the physical education curriculum in schools, athletics can compliment and assist in developing a life-long appreciation for the health benefits of exercise.

Our members identified a number of other positive impacts high school sports can have including the establishment of life-long relationships, assisting in breaking down cultural barriers, offering lessons in dealing with success and failure, advocating for uniformity and level playing fields, and providing all these benefits at a relatively low cost to participants and the tax or tuition payer.

And, let's not ignore the statistics that affirm the number one reason kids participate in high school sports--**to have fun.**

So, do we need to ask again why we have high school sports? With all the available information, perhaps the best response is "We can't afford not to have them." +



- October 27 . . . . . State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)  
Level 2 Football
- October 30 . . . . . Boys Volleyball Sectionals
- October 30-31 . . . . . Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
- October 31 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- November 1 . . . . . Boys Volleyball Sectionals
- November 1-2-3 . . . . . State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)  
State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)
- November 2 . . . . . Girls Diving Sectionals
- November 2-3 . . . . . Level 3 Football
- November 3 . . . . . Girls Swimming & Diving Sectionals
- November 5 . . . . . Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice  
Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
- November 9-10 . . . . . State Boys Volleyball (Waukesha)  
State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)  
Level 4 Football
- November 12 . . . . . Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice  
Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice  
Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice  
Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice
- November 13 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Council Meetings -  
Cross Country (Stevens Point)
- November 14 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meetings -  
Soccer, Tennis (Stevens Point)
- November 15-16 . . . . . Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)
- November 16 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Hockey Game
- November 19 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting -  
Volleyball (Stevens Point)
- November 20 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game  
Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game  
Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet  
Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point)
- November 22 . . . . . Thanksgiving Day
- November 23 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet
- November 28 . . . . . Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
- November 29 . . . . . Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
- December 4 . . . . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Football (Stevens Point)
- December 5 . . . . . Medical Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
- December 14 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- December 25 . . . . . Christmas Day
- January 1 . . . . . New Year's Day
- January 14 . . . . . Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 29 . . . . . Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
- January 29-30 . . . . . Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
- January 30 . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- February 8 . . . . . Boys Diving Sectionals
- February 9 . . . . . Wrestling Individual Regionals  
Boys Swimming & Diving Sectionals
- February 12 . . . . . Wrestling Team Sectionals
- February 12, 14 & 15 . . . . . Boys Hockey Regionals
- February 15-16 . . . . . Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
- February 16 . . . . . Wrestling Individual Sectionals
- February 19, 21 & 23 . . . . . Boys Basketball Regionals
- February 19, 22 & 23 . . . . . Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals
- February 21-22-23 . . . . . State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)  
Gymnastics Sectionals
- February 26 . . . . . Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
- February 26, 28 & 29 . . . . . Girls Basketball Regionals

## Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 dates for ACT.

### ACT - 2007-2008

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	September 22-Oct. 5, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3-15, 2007
February 9, 2008**	January 4, 2008	January 5-18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

### ACT - 2008-2009

Test Date	Test Date
September 13, 2008*	February 7, 2009**
October 25, 2008	April 4, 2008
December 13, 2008	June 13, 2009

\*\* Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2008 test is not scheduled in that state. The test date restriction may continue for the 2008-2009 testing year. +