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WIAA Names 2007 Scholar Athletes

Thirty-two senior students attending Wisconsin public and nonpublic high schools have been named winners of the 2007 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award, presented by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). That brings to 700 the number of young men and women honored since the program was launched in 1984 to honor scholastic and athletic excellence.

Every year, each of the WIAA-member high schools in the state is invited to nominate one boy and one girl for Scholar Athlete honors. There were 699 nominations for the 2007 statewide award from 370 schools.

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WIAA Board of Control Approves Sectional Ticket Price Increase

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association will increase the price of admission for selected sectional tournament events to \$4, effective this fall following Board of Control approval at its monthly meeting today.

The Board unanimously voted to support an Executive Staff recommendation to raise sectional ticket prices \$1 to offset an increase in expenses for the administration of tournaments, and for general operation and insurance expenses. Ticket prices for regional and subsectional tournaments, as well as State Tournament ticket prices will remain unchanged.

Also approved was a procedural change to the conference realignment process. If the Board alters a preliminary recommendation presented by the Executive Staff, first consideration for the new plan will now be delayed until the next scheduled Board of Control meeting. This will provide adequate opportunity for member schools affected by the plan to analyze the impact of the change.

In other realignment action, the Board approved first consideration of The Hope School joining the Midwest Classic Conference beginning in the fall of 2008. WIAA procedures provide a 40-day window for schools to appeal today's action before the Board takes final action. Thus, schools have until May 28 to appeal the Board's first consideration. The Board is scheduled to take final action at its June 21 meeting.

Other action included the Board approving the 2008-09 list of cooperative programs for winter sports and heard an Executive Staff summary of an impact report on cooperative programs in hockey.

The Board was briefed on the agenda and topics for the 2007 membership Annual Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at the Northwoods Conference Center at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau. +

WIAA Membership Passes Four Amendments at its Annual Meeting

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association membership were presented with an update on its current and future challenges and voted to adopt four amendments and make several editorial revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws at its 112th Annual Meeting held April 25 in Wausau.

Executive Director Doug Chickering reviewed the current challenges of the Association in his State of the Association address. "Attention has to be directed at technology, social mobility, club influences, corporate raids, funding, partnerships, membership eligibility and identifying and promoting our core values, he said. "We have to draw from our past and preserve the history and tradition of high school sports, not just as a recognition mechanism for a passing generation, but as an inspirational model for those yet to come."

The four changes to the Constitution and Bylaws included an amendment to the Bylaws that would limit the number of out-of-state events a team can travel

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2007-08 Election Results

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

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 1: Terry Reynolds, Shell Lake – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2010 meeting.

District 6: Jim McCartney, Horicon – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2010 meeting.

District 7: Scott Lindgren, Kenosha – Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2010 meeting.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large Schools: Joel Eul, Whitnall – Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the July 2010 meeting.

Medium Schools: Paul Rozak, Stratford and David Bardo, Wittenberg-Birnamwood – Rozak re-elected and Bardo elected to three-year terms, expiring after the July 2010 meeting.

Small Schools: Graeme Williams, Loyal and Mark Gruen, Eleva-Strum – Williams re-elected and Gruen elected to three-year terms expiring after the July 2010 meeting. +

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2007 Annual Meeting Director's Report



Doug Chickering

Scott Lindgren's introductory comment "about high school sports being the last true haven of amateur athletics" identifies in a subtle and less-than-subtle tone the challenges facing us in the first decade of the 21st century. The Board of Control challenged me to be more "visionary" so listen carefully. Today's attendance and discussions continue to illustrate the ownership schools assume in Association operations. Thanks to all.

As I approach the midway point of my 21st year in this position, it appears several "boundaries" associated with restrictive sets of rules and regulations must be revisited. Attention has to be directed at technology, social mobility, club influences, corporate raids, funding, partnerships, membership eligibility and identifying and promoting our core values. We have to draw from our past and preserve the history and tradition of high school sports, not just as a recognition mechanism for a passing generation, but as an inspirational model for those yet to come.

Having just completed seven state tournaments that determined champions in 76 individual and relay events and 17 team sports, we've experienced firsthand the emotion associated with interscholastic athletics. Our success may well depend upon maintaining and enhancing the most visible outcome of school sports, the magic of *state tournaments*. The championships are special and provide an unmatched school-community bond. Our Constitution requires that we organize, develop, direct and control programs; that we offer high school sports as a partner with other activities in educational processes; and that we promote uniformity in competition. Our number 1 mission has to be to continue using our grass roots approaches to maintain the beauty and status of our tournament series. They set us apart from other programs because of the pride communities have in their schools.

The academic, social, health and long-term benefits of high school sports have to be publicized at every opportunity. Through recent trends of sports specialization and youth programs, the increasing level of athletic talent among high school athletes has raised the bar; oftentimes in undesirable ways. This has made elite high school athletes targets for profit-making ventures. Our Constitution's prohibition of exploitation and advocacy for uniformity cannot be relaxed.

Nationally, leaders of basketball organizations, including the NCAA, USA Basketball and the NFHS, have described this sport as being in a mess. I'll combine club influences and corporate raids for purposes of further discussion. Club activities are national in scope and appeal to the most elite athletes. Corporate America, and not just the shoe and apparel companies, seeks the traditionally strong teams for national tournament play. Let's analyze our coach-athlete contact policies, travel allowances and number of regular season games. All three influence the programs of non-school

providers. How about the following considerations:

- Allow a spring "combine" weekend for coaches and athletes to convene for the benefit of players with Divisions 1 & 2 aspirations. This would be jointly under our control along with the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. Our approval means Division 1 coaches could be present and would remove the lobbying we continually get from commercial "promoters" seeking our blessing so college coaches can attend. Indiana does something similar to this and our football coaches had a similar program at one time.

- Allow more games, but only if the games are played against Wisconsin schools or border schools from contiguous sports. This is not a new idea; I've advanced it before. Schools who play in out-of-state events would not have schedules expanded. The intent is to encourage more non-conference competition against schools outside the "neighborhood" inter-conference contests generally used to fill schedules. A most-hoped for result is that this will promote more inter-conference competition between public and religious & independent schools, as well as increased rural versus urban play. We've got to break down barriers.

- Establish an alliance of youth basketball program providers. A better understanding of respective roles and philosophies about participation, teaching, sportsmanship, coaches conduct, officiating expectations and parental influences could be initial agenda items. Is it too idealistic to advocate that the wellbeing of the athletes should be placed above the desire and pressure to win? Any resultant model might be applied to other sports in the future. My discussions with Deb introduced this concept, and the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee minutes address the influences of non-school programs.

All three of the above may apply to other sports. If we continue to have the restrictions we now have on coaches, we're only going to increase the influence of the coaches in non-school programs. I think this has to have a ranking priority status. We have to re-engage coaches, although I recognize cost and burnout concerns.

Funding for high school sports relies on a variety of sources. It would be hard to identify any school that doesn't presently rely on user fees and/or booster club resources to sustain programs. Our expectations of institutional control may be somewhat vulnerable to fiscal influences. Might a legally established athletic foundation in each school better help fund all programs and better distribute assets than today's booster club efforts? One size may not fit all, but equity issues may arise if accepted standards aren't met. The revised *Pupil Nondiscrimination Guidelines for Athletics* states, "If the boys athletic program receives greater benefits than the girls, the school has three choices: increase the benefits for the girls, decrease the benefits for the boys, or some of both. Simply telling the girls there is not enough money does not relieve the institution of nondiscriminatory responsibilities." Institutional compliance is more than a membership expectation in this regard. It is a legal requirement. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) recognizes that it does not have jurisdiction over booster clubs. However the OCR takes the position that schools that benefit from booster clubs must

ensure that teams for both sexes benefit equally in terms of what the school allocates for athletics from all funding sources.

Decision makers cannot ignore the influence of choice in funding activities. School governing bodies have the authority to suspend, reduce or eliminate offerings. Students now have mobility and options never before enjoyed. Equalization aid or tuition dollars are going to follow the students. Now, more than ever, athletic and activities programs have to be identified as assets and not as costly ancillary programs that only benefit a few. A comprehensive plan for funding all sports equitably is a requirement, not a luxury.

We have to continue to work cooperatively with other education-based organizations in the state. We've been successful, but let's not rest on the present standing. The DPI, WASB and WADA are the cornerstones of these efforts. More dialogue is needed with the Wisconsin High School Forensics League and Wisconsin School Music Association. Both organizations have undergone changes in executive directors, so a more aggressive leadership role is probably my responsibility. Staff members do a tremendous job with the coaches associations. The associations are made up of individuals and have their own autonomy, but the respect held for Dave, Deb, Marcy and Tom mutually benefit all sports and the WIAA. This has not always been the case, and we can't forget the coaches groups when we advocate for strong relationships. Todd's responsibilities are more frustrating. Clamor the last two years over a statewide radio network and photo sales is an example of disrespect for the WIAA. That's why I've suggested an July Media Day in 2007 rather than assembling the Media Advisory Committee this summer. We need to attempt to tell our story directly rather than through committee processes.

Membership eligibility has emerged as a genuine concern. Newly created schools, public (including charter) or private, recognize the marketing value of interscholastic sports programs. Most schools are in urban areas. School establishment is encouraged by liberal legislated choice options. I can't challenge motives, but institutional responsibility has to have an increased awareness for new applicants if we are going to protect the WIAA's basic membership model. Probationary periods, enrollment applications, approval and sanction by some authority, etc., have to be explored. I'm recommending that a three-year moratorium on tournament participation be applied to new members. First-time applicants will be recognized as probationary members expected to follow Season Regulations, but tournament participation will be delayed until the fourth year upon successful completion of probationary status. Applications presently in the pipeline will be grandfathered. This year's experience with Concordia Prep and new members who have been no-shows at tournaments justify this policy adoption.

Studies have continually documented the academic, social, health and long-term benefits of athletic competition. We have to better use these to defend school sports for all students, not just the elite. We know that student athletes consistently have higher GPAs, better attendance records, fewer

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YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRES CLINIC

Date: May 20, 2007
Site: La Crosse, WI
Contact: Scott Ott 608-793-1956 or ott@usuniortours.com

THE RIGHT CALL GIVING BACK 3-PERSON OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: May 18-19-20, 2007
Site: Madison Area Technical College
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

NORTHERN WISCONSIN 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

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

STEP AHEAD 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 20-21-22, 2007
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or showtimesportscamps.com

SWOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Site: Monona Grove and Madison LaFollette High Schools
Date: 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 +

Annual Meeting

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to each season to one, except for contests held in the bordering states of Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan or Iowa. The measure passed by a 259-86 vote.

Also passed was an amendment to prohibit competition, contests or scrimmages against out-of-state school teams not in good standing with its state high school association. The membership approved the amendment to the Bylaws by a 327-19 vote.

By a 341-2 margin, the membership approved an amendment of the Bylaws that requires all WIAA recognized sports sponsored by a member school to adhere to all Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility and Season Regulations of the Association.

The lone change to the Constitution establishes and defines a plan for dissolution if the Association ceases operation in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any later or future U.S. Internal Revenue Law as authorized by the Board of Control. That amendment passed 341-4.

The membership also approved 13 editorial changes by a 326-20 margin, including three to the Bylaws, and 10 to the Rules of Eligibility. Editorial changes are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules.

Other significant topics addressed were cooperative program requests, student-athlete transfer rules, the possibility of adding new sports, the impact of allowing more games, divisional placements of religious and independent schools, performance enhancing substances and an update on the venue of the State hockey and girls basketball tournaments at the Alliant Energy Center.

A total of 431 delegates from 361 schools were in attendance. The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 504 senior high schools and 118 junior high/middle-level schools in its membership. It currently sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

To view video of the State of the Association address by Executive Director Doug Chickering, visit the WIAA video website at www.wiaa.tv. +

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discipline problems, are less likely to drop out of school and have higher graduation rates than those who don't participate. One finding lumps together the social, health and long-term benefits that have to be advocated. It's generally held that the rate of obesity in adolescents has tripled in the last 20 years. At a recent YMCA board meeting, the Director cited a University of Illinois at Chicago study stating "Today's children will have a shorter life span and be less healthy than their parents for the first time in modern history." Couple those two together. Can we tie our advocacy for high school sports to those social threats?

The divisional placement question will remain a subject of controversy. Changes next year allow schools to play up a division in any sport. In basketball, any new member school will be placed up one division from where its enrollment places it. Also, any school appearing in a previous year's state tournament will not be placed in a lower division the following year if its enrollment would otherwise assign it to a smaller school division. That's a start but not one restrictive enough to satisfy the more vocal. The transfer rule will be implemented this year, and its impact will be measured. Last month's Division 3 boys basketball tournament field composed of four religious and independent schools has created a renewed call for action. It has also brought forward threats from non-public school advocates about legal action if unjustified restrictions are put in place. The lack of nonpublic school coaches on some of our Coaches Advisory Committees makes us vulnerable. I'm determined to "ride this out" until we can identify a solution that will have more than a band-aid effect. The Brentwood Academy case in Tennessee remains

alive and still may influence what a lot of states do.

In addition to enrollment adjustment considerations, the fifth division model needs further attention. One conference has offered a position on both questions. We will follow with an opportunity for other leagues to do so, also. A reluctance to candidly address the public school, religious and independent school placement requires this kind of action. Sheboygan County Christian Athletic Director Deb Van Duren spoke openly today. We need more of that.

The staff is currently working on several board-directed studies. One is the cooperative team procedural review. An awareness has been created that will lead to more girls hockey teams in 2007-08. In addition to the number of schools and cumulative enrollment data collected, we've also found that a number of cooperative teams have been cutting athletes, a practice prohibited in the regulations. We have no immediate recommendations to offer, but that's not to say we haven't made progress. We can add to the list a basketball shot clock and state tournament seeding. It is interesting that the 2006 Division 3 victory margin in the boys basketball tournament was a public-nonpublic issue, but in the 2007 girls championship game it was a seeding question.

We're not absent challenges. Supreme Court decisions surrounding season placements and fundamental constitutional rights tell us interscholastic sports are important elements of our society. I'm not intimidated. I've been surrounded by capable administrators and quality coaches for 21 years, and I know the same will be true the next twenty-one. Thanks for participating today. On the way home, tee them high and hit 'em straight! +

State Tournament Time Schedules

2007 Track & Field State Tournament Time Schedule (Boys and Girls) Memorial Stadium – UW-La Crosse ORDER OF EVENTS AND TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, June 1

7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition
7:30 a.m. - Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
8:30 a.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups. Division 1 coaches may pick up team envelopes
9:25 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies

Divisions 2 & 3 Schedule

All Field Events Start At 9:30 a.m. (except pole vault: 9:45 a.m.)

Discus - Division 3 Boys Followed by Division 2 Boys (North Circle)
High Jump - Division 2 Girls and Division 3 Girls (West/East)
Long Jump - Division 3 Girls Followed by Division 2 Girls (South Runway)
Pole Vault - Division 2 Boys and Division 3 Boys (9:45 a.m. start) (Middle/North or South)
Shot Put - Division 2 Girls Followed by Division 3 Girls (East Circle)
Triple Jump - Division 2 Boys Followed by Division 3 Boys (North Runway)

All Running Events Start At 9:30 a.m.

3200 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Boys
100/110 Meter High Hurdles - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
100 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
1600 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Girls
800 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
400 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
400 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
300 Meter Hurdles - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
800 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Girls
200 Meter Dash - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
3200 Meter Run - Divisions 3/2 Boys
1600 Meter Relay - Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys

Division 1

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Division 1 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (discus and shots), which will be used in Friday's competition.
8:30 a.m. - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
3:30 p.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups
4:25 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies

All Field Events Start At 4:30 p.m. (except pole vault: 5:00 p.m.)

Discus - Girls (South Circle)
High Jump - Girls and Boys (West/East)
Long Jump - Boys (South Runway)
Pole Vault - Girls (5:00 p.m.) (North or South)
Shot Put - Boys (6:00 p.m. starting time for competition) (West Circle)
Triple Jump - Girls (North Runway)

All Running Events Start At 4:30 p.m.

3200 Meter Relay - Boys
100/110 Meter High Hurdles - Girls/Boys
100 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
1600 Meter Run - Girls
800 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys
400 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
400 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys
300 Meter Hurdles - Girls/Boys
800 Meter Run - Girls
200 Meter Dash - Girls/Boys
3200 Meter Run - Boys
1600 Meter Relay - Girls/Boys

Saturday, June 2

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition
9 a.m. - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
9 a.m. - Stadium open for warm-ups
10:25 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies

All Field Events Start at 10:30 a.m.

Discus - Division 3 Girls (South Circle) 1:00 p.m. warm-up for Division 2 Girls (South Circle), and Division 1 Boys (North Circle)
High Jump - Division 2 Boys, followed by Division 3 Boys (Middle)
Long Jump - Division 1 Girls (Southeast), and Division 3 Boys, followed by Division 2 Boys (Southwest)
Pole Vault - Division 1 Boys, and Division 3 Girls, followed by Division 2 Girls
Shot Put - Division 1 Girls (East Circle), and Division 2 Boys (West Circle), 1:00 p.m. warm-up for Division 3 Boys (West Circle)
Triple Jump - Division 1 Boys (Northwest Runway), and Division 2 Girls, followed by Division 3 Girls (Northeast Runway)
Note: Warm-ups - (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) 10 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (c) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

All Running Events Start at 10:30 a.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.
3200 Meter Relay (Girls)
100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)
110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)
100 Meter Dash (Girls)
100 Meter Dash (Boys)
1600 Meter Run (Boys)
800 Meter Relay (Girls)
800 Meter Relay (Boys)
400 Meter Dash (Girls)
400 Meter Dash (Boys)
400 Meter Relay (Girls)
400 Meter Relay (Boys)
300 Meter Low Hurdles (Girls)
300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (Boys)
800 Meter Run (Boys)
200 Meter Dash (Girls)
200 Meter Dash (Boys)
3200 Meter Run (Girls)
1600 Meter Relay (Girls)
1600 Meter Relay (Boys)
Note: (1) All finals on Saturday are to be in this order - Division 3, Division 2, then Division 1.
(2) If high temperatures and/or high humidity occurs, the WIAA with the advice of the State Meet medical personnel may revise the track schedule to have the 3200 meter run be the last event on both Friday and Saturday.
(3) 1600 meter run for Division 1 will be run in two sections. In Divisions 2 and 3 there will be one section.
(4) 3200 meter run for all divisions will be run in one section (per division).
(5) 3200 meter relay for all divisions will be run in two sections with timed finals.
(6) 800 meter run for all divisions will be run in two sections, regardless of the number of athletes competing, with timed finals.

Tickets - State Tournament ticket prices are \$6 for each of the Friday sessions or an all day pass for \$10 (Friday only) and \$6 for the Saturday session (cash or checks only - no credit cards accepted). Tickets are sold only at the UW-La Crosse ticket window at Memorial Stadium. There is no advance sale.

2007 Boys Tennis State Tournament Time Schedule Nielsen Stadium, Madison INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, May 31

2 p.m. - First round matches only, singles and doubles Divisions 1-2 (A match-tie breaker will be played in lieu of a third set.)

Friday, June 1

8 a.m. - Coaches meeting and briefing session.
8:30 a.m. - First 12 second round matches in Divisions 1-2 followed by other matches as courts open up through quarterfinals of singles and doubles.

Saturday, June 2

Competition continues in singles and doubles as follows:
8:30 a.m. - Consolation Semifinals Divisions 1-2
9 a.m. - Championship Semifinals Divisions 1-2

TEAM TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 8

5:30 p.m. - Division 1 Quarterfinal Matches

Division 1 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #4 vs. Sectional #8, Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #7

Lower Bracket

Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #5, Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #6

Saturday, June 9

9 a.m. - Divisions 1-2 Semifinal Matches

Division 2 State Pairings:

Upper Bracket

Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #3

Lower Bracket

Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #4

2 p.m. - Divisions 1 and 2 Championship Matches

Ticket Prices \$6 Student/Adult

2007 Boys Golf State Tournament Time Schedule University Ridge - Madison

Monday, June 4

6:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting (Division 1)
7 a.m. - Tee off - Division 1
11:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting (Divisions 2 and 3)
12 noon - Tee off - Divisions 2 and 3

Tuesday, June 5

7 a.m. - Tee off - Divisions 2 and 3
12 noon - Tee off - Division 1

2007 Girls Soccer State Tournament Time Schedule Uihlein Soccer Park - Milwaukee

Division 1 Quarterfinals - Thursday, June 7

12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

2 p.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 2 - Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner

5 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 - Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

7 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 4 - Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

Division 3 Semifinals - Friday, June 8

12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 5 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 6 - Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 2 Semifinals - Friday, June 8

12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 7 - Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner

2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 8 - Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner

Division 1 Semifinals - Friday, June 8

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Game 9 - Winner of 12 noon game vs. Winner of 2 p.m. game

Game 10 - Winner of 5 p.m. game vs. Winner of 7 p.m. game

Championships - Saturday, June 9

Division 3 Championship - 10 a.m.

Division 2 Championship - 12 noon

Division 1 Championship - 2 p.m.

Ticket Prices - \$7 Student/Adult - \$1 Children 6 & under

2007 Softball State Tournament Time Schedule

Madison – Goodman Diamond

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 7 – 9 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 7 – 1:30 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner
Game 4 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

Division 1 Semifinals – Thursday, June 7 – 6 p.m.

Game 5 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 6 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (approx. 8 p.m.)

Division 4 Semifinals – Friday, June 8 – 9 a.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 8 – 1:30 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

Division 2 Semifinals – Friday, June 8 – 6 p.m.

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #2 winner
Game 2 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner (approx. 8 p.m.)

Division 4 Championship Game – Saturday, June 9 – 10 a.m.

Division 3 Championship Game – Saturday, June 9 – 12:30 p.m.

Division 2 Championship Game – Saturday, June 9 – 3 p.m.

Division 1 Championship Game – Saturday, June 9 – 5:30 p.m.

**Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$6 Quarterfinal & Semifinal -
\$4 Championship Sessions - \$12 All day Pass for Thursday/Friday**

2007 Spring Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

Appleton – Fox Cities Stadium

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 12 – 8 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

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

Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 12 – 1 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

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

Division 1 Semifinals – Tuesday, June 12 – 6 p.m.

Game 5 – Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
Game 6 – Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Division 4 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 13 – 8 a.m.

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

Division 3 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 13 – 1 p.m.

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

Division 2 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 13 – 6 p.m.

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

Division 4 Finals – Thursday, June 14 – 9 a.m.

Division 3 Finals – Thursday, June 14 – Noon

Division 2 Finals – Thursday, June 14 – 3 p.m.

Division 1 Finals – Thursday, June 14 – 6 p.m.

Ticket Prices \$6 Child/Student/Adult

WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



23rd Annual WADA Golf Outing is Wednesday, July 18

By Mike Bates, Information Coordinator, WADA

There are many golf events each summer, but none quite like the WADA Golf Outing sponsored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

As surely as the school year is winding down, it soon will be time to gather at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids for the 23rd annual WADA event.

All athletic directors, school administrators, coaches, sports officials, and sponsors/vendors – whether currently active in that role or retired – are invited to participate in the Golf Outing.

The date is July 18, on a *Wednesday* compared to the previous Tuesday date in past years. The site is in central Wisconsin, described as “The Hidden Treasure” by the course owners.

Entry forms are now available, on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org, for the event that can accommodate 144 golfers in the scramble format. Registration is \$75, and that includes a cart for the rain-or-shine event.

On-site games, included with the registration fee, are Mulligans, Special Holes, and Skins Game. Prizes will be awarded.

The time schedule:
11:00 a.m. – WADA meeting for the golfers & lunch.
12 noon – Golf, shotgun start.
5:45 p.m. – Pig Roast Dinner, followed by awards and prizes.



**Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids
Site of the WADA Golf Outing on July 18.**

Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis, and tee assignments are made in the order in

which registrations are received. The registration closing date is July 10.

Questions regarding the golf outing should be directed to Bill Vickroy, athletic director at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids and WADA President, at telephone (715) 422-7179 or via email at bill.vickroy@wrps.org.

In conjunction to the golf outing, there will be Leadership Training Courses available as well as the CAA exam on Tuesday, July 17. Those details are also on the WADA website.

Circle your calendar with the date: Wednesday, July 18.

Print your driving directions to The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

Remember to change your answering machine, to let callers know that you will be “On the Links with WADA” on July 18.

And be ready to enjoy a great lunch, have fun on the links, take part in a fantastic dinner, and maybe return home with a nice prize... all during the 23rd annual WADA Golf Outing in Wisconsin Rapids.

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

Games Wanted

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

FALL

Cross Country

DATE SPECIFIC

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

Oct. 9, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV meet. Cassville - Christopher Tubbs 608-725-5116 ext. 113 or ctubbs@cassvillesd.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 17, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV scrimmage (4-team scrimmage). Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

Aug. 27, 2007 - JV game. Boyceville - Bud Gilbertson 715-643-4321 ext. 433. (4-4)

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 1) - JV game. Platteville - Greg Quam 608-342-4024 or quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

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@wilmoth.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2007 & 2008 (Week 7) - Varsity game. Mosinee - Guy Otte 715-693-2550 ext. 3417 or gotte@mosineeschools.org. (4-10)

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 2) - Varsity game. Prescott - David Vortherms 715-262-4224 or dvorther@prescott.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

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

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

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) - Game. Boyceville - Bud Gilbertson - 715-643-4321. (4-16)

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

2008 & 2009 (Weeks 1 & 2) - Game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

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

2008 (Week 8) - Game. Frederic - Jeff Carley 715-327-4223 or carleyj@frederic.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

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

2009 & 2010 (Week 6) - Game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

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

Sept. 7 and 8, 2007 - Teams for varsity tournament. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

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

Sept. 15, 2007 - Team for tournament (3 games). St. Mary Central - Elliot Kramsky 920-722-7796 or ekramsky@tcces.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Sept. 29, 2007 - Varsity/JV team for 4-team tournament. Kaukauna - Dan Karius 920-759-6154 or kariusd@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (4-13)

GENERAL

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

2008 - Varsity games. Mauston - Randy Fabian 608-847-4410 ext. 4442 or randy_fabian@fc.mauston.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Girls Swimming & Diving

DATE SPECIFIC

Oct. 20, 2007 - Team for invitational. Platteville - Greg Quam 608-342-4024 or quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

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

Aug. 28, 29 or 30, 2007 - Varsity/JV dual meet. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

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

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

Sept. 15, 2007 - Teams for quad. Oak Creek - Gregory Lampe 414-768-6108 or g.lampe@oakcreek.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

GENERAL

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

2007 - Varsity/JV match. Oregon - Ryan Mangan 608-835-4335 or rpm@oregon.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 17, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV scrimmage (4-teams). Oshkosh West - Brad Jodarski 920-424-0143 or brad.jodarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

Aug. 20, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV/freshmen scrimmage (4 teams). Kenosha St. Joseph - Ellen Santarelli 262-308-1647 or ellenrose@gmail.com (4-30)

Aug. 21 or 22, 2007 - Berth in JV (possibly varsity) scrimmage. Sauk Prairie - Richelle Winkler 608-843-1359 or rwinkler@ssc.wisc.edu. (3-22)

Aug. 25, 2007 - Varsity teams for tournament. Faith Christian (Williams Bay) - Susan Knudtson 262-723-3174 or csk10@elknet.net. (4-16)

Sept. 3, 2007 (Week of) - Match. Durand - Greg Doverspike 715-672-8917 or gdoverspike@durand.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Sept. 4, 2007 - Team for JV quad. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (4-16)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Varsity team for invitational. Auburndale. Mark Luetschwager 715-652-2115. (4-9)

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

12.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@aa-sd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Sept. 8, 2007 - Teams for JV tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepay@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (4-16)

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

Sept. 15, 2007 - Team for varsity invitational. Kaukauna - Dan Karius 920-759-6154 or kariusd@kaukauna.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

Oct. 6, 2007 - Varsity teams for invitational (5 matches). Reedsburg - Bryan Yager 608-524-4327 ext. 1104 or byager@rsd.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

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

GENERAL

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

2007 - Matches. Winnebago Lutheran Academy (Fond du Lac) - Stephen Berg 920-921-4930 or wlaad@wlvikings.org. (4-10)

2007 - Varsity match. Seneca - Steven Kramer coachkramer@senecafootball.com. (3-29)

2008 (Week 4) - Varsity/JV game. Mauston - Randy Fabian 608-847-4410 ext. 4442 or randy-fabian@fc.mauston.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Boys Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 4, 2007 - Varsity/JV/frosh match. Whitnall - Todd Smith 414-525-8540 or tsmith@whitnall.com. (4-6)

GENERAL

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

2007-08 - Berth in varsity/JV multi-team meets or tournaments. Green Bay Preble - Jack Drankoff 920-272-7046 or jdrankof@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-4)

2007-08 - Team for or berth in quad. Brookfield Central - Kyle Olstead zep799@aim.com. (4-3)

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Games Wanted

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WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 27, 2007 - Home game (varsity/JV/sophomore/freshmen, other dates available). Chippewa Falls - Jason Schultz 715-726-2406 ext. 1181 or schultjm@chipfalls.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2007 - Teams for tournament (2 games). Kohler - Becky Luedtke 920-459-2920 ext. 1002. (4-10)

Dec. 28, 2007 - Varsity/JV game (preferable at home). Kiel - Michael Nate 920-894-5197 or mnate@kiel.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Bay View - Kyle Brokmeier 414-902-9088. (4-30)

2007-08 - JV/freshmen games. Watertown - Jamie Koepp 920-253-6676 or koeppj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2007-08 - Berth in varsity/JV scrimmage. Milwaukee Marshall - Phil Jones 414-453-5059 or jones-pt@tds.net. (4-30)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Wisconsin Career Academy - Joseph Hansen 414-483-2117 ext. 129 or Hansen@wiscca.org. (4-19)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmot-hs.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning (Milwaukee) - Jerome Wardlow 414-304-6887. (4-19)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 27-29, 2007 - Teams for tournament. Pacelli (Stevens Point) - John Raflik 715-342-2018. (4-6)

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)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Janesville Craig - Monte Phillips 608-743-5270 or mphillips@janesville.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Jan. 31 or Feb. 1, 2008 - Varsity/JV game. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

GENERAL

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)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham 262-527-7094 or cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-19)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Oconomowoc - Arno Kirchenwitz arno.kirchenwitz@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

2007-08 - JV games. Pius XI - Scott Herrick 414-290-8165. (4-13)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV games. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

2007-08 - Games. Milwaukee Madison - John Cunningham III 414-745-3072 or madisongbbcoachchamn@yahoo.com. (4-2)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 10, 2007 - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Sun Prairie - Jim McClowry 608-834-6715. (4-12)

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. 23-24, 2007 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

Dec. 27, 2007 - Team for varsity tournament. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-2)

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@b2sd.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Dec. 28-29, 2007 - Teams for tournament. Amery - Kelly Fitzgerald 715-268-9771 ext. 234 or fitzgeraldj@amery.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

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

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 - Teams for 8-team/8-man varsity tournament. Prairie du Chien - Mel Dow 608-326-8437 ext. 4131 or Ron Sedgwick 608-732-0943. (4-13)

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. 8, 2007 - Team for 16-team individual scramble (five matches per wrestling). Bay Port - Otis Chambers 920-662-7268 or otischam@hssd.k12.wi.us. (4-4)

Dec. 8, 2007 - JV teams for 16-man bracket tournament. Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Bandow 920-845-2336 ext. 419 or jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Dec. 15, 2007 - Teams for varsity 16-team invitational. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or cbaumgartner@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Dec. 22, 2007 - Teams for varsity dual tournament (5 duals). Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 715-340-7410. (4-12)

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 team tournament. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepay@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (4-3)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for varsity dual. Waukesha North - Dan Domach 262-970-3512. (4-6)

Jan. 12, 2008 - Teams for invitational. Manawa - Adam Miller 920-596-2524 or amiller@manawa.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

Jan. 18, 2008 - Team for varsity/JV quad. Hononegah (Rockton, IL) - Jay Lauscher jlausc@hononegah.org. (4-3)

Jan. 19, 2008 - Team for multi-dual. Shiocton - 920-841-6555 or clausen29@hotmail.com. (4-9)

Jan. 19, 2008 - Teams for 16-team individual tournament. Sheboygan North - Tim Brown 920-803-7661 or tbrown@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

GENERAL

2007-08 - Team for dual. Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

2007-08 - Varsity/JV dual meet (2-year contract). Menomonee Falls - Jim McMahan mcmajim@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

2007-08 - Varsity duals. Manawa - Adam Miller 920-596-2524 or amiller@manawa.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

2007-08 - Dual matches. Shiocton - 920-841-6555 or clausen29@hotmail.com. (4-9)

SPRING

Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC

Mar. 29, 2008 - Teams for double-header. Fort Atkinson - Kevin Flegner 920-563-7811 ext. 1107. (4-19)

May 5, 2007 - team for tourna-

ment. Weston - Melissa Nigh 608-986-2151 ext. 111 or nigh@weston.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

May 17, 2008 - Team for 8-team tournament (all levels). Varsity at Watertown, JV at Wisconsin Lutheran and freshmen at Oconomowoc. Becky Blank 262-375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com. (4-16)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity game. Cassville - Christopher Tubbs 608-725-5116 ext. 113 or ctubbs@cassvillesd.k12.wi.us. (4-2)

2008 - Varsity/JV games. Sevastopol - Curt Kaczor 920-743-6282 ext. 119 or ckaczor@sevastopol.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

May 12, 2007 - Varsity team for 3-game tournament. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-30)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

May 12, 2007 - Teams for JV invitational (3 games, round-robin format). Baraboo - Mark Hamdan hamdanm@portage.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

GENERAL

2007 - Varsity games. Burlington Catholic Central - Paul Deacon 262-210-3453 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (4-30)

2007 - Varsity/JV games. Baraboo - Pat Reiger 608-356-5778 or Dave Hedgepath 608-355-3945. (4-30)

2007 - Varsity games. Sheboygan North - Dan Stengel 920-459-3605. (4-6)

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. Sevastopol - Curt Kaczor 920-743-6282 ext. 119 or ckaczor@sevastopol.k12.wi.us. (4-6)

Boys Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 28, 2007 - Team for invitational. West Bend East - Jeff Rondorf 262-335-5591 or jrondorf@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (4-12)

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) †

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: My son was accepted into another school for the 2007-08 school year. He will be a 9th grader in the fall of 2007. 1) When do we need to commit to his new school? Is there a deadline? We received his acceptance letter, but did not see any dates. 2) Can he play summer basketball with his "new" school in leagues and tournaments and if so, what date can he start doing that? The league/tourney would be school team/sponsored/paid. 3) If he attends school and plays sports at the "new" school for the 2007-08 year as a freshman but wants to come back to his "hometown" school for his sophomore year in 2008-09, can he do this without losing any eligibility?

A.: 1) From an eligibility perspective - your son will anchor his eligibility at either school A, or B based on where he attends his first day of class and/or first day of a fall sport practice. I believe there is a date established by the Department of Public Instruction for accepting/confirming intentions for open enrollment. You should clarify that with the schools or the DPI. That date does not hold significance from an 'eligibility perspective.' Up until he attends class/practice at one of the schools, he could still choose either. 2) I would advise your son to only take part in the school's summer offerings if he is 100 percent committed to attending the new school in the fall and then only after he has been provided a class schedule, gotten physical on file and met all other expectations the new school's administration might require and been approved by the school's administration to 'join' the student body. The reason for my first thoughts are that - he may find himself in a pickle if he attended all summer opportunities at school 'B' and then decided he was going to stay at 'A' after all. This would likely be raised in protest by some source as having been a try-out...and it could jeopardize your son's eligibility. Be certain, before engaging in summer programs at a school where your son has no prior status as a student. It could also be detrimental for school B, too, making them vulnerable to allegations of recruitment, conducting try-outs, e.g. 3) Yes. A student who transfers after the 4th consecutive semester (normally after 10th grade) would be ineligible by the member's new rule - with few exceptions.

Q.: Could you please send me information regarding the process of obtaining a waiver to maintain eligibility with a transfer. I have read the rules regarding transfer and understand that obtaining a waiver will involve the activity directors of the schools involved. But, is there a form that is taken to them? Where is the form obtained? Do the activity directors take care everything? Your assistance is helping me get started with that process would be greatly appreciated. I would like to have everything in order when the activity directors are approached. It is evident that the WIAA takes the issues of transfers very seriously. In this situation, there are extenuating circumstances that I believe make it reasonable to request a waiver for eligibility. These circumstances will be clarified as the process proceeds.

A.: There is not a form - except for the age waiver. The request is not able to be processed in advance of an actual change in enrollment in a school and is not provided in a speculative manner. Once your child transfers and becomes a full-time student at a (different) member school, then you would visit with that school's administration regarding the circumstance you believe has made the transfer necessary. You would provide the new school with the documentation you believe corroborates your perspective. The member school, with status as a member

in the Association, then has the prerogative to advance their request on behalf of one of their students.

Q.: Do I need to get a waiver from WIAA for a transfer student, not living with parent...living with sister, for non-varsity competition for the remainder of the year? I have verification form on file.

A.: No. If both schools 'agree' - as reflected on the transfer student eligibility form by "no objections" being checked, you could allow for non varsity opportunity - and then a calendar year from now, if student is an underclassmen and if still your student, unrestricted eligibility could be provided. ROE Art. II, Sect. 5A-1.

Q.: A question arose concerning the new transfer rule and the completion of the 4th semester. The question is: when does the 5th semester start? Is it when school is done in June or at the start of the next fall sports season/or first day of school in September? Also, there was a question with regard to this same transfer rule: if the transfer is private to public (the public school of the student's district), does the rule apply?

A.: For purpose of the new (4th semester) transfer rule, the day after your last day of class this year (2006-07) becomes what is in effect, the 2007-08 school year. Secondly, the new rule makes no mention of the "start of the 5th semester" - only of a "transfer after the 4th consecutive semester following entry into grade 9." Thus, if a student has no prior status in a school and comes to them after the last day of class/after their 4th semester - status will be as a 'new/transfer' at the start of practice and/or class in fall 2007. And, not eligible to practice or compete for a calendar year (unless a waiver is provided - or transfer was made necessary as a result of a complete/total move). When the NEW rule takes effect - it applies whether transfer is from public to private, private to public, even for student who open enrolled and then wants to come 'home,' post-4th semester.

Q.: I am aware that a new rule/policy will be enacted by the WIAA and its member schools next fall dealing with open enrollment. If I understand the rule correctly, if a student-athlete transfers from one school to another on the open enrollment provision after his/her sophomore or junior year of high school, that student will not be allowed to participate for a calendar year? What would happen if a school sponsored, let's say a swimming program, but decided to discontinue the program at that school after the student's sophomore year. If the student wanted to continue competitive swimming, he/she would have to enroll at another school. Would that student still be required to sit out the following year or would an exception be made in a case like this (assuming that the student wanted to transfer via open enrollment)?

A.: The transfer rule would still be applied if the transfer took place following the student's 4th consecutive semester. The student would not be assured eligibility at the new school - However, the administration at the "new school" could seek a waiver of the transfer provision, as is provided within the text. It likely would end up going before the Board of Control and for them to determine if a transfer for athletic purposes was something they wished to establish as a precedent.

Q.: Regarding transfers as we move toward the full implementation of the "fourth semester rule". Student is up for expulsion from a neighboring district. Will be attending here on a strict behavioral contract. Mom actually lives in our district. If I understand correctly: This year - IF the neighboring district and us agree - he could be eligible for non-varsity for the remainder of this school year - remembering that code violations follow him. He would then be eligible for varsity competition in the fall

(again once code suspensions are served). If this were to happen one year from now, the student would be ineligible for competition for one calendar year (plus code violations, etc.). Am I in the ballpark, right on, or way off?

A.: CAUTION: This is not a 'normal' transfer...Answer is - "NO". An expelled student is not eligible. Not at any level; varsity or nonvarsity. See Handbook, p.33. Section 3A-7. Student can not be eligible at your school - any sooner than he can be re-admitted and be eligible at the sending/former school. Student can not/will not be eligible with you before he can re-establish eligibility at the school that expelled him (sometimes that is 'never'). Very wise of you to double check this one.

Amateur Status

Q.: I would like to approach a local photographer to ask them to donate a complimentary photo for each of our honored student-athletes. Would we run into a problem giving each recipient a 5x7 photo? Right now those are priced at \$10. Can you approve this, or would it violate the amateur standing rule and the rule regarding gifts?

A.: In concert with and as part of the recognition/event, we would ordinarily consider a photo to be in the vein of a plaque/certificate - symbolic in nature and acceptable. Bylaws, Article XI and ROE, Article IV.

School Programs

Q.: What are the rules or guidelines for an organization like the YMCA to run school athletic programs? And if it was possible to do so, what are the guidelines as far as schools that we could play? Would we have to stay within the conference that these schools fall under (i.e., Big Rivers) or could we play other schools?

A.: Forgive me, I am not 100 percent certain that I understand your question. First, as a condition for membership - a member school's administration must be - and is held - responsible for their school's interscholastic athletic program. A school administration may not abdicate that responsibility to any individual or agency. From one perspective at least, it would be impossible for a Y to run a school's athletic program. If you are you wondering if the YMCA could join the WIAA? - No, the WIAA is a membership of schools. Your organization is not a school - by most applicable standards for determination. If you are wondering if Y facilities could be rented/used by WIAA member schools to practice and compete in? - WIAA rules would not prevent a member school securing use of a local facility to support the school's programs. Many school's use non school/private golf courses, ice arenas and some swim pools. If you are wondering: Could YMCA club teams compete in the regular season against WIAA member schools? - It could happen - there are caveats. Could a YMCA team participate in WIAA tournament series? - No.

Competition & Practice

Q.: With high school baseball a player can not play in more than 20 games in a season. Does a designated hitter go by the same rule. I understand one inning does not constitute a game. Is this correct.

A.: Yes. Maximum games remains 20...regardless.

Q.: I am a bit confused regarding out-of-state competition. With our location close to Minnesota we play teams from that state from time to time for different sports. I was wondering if there was a restriction with the number of events I can schedule with teams from a bordering state. The reason I ask is that in the past we have played in a VB tourney in Wabasha. I am also struggling filling our final VB game for next year and noticed on the Minnesota State High School League website there are a few schools in our area that are

also missing games. I did see that we could play one game, but wanted to know if there was a restriction in how many we could partake in and if there was if there was any paperwork I had to file with the WIAA.

A.: See Handbook p. 27 for basis of this response. Simple answer to your question - as you've described it would generally be "no", "you could play as much of your out-of-league schedule vs. a MN school/schools as you wish to schedule. Sometimes, depending on the event, it might require "approval" from this office and/or the National Federation - sometimes, only the approval of your own administration is all that would be needed. What you will see on p. 27 is that as events grow in size and the number of participating schools and schools coming from more states then just MN/WI, the potential for needing additional approvals - either from the National Federation and/or the WIAA will increase - exactly as outlined in Article II, Section 5 - F. F1 describes when National Federation sanctioning for an event is required. F3 & 4 outline the need (or not) for WIAA interstate competition approval.

Q.: Our girls basketball team is looking into going out of state for some basketball games in the future. This is my first time with such a request. Does the WIAA have a policy or procedure for members school to get approval for such games? Basically, are we telling you, asking permission, or does the WIAA even need to know? Do we need to worry how this impacts seeding meetings?

A.: Interstate competition is addressed in the Bylaws - see Handbook p. 26-27, Article II, Section 5 - F - 1 thru 6. Some interstate competition requires no approval from National Federation or WIAA. Some will require National Federation sanctioning and WIAA approval. Some may only require WIAA. If WIAA and/or National Federation sanctioning is required - will depend (generally speaking) on the size of the event, the sponsor for the event. Either way, it pretty much is a recipe as outlined.

Participation Issues

Q.: Our girls softball program this year does not have enough athletes to field a JV team (we do not have a frosh team), however, there are several 8th grade athletes that would be willing to play at the JV level. Is such a thing possible? Without a JV team the future of girls softball in our district is at risk.

A.: Sorry, no. Even when 8th graders were allowed to participate - it was never permitted beyond a 'pure' 9th grade level. Middle school students were never permitted to compete with or against students above 9th grade..and only in pure frosh level competition.

Q.: I would appreciate any clarification you could give on this issue: Article V Sec. 2 .1. states "following a period of 15 SCHEDULED school days and nights of eligibility", a student becomes eligible to compete on the 16th day. My question is, what if one of the SCHEDULED days is later a snow day? Does the 15 days then extend out to actual student contact days?

A.: If/when a planned/scheduled school day is cancelled or shortened as a result of an unplanned 'emergency' - like a snow or severe weather day, e.g. The WIAA does not require an additional day(s) or extension of the ineligibility status. If a member school wished to do so, that would be their prerogative.

Q.: We have been contacted as prospective hosts for a foreign exchange student. He has just recently turned 17 and a non-graduate. We found out that he has been a national champion in the modern pentathlon (shooting, fencing, running, swimming, horseback combination event). He is also competing for the European youth nationals. Will this status

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affect his WIAA eligibility to participate in high school sports during his exchange year here in Wisconsin? He wants to join track, cross-country and swimming. Can he participate?

A.: A student who has participated in sport in their own country is not automatically denied eligibility, out of hand, even if they have had success. However, the US is about the only country where high level athletes might still be amateurs. The amateur status requirement is NOT waived on behalf of exchange students.

Would advise some careful/detailed review of your prospective student's participation background - from an amateur status perspective. It is not uncommon that the most successful foreign athletes may have already entered into endorsements, promotions, sponsorship, contracted with an agent, or received cash or merchandise awards for performance and may no longer be able to compete as an amateur vs. Wisconsin high school kids. Keep in mind, if there is a 'shred' of suspicion out there - the parent of the student 'your son' may beat out at the 'state meet' will find that fragment and bring it here. More on amateur status: III-C of Rules At A Glance.

Nonschool

Competition/Participation

Q.: Our son would like to participate in the Crazy Legs Run in Madison on April 28. He is a varsity track athlete running 800m events and pole vaulting. Would his participation in this charity event affect his high school varsity eligibility?

A.: If your son entered this event and competed as a runner, it would render him ineligible for the remainder of this spring track season. If taking part in the charity event is important, he could enter as a walker without peril. Reference: III-D of the Rules At A Glance. Also, under Publications icon See: Senior High Handbook, Rules of Eligibility Article VI, Section 1A (approx. p. 37)

Q.: My baseball coach had one of his players ask if he could play softball in a men's league with his dad during the baseball season. I know athletes cannot play the same sport during the season but I wasn't sure about baseball and softball?

A.: Technically, Yes, the student could, without peril. The prohibition, outlined in ROE, Article VI, is sport specific. Having said that - if/when the parent comes here, I always point out the student can tear an ACL, blow up an ankle, be hurt and lost to the team in rec. ball as they can in baseball and the rest of the team is left dangling. We always recommend that the coaches permission be sought in advance.

Coach Contact/Summer Contact

Q.: Can a coach for the four contact days in football conduct a camp for two days in early June and then two days at the end of July?

A.: 'No'. The four days approved by and for football must be consecutive contact days. If you used two in June, you would in effect forfeit the other two days. Coaches Assoc. is surveying the members to see if there is interest and support in changing the present, approved format.

Q.: It was talked about at our all-region football meeting by several coaches that the WIAA was going to approve non-consecutive contact days in the summer months for football coaches. The policy that I was last familiar with said those days needed to be consecutive, and prior to July 31. Am I now understanding that these days can be any four days (consecutive or non-consecutive) so long as they are completed by July 31?

A.: There has been no change at present. Will be no change for the upcoming summer. four days - must be consecutive - remains the status quo.

Q.: The high school in the next town has scheduled their summer league basketball to begin on Tuesday, June 5. This league allows high school aged boys (current grades 8-11) to participate with their school mates in two levels of basketball competition throughout the summer. Boys compete on either a varsity or JV skill level based on where they will probably compete next winter. My concern is that our athletes are scheduled to be in school until June 8. It was my understanding that leagues such as this could not be held during the school year. Please advise so I can be correct in my communication with coaches and players. Can "summer leagues" sponsored by school booster clubs for example be run at any time and our school basketball team, as they will probably look next winter, participate without restrictions or violating any WIAA rules?

A.: Caution: Our Member's Rules of Eligibility (Senior High Handbook- p.37-38) Art. VI, Section 2 - See A,C, especially c2 - provide: that there are no restrictions preventing students from voluntarily assembling - in the summer time...without school and/or coach involvement. If it is not yet summer (when school is not in session) - until it is 'summer' a "school's team" would be vulnerable. We must recommend diversity in team composition. While the membership has relaxed summer time provisions - considerably, in recent years, there have been no changes with respect to text governing - during the school year. Since most 'summer leagues' would extend beyond the five unrestricted contact days we will presume it is a non-school sponsored activity - if so - then, the WIAA does not regulate when a non-school provider schedules - e.g., a local YMCA, city rec, the country club - as non-school providers of sport activity - they will schedule their activities as/when they determine their needs and those of their members are best met. Your concerns are valid and appropriate from the perspective that you recognize WIAA provisions and summer unrestricted contact (five days) - can not take place/begin except between the end of school and July 31. You may wish to confirm with the other school's administration or the event sponsor for more specifics.

Q.: Is there any violation for my boy's varsity cross country coach to volunteer as a 7th and 8th grade track coach at one of the middle schools in the same district?

A.: Coach Contact as described would not be a problem - see Article I of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: Can our freshmen coach (he coached the freshmen this past year and he will coach the freshmen again next year) have unlimited contact with our entire program (9-11) until the beginning of next season, including those players that he just coached this season? If not, then what exactly are the restrictions? Is there just a limitation until the end of the school year? I'm trying to figure out if he can be a summer league coach for us, and if so, can he lead practices between now and the end of the school year for the players that will not be playing for him next year? What about coaching a team in a fall league?

A.: For quite some time now the rules have allowed JV and varsity coaches to have contact with students until they actually begin 9th grade. Frosh coaches had never been allowed to work with the in-coming 9th graders. (Keep in mind the "root" of this rule is that the person coaching students in the "next school season" may not also coach them outside the season.) This fundamental has changed - just a little bit, as a result of the liberalization of summertime contact rules these last two years. Now, a frosh coach could have up to five days of coaching contact in the summer with in-coming 9th graders. The five contact

days are "program days" and they must be the same/exact/identical five contact days as for every other basketball coach in your program (each coach does not get five different days). The head coach ought to identify the summer contact days, submit a calendar to your AD (found on our website) and if your frosh coach is working with prospective frosh players on those same five designated days - only, that is acceptable. Any coaching contact in excess of, or outside of those five days would not be in compliance.

Q.: My girls' basketball coach is thinking of attending a team camp with the girls. I assume this is permissible and would count as his five days of contact for the summer.

A.: In a word, yes (so long as the camp falls within the window - from end of school to July 31). Be sure that any/all travel to and from such a camp are contained within the five days. Additional days for travel are NOT permitted. Have attached a couple documents to also assist your coach. In the Rules At A Glance - see Article I. I'd also recommend Art. II-D, Art. III-F and G

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: I am the head basketball coach at X. This summer, one of our volunteer coaches is thinking about holding a basketball camp for grades 8-12 in his hometown of Y. He asked if I wanted to help out. The camp would be open to all of the surrounding schools. My question is, if I work the camp and players from my team attend, am I and/or our volunteer coach committing a contact violation?

A.: There are a couple dimensions to your question that should be addressed and clarified. First, "JV and varsity coaches are allowed to have contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade." (See: Rules At A Glance, Art. I) Second, if your camp took place between the end of school and July 31, AND you counted the camp as part of your five unrestricted contact days, you could coach your own players. If NOT part of your unrestricted days, neither you or the volunteer could have coaching contact with players you will coach next season. You can find a volume of this on our website: Under the Regulations icon, click on Eligibility Q/A.

Q.: Our football booster group would like to sponsor a bus to transport players to a football camp. We have about 30 kids going for a four-day camp. This is not part of our schools approved contact days. The boosters felt this would help solve logistics for a lot of parents having to transport kids. Is this legal?

A.: As described answer would be "No." See III-F of Rules At A Glance. Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation to any non-school (out-of-season) camps. Logistics could be accommodated by having students cover their own cost for the bus transportation..if they wished to ride bus. All interested students could travel by bus if they desired, but would need to cover their own bus ticket costs to camp in this scenario.

Health & Behavior

Q.: With underage drinking and tobacco use in the news almost daily, and three-game suspensions the usual penalty, I would like to see the WIAA set a precedence, and deliver a full-year suspension from all sports! I think this would deter our students from using these substances. I have heard of students getting picked up in their off season, so they sign up for another sport so their penalty does not have to be served during their regular sport.

A.: The idea you propose is doable in two possible ways. First, the entire membership could pass and adopt such a sanction - only with a majority vote of the over 500 member schools - who are

the WIAA. Secondly, your own school could adopt such a policy - with direction from your own school board. Those of us who work in this office - the WIAA Executive Staff have no unilateral authority to pass or require any provision without the procedural review and approval by our member schools.

Q.: I am a family physician, and am affiliated with the University of Wisconsin. A question has come up in our practice, now that we have moved from paper charts to electronic records. In previous years, we have used the form from the WIAA (and originally from the AAFF) for recording sports physical exams, and then used the top "tear-off" piece for sending back to school with the athlete. Since our electronic system does not have a good means for keeping the physical exam record from the larger section of the sports PE form (which has spaces for medical history information from the parent and the athlete, and space for documenting the exam), we are wondering: Does WIAA require that the sports PE physical exam form be used and completed, or is the only requirement that athletes have the "cleared to participate" form (the tear-off smaller section) completed?

A.: To be clear; the Association requires that a student have an (preparticipation) exam - at least on an alternating year basis. That the exam - must be performed/signed and indicate the student is 'cleared to participate' - by an MD or APNP (only). Member schools are required to have evidence of the exam, the doctor's clearance - and parental permission to participate - on file, in written form. There is no requirement beyond the bold text - or that a member must use the 'green card.' We provide it, keep it current/relevant, as a service to our members (and their health care providers.) But, there is no requirement of the green card being the only acceptable form/instrument. Each year there are many foreign exchange students who have had pre-travel physicals in countries all over the world and - so long as the athletic director can identify that the form indicates the student is cleared to participate and it's been signed by an MD and is within the time/date requirements, the student can be allowed to participate given that form. Some students are cleared using a military physical exam record, etc.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: I have a question for next year and would like to get your input. It was recently brought to our booster club's attention that back in 1999 they paid for the trainer for the youth football team. They would like the booster club to again pay for this expense. One issue is that the money for the booster club is run through the school district and I feel it would be wrong to pay for nonschool sports, since the youth football team is a feeder program. My question to you is are there any WIAA rule against schools funding nonschool sports?

A.: You are wise to be cautious in this area. What was done in 99 - may/or may not have been approved and appropriate - we can't say for certain. But wise to double check. I'd recommend a conversation with your supt., principal and auditor or dist. business mgr. Get clarification whether use of 'school funds' in this manner will be authorized. And see that what ever direction you go, you get the written approval for doing so...especially if school funds are going to be directed to nonschool programs. This is one of the reasons that most booster organizations are not (technically) controlled by the school....and will keep their funds separate and outside of school...non school funds have more flexibility for out-of-season and non-school use. +

Soccer

Deb Hauser



2007 Girls Soccer Tournament Series

Seeding Meeting Information

Division 1

Sectional 1 – Regional A – New Richmond – “Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. - New Richmond HS” – Host: Charles Conley <charles.conley@usbank.com> 715-246-6341 (home) 612-387-5376 (cell)

Sectional 1 – Regional B – Merrill – “Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. - Merrill High School Cafeteria (Enter Door #1)” – Host: Thom Hahn <thom.hahn@maps.k12.wi.us> 715-212-1042 (cell) 715-536-1073 (home)

Sectional 2 – Regional A – De Pere – “Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m. - De Pere HS Community Room” – Host: Jeff Byczek <jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us> 920-327-0686 (cell) 920-983-9537 (home)

Sectional 2 – Regional B – Plymouth – “Sunday, May 20, 4 p.m. - Plymouth HS Amp.” – Host: Mike Slagle <mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us> 920-946-2248 (cell) 920-892-8106 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional A – Tomah – “Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. - Tomah High School Room 100” – Host: Dale Jonson <dalej@tomah.k12.wi.us> 608-343-8484 (cell) 608-378-4215 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional B – Madison Memorial – “Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. - Nitty Gritty, Gammon Road” – Host: Tim Patton <timcat@charter.net> 608-692-4898 (cell) 608-826-0303 (home)

Sectional 4 – Regional A – Menasha – “Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m. - Menasha High School” – Host: Gene Spindler & Will Krautkramer <spindler@mjsd.k12.wi.us> <krautkramer-w@mjsd.k12.wi.us> 920-209-9729 (cell) 920-733-4880 (home)

Sectional 4 – Regional B – Fond du Lac – “Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. - Fond du Lac HS Community Room - Door 25” – Host: Greg Winkler <winkler@fonddulac.k12.wi.us> 920-960-8814 (cell) 920-921-0585 (home)

Sectional 5 – Regional A – Oconomowoc – “Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. - Oconomowoc High School” – Host: Scott Raduka <scott.raduka@oasd.k12.wi.us> 262-490-8431 (cell) 920-474-7567 (home)

Sectional 5 – Regional B – Kettle Moraine – “Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. - Kettle Moraine HS (Laser Room)” – Host: Mike Fink & Greg Propsero <finkm@kmsd.edu> 262-968-6273 ext. 406 (work) 262-968-4430 (home)

Sectional 6 – Regional A – Badger – “Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. - Badger HS - Room 108” – Host: Jim Kluge <jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us> 262-903-6583 (home & cell)

Sectional 6 – Regional B – Wilmot Union – “Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m. - Wilmot Union HS” – Host: Shelly Ericksen <shellyericksen@fivestarbodies.com> 262-206-4132 (cell) 262-889-4098 (home)

Sectional 7 – Regional A – Cedarburg – “Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m. - Cedarburg High

School” – Host: Brian Leair <bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us> 262-470-5656 (cell) 262-677-4267 (home)

Sectional 7 – Regional B – Wisconsin Lutheran – “Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. - Wisconsin Lutheran High School” – Host: Jeff Sitz <jsitz@wlhs.k12.wi.us> 414-429-8866 (cell) 414-453-4567 ext. 2007 (work)

Sectional 8 – Regional A – Divine Savior – “Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. - Divine Savior Board Room - park in front, go in main door” – Host: Kevin Roethe <roethek@lmbrookschool.org> 414-628-1078 (cell) 414-258-4348 (home)

Sectional 8 – Regional B – South Milwaukee – TBD

Division 2

Sectional 1 – Regional A – Mosinee – “Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m. - Mosinee HS IMC” – Host: Guy Otte <gotte@mosineeschools.org> 715-581-1374 (cell) 715-693-5524 (home)

Sectional 1 – Regional B – Xavier – “Sunday, May 20, 12 Noon - Xavier HS Board Room” – Host: Kathy Bates <kbates@xavier.k12.wi.us> 920-419-2552 (cell) 920-731-9786 (home)

Sectional 2 – Regional A – West Salem – “Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. - West Salem HS Main Conference Room” – Host: LeRoy Krall <lkrall@wsalem.k12.wi.us> 608-786-2288 (home) 608-786-1220 ext. 2353 (school)

Sectional 2 – Regional B – McFarland – “Sunday, May 20, 12 noon - McFarland High School” – Host: Brad Minter <brad_minter@mcfarland.k12.wi.us> 608-217-9174 (cell) 608-838-9860 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional A – Little Chute – “Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m. - Little Chute High School - Room 138” – Host: Jack Coffey <jcoffey@new.rr.com> 920-462-0901 (cell) 920-850-7662 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional B – New Holstein – “Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. - New Holstein High School” – Host: Steve Steiner <ssteiner@nhsd.k12.wi.us> 920-980-7539 (cell) 920-898-4760 (home)

Sectional 4 – Regional A – Grafton – “Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. - Grafton High School” – Host: Don Arnold <sparsons@grafton.k12.wi.us> 262-375-4463 (home)

Sectional 4 – Regional B – Whitewater – “Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m. - Whitewater High School” – Host: Doug Parker <dparker@wwusd.org> 262-903-5068 (home & cell)

Division 3

Sectional 1 – Regional A – Somerset – “Sunday, May 20, 12 noon - Tony’s in Spooner” – Host: Brad Nemec <bnemec@somerset.k12.wi.us> 715-497-5887 (cell) 715-247-5637 (home)

Sectional 1 – Regional B – Green Bay NEW Luth – “Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. - Green Bay NEW Lutheran HS - Commons” – Host: Jeff Schaefer <batschae5@netnet.net> 920-362-3498 (cell) 920-822-4421 (home)

Sectional 2 – Regional A – Wisconsin Heights – “Monday, May 14, 4 p.m. - Wisconsin Heights HS” – Host: Eric Instefjord <eindefjord@wisheights.k12.wi.us> 608-225-8171 (cell) 608-795-4894 (home)

Sectional 2 – Regional B – Watertown Luther Prep – “Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m. - Watertown Luther Prep HS - Room 215” – Host: Brent Archer <archerbj@lps.wels.net> 920-791-0294 (cell) 920-261-8869 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional A – Oshkosh Lourdes – “Sunday, May 20, 12 Noon - Oshkosh Lourdes HS - Door 7” – Host: John Cleaver <jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us> 920-252-0430 (cell) 920-203-8422 (home)

Sectional 3 – Regional B – Ozaukee – “Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m. - Ozaukee High School” – Host: Eric Liebergen <liebergen@nosd.edu> 262-224-2130 (cell) 262-268-0770 (home)

Sectional 4 – Regional A – Dominican – “Saturday, May 19, 4 p.m. - Dominican HS - Cafeteria” – Host: Paul Wollersheim <pwollersheim@dominicanhighschool.com> 414-807-6649 (cell)

Sectional 4 – Regional B – Thomas More – “Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. - Thomas More HS” – Host: Kevin Quinlan <kquinlan@tmore.org> †

Senior High Directory Changes

ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Murray Gleffe

BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Travis Alexander

CEDARBURG HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach David Tice

DURAND HIGH SCHOOL – Football Coach Rodney Rosemeyer

GREEN BAY EAST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Tim Rietveld

GREEN BAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Nathaniel Jackson

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Ryan Haroldson

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Bob Kasten

MADISON WEST HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Ted Bradley

MUKWONAGO HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coaches Audra Banning & Marnia Schatzman

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Jerry Brinkman

PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Sarah Schultz

SAINT MARY’S SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL – Boys Tennis Coach Fred Bellio

Junior High/Middle Level Directory Changes

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL – Principal Brian Betts (take out interim) (715) 423-0272, Athletic Director Phone Number (715) 423-0272, School Fax Number (715) 423-2853, Boys Tennis Gr. 7-8

JOHNSON CREEK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL – Add - PO Box 39 - Zip Code 53038-0039 †

Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

QUESTION: I have a question regarding uniform rules for nonvarsity tennis players. In 15b(8), it states that nonvarsity players shall be allowed to wear old "nonvarsity uniforms" which are unapproved. Does that mean nonvarsity players still must wear a "tennis school uniform" rather than any type of clothing? For example, a Wisconsin Dells t-shirt, Badger t-shirt, school soccer t-shirt, Gander Mountain cap or a Packers cap?

INTERPRETATION: Nonvarsity tennis uniforms should be approved, just as varsity uniforms should be approved, by the school administration. Since tennis players are representing their school and community at both home and away competitions, it is important for school administrators to be the determining individuals to identify just how they would like their student-athletes to look. Whenever situations of inappropriate attire are brought to my attention, I will refer the information to school administrators of that school, in addition to implementing penalties (if appropriate) of 15., b.

Regarding each of the items listed:

1. A Wisconsin Dells t-shirt – this might be OK if it is an appropriate school uniform being worn by a Wisconsin Dells tennis player. However, all other players wearing it would need to be penalized.

2. Badger t-shirt – I am taking this to be a "University of Wisconsin" Badger t-shirt – regulation indicates this is not allowed and should be penalized.

3. Gander Mountain cap – As long as it does not exceed the one 2" x 3" logo limitation, it is OK.

4. Packer caps – professional teams are not allowed and should be penalized.

QUESTION: Is a t-shirt with the term "Tennis Rocks" a legal school team uniform if it is not recognized as a school uniform?

INTERPRETATION: School administrators should always approve of school uniforms prior to the start of the season. If school administration do not recognize this shirt as an official tennis team uniform and the school name is not on them, then it is not an approved uni-

form. A one game penalty needs to be applied at the time of detection and the illegal clothing needs to be replaced before resuming play.

QUESTION: We are short one team for our tennis invite. Another school offered their JV team. Their coach told the AD, that a JV team can not participate in another varsity tournament, when their varsity is playing in another tournament, different location than ours. Is that true?

INTERPRETATION: In the Spring Season Regulations, page 36, 6., c., A school may enter only one varsity meet per day. There has been identified manipulation of seeding and special qualifier identification previously that has caused the need for the regulation.

QUESTION: Could you advise me on the wearing of sunglasses during a match: legal or illegal?

INTERPRETATION: USTA and WIAA regulations (including WIAA Medical Policies) remain silent regarding use of sunglasses during a competition. There are some student-athletes that may need shaded eye protection and others that believe it will help them. Sunglasses in all cases are legal to use during practice and/or a match.

QUESTION: If we have some 9th graders that we would like to have compete against 7th and 8th grade teams in the area, are we allowed to do so?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, the WIAA staff has been encouraging this type of competition for schools with low numbers in grades 7, 8 and 9 in past years and approved of new language at the Annual Meeting that will be found in the 2007-08 handbooks and regulations allowing 9th graders to compete on 7th-8th grade programs in emergency situations.

QUESTION: Can a JV volunteer coach leave a meet and be replaced later in the match by the varsity head coach?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, any varsity coach can replace a coach that has to leave a nonvarsity match early so long as there are not more than two coaches.

QUESTION: Can a two-day tournament that is suspended after one day of play due to weather condi-

tions be rescheduled for another date?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a tournament that was originally a two-day event and suspended after one day of competition, can be rescheduled in order to conclude the tournament.

QUESTION: Can a coach be inside the fences where the courts are located? Can the coach be coaching during points while inside the fence?

INTERPRETATION: There may be some special facility situations where coaches do need to be inside the fences. For these situations, conference regulations need to be adopted and allowed on an equitable basis.

No, regulations pertaining to the coaching of tennis players during a match continue to be as found in the WIAA Season Regulations in 15., c.

QUESTION: Upon arrival at our match at another high school, their coach informed me that his #1 singles player had thrown out his shoulder during his team warm-ups and that he was "inserting" another player at the #1 position while leaving his #2-#4 intact. During the 10-minute warm-up it was clear that their "new" #1 was more or less a sacrificial lamb so that he could maintain his lineup. I challenged this move as I have always held to the belief that you must play your singles and doubles in order of ability regardless of the reasons for players missing. He contended that if it was an injury situation you could insert any player at a position and keep the rest of your lineup the same. We consulted the WIAA Spring Rules for Tennis but could find only language that such a substitution is allowed during tournament play but found nothing for dual matches. He contended that such language was his basis for his substitution. We played the match out without further discussion and agreed to find out which of us were right.

INTERPRETATION: The regulation you used is only to be applied during WIAA Tournament Series competition after coaches have sent in their lineup to the subsectional meet director and before matches begin at the subsectional tournaments. It is not intended for use during regular season tennis matches.

Since the injury occurred before the warm-up against his

opponent, the lineup should have been adjusted with every-one moving up.

Since there does not appear to be any conference language available and both coaches agreed to the lineup, the result of the meet stands.

Determination of how the "order of ability" should be established in situations like this is a conference decision for conference matches. To prevent situations like this from taking place, I strongly encourage conferences to develop language similar to that found below:

Order of Ability

- Players/doubles teams must play in order of ability.
- The line-up shall always be based on order of ability.
- Matching up is prohibited.
- In singles players must compete in order of ability with the best player on the team playing at the #1 position, the second best at #2, and so on through all positions.

• In case of injury or illness, all players must move up.

This rule shall also apply to doubles play with the strongest doubles team at the #1 position, etc.

Moving a Player

Down in the Line-Up

A player shall not be moved down in the line-up because of:

- An injury that has lasted and forced a player out of the line-up for less than three weeks.
- Disciplinary measures.
- Challenge matches after xxx team matches have been played.

Appeals

• If a coach feels that the opponent's line-up as presented is not fair, he should notify the opposing coach of the protest. If the protest is not made before the start of the match, it must be filed in writing within 48 hours of the start of the match to a designated conference official (preferably a group of conference tennis coaches who are not involved in the match).

Conference language can easily be developed using the information found above as a model and having a meeting with all the conference coaches if not after the season, perhaps at the WHSTCA meeting in the fall. †

Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafrenski

QUESTION: Can a coach offer a summer school golf class to golfers from the high school team?

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, golf coaches are allowed to assemble their players in the summertime for up to five (5) days prior to July 31. In addition, golf 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: We had two boys who were smoking while playing in a golf meet. Are they disqualified from that competition?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, per WIAA Sr. High School regulations as found on page 39, Article VII, Section 2, C., 1), after the school makes the determination that student-athletes have violated the athletic code of their school, the penalty is immediately implemented. This has always meant that the moment a student-athlete is in possession of or consumes an illegal substance, they are in violation of the regulation.

Consequently, since this situation took place during a meet, the boys are considered to be immediately disqualified and all matches, places, points, scores, etc., of involved student as an individual are eliminated, and all contributions made by involved student(s) toward the team score must also be eliminated. In this case, since two boys from the same team were found to be in violation of the athletic code, there are not enough players to fill the team.

QUESTION: Can a coach use an electronic measuring device during a golf meet?

INTERPRETATION: Neither USGA nor WIAA regulations prevent a coach from using an electronic measuring device during a practice or a competition. However, WIAA regulation 15., f., does prevent a coach from providing this information to a player after that player has teed off and before that player has completed the hole. Through discussions with all WIAA committees, it has been determined that golfers are not allowed to use measuring devices during meets.

QUESTION: Can a golfer with an ankle injury obtain a waiver to use a cart during a meet?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Spring and Fall Season Regulations, 15., e., indicate . . . Pull carts are permissible. Caddies, electric golf caddy, and riding carts are not permitted, except a riding cart may be approved by the WIAA for an individual with a permanent illness/disability. Permission must be requested for using a riding cart for a permanent illness/disability prior to the individual's first meet.

QUESTION: Can a high school golfer receive a free cart fee during practice?

INTERPRETATION: There are a couple of things regarding your question that I am hopeful can be worked out. Bottom line is that you could accomplish providing a free cart within the rules and without peril by making a few adjustments.

On the surface, this may seem like a very simple question. However, use of a free golf cart for a high school golfer can easily be viewed as a potential violation of WIAA Amateur Status regulations since a golfer is receiving a gift that is not listed as an award that is "symbolic (non-merchandise)" in nature as listed in the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article IV., B., 1), b., page 34.

However, if as part of the school contract with the course, written language can be allowed which indicates that the course will provide a cart for all players or for a player with a permanent illness/disability, this potential violation can be avoided.

QUESTION: Can a WIAA State Tournament series golf meet be played in another state?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, determination of the actual site of a WIAA State Tournament Series golf meet is up to the host school. If the course selected is outside the State of Wisconsin, this has been allowed.

QUESTION: My son is a golfer, he wants to bowl in an event during the golf season. Can he participate and can he accept prizes at the bowling tournament?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, to both questions. Since bowling is not a WIAA sanctioned sport, he is able to participate in the tournament and receive prizes.

QUESTION: We have a girl playing on our boy's golf team. She would like to compete in the Women's U.S. Open Qualifier in May. Can she do so?

INTERPRETATION: As long as she has documented scores from a competition where she has defeated one of the top five individual place winners from the 2006 WIAA State Championship Meet, she is eligible to participate in this competition because it is a event golfers have been allowed to compete in during the regular season.

Please keep in mind, a student-athlete becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. Also, no waiver shall be provided for nonschool competition which occurs during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport.

QUESTION: My son would like to participate in the Men's U.S. Open Qualifier, can he do so?

INTERPRETATION: The Men's U.S. Open Qualifier is also an event golfers have been allowed to compete in during the WIAA regular season. With approval from the school and documentation of scores from a competition where he has defeated one of the top five individual place winners from the 2006 WIAA State Championship Meet, he could be eligible for this waiver.

QUESTION: My son plays on a high school varsity golf team for a school in southeast Wisconsin. A few days ago he had his first match of the season, and when he came home, informed me of something that has me quite irritated. One of the schools has a female on their team which is fine. That is not the problem. The school she attends DOES have a girls team, but she is good enough to play on the varsity boys team. That's fine as well. However, the problem is that she is teeing off from the red tees and not the blue tees like the boys. That can be quite an advantage on certain holes when it comes to water hazards, bunkers, etc. Some of the red tee boxes can be as far as 100 yards ahead of the blue. Is this fair? Especially since the level of players is "equal"?

If she wants to hit from the red, then go play on the girls team, or perhaps with her mom and dad at the local golf course, but certainly not at high school BOYS varsity level competition. I would appreciate your response, and perhaps an explanation of how this is allowed. Maybe there's some "politically correct" rule that enables this type of behavior.

INTERPRETATION: First, the school your son was competing against does not have a girls golf program. When circumstances like this exist (a boys program exists at a school, but not a girls program) girls are allowed to practice and compete on the boys program.

In golf, the WIAA membership, of over 500 schools of which 150 have girls golf and 375 have a boys golf team, adopted a regulation which has served the member-

ship well that reads as follows:

During the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, host schools must relocate as many forward and men's tees as necessary to create a women's length course that is approximately 15% shorter than the men's length course.

This regulation was approved based upon data obtained from the USGA indicating tests demonstrate boys hit the ball approximately 15% further than girls. In addition, since there are regular occurrences of girls having to play on boys teams in Wisconsin, this regulation will allow for a fairer playing course. As you are most likely aware, course ratings are not determined by obstacles alone. One case in point is the way we have arranged University Ridge in Madison for the State Tournament. At UR, the girl's course actually has a higher slope rating than the boy's course. This is due to obstacles and differences in elevations.

Each course is able to identify an appropriate course that allows comparable play for both boys and girls. The WSGA is always willing to work with a course to identify an appropriate course.

I hope this is helpful for your consideration of this regulation. Please keep in mind that our objective is to promote the sport of golf to as many student-athletes as we can. Getting students out for golf, in competitive situations is not always easily accomplished—especially with girls. The WIAA school golf program promotes many, many educational aspects. Other tours and organizational golf programs have other objectives. This regulation promotes approximately 50 girls each year to participate in the boys program and has resulted in numerous WIAA girls program developing.

QUESTION: I'm new to coaching golf. We have a 1-man team this year. It is the first year our school has someone in golf. I have talked to two different people about the use of 2 wheel bag carts during competitions. One former player/coach says 'no'. The local golf course manager says 'yes'. Could you please clarify this for me?

INTERPRETATION: In WIAA high school golf meets, pull carts are allowed during competition per WIAA Spring Season Regulations as found on page 14, 15., e.

QUESTION: Last year at the conference meet we had a situation arise concerning a player who signed his card and turned it into the committee. Shortly after that it was discovered that the card had a lower score for a hole than the player had, not sure who brought this fact up - the player or the committee. My understanding is that the player should have been disqualified for signing and turning in a card with a lower score for a hole than they shot for that hole.

The WIAA was called for a ruling and Tom Shafrenski, allowed the score to stand because the player had not left the immediate area.

Two questions -

1. What is the immediate area, it is a very vague phrase to use. (golf is notorious for its exactness in its rules)

2. The rule book states on page 28, (6-6-c) that no alteration to a score card may be made after it has been turned into the committee.

INTERPRETATION: PREVENTING SCORING PROBLEMS

In an effort to prevent nasty scoring problems during golf matches, simple steps can be taken prior to, during, and after tournaments that can truly make a difference:

1. **STARTER MEETING** with each group. In this meeting, review the following issues:

- *Introduction of players
- *Local Rules
- *Special Conditions or Situations for that day's play
- *Pace of Play Expectations
- *Reminder to players: If a competitor sees or believes they see a violation of the rules, they must report the allegation

to the competitor at once. Rules violation cannot be "saved" and reported after scorecards have been signed.

*If a "drop" is done incorrectly, inform competitor immediately and have them "redrop" from that same location.

*Play two balls if a coach or official is not immediately available to assist with a ruling, record both scores and check with meet officials as soon as possible.

*Good sportsmanship. Competitors should help prevent rule violations (i.e., replacing ball mark when moved out of the line of a putt, fix ball marks on the green, etc.) and applaud good shots by competitors.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy competing in this WIAA golf tournament.

2. During competition, coaches and meet officials should make periodic checks of each group. Ask if they have had any rule situations that may require interpretation. Also, repeatedly ask competitors if they have any concerns about rule violations or potential rule violations they may have been involved in or witnessed during play.

3. RETURNING SCORE CARDS

Returning score cards at the end of a meet is an emotional experience with plenty of high anxiety for golfers, coaches and members of the "committee." Provided below is a process to help reduce this anxiety and allow your tournament to conclude with little or no controversy:

1. Designate a "scoring area" (tent, room in the clubhouse, area of the clubhouse, garage, etc.) for golfers to review, complete and sign their scorecards. Inform players and coaches of this "scoring area" that they will report to following the competition. Have a member of the committee meet with golfers to discuss any concerns or rulings they may have experienced during the round and to help golfers resolve any differences that may still remain prior to golfers signing and/or handing in their scorecard.

2. In this designated scoring area, have a box or location where golfers place their scorecards once they are certain everything is correct and all signatures are in place. Golfers can place their score cards in this box or location when they are certain their scorecard is correct.

3. Post golfer's hole-by-hole scores and overall score so that everyone can see these scores.

4. Give golfers and coaches approximately 15-20 minutes to review all scores after posting the final results, standings and individual medalists.

5. Per WIAA Season Regulations, 15., j., Post the final results, team places and individual places. Once the final results, team places and individual places have been posted, the golf meet is closed, all committee decisions stand and no changes can be made to the final results.

QUESTION: I have been thinking about taking returning lettermen on a retreat early in the season to set goals, etc., for the season. This would be an overnight with a round of golf. I would like to use money raised through fundraising to pay for this experience. Would you comment on how this would meet WIAA policy. Also, if it is in violation, please let me know what I can do to make a goal setting experience a possibility.

INTERPRETATION: First, be certain to obtain permission for such an adventure from your school administration. Their approval is the most important one for this matter as it will be a school sponsored activity. There may also be some school policies that will be required.

So long as an activity like this takes place during the season, WIAA regulations do not prevent such a trip from taking place. The trip can not be to a course that is not designated as a home course, is a conference, regional or sectional meet site. +

Softball and Track & Field



Marcy Thurwachter

Softball Question & Answers

Question 1: I recently purchased a Mizuno Ice, model #340139. I couldn't find it on the ASA approved bat list even though it has the 2004 ASA seal. Is this a legal bat?

Answer: Legal. The ASA added the Mizuno Ice, #340139 to the approved bat list last week.

Question 2: Where can I find the Crow Hop video?

Answer: Access the main WIAA web page (not the School Center), go to the Softball page and scroll down the right hand side. Click on the Crow Hop link. Please note that there is also a slide show on the Leap located on the Softball page.

Question 3: Field umpire calls time and proceeds to tell the young lady playing first that she must leave the field as she was disqualified for wearing a metal barrette. Shouldn't a warning have been issued? Or was the pre-game conference discussion considered the warning?

Answer: Rule 3-6-1; team warning on the first violation, next violation results in the offender and the head coach restricted to the dug-out.

Question 4: As the home team, I was designated the official scorebook. After each inning, the home plate umpire would ask the opposing team the score in their book, and then check with me to see if mine matched. After 7 innings, and several substitutions, the home team is ahead 14-10 in the top of the 7th. The opposing team scores 3 runs and then we get 3 outs to close the game at 14-13. The teams shake hands, we say "Thank-You" to our umpires and teams and coaches get ready to leave for home. About 5 minutes later, after the umpires have gone home, the opposing team finds an error in the score book and by freak chance - I have the same error. The error ties the score at 14. What is the outcome of the game played?

Answer: The score would stand. Once the umpires have left the field the game is considered to be over. Rule 10-1-2; "Umpire jurisdiction...when the umpires leave the field of play at the conclusion of the game."

Question 5: Clarification of the DP/Flex. We have a girl that can hit and field, but is very slow. We want to call this girl the Flex and put her in the 10th position of the lineup and have a girl that can run for her

be the DP and put her in the 3rd position of the order, where we want the Flex girl to hit. Then, when it is the DP's turn to hit, we substitute the Flex in for the DP so the Flex can hit. By rule, the DP has then left the game. Then, when the Flex gets on base, we want to re-enter the DP to run for the Flex. The DP is then back in the 3rd position and the Flex returns to the 10th position and has never left the game. The next time the DP's turn comes up to hit, we again want to substitute the Flex in for her to hit. By rule, this DP has left the game a 2nd time and is done for the game, having used up her re-entry. When the Flex then gets on base again, we enter an eligible substitute for the DP and then enter the DP to run for the Flex, with the DP back in the 3rd position and the Flex returning to the 10th position. We keep doing this as long as the 3rd spot comes up to hit and the Flex gets on base, using eligible subs for the DP.

Answer: Legal. When the DP's turn to bat arrives the coach can have the Flex bat. The Flex has not left the game but the DP has. He/she can then bring the DP in to run for the Flex should she get on base. That is the DP's re-entry. Flex only leaves the game if she is replaced defensively. This doesn't happen in this scenario. Next time DP comes to bat the coach can have Flex bat, but the original DP cannot re-enter to run should the Flex get on base. A legal substitute could enter the game as the new DP or DP2 and run for the Flex. DP2 would have to re-enter to run. Next time DP2 comes to bat the Flex could take her place but DP2 has left the game and cannot return. Coach could use another legal substitute, DP3, and continue this method for as long as he has legal substitutes.

Question 6: Is it legal to use pine tar in the grip area on a metal bat?

Answer: Rule 1-5-6; "No foreign substance may be added to the surface of the bat beyond 15 inches from the end of the handle."

Question 7: Batter is a lefty, drag bunter. How is a strike determined?

Answer: Umpires judgment using Rule 7-2-1. Case Book 7-2-1, Sit. B; "Normally there are four areas that constitute whether or not the batter has swung at the ball or checked the

swing: 1) rolling the wrist, 2) swinging through the ball and bringing or drawing the bat back, unless drawing it back occurs before the pitch gets to the bat, 3) the bat being out in front of the body, or 4) the batter makes an attempt to hit the pitch. In bunting, any movement of the bat toward the ball when the ball is over or near the plate area, is a strike. The mere holding of the bat in the strike zone, or pulling the bat back, is not an attempt to bunt."

Question 8: I have a question regarding a batter taking signs. Earlier in the week we had two separate umpires tell me that the girls need to keep one foot in the batter's box, similar to the baseball rule. The one umpire stated that it was a new rule and was a point of emphasis at their meeting. I attended the rules interpretation meeting at the coaches clinic and have reviewed the rule and case book. The only thing I could find was the twenty second rule.

Answer: Rule 7-3-1 has not changed from previous years. This rule pertains to the time limit and restrictions on the batter. There is not a rule which would prohibit a batter from stepping out of the batter's box. Baseball, however, does have a rule which requires "The batter to keep at least one foot in the batter's box throughout time at bat." The umpire was correct that batter delays were covered in the recent Softball Meetings as a Point of Emphasis. The complete language may be reviewed on page 84 of the NFHS Rule Book.

Question 9: Girls on Team X were using the under eye black marker that many players will use for blocking sun glare. Question is, can it be more than one line? Under just one eye? Wrapping around to the side and the top of the eye?

Answer: There is not a rule restricting glare blocker. If you felt that the use was somehow unsportsmanlike you might apply Rule 3-6-13 although it would be more appropriate to discreetly speak to the coach.

Question 10: Player on first when the next batter swung (not third strike) and missed and the catcher missed the ball. All though it was a swing and miss, the sound of the ball coming off the catcher's glove sounded like a foul ball. The runner on first

base advanced to second but then returned to first base on hearing fans say "foul ball" and was tagged out by the defensive team. We allowed the girls to go back to second base and continued play from there. Was this correct?

Answer: Runner is out. It is the runner's responsibility to know what the umpire has called. If there is a question as to the call stay on base. Spectator interference, Rules 8-2-12 or 8-4-3k do not apply in this instance. If the defensive team had called "foul ball" Rule 2-32; verbal interference could have been called.

Question 11: We cannot find the Easton Rebel SZ100B on the ASA approved bat list. Is it legal?

Answer: Yes. The ASA has updated its legal bat list. The Easton Rebel SZ100B is now on the list.

Question 12: Our softball field is also the baseball field. Will we be able to host WIAA tournament softball games?

Answer: No. Please refer to the Softball Season Regulations, page 31; "Games may not be played on baseball diamonds."

Question 13: I'm just curious if there is a WIAA rule about canceling sporting events due to cold weather.

Answer: The WIAA does not have temperature criteria to determine whether athletic contests should be held or not. Always contact the host school to determine the status of athletic events.

Question 14: Runners on second and third. A ground ball is hit to F5. The throw from third goes through F3's legs and comes to rest just inside dead ball territory. F3 picks up the ball, braces for the throw, and steps with one foot completely in dead ball territory. Please clarify the correct call.

Answer: The ball was neither hit nor thrown into dead ball territory and became a dead ball only when the fielder, F3, stepped into dead ball territory. According to the Case Book, 8-4-3, Sit. T, the award is two bases but from the time the fielder stepped out of play (8-4-3i, Effect, page 66) not when it left the fielder's hand (8-4-3f, Effect, page 65). The step out-of-play and the throw may have been nearly simultaneous but the rule book does state there is a difference in timing. +

Track & Field Question & Answers

Question 1: Past practice has been to "pool" throwing implements. This would allow any competitor to throw any implement in the "pool". Is this practice required? We have several hundred dollars invested in our implements and don't want another athlete to damage them.

Answer: The WIAA is discouraging the practice of pooling. You are correct that implements, especially the discus, are very expensive. Throwing implements should be treated the same as a pole; ask the individual if you can use their implement. The owner has the right to refuse. At the State Meet this spring the WIAA will be providing house implements for use by any athlete. This practice will be discussed by Coach's Advisory to determine if it will become a regulation for next season.

Question 2: Is it permissible to have the school name on the front of the uniform top and have the initials on the back? For example; MADISON NORTH on the

front and MN on the back?

Answer: There are not any restrictions on school names (either size, location, or number of times the name appears).

Question 3: Shot putter's shoe lace drags across the top of the toe board. Should he be charged with a foul?

Answer: No. A shoe lace is not considered to be a "body part" (Case Book; 6-5-9, Sit. A)

Question 4: Is it legal to use a one turn stagger for the 3200m run?

Answer: Yes, but this would not be the preferred procedure. The water-fall start would be more appropriate.

Question 5: Last night we were running the boys' and girls' pole vaults on separate runways. Late in the meet with two girls remaining in the competition, one of the coaches requested the girls use the other pit due to the speed of the wind making the vault unsafe. I, as the meet referee, determined that the wind was not blowing unusually hard, and was even

calm at times. Under what conditions, if any, could we have moved the event to a different pit? The boys competition was still in progress.

Answer: The vault may be moved to a different runway or run in a different direction only if the head vault judge, in conjunction with the meet referee' input, deems that an unsafe environment exists due to the direction and force of the wind. In this case, when the boy's competition was completed and when the bar was scheduled to be raised to the next height.

Question 6: Athlete scratched his first two throws in the discus. He had one more throw left. He threw and his glasses fell off. The event judge said, "Mark". When the thrower heard the "Mark", he reached over to grab his glasses which were outside the ring, then he exited through the back of the ring. At that point, the event judge said "scratch".

Answer: Legal throw. Reference the

Case Book, page 67, 6-5-9, Sit. A; "unintentional touching of personal equipment outside the circle before the put is marked does not, by itself, constitute a foul." Even though this is not exactly the same situation it would still apply.

Question 7: In the long jump, athlete records a very good jump in the first round of the preliminaries. He then a) verbally scratches each jump when his name is called in the remaining preliminary rounds and the finals, b) leaves the event and does not return, c) leaves the meet and does not return. What is the ruling?

Answer: All are legal. Rule 7-2-8; "To place in a jumping event, a competitor must have had at least one successful jump." The NFHS does not have language regarding "abandoning" an event so there are no grounds for disqualification. It is hoped, however, that the athlete would indicate his intentions prior to leaving. +

2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 112th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau.

Board of Control President Scott Lindgren, Athletic Coordinator at Kenosha Public Schools, presided. There were 431 delegates in attendance representing 361 schools. The President opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates. The 2006-07 highlight presentation produced by When We Were Young was shown. Mr. Lindgren then reviewed the materials in the meeting packet and introduced the head table which included Executive Director Douglas Chickering, Deputy Director Dave Anderson, President-Elect Gus Mancuso of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Treasurer Kevin Knudson of Barneveld Public Schools, Administration Coordinator Julie Kage and Parliamentarian Dr. Rich Ilkka of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Minutes of 2006 meeting stand as presented. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Bulletin and in the WIAA Yearbook.

Treasurer Kevin Knudson reviewed the financial report included in the meeting materials. Total revenue for FY2006 was \$7,017,108 and operating expenses were \$6,839,358. Other revenue was \$90,862, resulting in a net increase in earnings of \$268,612. The June 30, 2006 fund balance was \$3,061,855. A balanced budget with income and expenses of \$6,997,050 is expected. Fall tournament results were about \$40,000 above net projections. The Budget forecast for the 2007-08 year will increase returns to schools in areas yet to be identified. Schools were reminded to ask for additional reimbursements before the tournament begins. Ticket prices will likely increase \$1 to \$4 at the sectional level for basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling and hockey. State Tournament per session admission fees will remain at this year's level. A motion was made by Graeme Williams, Loyal and seconded by Jeff Sitz, Wisconsin Lutheran to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Doug Chickering presented the Election Report. In the Board of Control election, all three incumbents ran unopposed. Terry Reynolds, Shell Lake, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 1. Jim McCartney, Horicon, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 6. Scott Lindgren, Kenosha, was re-elected for a three-year term for District 7. Terry Reynolds has accepted the District Administrator's position in Pittsville. Pittsville is in District 2 so he has resigned his seat. Special election timeline allows declarations of candidacy between April 30 and May 14. A primary election will be held if needed beginning May 16 with the deadline for primary ballots on May 30. If a primary is needed, general election ballots will be sent on June 4 with a deadline of

June 15. If no primary is necessary, the general election will replace the primary. The successful candidate will be seated for the Board of Control Meeting on August 10. Walter Wetzel was unsuccessful in his election to the Neillsville Board of Education and the WASB will reappoint a voting representative to the WIAA Board of Control. In the Advisory Council election, Joel Eul, Whitnall was elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools. David Bardo, Wittenberg-Birnamwood was elected to a three-year term for the Medium Schools and Paul Rozak, Stratford was re-elected to a three-year term representing Medium Schools. Mark Gruen, Eleva-Strum was elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools and Graeme Williams, Loyal was re-elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools. Election winners were introduced.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Carl Eisman, Martin Luther; Peg Ekedahl, Milton; Roger Foegen, Bangor; Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee and Jim Smasal, Winneconne. Board of Control liaisons John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards; Michael Thompson, Executive Assistant to the State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and Mike Neary, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association were introduced. Guests in attendance included Tom Beattie, Executive Director, AWSA, John Roberts and Matt Otte. This was Mr. Roberts 51st Annual Meeting and Mr. Otte's 50th Annual Meeting. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well. Tim Eichorst and Matt Bushweiler of When We Were Young as well as Dennis Semrau of The Capital Times and Art Kabelowsky of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel were introduced as well.

Voting procedures for the amendments were explained by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director. He explained Robert's Rules of Order shall govern if not inconsistent with the WIAA Constitution and the authority of the Board of Control to designate a time and place for the meeting was reviewed. A delegate may speak by going to the microphone, being recognized by the chair, give his/her full name and the name of the school represented. The Constitution of the WIAA states "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 percent of the member high schools." He also explained if a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting. Voting

delegates have been appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, will conduct the vote count. Tellers assisting with today's meeting were Rod Anderson, Augusta; Tim Collins, Big Foot; Phil Martell, Cudahy; Stacey Kraus, La Farge; Kathy Bates, Xavier and Barb Chiszar, Hayward.

Proposal #1

CONSTITUTION – Article VI - Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

This change would establish and define a plan for dissolution in the event of the Association ceasing operations as recommended by the WIAA's audit firm, Grant Thornton. A motion was made by Todd Fischer, Osseo-Fairchild and seconded by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 341-4.

Proposal #2

BYLAWS – Article I - Sports Program

This change would require that all WIAA recognized sports sponsored by a member must adhere to all Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility and Season Regulations of the Association. A motion was made by John Maltzsch, Pewaukee and seconded by Jim Johnson, Milton to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 341-2.

Proposal #3

BYLAWS – Article II - School Competition and Practice Requirements

This change would prohibit competition against school teams that are not members of their respective State High School Association. A motion was made by Paul Rozak, Stratford and seconded by Randy Refsland, Milton to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 327-19.

Proposal #4

BYLAWS – Article II - School Competition and Practice Requirements

This change will limit travel and competition in non-bordering states to one event/competition per team each season. A motion was made by Pete Miller, Merrill and seconded by Jim McClowry, Sun Prairie to support the amendment.

Dave Zimmerman, Milwaukee Custer, said this amendment is disappointing and said the same discussions were held last year. He added most out-of-state trips beyond adjacent borders are paid for by the sponsors of the competition so none of the money comes out of a school's budget. He felt there are a handful of schools upset with recruiting. Milwaukee Custer still has to follow district parameters and he repeated none of money comes from the district. Some games are won and some are lost but it is a great experience. Mr. Zimmerman then said Custer tries to get games in state but schools say they don't want to come to Milwaukee. He added junior varsity teams don't travel. He urged the membership not to vote for this amendment.

Meredith Lang, Milwaukee Washington, asked if this is consistent with

other states' practices. Executive Director Doug Chickering responded that he knows that Michigan has a similar rule. Ms. Lang then asked why was this advanced. Mr. Chickering answered the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee made this recommendation a year ago. Because it was a Constitutional question, it was advanced to the Annual Meeting.

John Nolan, Milwaukee King, felt the amendment is very vague and doesn't pinpoint a contest or event. If the district doesn't limit a school, why should the WIAA? He urged the membership to vote against this motion.

Melody Mehn, Milwaukee Pulaski, said her school has not participated in out-of-state competition but felt this restricts students. She commented on the educational benefits of traveling.

Luke Francois, Middleton, spoke of the September 2005 National Federation of State High School Association's article on interstate competition and said it does not mention limiting competition. He asked why the concern was brought forward and was told because of recruiting. Mr. Francois then asked if there was discussion at the Sports Advisory Committee level and was told that they were told of the proposed amendments but the language was not finalized at the time so there was no consensus of approval or disapproval.

Mr. Francois continued by stating the National Federation sanctions events and this is more restrictive than its involvement with T-Mobile. Mr. Chickering informed Mr. Francois that the proposal before the membership is to limit out-of-state travel and not to endorse the National Federation's entry into national tournaments. Mr. Francois continued by stating this is in direct competition with club and traveling teams, is too restrictive and he will not support this amendment.

Paul Engen, Appleton North, shared how he understood the concerns expressed and then asked how many school districts are flush with money? Appleton had a team go to Florida so he knows how much money had to be raised. School districts have to make some hard decisions and need to look at the entire picture in preparation for funding referendums.

Gary Hanneman, Milwaukee South, said South's basketball team went to Kentucky. It was a great experience for the students and the experience was more important than the basketball game. He added that nothing was contributed by Milwaukee South to offset the costs. This allowed students the opportunity to travel and the experience is more important than what was done on the basketball court.

Kathy Hugin, Milwaukee School of Language, asked if there is a number indicating how much recruiting is done. Scott Lindgren answered that a number has not been determined.

Brian Smith, Waunakee, asked if schools could still participate in events in the bordering states. Dave Anderson

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indicated that is correct. Mr. Smith then said traveling opportunities are available.

The motion was approved by a vote of 259-86.

Editorial changes to the Rules of Eligibility were presented by Dave Anderson. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the rule. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect recent Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes. A motion was made by Greg Smith, West De Pere and seconded by Barb Deichl, Watford to adopt the editorial changes.

Steve Berg, Winnebago Lutheran, asked for clarification of Article I, Section 4 relating to 8th and 9th graders. The current interpretation is that in emergency situations, a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools. There is a sophomore interested in transferring to Winnebago Lutheran. The rule is in a transitional mode and if that student enrolls at Winnebago Lutheran now, he will be viewed as a continuing student and will have unrestricted eligibility next year. If the transfer took place in the junior year, he would be allowed nonvarsity competition.

The motion was approved by a vote of 326-20.

Old Business

There was no old business from the floor. The membership was reminded to send mail to the WIAA's current address of 5516 Vern Holmes Drive instead of 41 Park Ridge Drive as mail continues to be sent to the old address by some schools' business offices. Doug Chickering said he would discuss Michigan's season placement as a sixth item under Old Business.

The membership was reminded to read the provisions of the transfer rule and the editorial changes relating to it carefully. 2006-07 has been a year of education and the transfer rule was discussed at the 2006 Area Meetings, during the tournaments and in the Transfer Rules at a Glance publication. It has been accepted by the public. Mr. Chickering shared Minnesota's experience where proposed legislation was rejected by the governor and the legislature as they acknowledged the need for the rule.

Written material and a DVD were provided to the membership on performance enhancing substances. However, it is not unusual to hear from a student or teacher about what is being done so the WIAA staff identifies the athletic director as the local source of information. New Jersey has a legislated drug testing program and \$50,000 was allocated in the state budget to test athletes after tournaments on a random basis. The state association had to provide another \$50,000 in order to pay for the testing.

The WIAA staff is considering rec-

ommending more games as long as all games are played against Wisconsin schools. This is an attempt to break down the barriers between schools. During discussions last year and during the fourth amendment discussion, it was said some schools are reluctant to play Milwaukee schools. Mr. Chickering asked if more games on a restricted level should remain under consideration or if the WIAA should retain its current season maximums.

Todd Langseth, Antigo, asked if schools could travel to bordering states for tournament play and if this would mean allowing a 3-day tournament count as one contest. Competition against surrounding states would be provided but the game definition would be retained.

Steve Knecht, Kenosha Bradford, felt the idea expressed by Todd Langseth was great and agreed that there should be more opportunities.

Some schools feel nonpublic schools are given preferential treatment in divisional placement because of the lack of attendance boundaries. When the WIAA was making changes to accept the nonpublic schools, multipliers were considered. If it were as easy to identify open enrollment students, there might be the same concerns expressed. A number of states have applied multipliers which didn't work for long. The Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee has recommended all Division 3 and 4 nonpublic schools should play up a division. Open enrollment needs some consideration but open enrollment students are not easily identified. We don't want to strive for mediocrity and we need to identify some type of application for the entire membership, not just nonpublic schools, but for emerging charter schools as well. We need a solution that fits all sports for both girls and boys.

Deb Van Drunen, Sheboygan County Christian High School, spoke as an advocate for her school and commented on the proposal to require Divisions 3 and 4 nonpublic schools to play up a division. There is a perception of recruiting and payment of tuition. She asked where's the proof that rules are being violated. She also wondered why just Division 3 and 4 and not the other divisions should be part of the solution. She spoke of successful programs and stated unless a school is found guilty, it shouldn't be punished.

Doug Chickering reminded the membership if recruiting is taking place, it should be documented and identified to the WIAA staff, who will deal with it accordingly.

A suggestion was made that if schools are moved up one division, it may be easier to accept a fifth division. The membership has been rather cool to the five division concept in basketball. A brief history of the divisional expansion was shared. As the WIAA considered a 5th division, it became known there would be five divisions

advancing four teams to state and support for the proposal lessened. Rather than putting a specific number of schools in each division, more attention may be given to placing the schools by enrollment ranges.

Paul Rozak, Stratford, shared his experience at Marshfield Columbus and the huge enrollment differences when a small school like Columbus would play some school like Pius when WISAA existed. Private schools were happy to come into the WIAA to compete against teams with similar enrollments. He stated his belief that athletes don't get free tuition. The five-division format does have some merit. Automatically schools will see where the school fits for divisional purposes. He applauded the small Milwaukee schools which will play in Division 3. He said the WIAA does such a great job making schools feel like champions that it doesn't make any difference what division the school belongs in.

Doug Chickering said it took courage for Deb Van Drunen, Sheboygan County Christian High School, to address the audience on nonpublic schools. The Classic 8 wrote to the WIAA about its sentiment on nonpublic and public schools along with 5-division in basketball. Mr. Chickering encouraged the schools to discuss these issues at their conference meetings and report the sentiment back to the WIAA.

Tom Shafranski spoke of the ongoing study relative to cooperative teams. Co-op teams were initially started to build programs. He spoke of multi-school and large school co-ops and described athlete selection as a concern. Host schools are usually the only schools with supervisory responsibility. Co-ops often fail to develop into individual programs due to district budgets. This was discussed at the 2006 Area Meetings and the membership agreed more scrutiny is acceptable. Strategies and criteria are being analyzed and will be shared at the 2007 Area Meetings. Conference review of co-ops is important.

The Supreme Court refused to review a lower court decision concerning season placements in Michigan. This is a 6th circuit decision and even though Wisconsin is in the 7th circuit, it will have an impact on us. This will be a featured item at the Area Meetings. Focus will be directed at the soccer, golf, swimming & diving and tennis seasons. A review of past efforts to change the swimming & diving season was shared and implementation would be in the future so current high school athletes would not be affected. In Michigan, the seasons will change in 2007-08 school year.

New Business

There was none from the floor.

In evaluating membership requirements, a profile was developed of nonpublic schools and the varying differences were apparent. Tuition ranges as well as feeder systems were

identified. Nonpublic schools recognize the marketing value of interscholastic athletics. Possibilities for new membership requirements include a probationary period with tournament participation allowed after probation, playing up a division, approval by an accrediting authority of some type, and agreement to follow all WIAA rules.

The WIAA continues to hear from bowling supporters. Competition has to begin at the conference level for WIAA recognition. Due to the WIAA's relationship with the WACPC, there have been less concerns about cheer competition expressed.

There are some efforts by communities sponsoring summer baseball wanting to play a pre-season schedule. Baseball is the only sport, predominantly played by boys, offered in two different seasons. The WIAA will continue to monitor this and urged school oversight of parent and club activities.

The WIAA's agreement with the Alliant Energy Center is for two more years for Girls Basketball and Hockey. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed. The leaders of both sports want to stay in Madison.

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

Scott Lindgren thanked the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting and for their participation.

A motion was made by Pam Huston, Wausau West and Cal Tackes, Stratford to adjourn the meeting at noon.

The Open Forum began at noon.

Melissa Nigh, Weston, spoke of the John Klang Superhero Golf Outing to be held on Monday, June 18 at the Reedsburg Country Club. This is a one-time event which will raise money for scholarships given each year by Weston School District staff in John Klang's memory. A form to sign up for information on the outing was at the registration desk.

Pam Huston, Wausau West, asked if the 15% administrative fee could be removed from the financial form. This will be evaluated.

Steve Berg, Winnebago Lutheran, commented on the difficulty he was experiencing submitting on-line forms to the WIAA. He was reminded to press the submit bottom. The WIAA staff will do a better job of reminding everyone about this.

Gary Rabach, Sturgeon Bay, said he is a first year athletic director and looking at the transfer rule he ran across what he felt a problem with the difference between transfer student without a change of residence and open enrollment students. He was informed the waiver provision could apply.

Mike Younggren, Wausau East, asked about the super sectional format for basketball. This may be an option if the five-division model advances. A similar model was successful in Milwaukee this year.

The open forum concluded at 12:08 p.m.

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Keep These Dates in Mind

May 9	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 15	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 17, 22 & 24	Softball Regionals
May 18	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 21	Track & Field Regionals
May 21-22	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 21-22-23	Boys Golf Regionals
May 23-24	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 24	Track & Field Sectionals
May 24 & 26	Girls Soccer Regionals
May 25, 29, 30 & June 1	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29-30	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 31	Softball Sectionals
May 31 & June 1-2	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
May 31 & June 2	Girls Soccer Sectionals
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)

EDITORIAL

Outside Influences Raises Scrutiny

Sports in society is more popular today than ever before. Those born after 1980 may have difficulty imagining a world without widespread sports programming in the media. Undoubtedly, sports as an entertainment source is much more pervasive and accessible today.

For sports lovers, that has provocative appeal. We can enjoy professional football on Sundays, college football on Saturdays, Major League baseball and college basketball every day, and now high school sports enter that market as well.

The popularity and proliferation of sports have become an entertainment enterprise of significant proportions, and with that comes the undeniable and inescapable influence of marketing, promotion and money. All of which are not entirely harmful or contradictory to the ideals and purpose of interscholastic athletics if done without exploitation or compromising the educational component. Here, increasingly, lies the rub.

High school athletes and programs are already immersed in this pop sports culture. But before we embrace this culture for the sake of the norm, it would be wise to shine a light down the path to see what obstacles may be there before there's no turning back.

So much information is available on the academic, social and behavior benefits of interscholastic activities, but unfortunately, those don't seem to make the headlines often enough. It's much more enticing to identify the top basketball players in the country entering the third grade or who is receiving full scholarships, but at what expense to purpose of high school athletics.

Student-athletes are disregarding multi-sport opportunities for specialization. They are increasingly having to make choices between their high school participation and outside providers laced with empty prospects and promises.

Club sports are no longer only local in nature, but now span regionally and nationally for the select few that they identify as elite. Same is true with traditionally powerful teams, especially in basketball, where corporate sponsorship of national tournaments is seductive for exposure and profit, not necessarily for the educational well-being of student-athletes nor for the continued existence of a voluntary high school association.

Three considerations were initially pre-

sented at the Annual Meeting that could help high school sports avoid the exploitative nature of many of these competitions. The first could be a basketball combine for college coaches that benefit student-athletes with aspirations of playing in Divisions 1 and 2. In cooperation with the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, the development of such an event would allow Division 1 coaches to attend. It would remove the soliciting we receive from self-promoters with primarily commercial motives.

A second consideration would be to allow more games for programs not engaged in competitions inside the state borders. The intention of this proposal is to break down some of the perceived barriers between schools in the membership. It would encourage non-conference contests involving public and religious and independent schools, as well as urban vs. rural schools. As expressed at the Annual Meeting, opportunities to schedule contests with schools in the bordering states of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan would remain unlimited.

A third consideration is to build a cooperative accord and understanding with providers of sports programming for youth. The acknowledgement and sharing of intended goals, philosophies and purposes as they relate to participation, instruction, conduct, sportsmanship, officiating and parental guidance should be at the forefront of discussions. By understanding the motives for various youth programming options, a greater awareness for the well-being of young student-athletes can be advocated above the pressures to win or lining sponsors' and promoters' pockets with cash.

Perhaps some of these concerns can best be addressed by relaxing our coaching contact provisions, which would give coaches with an educational method of operation greater influence in the lives and development of young student-athletes. Sounds like a logical solution, but what impact would added interaction have on added school costs, incidents of coaches' burnout and further specialization of athletes?

The challenge we face is embracing the rising popularity of high school sports while maintaining their amateur status and educational component. Without considering these ideals, brokers and agents could be more influential in determining our direction. ➔

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

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

ACT - 2007-2008

	Regular Registration	Late Registration
Test Date	Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)
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.