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* 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** 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.** ➦

Hauser to Receive NFHS Citation

WIAA Associate Director Deb Hauser has been selected to receive National Federation of State High School Associations Citations at the 88th NFHS Summer Meeting July 3 in Palm Desert, California.

The award honors individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, officiating avocation, and fine arts programs. The NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school activities.

Deb Hauser joined the WIAA staff in 1993 and has served in a variety of positions, moving from assistant to the director, to assistant director and to her current duties as associate director.

During her 14 years with the WIAA, Hauser has administered the sports of golf, soccer, tennis, swimming and diving, and basketball. In addition to her current sport duties with basketball and soccer, Hauser handles tournament planning, cooperative teams, seeding protocol, conference realignment, athletic director workshops and football playoffs. She also assists in developing and maintaining the WIAA Website.

Hauser, who earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and her master's from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, began her career in education at Darlington High School in 1978 as a business education teacher and coach. She was head girls basketball coach and assistant volleyball and track and field coach for four years.

In 1984, Hauser was named athletic director at Darlington and served in that position until joining the WIAA staff in 1993. She served four years on the WIAA Sports Advisory Committee and was named District 5 Athletic Director of the Year in 1988 by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

At the national level, Hauser was a member of the NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committee for two years (1996-98) and served five years on the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee, including the last four years as chair. She currently serves on the NFHS Equity Committee.

During her days as an athlete at UW-Whitewater, Hauser played basketball, field hockey and softball, and was inducted into the UW-Whitewater Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.

NFHS Citations have been awarded to high school athletic directors since 1971. In 1988, awards were added for speech and debate and music directors. Coaches and officials were added the following year, and in 1997 Citations were first awarded to state associations and NFHS personnel.

Recipients are individuals whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs. A long-standing and distinguished record of involvement with high school activity programs at the local and state levels is considered in determining recipients. ➦



Deb Hauser

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Track & Field Question and Answers



Marcy Thurwachter

Question 1: Undergarment has two visible logos although one is tone on tone (white on white) which is very difficult to see. Must this still be covered?

Answer: **Illegal. Rule 4-3-1d1; additional logo must be covered with tape or garment turned inside out.**

Question 2: May an athlete wear a skull cap?

Answer: **Illegal. WIAA Track Season Regulations; "Headwear—Only headbands or knit caps which are unadorned except for school name, school nickname, or school mascots are legal."**

Question 3: There is a new compression top being worn as an undergarment. It has contrasting stitching; white top with red stitching. Does this violate Rule 4-3-1-d1 ("...a single color")?

Answer: **Legal. Stitching may be of contrasting color. If this were piping or other material trim it would be considered illegal.**

Question 4: Can the bar be in place for warm-ups in the high jump?

Answer: **Legal. As was stated during the Track Sport Meetings in March this is legal. The bar may even be placed at the opening height.**

Question 5: Is it legal for teammates (all competitors in the same field event) to videotape each other? What about girls taping the

boys or boys taping the girls?

Answer: **Teammates videotaping each other would not be allowed primarily because of the inability of an official to determine possible violations. Girls taping the boys and vice versa would be allowed.**

Question 6: Is it legal to have a tape measure along side the runway in the vault and long/triple jumps?

Answer: **Legal. Meet management may place a tape measure along the runway but not on it. If the host does not have an additional tape measure a competitor may place one along the runway.**

Question 7: I have observed athletes wearing pony tail holders with manufacturer's logos. Are these subject to the logo restrictions?

Answer: **No. Only headbands follow the logo restriction.**

Question 8: May an athlete start a race and then during the race be handed an inhaler by his/her coach?

Answer: **Legal. Rule 4-5-8 Note 1 and Case Book 4-5-8, Sit. O. Must have doctor's prescription on file with Meet Referee.**

Question 9: Competition has begun in the long jump. Athlete A wants to start at the takeoff board, and run backwards to his/her checkmark. Is this permissible? This is not a

run through or warm-up, just verifying the already marked checkpoint. Similarly, can a high jumper start at the bar and work "backwards" to his/her checkpoint?

Answer: **Legal. Rule 7-2-5b. Once the athlete's name is called he/she has one minute to initiate an attempt which is carried to completion.**

Question 10: Athlete A reports to an event wearing three different colors of pre-wrap around her head, each overlapping to show each color. Is this legal? Is this any different than a multi-colored hat?

Answer: **A hat is worn to keep the head warm. Pre-wrap is worn as a hair control device. There is not a rule regarding the color of hair control devices.**

Question 11: An athlete (male) only wear tights or compression shorts and does not have on school issued uniform shorts. Is that legal?

Answer: **Legal. Refer to the Legal Uniform pictures located on the School and Official's Centers. Regarding school issued uniforms; officials are not expected to know who actually purchased the uniforms. Because certain uniforms are personal pieces of apparel, students may feel more comfortable purchasing their own uniforms. As long as the Head Coach has certified that his/her athletes are legally attired officials may assume that all uniforms are "school issued".**

Question 12: I worked a meet where there was a large flash of lightning that was fairly close but no thunder. I called a 30 minute delay and sent the teams inside but was questioned by a coach because there was not thunder. I felt it was the correct decision but wasn't 100% sure.

Answer: **Good call. Page 7 of the NFHS Rule Book describes lightning witnessed or thunder heard.**

Question 13: A number of schools are still timing lanes instead of places. What is the correct procedure?

Answer: **Refer to the Official's Manual, pages 31 and 32. It is inferred that timers should time places as opposed to lanes.**

Question 14: Are compression shorts un-

dergarments? They don't stick out beyond the uniform but some of our girls have green and some black. Do they fall under the boxer shorts rule if they become visible? And what would the ruling be for a relay team where 2 wear black and 2 wear green?

Answer: **Compression shorts are considered undergarments (if worn under shorts) not underwear like boxer shorts. Therefore, if they are wearing compression shorts as individuals it doesn't matter what color they are but if they would run in a relay (2 green and 2 black) they would be in violation of Rule 4-3-2b. I wouldn't run the risk of having them sticking out under the uniform shorts...if they are on the relay have them wear the same color. The same rule would apply for the Under Armor tops...relay team all same color. Individuals can wear any color as long as it is all one solid color.**

Question 15: Regarding checking in for running and field events. 1) Must an athlete check in with the clerk or can he/she simply report to their assigned lane for the finals? 2) Must an athlete check in with the event judge when Open Pit procedures are being used? 3) Once checked in for Open Pit must the athlete take their attempts or can they wait? 4) When do running event entries close? 5) Can a coach check in their athlete?

Answer: **1) Rules 4-1-2 and 4-1-3; "Contestants who fail to report prior to the clerk of the course closing the entries in the running events or after the judge starts competition in the field events shall not be allowed to participate in that event." 2) Yes, Open Pit procedures require that the athlete report to the head judge prior to the start of competition. 3) During Open Pit athletes have the option as to when they take their attempts provided they allow enough time to complete their attempts before time expires. 4) Case Book 4-1-3, Sit. A; Entries close for running events when the clerk turns the runners over to the starter. 5) Athletes must check themselves in. Rules 4-1-2 and 4-1-3 refer to "contestants". This is interpreted to mean that coaches may NOT check their athletes in. +**

Getting to know the Board . . .

Roger Foegen

Hometown: Blair, Wisconsin

Education: High School: Blair 1968. **College:** UW-LaCrosse 1972 BS; Winona State 1987 Masters Degree; Specialist Degree 1996; Winona State both in School Administration

Person you would most like to meet: Hank Aaron

Best experience of your life was: The birth of my two daughters

Favorite travel destination: Chicago (I love the city and all it has to offer)

Hobbies: Sports, travel, reading, golf

Favorite book: When Pride Still Mattered: A Life of Vince Lombardi

Favorite singer: Bruce Springsteen

Pet peeve: Negative people

If you could change one thing, it would be: That all kids would have the opportunity to grow up in a loving and safe environment.

Your claim to fame: The only undefeated varsity boys basketball coach in Holmen and Bangor school history; 1-0 at both schools while substituting for head coaches.

Favorite movie: Tin Cup

Biggest issue facing interscholastic athletics today is: Finding a way for all our membership schools to be able to compete on a level playing field. regardless of size, division or affiliation.

Teaching, coaching, administrative, etc. experiences:

1972-75 Arcadia Catholic Schools & 1975-78 Immaculate Conception Grade School (Eau Claire) - Teaching history and coaching.

1978-1989 Holmen Middle School - Middle School history and high school head baseball, golf and assistant basketball.

1989-2005 Bangor Middle/High School (6-12) - Principal

2005-Present Bangor School District - District Administrator

What assets do you bring to the Board: My varied experiences as a teacher, coach, administrator, official and parent of two daughters who were athletes allows me to understand and relate to the many issues facing the WIAA. We have a diverse membership, and I have many experiences to draw from when deciding the critical issues before us. +

2007 Summer Baseball Seeding Meeting Hosts

Sectional 1 – Unity HS, July 8, 2007, 6:00 PM. Contact Dennis Anderson, AD, W (715) 825-2131 x1070, H (715) 646-2460, (email) danderson@unity.k12.wi.us

Sectional 2 – Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau HS, July 8, 2007, 6:30 PM. Contact Matt Wenthe, AD, W (608) 582-2291 x1012, H (608) 582-4969, (email) mattwenthe@getschools.k12.wi.us

Sectional 3 – New Holstein HS, July 8, 2007, 6:30 PM. Contact Steve Steiner, AD, W (920) 898-3074, H (920) 898-4760, (email) ssteiner@nhsd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 4 – West Bend HS, July 6, 2007, 11:00 AM. Contact Dan Retzki, AD, W (262) 335-5608, H (920) 716-3746, (email) dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us

Sectional 5 – Homestead HS Rm. 904, July 7, 2007, 9:00 AM. Contact Charlie Gross, AD, W (262) 238-5634, H (414) 659-7729, (email) cgross@mtsd.k12.wi.us

Sectional 6 – Arrowhead HS North Campus Community Rm., July 7, 2007, 8:00 AM. Contact Geoff Steinbach, AD, W (262) 369-3612 x4203, H (262) 369-0919, (email) steinbach@ahs.k12.wi.us

Sectional 7 – Marquette University HS-AV East, July 8, 2007, 11:00 AM. Contact Dan Hardwick, AD, W (414) 933-7220 x3059, H (414) 604-1535, (email) hardwick@muhs.edu

Sectional 8 – Franklin HS Room 132, July 7, 2007, 8:30 AM. Contact Jim Hughes/Don Kurth, Baseball Coach/AD, W (414) 587-7815, H (414) 421-4720, (email) hughesj@franklin.k12.wi.us +



OFFICIALS



Officials interested in regular-season game/meet openings can access the new “Officials Wanted” website at: www.officialswanted.com

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.

YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRES CLINICNORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON

BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

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

YOU MAKE THE CALL 3-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

OFFICIALS CAMP

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

WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS/LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 13, 14, 15, 2007
Site: Lawrence University
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Site: Watertown High School
Dates: July 27-28, 2007
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Site: Neenah High School
Date: August 6, 2007
Contact: Charles Heidner (920) 469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Site: Monona Grove and Madison LaFollette High Schools
Dates: August 10, 2007 (Monona Grove) and August 11, 2007 (Madison LaFollette)
Contact: Mike Carr (608) 824-9541 or (608) 262-0572 or mcarr@bus.wisc.edu

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Site: Kimberly High School
Dates: August 10-11, 2007
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Site: Milwaukee Area
Dates: August 15, 2007 (at West Allis High School) – August 21 (at Milwaukee Lutheran High School)
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Site: Waunakee High School
Dates: August 17-18, 2007
Contact: Jim Hochevar (414) 801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com ✚

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. ✚

FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Dolphin Kick Clarification Headlines Swimming & Diving Rules Changes



INDIANAPOLIS - Revisions to 11 rules were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

Swimming and Diving Rules Committee at its April 2-3 meeting in Indianapolis. The swimming and diving rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors and will be effective with the 2007-08 season unless noted otherwise.

One of the most important changes dealt with clarification of when the dolphin kick can be used. Rule 8-2-2c now says that the dolphin kick may be executed after the initiation of the arm stroke and before the breaststroke kick.

"Strong breaststrokers use the dolphin kick as a natural movement at the start of the race and at the turn. It will naturally occur just following the initiation of the arm pull, but before the breaststroke kick," said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and staff liaison to the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee. "This is just a clarification because there was some confusion as to when the dolphin kick could be used within the stroke cycle at these two times."

Another significant rule change dealt with the changing of the equivalent distance when converting from yards to a metric race for the 500-yard freestyle. Rule 5-1-1 now states that the metric race equivalent of the 500-yard freestyle is 400 meters.

"This change has created a distance which has some relevance for the metric race," Oakes said. "Before this change, the equivalent race was 500 meters, which is actually longer than 500 yards. This change brings the distances closer together for the competitor."

Other changes dealt with diving, including Rule 9-5-1, which now allows divers to have their arms in the position of their choice for the forward starting position.

"It will be appreciated by the divers because it makes the starting position more comfortable allowing the diver's preference," Oakes said.

The other major diving rules change restricts a change in the position of a voluntary dive if the change would make the true degree of difficulty total greater than 9.0 for the five dives (Rule 9-3-6).

Other changes approved by the committee:

Rule 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.

Rule 3-3-4 - Clarifies how illegal attire and jewelry should be handled by the official and more clearly describes medical-alert items and religious medals.

Rule 3-5-3 Penalty 2 New c - States a specific penalty of disqualification if a diver enters the water without permission.

Rule 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 reflect the no-recall false start.

Rule 8-1-6 - Eliminated "in championship meets" from the rule because dual confirmation for a false start can be used in any meet.

Rule 9-6-3b - Eliminates the announcer displaying awards given by diving judges and includes an option when an electronic scoreboard for diving is used.

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

Swimming and diving has 254,881 participants nationwide, according to the 2005-06 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by NFHS. Boys swimming and diving ranks 10th with 107,468 participants in 6,224 schools. The sport ranks eighth among girls with 147,413 participants in 6,559 schools.

This press release was written by Will Willems, a spring semester intern in the NFHS Publications/Communications Department and a junior at Butler (Indiana) University. ✚

Softball Questions and Answers



Marcy Thurwachter

Question 1: We were scheduled to work a doubleheader. Between games the visiting team wanted to have a cook-out. How much time should be scheduled between games?

Answer: Neither the NFHS Rules nor the Softball Season Regulations have specific times. Our WIAA tournament information reads that “sufficient rest” should be given. Generally 30 minutes is used. If this was a conference game the conference should have this in their by-laws. If a non-conference contest, the host school should have clearly outlined the schedule in their contracts to the opponent and the umpires.

Question 2: In a recent game the batter tried to switch from the left side of the batter’s box to the right side in the middle of a time at bat. I advised the batter that she could not change sides of the plate. Was this the correct ruling?

Answer: No. Legal. Refer to Rule 7-3-1 and 7-4-3 for restrictions including the Penalty and Effects.

Question 3: So far my team has played 8 games and 4 of the 8 we have had issues with the other team’s pitchers. Each one of the games the umpires agreed with the fact that the pitcher was illegally pitching but they had different excuses as to why they didn’t call the illegal pitches. Here are the excuses: A) Umpires stated that she wasn’t gaining an advantage by leaping. B) The pitcher needs more practice. This was at a weekend tourney and since XXXX was not going to be able to practice on that following Monday due to a doubleheader the umpire allowed it. C) The umpires kept warning her because she wasn’t doing it all the time. D) One umpire denied that she was doing it all game until the end and then he said in the last inning that he would look at the crow hop video so that he could be more clear on that call because he thought I might be right. What can be done?

Answer: Umpires are responsible to understand all rules (including the pitching rules) and to enforce those rules when they are violated. While it can be difficult, especially for novice umpires, to determine some pitching violations none of the above scenarios would be valid reasons if in fact illegal pitches were being thrown. The WIAA Softball website (not the School Center) has a video clip of the crow hop as well as a slide presentation of the leap. When illegal pitches are not called it simply makes the job that much harder for the next umpire to call a game with that team. On another note, coaches must also know the rules. Because an opponent’s pitcher is good does not automatically mean that she is pitching illegally. There have been a small number of reports of illegal pitchers and when they were investigated it was determined that they were legal. Perhaps in those situations it was a case of a coach trying to “get in the head” of the opposing pitcher?

Question 4: We have matching shorts that go with our uniforms. One or two of my players do not want to wear the shorts and would prefer to wear the pants. The shorts are blue and gold and the pants are white. Do all the players have to wear the same or can some wear the shorts and

some the pants?

Answer: Illegal. Rule 3-2-1; “Uniforms of all team members should be of the same color and style.”

Question 5: Looking for a clarification of the DP/Flex. I have a girl that I want to play the field and bat and is called the DP in the 6th spot. When she gets on base I want to put my Flex in, who is in the 10th spot, to run every time the DP gets on base. Is this legal? OR I have a girl that can play the field and run, but not a very good batter. She is called my Flex and in the 10th spot. My DP, who I only want to hit, is in the 6th spot. When the DP gets on base, I want to put my Flex in to run for her and continue this scenario through the whole game. Legal?

Answer: The Flex may enter the game for the DP in both situations. Anytime the DP leaves the game, however, she would have to re-enter. So when the DP re-enters and then leaves the game the second time, that player will be done playing for the game, and another player will need to be substituted in for the DP position. The Flex may continue to take the place of the substituted DP if the same scenario repeated itself in the later innings. Every player can enter the game once and re-enter the game once.

Question 6: If a game is called during the bottom half of the first inning due to weather and is rescheduled do you start the game completely over or resume from where the game left off?

Answer: As per the Softball Season Regulations, page 29; “A game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed it will be continued from the point of the suspension...”

Question 7: Our game was suspended after three innings. We can not find a date to reschedule it with our opponent. Can we now schedule a game with a different team? Our original schedule included 20 games.

Answer: No. The only option you have is to complete this suspended game. You may not add another game to your schedule to replace this partially played game. (see Softball Season Regulations, page 29)

Question 8: A pitcher had on blue reflective sunglasses. The opposing coach wondered if that was legal. I said it was legal as I felt it did not cause a distraction. I did say if they had been silver reflective that may have been different as the light would certainly reflect off those and maybe cause the batter to be distracted. Was this the correct call?

Answer: Legal. In the umpire’s judgment Rule 3-2-14 might come into effect in reference to Rule 1-8-4; “non-glare surface.”

Question 9: Is it legal for players to wear tape over their pierced earrings?

Answer: Illegal. Rule 3-2-12.

Question 10: Is it legal for the pitcher to warm-up from the mound when her team takes infield prior to the start of the game.

Answer: Legal. There are no NFHS or WIAA prohibitions on this.

NOTE: The WIAA has received reports of improperly marked fields. Please pay particular attention to the catcher’s box and three

foot running lane.

With tournaments beginning on the 17th, questions always arise regarding the scrimmage rules. If teams have not used their scrimmage they may schedule a scrimmage after the tournament has begun. Games may only be played if they are rescheduled after being postponed during the regular season. No new games may be scheduled.

Question 11: When can a pitcher request a different ball?

Answer: Rule 4-1-4; “...pitcher has a choice of balls at the start of each half-inning, unless both balls do not get put into play in the first half of the first inning. In that case, the pitcher in the bottom of the first inning must throw the unused ball. The pitcher may request the other ball before throwing a warm-up pitch by giving the ball in her possession to the plate umpire.”

Question 12: We had a situation where the pitcher started her delivery, stumbled and stopped her delivery. The ball did not leave her hand. What would be the correct call?

Answer: Illegal pitch. Rule 6-1-2a & b.

Question 13: I would like to protest a game. Runner on first, no outs, batter bunts towards the first base line and the pitcher and first baseman converged on the ball. The pitcher fielded the ball about 3 feet from the first base line and attempted to throw the ball to the second baseman who was covering first base. The batter, after the bunt was clearly fair ran inside the running lane. Our pitcher then threw the ball towards first and with the runner and our second baseman at the base at the same time she was screened out of the play by the batter/runner. Ball was caught and then dropped. If the ball had been caught and held the batter/runner would have been out. The umpires ruled the batter/runner safe because the batter/runner was not hit by the thrown ball. I don’t think that it is necessary for the ball to hit the runner. Please explain.

Answer: First, there is not a protest option available for this situation. Regarding the situation you have described there are several points; Rule 8-2-5 is the rule reference. The ball must be thrown but is not required to contact the runner. The runner must be outside of the running lane and the runner, in the judgment of the umpire interferes with the throw. The ruling made regarding the ball contacting the runner was incorrect. While it appears that there are grounds for an interference call it would be inappropriate to overrule a judgment call by the umpire without actually observing the play.

Question 14: With 2 strikes on the batter a foul tip goes off the catcher’s glove to the chest protector and is caught by the catcher. I think this is a dead ball because it is no longer a foul tip.

Answer: Incorrect call. Rule 2-25-2; “A foul tip is a batted ball that goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher’s mitt or hand and is legally caught by the catcher. It is a strike.”

Question 15: Ball is hit into foul territory. Third baseman reaches over the fence to catch the ball but a fan reaches above the player and

interferes with the catch. Is there an infraction?

Answer: Rule 8-2-12; “If a spectator reaches into the field of play and interferes with a fielder’s opportunity to catch a fly ball.” Since the ball was not in the field of play it is an uncaught foul ball.

Question 16: Does a pitcher have to be out of the circle when licking her fingers? We had an umpire tell our pitcher that she couldn’t lick her fingers while in the circle.

Answer: Legal. Rule 6-2-2 only says that the pitcher must “wipe them off before bringing them in contact with the ball”.

Question 17: Runner at second. Pop up near second, the second baseman and shortstop attempt to catch the ball right over second base and in the process, one of the defensive players accidentally hits the runner on second with her elbow in the runner’s mouth. After being hit in the mouth, the runner steps off second, with hands over her mouth and then is tagged out by the defense. What would the ruling be?

Answer: Rule 10-2-3g. Return runner to second base.

Question 18: Can a coach coaching the bases have a cell phone? What if it is for being on call as an EMT?

Answer: Legal. Case Book 3-6-10, Sit. A; “Since the communication device is not used for coaching purposes, it is legal”

Question 19: Can a coach be outside the dugout in dead ball territory behind the fence and give signals for the pitcher to the catcher?

Answer: Illegal. Case Book 3-6-6, Sit. A; “All members, attendants and bench personnel shall remain in the dugout or designated warm-up area if not a batter, runner, on-deck batter, in a coach’s box, or a player on defense.”

Question 20: After completing the top half of the first inning, both teams questioned the field set up as the pitching mound and bases appeared to be longer distances than normal. We located a tape measure and found the bases were set at 65 feet. The pitching mound was set back somewhere around 49 feet. The game was halted so the bases and pitching mound could be moved to the correct distance. Both teams agreed to start the game over. Was this the correct decision?

Answer: Incorrect. Rule 1-1-9 and Case Book 1-1-9; situation indicates that the correction to the bases/mound should take place but that the game will not be restarted.

Question 21: Can a pitcher have the ball in the glove with hands separated as she steps backwards or does she have to have the ball in her open hand and then bring it to the gloved hand as she is stepping backward?

Answer: Rule 6-1-1 & 2. 1) The pitcher cannot put her hands together and then step back. 2) She can have the ball in either her glove or pitching hand. 3) She can step back and at the same time bring her hands together. 4) She can start with her foot back off the rubber and then bring her hands together to deliver the pitch. The umpires will need to judge whether or not the pitcher has stepped back after the hands came together. +

Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

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Baseball Questions & Answers

Q.: I have a question concerning a checked swing. When is a checked swing a strike? Is it when the barrel of the bat passes the front of the plate, or when the hands on the handle pass the front of the plate? In a game the other day, we had a batter check his swing by turning his shoulders. The barrel of the bat never passed the front of the plate, but the hands did. He called it a strike, and I was in position C, so I couldn't tell one way or another. I looked in both the rule and case book and couldn't find anything on it.

A.: Here's what we got for feedback from the 'Masters': **1) A checked swing is considered a strike when the umpire judges that the batter offered at the pitch. The actual position of the bat is not how check swings are judged. The main criteria an umpire uses in making this decision is "did the batter make an attempt" or "did he control the bat, and not make an attempt, in fact checking his swing." 7-2-1b, Casebook page 54. 2) On the check swing, this is umpire's judgment. Although the rule and case book give guidelines, it is still left up to the umpire as to whether the batter actually struck at the ball. An umpire must have criteria set in his mind and be able to judge accordingly.**

Q.: Here is a situation I encountered when discussing the "Inciting Balk". What are your thoughts on how it should be handled? R1 on first, 1 out, 1-1 count, F1 (a right handed pitcher) comes set and R1, as he takes his lead, begins to yell "Time" repeatedly, trying to get F1 to Balk. F1, clearly hearing the taunts, pauses, just as the UIC signals delayed dead ball, and (a) F1 then removes his throwing hand from the ball, which U1 immediately calls "Balk", (b) F1 delivers a pitch to B1 for a ball, (c) F1 delivers a pitch to B1 who hits it to right center for a RBI double, and (d) F1 makes a quick move to first, catching R1 off guard and putting him out. Finally, what do we have if the taunting is coming from the batter, an ejection with a substitute entering the game with B1's count? My thoughts: In (a), we have a dead ball and according to 5-1-2d & 3-3-1o Penalty, R1 is ejected and B1 continues his at bat with a 1-1 count, 1 out, and a substitute runner, S1, will enter for R1 on first; no Balk. (b) Delayed dead ball, R1 is ejected, S1 enters the game, count is 2-1 to B1. (c) At the end of playing action, R1 is ejected, but the play stands. (d) R1 is out and ejected, 1-1 count with 2 outs to B1. It appears in the case of the batter taunting, B1 would be ejected and S1 would resume B1's count with R1 at first. One last thought, does it make sense to warn the offender and BOTH coaches when this is first noticed by myself or my partner and then, if it continues, proceed with the ejections and possible forfeiture? I am just trying to make sure I do not give any team an advantage. I also feel preventive officiating is a MUST, therefore, by using a warning at the very first sign of taunting, we may be able to avoid ejections and possibly forfeiture.

A.: One of the master's provided what I consider an excellent, insightful response. It is attached below. When I conduct pre-tournament review with officials at our state tournaments – we talk about many of the 'ideals and expectations' for this particular day's "lesson and our classroom expectations"... One of the requests I always make of the State tournament umps is - "PREVENT—PREVENT—PREVENT !!! We – you, me, all contest officials – must hold high expectations and be great teachers (as most certainly the coach must be as well). Use all your wits, all your skill and experience to prevent a player or coach from crossing lines. Both in text as well as spirit of rules and fair/honest play, and/or from 'losing-it' in a careless/emotional instant. What I also expect is that -- if despite your best efforts to prevent, 'you heard it' and/or 'saw it' and you know you did....Don't act or pretend that you didn't. Make The Call! I think the following response fits perfectly with my thoughts, hopes and expectations along these lines: The examples cited here are a great exam-

ple of where officials must step in and use their people and game management skills to handle difficult situations. Although the rules do provide for ejection when players or coaches attempt to entice the pitcher to balk, I believe the umpires must be aware of game situations and employ preventative officiating techniques. In the two instances described I would immediately stop play and simply advise players that their actions are not within the guidelines of the rules and if continued could lead to ejection. Sit 1: Runner on first continues to call time "in an attempt to entice the pitcher to balk". Grant the player time and use that time out to inform him that you are aware of what he is trying to do and that it is not within the spirit of the rules. If he chooses to continue he has chosen to "leave". (3-1-o) Sit 2. Batter is taunting. Call time and clean the plate, using this as a chance to discreetly inform the batter it would be in his best interest to stop the taunting. His continued actions would be deemed unsporting and either warrant a warning or ejection. (3-1-g-2) These players are young, full of emotion and need a little guidance from time to time. Umpires play a major role in bringing player and coach ejections down. Be aware, prevent, and manage.

Q.: Need a clarification on the pitching inning rule. We have a doubleheader that is still in the first game and was called due to darkness. We plan to finish the next day. Today we had our starting pitcher go 5.3 innings. The reliever pitched the last out of the 5th and pitched through the 11th (7 innings total) and then the game was called due to darkness. Is he out of innings? (I don't think I would pitch him anyway when we restart the game, but I am curious.) 2nd question - If I bring in a new pitcher (3rd of the game) to start the 12th. Then also start him in the second game, how many innings does this 3rd pitcher have?

A.: 1) Under present interpretations – and so long as the suspended game is the very next game to be engaged – player might still have the extra 3 innings as described on p. 4 of Spring Season Regs. 7-d-1. On a personal level, I agree with you. I question bringing a kid back after stiffening up overnight. But, I did check this response with my predecessor, Mr. McCormick, and he was quite confident with his recollection. (I have added the topic to my notes for discussion with the coaches advisory, following the season.) 2) This is kind of a 'tough one' for me to answer. I don't know for certain where pitcher #3 is with respect to his appearances in recent days. Not knowing how many more innings game one is going to go (presuming he has a full 7 to potentially throw). I guess a safe response is that he might have a full 7 and/or possibly as many as 10 to throw. Review the Spring Season Regulations p. 4-5.

Q.: 1) We played a baseball game on Tuesday, May 1. The game was suspended in the 13th inning with our team up 2-1, runners on first and third base, two outs and our 4 hitter at the plate with no count. If I read the Wisconsin adaptations to National Federation rules correctly, we should pick up the game exactly where it was suspended like I described above. Is this correct? 2) My starter threw 5 2/3 innings. He would have 1 inning left for this suspended game when we finish it correct? 3) My reliever finished the 6th then pitched through the 12th for (7 total innings). Because it's an extra inning game he would have 3 innings of work left, correct?

A.: 1) As I understand it - visiting team took lead in top of 13th - game suspended due to darkness or weather - Spring Season Regulations p. 6, #15c is applicable (Wisconsin Adaptation). It is a suspended game and you are correct you resume exactly where you left off. 2) Not necessarily - Might have more, might have less (I have no idea when you're concluding this game and how many games might be between now and conclusion). Don't look at the rule in the manner you outline above. Pitcher

threw 6 yesterday. He may not exceed one more inning* before Friday of the same week. Regardless of who you play next, when you play them and/or complete the suspended game (* acknowledges potential for up to 3 extra innings in extended game). From this perspective, the pitching rule is independent from the game - it is a stand alone provision. E.g. let's say that you don't complete this game until Friday or Saturday, and starter doesn't pitch again during the week until Friday or Saturday. He would be eligible to throw another 7 to 10 innings against the same club. 3) Not necessarily - might have more, might have less, depending on when game is made up. Fundamentally, same answer as above. Except this player has now thrown 7 and the extra innings might not be "immediately following completion of his 7th."

Q.: Are you saying that in a suspended game, a pitcher could potentially pitch 20 innings? We are making this game up 3 weeks later. If both of my pitchers that pitched in the suspended game come in with 7 innings each, you are telling me they could each throw their full amount? If it came to that. If that's the rule, that's the rule. It seems strange that just because a game gets suspended that a kid can now throw more innings in that game than in any normal, regular game.

A.: Technically, yes, that could happen....if the player went 10 innings and the game was suspended and made up 4 days later, same player might throw another 10. See Spring Season Regulations, p. 5, example b. Read the rule, carefully (p. 4-5). The pitching rule is an 'athlete health and well-being' based provision. It is not/was not designed for, or from, a competitive equity dimension. In the pitching rule you will see text defining exposure over days, in terms of innings pitched - not in terms of game(s).

Q.: Can you tell me the ruling, on having pine tar on the grip of a baseball bat?

A.: As far as I read, the rules are silent on this - up to 18 inches from handle end, at least. Don't see anything where it would be illegal. Not wanting to miss anything, I sent it out to the Masters: 1) Up 18" from the bottom of the handle (1-3-4) is not a problem. See 1-3-4 Situation A; Case Book page 8. If it extends beyond 18" - No penalty if discovered before using, batter declared out for using an illegal bat if batter uses. 2) I have seen pine tar used on the metal bats (tacky) and as long as it doesn't extend more than 18" from the end of the handle.

Q.: We had a player ejected from a game. He sat out the rest of that game and then did not participate in our next game. We played that game for 9 complete innings to a 6-6 tie, before we ran out of daylight because they do not have lights at our opponent's field. We are planning on continuing the game beginning in the 10th inning next when we host the same school in a regular conference game. As I saw on the WIAA website, it stated as an example that a game suspended in the 3rd inning would not count as a game served for the suspension purpose. I completely agree with that, as 3 innings is clearly not a game. However, there is still no guarantee that we will continue our game, and per the NFHS rules if we do not make the game up it is still counted as a complete game and each team is awarded 1/2 of a win and 1/2 of a loss, and the statistics from that game still count as well. Since that is a complete game (having gone more than 5 complete innings), it is my interpretation that our player will be eligible to play for us tonight since he has served his game suspension. If we do continue the previous game in the 10th inning, our player will NOT play in the remainder of that game because when the game started he was not eligible to participate in it. Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

A.: Your interpretation is not correct. You have a suspended game and as unfortunate as it turns out to be in this instance,

the student is not eligible until he sits the the next complete/completed game. As the example you reference indicates, the student might even come back and complete the suspended game...the game he was otherwise slated to miss. The use of 3 innings as the example is arbitrary, you have a suspended contest.

Q.: Every year we get one or two incidents involving the batter/runner not using the lane and a throw from usually in front of the plate hits him for an out. Last night we had just such a happening and I was puzzled in that the young man seemed totally oblivious to the situation. I explained the rule and he promptly told me that was not fair because he'd run past the base if he used the lane. I explained that in a few years of umpiring, I'd never heard that one. Then he said something that could well be true and that was simply he had not seen a first base line running lane anywhere else. I don't think that's true but I do know we have been on a couple of fields where it's not marked. Might not be a bad idea, next pre season to remind schools that lane is a required part of the diamond layout.

A.: Interesting – is that each year it seems there's a new, 'current issue.' I have had a couple notes on the same topic i.e., fields not legally marked. I will add it to discussion with coaches advisory and as reminder for next season's start-up.

Q.: With a runner only on first base, the runner takes off for second. The pitcher, instead of stepping back off the mound, jump pivots to throw to second base to drive the runner back. Is this a balk?

A.: Here's what we received back from the masters: 1) With out citing the multiple rules involved, if the jump turn is continuous and the non pivot foot is lifted, gains ground in a step toward second, the pitcher may throw to an unoccupied base in an attempt to put out a runner. 2) Rule Book 6-3: The pitcher may turn on his pivot foot or lift it in a jump turn to step with the non-pivot foot toward a base while throwing or feinting as outlined in 6-2-4. The scenario sounds like a legal move to me. I hate to call a balk without seeing it.

Q.: Runner at second base - left handed pitcher - pitcher steps off rubber with pivot foot, but still remains contact with rubber with non pivot foot and feints twice to second to drive runner back. Balk or no balk?

A.: A little confusing. It sounds like the pitcher is in the wind-up position. If in the set position, how could both feet be in contact with the pitchers plate? Assuming he's in the wind-up position, according to Rule 6-1-2, after the pitcher has placed his pivot foot clearly behind the plate, he has the right to change to the set position or throw or feint to a base the same as that of any infielder. I would have to rule, no balk.

Q.: Bases loaded 3-2 count on batter 2 outs. Runners leave with the wind-up and runner from third crosses the plate sliding in before the pitch crosses the plate and then ump calls strike three. Does the run count? I said no but it does make me think about it a bit.

A.: Here's what I received back from the masters: 1) Run does not count. This is not a time play. No runs may score if third out is made before batter reaches first base (9-1-1-exception a). Runners status is last base legally acquired at time of pitch. The only way the run would have counted in that scenario is if the runner had reached home plate before time of pitch. R3s status remains third base as that was last base touched before time of pitch. 2) The way I read this, the batter had a 3 - 2 count and the pitch was on its way. Then the runner slid home and then a strike was called on the batter. This is the third out. The batter is forced to go to first and since the runner was stealing home, during the pitch, the batter is out and the run does not count. If the batter had a base-on-balls then the run counts. The closest example I could find for this was Case Book 9.1.1 Situation G. +

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. 13, 2007 - Varsity/JV teams for invitational. Bay Port - Otis Chambers 920-662-7268 or otischam@hssd.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8060 or mark_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Oct. 8, 2007 - JV game. New London - Stephanie Hauser 920-982-8420 ext. 1004. (4-30)

Oct. 10, 2007 - Varsity game. New London - Stephanie Hauser 920-982-8420 ext. 1004. (4-30)

Oct. 13, 2007 - JV game. New London - Stephanie Hauser 920-982-8420 ext. 1004. (4-30)

GENERAL

2007 (Week 4) - JV/frosh game. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8060 or mark_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

2007 (Week 4) - Varsity/JV game. Milwaukee King - Scott Hawkins 414-467-1911 or John Nolan 414-267-0750. (4-30)

2007 (Week 6) - JV game. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 (Week 1) - JV game. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 232. (5-15)

2008 (Week 1) - Game. Viroqua - Pete Swanson 608-637-1633. (4-30)

2008 (Week 2) - Varsity/JV game. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 (Week 3) - Varsity, sophomore and freshman games. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wu.us. (4-30)

2008 (Week 7) - Varsity game. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 (Week 4) - Varsity game. Mauston - Randy Fabian 608-847-4410 ext. 4442. (5-15)

2008 (Week 9) - Game. Luther - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babi-joel@luther.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

2008 & 2009 (Week 1) - Varsity game. West Salem - LeRoy Krall 608-786-1220 ext. 2353 or lkrall@wsalem.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 & 2009 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Insteffjord 608-767-2586 ext. 1121 or einsteffjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

2008 & 2009 (Week 1) - Varsity/JV games. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmot-hs.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 & 2009 (Week 2) - Varsity/JV game. Glenwood City - Chase Rasmussen 715-265-4266 or rasmucha@gcsd.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

2008 & 2009 (Week 2 & Week 6) - Varsity game. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

2008 (Week 5) - Game. Sparta - Mike Montgomery 608-366-3424 or mmontgomery@spartan.org. (5-10)

2008 & 2009 (Week 7) - Varsity, JV and freshman games. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 & 2009 (Week 1) - Varsity/JV game (home/away). Greendale - Rob Stoltz 414-617-3473. (5-9)

2008 & 2009 (Week 6) - Varsity game. Roncalli - Ray Baranczyk 920-682-8801 or rbaranczyk@roncallijets.net. (4-30)

2009 & 2010 (Week 4) - Game. Sparta - Mike Montgomery 608-366-3424 or mmontgomery@spartan.org. (5-3)

2009 & 2010 (Week 7) - Game (2009 home, 2010 away). Tomah - Tom Curran 608-374-7976 or tomcu@tomah.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Girls Golf

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity matches. Cambridge - Anneke Holzapfel 608-423-8056 or aholzapfel@cambridge.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 24-25, 2007 - Team for quad. Wauwatosa West - Mike Hetzel 414-773-3014 or hetzelmi@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Aug. 25, 2007 - Team for quad. Appleton West - John Wuebben wuebbenjohn@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Aug. 30, Sept. 13, 20 or 27, 2007 - Varsity/JV games. Beaver Dam - Coach Wallace 920-885-7520 ext. 254 or wallacek@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Sept. 1, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Janesville - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

Sept. 7 & 8, 2007 - Team for varsity invitational. Mukwonago - Toby Ackerman 262-363-6217 or ackerto@mukwonago.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Janesville - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

Sept. 8, 2007 - JV team for 16-team tournament. Sheboygan North - Randy Ingels 920-467-9997 or 920-698-0005. (5-9)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Teams for varsity tournament. Madison East - Rick Raatz 608-204-1720. (4-30)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Teams for invitational. Campbellsport - Kurt Parker 920-533-4811 ext. 2100 or kpaker@csd.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Varsity teams for 16-team tournament. Sheboygan North - Randy Ingels 920-467-9997 or 920-698-0005. (5-9)

Sept. 21-22, 2007 - Team for 8-team tournament. Oconomowoc - Jason Werchowski 414-305-1717 or jason.werchowski@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us. (5-10)

Sept. 22, 2007 - Team for frosh tournament. Janesville - Kevin Porter 608-743-5007 or kporter@janesville.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity game. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Insteffjord 608-767-2586 ext. 1121 or einsteffjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Bradley Tech - Fredi Avila 414-212-2487. (5-10)

2007 - JV/freshman games. Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (5-3)

2007 - JV games. Sheboygan County Christian - Deb Van Drunen 920-458-9981 ext. 305 or dvandrussen@scchs.com. (5-3)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 - JV games. Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Joshua Kubly 715-845-8274 or jkubly@newmancatholicschools.com. (5-9)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 13, 2007 - Team for tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Aug. 20, 2007 - Team for JV quad. Kaukauna - Dan Karius 920-759-6154 or kariusd@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Aug. 22-25, 2007 - Varsity match (dual or multi-team). South Milwaukee - Trude Mihalovich 414-640-2590 or mihalovich.trude@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (5-10)

Aug. 25, 2007 - Teams for varsity quad. Columbus Catholic (Marshfield) - Joe Konieczny 715-387-1177 or koniecznyj@mfldacs.net. (4-30)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Varsity teams for quad. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for 8-team invita-

tional. Wauwatosa East - 414-773-2522 or slonacgl@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for 8-team varsity invitational. Wauwatosa East - Glen Slonac 414-773-2522 or slonacgl@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity/JV matches. Luther - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babi-joel@luther.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

2007 - Varsity duals or berth in tournament. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 8, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for quad. Janesville Parker - Kari Cinto 608-743-5641 or kcinto@janesville.k12.wi.us or Steve Schroeder 608-743-5645 or sschroede@janesville.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Team for 10-team invitational. Appleton West - Kiya Hunt 920-832-4105 or huntkiya@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8060 or mark_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Teams for 16-team tournament. Middleton - Luke Francois 608-829-99113 or lukef@mcpsd.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

Sept. 28, 2007 - Team for varsity quad. Oconomowoc - Debra Wittnebel 262-560-3111 or debra.wittnebel@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Oct. 3, 2007 - Team for JV quad. Kettle Moraine Lutheran - Len Collyard 262-677-4051 or lcollyar@kmlhs.org. (5-3)

Oct. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondekm@aol.com. (4-30)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity/JV match or tournament. Glenwood City - Chase Rasmussen 715-265-4266 or rasmucha@gcsd.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

2007 (Oct. 5 thru Oct. 13) - Matches. Sturgeon Bay - Gary Rabach 920-746-1830 or grabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

2007 - Freshman duals or tournament berths. Beaver Dam - Melissa Bennett 920-885-7520 ext. 176 or bennettm@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Boys Volleyball

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity/JV matches or tournament berths. Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (5-7)

2007-08 - Duals or tournament berths. Brookfield East - Mike Kopesky 262-781-1045. (4-30)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 23-24, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. New Berlin West - Jeff Lewiston 262-789-6447 or lewistoj@nbps.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Nov. 30, 2007 - Game (4 levels preferred). Eau Claire Memorial - Michael Blair 715-852-6308 or mblair@ecasd.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Dec. 7, 2007 or week of Jan. 7, 2008 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8060 or mark_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Berth in JV tournament over Thanksgiving or Christmas breaks. Milwaukee Marshall - Phil Jones 414-453-5059 or jonespt@tds.net. (5-9)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Marshall - Phil Jones 414-453-5059 or jonespt@tds.net. (5-9)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Bay View - Kyle Brokmeier 414-902-9088.

(4-30)

2007-08 - Varsity reserve games (prefer home) Watertown - Jamie Koepp 920-253-6676 or koeppj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 17, 2007 or Jan. 3, 4, 18 or Feb 1, 2008 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Nekoosa - Mark Flaten 715-886-8060 or mark_flaten@nekoosa.k12.wi.us. (5-7)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sd-wd.k12.wi.us. (5-10)

Dec. 28 or 29, 2007 - Game. Beloit - Jeff Goodwine 608-361-3023. (4-30)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Lourdes (Oshkosh) - John Cleaver, Jr. 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Clayton - Al Kanipes 715-948-2163 or kanipes-a@claytonsd.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Wisconsin Heights - Eric Insteffjord 608-767-2586 ext. 1121 or einsteffjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (5-11)

2007-08 - Games. Milwaukee Hamilton - Nicole Kirksey-Davis 414-327-9542. (5-7)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Sturgeon Bay - Gary Rabach 920-746-1830. (4-30)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Sparta - Mike Montgomery 608-366-3424. (4-30)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 19, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Boys Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 24, 2007 - Game. Webster - Greg Sears 715-497-3241 or gbsear01@smu-mn.edu. (5-3)

Nov. 20, 24, Dec. 8, 2007, Jan. 15 and Feb. 2, 2008 - JV games. Beloit - Brice Gustafson bgustafs@sdb.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Team for tournament, 3-team, 3-game round robin format. Baldwin-Woodville - Wade Labecki 715-684-3321 ext. 117 or wlabecki@bw-sd.k12.wi.us. (5-9)

Jan. 4-5, 2008 - Teams for tournament. Ashland - Sandy Swanson 715-682-7836 or sswanson@ashland.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Pius XI - Sean Kearney 414-334-1782 or scarknee4444@yahoo.com. (5-15)

2007-08 - Varsity game. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braud 608-643-5906 or braun-aa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (5-15)

2007-08 - Game. Green Bay Southwest - Kurt Gundlach 920-272-7049 or kguld-lac@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Girls Hockey

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity games. Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6715 or jemcclo@spasd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 1, 2007 - Varsity team for team duals. Kaukauna - Dan Karius 920-759-6154 or kariusd@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (5-3)

Dec. 1, 2007 - Teams for varsity tournament. Prairie du Chien - Rod Sedgwick 608-326-8437 ext. 4160 or

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sedro@pdc.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
Dec. 5, 2007 - Varsity reserve team for triple dual. Milwaukee Hamilton - Craig Belcher 414-327-9352 or belchece@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for 8-team tournament. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson 608-834-7337. (5-7)
Dec. 8, 2007 - team for 16-team individual scramble (5 matches). Bay Port - Otis Chambers 920-662-7268 or otischam@hssd.k12.wi.us. (5-11)
Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for varsity dual tournament. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda 262-385-1979 or cudaf@kmsd.edu. (5-7)
Dec. 8, 2007 - Team for 6-team dual invitational. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mneary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (4-30)
Dec. 15, 2007 - Teams for JV invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Dec. 22, 2007 - Teams for team tournament. Adams-Friendship - Gretchen Pease 608-339-3927 ext. 405. (5-10)
Dec. 29, 2007 - Team for 16-man bracket tournament. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda 262-385-1979 or cudaf@kmsd.edu. (5-7)
Jan. 5, 2008 - Team for team tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (5-9)
Jan. 5, 2008 - Varsity team for 8-team dual meet. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7105 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (4-30)
Jan. 5, 2008 - Teams for varsity quad. Prairie du Chien - Ron Sedgwick 608-326-1637 or sedro@pdc.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
Jan. 5, 2008 - Teams for team dual. Neillsville - Dean Zaleski 715-743-8737 or dzaleski@neillsville.k12.wi.us. (5-11)
Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for 6-team dual tournament. Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731. (5-3)
Jan. 19, 2007 - Teams for team tourna-

ment. Adams-Friendship - Gretchen Pease 608-339-3927 ext. 405. (5-10)
Jan. 19, 2008 - Teams for invitational. DeForest - Mike Mchugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (5-9)
Jan. 19, 2008 - Team for 6-team invitational. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Jan. 19, 2008 - Teams for team dual event. Ashwaubenon - Dave Steavpack 920-492-2950 or dsteavpack@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
Jan. 24, 2008 - Varsity reserve team for triple dual. Milwaukee Hamilton - Craig Belcher 414-327-9352 or belchece@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
GENERAL
2007-08 - Dual matches. Luther - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babi-joe@luther.k12.wi.us. (5-11)
2007-08 - Teams for duals. Shiocton - Eric Clausen 920-841-6555 or clausen29@hotmail.com. (5-10)
2007-08 - Team for dual. Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

SPRING

Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC
Apr. 19, 2008 - Team for 3-team varsity doubleheader. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
May 3, 2008 - Varsity/JV teams for tournament. Adams-Friendship - Gretchen Pease 608-339-3927 ext. 405. (5-10)
GENERAL
2008 - Varsity games. Escanaba (MI) - Don Lauscher 906-233-2825 or 906-786-4048. (5-15)
2008 - JV games. Luther - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babi joe@luther.k12.wi.us. (5-11)
2008 - Games. Brookwood - Ken Clinton

608-337-4401 or kclinton@now.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Boys Golf
DATE SPECIFIC
Apr. 28, 2008 - Teams for JV scramble invitational (4 players, 2-man teams). Portage - Ed Carlson 608-742-8545 or carlsone@portage.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
May 2, 2008 - Teams for invitational (5-player, stroke play). Portage - Ed Carlson 608-742-8545 or carlsone@portage.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Softball
DATE SPECIFIC
May 10, 2008 - Teams for varsity tournament. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (5-15)
Apr. 22, 2008 - Team for varsity invitational. Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Joshua Kubly 715-845-8274 or jkubly@newman-catholicschools.com. (5-9)
Apr. 26, 2008 - Varsity team for quad. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (5-15)
Apr. 26, 2008 - Team for 3-team varsity doubleheader. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
GENERAL
2008 - Varsity/JV game. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 232. (5-15)
2008 - Varsity/JV game. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (5-15)
2008 - Games. Mineral Point - Vickie Dahl 608-987-2321. (5-10)
2008 - Games. Brookwood - Ken Clinton 608-337-4401 or kclinton@now.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
2008 - Varsity/JV games. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2008 - Varsity/JV games. Westby - Karl Stoker 608-634-0198 or stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (5-3)
Boys Tennis
DATE SPECIFIC
Apr. 26, 2008 - Team for varsity invitational. Appleton West - Kiya Hunt 920-832-4105 or huntkiya@asds.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Track & Field
DATE SPECIFIC
Mar. 22, 2008 - Girls team for indoor relays meet. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-30)
Apr. 18, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Antioch (IL) - Steve Schoenfelder 847-838-7630. (4-30)
Apr. 19, 2008 - Boys teams for varsity invitational. Fond du Lac - Steve Coppernoll coppernolls@fonddulac.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
Apr. 24, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Auburndale - Mark Luetschwager 715-652-2115 or mluetschwager@aub-schools.com. (5-11)
Apr. 24 or 25, 2008 - Meet. Brookwood - Ken Clinton 608-337-4401 or kclinton@now.k12.wi.us. (5-15)
Apr. 28, 2008 - Teams for varsity invitational. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7101 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (5-15)
Apr. 29, 2008 - Co-ed team for 8-team invitational. Chilton - Dave Sonnabend 920-849-7450 or sonnabendd@chilton.k12.wi.us. (5-7)
May 2, 2008 - Boys team for 9-team invitational. Bay Port - Otis Chambers 920-662-7268 or otischam@hssd.k12.wi.us. (5-11)
May 9, 2008 - Teams for boys invitational. Janesville Parker - Steve Schroeder 608-743-5645 or Kari Cinto 608-743-5641. (5-15) ➕

WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Sports Administration in the 21st Century

By Mike Bates, Information Coordinator, WADA

When the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) opens the doors on its annual WADA Workshop this fall, it will feature the theme, “Sport Administration in the 21st Century.”

Remember, mark your calendar the 2007 dates for the largest event of the school year for our organization. The 41st annual statewide convention will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, through Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 – although the events on Nov. 3 are for the WADA Past Presidents & WADA Executive Board.

Attendance at the WADA Workshop is open to any WADA member, and membership in the WADA is open to any athletic administrator at the high school and/or middle school level in the state. Remember, all registration material for current A.D.’s will again be on-line, via the WADA website at www.wadawi.org. It will be the third year of such a registration process, as material is no longer mailed to current A.D.’s.

The event typically draws more than 400 A.D.’s from around the state, as well as vendors from all over Wisconsin and several from the Midwest. The event will again be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel & Convention Center, 333 W. College Ave., in downtown Appleton, about 5 miles east of High-

way 41.

This year, Wisconsin will host the 5-State Exchange in conjunction with the WADA Workshop, and representatives from Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois will be at the event in November to interact with WADA members.

Businesses which desire to book exhibit space at the annual WADA Workshop are invited to contact Brad Nemec at Somerset High School regarding vendor rates and reservation information for the 2007 event. His contact info and specific vendor info may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

An overview of the event is available on the WADA website, and more material will be updated over the summer months and into the fall, as details are finalized.

Retired A.D.’s who are unable to download the registration pack when it is posted this fall should contact Jim Scandin, the WADA Retired A.D. Liaison at (608) 251-1186 or via mail at 125 N. Hamilton, Condo # 702, Madison, WI 53703.

Also, retired A.D.’s are needed to assist with the event, and individuals who can volunteer are asked to contact Scandin.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, the event typically includes Leadership Training Classes, the CAA Exam, booths

from numerous vendors in the exhibition hall, an orientation session for new athletic administrators and first-time Workshop attendees, the Opening Session with a keynote address by a speaker to be announced, District caucuses, the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet, and the WADA/Vendor Social.

The schedule on Monday, Nov. 5, includes: Booths from exhibitors will again be available, a Women’s A.D. caucus, a Spouse/Guest Breakfast and Activity, the Workshop Keynote Address with a speaker to be announced, several sets of mini-sessions, the WADA Awards Luncheon sponsored by Healy where the presentation will be made of the special awards and A.D. of the Year award, more LTC class offerings, and a Monday Night Football party.

Activities for the final day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, include a Fellowship of Christian Athlete Breakfast, the WADA Annual Meeting where elections are held for the new WADA Vice President and the NIAAA delegates to the national convention, a WIAA Open Forum, and the wind-up luncheon.

Be sure to circle the dates on your calendar: Nov. 3-4-5-6, 2007.

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

WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

WADA

Eligibility Questions & Answers

Dave Anderson



Residence & Transfer

Q.: A student who resides in our district and has attended a nearby private school for the first two years of high school is looking at attending our school beginning next fall (junior year). With the transfer rule, my understanding is the student is ineligible to practice or play for the entire school year next year.

A.: In the described scenario, you are 100 percent correct. Student would not be eligible to practice or compete for a calendar year, unless a waiver were provided.

Q.: Just making sure I have transfer issues down before we start working on our 2007-08 manuals. Appeals for transfers after four consecutive semesters will go through the WIAA. Even those between two district schools. A side note on that, sometimes we have kids that are administratively transferred due to problems at the school. In our current rule if this happens in their third or fourth year we still uphold a one year suspension from sports just as though they chose to move schools.

A.: Yes, if a transfer takes place after the fourth consecutive semester (and not in connection to a complete total move by family) - student is not eligible unless WIAA provides a waiver - even if transfer is just between two district schools. I am a little hesitant to 'nod' my head in agreement until we actually speak on the administrative transfer situation.

Q.: We have a divorced parent whose children will be moving here from out of state this summer. One will be a junior and one a sophomore. Do we have to do any transfer rule forms or anything? Are they eligible for JV and/or varsity sports?

A.: For the student 'entering tenth grade' (assuming they are on-track, i.e., entering third consecutive semester following entry into grade 9) there would be no restrictions on their eligibility. For the student entering eleventh, we would need more information. Was this divorce just recently finalized? If so, likely the Jr. could be afforded eligibility via the waiver process. If transfer is not 'proximate' to actual divorce occurrence - student would not be eligible to practice or compete, unless a waiver was provided.

Q.: I have an 8th grader, with divorced parents, who recently moved from father's home to mother's home, which is in the neighboring district. Our district granted him a tuition waiver for the rest of this year. For next year, his freshman year, since the move occurred after the open enrollment dead-

line, our district plans to grant him a tuition waiver too. How will this impact his athletic eligibility (varsity, nonvarsity, etc.). I looked in the Handbook, but I really can't tell from there.

A.: So long as student continues his enrollment with you, unbroken - Rules of Eligibility, Art. II, Section 1A-6 is applicable (Handbook p. 32). Student will have unrestricted eligibility there with you next year.

Competition & Practice

Q.: Where is the information to guide us in an alumni scrimmage for soccer?

A.: Start with Bylaws, Art. II, Sect. 5-E-Note, p. 27. Also see Rules At A Glance, II-E and Spring Season Regulations, p. 19, #4. Bottom line - Scrimmage is a day of practice. If in reality is going to be 'seen' as an alumni game - be safe and count it as one of maximum allowed competitions. Or - see that it is CRYSTAL that the event is a well-designed practice.

Q.: Now that we can't go out-of-state next year, I have a question. We typically go to Kentucky and play four baseball games. Reading the 2007 Annual Meeting amendments, I see absolutely no way that we can do that. It's four teams over four different days. It's still more than one event, so it isn't possible in my mind?

A.: Spring break/holiday break are also be viewed as "one event" so long as the games are played in accordance with WIAA season regulations. The one-time out of state event (not bordering) might last the duration of your spring or holiday break and play as many games as your schedule and season maximums will allow.

Participation Issues

Q.: I have an 18-year old student in special education who could graduate but is choosing to continue her high school education as per state statute (allowed to do so through her 21st birthday). She would like to play sports again but it would be her 5th year of eligibility. Is this permissible if her IEP states involvement in extra-curricular activities is in her best interests? Would the level of activity-varsity vs. JV matter in the decision?

A.: We would consider such a prescription in an IEP to be not acceptable. Given the scenario you describe i.e., that the student could graduate, it is unlikely that a consecutive semester waiver would be provided for any level of competition. Additionally, if a student has had access to 4 seasons of a sport while in school, there is no provision for a fifth season.

Q.: I have a question about eligibil-

ity for a student-athlete that might be attending an alternative school that our school is associated with. The alternative high school is a combination school for three districts and we pay tuition for our students to attend the school. My question is: If a student is enrolled in this program would he be eligible to play football for our school in the fall? We have a student-athlete that would benefit from this program but will not go if he is unable to play football in the fall. What is the WIAA stance on the matter?

A.: As you've described, the potential for the student to be eligible would seem to clearly exist. Based only on what's thus far provided, I could not say with 100 percent certainty. The key 'fundamental' will be his status as a "full-time student." See Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Art. V-1A-Note (p. 34). So long as this student is identified as 'your full-time student,' and is eligible for all the rights/privileges/benefits/services as all of your other full-time students and fulfills all eligibility requirements same as your other full-time students, there's a great chance he could be considered to be eligible. In the actual text, you will see reference to 'rights and privileges, e.g., student could be elected prom king, homecoming king, could be valedictorian and grand scholarship recipient, same as every/any other full-time student. Whether the student is in traditional attendance, a homebound student or a youth options or 'school to work' student, the clear determination that must be offered is that whatever the 'delivery mechanism' the student is 'your full-time student.'

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: Would it be legal for a person who is not affiliated with the school, not a coach of the team, or not related to the coach to pay the entry fee for a team to participate in a summer league? A member of the community has volunteered to pay this for our high school girls team.

A.: This can be accomplished without peril. See III F of Rules At A Glance. Fundamental keys are that opportunity is voluntary and that any student wishing to have entry fees paid, has access to same support/relief. Becomes an 'amateur status' concern only when/if - 'benefit' becomes based on performance, ability/potential, e.g., only 'varsity' level kids get entry fees covered.

Q.: Student is a starter on our girls softball team. Slow pitch softball

league is starting. Rule states, "a student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by school." I believe she can play slow pitch during our high school season, because it is not fast pitch. Am I correct?

A.: You are NOT correct. Fast pitch or slow pitch, we consider softball is softball. Student could try-out, earn a roster spot, but can not compete until school season is concluded.

Q.: I coach the boys and girls swim teams at a member high school. I have a question: We are thinking of having a triathlon this summer after school is out, an optional activity for any members of the boys or girls swim teams who wish to participate. No prizes would be awarded. Does this violate any WIAA rules? I coach some of my high school swimmers on my club team in the summer.

A.: First, such an event is possible to accomplish. It is imperative however to clearly determine - who "WE" is. Who the sponsor/promoter of the opportunity is going to be is significant. If it is to be the 'school district' - then the event must be held as part of/within your five unrestricted contact days - between the end of school and July 31. If this is the delivery system you envision, please be careful, detailed and thorough in your discussions and development with district administration with respect to your liability plan for putting together such an event. Obviously, during unrestricted contact days, swim coaches may have coaching contact with your own athletes. If the event is to be sponsored by other than your school, a non-school provider, you will find descriptions/characteristics of "acceptable non-school opportunities" in the Senior High Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Art. VI, Sect. 2-C, pgs. 37-38. Swim coaches are allowed contact with their athletes in the summer above/beyond the unrestricted contact days - in non-school settings. Other tidbits: All out-of-season involvement on the part of students must be voluntary; You might find review of specific sections of Rules At A glance, helpful. I'd recommend: Art. I, Art. II-A and III-C and F. Also review the Summer Contact form. You might also find some of the Eligibility Q/A - on our website, under the Regulations icon to be helpful.

Q.: I am a HS baseball coach. Two See Eligibility Q & A, page 9 ►

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of my senior players were selected to play in the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Classic this June 29-30. Is it OK for me to help them out with their sponsorship costs by taking ads in the program on behalf of our school?

A.: There isn't so much a concern for this from a WIAA compliance perspective. Student's can be reimbursed for costs associated with 'competition'...which is what this event is – a contest/a game. See: III-F of Rules At A Glance. Would advise however, being certain you received administrative approval/authorization for this. Ordinarily, use of school funds should/must be for 'school' needs and programs. This is not a 'school' event. And, even funds in an 'activity account,' which might have been raised by the athletes themselves, are 'school funds.' If your school has used school funds to congratulate, acknowledge the IQ team or the choir (e.g.), you may have some precedent to argue.

Q.: My son is going to be a senior in high school and would like to bowl a few times on a men's bowling league to establish an average (seven weeks) so that he can bowl in tournaments in the spring. I do not think that bowling is a WIAA sport (couldn't find it listed on your website) even though I believe the Wis. High School Bowling Assoc. follows WIAA rules. My question is this: Could he fill in a few weeks on a men's league and still play basketball and baseball as a senior? From your website it appears that he could do this.

A.: You are correct. The WIAA does not sponsor bowling. As a result, it is not a 'problem' either from the member's "non-school competition" prohibition (see IIID of attached), or from an "amateur status" perspective.

Coach Contact

Q.: Can a frosh level coach work with varsity level athletes in the summer? They will not have any contact with them during the season (at practice or games, etc.).

A.: Potentially, this could happen without peril. ZERO interface with JV/varsity kids and programs during the next school season is key.

Q.: I have a couple quick questions about school/club and coaching involvement in the off-season. 1) I was told by a parent that a high school coach may not hold a position on our K-12 wrestling club board (president, vice president, etc.). I thought this was incorrect, but couldn't find anything explicit in the rules and regula-

tions that speaks to such a restriction. 2) I'd like to organize participation with as much of my team as possible in the Granby camp this June in Whitewater, but the camp is a bit expensive. What options do I have to offset the cost? I understand that the school itself cannot pay anything for out-of-season training or competition. Can travel expenses be covered by fundraising or sponsored by our local wrestling club? I assume that neither the club nor the school may pay for tuition. Is that correct?

A.: 1) Might be a local provision - or maybe, just good sense; but the WIAA does not have a rule about anything other than those things specifically relating to member schools and their student-athletes. 2) You have up to five unrestricted contact days in the summer – from the end of school to July 31. If this event is held during those timelines and within the five allowed days, 'school funds' could be used to cover – any and all costs for every kid interested in attending. If not counted within unrestricted contact provisions, 100 percent of costs for camps/clinics, special training must be covered by student and family. Some places organize various fund raisers to help kids earn cash. Be sure to check our website, under the Regulations icon – Eligibility Q/A – if you consider something like that. At the end of the day, each kid goes home with his day's earnings; if he wants to put them aside for camp, he can. Some may want to buy an Ipod.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: One of our coaches would like to put a newsletter out to the athletes who participated in the sport this past school year. He wants to split up the team in four groups with a captain leading each group. This is done to promote leadership and some team competition. My concern is if he gives points for certain things throughout the summer. We offer speed and agility twice a week to all athletes on Monday and Wednesday nights. Can they get points for attending? Can they be given points if they help out at a youth camp? In the rules it says "It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms or provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms" – would these points be considered incentives? At the start of the season they will total up all points from the summer and establish the winning group. I said I would check with you but I don't think this is going to work. The coach said he read about the practice in a coaching magazine.

A.: I have heard about the point idea...and in some instances the thought was to connect, equipment issue to it – who got new/preferred equipment. I'm with you, I don't like 'points.' If not viewed as incentive – what are they for? The rules of eligibility allow students to VOLUNTARILY assemble in the summer, without school or coach involvement. The Rules At A Glance (Art. I) further indicates, "or having basically anything to do with athletes' non school pursuits..." (with respect to coaching/coaching contact). Points, taking attendance, e.g., are almost always going to cause a problem for the coach if/when a complaint is lodged.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: There are colleges that offer "team camps" in which you can coach your team and participate against other teams. Is there anything in the WIAA Handbook that prohibits a high school team from practicing with another high school team during those contact days?

A.: In a word - 'No,' provided the team camp are part of/within the allowed unrestricted contact provisions and within the allowed 'window' i.e., between the end of school to July 31. And so long as involvement is voluntary and available to any interested students, you could work with another school.

Q.: My high school team is going to a team camp this summer. Can the school provide transportation?

A.: If the camp is included in your five 'unrestricted contact days,' yes. If not a part of those contact days, no. See: Article I and III-F in Rules At A Glance.

Q.: Our football booster group would like to sponsor a bus to transport players to a football camp. Is this legal?

A.: If within your allowed contact days, yes. If not within the allowed contact days the students would need to buy a ticket.

Health & Behavior

Q.: We have a situation pertaining to a golf meet. There were two student athletes that were busted after the golf meet for smoking cigars during the actual golf meet. They were suspended for the proper amount of meets by their educational institution after the infraction. Our question is, do or should the scores count from the meet in which they committed the infraction?

A.: One might argue that with the tobacco in their possession and/or certainly, as soon as the students 'lit-up' they were no

longer eligible to participate – and when an ineligible player takes part, Rules of Eligibility

Article I, Section 5A-2 (Handbook, p. 31) provides that all points etc. are eliminated.

Q.: After a presentation Jane Foos made on the WIAA Steroid/Supplement policy at our school recently, there were a couple questions on the supplement 5-Hour Energy. The question came from a cross country/track/baseball athlete and the cross country coach. One of the runners asked if 5-Hour Energy was "ok" to take. He said after drinking the 2 oz bottle he felt some energy boost. He did not know the ingredients other than it was "high in B vitamins" and didn't have any sugar. Do you have any more information about this product?

A.: Jane Foos has provided the following information: I remember responding that the product likely contained caffeine and as the main "energizer." That has turned out to be the case. The bottle provides 15 calories of "energy" mainly from amino acid derivatives. This will fuel about 50 meters of running so the actual "energy" contribution is miniscule. However, a 2 oz. serving of this product has as much caffeine as an 8-oz. cup of coffee. There are several concerns with using this product: 1) 5-Hour Energy is classified as a Discouraged Supplement by WIAA policy because it's a "caffeine enhanced beverage." Its use by the athlete should not be allowed in conjunction with a school practice/game/meet. 2) As I mentioned in the program on "energy drinks" the caffeine will give a short term boost but is followed by the caffeine crash. The risk of course is that the athlete will take "another dose" to keep going. A caffeine overdose can cause jitters, anxiousness, elevated heart rate, difficulty concentrating. 3) Caffeine is a diuretic and with hot baseball games/track meets dehydration will decrease performance. 4) The product contains a high dose of Niacin which could cause "niacin flushing." 5) Caffeine is a stimulant that may interact with other medications athletes may be prescribed. As an alternative, for "increased energy and endurance" I would recommend this athlete increase/improve what he eats/drinks for lunch, have a bottle of his favorite sport drink before practice/competition, and take fluids on a scheduled basis during practice/games/meets. +

Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

QUESTION: Can a player have a cellphone in their bag during a competition? If they use it, is there a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, cellphones are allowed to be carried in the possession of players during competitions in case any emergency situation might develop. Use of a cellphone for a nonemergency during competition results in a warning for the first offense, a two-stroke penalty for the second offense and disqualification of the player on the third offense by same player.

QUESTION: I have a question regarding the use of electronic devices on the golf course. A coach feels it is OK for a player to have a cell phone in his possession during a match. The player does not use the phone once the match has started. The phone is for emergency contact only. We do not have spectators on the course during play and a player could get hurt without a coach knowing about it. A golf course is a very large area to cover. Is this within the rules?

INTERPRETATION: There is no problem with a golfer carrying a cellphone in his/her bag. If it is available for emergency situations, that is fine. The only way violations are identified are if a player uses a cellphone during a meet for nonemergency matters. It has to be considered “coaching” as there is no way for anyone to determine who the player is talking to and what the conversation was in regards to.

QUESTION: In the Spring edition of season regulations for the WIAA, the maximum number of events for golf is 14 meets. Am I correct in interpreting that one meet represents one round of golf played by team members (some rounds might be 9 holes in say a dual or triangular and some rounds might be 18 holes say in a tournament) - therefore, a dual match represents one meet, a triangular match represents one meet, a quadrangular represents one meet, a 20-team tournament represents one meet? Is that interpretation correct in terms of the definition of a meet for the season maximum for golf?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, each of the described meets would count as one meet towards a teams maximum.

The only other criteria I might bring to your attention is 6., d., of the Season Regulations. Here it is indicated that “No meet may continue more than two days.”

QUESTION: Does a meet still count as one meet if you use it as a dual against both teams involved (again using the same rationale of the kids only golfing one round of golf)?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, this scenario counts as only one meet towards the team maximum of 14.

QUESTION: Can I take my team to the regional golf course for practice if I have only had 11 meets during the WIAA regular season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as your high school golf team has played in less than 14 meets, this would allow you to have a practice that counts towards one meet in your meet maximums at the regional site.

QUESTION: Can I take my team to the conference golf course for practice if I have only had 11 meets during the WIAA regular season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as your high school golf team has played in less than 14 meets, this would allow you to have a practice that counts towards one meet in your meet maximums at a non-home course site.

QUESTION: I have an interesting situation where one of my golfers has diabetes. When his blood sugar is low, which happens frequently during golf due to things like heat, stress, and overall length of the round, his mood, temper, disposition, vision, attitude are impaired dramatically. Yesterday, we had a match and his sugar was low and these qualities started to arise and one of the results was him throwing a club. Once in front of another coach who did try to educate him on the repercussions of club throwing (he informed me of the incident at the end of the round) and once in front of me. He knows that it is not tolerated and along with the rest of the team we have talked about throwing clubs and the penalties that come with that action. Even though he understands the rules, when his sugar is low his brain is not of normal function and I am afraid that he could have actions (club throwing)

that could affect his score and possibly disqualification. It is complicated because his sugar did not get low until about the 12th hole. The club throws did not happen until the 14th and 16th hole. The first 11 holes he was more mentally “with it”. I was just wondering if you have precedent in these types of medical situations and/or do you had any advice as how to deal with this situation.

INTERPRETATION: Thanks for the note and the question regarding the management of diabetes. In golf, it is rather interesting that regularly players can wear down during the round. It is very important to be aware of student-athletes with diabetes, inform partners of a player’s potential for a reaction and to have a management plan in place when body language and conditions begin to present themselves.

The best resource for you to contact is the physician who is working with this athlete. His doctor will know the needs of the student-athlete best and be able to help develop a management plan for him.

Two resources I can provide include the WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures, page 48-49. Your AD will have a copy of this information for your review and use. Also, the American Sport Education Program Sport First Aid, this is the book provided from ASEP Coaching Courses also provides insight to managing diabetes and preparing for low blood-sugar levels. In addition, there is plenty of information available on websites and through the American Diabetes Association. Just type these words into a search engine and you will be provided with their address.

Please be aware, that even with prevention plans in place, diabetic reactions, behaviors and episodes can still be very difficult to prevent. As you have indicated, the penalties identified in the WIAA Season Regulations do need to be implemented when behavior violations occur.

QUESTION: I met with a nice elderly fellow this morning from our Optimist club. The Optimist host a District golf Tournament in Wausau on June 15, 2007. Their group would like to pay for our high school golfers to enter the tournament. Entry fee is \$32.

I am thinking this is ok for my senior who will not return but not ok for any golfers who will be on the team next year. Am I correct in my thinking?

INTERPRETATION: As long as this is not a performance based decision (varsity golfers only) and anyone on the golf team and any other interested students from your school are provided the opportunity for this benefit, it is OK for all golfers.

Entry fees are considered to be an item that can be identified as an “actual and necessary reimbursement” just like transportation, food and lodging paid in connection with playing a contest are considered in this same light (Rules of Eligibility, Article IV, Section 1, B., 1), a.). However, this opportunity must be made available to all interested students at the school where it is offered. It cannot be made available solely to the varsity boys golfers of a high school. Announcements of the offer need to be documented and maintained in case question should arise following the event.

QUESTION: I am inquiring if a participating senior golf player is allowed to sub on a men’s golf league during his golf season this spring. He is already a member at this course and he is not receiving anything to play. My team just needs a sub this Thursday. We are confused about this, could you please help us clarify this situation.

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Rules of Eligibility for Nonschool Participation as found on page 37 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, do prevent a student-athlete who is currently on a golf team from competing in events like a men’s golf league during the WIAA high school golf season.

Once the golf season is completed for the team this student-athlete plays on (as determined by his coach or school administrator) he can then compete in these events. Participation in an event like a men’s league during the season results in loss of eligibil-

ity for the school team for the remainder of the season.

QUESTION: One of my varsity players went to the Rick Smith Golf Academy this past winter in Florida. He is strongly considering pursuing a career in golf after he graduates. Rick Smith has organized a tour that is named the Future Collegiate World Tour. One of the tour stops is at Whistling Straits (Irish Course) this upcoming weekend. Since we are currently in season, would this athlete be able to participate in this event or not? (I am assuming that he can not participate because it is a non-sanctioned WIAA event, but I just wanted to make sure.)

INTERPRETATION: You are correct, your golfer may not participate in this competition as it does not rise to the level of competition allowed for any golfers to participate in during the WIAA regular season. Participation in this event will result in a student-athlete becoming ineligible for the remainder of the season.

QUESTION: We had 14 meets scheduled, did not go to the Dells as to a weather cancel and did not do the make up date. So under WIAA rules we will have played only 13 meets as we did not play at the Dells? I ask this, is this officially only 13 now by not doing the Dells, it gives me a chance to go with the kids on a practice round to Lawsonia for regionals and that would count as the 14th unless we do need to count the meet at the Dells we did not play but had scheduled then snow moved it to a day we could not play.

INTERPRETATION: You are correct, not competing in the Dells Meet or the make-up does reduce you by one meet. Allowing a practice round with a coach present at a regional site does have to count as one meet towards the allowed 14.

QUESTION: I have received golf shirts from a local realty company. They were donated at no charge. I have provided a golf shirt for everyone on the team. No competition or practice requirement was attached to receiving the shirt. However, the shirt does have the realty company’s logo on the left breast area.

A recent issue of WIAA Bulletin indicated under golf rules “(1) A boy must be attired in shirt (not sleeveless) and golf slacks, tailored shorts...Inappropriate dress includes, but is not limited to, clothing displaying anything relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or inappropriate language or gestures.”

My athletic director is concerned that the team could be disqualified for wearing the golf shirts in competition. I see no specific ruling against wearing these shirts. Could you please address this matter for me in writing, so I can make a final determination. Thank you very much.

Another possibility would be covering up the company logo with a team logo.

INTERPRETATION: First of all, the answer to your question “would the team be disqualified for wearing the golf shirts?” is “no” they would not be disqualified.

Additional considerations for you regarding acceptance of any merchandise are—be careful!! Although WIAA golf language remains silent regarding logos on golf attire and equipment, your school district is likely to have language regarding logos on school uniforms as this type of “advertising” may set a precedent for the school district and cause concerns with other organizations within your community who do not get the opportunity to provide merchandise to your program. In addition, acceptance of this donation likely needs to go through your school district’s gift donation process. This is where discussion regarding items like golf shirts with logos on them can be reviewed.

You may want to ask yourself and have discussions within your school district about students becoming “walking billboards.” There are other ways organizations within your community can promote high school sport programs, provide funds, etc., and the students do not have to walk around with business logos on their uniforms.

Acceptance of a golf shirt or other merchandise can be allowed via use of the school district’s Gift Acceptance Process so

long as the protocol for acceptance of the gift is followed and the gift is approved by the school’s governing body. Golf shirts can be accepted by a school district where the uniform needs to be replaced for reasons of hygiene, obsolescence, deterioration, etc., and won’t be able to be passed on to another student.

QUESTION: Can a coach intervene if he/she sees someone make a “drop” incorrectly?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a drop is a correctable situation. USGA Rule 20-6 identifies that a ball that is incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the Rules but not played may be lifted, without penalty, and the player must then proceed correctly. Consequently, I have directed coaches to intervene when they witness a drop being done incorrectly and have the player redo the drop properly.

QUESTION: Can a coach remind a player to replace their marker while playing a hole and on a green?

INTERPRETATION: No, a coach reminding a player to replace their marker on a green while the player is playing the hole and on the green is instruction/coaching. Instruction/coaching is not allowed per WIAA Spring Season Regulations 15., f., page 15, while a player is playing a hole. Penalty is a two-stroke penalty to the player for the first offense and disqualification of player on the second offense by the same player.

QUESTION: Can a coach tell a player about a penalty he might have made and save him from being disqualified if he can still go back and correct the mistake while walking with him from the green to the next tee?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a coach could inform a player they have breached a rule (in this situation playing a wrong ball) and can prevent disqualification by going back to the green, remarking, finish the hole and take a two-stroke penalty.

QUESTION: Can I provide assistance to one of my players or another team’s player for a ruling while they play a hole?

INTERPRETATION: Once a player tees off on a hole you can only ask a player (your school teams or an opponent): “Do you need assistance/help with a ruling?” If they indicate they would like assistance/help, you can provide them with the best advice you have. A player still takes responsibility if the advice is incorrect. Deciding whether or not to use the advice is up to the player.

QUESTION: I had a question about our city meet that was rained out on Thursday, May 11. Can we have our make-up on May 25 which is after regionals and before sectionals?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, you may reschedule the city meet to May 25, following the WIAA regional golf meets. Per WIAA Season Regulations, page 13, 6., c., No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition.

QUESTION: Can a meet that is played at two different courses over two days only be counted as one meet?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Spring Season Regulations, 6., d., page 13, indicates no meet may continue more than two days. WIAA language remains silent regarding a meet that is played at two different courses.

QUESTION: We had a situation at a golf meet where a group of players played a wrong hole. We determined they were to be disqualified. Was this the correct ruling?

INTERPRETATION: No, USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf, 11 5/4—when a player or players play a wrong hole (one hole only), they incur a two-stroke penalty under Rule 11-4b. Strokes played at/during these extra holes, when played out of order, do not count.

If the group were to continue on and play more than one hole, then they would have to be disqualified.

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Golf Interpretations

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QUESTION: A golfer took a practice swing while in the fairway and accidentally hit his ball about 10 yards to the right. Is this a stroke?

INTERPRETATION: No, he had no intention of moving the ball—see Definition of “Stroke.”

However, he does incur a penalty stroke under Rule 18-2a for moving his ball in play, and the ball must be replaced. The penalty is one stroke.

If the player hit the ball from the spot where the ball was hit to, it would then be the general penalty under Rule 18 of two strokes assuming there is not a serious breach.

QUESTION: Can turtlenecks be worn in place of collared shirts during the WIAA tournament series?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, turtlenecks can be worn in place of collared shirts during the WIAA tournament series.

QUESTION: Can an individual golfer compete in the WIAA Tournament Series if he has only competed in two golf meets during the regular season?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Spring Season Regulations, page 16, 3., a., A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets (including practices on sites of future competition) or in less than four meets during the regular season. This minimum meet requirement pertains to the team and does not apply to individual golfers.

QUESTION: A player addressed the ball and the ball moved an inch without making contact with the ball. Is there a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: Since the player had addressed the ball, he is deemed to have caused the ball to move and should replace the ball with a one stroke penalty. If the

player fails to replace the ball he incurs a two-stroke penalty assuming there is not a serious breach.

QUESTION: A player hit his second shot way to the right. He found the ball and played it. At that time, he realized that his ball was out-of-bounds. Is this a penalty?

INTERPRETATION: Since his ball is out-of-bounds the ball is not the ball in play and thus was a wrong ball when he played it from out-of-bounds. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for hitting a wrong ball. He also must proceed under the out-of-bounds rule by playing a ball as near as possible to where he had played his second shot and incurs an additional one stroke penalty.

QUESTION: We had a spectator who, in the estimation of the coach witnessed the event, purposefully stepped on the ball of a player. After reviewing the incident, we decided to remove the spectator from the meet. Is this the correct procedure?

INTERPRETATION: Determination of spectator attendance is a local decision. Certainly, when someone purposefully interferes with the meet, removal from the competition is appropriate. Other penalties that can be applied to spectators include warnings, written letters of reprimand, suspensions and even prevention from attending.

QUESTION: Just a quick couple of questions before we host the regional. First, what is the rule about small electronics on the course? Second, what phone numbers should I have handy during the regional? Second, any last words of advice about applying the pace-of-play rule?

INTERPRETATION: First, regarding electronic measuring devices, golfers are not allowed to use them. Coaches and spectators can use them; however, coaches can only

share information before or after a golfer has completed a hole. Spectators may not provide information or instruction to players.

If you are referring to cellphones and other electronic devices, these should only be allowed for use around the clubhouse. Cellphones can be taken on the course, but should only be used in emergency situations. Players identified using a cellphone during play need to be warned first and then a two-stroke penalty is assessed if a second violation takes place.

There are a couple of phone numbers I always keep handy just in case something happens. The first is the local emergency number in case something happens on the course. Having the local school number so that you can contact school administrators is also a good one to have ready. And then there is my number (715) 344-8580 for weather, rulings and other issues when needed. Also, the WSGA in case you are not able to get ahold of me is (414) 718-3796. These numbers should help you out.

Regarding Pace of Play, there are two very simple keys:

1. Keep the first group out moving and on time/pace.

2. Keep everyone else right behind them. I have plenty of information on the School Center under Pace of Play Information. The WSGA can provide you with a pace of play chart so that you know your times for each hole and group during a round. Feel free to review this, write me or give me a call or call me during the tournament if you get in a situation where penalties might have to be assessed. I'll be glad to help.

QUESTION: Our regional is at Course X, it is not designated as one of our home courses. Can I arrange a practice round there for my team if

they transport themselves and pay for the round? Can I put it on my credit card and have them reimburse me? Can I play with them or be present when they play?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Season Regulations, 9. Prohibition of Practice at Tournament Site, indicates that “A school which practices on a course (except home course(s)) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA Tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets.”

Since Course X is not one of your “home courses” you have to count a practice as one of your 14 allowed meets when you are in attendance or make arrangements for the team members to practice there. Players can go there on their own, with relatives, friends, and others; but, should they go there with a coach present, by your direction or via payment by you or the school, it has to be counted as a practice. If you will compete in less than 14 meets this golf season, you are able to take the team there for a practice. I encourage you to obtain school administration approval for your own best interest.

QUESTION: If I want to purchase a rangefinder and use it to get and give yardages - I'm allowed to do that? As long as I do it before my player tees off? I just have to follow the Coaching On Course Regulations?

INTERPRETATION: Discussions regarding use of electronic measuring devices during tournament competition pertained to players. Players are not allowed to use EMDs. Use of EMDs by coaches during the tournament is allowed and coaches do need to continue to follow the Coaching on Course Regulations as identified in the WIAA Season Regulations, page 15. +

Tennis Interpretations

QUESTION: My son now goes to AAA High School and is a sophomore. He is on the JV tennis team. Next year he was interested in going to St. BBB High School in the same community and was told he would have to sit out on sports his junior year because of new WIAA ruling. When I was reading the rules on your website, I saw if a student gets a “waiver” they would not have to sit out. I want to know how a student gets a waiver?

INTERPRETATION: Beginning in 2007-08, a student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9, shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one (1) calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). Additional information regarding this policy can be found on the WIAA website by going to the “Regulations” tab and then clicking on “Transfer Rules.”

QUESTION: Can a coach run a summer school tennis program?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Sr. High School handbook, page 26, Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, A., 1), A school may not assemble athletes or perspective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport, and during the approved summertime contact period noted below in B—exceptions.

Although a summer school class may not be offered, tennis coaches are allowed to assemble their players in the summertime for up to five (5) days prior to July 31. In addition, tennis coaches are allowed to have contact with players they will be coaching the following year from the first day of their school's summer vacation until school begins in the fall.

QUESTION: I just wanted to make sure it was okay to have alumni come and play/compete with my team in practice one night before the State tournament.

INTERPRETATION: Yes, it is okay to have individual alumni come in and play/practice with your team. We need to be careful with the term “compete” as alumni scrimmages do have to count as a meet. However, I believe what you are attempting to accomplish is to have a player or two from past teams return to hit, practice and play a practice match during practice with current team members.

Some schools do this in preparation for the State Tournament so that they get experience against stronger, faster, harder hitting players. This is OK to do. What you are not able to do is to have the team scrimmage against six to ten alumni.

QUESTION: We had scheduled a scrimmage at the beginning of the season which got rained out while the students were finishing their first set. Is it legal to reschedule a scrimmage since the original was never completed?

INTERPRETATION: If a scrimmage gets underway and is then rained out, school teams have used their scrimmage. Since a scrimmage is a practice between two or more school teams, the scrimmage has taken place if the teams are able to complete any portion of the practice.

QUESTION: I see that the Spring Season Regulation book has the #3 Seed (placement) in flight 1 for division 2 going on the top line of the bottom half of the bracket. This is the same thing that caused the difficulty last fall since that is different from what was done in the past and since it causes the #3 seed to have to cross over versus the #1 seed from the other sectional. This is going to cause problems as some coaches will try to avoid proper placement, some sectionals will not place in that manner...and most importantly its not fair to the player or doubles team that earns the 3rd seed.

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Tennis Information provided to Tournament Managers will now indicate that Flight One for Division Two competitors needs to be seeded as follows for the Sectional Meets: 1A vs. 2B; 3A vs. 4B; 4A vs. 3B and 2A vs. 1B

QUESTION: We have an upcoming match with a school that has a player who has chosen a “gamesmanship” tactic in previous matches and I need to know what the correct remedy is. The tactic involves stalling between points (taking more than 20 seconds between serves or turning his back to the server, so that he doesn't have to play to the pace of the server, as the rules specify). After warning, is this treated as a code violation? If not, how is it treated?

INTERPRETATION: Per USTA regulations regarding stalling, time violations of delay between points are penalized as follows: first offense—warning; each additional violation—One Point Penalty. Know that the server has up to 25 seconds (since the time between points is 25 seconds when a player has to

chase a stray ball) to put the ball in play and is allowed to dictate the pace of play as long as it is reasonable. (A pace of 12 to 15 seconds is considered reasonable—USTA Comment 21.7). However, the server must strike the second serve without delay. (USTA Comment 21.5)

Enforcement of this during a regular season match is the difficult part. As you have seen at the State Meet, we use stop watches with the officials. I suggest following a format of indicating in advance to the visiting coach that concerns are being brought to your attention regarding a player that is having difficulty maintaining the 25-second rule between points. Let him know in advance that should this situation be brought to your attention, you are planning to have a person (athletic director or another school administrator) available who has a fairly good background and understanding of tennis and will be neutral to both schools to monitor any matches where delay problems are being reported. Have a stopwatch available so that that person can keep track of the time between points. Also, review with the individual other regulations regarding stray balls and how the time limit does not apply when stray balls have to be chased.

As far as a receiver turning their back to a server, so that he doesn't have to play to the pace of the server, again, the same rules apply. Once the 25 seconds expires, unless a ball has to be tracked down, the receiver must be ready. If the receiver is not ready, it is a warning the first time and a one-point penalty for each additional violation.

QUESTION: During the month of May myself and a mother from our middle school plan to provide instruction for our middle school (6th - 8th) kids that have an interest in tennis. Since we are currently in the boys tennis season I believe I can have contact with any of these kids with the exception of 8th grade girls who will play for me in the fall. The mother I mentioned earlier would be responsible for providing instruction to those girls. Do you agree?

INTERPRETATION: No, the best location to get this information is from WIAA Rules at a Glance, I. and II., C.

First, a school is only able to provide a clinic during the summertime period. Next, varsity and JV coaches can have contact with

students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year. Again, this regulation allows this contact to take place only during the summertime period.

QUESTION: Can we go to indoor courts about 25 miles from our high school to practice if these might be the same courts we will use for the WIAA subsectional meet, these indoor courts are considered to be our home indoor courts?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, since these indoor courts are considered to be your “home indoor” courts, you are able to practice at these courts.

Please keep in mind that the fundamental regulation pertaining to use of courts comes from WIAA Season Regulations, 9. Prohibition of Practice at Tournament Site, pg. 36 of the Spring Season Regulations. Here you will find, “Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for subsectional, sectional and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.”

The only sites a school team can practice at are those that are considered to be their “home courts.” In tennis, a school team is allowed to have one outdoor home court and an indoor home court.

QUESTION: Can we use parents to transport students to these indoor courts?

INTERPRETATION: Please check with your school's athletic director, principal or school administrator regarding the transportation of students. WIAA regulations remain silent regarding this matter; however, most school districts will have policies and procedures whenever students are transported off of school grounds.

QUESTION: At our conference tournament, we play at three sites. At this tournament can we have two varsity coaches and one JV coach (one coach per site) giving instruction as long as they are under contract with the school or is it two coaches maximum giving instruction when there are three or more sites?

INTERPRETATION: Two coaches per level of programming/team are now allowed. This means that only two coaches are allowed to coach/instruct during a match if it is only a varsity event. +

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EDITORIAL

Meddling Parents a Burden on School Athletics

There I was on the sofa with my feet comfortably up on the recliner reading the newspaper, and the headline caught my attention.

It was immediately apparent by the title that a trio of editorials addressed the sports-manship and influence parents of student-athletes have in today’s society. We could simply reprint the editorials, because they’re right on target. But, I don’t want to be responsible for the authors receiving notes from parents who may consider the accusations “too close to home.”

One of the reoccurring concerns we receive from our member schools from a sports-manship perspective is the issue of overzealous parents. How can we help our member schools and administrators educate parents about appropriate behaviors at inter-scholastic events?

Identifying and defining appropriate behavior is the genesis of any type of resolution to the problem. Then, a standard of expectations that has the support of the entire school administration, including the school board, needs to be communicated clearly.

To help identify a parent whose intentions and actions could be considered suspect on the overzealous scale, here are a few things to consider:

- If a parent...
 - ...has contacted the school board or other parents to gain an allegiance to rid the school of a coach, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ...suggests removing a coach during the season based only on win-loss record, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ... reveals a sense of living vicariously through their son or daughter by their conversations and actions , you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ...confronts a coach about the amount of playing time their son or daughter receives immediately after a victory, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ...claims a lack of playing time is preventing their child from receiving a college scholarship, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ...claims a lack of exposure in the media is preventing their son or daughter from receiving a college scholarship, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
 - ...calls the local newspaper upset that their child is not getting as much recognition

as their son or daughter deserves, you MAY have an overzealous parent.


- ...confronts officials after a game to criticize their judgement, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...is jealous of the success and attention another player has earned, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...contacts a coach to complain outside appropriate school channels, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...consistently displays out-of-control expressions of dissatisfaction with officiating during games, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...joins a group of influential parents whose purpose is to control or influence the direction of a program or an entire athletics department, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...is the instigator in the transfer of their son or daughter to another school for athletic purposes, you MAY have an overzealous parent.
- ...describes their son’s or daughter’s emotional state as “devastated” in reaction to a coach’s game or personnel decision, you MAY have an overzealous parent.

There are many other symptoms of an overzealous parent. Feel free to add them to the list. Unfortunately, the aftermath left in the wake of overzealous parents is a frequent turnover of quality coaches, officials and athletic directors unwilling to put up with the constant negativity. Our schools have the authority and responsibility to diminish the influences of overzealous adults, while maintaining positive and enthusiastic parental involvement.

Interscholastic athletics must be inherently positive and educationally based, a label we often reserve for the life-enhancing experiences student-athletes receive in participation.

However, all indications suggest education must also be extended to parents for the sake of retaining our quality coaches, officials and administrators. That education begins with facts. Research reveals the overwhelming reason kids participate in activities is to have fun.

Sadly, overzealous parents not only sap all the fun out of working with kids for school personnel, they also have a tendency to extract all the fun out of participation for the ones they are so lovingly adamant to protect. ➦



Keep These
Dates in Mind

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| May 25, 29, 30 & June 1 | Spring Baseball Regionals |
| May 28 | Memorial Day |
| May 29-30 | Boys Golf Sectionals |
| May 31 | Softball Sectionals |
| May 31 & June 1-2 | State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison) |
| May 31 & June 2 | Girls Soccer Sectionals |
| June 1 | Officials License Reapplication Deadline |
| June 1-2 | State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse) |
| June 4-5 | State Boys Golf Tournament (Madison) |
| June 5 | Spring Baseball Sectionals |
| June 7-8-9 | State Softball Tournament (Madison) |
| | State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee) |
| June 8-9 | State Boys Team Tennis Tournament (Madison) |
| June 11 | Sports Advisory Committee Meeting |
| June 12-13-14 | State Spring Baseball Tournament (Appleton) |
| June 20 | Advisory Council Meeting |
| June 21 | Advisory Council/Board of Control Meeting |
| July 13 | Summer Baseball Regionals |
| July 17 | Summer Baseball Regionals |
| July 19 | Media Advisory Committee |
| July 20 | Summer Baseball Sectionals |
| July 25-26 | State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point) |
| July 31 | Summer Unrestricted Coach Contact Window Closes (BK, FB, HK, SR, VB, WR) |
| August 8 | New AD Workshop |
| August 9 | Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet |
| August 10 | Board of Control Meeting |
| August 11 | Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet |
| August 15 | Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet |
| August 21 | Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match |
| | Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet |
| | Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game |
| August 23 | Earliest Date for First Football Game |
| August 28 | Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match |
| September 3 | Labor Day |
| September 10 | Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point) |
| September 11 | Area Meeting – Black River Falls |
| September 12 | Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball & Softball (Stevens Point) |
| | Area Meeting – Watertown |
| September 13-14 | Rosh Hashanah |
| September 14 | Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point) |
| September 18 | Area Meeting – Antigo |
| September 19 | Area Meeting – Barneveld |
| September 22 | Yom Kippur |
| September 25 | Area Meeting – West Allis |
| September 26 | Area Meeting – Appleton |
| September 26-27 | Girls Golf Regionals |

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2006-2007

| | Late Registration |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regular Registration | Postmark Deadline |
| Postmark Deadline (regular fee) | (additional fee required) |
| Test Date | |
| June 9, 2007 | May 4, 2007 May 18, 2007 |

ACT - 2007-2008

| | Late Registration |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Regular Registration | Postmark Deadline |
| Postmark Deadline (regular fee) | (additional fee required) |
| Test Date | |
| June 9, 2007 | May 4, 2007 May 18, 2007 |
| September 15, 2007* | August 10, 2007 August 11–24, 2007 |
| 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 |

* The September 15, 2007, test date is available only in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

** The February 2008 test is not scheduled in New York.