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## Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 23

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau on Wednesday, April 23.

School district administrators, principals, or others designated by the local board of education or governing body will be allowed to vote on amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility.

The Annual Meeting and the Open Forum, which will be conducted under the new business segment of the meeting this year, provide an opportunity for all authorized personnel to participate.

Inasmuch as proxy votes are not allowed, school districts with two or more high schools must have a representative from each school in order to have as many votes as there are schools in their multi-school districts.

The Stoney Creek's phone number is 715-355-6858. Housing is also available at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites and their number is 715-355-1111 or 888-272-2792.

Preregistration for the WIAA Annual Meeting is required; therefore, please email those who will be attending from your school by Friday, April 11 to Julie Kage at [jkage@wiaawi.org](mailto:jkage@wiaawi.org).

Your registration materials, including the membership voting cards, treasurer's report and a copy of the proposed amendments (enclosed) will be available in the lobby by the Northwoods Conference Center. Coffee will be served at 8 a.m. with the meeting commencing at 9 a.m. in the Northwoods Conference Center. +

## 2008 Annual Meeting Agenda

**8 a.m. - 9 a.m.** - Registration (Lobby by the Northwoods Conference Center)  
Coffee (Next to the fireplace)

- 9 a.m.** - Annual Meeting (Northwoods Conference Center)
- A. Opening Remarks - President Gus Mancuso
  - B. 2007-08 Highlight Video
  - C. Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting
  - D. Treasurer's Report - Roger Foegen
  - E. Elections Report
  - F. Vote on Amendments
  - G. Director's Report
  - H. Old Business
  - I. New Business (including open forum)
  - J. Announcements
  - K. Adjournment

## Board of Control and Advisory Council Elections in Progress

General election ballots were mailed to schools on March 28 with a return date of April 15. Ballots will be counted on April 21 and the results will be announced April 23 at the WIAA Annual Meeting.

The following individuals are the candidates listed on the ballots:

### BOARD OF CONTROL

**District 3 (west central)** - Roger Foegen of Bangor

**District 4 (east central)** - James Smasal of Winneconne

**District 6 (south central)** - Dean E. Sanders of Lake Mills and Keith Brandstetter of Waterford

**Gender At-Large** - Jennifer Vogler of Ithaca and Mary Pfeiffer of Green Bay

**Ethnic At-Large** - Keith Posley of Milwaukee

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Large schools (2 positions)** - Gordon Sisson of Marshfield and Mike Younggren of Wausau East

**Medium schools (2 positions)** - Troy M. Gunderson of West Salem, Mike Beighley of Whitehall and Jeffrey D. Jacobson of Platteville

**Small schools (1 position)** - Brian Henning of New Auburn and Brad Pettit of Brookwood

**Ethnic At-Large** - No declared candidates +

## Sportsmanship Summit Coming in October

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association in cooperation with Rural Insurance will conduct its fourth biennial Sportsmanship Summit Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wis.

All schools in the membership are encouraged to attend. Registration information will be sent to all schools later this month. Teams will consist of six members from each participating school, which can include students, coaches, administrators or members of the community.

The Summit is scheduled to begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. with the first session starting at 9 a.m. The cost of the event is \$125 per team, which includes Summit materials, souvenir t-shirt and lunch.

The purpose of the Summit is to assist membership schools in addressing citizenship and sportsmanship issues with students, student-athletes, adult fans, advisors, parents and booster clubs; developing plans to improve or maintain good sportsmanship; defining appropriate behavior; and setting sportsmanship expectations as a means to educate. +

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# Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

**QUESTION:** During a dual meet that involves both a varsity and a JV competition, can two coaches instruct the varsity team and two coaches instruct the JV team?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, following discussions of the WIAA Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee meeting in November of 2005, the Committee unanimously approved of allowing two coaches per level to be used. This allows two coaches to instruct a varsity team and two coaches to instruct JV teams when varsity and JV competitions are taking place at the same time.

Coaches should indicate to opposing schools who the designated coaches will be for each team. It is possible for the coaches designated for the varsity competition to be the same coaches designated to provide instruction to the JV players.

The designated coaches must be under contract with the school as tennis coaches. Improper use of the coaching privilege could result in dismissal of those coaching privileges and/or disqualification of the player. Parents are not allowed to coach while players are on the court.

**QUESTION:** Does a conference tournament count as one of the 14 maximum allowed meets during the WIAA tennis regular season?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, WIAA Tennis Season Regulations, 6., b., page 36, "Conference tournament must be included in count of regular season maximums."

In addition, WIAA Tennis Season Regulations, 6., f., page 36, further indicates, "Conference meets count as one multiple-school meet toward a school's maximum allowed meets."

Tennis coaches are encouraged to send a copy of their 2006 tennis schedule to Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director and Tennis Liaison for review.

**QUESTION:** Can JV players now accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, WIAA Tennis Season Regulations, 15., c., (4), page 37, indicates, "JV players while playing in a JV competition may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. The designated coach is allowed on the court as identified by current rules."

**QUESTION:** Can a female foreign exchange student who is a junior at our high school hit with the boy's tennis team this spring?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, female tennis players are not allowed to practice and/or compete with boy's tennis teams in the spring of the year. Similarly, boys are not able to practice or compete with girl's teams during the fall season. This is due to the definition of these seasons as found in the WIAA Season Regulations and the school can not make opportunities available outside the season. Swimming, soccer and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

**QUESTION:** Can a female who is a senior act as our manager for the tennis team and practice with our boy's tennis team?

**INTERPRETATION:** One exception to the rule identified above is that WIAA rules do not prevent a senior girl who has completed her girl's tennis el-

igibility from hitting with the boy's team.

A senior girl can be a team manager for the boy's tennis team in the spring. In most cases, girls who are team managers are only allowed to provide water and towels for practice. In this case, since this young lady is a senior and her high school eligibility has ended, she does have more latitude.

**QUESTION:** Can a tennis player provide lessons on their own to a young child in our community?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article IV—Amateur Status, Section 1, 2), a., "A student may be employed (but not self-employed) on a part-time basis as an instructor on the playgrounds, game official, lifeguard, etc. A country club can also employ a student to be an instructor. The fundamental issue here is that the student-athlete is not allowed to be self-employed.

**QUESTION:** I run my own summer tennis camps as a tennis coach and would like to employ one of my players as my assistant. Is this legal?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, using the language found above, employing a player to assist a coach during the summer period is allowable. This is allowed as long as the player is an employee of the coach's business and coaching contact does not take place outside of the season during the school year.

**QUESTION:** Can a community member come in and coach/instruct for more than one day?

**INTERPRETATION:** School tennis teams can have a "special guest" provide instruction/advice/clinic for one day and one day only. Any instructor, clinician, volunteer, etc., who provides instruction/advice/clinics for more than one day is a coach. Once instruction takes place for more than one day, that individual is no longer allowed to have contact with high school tennis players outside of the regular season and allowed summer period.

**QUESTION:** I am a varsity coach and have just gotten a job at a local racket club. When can I have contact with my players outside of the season?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Rules of Eligibility, Article VI—Nonschool Participation, Section 2—Out-of-Season, A., 3) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:

c. Coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field and wrestling, in accordance with the By-laws and as described in Section 2—A and C-1) of this section.

The fundamental issue of this rule is that if a coach works with varsity (varsity, varsity reserve, JV<sub>a</sub>, JV<sub>b</sub>, JV<sub>c</sub>, sophomore) athletes during the school year, out-of-season, they are NOT able to coach varsity level programs during the WIAA regular or tournament se-

ries seasons. If freshmen have been instructed by a coach during the school year, out-of-season, that coach is not able to work with the freshmen team.

**QUESTION:** A coach from my area and I were having a discussion about out-of-season contact rules. He was asking if it was OK for a coach to play with (on the same tennis court) but not coach his players. I told him that it was not allowed in any way during the school year (non-summer). However, I could not find a specific statement of that in the WIAA bylaws or sport regulation book. I'm pretty sure I am right about there being no contact of any form during the school year and outside of the season. Am I right? Where can I look to find the written statement of this rule?

**INTERPRETATION:** First, you are correct, coaches are not allowed to have contact outside of the season of play, during the school year in tennis. The best language for this can be found in WIAA Rules at a Glance.

Below I have provided an additional interpretation from Eligibility Interpretations found on the WIAA website:

Though WIAA rules and interpretations prohibit a coach from competing on the same team with their student athletes the interpretation does not prevent a student or students from being on a team in a bona fide league and/or coaches from being on another/different team and those two teams competing against each other in a structured nonschool league. Coaches may not compete "with" their students/on the same team, but rules do not prevent a coach - as a member of an organized league/team from competing "against" another league team - even though the other team may have a student athlete/athletes on its roster. This interpretation does not apply to pick-up games and "open gyms."

In tennis, this means that if a coach plays in a bona fide tennis league and players from his/her team are also in this league and they have to play each other in singles or doubles, the coach can compete against student-athletes he/she will be coaching in the upcoming season. Unless a player is a child of the coach, this is the only situation where a student-athlete can have contact with a coach. In this situation, a coach could be on the other side of the court competing against a student-athlete he/she will be coaching in the upcoming season.

**QUESTION:** We had a team cancel out of a large invitational at the last minute. Can we place our JV's in the tournament along with our varsity; however, we will not count any of the JV scores towards a team score or towards their individual record?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Season Regulations, Maximum Allowed Meets, b., "A school may enter only one varsity meet per day."

The approval of this regulation prevents this type of "quick-fix" to tournament cancellations from being allowed. No, WIAA tennis teams may not play both their varsity and JV or any other varsity level program in the same meet.

**QUESTION:** I have a student who attends School A, she was wondering if she could play tennis in School B because we don't have tennis and they do. I told her no, can only play in sports in the school you attend unless it's a co-op with another

school. Am I correct?

**INTERPRETATION:** You are correct, she is only allowed to practice and compete with school teams that are provided at the school where she is a full-time student.

**QUESTION:** I just heard that there is a rule change allowing coaches to participate with their athletes in out-of-season "open gyms". I understand no "coaching" contact is still the rule but specifically as it relates to tennis, can I play with one of my players out-of-season? This has never come up before, but I would like a clarification before it does.

**INTERPRETATION:** In order to be thorough and clear, there are several possible responses to the question as posed:

In the summer, yes! Tennis coaches are still permitted to have coach contact in the summertime in non school settings above and beyond the 5 unrestricted contact days.

During the school year - outside the school season - in a local tournament, or other non-school event, e.g., Outside of a school sponsored Open Gym environment - NO!

In school sponsored /Open Gyms, coaches are now able to recreate along with students. Given that determination as made by the Board of Control and only from that perspective, the response to the question could be - 'yes'.

The new interpretation does not alter or affect any other interpretation relating to coaching contact - it only addresses Open Gyms.

**QUESTION:** Can a coach or parent feed balls into a ball machine during a tennis open gym?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, WIAA Open Gym regulations as found in WIAA Rules At A Glance, D., indicate there is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else. Machines can be put out and set up by a coach or supervisor; however, students are the only ones allowed to feed balls.

**QUESTION:** Can a coach teach stretching exercises to tennis players during a tennis open gym? Isn't this the same thing as teaching stretching in a weightroom setting?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, there is no other way to view teaching of stretching exercises during an open gym than as providing instruction during an open gym and having coaching contact.

A weight room workout is allowed, but not during an "open gym" session. In this case, instruction of stretching exercises must be considered to be coaching contact/instruction during an "open gym." If a coach wants to teach stretching or use of weights, that needs to be scheduled through the school administration with a weightroom coordinator/stretching specialist or by the coach once the season begins. Some coaches do get hired/approved as weightroom coordinators—these coaches are allowed to have contact for weight training purposes. Prior to providing any instruction, always best to check if it is OK to provide—especially when open gyms are off of school premises.

**QUESTION:** Our tennis booster club wants to hold a mixer for members of both teams and their parents on Mar. 23. The plan is to meet at an indoor club, organize See Tennis Interpretations, page 4 ►



# OFFICIALS



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

## 2007-08 Officials Exams Due Dates

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

Sport	Mailing Date	Return Deadline
<b>PART II EXAMS</b>		
Baseball	March 17, 2008	April 6, 2008 +

## 2008 Winter State Tournament Officials

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

**Division 2:** Meet Referee - Stephen Good, Manitowoc; Diving Referee - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Starter - Steve Suprenant, Oregon; Stroke Judge - William Benson, Fond du Lac; Turn Judges - Leland Holm, Racine & Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls

**Division 1:** Meet Referee - Stephen Good, Manitowoc; Diving Referee - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Starter - William Benson, Fond du Lac; Stroke Judge - Steve Suprenant, Oregon; Turn Judges - Leland Holm, Racine & Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls

### INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

David Black, River Falls; Arvo Britten, Wausau; Dan Engelke, Rewey; Joe Heil, Edgar; Randy Hill, Merrill; Ted Kiefer, Stevens Point; Martin Marasch, Little Chute; Chad Olson, Cumberland; Dan Parlier, Marathon; Joe Schuster, Cudahy; Steve Schutte, Menomonie; Henry Stillman, Waukesha; Cal Tackes, Edgar; Brett Van Vooren, Peshtigo; Steve Williamson, Blue River

### TEAM WRESTLING

Cliff Ange, Athens; Larry Gorres, Menasha; Scott Hilton, Clear Lake; Kirk Layer, Richland Center; Gail Pronschinske, Hammond; Henry Stillman, Waukesha; Dan Engelke, Rewey; Todd Goldbeck, Madison

### HOCKEY

Travis Ahlberg, Birchwood; Curtis Beecher, Madison; Daniel E. Brown, Verona; Jim T. Brown, Wausau; Dan Dieneen, Waukesha; Scott Finstad, Osceola; James K. Fitzgerald, Hewitt; Tom Fitzgerald, Mosinee; Daniel P. Fitzsimons, Middleton; Kyle Gasser, Verona; Scott Gavin, River Falls; Matt Gerlach, Fitchburg; Michael Gulenchyn, Wisconsin Rapids; Jeff Hanzlik, Chippewa Falls; Shawn Houser, Eau Claire; Todd Kleiber, Wausau; Andy Krahenbuhl, Cameron; Jason E. Lassen, Onalaska; Karl Olm, Madison; Rodney Olson, Chippewa Falls; Steven M. Olson, Menasha; Ryan Reischel, Sun Prairie; Brad Roethlisberger, Green Bay; Tim Rowan, Menomonie; Tony Stemberger, Milwaukee; Tom Stephens, Cadott; Scott Swid, Mosinee; Miles Tokheim, McFarland; Brian Van Adestine, Green Bay; Alistair Williamson, Menomonee Falls

### GYMNASISTICS

**Division 1:** Meet Referee - Helen Culliney, Grafton; **Balance Beam** - Barb Fotsch, Sussex, Superior Judge; Claudia Quam, Platteville; Kathleen Rundle, Dodgeville; **Floor Exercise** - Shelley Fahey, La Crosse, Superior Judge; Pamela Hansen-Ruben, Meno. Falls; Irv Keough, Kaukauna; **Vaulting** - Roseann Tank, Fort Atkinson, Superior Judge; Cheryl Hancock, Holmen; Kimberly Kelling, Rhinelander; **Uneven Parallel Bars** - Debbie Brown, Sun Prairie, Superior Judge; Brucie Chapman, Sharon; Kris Ostermann, Rhinelander

**Division 2:** Meet Referee - Helen Culliney, Grafton; **Balance Beam** - Mari-jean Lucas, Prescott, Superior Judge; Ker-

sti Lamers, Rhinelander; Cyndie Zocher, Middleton; **Floor Exercise** - Patty Subach, Oregon, Superior Judge; Kirsten Kronberger, Rhinelander; Joan Thompson, Darlington; **Vaulting** - Becky Zirk, Elroy, Superior Judge; Karen Fisher, Whitewater; Linda Skwierawski, Galesville; **Uneven Parallel Bars** - Susan Vielgut, Milwaukee, Superior Judge; Christine Kalupa, Kaukauna; Renee Schude, Custer

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chad A. Austin, Medford; Donald H. Baumgart, Combined Locks; Tom Bier, Janesville; Keith Bonde, Manitowoc; Wayne E. Brevik, Osseo; Brian Burgert, Oshkosh; Dave Butler, Milwaukee; Jerry Chepil, Ladysmith; John Clausnitzer, Stetsonville; Tim Collette, Green Bay; Jeff Crisp, Star Prairie; Chuck Dade, Tomah; Jason Dahl, Milwaukee; Shelley Dietz, New Franken; Jodi Duffe, Two Rivers; Louie Eisenman, Schofield; Bob Fasick, Madison; Jack Fleming, New Berlin; Tim Haldiman, Waterloo; Tammy Hutchison, Racine; Duane Ives, Madison; Dave Jameson, Oregon; Mark Johnson, Tomah; Brian Kenney, Wisconsin Dells; Michael Klein, Hewitt; Steve Kleinfeldt, Newton; Gary Knuoppel, Greendale; Gary Koschnitzke, Jackson; David M. Kuehl, Muskego; Jeff Lee, Ladysmith; Denita Lee-Johnson, Milwaukee; Lisa Magis, Madison; John Miller, Onalaska; Tony Mindiola, Waukesha; Paul Mirman, Stevens Point; Paul Natzke, Greenleaf; Erik T. Olson, Muskego; Sam Plumeri, Franklin; Wesley Porter, Milwaukee; Andy Riechers, Belmont; Pat Schuette, Green Bay; Tom J. Senecal, Green Bay; Mark Sorensen, Waukesha; Dave Vaara, Medford; Don Van Deurzen, Little Chute; Chris Van Es, Madison; Roger Van Lanen, Green Bay; Michael Wojcinski, Greenfield

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Greg Blum, Madison; Mike Breed, Cameron; Mike Bunge, Waunakee; Mark Chrisinger, Holmen; Patrick Colgrove, Ashland; Joe Coyle, DeForest; Dave Dewey, Chetek; Tim Diener, Sussex; Larry Dietz, New Holstein; Casey Eckardt, Eau Claire; Andy Gallion, Milwaukee; Rick Gloe, DePere; Jeff Hartl, Kieler; Dan Hoffman, River Falls; Kent Holmquist, Middleton; Derek J. Horkan, Reedsburg; Dan Howard, Fitchburg; Mark Jandrin, Luxemburg; Doug Johnson, Sheboygan; Stephen Johnson, Milwaukee; Michael Knoespel, Appleton; Ken Koester, Wauwatosa; Lee Kornaus, New Franken; Ray Kosey, Superior; Tom Kuehl, Green Bay; Jeff Lewis, Eau Claire; Daron Lindemann, New Berlin; Nick LoCicero, Oak Creek; Steve Matuszewski, Green Bay; Ryan Nelson, Eau Claire; Tyler Nelson, Eau Claire; Dean E. Oscar, Reedsburg; John Page, River Falls; Michael Pfeil, Evansville; Kelvin Porter, Milwaukee; Fritz Richter, Waukesha; Lee Roberts, Rio; Ken Schimpf III, Pewaukee; Steve Sevals, Rice Lake; Paul H. Szels, Wauwatosa; Jeff Totzke, Eagle River; Denny Von Rueden, New Berlin; Jim Von Rueden, Milwaukee; Ken Welter, Dickeyville; Gene Wiltgen, Holmen; Todd Wittlinger, Albany; Jeff Wolf, Onalaska; Dan Yagodinski, Luxemburg +

## 2007-08 Spring Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)

All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

### GOLF

Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center or the WIAA Website for coaches. Officials will find the link for the video on the Officials Center.

### SOFTBALL

Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center and Officials Center on the WIAA Website.

### TENNIS

Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center.

### TRACK & FIELD

Information will be provided via Website Video Presentation. The link and verification form will be available on the School Center and Officials Center on the WIAA Website.

## 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.

### 3 ZEBRAS BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: May 16-18, 2008  
Site: Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells  
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 20-22, 2008  
Site: UW-River Falls  
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu  
Note: Registration Deadline: April 15, 2008

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

Dates: June 27-29, 2008  
Site: UW-Stevens Point  
Contact: Becky Blank 262-375-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

### THE RIGHT CALLS GIVING BACK OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: June 27-29, 2008  
Site: Mac Center in Verona  
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

### WISCONSIN BASKETBALL NEWS/LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY 3-PERSON BASKETBALL CAMP

Dates: July 18-20, 2008  
Site: Lawrence University, Appleton  
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-841-8813 or 920-788-5504 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com  
Note: Registration Deadline: July 7, 2008

### 3 ZEBRAS BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: July 24-27, 2008  
Site: D.C. Everest High School (Schofield)  
Contact: Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or briankenney98@yahoo.com

### BSVSOA DIVING CLINIC FOR OFFICIALS AND COACHES

Date: August 11, 2008  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Site: Neenah High School  
Contact: Chuck Heidner 920-469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 15, 16, 2008  
Site: TBA (Madison Area)  
Contact: Dave Jameson 608-212-9268 the jamos@charter.net or djameson@soderholmfoods.com

### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 22, 23, 2008  
Site: Minocqua Area  
Contact: Jim Hochevar 262-538-4189 or 414-801-4189 or jhoch13@hotmail.com +

## Officials Meetings or Clinics

### QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Date: Apr. 2, 2008  
Site: Chicago's Best, Platteville  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Contact: Steve Atkinson 608-574-8060 or satkinson@highland.k12.wi.us or sathkinson4@hotmail.com +

## Track & Field Exam Changes

Please note the following changes when completing the 2008 Track & Field Exam: Delete questions: 10, 45, 51, 52, 53, 61, 87, 89. +

# "Five Alive"/Continuing Flight Procedure for High Jump and Pole Vault Competition

Coaches and officials are reminded for both high jump and pole vault competition the "Five Alive"/Continuing Flight procedure should be used.

## A. Usage

1. Recommended for all large meets during season competition.
2. It must be used during the WIAA tournament series (regional, sectional, and State).

## B. Procedure

1. Five competitors are designated to start competition. Each jumper in the first group will be called in order. When one passes a turn, clears the bar, is excused to participate in another event, or is eliminated, the next competitor in order will move up so the number of contestants in the active flight remains constant.

2. If competitors A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M and N were entered, the first five (A, B, C, D and E) would be grouped to begin competition. F would be moved into the continuing flight whenever one of the competitors cleared the height, passed the remaining turns at that height or was eliminated. G would be the next competitor to move into the continuing flight under the same conditions and would be followed by H, I, J, K, L, M and N, in order.

3. This procedure would be repeated for each height, with five the maximum number to begin an active flight. The competitors are assigned in order as they appear on the event card.

4. This procedure maintains a high level of interest and should help in eliminating long delays. +

## NEW National Federation Pole Vault Rule 7-5-29b

The WIAA has received comments regarding the new NFHS Pole Vault Rule (7-5-29b) which allows the athlete to leave the ground on an attempt, provided the plane has not been broken.

In order to track the impact of this new rule, the WIAA is requesting that coaches email the WIAA indicating when one of the following situations occurs:

1. Vaulter leaves the ground, lands back on the runway and makes another attempt within allowed time limit.

2. Vaulter leaves the ground, lands in the box, on the front buns, or crashes to the runway and makes another attempt within allowed time limit.

The reporting coach should indicate situation #1 or #2, the school the athlete represents, the date of competition, and whether the athlete is male or female.

Example: #2

XYZ High School  
4/5/08  
Female +

## Replacing Worn Weight Stickers for Pole Vault Poles

If you have the following poles and the weight sticker has worn off or the pole originally only had engraved weight rating, you may contact Gill Athletics and request a replacement weight sticker.

Carbon FX

Pacer FX

Skypole

Pacer Mystic

Carbon Mystic

Gill Athletics provides a form on their website: [www.gillathletics.com/pdf/WPVLRR.pdf](http://www.gillathletics.com/pdf/WPVLRR.pdf) +

## Tennis Interpretations

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20-minute rotations of mixed doubles on 4 courts, provide a pot-luck meal, and draw tickets for some small door prizes (on the order of a can of balls, wristband, etc.) A small registration fee will be charged to defray cost of court time, soft drinks, etc. Coaches are invited, but will not play with team members, provide coaching/instruction, or be on-court at any time. (This is envisioned purely as a team-building, social event.) As described, does this event meet WIAA regs. for out-of-season contact and non-compensation of student athletes? It sounded okay to me, but I wanted to check with you to be sure. Please advise.

**INTERPRETATION: An event as described above is best scheduled after the regular season has begun. There is no other way to view coaches associating with parents and students at a tennis club than as out-of-season coaching contact.**

**The best way to remedy this event is to not have the coaches attend this year and in future years schedule the event after the season has begun.**

**Student-athletes can accept prizes so long as they are distributed through a random drawing. They may not accept like those listed for performance.**

**QUESTION: Can a school tennis team "scrimmage" against a YMCA tennis team?**

**INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Season Regulations, 4. Scrimmages, allow for one scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests.**

A contest with a non-school tennis

team can be scheduled and must count as one of the 14 regular season meets. A school administrator must approve (sign the contract) of the meet and all WIAA regulations must be followed.

**QUESTION: Can one school tennis team identify a multi-dual meet as a "dual" meet if they only play one school team while the other teams play multi-duals on the same day?**

**INTERPRETATION: No, in scheduling meets, dual meets must be counted as dual meets by both school teams and multi-dual meets must be counted as one of the six multi-dual meets for all school teams involved.**

Since WIAA tennis teams cannot play in more than one meet per day, the way to schedule this is to schedule the multi-dual one day and then schedule the dual meet the next day when possible.

**QUESTION: School A is starting a boys' tennis team. They would like to play School B's JV team in a match. If School A counts this as a varsity match, does School B have to also even if we are playing our JV players?**

**INTERPRETATION: This is allowable and needs to be placed on the School B's JV schedule as one of their 14 allowed JV meets. Just as a friendly reminder, the key for these situations is student-athletes that play both varsity and JV. Keep in mind they are only allowed to compete in a total of 14 meets with six being multi-school meets. +**

## Directory Changes

### SENIOR HIGH

**ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Basketball Coach Rick Gursalski

**BARNEVELD HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Basketball Coach Jack Capelle

**BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Director Carlton Jenkins, email address cjenkins@sdb.k12.wi.us

**CASHTON HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Cross Country Coach Ext. 233, Boys Track Coach Ext. 233, Girls Cross Country Coach Ext. 233, Girls Track Coach Ext. 233

**CEDARBURG HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Even Hewes & Jeff Van Straten

**DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Sean Kelly

**ELMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Director Jon Hinzman, email hinzmanj@elmwood.k12.wi.us

**FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Mike Klieforth

**FORT ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach David Davis

**KENOSHA BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Steve Jacob

**LA CROSSE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Hockey Coach Dave Losen

**LA CROSSE LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Hockey Coach Dave Losen, Boys Soccer Coach Ext. 7791, Boys Track Coach Ext. 7782, Wrestling Coach Ext. 7775; Girls Tennis Coach Ext. 7782

**LA FARGE HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Director Robert Turpin, email address turpinr@lafarge.k12.wi.us

**LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Dave Rindt

**MANAWA HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Tim Schuelke

**MAUSTON HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Gil Saylor

**MILWAUKEE BAY VIEW HIGH**

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**MILWAUKEE CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Directors Robert Bly & Lori Dingman, emails blyrr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us & dingmala@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

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**MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Rick Koehler

**NEW BERLIN WEST HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Steve Murdock

**PRENTICE HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Jerry Shoup

**PARKWAY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Directors Liz Bauer & Robin Steadman, emails ebauer@parkwaychurch.ws & rsteaman19@tds.net

**PENINSULA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Athletic Director email jmhaugen45@yahoo.com

**RACINE SAINT CATHERINE'S HIGH SCHOOL** – Principal X

**SAINT MARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Adi Martin

**SHIOTON HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Terry Schwaller

**SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Chad Green

**STEVENS POINT HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Mark Vrieze

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Dick Heckel

**WAUKESHA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Chad Sadowski

**WAUKESHA WEST HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Marc Johannes

**WAUTOMA HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Mike Klieforth

**WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL** – Boys Golf Coach Tony Eilers +

# Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

**QUESTION:** I would like to take my girl golfers to a clinic that is being held during the school year, but outside of the WIAA girls golf season. Can I drive them to this clinic?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, WIAA Rules at a Glance are the best place to find language that addresses this matter. Under I. 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)."

Interpretations regarding the transportation of students have always indicated this to be coaching contact that is not allowed unless it is a coach's child.

**QUESTION:** What are the regulations about coaches providing advice to players around the greens?

**INTERPRETATION:** The new regulation allowing one designated coach to coach during a competition prevents a coach from going onto a green during the competition. This new regulation also prevents coaches from aligning players while the player is at address nor delay pace of play in any way. Coaches are allowed to provide advice to players while remaining off the green. This allows players to go to their coach, off the green to seek advice (without delaying pace of play) or for a coach to provide verbal information to a player from off the green.

**QUESTION:** Last night I was approached by an opulent parent of one of our golf team members about supporting a team golf trip during our spring break (March 24-28).

His proposal is to help pay for transportation (gas) to get our 2008 boys golf team to a destination in southern Illinois or Indiana to golf during our nonschool break.

It would be optional and if need be, offered to other students as well. We would use school vans and employees (boys coaches) to drive. Housing, food and the green fees would be the individual's responsibility.

Please let me or my athletic director know as soon as possible if this is doable. If so, what stipulations must be met, in order to do so legally or with WIAA consent.

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA does not have any language that prevents a trip of this sort from taking place. Local school regulations and policies will need to be reviewed to determine if trips of this sort are allowed by the school district.

Please keep in mind that WIAA school golf programs may not scrimmage any other school teams and are now only allowed one out-of-state competition unless the meet is in a bordering state (MN, IL, MI, and IA).

Since the first day of practice for the WIAA boys golf season is March 24, 2008, a trip that leaves on this day allows coach and student-athletes to travel together and for the coach to begin working with student-athletes on this day. Coaching contact is not allowed any earlier than March 24, 2008. It can be offered to any student and since this is the first day of the golf season be offered to all golfers interested in going out for the golf team.

Regarding fundraising or a donation for the trip, this can be done. However, the funds need to be provided to the school administration and accepted through the school district's donation protocol. This will likely require the acceptance/approval of the board of education prior to the trip.

Since the school is providing transportation vehicles and employees, this is considered a school function/trip. All school district regulations will need to be applied and followed.

**QUESTION:** Are school golf teams allowed to have a practice at the regional site this year without having it count towards one of their meet maximums?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, the request by the WIAA Golf Coaches Advisory Committee to allow a practice by each school team at a regional site has been denied. The numerous opportunities that student-athletes have to go to this course on their own, with a parent, relative or friends, with their coach (so long as it is counted as one meet), the potential loss of school time and competitive opportunities in scheduled meets during the regular season have been cited as rational for not allowing this practice session.

**QUESTION:** Can mock turtleneck shirts be worn during the golf season?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, the WIAA does allow school golf teams to wear mock turtlenecks so long as the school administration has approved of them as a school uniform. The collar rule is a local rule at each golf course. Almost all courses are approving of the wearing of mock turtlenecks. High school coaches are advised to check with their home courses to ensure the wearing of mock turtlenecks is allowed during practice and competition.

**QUESTION:** Hypothetically speaking, is it possible for a middle schooler (6-8th grade student) to compete with our frosh team?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, at the 2007 WIAA Annual Meeting a new regulation was adopted allowing 9th graders to compete on 8th grade teams. A waiver no longer exists allowing middle school/junior high school students to compete at any level of the high school sport team.

**QUESTION:** Please explain the process we go through to list two golf courses as our home course.

**INTERPRETATION:** Each WIAA golf school program is now allowed to designate up to three course(s) as their "home course(s)" for each golf season. These course(s) should be approved by the school administration, within approximately 25 miles of the school and be courses that will be used for practice and competition.

This regulation began last year as the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association asked to have more than one course due to requests they were receiving from courses within their communities.

**QUESTION:** Our country club did some remodeling of the course and they will not have a putting green. The golf rules state that you can't play on any part of the course before meets. I was wondering if we can use a hole (#10 for 9 hole competitions) or 2 (#4 and #16 for the JV invite) as practice greens on the day of competitions this season only?

**INTERPRETATION:** You are correct, USGA Rule 7-1 b. indicates before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke-play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

However, USGA Rule 33-2 c., also reads—Where there is no practice ground available outside the area of the competition course, the committee should establish the area on which players may practice on any day of a competition, it is practicable to do so. On any day of a stroke play competition, the committee should not normally permit practice on or to a putting green or from a hazard of the competition course.

Your head coach will want to address this matter with coaches and/or a selected committee for each home meet. If there are some practice greens, a driving range or other golf facilities near by, they are the best options if no other practice areas are available at this course.

**QUESTION:** We have one girl's golf player whose parent would like her to be able to participate in the state golf tournament series. I told him that yes an individual could participate, was I correct in saying that? Also, I remember an email that said if you are new to a fall sport, you must let the WIAA know that you will be participating in that sport by Feb. 1, so I'm assuming whether we have one individual player or a team for girls golf 2007, we need to let your office know? Do I need any special form, or signature from some one on my end for that to happen?

**INTERPRETATION:** First of all, the deadline for new girl's golf programs to apply for tournament participation is February 1 (The boy's application period ends April 1). The forms can be found on the WIAA website <wiaawi.org> in the FORMS FOR DOWNLOAD file. These forms do require the signature of an authorized administrator.

There have been some school golf teams that have been able to operate a team with just one player. Although it can be difficult to schedule meets, some coaches and athletic directors will allow individuals to compete in their tournaments. WIAA Season Regulations do require a school team to compete in at least four (4) meets during the regular season in order to be eligible for the WIAA tournament series. So long as the application is sent to the WIAA office on

time and this regulation is met, school golf teams with less than five players are allowed to compete in the WIAA tournament series.

**QUESTION:** I have a question for you regarding boy's high school golf. My question is, our coach is interested in enrolling the team in the Taylor Made purchase program, to purchase clothing, bags...etc., etc....at reduced rates. My question is this, I know, being a former varsity golf coach myself that there used to be issues with these purchasing programs in regard to amateur status...etc., etc...so I guess my question is this, are we okay to proceed with this purchase program, or will this affect our athletes eligibility and amateur status?

**INTERPRETATION:** The fundamental issue regarding the use of any purchase program is that student-athletes, golfers in this case, cannot receive discounts when they purchase apparel and/or equipment because they are members of a team. Article IV—Amateur Status, Section 1—Loss of Eligibility, A., in the WIAA Senior High School Handbook indicates . . . he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program if he/she: 1) Accepts reimbursement, in any form (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics.

If schools feel it is in their best interest to purchase attire or equipment through a purchase program, they may do so. Coaches and/or athletic directors are allowed to purchase these items as school representatives utilizing school funds and then provide them to their golf teams.

Typically we similarly address shoe discounts issues and inform that they must be available to any/every student interested in having the benefit of a reduced price on shoes. "A benefit may not be based on performance/achievement/potential - as an athlete." Any student who wishes to "go out" for a program should have access to a discount. These purchase programs are similar to shoe purchases where as long as the offer to purchase is made to the entire student body and/or all students have the opportunity to go out for the golf team, it is OK for golfers to purchase merchandise from them.

If the purchase program allows only school golf teams or only the "varsity golfers" to purchase equipment, attire, supplies, etc., at a discounted rate then there is a problem.

If the A.D./coach wishes to use the school golf budget, donated funds, funds from a booster club, etc., to purchase merchandise through a purchasing program (and the program will allow you to do so) that is OK to do as well.

**QUESTION:** Two local golf teaching instructors are offering a clinic for coaches and athletes. They have indicated that the athletes and the coaches can get a special price. I assume special price isn't allowable for athletes unless they provide/open this price to all interested attendees.

**INTERPRETATION:** So long as 'every kid in school can go out for your golf team...and so long as every kid who goes out for golf can get this discount - in a manner of speaking/interpreting - the 'benefit' IS available to any/every kid in school. They just need to go out for golf to get it. (same interp as for 'shoe discounts' and the like)

If the discount were only available to 'varsity players' e.g., - a problem. Now it's a 'performance based benefit', only available if I make varsity...and as such, an amateur status problem.

Be mindful of coaching contact restrictions. If this affair takes place once the school season is underway, no problem at all. If held prior to the start of the season, would recommend different time slots for students and adults.

**QUESTION:** I have a parent with a disability and would like to be able to ride a cart while watching his son participate this spring. Does he need special permission to do so from our conference, tournament directors (invitationals etc.)?

I realize the form must be submitted for State competition, does that include regional/sectional competition?

Please advise on the proper procedures for us to follow.

**INTERPRETATION:** During the regular

season, WIAA member school golf programs are allowed to determine whether or not they allow carts on the course and who is allowed to use carts.

It is during the WIAA tournament season (regional, sectionals & State Meets) where the WIAA spectator cart use policy takes effect. If a spectator provides a WI Disabilities Drivers License, they are allowed to rent a cart. I would encourage a similar policy be used by WIAA member schools and conferences during the regular season.

**QUESTION:** I just had 3 golfers from our school ask me about going to Australia to golf for an organization called Down Under Sports. They would have to raise money for travel, hotel and food. Is this a WIAA sponsored activity and is it legal for these students to attend?

**INTERPRETATION:** This is likely a promotion being offered by a travel agency somewhere in the U.S. This is similar to a football player going to Europe or Australia for an all-star game.

This is not a WIAA activity. I will need to review the materials you have been provided.

First questions for you includes: Does your school district have any policies pertaining to fundraising for events like this? Do you wish to allow student-athletes to miss school? Keep in mind that if allowed in this situation, you will probably have to allow for all other requests.

Also keep in mind, if the tour is during the golf season, golfers may not participate in non-school events during the season.

**QUESTION:** What is the WIAA's ruling on the use of something like the Sky Caddie?

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA Board of Control has reviewed this matter and determined that electronic measuring devices are not allowed for use by players during WIAA regular season and tournament series competitions.

Coaches and spectators are allowed to have them; however, it is only coaches who are able to relay information to their players. Spectators/parents must provide information to a coach. Coach can then relay this information to player if he/she wishes to do so.

**QUESTION:** Any special WIAA regulations concerning girls playing on the boys team?

**INTERPRETATION:** When a girl's team is not available in any sport, girls are allowed to participate on the boy's team.

In golf, we also have a WIAA regulation that provides girls with a 15% benefit in distance. WIAA Season Regulation 15, i., indicates during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, host schools must relocate as many forward and men's tees as necessary to create a women's length course that is approximately 15% shorter than the men's length course.

**QUESTION:** In the golf section of the spring handbook, it says 14 meets allow, but does not specify for what levels. Does that mean 14 varsity meets, or 14 combined (JV & varsity)?

So, can I schedule 14 varsity meets and 14 JV meets, as long as each individual golfer does not play in more than 14 events?

**INTERPRETATION:** To answer all your questions—Yes, you are correct. Varsity golf can schedule and play 14 meets during the regular season. JV golf can do the same. Golfers that are moved from varsity to JV, the coaches must keep track so that they do not exceed their individual participation limit of 14 meets.

**QUESTION:** I was thinking of hosting a golf clinic for high school coaches and players. Is it allowed under WIAA rules for players and coaches to attend a clinic together?

**INTERPRETATION:** A clinic conducted outside of the WIAA golf season, during the school year, would not allow coaches and players to attend together. Coaches are not allowed to have contact during the school year, outside of the golf season in the spring. A clinic for coaches alone can be held during the school year without potential peril.

Coaches are allowed to have contact—and attend an event like this - during the WIAA golf season and during the summer months concluding on July 31. This year the WIAA golf season will begin on Monday, March 24. +

## 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**

**Oct. 11, 2008** - Varsity/JV teams for invitational. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

#### **Football**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Oct. 3 or 4, 2008** - Varsity game. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008 (Week 3)** - JV game. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**2008 (Week 7)** - Freshman game. Wisconsin Rapids West Junior High School - Matt Renwick 715-422-6182 or matthew.renwick@wrps.org. (3-11)

**2008 (Week 8)** - Varsity game. Brillion - Pete Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@brillion.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**2008 (Week 8)** - Varsity game. Aquinas (La Crosse) - Ted Knutson 608-784-0287 or tknutson@aqunias.la.crosse.wi.us. (3-2)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 1)** - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 1)** - Game. Pecatonica - Jim Strommen 608-523-4285 or jstrommen@pecatonica.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 3)** - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

#### **Boys Soccer**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Aug. 26, 2008** - Varsity/JV match (home). Arrowhead - Jeff Staus 262-673-6387 or jeff.staus@huhs.org. (3-13)

**Aug. 26-27, 2008** - Teams for tournament. Racine Case - Mike Rupnow (262-619-4258 or mrupnow@racine.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Sept. 6, 13 or Oct. 11, 2008** - Berth in invitational. Waupun - Lucky Wurtz 920-324-5591 ext. 2804. (3-12)

**Sept. 19-20, 2008** - Team for invitational. Oconomowoc - Jason Werchowski Jason.werchowski@oasd.k12.wi.us. (3-14)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Varsity/JV team for quad. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**Sept. 27, 2008** - Varsity/JV teams for quad. Sheboygan Falls - Lisa Bocchini 920-467-7890. (3-20)

**Oct. 10-11 or Oct. 17-18, 2008** - Varsity/JV game. Whitnall - Mike Brand 414-525-8505 or mbrand@whitnall.com. (3-17)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008** - JV/freshman games. Central Wis. Christian - Gregg Zonnefeld 920-324-4233 ext. 12 or coachz@centralwisconsinchristian.org. (3-11)

**2008** - Varsity/JV matches. University School of Milwaukee - Sue Baker 414-540-3302 or sbaker@usmk12.org. (3-6)

#### **Girls Tennis**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Aug. 23, Sept. 6 or 27, 2008** - Berth in varsity multi-school match. Oconomowoc - Debra Wittnebel 262-560-3111 or srohrer702@sbc-global.net. (3-12)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Team for varsity tournament. Kenosha Bradford - Kevin Guttormsen 262-653-6207 or kguttorm@kusd.edu. (3-13)

**Oct. 11, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (3-20)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008** - Berth in JV invitational/matches. Waukesha South - Greg Alft galft@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

#### **Girls Volleyball**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Aug. 26, or Oct. 2 2008** - Varsity dual match. Tomahawk - Jen Pfannerstill 715-493-0374 or pfannerstillj@tomahawk.k12.wi.us. (2-26)

**Sept. 6, 2008** - Teams for freshmen tournament. Luxemburg-Casco - Jenny Bandow 920-845-2336 ext. 419 or jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Sept. 6, 2008** - Teams for varsity tournament. Tri-County (Plainfield) - Ken Dill 715-335-6366 ext. 40 or dilken@tricounty.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Sept. 9, 2008** - Team for JV quad. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. Rhinelander - Justin Szews (715) 365-9512. (3-12)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. Fox Valley Lutheran - Gene Strusz 920-739-4441 or gstrusz@fvlhs.org. (3-13)

**Sept. 26, 2008** - Teams for JV tournament. Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (3-7)

**Sept. 27, 2008** - Teams for varsity and freshman tournament. Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (3-7)

**Sept. 27, 2008** - Teams for JV tournament. Milwaukee South - Jenny Rath 414-902-8544 or rathja@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Oct. 6, 2008** - Team for varsity 6-team tournament. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek (414) 481-1105. (3-6)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008** - Berth in JV and freshman tournaments. Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (3-7)

**2008** - Varsity/JV meets. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek (414) 481-1105. (3-6)

### **WINTER**

#### **Boys Basketball**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Dec. 6, 2008 & Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for 9th grade 4-team invite (guaranteed two games). Catholic Central - Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 or pdeacon@cchsnet.org. (3-13)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Freshmen teams for tournament. Milwaukee Marshall - Sue Dean 414-393-2370 or sdean3@wi.rr.com. (3-17)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Varsity/JV/freshman teams for tournament. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Teams for 8-team tournament. Madison East - Tyler Cleveland 608-204-1699 or tycleveland4@yahoo.com. (3-14)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Barron - Len Grygiel 715-537-5627 ext. 138 or grygiell@baron.k12.wi.us. (3-20)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Ladysmith - Chris Poradish 715-532-5531 ext. 278 or cporadish@lhsd.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2008-09** - Game (all levels). West Allis Hale - Scott Pritzl 414-531-3134 or pritzl@wawm.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/fresh game. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - David Beaver 414-353-4430 ext. 102 or dbeaver@destinyhigh.com. (3-7)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Williams Bay - Mike Coolidge 262-607-0169 or mico\_4123@yahoo.com. (3-6)

**2008-09** - Varsity and lower level games. Home/away 2008-09 & 2009-10. Holmen - Linzi Gronning 608-526-9208 or grolin@holmen.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

##### **GENERAL**

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman game. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (3-20)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman games. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

**2008-09** - Games. White Lake - George Maule 715-882-4301 or gjmaule@whitelake.k12.wi.us. (3-17)

**2008-09** - Game. Lake Holcombe - Kent Kindschy 715-595-4241 ext. 252 or kindken@lakeholcombe.k12.wi.us. (3-17)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. West Bend West - Dan Retzki 262-335-5608 or dretzki@westbend.k12.wi.us. (3-17)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Necedah - Cora Dillin 608-565-2256 ext. 107. (3-12)

**2008-09** - Games. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**2008-09** - Two games - either a varsity/JV holiday tournament Dec. 29-30, 2008 or two single games (3 levels minimum). Eau Claire Memorial - Michael Blair 715-852-6308 or mblair@ecasd.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**2008-09** - Would like to schedule a varsity/JV/freshman game over Christmas break. Sheboygan North - Susie Runaas 920-459-4087. (3-11)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - David Beaver 414-353-4430 ext. 102 or dbeaver@destinyhigh.com. (3-7)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman game. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Williams Bay - Mike Coolidge 262-607-0169 or mico\_4123@yahoo.com. (3-6)

**2008-09** - Varsity and lower level games. Home/away 2008-09 & 2009-10. Holmen - Linzi Gronning 608-526-9208 or grolin@holmen.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

#### **Girls Hockey**

##### **GENERAL**

**2008-09** - Games. Beaver Dam - Bill Loss 920-885-7520 ext. 2110 or lossw@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (3-20)

#### **Wrestling**

##### **DATE SPECIFIC**

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Team for 10-team tournament. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 ext. 1517 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

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## Games Wanted

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**Dec. 6, 2008** - Teams for 16-team tournament. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (3-6)

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Team for 6-team multi-dual tournament. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda 262-968-6454 ext. 1480 or cudaf@kmsd.edu. (3-2)

**Dec. 9 or 11, 2008** - Varsity/JV dual. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens2@belleville.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Varsity teams for 16-team dual tournament. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Teams for 8-team varsity and JV round robin tournament (3-4 matches). Menomonee Falls - Jim McMahon 262-255-8444 or mcmajim@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Varsity team for scramble format tournament. Brillion - Peter Kittel 920-756-9238 ext. 2111 or pkittel@brillion.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Team for 6-team varsity duals round robin tournament and JV round robin tournament. Cadott - James Sekel 715-289-4211 or sekelj@cadott.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Varsity team for 8-team tournament (guaranteed 5 matches). Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens2@belleville.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV individual tournament. Tomahawk - John Larson 715-453-5371 ext. 304 or larsonj@tomahawk.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Teams for dual tournament. Grafton - Mike Dodge 262-370-1419 or mdodge@grafton.k12.wi.us. (3-7)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Teams for 6-team varsity dual tournament. Green Bay West - Josh Murnane 920-492-2600 or jmurnane@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Team for 16-team varsity invitational. Kimberly - Brian Matz 920-423-4160 or bmatz@kimberly.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Jan. 3, 2009** - Teams for invitational. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5511. (3-18)

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Varsity team for dual meet tournament. Pioneer Westfield - Jason Kestner 608-296-2141 ext. 215 or kestnerj@westfield.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Teams or invitational. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braud 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Teams for varsity dual invitational & JV round-robin invitational. Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (3-20)

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Teams for varsity invitational. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-742-5403 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (3-7)

**Jan. 10, 2008** - Team for team tournament. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for varsity invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (3-20)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for 16-team invitational. Freedom - Kurt Erickson 920-788-7940 or kerickson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for 6-team multiple dual round robin format meet (5 dual meets). Madison La Follette - Gary Skiles 608-839-4251 or gskiles@madison.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for 6-team varsity dual tournament and teams for multi-team JV round robin. Bring both your varsity and JV or just JV - two tournaments at the same site. South Milwaukee - Joel Shilling 414-766-5239 or jshilling@sdsdsm.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for tournament. Weston - Chuck Keller 608-983-2380 ext. 157. (3-6)

**Jan. 24, 2009** - Teams for 6-team dual tournament. Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-4064 ext. 509 or groshek\_s@afk12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Jan. 24, 2008** - Teams for dual meet tournament. West De Pere - Greg Smith - 920-338-5214. (3-2)

**Jan. 24, 2009** - Looking for teams for scramble tournament. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braud 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Varsity teams for individual invitational. Wisconsin Dells - John Frizzell 608-253-1461 ext. 1005 or jfrizzel@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Varsity teams for individual tournament. Pewaukee - John Maltsch 262-691-2100 ext. 6214 or maltjoh@pewaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-7)

**Feb. 6, 2009** - Varsity team for triple dual. Oconto - Rick Sherman 920-834-7812 ext. 317 or sherrict@oconto.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Feb. 6, 2009** - Varsity/JV duals. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-742-5403 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (3-7)

**2008-09** - Dual meets. Black Hawk - Jerry Mortimer 608-439-5371 ext. 112. (3-6)

## SPRING

### Baseball

#### GENERAL

**2008** - JV or frosh games. Oconto - Rick Sherman 920-834-7812 ext. 317 or sherrict@oconto.k12.wi.us. (3-14)

**2008** - Freshmen games. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**2008** - Varsity game. Dodgeville - Scott Tolzman 608-935-3307 ext.

317 or sherrict@oconto.k12.wi.us. (3-14)

**2008** - Game. Xavier - Matt Prill 920-475-1572 or mprill@savvier.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

**2008** - JV games (summer). Sheboygan Lutheran - Chuck Benedum 920-452-3323 or benedum@lutheranh.com. (3-11)

**2008** - Varsity/JV game. University School of Milwaukee - Sue Baker 414-450-3302 or sbaker@usmk-12.org. (3-6)

**2009** - Varsity/JV games. Weyauwega-Fremont - Matthew Wilbert 920-867-2148 ext. 312 or mwilbert@wegafremont.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

### Girls Soccer

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**2008** - JV matches (away). Lakeside Lutheran - Paul Bauer pbauer@llhs.org. (3-20)

**2008** - Varsity reserve/JV games. Pius XI - Robert Williams 414-403-5473 or Robert@cornell.com or rwill75@aol.com. (3-12)

**2008** - Frosh/sophomore games. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5511. (3-11)

**2008** - JV matches away. Lakeside Lutheran - Paul Bauer 920-648-2321 ext. 216 or pbauer@llhs.org. (3-6)

**2008** - Varsity/JV matches. University School of Milwaukee - Sue Baker 414-450-3302 or sbaker@usmk12.org. (3-6)

### Softball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 27 or 28, 2008** - Varsity game. Southern Door - Luke Goral - 920-825-7333 ext. 406 or lgoral@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Team for varsity quad. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmot.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

**May 9-10, 2009** - Team for varsity 8-team tournament. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukee.lutheranh.org. (3-11)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Team for JV or frosh games. Oconto - Rick Sherman 920-834-7812 ext. 317 or sherrict@oconto.k12.wi.us. (3-14)

**2008** - Freshmen games. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**2008** - Varsity game. Dodgeville - Scott Tolzman 608-935-3307 ext.

4008 or stolzman@dsd.k12.wi.us. (3-7)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games - willing to play tournaments or double-header. Oconomowoc - Dave Schweder 262-560-4301 ext. 4401 or dave.schweder@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**2008** - Berth in JV tournament. Grafton - Scott Parsons 262-376-5515 or sparsons@grafton.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

**2008** - Varsity/JV games. Kettle Moraine - Scott Graf 262-965-6500 ext. 2834 or grafs@kmsd.edu. (3-6)

**2008** - JV game. Pardeeville - Heather Falkner 608-429-3412 ext. 211 or falkhe@pardeeville.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**2009** - Varsity games. River Ridge - Wade Winkers 608-994-2002 ext. 114 or winkers@rrsd.k12.wi.us. (3-6)

### Boys Tennis

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 12, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (3-11)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. It is an 8-school invitational with only two singles and two double teams playing. East Troy - Paul Kielas 262-642-6760 ext. 236 or kiepau@easttroy.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Team for varsity doubles tournament. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschools.org. (3-2)

**May 3, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschools.org. (3-2)

### Track & Field

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Mar. 29, 2008** - Varsity team for co-ed invitational. Watertown. John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Apr. 16, 2008** - Teams for varsity/JV co-ed relay meet. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**Apr. 17, 2008** - Teams for invitational at the Superior Dome. Marquette (MI) - Bill Saunders 906-439-5532 ext. 243. (3-7)

**Apr. 17, 2008** - Teams for co-ed varsity invitational. Xavier - Kathy Bates 920-882-6908 or kbates@xavier.k12.wi.us. (3-2)

**May 6, 2008** - JV teams for meet. Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (3-2) +

## Membership Reminder:

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

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

# Annual Meeting Amendments

The following amendments to the WIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility will be voted on by delegates to the WIAA Annual Meeting April 23 in Wausau.

## BYLAWS

### **NUMBER 1 – COMPETITION AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS**

*This change would allow school teams to take part in regular season competitive opportunities provided by professional sport teams and other non-school providers with approval of their school board or governing body. WIAA waiver would no longer be necessary except as needed for interstate competition.*

#### **Article II - School Competition and Practice Requirements – p. 26**

##### **Section 5 – A School shall not Participate in:**

- A. Post-season contests (other than Association tournament games).
- B. Contests on Sunday, unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.

**Note:** With respect to Sunday competition in WIAA Tournament play, the WIAA Board of Control shall have sole authority for its approval.

- C. Contests held in conjunction with professional, semiprofessional and other games, meets, or programs sponsored by noneducational agencies, **unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.**

**Note:** ~~A school may participate in a high school game or meet sponsored in part or entirely by other than a high school, provided (a) the meet director is a high school district administrator, principal, or athletic director, (b) invitations have been issued and contracts have been signed by a district administrator, principal, or athletic director and (c) profits derived from such competition are earmarked in their entirety for the participating schools or some other nonprofit purpose. Involvement of business, commerce, industry, etc., in sponsorship of school events is not prohibited, except to those concerns related to alcohol and tobacco products.~~

- D. Contests conducted by a nonschool person, group or organization, including school club teams, YMCA, American Legion, etc., unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.

**Note 1:** Such contests as identified in C and D above may be scheduled only if an administrator or designee of the school with the WIAA sanctioned team is present and has determined all WIAA regulations are being followed.

**Note 2:** Involvement of business, commerce, industry, etc., in sponsorship of school events is not prohibited, except to those concerns related to alcohol and tobacco products.

Advance to Annual Meeting	Yes	No
Sports Advisory Committee	14-0	_____
Advisory Council	15-0	_____
Board of Control	10-0	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Don't support adoption		
<input type="checkbox"/> No position		

## RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

### **NUMBER 2 – RESIDENCE RULES**

*This change is primarily editorial in nature and reflects the present interpretation of the transfer rule. This interpretation avoids creating a separate and immune set within the student population.*

#### **Article II - Residence and Transfer – p. 32**

##### **Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students**

- A. A full time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- 1) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility.
- 2) The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- 3) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility **except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in Sections 3 and/or 5 of this Article.

- 4) A student whose tuition ...

Advance to Annual Meeting	Yes	No
Sports Advisory Committee	14-0	_____
Advisory Council	15-0	_____
Board of Control	10-0	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> No position		

### **NUMBER 3 – COMPLIANCE**

*This change would require schools to provide parents the WIAA Rules of Eligibility each school year and keep their signature of acknowledgement on file. This change will further familiarize parents and students with all eligibility requirements and diminish assertions they did not know the rules.*

#### **Article VII - Health and Behavior/Compliance – p. 39**

##### **Section 1 – Physical Examination**

- A. A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year including an acknowledgment of receiving the school athletic code and WIAA Rules of Eligibility, and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply.

**Note:** It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

Advance to Annual Meeting	Yes	No
Sports Advisory Committee	14-0	_____
Advisory Council	16-0	_____
Board of Control	10-0	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Don't support adoption		
<input type="checkbox"/> No position		

## EDITORIAL CHANGES

*Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the interpretation of the rule. In some instances, the change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases the change may reflect Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.*

## CONSTITUTION

### **Article VI – School Competition and Practice Requirements**

#### **Section 11 – Cooperative Teams – Page 20**

- A. The Board of Control has authority to approve cooperative team sponsorship (one team in a given sport involving two or more member schools) under the following conditions:
  - 1) The schools involved must be in the same geographical area.
  - 2) The agreement for a cooperative team must specify two school years, but that agreement may be terminated by the Board of Control for documented extenuating circumstances.
  - 3) Applications for initial approval, or renewal of approval of a cooperative team, must include a completed and signed Cooperative Team Request Form, reflecting:
    - a. Approval of involved schools.
    - b. Approval of involved Board(s) of Education or Governing Bodies.
    - c. Approval of conference in which the cooperative team will participate.
    - d. The program will adhere to a 'no cut' policy.
  - 4) Total enrollment of schools involved in cooperative team will determine ...
    - etc.

## BYLAWS

### **Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements**

#### **Section 2 – Competition and Practice Restrictions – Page 26**

- A. A school may not hold practice, or compete in ...
  - 1) A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes ...
  - 2) A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to ...
  - 3) A school may not conduct intramural programs, which involve athletes ...
- B. Exceptions:
 

So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

  - 1) There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 4 consecutive days (football) or 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive (all other WIAA sports sponsored

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- by the school). Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- 2) A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below ...

### Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements

#### Section 5 – A School shall not Participate in: – Pages 26-27

- A. Post-season contests ...
- B. Contests on Sunday, unless such participation ...
- C. Contests held in conjunction with professional, semiprofessional ...
- D. Contests conducted by a nonschool person, group or organization, ...
- E. Contests involving professional, semiprofessional, or similar ...
- F. Contests, competition and/or scrimmages versus an out-of-state ...
- G. Interstate competition, except as provided hereafter:
  - 1) National Federation sanction is required for:
    - a. Any interstate event involving two (2) or more schools ...
    - b. Non-bordering events if five (5) or more ...
    - c. Non-bordering events if more than eight (8) schools ...
    - d. Any event involving two (2) or more schools ...
  - 2) When National Federation sanction is required:
    - a. This application for sanction should be sent ...
    - b. Names and Addresses of Invited/Participating Schools: ...
    - c. Schools participating in interstate competition, ...
    - d. The host school shall submit a financial report ...
  - 3) WIAA approval is required for:
    - a. Any interstate competition and/or event in which four or more schools participate, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
    - b. Any interstate competition and/or event which involves schools from three or more states, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
  - 4) No approval is required: ...
    - etc.

#### BYLAWS

### Article V – Master Eligibility List

#### Section 1 – School Files – Page 28

- A. A school shall have in its files, prior to its first competition each school year, eligibility certification of each participating student. This form shall indicate the date and place of birth, year, and semester in school, and date of last physical (medical) examination, along with the signature of the district administrator or principal verifying that students are eligible by all Association rules. This form shall be made available, upon request, by either the Association office or an opposing school. It is recommended that a list of eligible students be exchanged between opposing schools.
- A. School administration shall verify, prior to its first competition each school year, the eligibility of each participating student. Verification must include date of birth, year, and semester in school, and date of last physical (medical) examination, along with parent signature approving student participation. This verification shall be made available upon request, by either the Association office or an opposing school.

### Article II - Residence and Transfer

#### Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students – Page 32

- A. A full time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:
  - 1) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and ...
  - 2) The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility ...
    - 3) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, ...
    - 4) A student whose tuition is paid ...
    - 5) A student whose tuition is paid ...
    - 6) A student who has been in attendance ...
    - 7) Duly enrolled full-time students ...
    - 8) Students placed in foster homes, ...
    - 9) A student may continue being eligible ...
    - 10) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, the Board of Education (School District) shall determine school assignment of a student ...
  - B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined in Section 1-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for the duration of the school year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

### Article II - Residence and Transfer

#### Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students – Page 32

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:
  - 1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, ...
  - 2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility ...
  - 3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school ...
  - 4) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible ...
    - a. Note: Section 2-A.1) above.
- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined in Section 2-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for the duration of the school year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

### Article II - Residence and Transfer

#### Section 3 – Transfers – Page 33

- A. A full time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible for varsity level competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article. These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
  - 1) A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year will be determined from a student's last day of attendance at school and/or last day of attendance at athletic practice.
  - 2) A student who transfers from any school into a member school within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into 9th grade, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parents, must do so before attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices at the school the student is leaving. If not, the student is ineligible to compete for the remainder of that school year.
  - 3) If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9, and with written consent from both schools directly involved, a first time transfer student (transferring after beginning of school year) shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

**Note:** Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility, provided all rules governing student eligibility are satisfied.

- 4) Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- 5) A student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year.
- 6) A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- 7) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- 8) No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been 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.

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### Article II - Residence and Transfer

#### Section 3 – Transfers – Page 33

- A. A full time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
  - 1) A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
  - 2) Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
  - 3) Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
  - 4) 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
  - 5) 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
  - 6) In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
  - 7) Schools are reminded that district policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
  - 8) Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
  - 9) If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
  - 10) A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
  - 11) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
  - 12) No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been 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.

### Article II - Residence and Transfer

#### Section 5 – Waivers – Page 34

- A. The residence and transfer requirement may be waived according to the following provisions:

- 1) After a student has not participated and/or has been restricted to nonvarsity competition for one calendar year because parents do not live within that school's attendance boundaries, he/she becomes automatically eligible under this Section regardless of parents residence and for as long as enrollment is continuous (uninterrupted) in that school.
- 2) The residence and transfer requirement may be waived, if requested in advance, by a member school on behalf of one of its students and upon presentation of documented reasons of betterment in home life or other extenuating circumstances. Such documentation must include communications from (a) parents, (b) person(s) with whom student is living within requesting school's attendance boundaries and (c) school officials within whose attendance boundaries parents reside. Depending upon the nature of extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be limited to nonvarsity competition except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.
- 3) In cases associated with Section 1, A, (2) and (4), Section 2, A, (1) and Section 3, A, (1) of this Article, first-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or has attended no more than three days of school.

### Article VI – Nonschool Participation – Pages 37-38

#### Section 2 – Out-of-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that while athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
  - B. The one exception to A. above shall be in the summertime. Members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches in the summertime for purposes of instruction and/or competition for up to 4 consecutive days (football) or 5 days (do not need to be consecutive) in all other WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction.
 

Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact outside the actual school season may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
  - C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
    - 1) An acceptable program or activity is one which is not limited ...
    - 2) There are no restrictions relative to voluntary assembling of students during the summer in excess of 4 days (football) or 5 days (basketball, football, hockey, soccer, volleyball) without school/coach involvement.
    - 3) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season ...
      - a. Football coaches are allowed a one-time unrestricted contact opportunity of up to four consecutive days between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
      - b. Coaches in all other WIAA recognized sports ....
      - c. This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory responsibilities outside the designated season of a sport. Supervisory involvement, however, does not include situations like playing basketball with athletes, running with athletes, working out (such as wrestling activity), club team coaching (such as swimming & diving, except in summer), driving (or accompanying) student to competition or training (clinics, camps, etc.), conducting drills, throwing batting practice, running through plays, demonstrating techniques, or any other activity which could be regarded as coaching or instructing.
      - d. Coaches are allowed to recreate along with students in school sponsored open gyms which are purely recreational in nature.
      - e. Coaches are allowed to use some or all of their athletes, as clinicians, ...
    - 4) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue ... etc.
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# Eligibility Questions & Answers

## Residence & Transfer

**Q.: We have a student who transferred into our high school in the middle of his 10th grade year from another school in our city. We have a co-op in tennis with this school. The student is going out for tennis. I believe he is eligible for non-varsity opportunities only. Is that correct?**

**A.: Actually, no. Because of the co-op relationship, the student could be provided unrestricted opportunity in that sport and/or any other sports you might co-op with the same school on. In all of your other sport programs, student is restricted to non-varsity for 365 days (assuming sending school has indicated no objections).**

**Q.: We have a sophomore girl who attended X last year as a freshman, open enrolled to Y the start of this year, and returned to X after nine weeks at Y. She has indicated an interest in playing softball. The AD at Y and I talked, and we both feel, according to the eligibility guidelines, that she can participate at the non-varsity level. Is this correct? To further complicate the issue, when she was in X last year, she had an athletic code violation. She just recently again had another incident involving substance abuse. Our athletic code is progressive with the consequence becoming greater for each violation. The fact that she left X for a period of time and now has returned, do we consider this most recent violation a first or a second violation?**

**A.: As a 10th grader – transfer has been within first four semesters, presumably. If both schools agree student can be provided non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year from date she returned to your school. At 365 day anniversary, you may restore unrestricted eligibility. If both violations took place while a X student – not sure why it would be viewed as anything except a second violation of the X code.**

**Q.: My question is can a sophomore open enroll after this year and still play next year at his/her new school. Another way to state this is do they need to leave after their freshmen or sophomore year to still play the following year.**

**A.: No. Not eligible to practice or play – unless waiver's provided. Must leave after frosh year, if unrestricted eligibility is desired as an 'entering' 10th grader.**

**Q.: I am a 12th grader, I have run track 9th, 10th, and 11th grade at X high school. My mom and step dad got a divorce and I moved with my mom to Y high school which isn't in the same district as X high school. I never played any sports at Y high school and stayed with my mom for four months. I moved back to X high school because I didn't like it at Y high school and I am staying with my uncle in the X high school district. Would I be eligible to run track at X high school? I didn't participate in any sports at Y high school, and so I should still have eligibility at X high school right?**

**A.: By virtue of your family's complete and total move to Y and your parents' residence there along with your breaking enrollment at X - your eligibility transferred to Y. Our member's residence and transfer rules would provide you are not eligible at X. There is some precedent for relief via the waiver process - if/when a student has spent their whole life in a school/community and the family has moved away and the student has not adjusted well. This would need to be something you discussed with X AD and principal.**

**Q.: We had a sophomore leave before the end of the 1st semester. I received an Eligibility Verification of Transfer Student form from another member school for this student to participate in baseball. Is he eligible for all JV and freshmen baseball participation this semester? I thought he could not play any lower levels until next year.**

**A.: A student who transfers within the first four semesters can be provided non-varsity opportunity if both schools agree. However, as a sophomore, the student will be restricted to non-varsity for 365 days (JV, varsity reserves, e.g.) If you indicate 'no objections' on the transfer student form he could participate. If you have reason to object, then he's not eligible.**

**Q.: We have a student who recently enrolled this semester at our high school. This student is a sophomore and only had three consecutive semesters at his old school. His mom and dad are divorced and he was living with his dad, but now must live with mom. He did play football at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year at the JV level. My understanding is he would be ineligible for varsity competition for the remainder of this year. My questions are would he be eligible for varsity competition next year, or would he be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of enrollment? Also, would he be ineligible for JV competition for the track season this year? Could I fill out a waiver for this student to run track this year for the JV and/or varsity team.**

**A.: Unless a waiver is provided, the student is restricted to non-varsity for next 365 days (anniversary of enrollment as your student).**

**Q.: If a junior student/athlete who has completed four semesters transfers to another member school under open enrollment, attends that school for a week, then transfers back to his/her original school, would he/she be eligible for athletics during the junior season?**

**A.: No. Could not practice or compete.**

## Amateur Status

**Q.: We have two junior high volleyball coaching positions in the district. The only interest is from a junior volleyball player and a graduating senior player. Is there a high school eligibility problem for the junior if she is paid the coaching amount of \$350. Or for the graduating senior if she is paid as well?**

**A.: A student can be employed. Provided these job opportunities were posted/made known and available to all interested students - if the two students you've identified rose to the surface through what may be described as a normal search process and you offered them the job - we are not able to see any obvious peril for the students being employed by your district in this manner.**

## Competition & Practice

**Q.: We were sent a contract to play Simeon Career Academy H.S. on December 20, 2008, in the Windy City Showdown. It states in the contract that our school will receive \$500 for participating in the event. Is this a violation?**

**A.: No. Not a violation. It is not altogether uncommon for a host school or event host to help defray costs of a visiting school's team. That the check was made out to your school - vs. coach, booster club etc. is appropriate. I'm assuming windy city means Chicago. Even though it's**

**a bordering state, if it's a large event, it might still require sanctioning. Be sure to look at whether the event will need an interstate waiver. Forward the following to the event sponsor and get rsvp back to me. (these are the fundamental elements governing interstate competition as outlined on p. 27 Sr. High Handbook. (Bylaw Art. II, Sect. 5G) Will simplify and summarize: Does this event require NFHS sanctions? If so, has the event received sanctioning? Are schools you will compete against 9-12 high schools (no post secondary/prep academies)? Are all schools you will compete against members of their respective state HS associations.**

**Q.: I guess I need some clarification on a trip our softball team will be taking to Florida. Our team is participating in a scrimmage, but not a competition. Do we still need a waiver?**

**A.: You are correct. A strict interpretation requires communication/sanctioning/approval for interstate competition. A scrimmage is considered practice. There is not the same provision/same requirements in place for interstate practice. As a friendly heads-up, be certain the school you will scrimmage in Florida is able to scrimmage at the time of year you get together. Some state associations prohibit scrimmages and 'practice games' at certain points in their seasons. Florida high schools are one example. Once they have begun regular season play, their member schools can no longer scrimmage by their state association provisions. For them, every encounter must count as a game from that point on. Lastly, remember if either school counts or considers the get-together as a game, our rules provide it will be viewed/ counted as a game for both schools. (See softball season regulations; pgs. 27, 28 #4 Scrimmages, d, 'note').**

**Q.: I just wanted to ask a question about a possible baseball scrimmage. Usually, we travel down to the Madison area and scrimmage sometime during the second week of the baseball season. This has worked well in the past. But with the weather of this winter, I'm thinking that even the Madison area may still have some snow by the end of March. Would we be in compliance with WIAA rules if we traveled out-of-state to find a baseball scrimmage possibly, central Illinois, southern Minnesota, western Indiana, etc.? This would only be a scrimmage. I believe that we need five practices before our first scrimmage, so I was thinking of having a practice or two on another team's field - and then having a scrimmage against that team on Saturday, March 22. We have March 20 and March 21 off from school for Easter break so we could have some interested parents transport the team if such a trip was necessary. I wanted to check with you before I start organizing something.**

**A.: Scrimmage specifics are found on p. 4 of Spring Season regulations. Traveling out-of-state to practice/scrimmage, can be done without violation of WIAA provisions. There is no requirement for WIAA waiver/approval for out-of-state practice - approval may be necessary if out-of-state travel involves competition. If an out-of-state trip includes - competition, be sure to review Sr. High Handbook, p. 27, Bylaws Art. II, Sect. 5G.**

Dave Anderson

## Participation Issues

**Q.: Can a 18-year old, not living at home sign their own alternate year athletic permit card?**

**A.: No. Our text relating to the privilege of eligibility and as it relates to the physical form/alternate year card and permission to participate specifically requires parent signature.**

**Q.: My son plays sports for his high school. He has been harassed and pressured into playing by the coaching staff. They have told him that if he does not lift weights now that when football season comes he will not be allowed to play. He is a very good student, he enjoys many sports including football but he feels as a freshman he needs a break. How can coaches make weight lifting mandatory for football season at 6:30 a.m. when it is March? Where is it in the rules that coaches can intimidate kids into playing a specific sport for them? Are coaches allowed push/shove/strike players? Is this normal coaching behavior?**

**A.: The assertions you raise are significant and if accurate would be in violation of WIAA membership provisions, and we feel our member school's administration would desire to be made aware, immediately. Please see the Rules At A Glance, Article I and then the last couple sentences of the second paragraph and following statements #1, 2, 3. We believe that language to be quite clear. Your school administration will wish to hear more about the pushing/shoving/striking assertions. Those are going to be local/employee issues. Though we will recommend our member look into this concern, we are also aware that we at times receive skewed or fractured versions of truth. Unless someone is willing to document specific instances and assist the member or us with personal and first-hand insights and substantive facts, we would be hard-pressed to place sanctions on the school or program. If you have not personally sat with your school's coaches and had this conversation with them, I would invite you to do so. If you have a problem you need to begin to address it at the source.**

**Q.: Does a student/athlete that is not a foreign exchange student have to be a Wisconsin resident? If they live in a bordering state and commute to the school (parochial) is this allowed?**

**A.: Yes. A student attending a private/parochial school - or a student paying tuition to a local/WI public school might still be afforded eligibility. Being a resident of the state is not a requirement. However, in the scenario you give the out of state student would still need to be residing with his/her parents full-time in the family's primary residence.**

**Q.: How long can a student participate? We have a kid who is coming back for a 5th year.**

**A.: Out of hand, a student coming back for a 5th year is not eligible. Our member's consecutive semester rule i.e., a student has the potential for up to eight consecutive semesters of school sport eligibility is found in the Handbook, ROE Art. V, Sect. 1..p.35 in Attendance and Scholarship. There is a waiver possibility associated with this rule. At times, a consecutive semester waiver also requires an age waiver. Additionally, if a student has had ac-**

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cess to four seasons of a sport - even though the student might have been injured or quit, there is no provision for five seasons of a sport opportunity and there is no waiver of that.

**Q.:** Can a girl in 8th grade next year play on the HS girls hockey team next season as an 8th grader? I think the answer is no to playing and to even trying out.

**A.:** No. There is no waiver associated with this provision. From a second perspective, practice will be your call. While taking time and turns away from students already in high school would never be recommended here, WIAA rules do not prevent middle level students in your district from practicing with the high school team if that's what your administration approves of. Because of ramifications across all your schools programs, this ought to be an administrative determination, not a coaches prerogative. I would presume this to be an opportunity your district would make available to all the district's middle level students with the same circumstances and interest in such an opportunity.

**Q.:** I am wondering if the WIAA has any rules or regulations regarding students who open enroll to another school district and then want to participate in WIAA sanctioned sports in their home district.

**A.: Article I in our members Rules of Eligibility provides that a member school may only use their own, full-time students on their interscholastic athletic teams. In the scenario you describe and presuming student had open enrolled at school B and was enrolled there as a full-time student, he would be ineligible back at school "A." Need to also 'caution' that depending on the grade the student is presently in, the transfer rule would also potentially have effect on eligibility and this interpretation.**

**Q.:** In the eligibility code, a student that becomes ineligible for a grading period remains ineligible until the 16th school day. I understand that. We have had two snow days in this time. Do those count as days or do I need to move the date of return back two more days? Finally, if that is the case, this student would not regain eligibility until Wednesday, February 20 (boys basketball tournament had started) would he be eligible after or now ineligible for the tournament? I am hoping that the snow days count and he is eligible the 18th, but I am just making sure.

**A.: You can count all scheduled instructional days, including those shortened or canceled due to weather. In addition, students who are academically ineligible at the time their team begins tournament competition may rejoin the team when they regain eligibility if the team is still involved in the tournament series. The prohibition against rejoining the team after the tournament series has begun pertains to code of conduct situations.**

**Q.:** 1) We have a student who is enrolled in a GED option two program that we offer in our district. The student attends night class in our building for three hours a day and will receive a high school diploma. Is the student eligible to participate in baseball at the varsity level? 2) We also have a student who will be attending the tech school full-time in the fall through youth options. Will he be eligible to participate in football at the varsity level?

**A.: 1) The GEDO2 program has been identified to us by the DPI as**

viable for identifying a students eligibility prospects. Our understanding is that GEDO2 candidates are considered full-time students and must in fact be/carry such status in order to be eligible for the program. Given this understanding and so long as student meets all other eligibility requirements, we see no reason he should be denied or restricted in his eligibility. 2) Again, yes. So long as student is enrolled as – and meets your district's definition for full-time student status (or equivalent) Youth Options is a recognized instructional delivery program which generally and most times, satisfies full-time student eligibility requirements. Student must satisfy all other eligibility requirements. Friendly word of caution: Other members have experienced forfeits as a result of different grading periods, failing grades at college or tech and delayed reporting back to member school. Thus, allowing academically ineligible player to compete.

### Nonschool

#### Competition/Participation

**Q.:** We (a team I coach) have a U14 Babe Ruth baseball team, playing this summer. We have three young freshmen (from local high schools) joining our other 8th graders AFTER their high school teams' season finishes. We do not begin playing until May 26, and know that they cannot play with us until their season is over. Questions: Can they practice or play in a scrimmage with us while their school season is still going on, or do they have to wait completely until their season is over? And, can they start playing once their (probably freshman) team is finished, or do they have to wait until after some specific date or end of their schools' varsity season?

**A.: WIAA rules do not prohibit a student from 'trying out' in order to earn a spot on a club team – nor are they prohibited from practicing with a club team, while he/she is a member of a school team and 'in-season.'**

**Intra-squad scrimmage is also permitted. May not scrimmage vs. a different team. See attached: III-D (C, E, F & G might also be of benefit for you to be aware of). YES,\* they can start playing once their (probably freshman) team is finished, provided the student is not 'moved up' and would continue to compete at the JV/varsity level. Otherwise, once the 9th grade season is completed and even though the varsity season will continue until eliminated from the tournament series, non-varsity students who have met their obligations to their team and school program at a given level – may be allowed to pursue their non-school interests.**

**Q.:** Our club soccer team is planning a soccer trip to Ireland this summer. We are concerned that the team needs to be limited to a certain amount of soccer days or generate a WIAA eligibility problem. The soccer activities will be a mix of games, scrimmages, demonstration games and training activities. Neither my daughter's high school team nor high school coach is involved in this activity. Is there a WIAA high school eligibility issue?

**A.: As described here, I am not able to understand this groups' concern. There is a five day limit which schools, school teams and school coaches must be knowledgeable and observant of. However, for a non-school provided opportunity and an assembly of students which isn't able to be seen as a school's team**

practicing/competing outside the season – by and large may assemble as they wish. The WIAA has no authority to set a limit on the number of days a student might take part in his/her summer club activity. The WIAA rules of eligibility most likely to potentially impact the described activity would be amateur status and delayed reporting provisions. To paraphrase the member's Rules of Eligibility Art. VI; provides that a student who was a member of the school's team in the previous school season may not delay reporting to the school's team beyond the official start of practice.

**Q.:** We were wondering if students who have eligibility can bowl in a tournament sponsored by the football boosters and receive cash if they bowl well enough to win. I know bowling is not recognized as a WIAA sport, but does that mean anything if kids have eligibility left.

**A.: What ROE Article IV provides is that (paraphrase): A student must be an amateur in ALL WIAA recognized sports in order to be eligible – in ANY WIAA sponsored sports. Thus, since the association does not presently sponsor interscholastic bowling amateur status restrictions do not apply. Same as we do not sponsor lumberjack events, bass fishing, snowmobiling, motocross, BMX or rodeo, e.g., – yet there are a number of school aged student athletes who do right well for themselves in these non-WIAA recognized sporting events and suffer no peril when playing any WIAA offered interscholastic opportunity. Important: On the other hand, however, even though student plays school football, basketball and baseball e.g., and in golfing with dad or buddy in summer event hits closest to the pin and wins a sleeve of balls, or sandwich at the club house, or a new driver, e.g., BIG PROBLEM/Amateur status violation! Because even though the student does not take part in school golf program our members rule requires amateur adherence in ALL WIAA sports in order to be eligible in ANY WIAA sports.**

**Q.:** I have a player I have been coaching that has the opportunity to play on a national traveling team based out of Florida. To make sure we do not pursue against WIAA rules, can he play WIAA high school baseball and also play on this team over weekends that all occur out of state?

**A.: Appreciate you double checking in order to protect the student's school eligibility. Have included a copy of our member's Rules At A Glance. Non School competition is addressed in III-D. WIAA rules would not prevent student from trying out for the club team and practice with them while being a member of the schools team and in-season. If a student competes in non-school baseball while a member of the school's team and in season, the student is ineligible the remainder of the school season.**

**Q.:** Is it OK for a frosh or JV basketball player to play in one of these tournaments after their regular season has been completed, but the varsity is still involved in tournament play (the athletes are not part of the varsity team).

**A.: Yes. Non-school competition rules and interpretations would not prevent this. Once the student has fulfilled their obligations, as well as your expectations, to their school team, they could be cut loose to pursue their non-school interests. Stu-**

dents could still 'practice' with varsity if you choose – but not compete. Best practice is to discourage any of those you might 'move-up' to varsity to not take part in non-school athletics until there is no chance they would enter a tournament game where you had a lead. For the rest, whose frosh and JV seasons are concluded and are not among those who are 'moved up,' there is no need to restrict them.

**Q.:** Our local basketball club is looking for a team to be put together to play their 17 and under AAU team in a fundraiser event for their club. My question is simple. Can we put together a team of area seniors and underclass women to play in this game? There are absolutely no benefits or gifts to the team we would be assembling. Players would be from different schools and would be coached by a youth coach that has no ties to any of the high school players represented.

**A.: Simple answer is yes. Thanks for recognizing amateur status rules of our members. You are absolutely on the right track have your club seek to secure volunteers from more than one area school to take part. In doing so you avoid risking an underclassmen's eligibility due to an all-star event violation. FYI: Our members provisions relating to all-star teams is found on p. 28, Bylaws and p. 38-39 Rules of Eligibility – in our Senior High Handbook (you can view the document on line, under wiaainfo/publications).**

**Q.:** I have a question in regard to participation of travel teams. My daughter plays on a state travel ball team and also high school team, her season has now started and I am unsure if she can now participate in their practices. The travel team does not have any high school coaches from her school participating, we have talked to the high school coach and he has no problem with her playing as long as it doesn't violate any WIAA rules or interfere with her high school ball program, but your rules are hard to follow and I would not want my daughter to have problems at her school.

**A.: Our members have in their rules of eligibility, a section they informally refer to as 'school loyalty' provisions. Article VI of Rules of Eligibility states in part: "It is the philosophy of this association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible for the remainder of the season for competing in non-school game, meet or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school." WIAA rules would not prevent a student from trying-out and/or practicing with a club team. We strongly recommend getting approval for that through the school's coach. See Also III-D of the Rules At A Glance.**

### Coach Contact

**Q.:** What are the rules regarding assistant coaches coaching AAU? Can they coach or help AAU coaches if the players on that AAU team are current members of the high school team?

**A.: Article I of the Rules At A Glance outlines fundamental coaching contact rule. The simple and least confusing answer to your question is 'NO.' To paraphrase the fundamental rule: Whether paid or vol-**

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unteer, a coach may not have coaching contact outside of the season, during restricted times, with students he/she will have any coaching contact with in the next school season. There are a couple nuances to that fundamental rule, e.g., 1. during your five designated, unrestricted contact days in summer you/your coaches could have contact with your players in the AAU / club setting. 2. Some programs may have an 8th or 9th grade coach interface with a summer club – provided that coach has zero involvement with the high school kids (JV and varsity) and programs during the next school season. (i.e. Does not attend try-outs, not on team bench, 9th graders practice different time and/or different site, never scrimmage JV or varsity..etc. - zero interface) Then technically that can comply with the fundamental rule.

Q.: Can our high school varsity basketball coach, coach an AAU team that has his son on the team? There would not be any other of our players on the team.

**A.: Yes. See Article I of the Rules At A Glance. A coach who is also a parent can always coach their own child.**

Q.: My question involves my being an unpaid assistant baseball coach at a member school and also coaching the junior legion team in our town during last summer. The junior legion team consists of freshman and sophomores from multiple high schools. My question is, does my coaching the junior legion team last summer make me ineligible to be an unpaid assistant coach for the school baseball team this spring?

**A.: No. The member's provisions relating to summer coaching contact in the sport of baseball (as well as several other WIAA sponsored sports) allows baseball coaches to have contact in the summertime in non-school programs, above and beyond the allowed five days of unrestricted contact days. So long as the assembly of students does not resemble the school's team practicing and/or competing outside the season. Obviously, the final decision to hire a coach, whether paid or unpaid, rests within the authority of the member school.**

Q.: I am a parent of a soccer player. Many parents asked me what are the rules for a coach to have contact with a player during off season. Our school is under the WIAA rules. So is the soccer coach allowed to have contact with the soccer players during off season or not. The soccer season is always in the fall of each year.

**A.: Article I of the Rules At A Glance addresses coaching and coaches contact as our members have defined it. Soccer coaches are only allowed coaching contact - during the actual school season and for up to five days in the summertime.**

Q.: My boys basketball coach talked to me about working with the 8th grade group of boys. I told him that once school was done, the 8th graders would then fall under a normal high school student athlete and would fall under the five summer contact days. He is under the impression that because they haven't started high school, there is unlimited contact time. I really can't find it anywhere in the hand book.

**A.: The simple answer is JV and varsity coaches are allowed to have contact with students until they actually enter 9th grade. (See Art. I of the Rules At A Glance.) That being**

said, must caution about the sponsors/creators of such programming opportunities. (then read article II A and D) If that contact is taking place during the school year but outside of the actual school season – the opportunity needs to be created/provided by an entity other than the school.

Q.: We are in the process of hiring girl's soccer coaches for this spring and I have a few questions. Question: Can a coach be hired as a JV girl's soccer coach and remain a girl's U-16 summer league coach as well? A potential JV coaching candidate also coaches a girl's summer U-16 team made up of girls from the greater metro area. It is an open try out select team (of which in the summer of 2007 approximately four to five of the 18 to 20 girls on the team were from our school.) The coach would like to continue to coach summer soccer and also be considered for the JV position but only if he doesn't have to give up summer soccer.

**A.: To be clear: WIAA rules would not prevent coach from being both a school and club coach. However – outside of the actual school season and five days in the summer, coach may NOT have coaching contact with students from your school's team if he intends to return to your school and continue coaching.**

Q.: I have a question for you regarding coaching contact and eligibility in the off-season from my volleyball coach. "Is it a violation if an adult who volunteers and assists from time to time with both the varsity and JV team during the regular school season, works with the kids on the off-season? Wasn't sure if it relates only to paid coaches or not.

**A.: YES. Whether paid or volunteer, a coach is a coach, is a coach is a ... Have all your coaches read Art. I of the Rules At A Glance – it really is very clear.**

### Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: For the summer contact days in football, are coaches allowed to issue and practice in pads, helmet, etc?

**A.: Yes – so long as it has been approved/authorized by school board (Handbook, p. 28 Art. III). If you have not done this before, I recommend thoughtful discussion on the collection of equipment if issued: How to address re-issue. To recondition or not to recondition. Proper fitting. Acclimation.**

Q.: The basketball coaches in our conference are proposing a senior-based all-star game between divisions that they would like to play within two weeks after the basketball season. Is there any eligibility concerns for spring sports participation if these boys and girls play in this basketball game if this game is played at the desired timeline or do they need to wait until after the completion of the school year before they play this game?

**A.: The Rules of Eligibility (Senior High Handbook) Art. VI, Sect. 3B-4, p. 38-39, allow seniors to participate in post-season, all-star events without jeopardizing the next seasons' eligibility. Caution: Advise coaches, AD's to read carefully Bylaws Art. IV Sr. High Handbook, p. 28. These events can be organized by clubs and others, but member schools, their staff and employees should have awareness of this Bylaw..which limits involvement of AD's and coaches.**

Q.: I have a former volleyball player that is a junior in college and would like to hold a volleyball clinic at our high school on Sundays after spring break. She would like to open it to all interested middle and high school students. None of

our high school coaches would be involved with the clinic. Looking at the Handbook, I do not see where this would be illegal to do, but I wanted to check with you first. She has filled out the necessary paperwork with the school, but I have put this on hold until I hear from you.

**A.: Good call. Non-school persons and/or groups can use our member's facilities for private purposes. See II-A, II-C,3 of the Rules At A Glance. Also, text in Sr. High Handbook pgs. 37-38, Art. VI, Sect. 2A, 2C and 1. As a private business venture – this woman is a non school provider – just like a YMCA, e.g. Must advise the advertising for this opportunity can not be limited to just students in your school (best practice).**

Q.: I want to be sure I interpret Article VI, Section C-5 correctly. Does the note at the end provide for the school to cover the cost (or at least part of the cost) of a team camp, provided it is during the five contact days allowed during the summer? Does it have to be the school, or can it be an organization or individual covering the cost?

**A.: To begin, – see the text of II-F in the Rules At A Glance. It is also important to note that 'a school' can provide camp/training/clinic opportunities – for all interested students during the actual school season AND during the unrestricted contact days in the summer. What the boosters or others could do is to 'GIFT' the school (if your school board allows earmarked gifts of this kind) the school could then cover costs for any/all students interested in attending a team camp. The school would typically make an announcement to notify all interested 'girls' who might want to have access to a camp opportunity. All other camp/clinic/specialized training and instruction students wish to pursue must be covered 100 percent by student and family.**

Q.: I am running a small indoor soccer clinic for kids the next two weekends and was planning on having some of my high school kids help. My AD questioned whether or not it was "legal" as far as WIAA contact standards and I admit, I didn't consider it. While the high school kids will technically be working with me, it's more that we'll be in the same gym while they are playing with the kids. Is this a problem according to the WIAA for the girls who will be beginning the H.S. season within the next few weeks? I certainly hope not as this is a win-win fun way to get younger kids involved in soccer.

**A.: You have a wise AD and I'm glad you're working with her. There are several potential concerns held within your simple idea. There are several ways you could achieve your hoped for outcomes - within the rules the member schools have established. There are several ways you can step on a land mine and blow up.**

First, schools may not sponsor camps or clinics during the school year. Non-school groups are able to use school facilities in accordance with school policy. So a non-school sponsor needs to be identified. You may use HS students as clinicians, *in the summertime*. During the school year you are not allowed coaching contact except during the actual school season.

Q.: Two former high school coaches and one assistant coach at a suburban school were going to work with our kids on fundamentals of the Wing-T over a couple of Saturdays between basketball and track. Of course, no present coaches

(or former coaches) would be involved. This would be completely voluntary for the kids and open to all interested students. My question is, would it be legal to let the coaches use the high school gym or would they have to find a neutral site.

**A.: An acceptable non-school opportunity may not be limited/restricted based on school or team status (Sr. High Handbook, p. 38, Art. VI, Sect. 2C-1). The sponsor of this Wing-T camp will need to advertise more widely than just your school. School facilities can be rented/re-served by non-school providers in accordance with school district policy. (See IIA and C of attached) It is not uncommon for districts to require hold harmless agreements and proof of liability protection when activities of this nature are held. If you were to organize this opportunity - in the summer - and used it as part of your five unrestricted contact days, then the school could be involved and the camp could be limited if you wished, to just your students.**

### Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: Is there a WIAA policy or rule that would impact a high school student attending a camp/clinic during the academic year and prior to their participation in a particular sport that academic year? For example, our women's hockey coach is considering running a fall camp in September/October for high school students prior to the start of the high school girls' practice. Will high school girls be in any kind of violation if they choose to attend such a camp?

**A.: The simple answer is 'No.' If a student covered their own expenses and individually sought out a hockey camp or school – there would be no WIAA eligibility peril. There were two significant caveats contained in my response: First, students must cover their own expenses to camps and clinics at this time of year..and second, a 'team camp' format could pose peril for our member school – due to "the school's team assembling out side of the season." The member's rules allow kids to assemble in the summertime without school and/or coach involvement (e.g., captains practices). II-A and III-F & G might also be helpful.**

Q.: I am a varsity girl's basketball coach and I was just wondering what the regulations are if our booster club wanted to pay for athletic teams to go to a team camp? I know that I as a coach nor the school is allowed to pay but are there any restrictions from an outside source such as a booster club paying for players to go to camp? (I haven't asked ours yet - I wanted to get a ruling from the WIAA first.) Or does this infringe on a "sponsor" so to speak in that it would look like someone is sponsoring players to attend camp?

**A.: To begin, see the text of II-F in the Rules At A Glance. It is also important to note that 'a school' can provide camp/training/clinic opportunities – for all interested students during the actual school season AND during the unrestricted contact days in the summer. What the boosters or others could do is to 'GIFT' the school (if your school board allows earmarked gifts of this kind) the school could then cover costs for any/all students interested in attending a team camp. The school would typically make an announcement to notify all interested 'girls' who might want to have access to a camp opportunity. +**

# 2008 NFHS Baseball Rules Interpretations



Dave Anderson

**SITUATION 1:** With runners on first and second and no outs, the batter bunts a slow roller down the third-base line. The third baseman, seeing that he has no play on any of the runners, starts blowing on the ball from his hands and knees, trying to make the ball go foul. The ball eventually rolls into foul territory where it comes to rest.

**RULING:** This is a fair ball. The fielder is using artificial means to induce the ball to become foul. As soon as a fielder blew on the ball, it would be judged to be the same as if he had touched it. So, if the ball was on fair ground when he blew on it, the ball is fair; if the ball was over foul ground when he blew on it, it would be foul. (2-5-1, 2-16-1)

**SITUATION 2:** A sharp line drive is hit to the second baseman. The impact of the ball takes the glove off the second baseman's hand, and the glove lands on the ground with the ball still in the pocket of the glove. The second baseman retrieves the glove and takes the ball out of the pocket. Is this a catch or must the ball be thrown to first base in an attempt to record the out?

**RULING:** This is not a catch. To record the out on the batter-runner, the second baseman would need to throw the ball to first in an attempt to obtain the force out. A catch is an act of a fielder gaining secure possession in his hand or glove of a live ball in flight and firmly holding it. (2-9-1)

**SITUATION 3:** A fly ball hit deep to right field along the foul line hits the right fielder on the head. The ball then bounces off his head and, in flight, goes over the outfield fence, but does so on the foul side of the foul pole. Is this a home run?

**RULING:** No, this is a ground-rule double. A home run is a fair ball that goes over a fence in flight in fair territory. (8-3-4a)

**SITUATION 4:** With the bases loaded and two outs and a 3-2 count, the runners are off with the pitch. The pitch is ball four, but the runner from first slides into second and his momentum carries him over and past the base. The catcher makes a quick throw to second base and the tag is applied for the third out before the runner from third trots home and touches the plate. Does the run count?

**RULING:** Yes, the run does count. Each runner may, without liability to be put out, advance one base when he is forced to vacate his position on the bases due to the batter being awarded a base-on-balls. The runners advance past the bases to which they are entitled at their own risk. All runners are awarded one base, and as long as all the bases are touched appropriately, the run would count. (8-1-2a, 8-1-1c, Awards Table)

**SITUATION 5:** With runners on second and third, the batter receives ball four on a pitch that bounces in the dirt. The ball caroms off the catcher's shin guards and goes into the visiting team's dugout. What bases are to be awarded?

**RULING:** The batter is awarded first base due to the base-on-balls, and the runners are awarded one base due to the pitch entering a dead-ball area. At the end of the

awards, the batter-runner will be on first base, the runner from second will be on third, and the runner from third will have scored. (8-1-2a, 8-1-1c, 8-3-3d)

**SITUATION 6:** While on the pitcher's plate in the windup position, the pitcher has both hands at his side or both hands together in front of his body. He brings his pitching hand to his mouth and then distinctly wipes it off.

**RULING:** This is an illegal pitch. Each runner on base would be awarded one base. If the bases were empty, a ball would be awarded to the batter. (6-1-2 Penalty)

**SITUATION 7:** While on the pitching plate in the stretch position, the pitcher has the ball in his glove hand and his pitching hand is at his side or has hands together in front of his body. He brings his pitching hand to his mouth, distinctly wipes it off and returns it to his side.

**RULING:** This is an illegal pitch by the pitcher. A balk will be called if there are runners on base. If the bases are empty, a ball will be awarded to the batter. (6-1-3 Penalty)

**SITUATION 8:** While off the pitcher's plate, the pitcher goes to his mouth with his pitching hand, distinctly wipes it off and then legally engages the pitcher's plate.

**RULING:** This is legal. (6-1, 6-2-1e)

**SITUATION 9:** With (a) the bases empty, or (b) runners on first base and second base, the pitcher goes to his mouth with his pitching hand while off the pitcher's plate, but does not wipe it off. He next places his pitching hand on the ball.

**RULING:** In both (a) and (b), while off the pitching plate, the pitcher may request to have a new ball from the plate umpire with no penalty. If the pitcher, without having received a new ball from the plate umpire subsequently engages the pitcher's plate, a ball would be awarded to the batter. (6-2-1e Penalty)

**SITUATION 10:** The lineup submitted by the visiting team does not have any substitutes listed. In the second inning, the visiting team coach attempts to substitute for the center fielder. The coach of the home team complains that there were no substitutes listed, this is illegal.

**RULING:** This is legal. While it is encouraged and a benefit to both teams to have all substitutes listed on the line-up card, it is not mandatory. There is no penalty. The umpire-in-chief will allow the substitution and notify the opposing team and the official scorekeeper. (1-1-2, 10-2-3d, j)

**SITUATION 11:** Baker, who is not listed on the lineup card as a starter or as a substitute, comes in to play left field but does not report. When he comes to bat in the next half-inning, the opposing team argues that since he was not listed on the lineup and that since he did not report, he is an illegal substitute and cannot participate.

**RULING:** There is no penalty for not listing the substitutes and Baker may participate. As an unreported substitute, the umpire-in-chief will enter him on his lineup card and notify both teams and the

official scorer. (1-1-2, 2-36-2, 3-1-1)

**SITUATION 12:** As the pitcher moves to attempt a pickoff at first base, the first baseman drops his knee and entirely blocks the runner from getting back to first base.

**RULING:** This is obstruction. A fielder who is not in possession of the ball must provide the runner access to the base he is attempting to reach. The runner will be awarded second base for the obstruction. (2-22-3, 8-3-2)

**SITUATION 13:** Without the ball in possession, the catcher sets up in the base path, but does allow access to part of home plate. As the ball and the runner converge at home simultaneously, the runner contacts the catcher.

**RULING:** As long as the umpire judges that the catcher provided access to the plate for the runner, this is not obstruction. With the play in motion and the timing such that it is about to occur, a fielder may be in the base path without the ball, provided he allows the runner access to the base or home plate. (2-22-3)

**SITUATION 14:** With a lazy, one-hop single to the right fielder, the batter rounds first base with no intention or action of advancing to second base. As he takes a few easy strides past first base, he contacts the first baseman who is partially in his path.

**RULING:** Since the batter was making no attempt to advance to second base, the first baseman did not hinder him or change the pattern of the play. As a result, obstruction would not be called. Any benefit of the doubt would be given to the batter-runner if there was a question in the covering umpire's mind. (3-22-1)

**SITUATION 15:** With the pregame conference ready to begin, the home team head coach is in the bullpen and refuses to attend. He sends his assistant coach and a captain to be present. The assistant coach provides his team's lineup and verifies to the umpire-in-chief that his team is properly equipped.

**RULING:** The umpire-in-chief will accept the assistant coach's verification and conclude all needed activity at the pregame conference. The head coach will be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. (3-2-4 Penalty, 4-1-3a)

**SITUATION 16:** With the game time at hand, the head coach of the visiting team is caught in traffic and is not present at the field. The assistant coach represents the team at the pregame conference.

**RULING:** This is permissible. When the head coach arrives at the game, he may resume normal coaching activity. (3-2-4)

**SITUATION 17:** In the third inning, a substitute pitcher comes to relieve the starting pitcher. After a couple of pitches have been delivered, the umpire-in-chief notices that the reliever's glove has white on it.

**RULING:** The umpire shall have the pitcher remove the glove and obtain a legal one before he continues to pitch. (1-3-6)

**SITUATION 18:** With runners on second and third, the pitcher makes a great catch of a line drive hit back up the middle. The opposing coach notices that his glove has a large manufacturer's logo that is white. He complains to the umpire-in-chief.

**RULING:** Upon discovery, the glove used by the pitcher that includes the colors white and/or gray shall be removed. The out stands and there are no subsequent base awards. (1-3-6)

**SITUATION 19:** The umpire-in-chief notices that the head coach coaching at third base is not in the coach's box. The coach is not gaining an advantage or causing any problems.

**RULING:** There is no violation. If the umpire believes that the coach was gaining an advantage for his team, he would require the coach to be within the confines of the coach's box. (3-2-1)

**SITUATION 20:** With the bases empty, the visiting team is at bat and the assistant coach in the first base coach's box is wearing a dual flap helmet while the head coach in the third base coach's box is wearing a hard liner under his team cap. The home team coach complains to the umpire-in-chief that both coaches must wear the same type of protective helmet in accordance with MLB rules.

**RULING:** The NFHS has not mandated that adult coaches shall wear protective head gear while occupying a coach's box. It is the prerogative of the respective coach to wear such protective equipment. The NFHS is conducting research to determine if protective head gear should be required and, if so, which type (hard liner, flapless, one-flap, dual flap) would be most effective. However, it is mandatory that when occupying a coach's box, a coach shall wear the team cap and that players/students wear a batting helmet that meets the NOCSAE standard and has dual ear flaps. (3-2-1, 1-5-1, 1-4-1) +

## Wisconsin Track & Field Association State Indoor Championship

The 2008 W/TFA State Indoor Track and Field Championship will again be held on the campus of UW Whitewater, in the DLK/Kachel Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Coaches and athletic directors are encouraged to visit the W/TFA website at [www.wistfa.org](http://www.wistfa.org). Contracts, order of events, time schedule, records, and online entry form can be viewed beginning January 1. Coaches and AD's are encouraged to visit the website early. For any questions please contact Mark Maas @ 262-472-8326 or 262-473-2646. +

# ■ Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

## ASEP Course Offerings

Coaching Principles & Sport First Aid Quality Suites - Rockford, IL - March 30, 2008 - Contact Jeff Kyle 217-586-4799 or [thekyles@mchsi.com](mailto:thekyles@mchsi.com) +

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

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# ■ WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## Springtime is Busy Time for WADA Members

By Mike Bates

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Several key items are making the 2008 springtime a busy time for athletic directors from all around Wisconsin.

In addition to having two just-recently completed Educational Workshops featuring Dr. Greg Dale of Duke University, the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) will host a Strategic Planning weekend in April.

Also, each of the seven districts in the state will hold a Spring Caucus in April to address important topics that currently are facing athletic administrators, discuss items that will be in the forefront in the not-too-distant future, and to nominate a District Athletic Director of the year and a Distinguished Service Award winner. And, the schedule of courses to be offered in the summer and fall of 2008 via the Leadership Training Program will be announced soon.

The sessions presented by Dr. Dale, held in mid-March, were the first such workshops offered by the WADA. Individuals in attendance were basically from the greater Milwaukee area, Racine, Madison and the Fox Valley area for the sessions held in Milwaukee and Verona. Plans are to hold future Educational Workshops in other areas across the state, including the Fox Valley area, the western part of the state, and northern Wisconsin.

The focus of the Strategic Planning weekend is to enable the WADA to plan for the future direction for the organization, which is dedicated to serving athletic directors in Wisconsin. The 2-day event will be held at the WIAA Office in Stevens Point on April

25-26. Those invited will come from a group numbering about 35 – including current members of the WADA Executive Board, Past Presidents of the WADA, and current members of the WIAA Sports Advisory Committee.

Russ Gerke, principal at West De Pere High School, will be the facilitator for the "WADA Working Weekend." Bill Vickroy CAA of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln and WADA Past President, is the co-ordinator of the event, which has been planned by the WADA Board at numerous meetings during the past year.

The Leadership Training Program is a professional development education program established in 1996 by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). The purpose of the LTP is to promote the professional growth and prestige of athletic administrators, to provide education programs as a resource tool for athletic administrators, and to promote quality in all programs that are conducted at the national, state and local level.

A newly-formed WADA committee, which has been working on the LTP for Wisconsin, includes Don Dalton, retired of Wautoma; Bill Vickroy CAA of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln; Todd Sobrilsky of Green Bay West; Todd Fischer of Osseo-Fairchild; Mike Younggren of Wausau East, and, Scott Lindgren of Kenosha Schools.

More details regarding these items may be found on the WADA website, at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org).

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**May 16** . . . . . Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)

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**May 19-20** . . . . . Boys Tennis Subsectionals

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**May 21-22** . . . . . Boys Tennis Sectionals

**May 22** . . . . . Track & Field Sectionals

**May 22 & 24** . . . . . Girls Soccer Regionals

**May 23, 27, 28 & 30** . . . . . Spring Baseball Regionals

**May 26** . . . . . Memorial Day

**May 27-28** . . . . . Boys Golf Sectionals

**May 29** . . . . . Softball Sectionals

**May 29-30-31** . . . . State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)

**May 29 & 31** . . . . Girls Soccer Sectionals

**May 30-31** . . . . State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)

**June 2** . . . . . Officials License Reapplication Deadline

**June 2-3** . . . . . State Boys Golf Tournament (Madison)

**June 3** . . . . . Spring Baseball Sectionals

**June 5-6-7** . . . . . State Softball Tournament (Madison)

State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)

**June 6-7** . . . . . State Boys Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)

**June 9** . . . . . Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

**June 10-11-12** . . . . State Spring Baseball Tournament (Appleton)

**June 18-19** . . . . . Advisory Council Meeting

**June 19** . . . . . Board of Control Meeting

**July 17** . . . . . Media Day

**July 18 & 22** . . . . . Summer Baseball Regionals

**July 25** . . . . . Summer Baseball Sectionals

**July 30-31** . . . . . State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)

State Girls Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)

**Test Dates**

## Test Dates

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

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

### ACT - 2007-2008

Test Date	Late Registration
Regular Registration	Postmark Deadline
Postmark Deadline	(additional fee required)
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

### ACT - 2008-2009

#### Test Date

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

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