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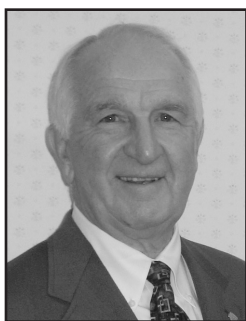
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Chickering to Step Down as Executive Director of WIAA



Doug Chickering

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – Doug Chickering, executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, announced his retirement after 45 years in the education profession to be effective July 31, 2009.

"Mr. Chickering leaves a tremendous legacy on education and interscholastic athletics in Wisconsin and the nation," said Kevin Knudson, President of the 2008-09 Board of Control. "The impact he has had on the lives of many students, athletes and school administrators is immeasurable.

"The leadership he has provided over his distinguished career has been guided by his integrity, principles and concern for others," he continued. "The WIAA and all those associated with sports in Wisconsin owe him a great deal of gratitude for his lifelong service to education and interscholastic athletics."

Chickering, who has served as executive director since 1986, is only the fourth person to hold that position throughout the 113-year history of the Association.

His nearly 24 years of leadership has led the WIAA to unprecedented levels of success and popularity. Included in his accomplishments are the addition of private schools into the Association in 2000, the substantial expansion of State Tournament Series opportunities in all sports for girls and boys, the addition of nonpublic and ethnic minority representation on the Board of Control and Advisory Council, the hiring of the current executive staff, the placing of State Tournaments in the finest facilities throughout the state, the planning and construction of the current WIAA headquarters and the guidance in enhancing exposure of high schools sports through various media platforms.

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Middle Level Council Opening

Openings on the Middle Level Advisory Council still exist in the following positions for the 2008-09 school year. District 1 representative, District 6 representative, Ethnic At-Large representative and Non-Public School At-Large representative.

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

For the Ethnic At-Large position the candidate would have to have origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

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

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

This Council meets three times a year. For more information on this Council or if you are interested in filling one of these vacant positions, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. ✚

IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

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

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

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

SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Board of Control Approves Spring Sports Changes; Conference Realignment; Budget

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control ratified a number of recommendations that impacts spring sports, authorized the 2008-09 operational budget and approved a first consideration of a conference realignment plan at its monthly meeting here today.

The Board approved an amended Coaches Advisory recommendation that gives schools greater flexibility in scheduling baseball games during the week. Another approved baseball recommendation requires a face-to-face seed meeting if alternative methods of seeding are not unanimously agreed upon by all schools in a regional grouping.

Similar to baseball, the Board approved a recommendation giving schools greater flexibility in scheduling softball games during the week. Also approved was a recommendation to allow a game

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Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Qualifications, Skills and Application Procedure for the position of

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The WIAA Board of Control is announcing a vacancy in the position of Executive Director created by the retirement of the present Executive Director, Douglas Chickering. The WIAA, located in Stevens Point, WI, is a non-profit state athletic association made up of approximately 500 public and private member schools. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Control, facilitates the enforcement of WIAA rules and regulations, provides direction to member schools, and provides leadership to six (6) executive staff members and thirteen (13) operations staff. Salary to be negotiated based on the level of experience and qualifications. WIAA employees are not participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Required Experience or Training

- Master’s Degree with emphasis on education
- Minimum of six (6) years experience in educational administration
- Displayed experience in budget development and financial management

Desired Experience or Training

- Experience as an athletic director, coach, and game official
- Experience dealing with sports-related legal issues
- Experience in policy-making, personnel administration, educational politics, not-for-profit organizational operations, insurance requirements and public relations matters

Leadership Skills

- Ability to establish a vision for the organization and to work with staff to reach established goals
- Ability to model and set expectations for others to follow
- Ability to make decisions and perform work with honesty, integrity and a strong sense of ethics
- Ability to work well with others and motivate them to reach their full potential
- Ability to delegate, yet facilitate completion of tasks in a timely manner
- Ability to analyze situations and create imaginative solutions
- Ability to defend and uphold policy decisions and WIAA rules and regulations in a professional manner
- Ability to make major decisions when popular opinion, the media, legislators and/or other constituencies are opposed to a decision or the enforcement of a rule
- Ability to maintain a sense of humor in the face of adversity

Public Relations Skills

- Ability to project a positive, yet understanding image of the organization to various other constituencies through public relations and public speaking abilities
- Ability to forge relationships within a diverse population
- Willingness to travel as an ambassador and advocate to further the image and understanding of the WIAA

Communication Skills

- Demonstrated writing ability
- Demonstrated speaking ability
- Computer literacy regarding various software programs and their application in an athletic setting

Other

- Demonstrated understanding of the organizational structure and history of the WIAA
- Demonstrated allegiance to the establishment and maintenance of high school sports programs
- Ability to project a positive image of the WIAA
- Ability to work with legal counsel to understand and critically analyze the legal issues involved in athletic administration
- Membership in educational and/or athletic administration organizations on the state and national levels

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Application packet must include:

1. A cover letter indicating your application should be addressed to Kevin Knudson, President, WIAA Board of Control, c/o Barneveld School District, 105 Douglas, PO Box 98, Barneveld, WI 53507-0098 and included in the Application Packet, but **sent as directed below**.
2. A resume which reflects the qualifications and skills of the position.
3. The names, street addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references.

Please note that given the anticipated interest in this position from the news media, the names of applicants may be released at some time during the hiring process.

Send Application Packet to:

Janis K. Doleschal
WIAA Executive Director Search
Start Playing Safe
2625 South Greeley Street
Suite 102
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Applications must be received by

December 1, 2008. Applications received late for any reason will not be considered.

Anticipated Timeline

December 1, 2008	Deadline for Applications
December, 2008	Initial screening by Board of Control
January, 2009	Initial interviews
February, 2009	Final Interviews
March 1, 2009	Announcement of new Executive Director
August 1, 2009	Executive Director takes office

The WIAA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, creed, color, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. ✚

Doug Chickering

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“The 23 years have passed so quickly that it is difficult to offer an adequate and concise statement that reflects this moment's emotions,” said Chickering. “The people I've met and worked with bring the most memories.

“High school sports is special in Wisconsin and so many from so many walks of life contribute daily to that standing,” he said. “I'm privileged to have had a leadership opportunity.”

In addition to his contributions in Wisconsin, Chickering has also had an impact on interscholastic athletics at the national level. He is completed his second term on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board in 2008. He served in a similar capacity from 1990-93, completing that term as president of the organization in 1992-93, making him an influential sports figure both in the state and nationally.

He has also served on the NFHS New Paradigm Task Force and on a number of other national committees including Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity; Football Rules; Risk Management; and three Strategic Planning Committees, chairing the first committee in 1996. He currently serves as chairman of the NFHS Foundation Board of Directors.

Chickering has received numerous honors during his distinguished career. In 2003, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in recognition of his length of service, special accomplishments and contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local, state and national levels. This past summer, he was the recipient of a NFHS citation in recognition for his distinguished record of involvement and impact as a member of the Federation Foundation's Board of Directors.

He was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002. In addition, he will receive the 2009 Dave McClain Distinguished Service Award presented by the WFCa in March.

Chickering has also received special recognition for service to Wisconsin education. In 2007, he received the prestigious Distinguished Friend of Education Award presented by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and he was the recipient of a special recognition from the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators in 2001. Furthermore, in 2003, he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from UW-Eau Claire.

In recognition of his work with the statewide media, the Oakley-Lindsey Foundation committed \$30,000 to the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association Foundation in the name of Doug Chickering to fully endow the WBA Foundation's Annual Sports Reporters Workshop.

Prior to becoming the WIAA's Executive Director, Chickering served on the Association's Board of Control from 1979-1985, including a year as vice president in 1980-81 and as president in 1981-82. He began his career in education as a teacher-coach at Gilman High School in 1963. He was named principal and athletic director in 1967, and then district administrator in 1969. In 1974, he was named the district administrator of Marathon schools.

“For forty-five years, there's never been a morning when I haven't looked forward to going to work,” Chickering said. “No two days have been the same. From my days as a teacher to my last days as an executive director, high school sports have been a big part of my life. That will not change. The truth is, I'm looking forward to being just a fan.”

Chickering is a 1959 graduate of Hawkins High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physical sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1963. He received a master's degree in school administration from UW-Superior in 1971.

The WIAA's Position Outline for the Executive Director is now posted on the Association's Web site. The vacancy notice is published to the left and is posted on the Web site. Interested candidates are directed to wait until the official notice is published to make inquiries.

The Board of Control expects to name the replacement prior to March 1, 2009. ✚

Football Playoff Reminder

For all playoff qualifying teams
and officiating crews

Sideline Control and Coaching Box – Rule 9-8-3

As some coaching staffs and squads grow in size for the playoffs the sidelines and team box will become more congested. Head coaches are reminded that they are responsible for clear direction to their assistants and players to observe the rules which address the sideline and coaches box (9-8-3). Not more than 3 coaches are permitted in the coaches box. This is regarded as a “safety rule” and the WIAA expects the rule to be uniformly and consistently observed and enforced. ✚



OFFICIALS



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

2008-09 Officials Exams Due Dates

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

Sport **Return Deadline**

PART I EXAMS

Basketball	November 14, 2008
Gymnastics	November 14, 2008
Hockey	November 14, 2008
Wrestling	November 14, 2008
Baseball	March 13, 2009
Softball	March 13, 2009
Track/Field	March 13, 2009

Sport **Mailing Date** **Return Deadline**

PART II EXAMS

Basketball	December 1, 2008	December 19, 2008
Wrestling	December 1, 2008	December 19, 2008
Baseball	March 23, 2009	April 9, 2009

MECHANICS EXAM

3-Person Basketball Mechanics	December 1, 2008	December 19, 2008
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Note: The 3-Person Basketball Mechanics Exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for regional finals, sectionals and State tournament assignment in 2008-09. +

Important Reminders for all WIAA Licensed Officials

Officials Center - It is extremely important that all officials check the Officials Center on our website regularly for up-dated information. Many officials are finding out that their classification level is being affected because they missed filling out a required form, missed a due date, missed sport meeting/video viewing notifications, etc.

Sport Meetings - When face-to-face meetings are offered, attendance is required. When these meetings are not offered there will be an online video on the Officials Center. The viewing of this video is required, not only so that you are familiar with any rule changes but for classification advancement credit. Once you have viewed the video, you will be required to fill out the video verification form that is also on the Officials Center. Once you submit this form, you can check the listing that is titled “Video Verification Forms Received” to make sure that your official’s number is listed. If this is not completed properly or by the due date listed, your classification level will be affected when you re-license for the following school year.

Exams - Remember to make a copy of your exam before you send it to our office. Corrected exams are not returned. Access the Officials Center for scores. Once the due date to submit the exam has passed, answers and rule references will be placed on the Officials Center.

Rankings - If coaches are to give accurate rankings at the end of the season it is important that they can read an official’s signature in the scorebook. Please write legibly. Provide the head coach with a copy of the ranking card that is available to print on the Officials Center.

Number of Officials - Contests are not to be started without the required number of officials. This applies to all levels of competition i.e. varsity, JV, freshmen, etc. The required number of officials listing for all sports can be found on Page 6 in the Guide for Officials, which is on the Officials Center.

Rule Adaptations - Wisconsin Adaptations to NFHS playing rules for each sport are on the Officials Center and should be printed and placed in the rule book for easy access.

Ejections - All ejections are to be reported immediately following a contest. The ejection form is an online submittable form that is on the Officials Center.

Independent Contractor - Officials are acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the WIAA or its member schools when seeking and accepting officiating contracts.

Guide for Officials - Please read the Guide for Officials, found on the Officials Center. This publication will help officials understand the classification process, ranking process, etc.

If you have any questions about the above reminders or any other officiating concerns, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. +

2008-09 Winter Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)

All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NO MEETINGS - Information now available on wiaa.tv. Deadline for officials November 25 for completing.

HOCKEY

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

SWIMMING/DIVING

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

WRESTLING

October 27, Monday	Hillsboro, Spooner, Two Rivers
October 29, Wednesday	Holmen, Oconto Falls, Union Grove
November 3, Monday	Brodhead, Cadott, Oshkosh North
November 4, Tuesday	DeForest, Menomonie, Wis. Rapids Lincoln
November 5, Wednesday	East Troy, Mineral Point, Tomahawk

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

Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt an official from sport/rule meeting attendance requirements. ALL criteria for an advanced classification must be met, including corresponding test scores.

YELLOW THUNDER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - TWO & THREE PERSON CLINIC

Date: Nov. 12, 2008
Site: TBA
Contact: Lee Roberts 608-712-3120 or lroberts@wbmi.com

THE RIGHT CALL GIVING BACK BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Date: Nov. 22, 2008
Site: Middleton High School
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

THREE ZEBRAS 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: May 15-16-17, 2009
Site: Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells
Contact: Brian Kenney (608-448-9034 or 608-253-6698 or briankenney98@yahoo.com) +

Officials Association Meetings

CALUMET COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Dates: Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 10, Dec. 15, 2008, Jan. 12, 26 and Feb. 9, 2009
Time: All meetings start at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.
Site: All meetings are at New Holstein High School
Contact: Larry Dietz 920-756-6287 or 920-898-4951 or larry.dietz@proplating.com

YELLOW THUNDER BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Dates: Nov. 5, Dec. 10, 2008, Jan. 7 and Feb. 11, 2009
Site: Columbus High School
Time: 7 p.m.
Contact: Lee Roberts 608-712-3120 or lroberts@wbmi.com

MANITOWOC COUNTY SPORTS OFFICIALS

ASSOCIATION 2008-09 BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Dates: Nov. 5, 2008 – 7 p.m. at First German School Gym (Manitowoc)
Dec. 10, 2008, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Manitowoc County Office Complex.
Contact: Keith Bonde 920-684-4324 or kbonde@lakefield.net

STAGELINE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

BASKETBALL RULES MEETING & CLINIC

Date: Nov. 9, 2008
Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Site: Brodhead Middle School gym
Contact: Tom Nipple tanipps@charter.net

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Dates: Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, 2008
Time: 6 p.m.
Site: Chicago’s Best – Platteville
Contact: Steve Atkinson 608-574-8060 or satkinson4@hotmail.com

LAKESHORE OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Date: November 10, 2008 – Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Date: December 15, 2008 – Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Date: January 14, 2009 – Time & Site: 6:30 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Date: February 9, 2009 – Time & Site: 6:30 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Date: March 10, 2009 – Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Date: March 31, 2009 – Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School +

Games Wanted

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

FALL

Cross Country

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 27, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Omro - Terry Benter 920-685-7405 ext. 127 or tbent@omro.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Sept. 5, 2009 - Boys and girls teams for relays invitational. Green Bay Preble - Dan Retzki 920-272-7046 or dretzki@greenbay.k-12.wi.us. (10-6)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 18, 2009 - Varsity game. Wild Rose - Craig Hayes 920-622-4201 ext. 450 or hayecra@staff.wildrose.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

Oct. 9, 2009 - Varsity game. Wild Rose - Craig Hayes 920-622-4201 ext. 450 or hayecra@staff.wildrose.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

Oct. 9, 2009 - Varsity game. Seymour - Mark Zahn 920-833-2306 ext. 498 or mzahn@seymour.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Oct. 9, 2009 - Varsity game. Frederic - Jeff Carley 715-327-4223. (9-24)

Oct. 16, 2009 - Varsity game. Turtle Lake - Mike Holmes 715-986-4470 ext. 2218. (10-6)

GENERAL

2009 (Week of 9-15) - JV game. Ozaukee - Lee Baldwin 262-692-2453 ext. 437. (10-14)

2009 (Week 1) - Game (two year contract preferred). Southern Door - Greg Lucas 920-825-7333 ext. 438 or glucas@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

2009 (Week 1) - Game, a two year contract is preferred. The Hope School - Antony Fisher 414-460-6887 or tfisher@the-hopeschools.org. (9-29)

2009 (Week 1) - Game. Luther (Onalaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babijoe@luther.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

2009 (Week 1) - Game. Necedah - Cora Dillin 608-565-2256 or cdinnin@necedah.k-12.wi.us. (10-6)

2009 (Week 2) - Varsity game. Racine Lutheran - Adam Kirsch 262-637-6538 or akirsch@racinelutheran.org. (10-6)

2009 (Week 3) - Varsity game (2-year contract, 2nd level game as well). Holmen - Linzi - 608-526-9208. (10-6)

2009 (Week 6) - Game. Lakeland (Minocqua) - Justin Szews 715-358-8487. (10-14)

2009 (Week 6) - Game. Wausau East - Mike Younggren 715-261-0656 or myounggr@wausau.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

2009 (Week 6 & 8) - Game. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (10-9)

2009 (Week 7) - Game. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2009 (Weeks 8 & 9) - Game. Rosholt - Steve Schoofs 715-677-4541 or stschoof@mail.roscholt.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

2009 (Week 9) - Varsity game. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

2009 & 2010 (Week 2) - Game. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic nicksic@marshfield.k-12.wi.us. (10-14)

2009 & 2010 (Week 2) - Varsity/JV game. Crivitz - Andy Trudell 715-854-2721 ext. 309 or trudell@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

2009 & 2010 (Week 2) - Varsity and JV game. Waukesha South - Dan Domach 262-970-3712 or ddomach@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

2009 & 2010 (Week 2) - Varsity game. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (9-25)

2010 (Week 2) - Varsity, possibly JV and C squad games. Travel distance is limited to approximately 150 miles round trip. Amery - Renee Chapek 715-268-9771 ext. 234. (9-30)

2010 (Week 2) - Varsity game (2 year contract, home/away). Kewaunee - Jeff Dwork 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or jdworak@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

2010 (Week 7) - Varsity game. Seymour - Mark Zahn 920-833-2306 ext. 498 or mzahn@seymour.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

2010 & 2011 (Weeks 3 and 9) - Game. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (10-7)

2010 & 2011 (Week 3 and 9) - Game. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2010 & 2011 (Week 9) - Games (sophomores also, is possible). Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext. 4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Oct. 11, 2008 - JV team for invitational (3 games). Green Bay East - Tim Flood 920-272-7048 or tflood@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Sept. 4-5, 2009 - Teams for 8-team tournament. Fond du Lac - Greg Winkler winklerg@fonddulac.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

Sept. 5, 2009 - Varsity teams for invitational (2 games). Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Sept. 19, 2008 - Team for varsity tournament. East Troy - John Stockowitz 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or stojoh@eastroy.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Sept. 22 and Oct. 13 2009 - Game. Whitewater - Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (10-6)

GENERAL

2008 - Freshmen matches. St. Thomas More (Milwaukee) - Joe Heinecke 414-481-8370 ext. 113 or jheinecke@tmore.org. (9-29)

2009 - Berth in invitational. Stoughton - Rich Reitzner 608-877-5621 or rich.reitzner@stoughton.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25, 2009 - Team for invitational. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext. 4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Aug. 27, 2009 - Teams for varsity quad. Omro - Terry Benter 920-685-7405 ext. 127 or tbent@omro.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Aug. 27, 2009 - Varsity teams for invitational. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Aug. 27, 2009 - Team for varsity 6-team invitational. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1106 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

Sept. 1, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV quad. Seymour - Mark Zahn 920-833-2306 ext. 498 or mzahn@seymour.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Sept. 5, 2009 - Varsity team for 8-team tournament. McFarland - Brad Minter 608-838-4568 or brad_minter@mcfarland.k-12.wi.us. (10-9)

Sept. 12, 2008 - Varsity/JV team for 10-team invitational. Beaver Dam - Bill Loss 920-885-7520 ext. 2110 or loss@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for 8-team varsity invitational. Kenosha Tremper - Joseph Fanning 262-942-2307 or jfanning@kUSD.edu. (10-6)

Sept. 26, 2009 - Team for 6-team invitational. Kenosha St. Joseph - Ellen Santarelli 262-308-1647 or esantarelli@kenoshast-joseph.com. (10-14)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Ozaukee - Lee Baldwin 262-692-2453 ext. 437. (10-14)

Boys Volleyball

GENERAL

2008 - Match. Westosha Central - Kris Allison - 262-843-2321 ext. 245. (9-30)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 22, 2008 - Teams for varsity/JV scrimmage. Milwaukee Pius XI - Joel Claassen 414-290-8174 or jclaassenpiusxi.org. (10-7)

Nov. 22, 2008 - Varsity/JV team for scrimmage. Bay Port - Nate Rykal 920-662-7345 or mathryka@hhsd.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Nov. 22, 2008 - Team for scrimmage. Waukesha West - Todd Hencsik 262-970-3911 or thencsik@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Nov. 27, 2008 - Varsity scrimmage. Kenosha Christian Life - Steve Powell 262-694-3900 ext. 319. (10-14)

Dec. 1, 8, 2008, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, 16, 2009 - Varsity reserve games. Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 ext. 406 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (10-14)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Iola-Scandinavia - Sam Bertsch 715-445-2411 ext. 505 or bertschs@iola.k-12.wi.us. (9-30)

Feb. 14, 2009 - Teams for freshmen tournament. Homestead - Charlie Gross 262-238-5634 or cgross@mtsd.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

GENERAL

2008-09 - JV games Milwaukee Northwest - Carlos Hubbard 414-915-5574 or hunbbarcc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2008-09 - Varsity reserve, JV, freshman games. Milwaukee Custer - 414-393-4959 or dingmala@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV game. Juda - Phil Trotter 608-934-5251 or ptrotter@juda.k-12.wi.us. (10-6))

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/frosh games. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic 414-766-5070 or audovicic@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

2008-09 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

2008-09 - Freshmen games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-4113 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

2008-09 - Scrimmage. Abundant Life Christian - Lesly Verbeten 608-221-1520 ext. 332 or lverbeten@mail.lakecitychurch.org. (9-30)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 28-29-30, 2009 - Varsity/JV teams for tournament (3 games). Franklin - Ron Kluth 414-813-0117 or sabernation@gmail.com. (10-7)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Iola-Scandinavia - Mark Wester 715-445-2411 ext. 544 or westerm@iola.k-12.wi.us. (10-14)

Dec. 29-30, 2008 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Northland Pines - Brian Margelofsky 715-479-6286. (10-14)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Team for 4-team varsity/JV scrimmage. River Valley - Eric Briehl 608-588-2559. (10-6)

2008-09 - Freshmen games. Shoreland Lutheran - Mark Stein 262-859-2595 or mstein@slhs.us (10-6)

2008-09 - Freshman games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-4113 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

2008-09 - Freshmen game. Oshkosh West - Brad Jodarski 920-424-0143 or brad.jodarski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

2008-09 - Scrimmage. Rosholt - Steve Schoofs 715-677-4541 or stschoof@mail.roscholt.k12.wi.us. (9-29)

Gymnastics

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 10, 2009 - Varsity team for invitational. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (9-29)

Girls Hockey

DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 23-24, 2009 - Team for tournament. Northland Pines (Eagle River) - Brian Margelofsky 715-479-6286. (10-6)

Boys Swimming & Diving

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 13, 2008 - Team for relays. Janesville Parker - Rick Lehman 608-743-5645 or Kari Cinto 608-754-5641. (10-6)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Meets or invitationals. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (10-14)

2008-09 - Meets or invitationals. Green Bay East - Tim Flood 920-272-7048 or tflood@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 6, 2008 - Team for 16-team tournament. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (10-7)

Dec. 6, 2008 - Team for 6-team dual meet tournament. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda cudaf@kmsd.edu. (10-6)

Dec. 13, 2008 - Teams for varsity team dual meet. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k-12.wi.us. (9-25)

Dec. 20, 2008 - Team for JV team duals. Neenah - Jon Joch 920-751-6900 ext. 104 or jjoch@neenah.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Dec. 20, 2008 - Team for varsity tournament. Northwestern - Steve Gustafson 715-372-4334 or sgustafs@maple.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Dec. 20, 2008 - Teams for 7th/8th grade tournament. Wisconsin Rapids - Larry Redepinning 715-422-8837 or larry.redepinning@wrps.org. (9-29)

Jan. 17, 2009 - Varsity teams for tournament. Westby - Karl Stocker stokekar@westby.k12.wi.us. (10-6)

Jan. 17, 2009 - Teams for JV invitational. Sheboygan Falls - Fred Brown 920-467-7890 ext. 3955. (10-6)

Jan. 17, 2009 - Varsity/JV teams for 8-team invitational. South Milwaukee - Ante Udovicic 414-766-5070 or audovicic@sdsd.k-12.wi.us. (10-6)

Jan. 17, 2009 - Team for 6-team dual format tournament. Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731 or prattlakefield.net. (9-29)

Jan. 27 or Feb. 3, 2009 - Dual meet. Shawano Community - Tim Mayer 715-526-2175 ext. 4025 or mayert@ssd.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Jan. 31, 2009 - Berth in varsity tournament. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 or mpankow@milwaukeekeelutheranhs.org. (9-25)

GENERAL

2008-09 - Teams for dual (home or away). Hamilton (Sussex) - Doug Pulvermacher 414-750-5261 or Mike Gosz 262-246-1805 ext. 1125 or goszmi@hamiltondist.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

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Baseball

GENERAL

2009 - Freshman games. Poynette - Davy Tomlinson 608-635-4347 or davyt@poynette.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2009 - Varsity/JV games. Marshall - Elizabeth Bogard 608-655-1310 ext. 503 or Elizabeth_bogard@marhsall.k12.wi.us. (9-25)

Boys Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

May 8, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Freedom - Kurt Erickson 920-788-7940 or kt-erickson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 17-18, 2009 - Teams for quad. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or Overgaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

Apr. 18, 2009 - Teams for 8-team JV tournament (3 games guaranteed). Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext. 4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (10-9)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Varsity teams for invitational. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (9-29)

May 1-2, 2009 - Team for 4-team quad (varsity/JV). Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (9-29)

May 8-9, 2009 - Teams for shootout classic. Menomonie - Bart Boettcher 715-232-5420. (10-14)

May 8-9, 2009 - Teams for invitational.

Appleton West - Mark McQuade 920-832-4105. (9-25)

GENERAL

2009 - JV games. Madison East - Jessica Fenner 608-347-6038 or jfenner@madison.k-12.wi.us. (10-14)

2009 - Games. Sevastopol - Ronald Shefchik 920-743-6282 ext. 104 or rshefchik@sevastopol.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

2009 - Varsity/JV games. West Allis Central - Shon Hernandez 414-604-3100 ext. 6134 or herna@wawm.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 4, 2009 - Team for invitational. Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-3921 ext. 104. (9-30)

Apr. 18, 2009 - Teams for 4-team JV invitational (2 games guarantee). Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

Apr. 24-25, 2009 - Teams for varsity tournament. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k-12.wi.us. (10-9)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV invitational. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (10-7)

May 9, 2009 - Team for 4-team varsity tournament. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (10-7)

May 16, 2009 - Team for 6-team round robin tournament (3 games). Waupun - Tom Hagstrom 920-324-5591 ext. 2892 or thagstrom@waupun.k12.wi.us. (9-30)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity/JV games. Burlington Catholic Central - Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (10-14)

2009 - Varsity/JV game. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (10-14)

2009 - Team for varsity tournament (3 games). Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951. (10-7)

2009 - Varsity/JV games. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

2009 - Varsity/JV game (home). Cudahy - Justin Biever 414-294-7172 or bieverbj@culd-ahy.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

2009 - Scrimmage. Kewaskum - Jason Piittmann 262-626-8427 ext. 4136 or jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us. (10-7)

2009 - JV/freshmen games. Germantown - Rich Anderson 262-5

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: Is there a special waiver form to have a transfer student's ineligibility waived? We had a foreign exchange student start in school A, move to school B because the host family had one child age three, and one parent in a wheel chair. She has now been placed in a new home within a legitimate exchange program. She is no longer playing volleyball of course, but would like to play soccer or run track in the spring.

A.: When a foreign exchange student transfers, they are subject to the member's transfer rules. If a waiver is desired, the sending (host family), the field/placing agent and the student might bring you documentation/a narrative about what's happened and why. The definition of extenuating circumstance is contained in the Transfer Rules At A Glance. Given only what you've shared thus far, I'm not sure what the significance of the three year old and the parent's mobility status hold. We must imagine those elements were present when the agent made the initial placement determination. But, if there are additional elements, you may direct them to document and if you find the story credible and compelling you can forward a waiver request.

Q.: We have a student whose family had lived in our community until this student graduated eighth grade. Then the parents divorced and the boy moved out of state with his mom. Things didn't work out there for a couple years, so the beginning of the summer the boy moved back to dad's house in our community. He participated in cross country in his former school. Dad put the house up for sale and made an offer on a house in the next town, where they have cross country. We do not in our school. He did this because he knew he had to live in the district. The boy started school in the neighboring school and attended practices. He is in his junior year. The house did not sell and, therefore, the offer on the house in that district fell through. He is now attending school back in our district and would like to play basketball this winter. What are his options?

A.: Unless the transfer has been made necessary due to a complete and total move of the family, students who transfer after their fourth consecutive semester are ineligible to practice or play - at all levels, unless a waiver is provided. My present understanding is that there was not a complete move of the family in this instance. Student, an 11th grader, simply moved from mother to father. Sorry, I have no way of knowing what the circumstances might be which prompted this transfer and thus unable to speculate.

Q.: We have a student who is a former district resident. He moved out of state two years ago to live with mom. He just moved back to live with his aunt. Mom has a notarized note granting temporary joint custody to his aunt. He is a sophomore, and played JV football this season in his former school, and would like to finish the season out on our football team. Wondering if he is eligible to compete at our school this season, and if so is there a restriction as to what levels he may compete on?

A.: Provided student is still within his first four consecutive semesters: First, student could be allowed to practice when you've cleared him, but is administratively ineligible to compete for five calendar days. Second, as described this student does not meet residence requirement, so the rule indicates he's not eligible - BUT - if within first four semesters AND the EVTS form indicates "no objections", then you could allow for non-varsity eligibility for next 365 days.

Q.: I was contacted by the parent of a junior student who is transferring from private school P in a neighboring city to my school today (October 10). He is transferring because the environment at my school is perceived to remove him from a situation that led to his substance abuse issue at P for which he received an athletic suspension. My questions: A) His switch of schools was prompted by extenuating circumstances that might be resolved at the new school. Would he qualify for a waiver? B) If not granted a waiver, he would sit for 365 days. Does his athletic suspension start at the time he becomes eligible at the new school, or can the athletic suspension and 365 day ineligibility be served concurrently? C) Can this student practice with my team?

A.: A) Impossible to speculate until documentation is collected, advanced by a member school and considered. Additionally, there is no indication in your note whether the student would meet the member's residence requirement. B) That would depend primarily on your school's code. C) No, not unless a waiver is provided.

Q.: We have a ninth grader moving into our district on October 6. She is a volleyball player who has competed at her previous school this fall. I will do all the paperwork and contact the other district to make sure she has good standing. Her parents are moving to our district. It is my understanding she is immediately eligible for nonvarsity competi-

tion. Am I correct?

A.: You're pretty much right on. 1) In the Handbook, p. 33 Art. II, Sect. 3-8) Since the student is transferring mid-term - there is a five calendar day period of ineligibility. You can allow the student to practice as soon as you clear her and all necessary forms are on file with you. Competition can be allowed on sixth day after becoming your student. 2) If this is a transfer that has clearly been made necessary because of a complete/total move of entire family and if the EVTS form indicates no objections on the part of the sending school, then you may provide unrestricted eligibility. 3). Because this will be a mid-season transfer and since the student may have appeared in volleyball competition at her present school, you will want to get info from sending school on how many contests student has already appeared in and then reconcile that number with individual participation limits (Fall Season Regs, p. 60) and be sure the student does not exceed.

Q.: Can you please verify the eligibility of one of our students who played hockey with a "Juniors" hockey team in another state last year. He did NOT participate in ANY high school athletics when he was out of state. He attended two different high schools for about three months each, and ended up back at our school in early March and ended the year here. Parents have always lived in our school district and continue to live here. This student went to school here his freshman and sophomore years. He is currently enrolled and attends our school.

A.: If you deconstruct our member's eligibility rules, they provide that a student is eligible in the district where his parents live. . . If this student transferred to XYZ high school as a junior, our rules would provide that he was NOT eligible in XYZ because his parents don't reside there. The rules indicate his eligibility is in your school. It appears the student has now returned to reconnect with his HS eligibility, and so long as he has no code issues from last year's schools (recommend you still send out EVTS forms..since student was likely still subject to your year round code) and so long as student did not violate amateur status rules - or participate in school sports at those other schools, we would determine his eligibility to continue to be in your school.

Q.: We currently reside in the ABC school district. My son is a freshman. During his sophomore or junior year we may be moving to a home which is located in the XYZ school district. We would continue to send him to ABC high school through open enrollment. Before making this decision to move, I want to make sure this would not affect his eligibility for soccer or basketball.

A.: So long as your son does not break enrollment and continues as a full-time student at ABC he will be eligible there without restrictions. The process you have outlined for him to continue as an ABC student is exactly the correct avenue to follow - so long as ABC is accepting open-enrolled students.

Amateur Status

Q.: We will be hosting a varsity volleyball tournament and may need to use JV players as line judges. My question is, is it allowable to pay them as we would an adult line judge?

A.: Yes. A student may be employed and you may compensate them. The only potential for assertion of inappropriateness comes when student is picked because they are the 'best' jv player(s). Opportunity for the job should be available to any interested, and selected based on knowledge and ability to perform the work, not based on athletic abilities.

Competition & Practice

Q.: Question on baseball. My understanding is this spring (2009) teams can play 26 games with no more than 14 on school days. A coach called me and said he heard that all 26 games needed to be played on only 20 days. Is this true?

A.: Your understanding is correct. Your coach is incorrect. As language presently will read: "The maximum number of games is 26, but no more than 14 may be scheduled on school days. The evening of a school day preceding a nonschool day may be used to schedule games beyond 14... etc." There is nothing in the text that indicates the max number of dates is 20. In addition, there will be a recommendation from both baseball and softball going to the BOC in October that, if approved, would read as follows: The maximum number of games is 26 but no more than 14 may be scheduled on school days that result in or require a loss of school time..." The idea of this language recognizes that not all games on school nights necessarily require a loss of school time...and loss of school time we think is the key element to be considered. Thus home games and nearby opponents could be scheduled above/beyond the 14 dates...again, providing there's no loss of school time.

Q.: I was wondering if it is possible to scrim-

mage a junior college team? I have not been able to find a scrimmage and was going to call the area tech school and see if they would scrimmage if it was legal.

A.: There are provisions in WIAA Bylaws and Season Regulations that prohibit "competition" (a game) and scrimmages vs. post secondary schools and high schools from out of state, unless the the school is a member of their state HS Association. Obviously, colleges and junior colleges are not going to be members of any state's high school association (Bylaws Art. II, Sect. 5F). But, those same rules would allow you to have your one day of scrimmage against a JC or Tech school team, so long as the school was an in-state school and you met the days of practice requirement prior to the scrimmage with them. See II-E of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: We're looking at a baseball trip over our spring break. Unfortunately, our spring break falls during our first week of practice. Practice starts on Monday, March 23. We are contemplating heading a bit south - maybe somewhere just south of Chicago or in southern Illinois. My understanding is that it would be permissible for us to go down there and practice for a few days and then find a team to scrimmage on Saturday, March 28. Finding that team is always the issue - and whether they are even allowed to scrimmage per their state association rules is also an issue. Two questions then - 1) I assume it would be permissible to scrimmage another Wisconsin team on that Saturday while down there? 2) As a cost savings would it be permissible for us to travel there with another Wisconsin team on the same bus?

A.: Yes to both questions. There is some precedent for allowing teams from different schools to travel on the same bus. The fundamental key to this scenario is that separate practice arrangements must be made up until the day of scrimmage.

Participation Issues

Q.: During our Homecoming week, our classes compete in various contests for the spirit award stick. This year, the student council has decided to try a co-ed volleyball tournament between the four classes. There has to be three boys and three girls on the floor at a time and each class (9-12) has their own team, so our volleyball team will not be competing as a team. The classes earn points for their place finish with no other prizes being given. Can our girls volleyball team members compete in a competition like this during their season and be able to retain their eligibility?

A.: Yes; if your coach wishes to allow it. Schools can sponsor volleyball competition (only) during the season identified in the Fall Season Regulations. This opportunity would appear to fall into that allowable season. What you are describing is not an 'additional interscholastic contest, rather intramurals. You can allow all students, including those out for the school's interscholastic team to participate in intramurals as you choose. Amateur status rules still apply.

Nonschool Competition/Participation

Q.: My daughter is a freshman this year and runs cross country with her high school team. For three years in a row, she has run cross country after the season ends with a club team which competes in regional and national meets. The club team has eight freshman runners from five high schools within our metro area. Of the eight girls, in two cases, there are two runners from the same high school. Is it possible to compete as a club again this November after the HS State Cross Country Meet? Would this violate any eligibility rules?

A.: I see no obvious eligibility problems as a result of the team composition as outlined. Amateur status rules must always be followed.

Q.: My daughter is on a high school cross country team. Our town is having their annual 10K & two mile Fun Run. Is she allowed to participate in the two mile Fun Run during the cross country season? The Fun Run does not record "winners" but rather each participant's time for their own information. Every runner receives the same participation medal for finishing.

A.: No. If your daughter takes part in a nonschool running event while a member of her school's running team and the team is in-season, her school season will be ended by the member's rule. You should have been provided the Athlete Eligibility Information Bulletin by your school this fall and been required to sign and return it. This topic is addressed on p. 4, B. See Also III-D of the Rules At A Glance. Your daughter could enter the event as a walker, if that is an available option. The WIAA does not sponsor race walking.

Q.: I am the head coach and my son runs for our school. He and some friends (not part of the team) want to participate in a triathlon event for fun. Would he be in violation of WIAA restrictions of nonschool participation during the season?

A.: If your son takes part in the running competition, yes - it is a violation. If this is a tag team sort of event and he bikes or swims, it would not violate the member's rule.

Q.: Just to clarify that if I roster four more girls from an outside community, for the next three weeks to finish out the gopher league, we are in compliance with the WIAA rules. We currently roster eight girls and can only have 12 on the roster, being the addition for the four other girls.

A.: There has been discussion of not more than 50 percent of the roster and 50 percent of participants on the floor/field at anytime should be from same school. So that may be a guide. The 50/50 recommendation that has been provided in my responses has been just that, a best practice recommendation. If a team were composed of players from more than one school and the school's team was not ever intact on the floor, in my opinion it would be difficult to assert the group was simply the school's team.

Coach Contact

Q.: I am coaching my son's sixth grade basketball team, I am wondering if there is any WIAA restriction in having a varsity/JV/freshman basketball player helping out as a coach either now or during their season?

A.: So long as you are not a high school coach (other coaching contact restrictions would need to be observed) if there is a HS student who would volunteer to help out a youth team, there would be no eligibility peril in that for the student. In some communities HS athletes are doing that sort of thing to satisfy community service requirements. I would encourage you to continue this conversation with your school's AD, just so he/she isn't taken by surprise.

Q.: We are a parochial athletic program and are considering enlisting the assistance of a local private/parochial high school in running our interscholastic basketball league for fifth through eighth grades. We are meeting some resistance from a principal from one of the grade schools. One of her reasons for resisting is that she believes a high school being involved in running our league could jeopardize a student's eligibility in high school. Based on what I understand, high school coaching contact regulations don't take effect until a student has entered ninth grade. Can you help clarify this for me?

A.: First, as you will see in Article I of Rules At A Glance, JV and varsity coaches are allowed to have contact with students until they actually enter ninth grade. So in part, you are right. However, the principal's concerns with respect to eligibility are not completely displaced, either. Our member's rules provide that a student will not be afforded eligibility if his/her attendance at a school comes as a result of recruitment and/or undue influence. What is most common and generally not seen or brought to us as a concern for recruiting is when the local HS coach works with his/her own "feeder" schools. For the public school, it is with those middle schools whose students most commonly matriculate to that coaches high school. For our private school member's, it is most common to be broke down along parish or synod lines, e.g. I am not at all certain of the configuration of your league; how many schools, what faiths, etc. Considering all those things and given the nature of things in/around your community, specifically, I would recommend some time be spent to consider the various "affiliations" of the schools involved in your league and solicit involvement, help - or at least create awareness with those associated high schools. In the long run, it might diminish the hard feelings and suspicions which otherwise will creep in.

Q.: I coach a third grade YMCA basketball team and am wondering what the "rule" is with high school helpers. I am also the high school JV girls' basketball coach. I'm thinking even though it would be "in-season" it's probably not allowed, as Saturdays would be an extra contact day but want to check with you to be sure before I turn them away. I've had a few girls ask about helping down at the Y for community service opportunities and/or psych class hours for their volunteer requirement. Can they help other teams (if I'm not the coach)? I think being on their own is more than they're wanting to commit to this year, but helping out sounded good to them.

A.: There are more than a couple ways this would not be, or not need to be a problem, allowing the girls to help out in this league. If the Y league runs during the school season and the girls would only be helping out the coach's' team or other teams in the Y league - not a problem - because contact is allowed during the school season. If the league starts earlier, or runs beyond the school season, your girls could still help other teams if they wished. They can not assist their coach during

WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



Jack Roberts, Dr. Tom Steiner are Featured Speakers At 42nd Annual WADA Workshop in November

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Jack Roberts and Dr. Tom Steiner, two nationally-known individuals, each will be a keynote speaker at different sessions for next month's statewide convention of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

Roberts has been the executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for more than 20 years. Dr. Tom Steiner has been a professional speaker, enter"TRAIN"er, management consultant and teacher for the past 20 years. The two will speak when the 42nd annual WADA Workshop takes place Nov. 9-10-11 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

Roberts is the keynote speaker for the Opening Session on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9. His talk will be "Grand Slam Leadership."

Dr. Steiner is the keynote speaker on the morning of Monday, Nov. 10. His talk will be "Learning to Love Constant Change."

John E. (Jack) Roberts

An English instructor and football coach years ago at high schools in Milwaukee and Denver, Roberts has been the executive director of the MHSAA since 1986. He also was an assistant director of the National Federation of State High School Associations for eight years in the 1970s. For five years in the 1980s, he served on the national office staff of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, including two years as executive vice president in charge of FCA staff and programs nationwide.

In his years at the helm of the MHSAA, Roberts has implemented programs to improve communications among the 1,550 member schools, 12,000 registered officials and 13,000 head coaches. He has inspired the membership to address the most critical issues of athletics and especially to improve sportsmanship.

Roberts is a 1970 graduate of Dartmouth College with a degree in English, and he helped that Ivy League school record its most-ever football wins as a starting defensive safety for most of three seasons. He was also a member of Dartmouth's Glee Club and its outstanding close harmony touring group.

For 35 years, Roberts has spoken to educators, athletic groups, business leaders, and civic groups in more than 40 states and five Canadian provinces. A prolific writer who has been published frequently in athletic, educational and general journals and newspapers, he has published two books. Roberts has developed a reputation as one



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of the nation's most articulate advocates for the value to students, schools and society of comprehensive and balanced interscholastic activities programs.

Dr. Tom Steiner

Dr. Steiner has provided presentations and training programs to more than 300 major corporations in the United States and Canada. He covers a wide variety of motivational and human-resource topics and annually takes on more than 150 speaking engagements.

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Eligibility Q & A

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the school year, outside of the school season, however.

Q.: Our boys and girls basketball coaches are presenting a clinic for our youth coaches in October. I was asked if high school players can be used to demonstrate drills. My inclination is NO – that this would be out-of-season contact – but I'm not sure! I can't find a specific reference in the Handbook.

A.: Simplest answer is "No." During the school year, players may not be assembled, you may not have coaching contact until the start of the HS season. Also, remember "schools" may not sponsor camps clinics except in the summer time. That's when you may use your athletes as clinicians, up to July 31.

Q.: Both of my high school softball coaches also coach softball at the middle school, which is a fall sport in our district. They would like to know if WIAA rules prevent their high school players from helping them coach at the middle school. I told them that I thought that they could not, but that I would check with you to be sure one way or the other.

A.: You are correct. HS athletes can only be used as "clinicians" and asst. coaches, if you will, 'in the summer' between the end of school and July 31. Certainly, during the HS softball season, players can volunteer to assist their coaches in any manner of youth and lower level instruction.

Q.: I have taken a full-time position at a new sports facility being built. Part of my responsibilities will be to help out with instruction at camps, clinics and private instruction sessions. Is this a problem if any of the kids from my school/team go to the facility?

A.: You will be vulnerable to allegation of violation if you are there when players from your school are there. If you coach any of your players during the school year outside of the season, it would be a contact violation. Best practice is for you to schedule your work times at times other than when your players are there.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: We have a female soccer player (spring sport) that is being recruited to play collegiate soccer. The coach of the collegiate team would like to bring our player in to scrimmage against some of the players currently on the college team (this fall). Is this permissible for our high school player? Can

our girl's soccer coach also take part in the scrimmage?

A.: As described, this would not violate WIAA rules. Must caution you, to have the family get it in writing from college AD that doing so would not compromise the student's NCAA eligibility. My understanding is that only those schools who are allowed to give "partial" scholarships are able to work out a high school athlete while on their official visit. DI and DIII programs are not able to work out a recruit.

Q.: At our conference AD's meeting on Wednesday we had a lengthy discussion about the "out-of-season" Handbook language, specifically "that while athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged during the school year should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season." What we couldn't get our arms around was the definition of a "school team." Would a school be in compliance of this rule under each of the following situations: 1) a team has at least one member on it from a different high school, 2) a team has at least one member on it that is an incoming freshman and this individual has not been out for the school sponsored sport yet (example - a freshmen plays on a fall league softball team and wasn't on the high school team the previous school year)?

A.: No pre-season team should be made up exclusively of students from same school. Merely grade level diversification is not acceptable. The way the questions you advanced are framed – I am inclined to say that neither conform with the spirit and intent of the rule as we have heard the members discussion in this office. The question to ask yourself is – does this feel like compliance or circumvention? You can recognize that having my nine returning players from the same school and adding one guy, somebody's cousin from another school – does not address the desires or discussions we have heard from our members. I would advise organizers, especially in pre-season leagues to see that teams are as diverse as they can possibly be. The best practice advice we've provided in the past – stands; i.e. Nonschool teams should be as diverse as you can possibly make them. You are aware of the "hard numbers" the Board has already advanced one time. They were quite narrow. By the same token, the attitude of the "token

wrestler" seems to no longer be acceptable. I can tell you there has also been discussion of not more than 50 percent of the roster and 50 percent of participants on the floor/field at anytime should be from same school. So that may be a guide. If the members wish to allow year around assembly of their school teams then they should be prepared to voice those sentiments in the Area Meetings. It has not been what we have heard. While the 'hard numbers' limits given earlier this spring for defining nonschool teams have been placed in moratorium and are not in effect in this school year. Thus the status quo prevails; i.e. The former rule: "an acceptable nonschool program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status" – and – nonschool activities in which students are engaged "may not resemble in any way a schools team practicing or competing out-of-season." Given the current text then, our members must still acknowledge that the status quo does not diminish the very real threats to them, their teams and tournament opportunities if their teams are assembling to practice or play during the school year but outside the season. Best friendly advice, best practice – we can offer to make sure the school's team is not placed in peril – is to be certain the club/nonschool team is diverse and is not able to be identified as just the school's team assembling and competing outside the season. The distractions created by the allegations of violation we receive at tournament time would seem to me to be reason enough to strive to make the school's team as bullet proof as possible.

Q.: We are in the process of purchasing new baseball uniforms. Do we need to spend money on new uniforms for the coaches, or is there such a thing as a "waiver" to be able to wear an "old" uniform of the same color.

A.: The National Federation baseball rules require coaches to be in team apparel if they wish to be able to coach from the base paths. There is some precedence for providing emergency and short term relief, emergency waivers, when a school's administration has made us aware of unusual circumstances, e.g. high numbers in turn outs, unusual number of "big kids" and a shortage of large uniforms, or some such thing. If when a school is purchasing new baseball team apparel they

should plan to equip their entire team and program in accordance with the rules.

Q.: Can our girls basketball players "coach" at our youth clinic out-of-season? This rule "changed" or was "tweaked" last year, but I can't remember if they changed it back again. For whatever reason I think they did? We start our clinics Saturday and I want to make sure before asking the non-fall sport athletes to help?

A.: Caution. You can achieve desired outcomes within the rules, but be sure your coaches understand the rules. First, schools may not sponsor camps/clinics except in the summer. Nonschool groups may rent/reserve school facilities in accordance with school board policies. I presume this is an opportunity being run by the "back court club" or the youth basketball group in town. If they wish to solicit help from students and/or employ them, they could do so. If this event takes place outside of the high school season, your players and coaches may not be present at the same time. School coaches may use their players as clinicians – only in the summer, prior to July 31. See Rules At A Glance, IIA and C.

Q.: I would like to know whether it is ok to have the players who would probably be on our high school varsity team play 7-8 games together this fall against teams from other schools before the basketball season starts.

A.: Simple answer is, no. During the school year, the assembly of students in a manner that resembles the school's team practicing/competing outside the season is prohibited.

Fundraisers & Booster Clubs

Q.: I am wondering what the WIAA's posture is on sponsors donating money to a fund after a score, by just the home team, during a football game? I understand that the intention of donating money to a worthy cause is admirable, but an unintended message maybe that the team may attempt to run up the score.

A.: The Board of Control has made it clear that fundraisers connected to performance in competition are not allowed. Both from the sportsmanship perspective, as well as from the 'paid to perform' and or gaming/gambling end of things, it is a bad idea and not allowed. +

Hockey Rule Interpretations



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Recruiting

QUESTION: I was told about a player from Town A that had played his club hockey in Town B. I talked to him and his parents about coming to School C for school and playing hockey. He is an 8th grader now. He is in the Town A School District.

My question is, can he come and play with our team this summer (in June) for our five days of contact? He has not made up his mind yet as to which high school he will be attending. I would appreciate any help.

INTERPRETATION: First, we need to address the situation of parents/potential student-athletes talking with you, as coach, prior to enrolling at School C High School. These situations seem to happen often in ice hockey and I do this whenever these situations develop to protect the eligibility of the student-athlete and to protect yourself as coach. Any time a parent or potential student-athlete asks you about attending School C High School, you can acknowledge that you are glad to know they are interested in attending School C. However, since they have not enrolled in your school, you are not able to discuss athletic opportunities since WIAA regulations prevent attendance at a WIAA member school where the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school can jeopardize a student's eligibility. This regulation is found on page 31 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article I, Section 3.

This student has no status at your high school until he/she officially enrolls. Once the student enrolls through your admissions office, then you can begin to have discussions with him/her and their family. Until that enrollment process is complete, you do not want to have any conversations with them or their parents.

Then, regarding your question about 8th graders from another school district working out with or competing with another school's team during the summertime contact period—you can now see where the answer to this question is simply, no. This is not allowed. Student-athletes who work out or compete with their school team during the five unrestricted summertime contact days is not allowed. Students involved in these workouts/competitions can only be full-time students enrolled at that high school so long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students.

In addition, I will also identify that students from other schools may not participate in "Open Skates/Gyms" as well. Per WIAA Rules at a Glance, "The open gym is open to any student in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending."

Team Resemblance

QUESTION: I'm inquiring about members of the Team AAA, which is a non-school girls hockey team, playing fall hockey (pre-season) with a league in Minnesota during the months of August-September. I understand there is a WIAA rule of not more than 3 or more players playing organized games. I was also told that it is not being enforced at this time. Could you please advise me of whether or not this is allowed or not?

INTERPRETATION: The 'hard numbers' limits given earlier this spring for defining non school teams have been placed in moratorium. They will not be in effect in the next school year.

Status quo prevails; i.e. The former rule:

"an acceptable non school program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status" - and - non school activities in which students are engaged "may not resemble in any way a schools team practicing or competing out-of-season".

In saying the most recent interpretation will not take effect, our members must still acknowledge that the status quo does not diminish the very real threats to them, their teams and tournament opportunities.

But, they have been advised.

Best friendly advice, best practice - we can offer to make sure the school's team is not placed in peril - is to be certain the club team is diverse and is not able to be identified as just the school's team assembling and competing outside the season. The distractions created by the allegations of violation we receive at tournament time would seem to me to be reason enough to make the school's team as bullet proof as possible.

The consensus is that no pre-season team should be made up exclusively of students from same school. Merely grade level diversification is not acceptable.

Open Skating

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

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

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

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

*Coaches may now skate, outside of the season with

students, including members of the team (even during the school year - out side of the season) during open skates.

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

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

*Opportunity may not resemble a "practice"; e.g., coach with a watch & clipboard, interval running, taking attendance, posting a specific/required work out, e.g. Review Rule At A Glance Text regarding open gym for additional/specifics about open gyms.

Nothing has changed with respect to a coach's inability to organize, mandate attendance, coach/instruct, demonstrate and/or direct a practice, e.g., in an open gym setting. Nothing has changed with respect to the stated philosophy for open gyms.

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

That notion and image - of 'pure play' - has been a central one in the deliberations leading to this new interpretation. The new, added text we think is very clear: "Coaches may be allowed to recreate with students and other faculty in open gym settings, provided they are purely recreational in nature".

Look over the existing text of open gyms and in particular the philosophy...then consider the new text.

The new interpretation as approved by the Board, now allows coaches to participate with students in an open-gym - in a recreational climate/activity/manner.

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

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

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

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

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

Coaching Contact

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

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

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

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

My understanding from your note then, is that this prospective coach has not yet had out-of-season contact with your schools players. But WILL have - by virtue of his contact with the club team.

If this understanding is accurate, best possible solution might be to see if there are any alternatives available to the coach and/or players, i.e., either the coach get assigned a different team or age group...that does not include players from your school - OR - players get assigned a different club team.

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

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

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

Is this possible?

INTERPRETATION: The first element that we are

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

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

Uniforms & Equipment

QUESTION: There is concern within our hockey association that hockey helmets must be HECC certified every five years. Since I am new to this position for only a couple of weeks, I said I would check into the ruling. I assume W.I.A.A. rules fall under the Federation of High School Hockey. We are under the impression hockey helmets must be certified every five years. I am looking for clarification so I can one go back to our association and two, if necessary, take a look at our helmets and plan now for any replacement or reconditioning of helmets that may need to be done before the season starts.

INTERPRETATION: I also received a note asking about helmets being HECC certified every five years. The NFHS Rule book indicates there is a requirement for helmets and face masks to meet current HECC/ATM Standards at the time of manufacture (NFHS Rule 3-4-5, page 26). Since there is no language from either the NFHS or the WIAA regarding the recertification of ice hockey helmets, it is the responsibility of the school to monitor the condition of the helmets after purchase. In order to assist schools with liability issues pertaining to concussions and other head trauma, the WIAA has encouraged WIAA Ice Hockey school programs to develop an inventory profile program/system to monitor ice hockey helmets. There are ice hockey programs where the players own their own helmet and others where the school owns the helmets, schools need to identify a program/system for replacing ice hockey helmets. There is no specific number of years when replacements need to be made. Five years seems like a very reasonable length of time. I would encourage discussing this matter with your helmet sales representative.

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

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

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

QUESTION: Can teams wear sweaters with laces under the chin and do teams have to wear the same uniform?

INTERPRETATION: NFHS Rule 2-1-2a, page 19, indicates . . ."All members of a team shall wear identical uniforms relative to color of helmets (excluding goalkeepers), jerseys, socks, pants and length of pants." Neither NFHS nor WIAA regulations speak to the issue of laces. This means they can be allowed on jerseys. Gloves do not have to be the same color.

QUESTION: I am ordering new girls hockey jerseys this year but I cannot find anything on regulations for numbers. I know basketball has all kinds of uniform restrictions. Do you have anything you can send me on hockey uniform specs?

INTERPRETATION: Uniform specs are found in the NFHS Rule Book, Rule 2-1-2, page 19. Some key points include:

1. It is required that all players be numbered with at least 10-inch (25.4 cm) high Gothic, colored numbers on the back of their jerseys and the same numbers at least 4 inches (10.16 cm) in height on both sleeves of the jersey.

2. The color of the numbers shall contrast with the color of the jersey.

3. Visiting teams are required to wear dark-colored uniforms.

Hockey has not gotten into some of the issues basketball has.

Practice Sessions

QUESTION: Now after more closely reading the Handbook, girl's hockey must practice a minimum of 10 practices before the first game. At this point they only have 7 practices on ice. Can three dry land practices count toward the 10?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, dry land practices can be counted toward the 10 minimum practices required. Also keep in mind that another school team may not be involved in the first seven days of practice.

Official's Ranking

QUESTION: Can you explain my ranking? Since I do most of my high school refereeing in Minnesota I am not up on how the system works in Wisconsin. I have the computerized sheet showing some schools

that ranked me as a result of playoffs. It is not clear to me if this was coaches that ranked me and who if anyone else did or should have ranked me? The computerized numbers and the handwritten number tell 2 different stories. I am not sure what the "TOP 10 List" (60% of ranking) is. Regardless I will continue to play a supportive role as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

INTERPRETATION: We will need a little more info, confirmed.

(I am uncertain how National Federation views Canadian Province schools for sanctioning purposes - whether they consider provinces the same as 'bordering states', or not)

So as a result what we simply need answers to:

Please verify with the event sponsor:

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

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

QUESTION: My girl's hockey ice time scheduler informed me that we need to inform you that we have, for our 20th game, scheduled, Ozaukee WAHA. They will play at Stoughton on January 12, 2009.

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

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

1. WIAA licensed officials have to be used.

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

3. School administration has to approve of the contest.

Scoresheets

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

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

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

Co-op Programs

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

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

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

INTERPRETATION: The best place to find these on the WIAA website. From the WIAA website's home page, go to WIAA INFO. From here, go to FORMS. Once you get to this page, you will find under Membership Applications the Cooperative Program Application. On this form, you will find all the technical aspects of renewing a co-op program. The key date to keep in mind is April 1, 2009, as this is the date the Co-op Program Application is due here in our office to Ms. Deb Hauser.

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

Swimming & Diving Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

Seasonal Placement

Question: I read in the Wisconsin State Journal that boys and girls swimming is switching seasons. Is this a “done deal” or is this in discussion? When will it be implemented? There are significant consequences with moving sports -including participation, etc.

Interpretation: First of all, please understand the issue of flip-flopping WIAA girl’s and boy’s swimming and diving is currently being discussed by school administrators at WIAA Area Meetings. No decisions have been made. If a decision is made, it will be at least four years before implementation of the change is made. This is a good time for coaches to discuss this issue with their athletic director.

At our WIAA Area Meetings, we are hearing concerns from athletic directors regarding boy swimmers having difficulties with fall sport opportunities. I am organizing a survey of the WIAA boy’s swimming programs that will identify the number of swimmers who participate in fall sports. This survey is intended to help identify quantifiable data for this issue.

Moving girl’s swimming to the winter and keeping boy’s swimming there as well creates a facility issue for swimming pools across the State. As you know, pools have many recreational and community programs at their sites along with high school swimming and diving programs. In addition, it does not solve the “preferred seasons” issue.

This “preferred seasons” problem developed this past summer when the Michigan High School Athletic Association lost their suit on seasonal placement and had to pay over \$7 million in legal fees. Currently, the WIAA is not balanced with the number of girls and boys sports in their “preferred seasons.” The “preferred season” for girl’s swimming and diving is the winter season. Switching girl’s swimming to the winter and boy’s to the fall will place the WIAA membership in compliance. Swimming and diving have been chosen because the least amount of conflict exists with the number of participants and school teams that could be affected.

Relay Substitutes

Question: Information regarding relay teams and use of substitutes was a topic of discussion at WIAA Area Meetings. Can you explain this discussion?

Interpretation: This is primarily a clarification issue. Both swimming and track relay teams should have the following language applied:

“Eliminate all matches, places, points, scores, etc., of involved student as an individual, and eliminate all contributions made by involved student toward team score.” This would put a relay team in the same category as a team sport.

The concern that the WIAA has is that because swimming and track allow substitutions of members of the relays teams from the pool of eligible athletes, coaches may overlook the eligibility penalty language and simply substitute another athlete for the ineligible athlete. The substitution is allowed for injury, illness, and violations that occur after the relay team advanced but not for a team which qualified using an ineligible athlete.

Question: If a swimmer receives an athletic code violation the day after the WIAA sectionals, will his relay team that qualified for the State Meet be disqualified?

Interpretation: As this question is posed, the answer is “no” the relay would not be disqualified and the relay team allowed to advance to the State Meet. In this case, the athletic code violation occurs after the team has completed their sectional competition. An alternate or a new swimmer can be entered in the place of the swimmer who received the athletic code violation.

Additional Instruction

Question: I would like to send my daughter to a one-day swimming clinic during the high school swim season. This clinic is focused on specific technical aspects of swimming and is not a competition. Is it OK for her to attend and not jeopardize her eligibility for the balance of this season.

Interpretation: WIAA regulations remain silent regarding student-athletes receiving additional instruction outside of the normal school team practice sessions during the school season. I always encourage student-athletes and their parents to discuss these additional workouts with their high school coach. Attending clinics and doing additional work outside the school practice does add risk of injury to student-athletes. In addition, there is always the

possibility of a difference in coaching philosophy along with potential for loss of study time during the school year.

If there is any form of competition involved in the clinic, she may not be allowed to participate as this would constitute a scrimmage by WIAA regulations.

High-Tech Suits

Question: Are the Speedo LZR suits worn by the Olympic swimmers legal for high school swimmers to use in the State of Wisconsin?

Interpretation: As of this time, both NFHS and WIAA regulations continue to allow Speedo LZR suits to be worn for competition. To the best of my knowledge, their manufacturer’s logos are within the language of NFHS rules and they have not been found to aid “buoyancy.”

Question: I have a question regarding one of my athletes and an injury and what the doctor is recommending she wear for practice and then in order to clear her for meets they have told her she has to wear the same thing.

She tore her ligament in her elbow (finishing too hard) in our first meet. She has been going to therapy and swimming has been limited and no competition. When she swims the trainer tapes her elbow and then she wears a black sleeve (similar to a knee or ankle sleeve) it is basically elastic to keep her elbow stable. Once this gets wet, the brace loosens. Her mom found these bicycle sleeves to put on over the brace, that apparently the Badgers use as well, mainly to train with, per this girls mother. So anyhow the trainer, therapist and doctor said she should wear the same type of brace on the other arm so that she doesn’t develop “unevenly”. These arm sleeves are similar in material to the full body swimsuits, (swim suit material.) Would it be legal for her to wear them on both arms per request from the doctor in order to compete? Her mom is afraid she will injure something else if she only wears it on one arm. Can you help with this? The rule would be if it “enhances” her performance. I believe that we should be ok, because it almost does the opposite since they absorb water and get heavy? Can you please advise, we have a meet tomorrow and I would like clarification in case the officials question it and she can’t swim without them. The doctor is more than likely going to clear her if it is ok’d to compete like this.

Interpretation: First of all, the wearing of a brace on the arm does not cause any noticeable concern. This can be done and is legal.

The wearing of a sleeve is identified as wearing a third piece of a uniform. Per NFHS Rule 3-3-1, “Suits shall be one or two pieces.” A few years ago, the following rule interpretation was provided by the NFHS:

Today uniforms come in a variety of styles, fabrics and patterns. The NFHS rules permit one or two-piece suits and permit full bodied suits. The rule does not permit three-piece suits.

The illustrations and information specifically identified sleeves as more than two pieces of uniform.

Diving

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timing Malfunction

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

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

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

This time can be changed on the official score sheet.

Coaching Contact

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

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

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

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

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

Once the school season concludes (following the State Meets or as determined by school administrators at each local school), coaches must cease and desist from having contact with student-athlete who will be members of their school team the next year. No contact is allowed until the first day of summer recess in the summer of 2009.

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

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

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

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

School Team vs. a Non-school Team

Question: My boy is a freshman in high school. He swims on a local club team. Our high school does not have a pool or swim team. I have looked into a co-op with a nearby school and they turned us down. Is there any other way that my son could

compete in WIAA swimming, besides using the school choice option. A school physical education teacher told me that there may be an opportunity to compete in the WIAA, as a club (if all club members were going to the same school and at least in 9th grade). The teacher pointed out to me that a couple of local hockey teams have done this in the past. Is this possible?

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

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

Officials

Question: As I was getting official contracts out for swimming sectionals and noticed that the Fall Handbook (page 45) the mileage is listed as \$0.37 per mile but on the Financial Report from the School Site Center is lists \$0.40 per mile. Please advise which amount is correct.

Interpretation: The 40 cent rate is the correct amount. The decision to increase the travel rate for officials was made following the printing of the Fall Season Regulations. The new rate is included in the Winter Season Regulations.

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

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

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

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

Open Pools

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

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

Junior High/Middle Level Programs

Question: We have a very talented 8th grade male swimmer.

By WIAA rules, can he be allowed to practice with the high school team?

Interpretation: As this relates to the allowance of “practice” by 8th graders on high school teams, WIAA regulations remain silent on this matter. Consequently, this remains a local school district’s philosophical position. Obviously, there will be concerns if allowed. This is especially true when one 8th grader is allowed to “practice” with a high school program while other 8th grade students are not provided this privilege. The effect of allowing an eighth grader to even “practice” with a school team has a tendency to lead to a dramatic impact on school sponsored programs.

In considering the allowance of 8th graders to “practice” on high school teams, since allowing one eighth grade student to even practice with a high school team will lead to requests in all other sports, the WIAA encourages school districts to discuss this matter carefully with their coaching staffs, school administration and school board in hopes of developing a policy that will work for that school district.

Question: Can we have heats of middle school swimmers during a JV/V high school meet? Or do all the middle school heats/races have to take place prior to the HS meet?

Interpretation: Simple answer is “no.” WIAA Swimming and Diving Season Regulations, 17., page 34, indicates: “A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school’s students in Grade 8 and/or below.” In addition, Season Regulation 7., d., page 32, reads: “Only students eligible for the school’s official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition basis, and students may not exceed individual participation limitations in their combined exhibition and team scoring events.”

Swimming meets for middle school/junior high student-athletes need to be organized separate from the high school varsity/JV meets. These middle school meets can be held separately preceding or following a varsity/JV meet. In addition, if needed in emergency situations, a WIAA waiver can be provided allowing 9th grade student-athletes to compete with a middle school/junior high school program. ➔

Winter Rules Revisions for 2008–2009

Swimming & Diving

2-4-3: When practical, the numbering of lanes should be from right to left as the swimmer stands facing the course.

Rationale: This addition to the rule provides direction for consistency in the numbering of lanes, which is already a common practice. If there is an individual facility constraint preventing right-to-left numbering, the language will accommodate such situation.

2-7-4: Requires a recall device be provided for recalling a race but no longer specifies a recall rope.

Rationale: There is no need to reference a recall rope as it is one of several recall devices that may be used when necessary to recall a race.

3-3-4 new Penalty: The penalty for a subsequent violation of the uniform/jewelry rules by the same competitor is disqualification in the heat/round and ineligibility for the remainder of the meet if not corrected. This is a change from the previous penalty of potential disqualification from the meet under unsporting conduct rules.

Rationale: Although the wearing of jewelry and/or illegal attire is not a frequent occurrence, once a competitor and a coach have been notified of a violation there is no justification to allow the competitor to continue in the competition without penalty if observed by an official a subsequent time. The penalty is now disqualification from the event/round rather than the meet for unsporting conduct. The penalty is more appropriate for the severity of the violation and can be more consistently enforced and administered by the meet referee.

4-2-2k: Clarifies that when there is dual confirmation it is not the proper mechanic for the officials to raise their hand for a violation

for relay takeoffs and the no-recall false start.

Rationale: There was a need to clarify an additional situation when the official's hand should not be raised upon observation of a specific violation when dual confirmation is being used in the meet.

6-3-4: In order to consider a potential timing system malfunction, there must now be a difference of more than 0.3 seconds between automatic and backup times.

Rationale: Current meet administration software and timing systems now recognize a potential timing malfunction to occur with more than a 0.3 difference between automatic and backup times. The change allows meet administration to utilize current technology for efficient meet administration.

8-1-2: Clarifies on the backstroke start the competitor shall become stationary immediately after the starting command, "Take your mark," and is consistent with the starting procedure for the forward start.

Rationale: This has been the procedure for the backstroke start that had not previously been included in Rule 8-1-2.

9-1-1f: Clarifies the water depth for diving at any point 2 to 5 feet in front of the end of the board is 12 feet, with an exception for any pool constructed prior to January 1987 being 10 feet. This is just a reversal in order as new pools in which diving is conducted are to be 12 feet in depth.

Rationale: Enough time has elapsed to amend this rule so it is clearly indicating the standard for new pools in which diving is conducted is the depth of 12 feet. The exception is only for older pools constructed before 1987 (20-plus years ago) to maintain the 10-foot depth. This language is more current for communicating pool depth in today's competitive swimming and diving world. ➔

Basketball

3-5-3: Any item that goes around the ENTIRE head (elastic strips/bands, headbands, etc.) shall meet the rule requirements regarding color, maximum size, logo restrictions and team uniformity. Black and beige have also been added to the colors a team is permitted to wear.

Rationale: This change makes the rule more consistent in application and enforcement. The additional colors will provide student-athletes with the same low-cost options, while maintaining team uniformity.

8-1-4b, c, d: During a free throw, all players will move up one marked lane space, leaving the two spaces closest to the end line vacant. A new mark (2 inches by 8 inches) must be reapplied to the lane line near the free-throw line to designate the last 3-foot marked lane space.

Rationale: This rules change may reduce rough play during free-throw situations while maintaining defensive rebounding percentages within an acceptable range.

10-5-5 NEW: A maximum of one technical foul shall be charged directly to the head coach when a participant wears an illegal jersey, illegal pants/skirt or an illegal number.

Rationale: This rules change reduces the penalty from one technical foul assessed to EACH starter and EACH substitute to a maximum of one technical foul assessed directly to the head coach.

National Federation Major Editorial Changes

3-4: The uniform section will be reorganized to separate the topics by articles and adjust the language to reflect current industry standards/terminology.

4-27-2: A portion of the first sentence of the "incidental contact" definition will be removed to clarify that a foul should be called when displacement occurs while opponents attempt to secure a loose ball.

4-42-5: The article will be reorganized into sub-articles for clarity.

10-5: The sectional will be reorganized for better understanding and clarity.

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

National Federation Points of Emphasis

1. Legal Uniforms
2. Rough Play
3. Time-outs
4. Slapping the Backboard
5. Officials' Mechanics and Signals ➔

Ice Hockey

2-2-6: New: When rules indicate "captain's choice of players" for serving a penalty, the captain must select a player who was on the ice when the infraction occurred.

2-5-11: New: A goalkeeper who has been substituted for by another goalkeeper at a stoppage of play may not re-enter until the next stoppage of play.

3-3-1: Reword: Required equipment for goalkeepers shall include gloves, skates, stick, protective full face mask, flapper-style throat protector, leg pads and helmet with chin strap. This headgear should be fastened in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, protecting the entire crown, front, temple and back of the head. A dental guard is required. Flapper-style throat protection must be separate, commercially manufactured, unaltered and properly attached to the helmet or face mask.

6-1-9: Add to Penalty: No player shall use obscene language, directed at officials or others during the warm-up,

during the progress of the game or during intermission.

Penalty: MINOR and MISCONDUCT. If continued or excessive, GAME MISCONDUCT. If further continued or if after the game, GAME DISQUALIFICATION.

6-1-11: Add to Penalty: No player, coach or bench personnel shall use any obscene gestures or racial/ethnic slurs directed at officials or others during the warm-up, during the progress of the game, during the intermission or after the game.

Penalty: MINOR and GAME MISCONDUCT. If further continued or if after the game, GAME DISQUALIFICATION.

6-12-8h: Changed face off location: The puck shall be faced off at the place where it was last played, which is where the puck was last fairly in contact with a player on that player's stick when: **h.** the puck leaves the rink for any unnatural reason (under the boards at end, etc.) ➔

2008–2010 Gymnastics

1: Added Angle of Lowest Body Part, Bonus High Superior, and Direction Change to list of definitions.

Rationale: These definitions will assist when evaluating skills and judging along with awarding credit.

1: Added Hand Placement Mat to definitions.

Rationale: Defines a mat used for cushioning of the hands on round-off entry vault.

1: Landing mats will now include a +/- allowance of ½ inch on the minimum and maximum thickness.

Rationale: Clarifies the dimensions for landing mats so dimensions will be uniform throughout the rules book.

4-1-2A: Allows a gymnast who is lacking the minimum number of skills of any value to have skills of a higher value replace the skills of a lesser value on a one-for-one basis providing the requirement of three superiors is fulfilled.

Rationale: Description of awarding difficulty clarifies that when counting difficulties, one skill of higher value may be substituted for one skill of lower value.

4-1-2E, 2 & 3: A Bonus High Superior that does not earn 0.2 credit in the Bonus category due to execution errors may still be awarded 0.1 credit in Bonus.

Rationale: Clarifies that a Bonus High Superior may be awarded 0.1 in bonus as an extra Bonus High Superior even if it did not qualify for .2 in bonus because it was performed with 0.3 or more in execution deductions.

6-1-1, 6-1-3d, 6-2-5b: Stipulates the padding requirements for the vaulting apparatus in regard to pistons/pedestals and clarifies that a hand placement mat may be used on the runway for any vault but prohibits a sting mat on the runway.

Rationale: Specifies that the pistons/pedestal of the vaulting apparatus must be padded for risk minimization and includes a penalty if not padded. Specifies that a hand placement mat is the only acceptable piece of equipment that may be placed on the runway and a sting mat is designed for landing and not for hand placement.

6-2-5b(5) & c1: Allows a gymnast to perform a round-off entry vault with both a salto and a twist during any phase of the vault.

Rationale: Allowing round-off entry vaults with a salto and twist reflects current trends in high school gymnastics.

6-3-1 thru 4, 6-3-4, 6-4-1 thru 4, 6-4-4: Replaces Articles 1-4 with new terminology and key components of the vault to observe when determining execution errors and deductions during performance of flight and vertical vaults during the first flight phase, repulsion phase, second flight phase and landing. A diagram is included to illustrate insufficient extension and opening.

Rationale: Re-codifies vaulting deductions to reflect current trends and updated language. The diagram provides visual assistance for understanding of opening.

6-5-1a & b, Add New 6-4-4: Eliminates Section 5-1a and b as Rule 6-4-4, Landing, covers these areas.

Rationale: Re-codifies vaulting deductions to reflect current trends and updated language.

7-1-5, 8-1-5, 8-1-6: Increases the thickness of legal matting upon which the vaulting board may be placed when executing a mount on beam or bars using the board to not exceed 12 inches and increases thickness to 16 inches for mounting without the aid of board.

Rationale: The maximum thickness of matting which may be used when mounting the apparatus with a board was increased to not exceed 12 inches and mounts without a board to maximum of 16 inches to accommodate the newer eight-inch landing mats.

7-2-2f: Adjusts the angle to 20-degrees of vertical for attaining or passing through a handstand.

Rationale: Specifies a more logical angle for event requirement of a handstand.

7-3-3c: For clarification "within a skill of difficulty" is included in description for deduction for lack of direction change in bars and specifies a 0.1 penalty.

Rationale: Specifies the penalty for lack of direction and explains when the penalty is taken.

7-3-4i: Clarifies how to deduct for execution errors or incomplete twists on bars.

Rationale: Clarifies how to deduct for execution errors.

7-new 4: Adds a new section for amplitude deductions and diagrams, including reference to the angle of the lowest body part to determine deductions.

Rationale: Added illustrations to make amplitude deductions objective.

7-4-1(5), 7-4-1(1)b: Adds hip pullover and single-leg cut forward or backward (cutting leg simultaneously as hand moves) respectively to the medium skills for bars.

Rationale: Increases the number of choices of skills to fulfill the requirement of having eight skills in a routine.

7-4-2, 3, 4, 7-4-5(2): Deletes the following skills as they are no longer used: Cast Wrap, Eagle Wrap, pop 1/1, Double Leg Overshoot,

from long hang on HB, facing away...invert and shoot over LB, LB beat uprise, 1/2-giant swing on LB to pullover HB, front lie on LB - uprise backward to clear support on HB.

Rationale: Deleted the following skills from the rules book because they are no longer performed due to the increased width between the rails: Cast wrap, Eagle, Wrap pop 1/1, Double-leg overshoot, from long hang on HB, facing away...invert and shoot over LB, LB beat uprise, 1/2-giant swing on LB to pullover HB, front lie on LB - uprise backward to clear support on HB.

7-4-2(7): Adds toe hecht to the skills listed as high superior on bars.

Rationale: Adds a skill to the rules book that is commonly performed.

7-4-2(22): Adds to listed skills "from handstand on HB to handstand on LB" as Bonus High Superior.

Rationale: Specifies that the following skills are listed as Bonus High Superiors: overshoot 1/2-twist to suspension under LB which starts from a handstand on HB and on HB cast to clear hip circle through the handstand, or giant circle backward to back salto from the hands.

7-4-2(37) NOTE: The description in the note more accurately reflects the performance of the skill regarding leg positioning at the bottom of the circle and at the completion of circle for a full giant on LB.

Rationale: Specifies that a full giant on the LB must end in a stretched handstand to receive credit.

7-4-2(45): Changes to more accepted language to describe skill to "Front clear straddle circle - with reverse grip, pass legs straddle over bar, circle forward to clear straddle hold."

Rationale: Provides a better description of the illustrated skill.

7-4-4(1)(a) & (b): Adds to medium skill on bars, "cast to squat on LB, continue to catch HB: cast to squat on, stoop, or straddle on bar which will increase choices of skills to meet eight-skill requirement in routine."

Rationale: Increases the number of choices of skills to fulfill the requirement of having eight skills in a routine.

7-4-5(2): Corrects the description of a back uprise to front support. Illustration corrected to describe skill.

Rationale: The description accurately reflects what skill is being performed and a skill no longer performed due to width between bars is deleted. The illustration is corrected to reflect described skill.

7-4-6(3): Removed "long beat of LB" and replaced with "cast or" to accurately describe skill being performed.

Rationale: Corrected illustration and description accurately reflect what is performed.

7-4-6(10), 7-4-2(19), 7-4-2(44), 7-4-7(4), 8-4-3(2), (3) & (4), 9-4-3(2), (3) & (4): Changes within the description of the skills were made to better reflect the skills being illustrated.

Rationale: Provides a better description of the illustrated skill.

7-4-8(35): Moved "On HB, from cast to clear-hip circle, clear-hip circle through handstand, or giant circle backward to back salto from the hands" to Bonus High Superior.

Rationale: Specifies that the following skills are listed as Bonus High Superiors: overshoot 1/2-twist to suspension under LB which starts from a handstand on HB and on HB cast to clear-hip circle through the handstand, or giant circle backward to back salto from the hands.

8-1-3a: Changes wording to be consistent with vault and bars to provide for nonslip matting at least five inches thick as part of the matting requirements.

Rationale: Clarifies the description of a landing mat so dimensions are uniform throughout the rules book.

8-4-4, 9-4-1: Replaces the beam and floor exercise leap/jump charts to simplify the charts and provide greater consistency in judging skills.

Rationale: Re-codifies the leap and jump charts to simplify their use and make judgments in awarding difficulty more consistent.

9-2-4, 9-3-7 new r: Requires the lines to be marked on top of matting when a sting mat or skill cushion covers boundary lines in floor exercise and adds to the list of superior judge deduction the failure to mark sting mat or skill cushion that covers boundary lines as 0.1 deduction.

Rationale: Specifies that the boundary line that is covered by a sting mat or skill cushion shall be marked and adds failure to mark the mat to list of superior judge deduction.

9-2-5: Clarifies when credit is awarded when a skill of difficulty is almost completed.

Rationale: Specifies when difficulty credit shall be given on floor exercise.

9-4-6(1): Adds to medium skills in floor exercise "Floor-Forward and backward rolls."

Rationale: Increases the number of choices of skills to fulfill the requirement of having eight skills in a routine. ➔

Wrestling

2-2-2: A clarification was made of the existence of a boundary for the coaches' restricted zone on the corner of the wrestling mat.

4-1-5 NEW: The wrestler's uniform is to be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer.

4-2-1: A wrestler's hair in its natural state, in the front, shall not extend below the eyebrows.

4-2-3: The physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition is now to be presented at the weigh-in unless a designated, on-site meet physician is present and is able to examine the wrestler immediately after the weigh-in.

4-2-5 NEW: A contestant may have documentation from a physician only indicating a specific condition such as a birthmark or other non-communicable skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema, and that documentation is valid for the duration of the season. It is valid with the understanding that a chronic condition could become secondarily infected and may require re-evaluation.

4-5-5: A one-pound weight allowance was added in the event of a school closing due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, where wrestling practice(s) cannot take place due to school policies. The rule change also makes it clear as to who should be notified when weight allowance is justified.

5-1-4; 6-6-1: Previously, the wrong wrestler being given choice in the first 30-second tiebreaker would have been considered bad time. Both situations under Rules 5-1-4 and 6-6-1 are similar and may now be connected equally. The rules now state what exactly takes place in the third period.

5-15-3: The referee now has the option at the edge of the mat to stop wrestling when no action is taking place without penalizing either wrestler and restart the wrestling in the center of the mat.

5-20-5 NOTE NEW: Nothing has changed in the offensive starting position. There is now a time sequence to follow.

5-25-6c NEW; 7-6-6c NEW: Referees now have rules support for a stalling call against a wrestler who repeatedly creates a stalemate situation to simply prevent his/her opponent from scoring and not from his/her own attempt to score.

5-31-1: The head coach will no longer be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct when his/her wrestlers report to the scorer's table not in proper uniform, not properly groomed, not properly equipped or not ready to wrestle.

6-7-1c6: The wrestler whose opponent has been penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct at anytime during the match now gets the choice of position for the ultimate tiebreaker. The unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will supersede the first points scored in the regulation match.

7-1-5w NEW: A back flip from the standing position is now an illegal maneuver.

7-4-1: Unnecessary roughness is further defined to include a forceful slap to the head or face, and/or gouging or poking the eyes.

New Referee Signal: A new referee signal has been implemented to indicate when to start recovery time during a match.

Editorial and Other Changes

3-3-2; 4-2-4; 5-15-2b; 5-16-3; 5-22-1; 5-28-1; 6-2-2; 6-6-6; 7-4-3; 8-1-6; 8-2-1; 8-2-8; PHOTOS 2, 3 (New), 31-33 (New), 57 (New), 84, 89.

Points of Emphasis

1. Grooming and Medical Checks
2. Reporting to the Scorer's Table Ready to Wrestle
3. Going Out of the Wrestling Area
4. Referees' Signals and Mechanics ➔

Swimming & Diving and Hockey



Tom Shafranski

Girls Swimming & Diving Tournament Information

All member schools sponsoring girls swimming & diving should have received their sectional and state information. Tournament assignments and sectional time schedules were published in the September 19 WIAA Bulletin.

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

ENTRIES

- Entries will once again be done via the Direct Athletics website. Each school will be emailed their password, user code and instructions.
- Team entry forms are due via electronic entry by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Teams submitting forms after this time will be allowed to compete, but will not be seeded and will be placed in the slow heat. PLEASE BE AWARE ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED BY 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY, November 4, 2008.
- Divers are required to participate in a minimum of 4 diving competitions to be eligible to enter the sectional tournament. Two of the four competitions must include a full format of 11 dives.

SUBSTITUTIONS/SCRATCHES

- All substitutions and scratches must be in writing 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting. Substitutions will be allowed for illness, injury, or for reasons of school discipline.
- Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but must assume heat and lane assignments of original entries.
- A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.
- Schools may not make a substitution in an event not originally entered after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.
- In the event of scratches, the sectional manager will not re-seed the event. The deleted swimmer/divers must be removed from all events (individual and relay) in the entire meet, except when certified by a physician or the meet referee.

RELAYS

- Coaches must complete a relay card listing a maximum of eight individuals.
- Relay cards must be completed and turned in to the meet referee. Time deadlines include: (a) sectionals - **at the coaches meeting** and (b) State - ½ hour prior to the start of the meet. Coaches will be allowed to change the designated four swimmers until the announcements of the results of the two previous events:
 - 200 Yard Medley Relay – Up until end of the coaches meeting
 - 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – The finish of the 100 freestyle
 - 400 yard Freestyle Relay – The finish of the 100 backstroke

UNIFORMS

- Only one single manufacturer's logo or trademark not more than 2 1/4" square inches in size is allowed on a swim cap or swimsuit.
- The only other legal markings on attire, including swim caps is: competitor name, number, school name, school nickname, school mascot, and one American flag (2"X 3").
- Competitors must be wearing legal attire before they will be allowed to compete. A competitor may not wear jewelry or apply tape over an item of jewelry.
- Oil-based lotions may be applied only in the locker rooms. No oil is allowed on the pool deck.
- On-site shaving is prohibited. Swimmers found in violation will be disqualified from the meet.

STATE MEET PARTICIPANTS/INFORMATION

Diving

- Division 1 – The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries will qualify for semifinals and the 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals will qualify for the finals.
- Division 2 – All 16 divers will perform 11 dives.
- The diving order for Sectionals and State will be from an open draw.

Swimming

- Participating in the state meet will be the winner in each event plus the next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) fastest/best individuals from all sectionals.
- A tentative state qualifier listing will be made available to schools via the WIAA Web Site (www.wiaawi.org) after 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 9.
- Extra qualifier standards will be available on the WIAA website after 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 9.
- Coaches are asked to provide spelling corrections, etc., to the WIAA prior to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10.
- Schools opting to attend on the day they are not competing may request tickets from the WIAA prior to Wednesday, November 12. Tickets will be provided for the number of state qualifiers plus one coach only for the meet you are not competing in. Tickets can be picked up at the Natatorium ticket booth on Friday or Saturday.

DIVING JUDGES

Diving judges will be selected at the sectional tournament sites during the diving coaches meeting. Seven-member judge panels should be able to be selected at each Sectional diving site. Division 1 sectional sites need to submit the names of two individuals and Division 2 should choose at least 3 judges for the State Diving competition. A total of 7 judges will be used at the state meet. Selected judges will be noted on the tentative state qualifier listing.

TIME SCHEDULE

Ticket Prices – Single Session \$6.00 – Student/Adult

Division 2

Friday, November 14, 2008

UW-Natatorium

- 12:45 p.m. – Locker rooms open to divers
- 1:00 p.m. – Deck area open – one-meter boards open for warm-ups
- 1:30 p.m. – Diving sheets due
- 1:45 p.m. – Diving Judges Meeting
- 2:10 p.m. – Boards Closed
- 2:30 p.m. – Diving competition to completion – approximately 5 p.m.
- 4:15 p.m. – Team packets available for pickup
- 4:45 p.m. – Locker rooms open to swimmers
- 5:00 p.m. – Deck area open – pool open for warm-ups
- 5:45 p.m. – Timers and deck stewards meeting –Room 1190
- 6:15 p.m. – Pool closed
- 6:30 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion – approximately 9:00 p.m.

Division 1

Saturday, November 15, 2008

UW-Natatorium

- 7:45 a.m. – Locker rooms open to divers
- 8:00 a.m. – Deck area open – one-meter boards open for warm-ups
- 8:30 a.m. – Diving sheets due
- 9:15 a.m. – Diving Judges Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. – Boards Closed
- 10:00 a.m. – Diving competition to completion – approximately 1 p.m.
- 12:45 p.m. – Team packets available for pickup
- 1:15 p.m. – Locker rooms open to swimmers
- 1:30 p.m. – Deck area open – pool open for warm-ups
- 2:15 p.m. – Timers and deck stewards meeting –Room 1190
- 2:45 p.m. – Pool closed
- 3:00 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion – approximately 6:00 p.m. +

Hockey Athletic Directors Need to Keep Records for Injury Potential Penalties and Visit Ice Arenas

One of the best tools an Athletic Director (of a hockey program) can use to help maintain appropriate conduct with the school hockey team is the games score sheet. The hockey score sheet identifies numerous important facts that an A.D. can use to promote and regulate players actions.

Probably the most significant fact that needs to be reviewed following every game is the penalty section of the report. In reviewing this area, A.D.s must look carefully for injury potential penalties committed by their participants.

In hockey, penalties generally fall into two categories, aggressive or injury potential and restraining. Aggressive penalties are considered to be those penalties with injury potential. Examples of aggressive penalties are slashing, high sticking, charging, boarding, spearing, butt-ending, cross-checking, elbowing, checking from behind, fighting, head-butting and kicking.

Some examples of restraining fouls include: holding, hooking, interference, and tripping. These lists are not inclusive, but provide a basis for which A.D.s can monitor participant behaviors in hockey.

Keeping these penalties in mind, the hockey A.D. can work with their coach to monitor, discuss and react to escalating situations with some participants.

Team/School rules can easily be designed to handle any situation where players become involved with excessive or repeated aggressive, injury potential penalties.

Schools have been known to handle these situations by having a meeting with any player who receives three aggressive penalties during the year. If a player is given two more aggressive penalties, for a total of five, a parent meeting with this player can be organized. Should any additional aggressive penalties take place, playing time can be limited. Other action plans can easily be developed and implemented in accordance with other school district policies.

Starting a practice of monitoring the hockey score sheet early in the hockey season sends a strong message to players of the accountability players have to their school program.

One additional suggestion, Athletic Directors, Principals and District Administrators are all encouraged to visit ice arenas since almost all ice facilities for WIAA member schools are located off school grounds. Stopping in not only demonstrates an administrators interest in the hockey program and the student-athletes involved in the program, but also helps to bridge the gap that often exists between the community and school programs and helps administrators to develop rapport with the hockey community. This can be a vital asset when difficult situations develop.

These simple strategies can truly PREVENT major difficulties from occurring later in the season. As administrators of school hockey programs, be sure to obtain a copy of each game's (Varsity and JV, when JV is a school team) score sheet and take time to visit your school's hockey team's games and practices. You'll see that these strategies make a difference in the performance of your hockey program.

Volunteers Needed for State Girls Swim Meet

The Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held this year on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), November 14-15 at the UW-Madison Natatorium.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and deck stewards. If you are interested, please contact Tom Shafranski at or by calling (715) 344-8580.

The state meet schedule is as follows:

Friday – November 14

- 2:30 p.m. - Diving competition to completion (approximately 5:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 9:00 p.m.)

Saturday – November 15

- 10:00 a.m. - Diving competition to completion (approximately 1:30 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. - Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 6:00 p.m.) +

All-American Standards Girls 2008

Event	Automatic	Consideration
200 Medley Relay	1:49.32	1:50.85
200 Free	1:51.56	1:52.99
200 IM	2:05.74	2:07.60
50 Free	:23.86	:24.12
100 Fly	:56.75	:57.50
100 Free	:51.72	:52.39
500 Free	4:58.13	5:02.19
200 Free Relay	1:38.34	1:39.64
100 Back	:57.50	:58.43
100 Breast	1:05.24	1:06.28
400 Free Relay	3:33.90	3:36.76

Football Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: I'm writing regarding the rules governing the coaches box. There has been increased enforcement of a rule, I previously wasn't aware of, stating athletic trainers are not allowed in the coaches box. I have many concerns about this rule. I don't understand how I'm not allowed in the box yet statisticians and photographers are. It bothers me that it seems more important to get pictures of the game than it is to have safety personnel right there. I can't tell you how many times I haven't seen an injury because I'm "blocked out" by a cameraman. Some of been serious. I've been delayed getting to a shoulder dislocation because I can't see past the athletes to my side. If I could stand just two feet in front of the athletes on the sideline, I would have a better vantage point to see things happen. But, because of this rule, I have to rely on others to let me know. I may not see an injury that really needs me to follow up. I understand wanting a clear sideline for the safety of the officials. However, if you want to keep the line clean, keep the statisticians and camera people back..not the personnel responsible for the safety of everyone on the field.

A.: This rule is rooted in a concern for safety, primarily for sideline collisions. The two yard restraining line and coaches box should be uniformly and consistently enforced, including media and statisticians. Some of this enforcement must come from the contest officials but also from the coaches and contest administration. There is no reason that the head coach can not/ does not coach his kids on sideline protocol as much as he coaches them plays on the field. You need to have a conversation with your HC and AD. I hear and understand your frustration but more people in the coaches box is not the answer. More uniform enforcement and a clear prioritization of who needs to be on the line of scrimmage can be easily addressed by your AD.

Q.: If a school does not qualify for the playoffs and that school would like to schedule a 10th game on the 28th of October, what restrictions are placed on that team? Can current seniors participate in that game, or are only underclassmen allowed to play?

A.: The season regs p.12, #6a does not make a specific designation as to who can/can't play in the 10th game. It is a local administrative decision.

Q.: At what point do we as officials step back away from a player that is injured on or during a down?

A.: I had advanced your question to some of the vets that I chat with and here's what we got back. They both present two different perspectives - yet each relevant. Getting immediate, trained care/attention and then determining whether the player will be allowed to continue and/or monitoring him. I hope their thoughts are helpful. 1) Our crew wants medical professionals dealing with injured players. When an injury occurs, we quickly wave the trainer or medical person to the field and let them have access to the player. We move players back and try not to interfere with any medical action that needs to occur. We manage the resumption of play through effective communications with coaches and players. 2) Under Rule 2, Section 32, an "injured player" is not defined. Further, an injury to a player could cover an entire range of possibilities. Case Book PR 3.5.10 Situation C is vague -- "...A1 appears to be injured." That is, "injured player," most probably, defies definition. Therefore, the questions are: "What procedure should an official use in determining if a player is injured and when should the official allow a player to continue playing?" In all considerations the most important thing to do is to err on the side of safety. What procedure? Observe the player. Is he behaving as a football player should? Does he have a noticeable physical problem? Look in his eyes. Are the eyes glassy? Ask him a question or two. "Are you okay?" "Do you want to continue playing?" When to allow a player to continue? Observe the player, look in his eyes, ask him a question. Football players can sometimes lose track of non-football situations or show signs of physical problems. The extent of the disorientation or physical problem is for doctors and emergency medical staff members to determine. Any questions or concerns we want the player to be evaluated by the medical professional.

Q.: After watching my two boys participate in 3 football games this year, I am wondering why the WIAA continues to allow horse tackling. It is not allowed in either the NFL or NCAA, yet high schoolers are allowed to tackle in this dangerous manner. I have seen more horse collars and "choke hold" tackles this year than I ever have. Will it take a serious or life threatening injury to force you to change this rule?

A.: First, the WIAA does not independently author the rules which our membership has adopted. The National Federation of High School Associations is the rule writing body for 'high school rules.' As an Association we do have input into those rules. We will have opportunity to meet with football coaches after this season and as always, if there are topics that

either coaches or the WIAA want addressed, they will be put on the table. National Federation (high school) football rules currently provide for the calling of a "personal foul" for what is commonly called the "horse collar tackle," although that is not the phrase used in either the NFL or NCAA rules books. "Grabbing the inside collar of the back of the shoulder pads or jersey, or the inside collar of the side of the shoulder pads or jerseys and immediately pulling down the runner" was put into the NFL rules book in 2006 (Rule 12-2-1). This year, 2008, the NCAA put a similar statement into its rules code (9-1-2-p). In both the NFL and NCAA rules statements the word "immediately" is used. A DVD prepared by the NCAA this year (2008) and distributed to all football coaches shows several plays involving the "horse collar tackle." In one of the plays shown, the back of the jersey/shoulder pad of a runner is grabbed, but the runner advances 5+ yards before being downed. That tackle is specifically described in the DVD as not-being a foul because the runner was not immediately pulled down. As an Association we do have input into those rules.

Q.: I have a question that has risen amongst officials I work with and was wondering if I could get your opinion. This is the situation: It is overtime and Team A has just scored a touchdown in their half of the first inning and decide to go for a 2 point conversion. (Team B has not yet had their half of the overtime inning.) Team A then either throws an interception or fumbles the ball which is recovered by Team B. My question is whether Team B can advance the interception or fumble from a 2 point conversion and advance it for a score or is the recovery (interception) merely a dead ball.

A.: The ball is dead on the Try when the attempt is not successful. National Federation rules apply to the Wisconsin adaptation of the overtime procedure.

Q.: We have a disagreement on a rules situation. If a QB rolls out and crosses the line of scrimmage, then retreats back behind the LOS and throws a pass, is that a legal forward pass? I have had some officials say yes as long as he is behind the LOS when he releases the ball it is legal. I have had others say once the ball passes the LOS the ability to throw a forward pass is lost. Which of these interpretations is correct?

A.: Legal forward pass under National Federation (High School) rules (7-5-2-a, -b, -c, -d, -e) Case Book PR 5.1.3C applies. Illegal forward pass under NCAA rules (7-3-2-e) and illegal forward pass under NFL rules (12-1-1). Confusion about the forward pass most likely stems from the difference between National Federation rules, on the one hand, and NCAA and NFL rules, on the other hand.

Q.: Here is a situation that I am unable to find a clear answer to and would appreciate your reply: B1 intercepts a pass in his end zone. While the ball is still live and in the end zone, teammate B2 blocks A1 in the back in the end zone. B1 then downs the ball in the end zone and the ball never left the end zone. Does the penalty for the block in the back create a safety or is it enforced from the 20 yard line after a touchback?

A.: Safety. The penalty for the foul by the teammate of the player who intercepted the forward pass is enforced from the spot of the foul, which is the end zone. (Rule 10-4-5) Although the basic spot is the 20-yard line (because of the touchback) the all-but-one principle is applied. That means that the penalty for a foul by the team in possession (e.g., in this case, Team B) is enforced from the spot of the foul. If the foul had occurred, say, on the 4-yard line, the penalty would be assessed from the 4-yard line (half-the-distance, 1st and 10 on the 2-yard line for Team B). Mnemonics: (1) If the result of the play is a safety, (a) the goal line is the enforcement spot for fouls by the opponents of the team defending that goal line and (b) it is a safety if the team in possession commits a foul. (2) If the result of the play is a touchback the basic spot is the succeeding spot -- the 20-yard line. But apply the all-but-one principle.

Q.: Situation: On a pass play a receiver carries the ball to his 40 yard line making a first down and then goes out of bounds. Whistles were sounded. The player then spiked the ball bouncing ten feet in the air and the back judge threw a flag for unsportsmanlike conduct. The chains were placed at the forty yard line and then the unsportsmanlike foul being a dead ball foul was then marched off 15 yards making it 1st and 25. Is that correct Under the Penalty Measurement. X.4 Penalty enforcement for any dead ball, nonplayer or unsportsmanlike foul is from the succeeding spot. Rule 2-41 Art 10. The succeeding spot is where the ball would next be snapped or free kicked if a foul had not occurred.

A.: Was able to do more research. 1st and 10 on the A45 (ball became dead on the B40) or 1st and 10 on A25 (ball became dead on A40). Rule 5-3-1. "When a new series of downs is awarded, the penalties for all fouls (including nonplayer and unsportsmanlike) committed prior to the ready-for-play signal shall be administered before the line-to-gain is estab-

lished." It would be 1st and 25 if an unsportsmanlike conduct foul (or any other foul with a 15-yard penalty) occurred after the "ready" whistle.

Q.: Here is a game problem that you can help me with. We had running clock in the 2nd half when a touchdown was scored but there was a penalty on the offensive team. We stopped the clock because of the TD, I then took care of the penalty and then started the clock with the ready for play. I'm not positive we handled it correctly, so let me know.

A.: Strict interpretation of the Wisconsin procedure would require that the game clock be started on the snap following penalty administration. The items that stop the clock include a score (TD, field goal, safety) -- item (2). After a score (during a "regular game" and when using the running-clock procedure) the game clock starts when the ball is touched-legally on the ensuing kickoff. The way the procedure is written it appears that stopping the game clock for the score takes precedence over keeping the clock running. The procedure then, according to the Wisconsin adaptation, is (a) signal score (TD, FG or safety); (b) stop the clock; (c) administer penalty for the foul; (d) declare ball ready-for-play (but do not start clock); (e) start clock when ball is snapped. I think that the Referee has latitude here -- via the elasticity provisions (1-6)... If one team is really overmatched, starting the clock on the "ready" after penalty administration may be the best thing to do.

Q.: This question arose during our pregame and we couldn't find a definitive answer in the Case Book. A picture in the Wisconsin State Journal showed two football players chest bumping after a big play. Is this subject to a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty?

A.: No one wants to take the spontaneous joy and excitement out of the game.

However, we are hearing increasing concerns that some of what we see, especially on television has gone beyond appropriate, honest joy...to what many feel is selfish, taunting, showboat and self-promotion. This sort of celebrating is subject to scrutiny under 9-5-1 and as such, is subject to unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Most veterans I speak with prefer to try to prevent such behaviors as opposed to immediate penalty assessment. I concur. Prevent, prevent, prevent. However if your directives are ignored, then penalizing is no longer avoidable. You may also address in your pre-game conference. This will be a topic best addressed and remedied by the coaches. More: 1) Funny you should ask about this. I had a game recently and I had to talk to two players regarding this behavior. The team had little problems scoring throughout the game and one player in particular scored several times. After the first TD, as he was running towards the sideline a teammate was running onto the field for the extra point. You could see they had rehearsed 'running, jumping and hitting the sides of their bodies together' similar to what you see on Sunday's. I talked to them after the play but did not penalize the action. Not long after the same player scored again, and again with the same teammate, they repeated what they had done earlier. This time I talked to the Head Coach who immediately brought the two players together and explained that action would no longer be tolerated. This player scored several more times but after doing so he simply 'high fived' the teammate as they ran past one-another. We know that what happens on Sunday's, trickles down to Saturday's, and then to Friday nights. This act in particular, although showing excitement for scoring a touchdown, definitely falls under Rule 9-5, Art 1c: "Any delayed, excessive or prolonged act which a player attempts to focus attention upon himself." I appreciate a player being excited for scoring a touchdown, making a tackle or intercepting a pass, but if we let actions like this happen and not address them with either the player and/or coach, it can definitely escalate into something more. 3.) On the college level, the "personal recognition" incidents have increased. At the high school level, I have had just a couple and addressed them verbally (no flag). I will share some specific language from the NCAA rule book. Rule 9 Section 2 Article 1.

"Specific acts prohibited ... (a) Pointing the finger(s), hand(s), arm(s), or ball at opponent or imitate slashing of the throat." ... (d) "Any delayed, excessive, prolonged or choreographed act by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself." ... (g) "Punching one's own chest or crossing ones arms in front of the chest while standing over a prone player." Catch all -2.(d) "Any other unsportsmanlike act or actions" The rule that most applies is 9.2.1d- players are not to draw attention to themselves. Footnote: The NFHS has nearly the same language as the NCAA with respect to "delayed, excessive, prolonged... etc....and focussing attention on self.

Q.: Our crew is debating a couple of plays that happened in our game Friday, August 29. Both have to do with motion or false start. 1) No quarterback in

the formation, single wing formation. One of the backs lined up in the backfield calls the cadence. Just prior to the snap or sometimes at the snap he moves right or left to catch the snap as he is moving. He is not going forward but is moving at times before the snap sideways. Is this motion or a false start? 2) Same game, same formation a back starts to move forward before the snap. A back is calling the cadence from the single wing formation. All other players are set for more than 1 second. He moves slowly actually slide steps catches himself then stops and resets for at least 2 seconds before the snap. Nobody on the field says a word the coaches of the team on defense yell. Is this a false start or motion. I treated it like a shift and he was reset before the snap. In both cases the movement is not fast, quick or an attempt to draw the defense offside or simulate the snap. The movement is slow, calm and in the first case side to side in the second case forward by one small shuffle step then reset. We would like to hear your interpretation.

A.: Here's what we have for you: 1) Item #1 as described is legal, rule 7.2.7 and is supported by case book 7.2.7.d. For item #2 the description is legal. No simulating action at the snap and, after the last shift, all 11 players are set for one second prior to the snap. 2) Wow! A team is actually using the single wing formation. Congratulations to the coach for teaching the single wing and to the team for grasping the nuances of that formation. The snapper (in the single wing formation he is not the center-man in the line) should be congratulated, also. The snapper has to lead the tailback when he snaps. There is an art to that method of snapping. Answers: (1) Legal Motion. (7-2-7) (2) Legal Shift.(7-2-6; 2-39). By the way, there is a "quarterback" in the single wing formation. There is the tailback (e.g., fullback) who is fully-back. Then there are the halfbacks who are half-way between the line and the fully-back. Finally, of course, there is the quarterback who is half-way between the halfbacks and the line -- that is the quarterback is one-quarter of the way between the line and the fully-back. When "Pop" Warner conceived the single wing in about 1912, the quarterback called the snap signals and was usually a blocking back and about the size of a guard or tackle. Originally, in the single wing formation there was, also, a three-quarter back. The current "shotgun" formation is a form of single wing, but without the nuances.

Q.: I have a question about the responsibility of the linesman and the line judge. What should they say to a wide receiver who comes up to the line of scrimmage and consistently asks if he is "good". They both use the correct signals, are they required to verbally answer the question. Some coaches get quite upset if we do not assist their receivers to let them know if they are on or off the line of scrimmage.

A.: The linesman and line judge are not required to align players. Telling a player to move up or move back will sooner or later get the wing official in trouble. It's unwise to think you might know the formation the coach has in mind. Being sure their players are able to line up and be aligned properly and legally, is the coaches and player's responsibility. Most line officials I speak with will respond to a player inquiry by telling the player "I am on the line". That is acceptable to me.

Q.: I need a rule interpretation on the following. Can the defense be called for illegal substitution? For example breaking the huddle with 12 players, or just have 12 players on the field after the referee blows the ball ready for play. Rule 3-7 on substitutions gets into it but doesn't really say anything about defense or offense, or does it just mean both when they don't mention either one. I understand the concept of one player in and one player out. We also checked out the case book for the situations too. I'm just curious about how you would handle this.

A.: Substitution rules apply to both sides of the ball. Rule 7-3 applies to the offense and defense. Yes, an "illegal substitution" foul can be committed by the defensive team. "Breaking the huddle" is not a factor in high school games.

Q.: In a football game, if a referee calls a penalty on a player and indicates that the infraction is "punching," does the referee have the option of saying that this is a warning (even though personal foul yardage penalty is enforced) and that the next similar infraction is a disqualification OR is this an immediate disqualification -- wouldn't it fall under the "fighting" rule where there is a zero-tolerance policy?

A.: You will need to seek further explanation from the referee in this instance. I am not able to explain this call. Not being present it's impossible to venture what he had. 9-4-3j provides that to strike an opponent with fist, locked hands, forearm or elbow, or to kick or knee an opponent results in 15 yd. penalty and disqualification. Using the term "punching" certainly creates an image of striking a blow with a fist. If so, the penalty is enforced as identified above.

Q.: Our officiating crew has experienced the fol-

2009-2010 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2009-10 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 19 enrollment counts that your school provided. If you find a discrepancy in the enrollment listed for your school, please let Joan Gralla know by December 1, 2008. No changes will be made after this date.

Abbotsford	204	Deerfield	247	Kimberly	1304	Newman Catholic	204	Shorewood	624
Abundant Life Christian	101	DeForest	1043	Kohler	164	Niagara	161	Shullsburg	127
Adams-Friendship	607	Delavan-Darien	822	La Crosse Central	1316	Nicolet	1197	Siren	164
Albany	125	Denmark	531	La Crosse Logan	1037	Norris	126	Slinger	935
Algoma	232	Destiny	243	La Farge	77	North Crawford	168	Solon Springs	105
Alma	104	Divine Savior Holy Angels	1310	Lac Courte Oreilles	66	North Fond du Lac	416	Somerset	450
Almond-Bancroft	145	Dodgeand	264	Laconia	317	Northland Lutheran	97	South Milwaukee	1221
Altoona	463	Dodgeville	442	Ladysmith	335	Northland Pines	506	South Shore	51
Amery	533	Dominican	387	Lake Country Lutheran	200	Northwestern	488	Southern Door	418
Amherst	282	Drummond	147	Lake Holcombe	143	Northwood	139	Southwestern	196
Antigo	988	Durand	401	Lake Mills	422	Notre Dame de La Baie Academy	737	Sparta	745
Appleton Central Charter	92	East Troy	606	Lakeland	864	Oak Creek	2022	Spencer	214
Appleton East	1529	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	108	Lakeside Lutheran	470	Oakfield	218	Spooner	465
Appleton eSchool Charter	58	Eau Claire Memorial	1737	Lancaster	323	Oconomowoc	1424	Spring Valley	211
Appleton North	1568	Eau Claire North	1446	Laona	76	Oconto	394	Stanley-Boyd	316
Appleton Tesla Engineering Charter	93	Edgar	235	Lena	146	Oconto Falls	611	Stevens Point	2301
Appleton West	1421	Edgerton	594	Lincoln	185	Omro	403	Stockbridge	74
Aquinas	330	Elcho	119	Lincoln Hills	486	Onalaska	907	Stoughton	1091
Arcadia	321	Eleva-Strum	205	Little Chute	554	Oneida Nation	88	Stratford	259
Argyle	116	Elk Mound	316	Living Word Lutheran	165	Oostburg	318	Sturgeon Bay	476
Arrowhead	2235	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	161	Lodi	543	Oregon	1231	Sun Prairie	1836
Ashland	747	Elkhorn Area	1009	Lomira	351	Osceola	594	Superior	1528
Ashwaubenon	1049	Ellsworth	587	Loyal	194	Oshkosh East Charter	56	Suring	199
Assumption	182	Elmwood	109	Luck	194	Oshkosh Lourdes	224	The Hope School	317
Atlas Preparatory Academy	177	Ethan Allen	254	Luther	270	Oshkosh North	1383	The Prairie School	276
Athens	195	Evansville	573	Luxemburg-Casco	649	Oshkosh West	1905	The Renaissance School for the Arts (Appleton Charter)	159
Auburndale	291	Face 2 Face Charter (Sheboygan)	71	Madison Country Day	29	Osseo-Fairchild	307	Thorp	209
Augusta	186	Faith Christian Academy	4	Madison East	1878	Owen-Withee	194	Three Lakes	231
Badger	1281	Faith Christian	56	Madison Edgewood	683	Ozaukee	261	Tigerton	108
Baldwin-Woodville	484	Fall Creek	300	Madison La Follette	1654	Pacelli	248	Tomah	1009
Bangor	230	Fall River	120	Madison Memorial	2044	Palmyra-Eagle	349	Tomahawk	525
Baraboo	1018	Fennimore	230	Madison West	2005	Pardeeville	283	Tri-County	234
Barneveld	132	Flambeau	226	Manawa	300	Park Falls	286	Trinity Academy	43
Barron	449	Florence	195	Manitowoc Lincoln	1760	Parkview	358	Turner	391
Bay Port	1695	Fond du Lac	2203	Manitowoc Lutheran	205	Pecatonica	138	Turtle Lake	161
Bayfield	137	Fort Atkinson	931	Marathon	269	Pembine	106	Two Rivers	676
Beaver Dam	1072	Fox Valley Lutheran	640	Marinette	743	Peninsula Christian	2	Union Grove	833
Belleville	301	Franklin	1314	Marion	196	Pepin	83	Unity	364
Belmont	108	Frederic	172	Markesan	247	Peshtigo	331	University Lake School	88
Beloit Memorial	1906	Freedom	516	Marquette University	2110	Pewaukee	743	University School of Milwaukee	366
Benton	82	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	454	Marshall	359	Phelps	41	Valders	419
Berlin	610	Germantown	1390	Marshfield	1345	Phillips	311	Valley Christian	75
Big Foot	537	Gibraltar	207	Martin Luther	334	Pioneer Westfield	397	Verona Area	1446
Birchwood	109	Gillett	246	Mauston	527	Pittsville	219	Viroqua	370
Black Hawk	145	Gilman	141	Mayville	421	Pius XI	1101	Wabeno	193
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Bloomer	393	Glidden	60	Medford Area	709	Plymouth	862	Waterford	1092
Bonduel	322	Glidden Class ACT Charter (Charter)	5	Mellen	78	Port Edwards	164	Waterloo	261
Boscobel	305	Goodman	67	Mellen Technology (Charter)	13	Port Washington	838	Watertown	1315
Bowler	123	Grafton	836	Melrose-Mindoro	247	Portage	847	Watertown Luther Prep	330
Boyceville	240	Granton	82	Menasha	1169	Potosi	145	Waukesha North	1252
Brillion	353	Grantsburg	309	Menominee Indian	303	Poynette	348	Waukesha South	1340
Brodhead	402	Green Bay East	1426	Menomonee Falls	1547	Prairie du Chien	415	Waukesha West	1483
Brookfield Academy	232	Green Bay NEW Lutheran	119	Menomonie	1070	Prairie Farm	96	Waunakee	1121
Brookfield Central	1352	Green Bay Preble	2192	Mercer	50	Prentice	155	Waupaca	864
Brookfield East	1332	Green Bay Southwest	1360	Mercer Environ. Tourism (Charter)	11	Prescott	387	Waupun	688
Brookwood	213	Green Bay West	1094	Merrill	1138	Princeton	129	Wausau East	1254
Brown Deer	673	Green Lake	107	Messmer	660	Pulaski	1234	Wausau West	1595
Bruce	175	Greendale	936	Middleton	1956	Racine Case	1899	Wausaukee	180
Burlington	1400	Greenfield	1124	Milton	1032	Racine Horlick	2112	Wautoma	465
Butternut	53	Greenwood	131	Milwaukee Academy of Science	149	Racine Lutheran	206	Wauwatosa East	1129
Butternut Promethean (Charter)	9	Gresham Community	113	Milwaukee Arts	887	Racine Park	2220	Wauwatosa West	991
Cadott	268	Hamilton	1275	Milwaukee Bay View	1381	Racine Saint Catherine's	357	Wauzeka-Steuben	96
Cambria-Friesland	150	Hartford Union	1611	Milwaukee Bradley Tech	1389	Randolph	164	Wayland Academy	229
Cambridge	290	Hayward	662	Milwaukee Custer	945	Random Lake	332	Webster	238
Cameron	272	Heritage Christian	261	Milwaukee Hamilton	2037	Reedsburg Area	889	West Allis Central	1465
Campbellsport	516	Highland	86	Milwaukee King	1524	Reedsville	269	West Allis Hale	1561
Cashton	174	Hilbert	193	Milwaukee Lutheran	737	Regis	228	West Bend East	1177
Cassville	121	Hillsboro	196	Milw. Madison Academic Campus	990	Rhineland	1016	West Bend West	1167
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Catholic Memorial	774	Homestead	1493	Milwaukee North	1100	Richland Center	508	West Salem	554
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Cedarburg	1113	Hortonville	1130	Milwaukee Pulaski	1553	Ripon	541	Weston	107
Central Wisconsin Christian	117	Howards Grove	331	Milwaukee Riverside University	1605	River Falls	1052	Westosha Central	1230
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Chetek	300	Hurley	218	Milwaukee School of Languages	547	River Valley	490	Weyerhaeuser	73
Chilton	424	Hustisford	143	Milwaukee South	1377	Riverdale	240	White Lake	93
Chippewa Falls	1561	Independence	131	Milwaukee Vincent	1407	Roncalli	354	Whitefish Bay	887
Clayton	132	Iola-Scandinavia	249	Milwaukee Washington	976	Rosholt	207	Whitehall	249
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Clintonville	577	Janesville Craig	1667	Mineral Point	258	Saint Croix Falls	365	Wild Rose	248
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Cornerstone Christian Academy	16	Kenosha Indian Trail Academy (Charter)	1045	Muskego	1688	Sevastopol	217	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	1914
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WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



42nd Annual WADA Workshop has Lots to Offer

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

There are plenty of choices for those attending the 42nd annual WADA Workshop during the few days in which the event will be held in Appleton in early November.

The theme for the 2008 statewide convention of athletic administrators is "Athletic Administration: Improving Your Game." The event will be held Nov. 9-10-11 at the Paper Valley Hotel in downtown Appleton.

Among the highlights of the annual event will be the two featured speakers:

Jack Roberts, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and, Dr. Tom Steiner, a professional speaker, enter "TRAIN"er, management consultant and teacher for the past 20 years.

Also included on the opening day will be several Leadership Training Courses:

502 Principles, Strategies and Methods; 508 Legal Issues II - Hazing, ADA, Employment Law; 608 Management Strategies and Organizational Techniques; 703 Citizenship Through Sports and Fine Arts, and, 616 Management of Indoor Physical Plant Assets

Also on Sunday will be a session for "new" AD's and first-time Workshop attendees. The afternoon Opening General Session includes a welcome from WIAA Executive Director Doug Chickering and a keynote address by Roberts titled, "Grand Slam Leadership." Also, all athletic directors are invited to attend the Wisconsin Conference Commissioners Association meeting Sunday morning when the guest speaker will be Dave Parry, Director of Officials for the Big 10 Conference and a former athletic director. And, the Women's AD Caucus will be held late Sunday afternoon.

The Distinguished Service Awards Banquet will be Sunday evening, when the WADA will honor individuals representing each District across the state. Vendors will have items available in the exhibit area starting Sunday evening, and again on Monday.

On Monday morning, in a significant change from previous years, will be the Fall Caucus for each District. That's when elections will be held in Districts 2, 4 and 6 plus there will be a special election in District 3 for a gender rep. A Spouse-Guest program with the theme "We're Steppin' Out!" is among the early Monday activities.

Another major change this year is that there are specific times for Workshop attendees to pick up the

Benefit Gift. Details will be in the event schedule.

There will be numerous choices for attendees in three time slots of Mini-Sessions and another new item this year, a Roundtable Discussion opportunity - in place of the traditional fourth mini-session:

Mini-Sessions 1 - Converting High Stress into High Energy by Dr. Tom Steiner; Foundation & Booster Club Guidelines by Ron Skrenes of Anderson, O'Brien, Bertz, Skrenes and Golla; Managing Fan Conduct by Jay Hammes of Racine Horlick High School; Good Sportsmanship in Athletics by Bill Gosse, president of Team Score, Inc.; Atlas & Athena Program by Michelle Otis.

Mini-Sessions 2 - Dr. Tom's Top 10 Tips for Managing Time and Priorities by Dr. Tom Steiner; Developing Leaders - Coaches to Captain by Michelle McGrath, executive director of the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils; Creating a Wall of Fame by three high school athletic directors: Bill Vickroy CAA of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Linzi Gronning CMAA of Holmen and Bryan Yager of Reedsburg Area; Character Program by Stephanie Hauser CAA of Stevens Point Area High School; Hosting WIAA Events by Deb Hauser, Associate Director of the WIAA and Mark Zahn of Seymour High School.

Mini-Sessions 3 - WIAA Eligibility by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director of the WIAA; Developing and Managing a Co-Curricular Code of Conduct by Jeff Byczek, athletic director, and Annette Brade, principal, both of De Pere High School; Effective Coaches Evaluations by Scott Lindgren CMAA of Kenosha Schools; Middle School Caucus by Jim Langkamp, Middle School Liaison to the WADA Executive Board and Athletic Director of the Portage Community School District; Declining Budgets and Alternative Ideas by Brad Nemec CAA Athletic Director at Somerset High School.

Roundtable Discussions, replaces Mini-Session 4 - Attendees will be divided into five groups to discuss a wide variety of topics affecting athletic administrators. Two members of the WADA Executive Board will be presenters for each of these groups.

The WADA Awards Luncheon sponsored by Healy will also take place on Monday, with Bill Vickroy CAA of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln as the Master of Ceremonies. The following awards will be presented: those receiving WADA and NIAAA Years of Service recognition, the Andy Anderson Award, the NIAAA DSA Awards, the Retired Athletic Director Award of Merit, the NIAAA State Award of Merit, the WADA Presidents' Award, District Athletic

Directors of the Year awards, and, the State Athletic Director of the Year award.

Later on Monday will be more LTC options: 501 Philosophy, Leadership Organizations and Professional Programs, 504 Legal Issues 1 - Risk Management, 611 Interscholastic Athletic Budget Concepts and Supplemental Fundraising, 720 Character and Coaching, 701 Administration and Application of Middle School Athletic Programs. Closing out the day will be the "NFL Monday Night Football Party," sponsored by Axis Publishing, Badger Sporting Goods and Preps on the Net and hosted by the WADA Executive Board.

On Tuesday, the day begins with a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast, featuring Matt Bollant, the women's basketball coach at the UW-Green Bay. Last season, in his first year at GB, he continued the team's storied success by guiding the Phoenix to a 26-6 record and the program's 11th straight post-season berth. The team's win total marked the 31st consecutive winning season and 9th straight 20-win campaign, including a 17-1 record against conference foes.



Matt Bollant

The WADA Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday morning, with highlights being the election of a new WADA Vice President and NIAAA Delegates, approval of a new Mission, Vision and Purpose statement, recognition of the WADA Scholarship awards recipients, plus a TV giveaway. The WIAA Open Forum will follow, with members of the WIAA Executive Staff on hand for the session.

The late morning Wind-up Luncheon will include the Passing of the WADA Presidency from current President Mike Neary CAA of Edgerton to President-Elect Greg Smith CMAA of West De Pere, as well as an announcement of the election results.

More details and a complete schedule for the WADA Workshop will be available on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

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Football Q & A

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lowing (same) issue on equipment: Week 1 HCoach asked us to check player that had knee brace that extended below pant covering at the knee, but player had lower portion of brace covered with legal nylon pad. We declared legal for play. Week 2 - we found player in pre-game warm-up had same knee brace but exposed and uncovered below the knee. We were certain brace was same as week 1 and exposed portion had metal exposed including rivets. We declared illegal unless metal was covered. Team willingly complied. Week 3 - we found player in pre-game had same knee brace exposed below the knee, we declared illegal unless covered. Coach had a "fit" because we were week 3 and previous crews had declared legal because brace was not metal but a "composite" material. We insisted that exposed portion of brace below pant be covered for player safety which was begrudgingly complied with. Incidentally, we required same "star" player to sit one play in 2nd half because B1/Ref thought he was hobbled during play. Again, our insistence prevailed, but team/fans thought we were out of line (although we knew we were correct to do so.) I think we were correct in our judgement on covering the braces. What is your opinion of how we handled the situations? Also, we did not penalize either team in weeks 2 or 3, despite that HCoaches had reported their teams were legally equipped. We considered both situations "preventative" officiating. Do you agree?

A.: I wanted to pass your question around a bit. To check my reaction against some of those - who like you, are doing this thing in the field - and not just from a desk. Have attached their responses. I will concur. 1) I always prefer preventative officiating. The no-call when discovered to be illegally equipped may be a crap shoot, however. It holds the potential for the slippery slope. I am certain that the quick visual inspection for pads/sleeves, arm band, visors and braces - are already a part of your pre-game. I can imagine where a brace that was otherwise legally covered - became uncovered as a result of play, the same as when a player has another equipment failure - it might be viewed as made illegal as a result of competition and not a violation.

Q.: Here's a situation with two different outcomes.

Runner A1 is tackled at his own 30 yard line. After the play B1 commits a personal foul: (a) with two seconds on the clock in the second period or (b) time had expired during the run. In both cases the penalty is accepted and A awarded a 1st down. Ruling: According to rule 3-3-3 and supported by case book 3.3.3 Situation D in (a) the clock will start with the ready for play and the half will end - no untimed down. (b) Since the foul occurred after time expired, team B will be penalized 15 yards on the 3rd period kick off. 3-3-6 and supported by Part II test 2007 # 31 and Part II test 2008 # 32. Am I correct on these rulings?

A.: I reviewed your sources and found you to be correct. Having done this later in the day yesterday, I also asked another veteran friend to double check me.. He concurred: Correct on both situations. A cautionary note to the referee in situation (a) when the clock should start with 2-seconds on the clock -- give the "ready" signal and a very short "toot" on the whistle. If there is a long "toot" on the whistle the offensive team may claim that the clock should not start until the end of the whistle sound. A quick "ready" motion of the arm will ensure that the offensive team does not gain an advantage.

Q.: Two questions: 1) At our last Association meeting, one member heard that field markings were changed and that 5 yard stripes are to meet the sideline. This was not discussed at our meeting. Is this something that was changed? 2) What is the proper mechanic for setting the chains. Can the chains be set 2 yards off the sideline, or should they be set on the sideline, the clip placed and then moved back?

A.: 1) There has been no change to 1-2-3b. On a properly marked field, lines end 4" from sideline. 2) Set on the sideline, place the clip and move the chains off.

Q.: I have the following question/situation that I would like to get some clarification on from other experienced crew chiefs. I've tried looking through the Case Book with no success. The situation is this: This question is regarding the player who legally goes in motion after everyone on offense has come to an absolute stationary position for at least one second. The player goes parallel with the line of scrimmage facing the opponents goal line and is sidestepping while going in motion and decides to stop his motion just prior (less than one second) to the ball being

snapped. In this instance, isn't such movement then considered to also being a shift which would mean that the player in motion (who stops such motion) is required to be set for one full second before the ball is snapped? I've seen this occur more frequently in high school games without any penalty being called. In fact, it seems to be a common occurrence on the Sunday afternoon games without any penalty being called. I cannot really find a rule book reference for this specific situation except that Rule 7, Section 2, Article 7 merely states a player can go in motion only if such motion is not towards his opponent's goal line.

A.: Rule references initially lead to impression that technically this was - illegal shift. I concurred. It wasn't long that differing opinions with equally sound argument came back. When that happens I recognize we are seeing/doing things differently in some places. That is when I will often times seek assistance from the National Federation Rules Committee. I have done that in this case, allowing us to tap into some of other talented football people that serve this great game in order to try to keep us consistent with how the game is being played/called in other and neighboring states. After considering all the various responses from both the best in our state as well as the rules editors at the NFHS checking and friends from other states who have been around the game and the rules writing process for more than a few decades - I must let you know my initial interpretation was incorrect. Not consistent with how this situation is seen/called - overall. Subsequently, we shall consider this legal motion. Here is some of the feedback which has helped to shape this interpretation: 1) We have all agreed that if a player goes in motion legally then stops he has not shifted and will not commit a foul if the snap occurs just after he stops. If the motion player does stop for one second then the snap occurs of course there is no foul. Why split hairs? 2) I believe this to be a legal play. A's player goes in legal motion, stops, but before 1 second elapses, the ball is snapped. The NFHS, in a 2002 interpretation, Sit.8, stated that the snap is considered to have taken place while the A player was in legal motion. This play is also mentioned in George Demetriou's 2008 Study

Guide to NFHS Rules, example 3-7, page 10. 3) A player going in motion toward a sideline, side-stepping or running forward, has not committed a foul if he stops and then the ball is snapped before one-second has elapsed from the time the player stopped. The general interpretation is that the player is still in-motion. (From a practical viewpoint, that player has not gained an advantage.) That said, it appears that the only "illegal shift" fouls that one offensive player could commit would be (1) to continue in motion to a new position after a huddle or, perhaps, (2) if an offensive player became the 11th player by running onto the field and then not setting for one second at the same time as the rest of his teammates. Rules: 2-39 and 7-2-6. 4) Legal movement as long as the team had come to the one second set prior to the player going in motion. The motion player can slow down or stop to allow the snap to catch up to his movement. 5) Seems to me that we discussed this motion/shift topic a few years ago at a master meeting. I believe that we felt if the player moving laterally stops, and is set for less than a second, it was an illegal shift. I believe we felt if the player marched/stepped in place this would make the play legal. I realize that sometimes the timing of a play may be off and the motion man arrive at his spot too early. Additional considerations are: There aren't any provisions for the direction of players in the shift rules, 2.39 and 7.2.6. If the player who moved laterally sets for less than a second and then another player goes in motion, this is an illegal shift, unless the lateral motion makes this play legal. If after the lateral motion, the player moves forward by assuming a 3 point stance, and thus eliminates the lateral motion, and the ball is snapped less than a second after the 3 point stance, legal or illegal shift? If the deep back in the formation moves forward to a slot position and is set for less than a second before a teammate goes in motion and the ball is snapped, legal or illegal shift? I believe that if the player is set for less than a second before the ball is snapped or a teammate goes in motion, that this constitutes an illegal shift. An illegal shift could be avoided if the player marched/stepped in place. +

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Joan Gralla



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NFHS Coach Education

In partnership with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the NFHS launched its first sport-specific online course entitled "Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer" on September 22. The course is designed to train soccer coaches how to teach the skills of soccer. "Fundamentals of Coaching Wrestling," developed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, will be available in November. Football, volleyball and basketball will be available in early 2009.

The first single-focused learning module entitled "Engaging Effectively with Parents" will be available in December. This online learning module will train coaches how to communicate more effectively, encourage proactive communication with parents, and provide coaches resources to optimize the learning environment for their student participants.

All NFHS Coach Education courses and modules can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com. +

Online ASEP Course Offering Through UW-Platteville

UW-Platteville now offers Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid in an online format. Coaches don't have to travel or organize anything, they can study at home and take the certification exam. If they choose, they can also take both classes for academic credit and use it for teacher recertification. For further information go to www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/ click on Professional Development and then ASEP Coaching Education Program. These classes are being offered in partnership with the American Sports Education Program (ASEP). If you have any questions, you can contact Rick Morgan at morganr@uwplatt.edu. +

Board of Control

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to end after three innings if a team is 15 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat. In addition, approval was given for a recommendation requiring the distance of outfield fences in the Tournament Series to be at 185-235 feet. The fourth recommendation to receive acceptance moves the sectional semifinals to Tuesday at two separate locations with the sectional final to be played Friday at a previously determined site.

In track, the Board approved a coaches endorsement of including wheelchair athletes as part of the WIAA Tournament Series beginning with the 2010 season. Wheelchair athletes will compete in events with other wheelchair competitors; however, the details of the events have not yet been determined.

The Board approved the Executive Staff's conference realignment proposal for the southeast Wisconsin area of the State. The conferences impacted by the new alignment are the Southeast, Southern Lakes and Woodland. The plan moves Burlington from the Southeast Conference to the Southern Lakes Conference,

and it moves South Milwaukee from the Southeast Conference to the Woodland Conference. Implementation is scheduled for the fall of 2009.

WIAA procedures provide a 40-day window for schools to appeal today's action before

the Board considers final action. Thus, schools have until Nov. 26 to appeal the Board's initial approval. The Board will make a final determination at its Dec. 5, 2008, meeting.

The Board gave its approval of the 2008-09 zero-based,

operations budget of nearly \$7.5 million. The budget reflects an increase in reimbursement for personal car use and limited tournament team travel; an increase in regional ticket prices in basketball, hockey, wrestling and volley-

ball; general maintenance to the WIAA building and property; costs associated with enhancing technology and equipment for operations and sport administration; and an increase in the cost of both trophies and medals. +

Southeast Wisconsin Realignment Plan

Implementation - Fall 2009

EXISTING CONFIGURATION

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE - 10 teams

Burlington 1464
Franklin 1348
Kenosha Bradford 2387
Kenosha Tremper 2542
Muskego 1715
Oak Creek 1996
Racine Case 2022
Racine Horlick 2233
Racine Park 2295
South Milwaukee 1257

SOUTHERN LAKES - 7 teams

Badger 1369
Delavan-Darien 866
Elkhorn Area 1005
Union Grove 771
Waterford 1094
Westosha Central 1215
Wilmot Union 1149

WOODLAND CONFERENCE - 12 teams

Brown Deer 714
Cudahy 870
Greendale 893
Greenfield 1110
New Berlin Eisenhower 882
New Berlin West 741
Pewaukee 724
Saint Francis 603
Saint Thomas More 430
Shorewood 647
Wauwatosa West 992
Whitnall 939

PROPOSED CONFIGURATION

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE - 8 teams

Franklin 1348
Kenosha Bradford 2387
Kenosha Tremper 2542
Muskego 1715
Oak Creek 1996
Racine Case 2022
Racine Horlick 2233
Racine Park 2295

SOUTHERN LAKES - 8 teams

Badger 1369
Burlington 1464
Delavan-Darien 866
Elkhorn Area 1005
Union Grove 771
Waterford 1094
Westosha Central 1215
Wilmot Union 1149

WOODLAND CONFERENCE - 13 teams

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Cudahy 870
Greendale 893
Greenfield 1110
New Berlin Eisenhower 882
New Berlin West 741
Pewaukee 724
Saint Francis 603
Saint Thomas More 430
Shorewood ** 647
South Milwaukee 1257
Wauwatosa West 992
Whitnall 939

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EDITORIAL

Working Together Helps Address Rising Costs

The current economic climate impacts all parts of our lives. As an Association, we are not immuned or oblivious to what is going on around us. The WIAA keeps a watchful eye on the economic status, just at as businesses, schools and families are.

What has remained consistent during the peaks and valleys of the economy has been the WIAA’s willingness to share in the prosperity with member schools while resisting to pass along added costs to the membership or fans of high school sports.

Our ability to tap into alternate revenue sources has assisted efforts to maintain this strategy. The State Tournament sponsorships we have secured the last several years have been enhanced to meet rising costs.

There is no denying the sports industry is a major benefactor of the corporate world’s interests in promoting and enhancing its products and services. Market research indicates sports and sporting events are desirable relationships to invest in when it comes to marketing corporate brands.

Once the domain of professional sports with its vast media appeal, collegiate athletics with large audiences later joined in the sponsorship free-for-all. Recently, high school sports have become an emerging market and more and more state associations like the WIAA are targeting sponsorship opportunities to offset the rising expenses of providing memorable State Tournament experiences.

Recently, member schools were sent two banners and encouraged to hang those in their gyms as part of our agreement with sponsors for our State Tournaments. We considered this involvement from our members as unintrusive as any that could be offered.

We are relative late-comers to the sponsorship phenomena. However, a more conservative approach to enter these types of relationships was by design to determine the extent of involvement we are comfortable with as an association now and down the road.

Venturing into State Tournament sponsorships does not have to signal the apocalypse as long as it doesn’t conflict with the purpose of this Association as stated in its Constitution, or if it doesn’t adversely impact on the in-game administration of the events.

A brief review of the improvements and progress our tournaments have experienced over the past several years details our desire to identify alternate revenue sources.

We have placed our State Tournaments with some of the best facilities in the state, which have been worth the price of making the tournament experience the centerpiece of interscholastic athletics.

These state-of-the-art facilities have enhanced the experiences for participants and spec-

tators alike with video and graphic displays. These upgrades have significant costs that were not part of the tournament experience a decade ago and rental of these facilities have not diminished or is it likely they will in the future.

Technological advancements and program upgrades have become expected methods of operation designed to provide greater efficiency, information and communication with members schools, officials and high school enthusiasts. These advancements, as well as programs that recognize the very best we have to offer such as the Scholar-Athlete program and the Sportsman-ship Summit, require financial resources.

Reimbursement for mileage accumulated by licensed officials during the Tournament Series is another significant expense on the ledger with inflated gas prices.


For the most part, these expenditures have been absorbed into the budget. However, with expenses continuing to mount, additional revenue can help reduce the pressure on tournament attendance, which is largely weather-dependent in the fall and spring. And, considering a number of factors, an appropriate balance of sponsorships is preferred over some alternative methods of increasing revenue.

One such alternative is to substantially raise tournament ticket prices. However, the WIAA has prided itself in keeping prices affordable for all with only minimal increases coming in recent years. Another alternative we’ve avoided is raising dues and sport assessment fees to members. The WIAA has not raised membership dues since 1974-75 or sport assessment fees since 1993-94. Another less appealing source of income other states associations have adopted is fining members as a penalty for not adhering to specified deadlines or for other indiscretions, which is something we haven’t even considered since the late 1980s.

Moreover, the WIAA has historically passed along sustained surpluses to its membership through periodic increases in tournament host allowances and manager fees.

More than 90 percent of the WIAA’s \$7.5 million budget is derived from tournament revenue. It may or may not be general knowledge, but 15 of the 25 State Tournament events we offer for boys and girls experiences a deficit, including an average deficit of \$186,000 over the past three years with the track and field championships.

By working cooperatively, the membership can assist in keeping their Association financially viable for the future. Executed with the Association’s fundamental principles at the forefront, these new endeavors will continue to help enhance State Tournament experiences. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support. ✚



Keep These

Dates in Mind

October 28	Level 1 Football
October 29	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf (Stevens Point)
October 30-November 1	Boys Soccer Sectionals Girls Volleyball Sectionals
October 31	Boys Volleyball Regionals
November 1	State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids) Level 2 Football
November 4 & 6	Boys Volleyball Sectionals
November 6-7-8	State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee) State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)
November 7	Girls Diving Sectionals
November 7-8	Level 3 Football
November 8	Girls Swimming Sectionals
November 10	Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
November 14-15	State Boys Volleyball (Waukesha) State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison) Level 4 Football
November 17	Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice
November 18	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Cross Country (Stevens Point) Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game
November 19	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer & Tennis (Stevens Point)
November 20-21	Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)
November 21	Earliest Day for First Hockey Game
November 24	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point)
November 25	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point) Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet
December 3	Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 4	Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
December 5	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 9	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football (Stevens Point)
December 10	Medical Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year’s Day
January 12	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
January 27	Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
January 27-28	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
January 28	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
February 13	Boys Diving Sectionals
February 14	Wrestling Individual Regionals Boys Swimming Sectionals
February 17	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 17, 19 & 20	Boys Hockey Regionals
February 19-20	Girls Hockey Regionals
February 20-21	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 21	Wrestling Individual Sectionals

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2008-2009 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2008-2009

Late Registration

Regular Registration

Postmark Deadline

Postmark Deadline

(additional fee required)

Test Date

September 19, 2008

September 20-October 3, 2008

October 25, 2008

November 7, 2008

November 8-20, 2008

December 13, 2008

January 6, 2009

January 7-16, 2009

February 7, 2009**

February 27, 2009

February 28-March 13, 2009

April 4, 2009

May 8, 2009

May 9-22, 2009

June 13, 2009

* The September 13, 2008, 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.

** No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

ACT - 2009-2010

September 12, 2009*

October 24, 2009

December 12, 2009

February 6, 2010**

April 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

* The September test date is not offered in the U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, or Canada.

** No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date. ✚