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## 2008 Board of Control and Advisory Council Election Results

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

### BOARD OF CONTROL

**District 3: Roger Foegen, Bangor** — Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2011 meeting.

**District 4: Jim Smasal, Winneconne** — Re-elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2011 meeting.

**District 6: Dean Sanders, Lake Mills** — Elected to a two-year term, expiring after the June 2010 meeting.

**Ethnic At-Large: Keith Posley, Milwaukee** — Elected to a three-year term, expiring after the June 2011 meeting.

**Gender At-Large: Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay** — Elected to a one-year term, expiring after the June 2009 meeting.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Large Schools: Gordon Sisson, Marshfield and Mike Younggren, Wausau East** — Sisson re-elected and Younggren elected to three-year terms, expiring after the June 2011 meeting.

**Medium Schools: Troy Gunderson, West Salem and Jeff Jacobson, Platteville** — Both re-elected to three-year terms, expiring after the June 2011 meeting.

**Small Schools: Brian Henning, New Auburn** — Re-elected to three-year terms expiring after the June 2011 meeting. +

## Board of Control and Advisory Council Special Election

A special election will take place for the following: District 2 representative on the Board of Control. This is a one-year term beginning with the August 8, 2008 meeting. One-year term for the Gender At-Large representative and three-year term for the Ethnic At-Large representative on the Advisory Council beginning with the October 16, 2008 meeting.

Eligible candidates are administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals or assistant high school principals of member senior high schools.

Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

At-large representative of ethnic minority origin as defined in the following: A person having origins of black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

The time line of the special election process is as follows:

**April 23, 2008** — Announce that declarations of candidacy will be accepted.

**May 12, 2008** — Deadline for filing declarations of intent to run.

**May 14, 2008** — If more than twice as many candidates file, a primary election will be held and the primary ballot mailed to schools on this date. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be sent on this date.

**May 28, 2008** — Deadline for returning primary election ballot. If a primary is not needed the general election ballot will be due back on this date.

**June 2, 2008** — If primary is needed, general election ballots will be sent.

**June 13, 2008** — If primary is needed, deadline for returning general election ballots.

Interested and eligible candidates should send a letter declaring their candidacy to the attention of Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. +

## IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

### REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

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

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

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

### SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

## WIAA Membership Passes Three Amendments at its Annual Meeting

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association membership voted to pass three amendments and make several editorial revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its 113th Annual Meeting held April 23 in Wausau.

The membership was also presented with a number of issues requiring the membership's continued attention in the future. Executive Director Doug Chickering reviewed a number of those topics with the membership in his State of the Association address.

"We have to be advocates for education-based athletics with the number of national programs emerging focused only on the elite," said Chickering. "Our kids deserve more games and more coach/athlete contact. We need to work in that direction and focus on raising the funds necessary, but at the same time maintain institutional control that is necessary for the WIAA to be successful."

The three changes to the Bylaws include an amendment that removes the restriction or need of a WIAA waiver for schools participating in approved reg-

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# 2008 Annual Meeting Director’s Report



Doug Chickering

The Director’s Report is being presented in a different slot on the agenda this year. In doing so, it is hoped my comments will set the table for Old and New Business exchanges. In the past, the Director’s Report was altered as a result of Old and New Business discussions. The Open Forum has been scrapped; any opinions, questions, or concerns should be presented during New Business. There will be a call for any announcements prior to adjournment.

This is a day when the membership speaks. The games boys and girls play have tremendous influence in all of our neighborhoods, towns, villages and cities. The attendance we have today, the 113th Annual Meeting of the WIAA, reflects the passion we have for retaining athletics in schools. That interest is made even more meaningful by the presence of John Roberts and Matt Otte, attending their 52nd and 51st consecutive Annual Meetings, respectively. We’re indebted to them, as we are to all former Board, Advisory Council, and committee members who have so willingly given their time to help the Association grow and flourish.

My thoughts today will be directed at ongoing initiatives that will frame the future of the WIAA. Your reactions during Old and New Business will help guide the staff and Board.

## Television & Internet

This is the most rapidly escalating feature of our public information initiatives. Who would have ever thought there would be a WIAA.tv? Quincy Newspapers, Inc., (QNI) owns the rights to the over-the-air telecasts (basketball and hockey) and When We Were Young Productions (WWWY) has kept us on the cutting edge of present-day technology. Next February, digital high definition television will add varying channel tiers within each present commercial analog station. There will be cries for more local programming. High school sports will be targeted. The QNI and WWWY contracts expire in 2010 and 2015, respectively. Both companies have been loyal to the WIAA. I urge that every consideration be given them as we venture forward. Preps on the Net.com has become a player; similar providers are likely waiting in the wings.

## Facilities Contracts

Our state tournaments are probably in the best facilities available in Wisconsin. We value those relationships and our attention has to focus on keeping them affordable, not on seeking alternate venues. The financial impact we have on communities hosting tournaments has to be part of an aggressive selling package so that more support comes from the silent ranks of those who profit from our presence. The new contract with UW-Madison will bring the girls basketball tournament back to the Kohl Center at least through 2013. The winter tournament schedule will last one week longer, and a state tournament-free weekend will occur the week immediately preceding the boys basketball tournament. Also, the boys state volleyball tournament will move from Waukesha West High School to Wisconsin Lutheran College this fall.

## Partnerships

Relationships with affiliated organizations are sound. Working relationships with the directors of the Wisconsin School Music Association and the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association have been re-established. The liaison status afforded the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association keeps us in touch with necessary allies. In addition, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators and the School Administrators Alliance have always been willing partners upon request. Those relationships can only be maintained through face-to-face contacts and participation in education programs. That cannot be understated. Contacts with Special Olympics Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation, sponsor of the Badger State Games, are also beneficial.

Lastly, the relationship this assembly endorsed in 2003 with the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches (WACPC)

has met its intents and purposes. One question has to be asked, though. Does the membership take advantage of what the WACPC has to offer? A recent newspaper article, in a report about an injury during cheer activities, quoted an area coach saying, “I’ve never gotten anything from the WIAA. I don’t think my athletic director has either.” Nothing could be further from the truth. The National Federation’s Spirit Rules Book is directed at athlete safety and coaches education. For these two purposes, the WACPC holds fall rules meetings just as the WIAA does for its sports. The WACPC also follows up on conduct issues. The WIAA recognizes WACPC championships as state titles. Its championships provide multiple levels or competition, varsity and nonvarsity. Co-ed teams are permitted to participate and seasons have flexible starting and ending dates. To all, I say, “The model is there; use it!”

## Divisional Placements

In the days immediately preceding my appointment as the WIAA’s fourth Executive Director, John Roberts placed a letter before me from Senator Gary George, Milwaukee. Senator George wanted “joint state tournaments” in football and basketball between WIAA and WISAA champions. John suggested it most appropriate for me to respond. I listed five reasons for rejecting the suggestion: (1) there are different classes of competition in the two associations, (2) seasons would have to be extended in football and basketball and would negatively impact winter and spring sports, (3) such an endeavor exploits student-athletes, (4) attendance boundaries are different for non-public schools than public schools, and (5) there are no educational values to a joint tournament.

That was just the beginning. Sen. George used his considerable influence on the Joint Finance Committee to write a provision into the state budget bill that would have required the Department of Public Instruction to certify state high school athletic associations and that certification would require membership for nonpublic schools. Despite lobbying at the caucus level, the language remained in the budget bill that was passed into law. Governor Thompson line-item vetoed it, but a similar tactic was repeated in 1991 and again in 1995. Again gubernatorial line-item vetoes prevented the clause from being enacted into law, but the mood was cast; it was apparent that the issue would have to be dealt with by the two organizations or legislation would prevail.

During those three windows of discussion, the WIAA pretty much stood alone in defending its membership requirements. Other groups were reluctant to gamble any of their legislative chips, feeling there were more compelling needs than interscholastic athletics. That is not a criticism; it is an alert.

Though steps were put in place to allow WISAA schools to participate in selected WIAA tournaments, a WISAA membership poll led to its Board voting to dissolve and cease operations in 2000. This happened in January, 1996. A broad-based ad hoc committee was established to create the “new” WIAA, an organization with membership options for nonpublic schools. In successive Annual Meetings in 1997, 1998 and 1999, the membership approved amendments to establish institutional membership and athlete eligibility, transfer and foreign student provisions, and member school education initiatives, respectively.

Divisional placement was the final piece of the puzzle to be put in place. That was a prerogative of the Board of Control. It wasn’t accomplished without debate. Four options were considered, (1) a proportional separation, (2) application of a multiplier to increase the enrollments of nonpublic schools, (3) moving nonpublic schools up one division from where their enrollment would otherwise place them, and (4) a face-value placement of all schools, public and nonpublic. The fourth option was ultimately selected. The ad hoc committee had continually advised that all schools be treated in similar fashions. That theory prevailed but not without dissent.

After seven years, a general impression held by the public is that the religious and independent schools hold an advantage over the public schools, especially in Divisions 2 & 3. We’ll examine the impact of open enrollment, but first let’s look at a first step taken – the post-fourth semester transfer rule.

The WIAA’s expanded membership, including religious and independent schools, coupled with public school open enrollment, has made transfers more common. The influence of non-school programs makes a higher level of scrutiny necessary. Summer program influences can’t be ignored. Let club opportunities serve the all-star desires of advocates for only the most talented. Schools and communities are allies. The pride a community takes in its school can’t be matched. To undermine the integrity of a community-school alliance to benefit the athletic pursuits of a small group of athletes is, at best, a questionable practice. It is often forgotten that transfer students displace students with a past and present status on a team.

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rule. To date, 179 transfer waivers have been requested; 152 have been granted. The Board has judiciously applied due diligence in appeals hearings. The future will be more telling, but I think the change has met a reasonable standard and can be considered successful. Because of their dynamic enrollment patterns, several religious and independent school representatives objected to the transfer rule. They were advised that, in its absence, an enrollment multiplier was a realistic option. There appears to be an understanding of the need for the rule from that membership set. To preserve the integrity of the rule, the Wakefield hearing decision has to be appealed.

In October, 2006, the Board of Control, on a 7 – 4 vote, adopted a three-part incremental staff recommendation outlined as follows:

- 1) Any school may be allowed to play up one division in any sport from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is made by prescribed deadlines.
- 2) Any school will be placed up one division for the first two years of eligibility for basketball tournament play.
- 3) Schools appearing in a state basketball tournament will not be placed in a smaller school division the following year even if a decline in enrollment would have so placed them.

To date, none of the three provisions has been applied. In 2006, in an attempt to develop a profile of religious and independent schools, a survey was conducted. Sixty-four of 70 schools responded. The following quantifiable benchmarks were identified: (1) forty-nine were founded prior to 1975 and 7 have been created in the last 10 years, (2) annual tuition payments range from \$1,875 to \$29,750 with an average of \$6,553, (3) in those institutions with affiliated K-8 units, 72% of the 9-12 students came through those systems, and (4) sixty-two percent of the total student bodies participate in athletics. It was also learned that both the percentage of those granted financial aid and the average amounts granted were greater for the general student bodies than for athletes. I was disappointed to learn that only 13 of the respondents indicated that an external agency determined financial aid.

As I work toward closure, a multi-year statistical analysis of public school open enrollment participation levels and K-12 enrollment trends in religious and independent schools has to be developed. All sports and all divisions must be part of the database. Our Constitution has a uniformity clause. Let’s apply it. Quantifiable data that can guide us might be population areas and total percentage participation levels of the total enrollment. Factoring a conference average size dimension into enrollment determinations might also be considered.

If a defense is necessary, we’ll have to call upon our affiliated partners to help tell our story. Legislative “chips” may have to be sacrificed.

In addition, I have a “bucket list”. As stories come forward about recruiting, I log them. Recently a father told me was approached by an assistant coach from a religious and independent school who told him if the coach at the school his son was likely to attend was not fired, he should transfer, and added, “We would love to have him.”

If the athlete shows up at the school in question, an investigation will follow. If you have anything you would like to place in the bucket, let me know.

## Charter Schools

Charter schools will likely emerge as a topic of discussion later today. A new federal law or new federal regulations appear to be at odds with WIAA interpretations. Schools are chartered, at least in part, to avoid regulation. The WIAA is a rules driven association of schools. The mission of charter schools as a whole, and the purposes of the WIAA are fundamentally at odds. How do we compromise our differences? More discussion is needed. The Board will address charter schools at its May meeting. The WIAA has a history of trying to find ways to make athletes eligible, not ineligible. If we can retain standards of uniformity and avoid manipulation of enrollments, middle ground may be found on the eligibility issues surrounding alternative schools chartered by our member institutions.

## Drug Testing

Drug testing has been an issue with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the Wisconsin State Senate. The Mitchell Report will continue to bring scrutiny to high school standards associated with food supplements. In 2006, the membership adopted an amendment requiring a membership education program directed at the risks and adverse effects of performance enhancing substances. That followed drug education workshops, Medical Advisory Committee statements in the Medical Policies and Procedures Manual, Bulletin articles and numerous distributions of posters and other printed materials.

We have provided you with a list of banned substances and a power point DVD directed at diet education. Make the initiatives known. It is irresponsible not to let all staff members and the general public know that the programs are in place and can serve several curriculum needs. To do otherwise will encourage actions by others.

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## Spring Sport Deadlines Approaching

Just a reminder that June 1, 2008 is the deadline for spring sport co-op applications and renewals, deadline for schools adding a “new” spring sport for the spring of 2009, and the deadline for schools to opt up one division in a spring sport. ➦

## Middle Level Council Openings

Openings on the Middle Level Advisory Council will exist in the following positions for the 2008-09 school year. District 1 representative, District 4 representative, District 6 representative, Ethnic At-Large representative and Non-Public School At-Large representative.

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

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

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

The Middle Level Council includes a representative from each

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

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





# OFFICIALS



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

## Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:briankenney98@yahoo.com)

### EWOA/RLOA L1-L3 OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 9, 2008  
Site: Racine Case High School  
Contact: Jeff Stern 262-632-8855 or 262-639-8404

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jamos@charter.net) or [djameson@soderholmfoods.com](mailto: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](mailto:jhoch13@hotmail.com) +

## Director's Report

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#### Season Placements

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MSHAA) has been in litigation challenging its sports season placements for more than seven years. Case reviews went as high as the U.S. Supreme Court. The MHSAA was unsuccessful in its attempts to keep girls basketball in the fall and girls volleyball in the winter. Four other sports offered in different seasons for boys than for girls were also considered – tennis, golf, soccer, and swimming & diving. Wisconsin has those four in different seasons, also. Of the four, the boys have the preferred season in three of them.

The MHSAA was recently hit with a \$7,400,000 judgment for legal fees associated with the case. Its options are to appeal and/or file for protection from creditors.

As we consider change in season placements, let the \$7.4 urge us towards a more peaceful solution. Perhaps we can envision 7,400,000 reasons to change.

#### Governance

Participation in our election processes this spring left a lot to be desired. We had one Advisory Council position that drew no candidates, one with no competition, and two with one more candidate than there were seats to be filled. One Board of Control seat was filled following a primary and the three others all listed only one candidate. One candidate was elected with less than half the eligible schools bothering to vote. The strength of this organization has always been its representative governance model.

As we head into 2008-09, five of the eleven Board members will be new to their responsibilities. A word or two about those departing – Jerry Jones was the WASB's appointee to the Board. He lost his seat on the Seneca Board of Education so he cannot continue. Jim McCartney, Horicon, has offered a practical approach to issues and advocated compliance with rules absent emotion. Peg Ekedahl, Milton, has often thought she "overstepped her bounds". That's an unnecessary concern because of her ability to bridge what might be other than athletic applications to athletic applications. She sees things for what they are, and

does so without emotion. Aquine Jackson has a passion for balance and is a kid advocate. He believes results are more important than procedures. Gus Mancuso had a tremendous influence on today's meeting. An experienced building administrator, he has an admirable sense of integrity that guides his every action. As a hearing officer, he has few peers. He likes authority but does not flaunt it. We will miss all five of these individuals next year.

Likewise, we salute those who serve on the Advisory Council, Sports Advisory Committee, and standing and ad hoc Committees. Don Tolkacz is the only departing member of the Advisory Council with Mary Pfeiffer and Keith Posley moving into Board seats.

The special election that follows will pick one Board of Control member and two Advisory Council members. I urge participation as both candidates and voters.

We have been leaders at national levels – a founding state, scholar-athlete recognition, weight management, and gender and minority seats in governance structures just to name a few. Earlier, I talked about public school-nonpublic school issues, drug testing, cheer competition, facilities, charter schools, governance and season placements.

Right now there are forces emerging that present a bigger challenge than any mentioned so far. Bigger problems may come from want-to-be national bodies. The US Soccer Academy distributed this memo to affiliates, "Recently, we have information that some of your Academy player plan to participate with their high school teams despite the agreement between U.S. Soccer and your club. One of the core principles of the Academy is to reduce the number of games and increase the number of training sessions for the nation's elite youth soccer players. Having players participate in high school games ..... is inconsistent with this key Academy principle and will jeopardize our club's standing in the Academy."

And, there's more. USA Football would like national governing body status to further its intent to offer summertime all-star games featuring students entering their senior year. The NBA and the NCAA

are considering a limited liability corporation to further a joint interest on youth basketball. The Junior US Olympics has like designs on elite athletes as do a number of single interest camps like the recently announced Nike LeBron James US Skills Academy. If the elite were so easily identified these efforts might not be worthy of mention, but they're not. Kids will follow their dreams, realistic or not. The impact on high school sports participation could be severely threatened. Will this challenge the existence of education-based athletics? Will our state tournaments as the showcases for school, communities and neighborhoods wither? We should never apologize for developing the abilities of elite athletes, but our goals go far beyond scholarships and trophies.

I urge all of you to look at a bigger role for our schools in athletic management. If we let the responsibilities for high school sports fall into the hands of those with the dollars, we're violating the purposes and principles upon which this organization was founded in 1896. None of us can accomplish this alone; we need each other. As a staff, as a Board, as an Advisory Council and as a Sports Advisory Committee, we're ready to lead. We have to advocate for our programs. Our kids deserve more games, more coach athlete contact. Let's direct attention to the costs and ways to pay for increased programs.

I suggest we revisit a concept introduced at last year's annual meeting calling for local foundations to fund high school sports while at the same time retaining the institutional control we expect our schools to exercise. More advice and counsel will follow on how to do this. Perhaps WADA's soon to begin Strategic Plan and its convention in November can help us advance to idea. Some guidelines have been developed and will be available soon.

Let's continue these discussions in the Old and New Business discussions that follow.

I'm indebted to all of you. I've had opportunities few could even dream about. Each of you and those preceding you are responsible for the respect the WIAA enjoys in Wisconsin. Thanks for listening. +

## Annual Meeting

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ular-season events sponsored by a non-school provider if consent is given by the respective school boards or governing bodies. The measure passed by a 302-8 vote.

Also passed was an amendment that requires schools to provide parents with the Association's Rules of Eligibility each year and mandating a signature to acknowledge they have received the information. This is an additional attempt to further familiarize them with the membership's eligibility requirements. The membership approved the amendment by a 259-50 vote.

By a 303-6 margin, the membership approved an amendment that reflects a current interpretation of the transfer rules. The measure prevents a loophole in the determination of residency for public school students within student populations.

The membership also approved 10 editorial changes by a 227-80 margin, including one to the Constitution, four to the Bylaws, and five to the Rules of Eligibility. Editorial changes are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules. Because of the number of editorial changes, there was some interest expressed to have each item voted on individually.

Other significant topics addressed were cooperative programs; divisional placements; performance enhancing substances education; State Tournament facility agreements; the Association's representative governance; new media; conference realignment; the positive relationships that exists with other education-based associations, most notably, the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches; and the efforts and motives of providers for only the elite and most talented student-athletes.

A total of 412 delegates from 341 schools were in attendance. The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 505 senior high schools and 117 junior high/middle-level schools in its membership. It currently sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. +

# State Tournament Time Schedules

## 2008 Boys & Girls Track & Field State Tournament Time Schedule Memorial Stadium – UW-La Crosse ORDER OF EVENTS AND TIME SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 30

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

### Division 1 Schedule

**All Field Events Start At 9:30 a.m. (except pole vault: 10 a.m.)**  
Discus – Girls (South Circle)  
High Jump – Girls and Boys (West/East)  
Long Jump – Boys (South Runway)  
Pole Vault – Girls (10 a.m.) (North or South)  
Shot Put – Boys (11 a.m. starting time for competition) (West Circle)  
Triple Jump – Girls (North Runway)  
Note: Warm-ups – (a) 10 minutes of warm-up between flights, (b) 10 minutes of warm-up between trials and finals.

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

There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.  
3200 Meter Relay – Girls  
100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Girls/Boys  
100 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys  
1600 Meter Run – Boys  
800 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys  
400 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys  
400 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys  
300 Meter Hurdles – Girls/Boys  
800 Meter Run – Boys  
200 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys  
3200 Meter Run – Girls  
1600 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys

### Divisions 2 & 3 Schedule

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition  
8:30 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes  
2 p.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups  
2:55 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies

**All Field Events Start At 3 p.m. (except pole vault: 3:15 p.m.)**  
Discus – Division 3 Boys followed by Division 2 Boys (North Circle)  
High Jump – Division 2 Girls and Division 3 Girls (West/East)  
Long Jump – Division 3 Girls followed by Division 2 Girls (South Runway)  
Pole Vault – Division 2 Boys and Division 3 Boys (3:15 p.m. start) (Middle/North or South)  
Shot Put – Division 2 Girls followed by Division 3 Girls (East Circle)  
Triple Jump – Division 2 Boys followed by Division 3 Boys (North Runway)  
Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) 10 minutes of warm-up between flights, and (c) 10 minutes of warm-up between trials and finals.

### All Running Events Start At 3 p.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.  
3200 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls  
100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
100 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
1600 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Boys  
800 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
400 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys

400 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
300 Meter Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
800 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Boys  
200 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
3200 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Girls  
1600 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys  
**Saturday, May 31**  
8 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Coaches and athletes may check-in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition  
9 a.m. – Coaches may pick up team envelopes  
9 a.m. – Stadium open for warm-ups  
10:25 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies

**All Field Events Start at 10:30 a.m. (except boys pole vault: 11 a.m. and girls pole vault: 10:45 a.m.)**  
Discus – Division 3 Girls (South Circle) 1 p.m. warm-up for Division 2 Girls (South Circle), and Division 1 Boys (North Circle)  
High Jump – Division 2 Boys, followed by Division 3 Boys (Middle)  
Long Jump – Division 1 Girls (Southeast), and Division 3 Boys, followed by Division 2 Boys (Southwest)  
Pole Vault – Division 1 Boys, and Division 3 Girls, followed by Division 2 Girls  
Shot Put – Division 1 Girls (East Circle), and Division 2 Boys (West Circle), 1 p.m. warm-up for Division 3 Boys (West Circle)  
Triple Jump – Division 1 Boys (Northwest Runway), and Division 2 Girls, followed by Division 3 Girls (North-east Runway)  
Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break between groups, (b) 10 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (c) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

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

## 2008 Boys Tennis State Tournament Time Schedule Nielsen Stadium, Madison INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

### Thursday, May 29

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

### Friday, May 30

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

### Saturday, May 31

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

### TEAM TOURNAMENT

### Friday, June 6

5:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal Matches  
**Division 1 State Pairings:**  
**Upper Bracket**  
Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #6, Sectional #4 vs. Sectional #5  
**Lower Bracket**  
Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #7, Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #8  
**Saturday, June 7**  
9 a.m. – Divisions 1-2 Semifinal Matches  
**Division 2 State Pairings:**  
**Upper Bracket**  
Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #2  
**Lower Bracket**  
Sectional #3 vs. Sectional #4  
2 p.m. – Divisions 1 and 2 Championship Matches  
**Ticket Prices \$6 Student/Adult**

## 2008 Boys Golf State Tournament Time Schedule University Ridge – Madison

### Monday, June 2

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

### Tuesday, June 3

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

## 2008 Girls Soccer State Tournament Time Schedule Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee

### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 5 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner  
**2 p.m. (Upper Bracket)**  
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner  
**5 p.m. (Lower Bracket)**  
Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner  
**7 p.m. (Lower Bracket)**  
Game 4 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

### Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 6 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 5 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner  
**2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)**  
Game 6 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

### Division 2 Semifinals – Friday, June 6 12 noon (Upper Bracket)

Game 7 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner  
**2 p.m. (Lower Bracket)**  
Game 8 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner

### Division 1 Semifinals – Friday, June 6 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Game 9 – Winner of 12 noon game vs. Winner of 2 p.m. game  
Game 10 – Winner of 5 p.m. game vs. Winner of 7 p.m. game

### Championships – Saturday, June 7 Division 3 Championship – 10 a.m. Division 2 Championship – 12 noon Division 1 Championship – 2 p.m.

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

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



## 2008 Softball State Tournament Time Schedule

### Madison – Goodman Diamond

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 5 – 9 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner  
Game 2 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner (approx. 11 a.m.)

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Thursday, June 5 – 1:30 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner  
Game 4 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

#### Division 1 Semifinals – Thursday, June 5 – 6 p.m.

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

#### Division 4 Semifinals – Friday, June 6 – 9 a.m.

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

#### Division 3 Semifinals – Friday, June 6 – 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

#### Division 4 Championship Game – Saturday, June 7 – 10 a.m.

#### Division 3 Championship Game – Saturday, June 7 – 12:30 p.m.

#### Division 2 Championship Game – Saturday, June 7 – 3 p.m.

#### Division 1 Championship Game – Saturday, June 7 – 5:30 p.m.

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

## 2008 Spring Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

### Appleton – Fox Cities Stadium

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 10 – 8 a.m. (Upper Bracket)

Game 1 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner  
Game 2 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner

#### Division 1 Quarterfinals – Tuesday, June 10 – 1 p.m. (Lower Bracket)

Game 3 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner  
Game 4 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

#### Division 1 Semifinals – Tuesday, June 10 – 6 p.m.

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

#### Division 4 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 11 – 8 a.m.

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

#### Division 3 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 11 – 1 p.m.

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

#### Division 2 Semifinals – Wednesday, June 11 – 6 p.m.

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

#### Division 4 Finals – Thursday, June 12 – 9 a.m.

#### Division 3 Finals – Thursday, June 12 – Noon

#### Division 2 Finals – Thursday, June 12 – 3 p.m.

#### Division 1 Finals – Thursday, June 12 – 6 p.m.

**Ticket Prices \$6 Child/Student/Adult**

## Track & Field Questions & Answers

Marcy Thurwachter



Note: You may be aware that a pole vault fatality occurred in the State of Washington earlier this month. Diligence and adherence to NFHS and WIAA rules and regulations are imperative. Officials, coaches, and athletes must follow the rules to insure that athletes may compete in the safest environment possible.

**Question 1:** Are the specifications for the discus cage, page 80 of the NFHS Rule Book, required? Which of the two diagrams should we use?

**Answer:** The specifications are **SUGGESTED**. The requirements can be found in Rule 6-4-6; "The use of a protective cage is required. For portable or permanent installation there shall be a rear to the cage as well as sides that extend forward at least to the front of the ring. It is recommended that the cage be constructed of heavy nylon netting or other material that will absorb the energy of the discus to prevent bounce back." For risk minimization purposes, schools are encouraged to use the diagram with the sides extended an additional 8-9 feet from the current end posts.

**Question 2:** I see that Hy-Tek has a new version out. Will our old version still work?

**Answer: Yes, but Hy-Tek will be dropping all technical support for this version. You should be running version 1.2Lb or the newer version, 2.0. To upgrade to 1.2Lb you can go to the download center on the Hy-Tek website; www.hyteklltd.com If you are interested in purchasing 2.0 contact Bruce Whiting at 651-261-6329.**

**Question 3:** Is it legal for a thrower to use spray adhesive on his hands?

**Answer:** This question was posed to the NFHS and their interpretation was that this is legal.

**Question 4:** There are types of undergarments that have contrasting colored stitching. Does this make them illegal because the undergarment is no longer solid colored?

**Answer:** From the NFHS; Legal. "The contrasting thread in this situation serves a functional purpose in the basic construction of the garment. It is not a design sewn onto the garment."

**Question 5:** At a recent meet during the high jump competition the meet referee al-

lowed the high jump bar to be lowered a) when an athlete returned from his event OR b) within a five alive group. Is this legal?

**Answer: Illegal. The only time the bar may be lowered is during a jump-off to break a tie for first place (Rule 7-3-2b4) or during the State Tournament Series to determine state qualifiers.**

**Question 6:** Where on the WIAA website can I find the Honor Roll?

**Answer: The WIAA does not maintain the Honor Roll. The web address for the boys is www.wissports.net and for the girls is www.wisconsintrackonline.com.**

**Question 7:** Where can I find the Jewelry Report?

**Answer: The Jewelry Report is only for Cross Country. In track, officials do not need to notify the WIAA. The meet referee handles the administration of jewelry violations at each meet.**

**Question 8:** Does the jewelry warning also apply to illegal uniforms?

**Answer: No. Athletes found wearing illegal uniforms as defined by the NFHS Rule Book will be disqualified for that event. +**

# Games Wanted

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

## FALL

### Cross Country

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 28 or 29, 2008** - Berth in invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for invitational. Merrill - Pete Miller 715-536-4594 ext. 3024 or pete.miller@maps.k12.wi.us. (4-4)

**Sept. 23, 2008** - Teams for relay meet. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

### Football

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 23, 2008** - Teams for 4-team varsity/JV scrimmage. Delavan-Darien - Wayne fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@ddschools.org. (4-8)

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

**Oct. 23, 2008** - Varsity game. Ashland - Sandy Swanson 715-682-7836. (4-1)

**Oct. 22, 2009** - Varsity game. Flambeau - Norm Ross 715-532-3183 ext 274. (4-16)

#### GENERAL

**2008 (Week 1)** - Game. Sheboygan Falls - Lisa Bocchini 920-467-7890 ext. 3137. (4-17)

**2008 (Week 3)** - JV game. Ozaukee - Lee Baldwin 262-692-2453 ext. 437. (4-10)

**2009 (Weeks 1 & 2)** - Game (2-year contract). Antioch Community High School (IL) - Steve Schoenfelder 847-838-7630 or sschoenfelder@sequoits.com. (4-22)

**2009 (Weeks 1 & 3)** - Varsity/game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 1)** - Varsity game, prefer away in 2009. Coleman - Jeff Bronson 920-897-2291 ext. 126. (4-2)

**2009 & 2010 (Weeks 1 & 2)** - Varsity/JV games. Brookfield Central - Doug Lange 262-785-3910 ext. 373 or langed@elmbookschool.org. (4-18)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 2)** - Game. Richland Center - Rachel Kerian 608-647-8603. (4-18)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 2)** - Varsity game. Platteville - Greg Quam quam@platteville.k12.wi.us. (4-1)

**2009 & 2010 (Week 7)** - Varsity/JV/frosh games. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

### Boys Soccer

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Teams for freshmen tournament. Whitefish Bay - John Gustavson 414-963-3972 or john.gustavson@wfb-schools.com. (4-7)

**Oct. 4, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational (3 games). Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-6208 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity matches. Phillips - Paul Feuerer 715-339-2141 or pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us. (4-7)

**2008** - JV/freshman games. Watertown - John Kasha 920-262-7502 or kashaj@watertown.k12.wi.us. (4-1)

### Girls Swimming & Diving

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Oct. 11, 2008** - Teams for varsity invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

### Girls Tennis

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 30 or Sept. 13, 2008** - Meet (home or away). Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179. (4-24)

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Varsity team for invitational. Wis. Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Varsity/JV matches. Wilmot Union - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

**2008** - Dual meet or entry in invitational. Badger (Lake Geneva) - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (4-4)

### Girls Volleyball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Aug. 21, 2008** - Team for 8-team tournament. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-23)

**Aug. 23, 2008** - Team for quad. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-23)

**Aug. 23, 2008** - Teams for varsity scrimmage. Marshall - Elizabeth Bogard 608-655-1310 ext. 503 or Elizabeth\_bogard@marshall.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

**Aug. 30, 2008** - Teams for 8-team invitational. Janesville Craig - Camilla Owen 608-743-6120 or 608-751-0175. (4-23)

**Sept. 13, 2008** - Teams for invitational. Monona Grove - Jeff Schreiner 608-221-7417 or jeff\_schreiner@mononagrove.org. (4-1)

**Sept. 23, 2008** - Team for varsity/JV/freshman triangular. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Sept. 26, 2008** - Teams for JV tournament. Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (4-16)

**Sept. 27, 2008** - Teams for freshman tournament and one more team for varsity tournament. Racine Park - Julie Rupnow 262-619-4481 or julierup@hotmail.com. (4-16)

**Sept. 30, 2008** - JV team for quad tournament. Germantown - Jack Klebesadel 262-253-3400 or Steve Showalter zajak88@wi.rr.com. (4-9)

**Oct. 4, 2008** - Team for varsity tournament. Catholic Central (Burlington) - Paul Deacon 262-763-1510 or pdeacon@cchs-net.org. (4-1)

**Oct. 18, 2008** - Team for varsity/JV invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

#### GENERAL

**2008** - Games. Abundant Life Christian - Lesly Verbeten 608-221-1520 ext. 332 or lverbeten@mail.lakecitychurch.org. (4-17)

**2008** - Varsity/JV/freshman game. Lady-smith - Chris Poradish 715-532-5531 ext. 278 or cporadish@lhsd.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**2008** - Varsity/JV/freshman dual matches or invitationals. Delavan-Darien - Wayne Fell 262-728-2642 ext. 4451 or wfell@dd-schools.org. (4-8)

## WINTER

### Boys Basketball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 22, 24 or 25, 2008** - Scrimmage (home or away). Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-927-3894 or vesperman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**Dec. 2 or 4, 2008** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Sun Prairie - Deb Harbort 608-834-6715 or dmharbo@spasd.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Dec. 18, 2008** - Game (away). Lake Mills - Cale Vogel - 920-648-2355 or cale.vogel@lakemills.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**Dec. 19, 2008** - Varsity/JV game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Varsity/JV/freshman teams for tournament. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (4-16)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Team for varsity/JV tournament. St. Thomas More - Terry Benter 414-481-8370 ext. 102 or tbenter@tmore.org. (4-4)

**Jan. 22, 23, 26, 27, 2009** - Varsity/JV game. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8464 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Freshman teams for tournament. Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-927-3894 or vesperman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**Feb. 6 or 7, 2009** - Varsity game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

#### GENERAL

**2008-09** Berth in holiday tournament. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (4-23)

**2008-09** - Games (all three levels). Milwaukee Hamilton - Jim Bruton 414-327-9351. (4-22)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman games. Central Wis. Christian - Mark Vander Werff 920-296-7095 or mvwerff@yahoo.com. (4-18)

**2008-09** - Games. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman game. Sheboygan Falls - Eric Spielman 920-803-7679 or espielman@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Wis. Career Academy - Joseph Hansen 414-483-2117 ext. 129 or Hansen@wiscca.org. (4-14)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman games. Sturgeon Bay - Gary Rabach 920-746-1830 or jrabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**2008-09** - Scrimmage. Port Washington - Eric Burke 262-268-5511. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Game. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshmen game (home). Oconomowoc - Kurt Melton - kurt.melton@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Game (all levels). Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV game or varsity/JV/freshman game. Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-6208 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**2008-09** - Freshmen game. Oak Creek - Bernie Lindner 414-768-6260 ext. 7640 or b.lindner@oakcreek.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Berth in JV 2-game tournaments. Hamilton - Andy Cerruni 262-946-2045 or cerrand@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (4-7)

### Girls Basketball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Nov. 28-29, 2008** - Teams for varsity tournament. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**Dec. 22-23, 2008** - Varsity/JV/freshman teams for tournament. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**Dec. 29, 2008** - JV team for 4-team invitational. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Team for tournament. Blair-Taylor - Gerald Blaha 608-989-2039. (4-22)

**Dec. 29-30, 2008** - Varsity team(s) for tournament (might be able to schedule JV game). Aquinas - Ben Filzen 608-784-0287 ext. 105. (4-4)

#### GENERAL

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/freshman games. Grafton - Bob Maronde 262-376-5790 or rmaronde@grafton.k12.wi.us. (4-24)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Slinger - Doug Riesop 262-644-5261 or riesopd@slinger.k12.wi.us. (4-22)

**2008-09** - Game. Medford - Bob Wiinamaki 715-748-5951 or bob@medford.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV game or varsity/JV/freshman game. Appleton East - Tim Zachow 920-832-6208 or zachowtimothy@aasd.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

**2008-09** - Varsity/JV game. Three Lakes - Jason Stebbeds 715-546-3321 or stebbeds@3lks.net. (4-4)

**2008-09** - Games. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (4-4)

**2008-09 (Week of Dec. 1-5)** - Game. Green Bay Southwest - Kurt Gundlach 920-272-7049 or kguldla@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (4-2)

### Gymnastics

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Feb. 7, 2009** - Teams for invitational. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1691 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

### Girls Hockey

#### GENERAL

**2008-09** - Varsity games. Marshfield - Len Luedtke 715-387-8187 or luedtke@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**2008-09** - Games. Hayward - Barb Chisar 715-634-2619 ext. 1505. (4-4)

### Boys Swimming & Diving

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for varsity invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

### Wrestling

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Teams for frosh tournament. Plymouth - Mike Slagle 920-892-5004 or mjslagle@plymouth.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Team for varsity invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston 715-261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Team for team tournament. Crivitz - Mike Vesperman 715-927-3894 or vesperman@crivitz.k12.wi.us. (4-9)

**Dec. 6, 2008** - Team for 6-team dual tournament. Kettle Moraine - Frank Cuda 262-385-1979 or cudaf@kmsd.edu. (4-8)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Team for 8-team varsity tournament. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**Dec. 13, 2008** - Teams for individual scramble. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson 608-834-7337. (4-9)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Teams for invitational tournament. Richland Center - Rachel Kerian 608-647-8603 or kerr@richland.k12.wi.us. (4-18)

**Dec. 20, 2008** - Team for 16-team invitational tournament. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or cbaumgartner@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

**Dec 20, 2008** - Teams for 10-12 team

tournament. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1107 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**Dec. 27, 2008** - Team for multi-dual. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson 608-834-7337. (4-9)

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Teams for varsity invitational. Oconto Falls - Lou Hobyan 920-848-4467 or louhobya@ocontofalls.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Team for 10-team invitational. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (4-17)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - JV teams (full teams) for round robin tournament. Oconomowoc - Jon Andersen jon.andersen@oasd.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Team for duals tournament. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser 715-345-7307 or shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Berth in tournament. Viroqua - Eric Anderson anderi@viroqua.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**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@sdsd.k12.wi.us. (4-14)

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Teams for 6-team dual. Mishicot - Mike Pratt 920-629-0731 or pratt@lakfield.net. (4-14)

**Jan. 24, 2009** - Teams for JV invitational. Ozaukee - Jerry Hoffman 262-692-2453 ext. 437 or lbaldwin@nosd.edu. (4-2)

**Jan. 24, 2009** - Seeking scramble tournament. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braud 608-643-5906 or braunaa@staff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Teams for JV invitational. Cudahy - Melissa Boudreau 414-294-2712. (4-18)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Varsity team for round robin tournament. Laconia - Jeff Thomas 920-872-2161 ext. 158 or thomjef@rbsd.k12.wi.us. (4-11)

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Teams for classic. Sturgeon Bay - Gary Rabach 920-746-1830 or grabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us. (4-2)

**Feb. 7, 2009** - Berth in tournament. La Crosse Central - Joe Beran 608-789-7933 or jberan@sdlax.k12.wi.us. (4-8)

#### GENERAL

**2008-09** - Dual Match. Kewaunee - Corey Baumgartner 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or cbaumgartner@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

## SPRING

### Girls Soccer

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 25 or 26, 2008** - Game. Aquinas - Ben Filzen 608-784-0287 ext. 105 or bfilzen@aquinas.la-crosse.wi.us. (4-10)

**May 9-10, 2009** - Team for varsity 8-team tournament. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (4-1)

### Softball

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**May 3, 2008** - JV team for tournament. Richland Center - Rachel Kerian 608-647-8603. (4-4)

#### GENERAL

**2009** - Varsity/JV games. Algoma - Eric Nelson 920-487-7001 ext. 2209 or enelson@alghs.k12.wi.us. (4-10)

### Boys Tennis

#### DATE SPECIFIC

**Apr. 26, 2008** - Need varsity (10) and JV (10) team for joint quad. Waukesha West - Scott McConnell 262-538-2726 or rsmcconnell@ameritech.net. (4-23)



# Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

**QUESTION:** Can you please review the new coaching regulations including the use of an electronic measuring device by a coach?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Golf Coaching Contact regulations now indicates: One designated coach is allowed to coach during competition. The designated coach may give rule options to their own players anytime, and rule options to other competitors ONLY when asked by that competitor. The designated coach is not allowed on the greens or in the bunkers. The person acting as the coach must be under contract with the school as a golf coach. Players may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. Notes, tees, and other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited. Coaches cannot align players while the player is at address nor delay Pace of Play in any way. Penalty for violation of the coaching rule is two strokes on first offense and disqualification of player on second offense by same player.

Coaches are allowed to use Electronic Measuring Devices (EMDs) and provide distance information to players. Spectators are also allowed to have EMDs; however, spectators are not allowed to provide distance information or other advice to players. Spectators can provide distance and other information to the designated coach. The designated coach is allowed to relay this information to a player or players if the designated coach wishes to do so.

**QUESTION:** Is there a new USGA regulation allowing a player to pick up their ball in a hazard?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, USGA Rule 12-2 has been amended to allow a player to lift his ball for identification in a hazard. The ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification when lifted.

**QUESTION:** Is a stone a "moveable obstruction" in a bunker?

**INTERPRETATION:** On page 110 of the USGA Rules, 5. Stones in Bunkers indicates, "Stones are, by definition, *loose impediments* and, when a player's ball is in a *hazard*, a stone lying in or touching the hazard may not be touched or moved (Rule 13-4). However, stones in *bunkers* may represent a danger to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by the player's club in an attempt to play the ball) and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game."

When permission to lift a stone in a bunker is warranted, the following Local Rule is recommended:

"Stones in *bunkers* are movable *obstructions* (Rule 24-1 applies)."

**QUESTION:** Once a player takes his stance in the bunker, if he accidentally skims the surface of the sand as he prepares to hit the ball - is this considered grounding? or is there a matter of interpretation between accidentally touching the sand surface and intentional grounding?

**INTERPRETATION:** USGA 13-4 a. and b. - Players must not: a. Test the condition of the hazard or any similar hazard; b. Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or club. Basically, so long as a player's ball is in a hazard, he/she is not able to touch the sand with their club. If they do, it is a two-stroke penalty. There are a variety of situations to support this interpretation. If a player is falling, reaches for a rake, picks up his/her ball to identify it and touches the sand in a hazard, then there is no penalty.

**QUESTION:** Can a player take his golf bag into the bunker with him and lay it down?

**INTERPRETATION:** USGA Rule 13-4 indicates: "Providing nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the *hazard* or improves the lie of the ball there is no penalty if the player . . . (b) places his clubs in a *hazard*."

**QUESTION:** Team A - golfer 1 & 2 are competing vs. Team B 1 & 2 in the 1st foursome and the other golfers from each team are in similar pairings. May the golfers in Team A give advice concerning club selection since they are teammates (partners) competing with Team B? I have been given different interpretations of the rule on advice and would prefer that you give me the correct insight into what this ruling should be.

**INTERPRETATION:** USGA Rule 8-1 indicates "During a stipulated round, a player must not: (a) give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than his *partner* . . . Based upon the information you have provided, it seems the competition you are referring to involved players having a partner. In these situations, advice is allowed unless directed otherwise. Please be aware, that during a golf meet, the No. 1 player is *not* allowed to receive or provide advice to the No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, or No. 5 player and vice versa when partners are not part of the game being played."

**QUESTION:** With the new coaching rules - coach providing advice in fairway - reading breaks on the greens, etc., should the host of the meet indicate that pace of play will be enforced rigidly? Without question the coaching in the fairway will slow down play. Besides the host of the meet - who else can be designated to monitor pace of play and issue cards?

**INTERPRETATION:** The best way for the host manager to handle this situation is to keep the first group on pace with the pace of play schedule provided for that course. This requires all other groups to maintain pace with that group. In this way, if a group falls more than one hole behind (where Group A finishes a hole and Group B has not yet reached the teeing area—for par 4 or par 5 holes) then a warning can be given to that group. Once the group that was issued the warning catches up, the warning can be removed.

WIAA Season Regulations specify the host manager is responsible for marking cards. The host school is also responsible for determining

an appropriate length of time to play a course. The host school is allowed to identify other personnel, including visiting coaches to assist with the monitoring of pace of play. However, it is the host manager who is responsible for giving out warnings and penalties for pace of play.

Additional information regarding Pace of Play issues and situations can be found on the WIAA School Center in the Boy's Golf section.

**QUESTION:** Why can't high school golf teams use measuring devices (Sky Caddie)? Since they play by the USGA rules which now accepts them shouldn't they be acceptable? They are also acceptable in almost all other tournaments.

**INTERPRETATION:** The WIAA Board of Control reviewed the use of Electronic Measuring Devices (EMDs). In reviewing this matter, the BOC determined EMDs should not be allowed to be used during high school golf meets by golfers as the cost for these devices was simply too high. This cost would allow some golfers to be able to afford EMDs while others would not be able to do so. Coaches have been afforded the opportunity to use electronic measuring devices and relay information to their players. Spectators are also allowed to use electronic measuring devices, but may only relay information/distances to the coach. During a meet, they may not provide this information directly to the players. Once the coach is provided information from a spectator/parent, he/she can determine whether or not they wish to provide it to the player.

**QUESTION:** If a club has a shaft that has been slightly bent through normal use i.e. thousands of shots ... is it considered to be non-conforming? The end of the shaft has about a 2 -3 degree bend to it. The club was not damaged or deliberately altered, it has just simply been slightly angled over time. It is only noticeable if looking down the shaft and you know what you are looking for. There is no chink in the metal just a slight bending of the club the last 6-8 inches of the shaft.

What makes a club non-conforming by WIAA standards and are they governed by the WIAA or the WSGA?

**INTERPRETATION:** Both the WIAA and the WSGA have been very liberal in their application of regulations towards conforming clubs. This philosophy has been developed in order to promote the game of golf with high school aged players. Many of whom are not able to regularly afford new clubs. Often sets of clubs high school aged players use are hand-me-downs, borrowed clubs and/or various types of clubs.

With that being said, the only club the WIAA and the WSGA have deemed to be nonconforming is the diamond-faced wedge, which puts an extreme amount of spin on the ball no matter how it is hit. A club with a bend is considered to be conforming—just try to help the player be

certain it is not going to break on him/her. Other than the diamond-shaped wedge, no other clubs have been found to be nonconforming.

**QUESTION:** A player hit a tee shot down the center of the fairway. When the group goes towards their tee shots, this player's ball is not found. It is apparent the ball has plugged in the fairway somewhere; however, the group is not able to find the ball. No local rule for embedded ball has been approved by the committee. How does the player proceed?

**INTERPRETATION:** USGA Rule 25-1c - generally speaking, this rule indicates that when the ball can not be found, there is not a local rule in place and when the area a player has hit into is not casual water or ground under repair, then the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 which requires the player to identify this as a lost ball situation. This requires a two-stroke penalty and the player to return to the tee unless a provisional ball has been played.

**QUESTION:** A player hits a ball where he/she is not able to see it. The player hits a second shot into the same area; however, does not identify either of the balls to the other players in the group.

When the group gathers to search for this player's balls, they are able to locate both balls; however, the player is not able to determine which ball is the original. How does the player proceed?

**INTERPRETATION:** USGA Situation 27/11 - Solution 4 indicates: "One could argue that both balls are lost. However, it would be inequitable to require the player to return to the tee, playing 5, when the player has found both balls but does not know which is the original and which the provisional. Accordingly, the player must select one of the balls, treat it as his provisional ball and abandon the other."

**QUESTION:** A JV golf meet hosted by us, was originally scheduled for May 14, 2008 well before the season started. However, this week (April 7, 2008) we were told by our home course that we had to move the meet because the course will be closed for aeration. The only date available is May 23, which is after the tournament series has begun. My question is "Is this acceptable by regulation 6c?" (No meet may be scheduled, but may be rescheduled if postponed, after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition). My thought is that this is acceptable because it is being rescheduled after the season started and it is being postponed because the course will be closed that day.

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Spring Season Regulations, page 13, 6., c., does indicate: "No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition."

This has included JV competitions. You are allowed to reschedule these meets following the start of the WIAA tournament series so long as local school administrators also approve of this schedule. +

# Baseball Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

**Q.:** Runners on 1st and 2nd, batter gets in the box, coach calls time and comes out to talk to his pitcher (1st conference, no problem there). Count goes to 3-0. Coaches comes back out to remove his pitcher, my partner thinks he has to complete pitching to this batter because he was out twice while this batter was in the box. I never heard of this and couldn't find anything in the rule book or case book.

**A.:** The acceptableness of the substitution in this case is not contingent upon the conferences. He must complete pitching to this batter only if it is the first batter the pitcher has faced. I am assuming the pitcher pitched to the runners on 1st & 2nd, therefore satisfying the Substitution Rule 3-1-2. The new pitcher will assume the count on the batter.

**Q.:** Situation: Runner on 1st base, less than 2 outs. 1st baseman playing well off the bag, not holding runner on. Pitcher in stretch position wheels and throws to 1st base. Is the throw legal, a balk, or an illegal pitch?

**A.:** As long as the 1st baseman is in proximity of the base there is no balk.

**Proximity is umpire judgment and is based on whether the fielder is close enough to the base to legitimately make a play on the runner. Case Book 6-2-4, Situation J.**

**Q.:** Just wondering what coaches and assistant coaches are required to wear at games. We have new uniforms at \$100 each but some players don't have any but the coaches are wearing two of the new ones do they have to wear same as the team is this required by WIAA?

**A.:** National Federation Baseball playing rules, 3-2-1 requires that coaches not in uniform shall be restricted to their team bench or dugout. Only those coaches in team uniform are allowed to occupy base coaching boxes. There is some precedent for relief from this rule when school administration has documented an unusual circumstance which would prevent coaches from being properly equipped and/or some other significant reason to provide a uniform waiver.

**Q.:** I had the pleasure of working a varsity baseball game recently. One thing missing from the field markings was the

catcher's box at home plate. Just wanted to report this.

**A.:** This is the perfect/appropriate heads-up. Will pass it on - appreciate you alerting us.

**Q.:** My coach asked that I triple check a question he has involving pitching. On Friday he had a pitcher throw two innings. The same pitcher was used for two innings on a Saturday game as well, totalling four in two days. The third consecutive day, Sunday, there was no game. His question is does the pitcher have five innings if he was to pitch today, or would he have three? He looked at the spring guidelines, talked to another coach/AD and contacted me as well. He read the point under 7d1 of page 4 of the manual where it stated that a pitcher is required to take two calendar days of rest, after pitching a total of seven innings over a three day period as well looked at the chart for innings as well. Example F on the chart is the closest to this situation that I can find, and it would appear that our pitcher would be able to pitch 5 innings if needed today and then would have to take his two mandatory days of rest. Is that correct?

**A.:** Pitcher has 5 innings left in most recent three day period. Could conceivably throw as many as 8\* (See: p. 4, 7d-1).

**Q.:** Would you please expand on the reason question 57 is listed as "False" for the answer? Rule 5-1-1j is cited for the ruling. The question is: The ball is immediately dead when: *with the infield-fly rule in effect, an infielder intentionally drops a fair bunt in flight*. Rule 5-1-1j: The ball becomes dead immediately when: *an infielder intentionally drops a fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight with at least first base occupied and with less than two outs*. Subsection 1 stipulates infield-fly rule (2-19). Wouldn't the italicized sections indicate an answer of "True"?

**A.:** After not being comfortable with what my review was able to resolve, I brought the question to the National Federation rules editor. Thanks for catching this and bringing it to my attention. Here's what I received: "**Part 1, #57 should have been true. We kicked it on this end with the printer. He transposed a few answers. Sorry.**" +

# 2008 Girls Soccer Tournament Series

Deb Hauser



## Seeding Meeting Information

### Division 1

**Sectional 1 - Regional A** - Eau Claire North - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Eau Claire North HS - Conference Room - Host: Dave Turner <dturner@ecasd.k12.wi.us> 715-577-8912 (cell) 715-834-2269 (home)

**Sectional 1 - Regional B** - D.C. Everest - Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - D.C. Everest HS - Host: Lucas Kollross

**Sectional 2 - Regional A** - Ashwaubenon - Wednesday, May 14 - 6 p.m. - Ashwaubenon High School Library - Host: Dave Steavpack <dsteavpack@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us> 920-498-027 (home) 920-362-0009 (cell)

**Sectional 2 - Regional B** - Manitowoc Lincoln - Sunday, May 18 - 12 noon - Manitowoc High School Main Office - Host: John Johnson <johnsonj@mpsd.k12.wi.us> 920-686-1913 (home) 920-946-2567 (cell)

**Sectional 3 - Regional A** - La Crosse Central - Sunday, May 18 - 12 noon - La Crosse Central High School - Host: Joe Czerniak <jczernia@sdlax.k12.wi.us> 608-317-8198 (home) 608-317-8198 (cell)

**Sectional 3 - Regional B** - Verona Area - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Old Chicago on Mineral Point Road, Madison - Host: Matt Heilman <matt.heilman@verona.k12.wi.us> 608-279-5771 (cell) 608-848-2988 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional A** - Stevens Point - Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - Stevens Point HS Faculty Lounge - Host: Stephanie Hauser <shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us> 715-340-1428 (cell) 920-538-3744 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional B** - Fond du Lac - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Fond du Lac HS - Host: Greg Winkler

<winklerg@fonddulac.k12.wi.us> 920-960-8814 (cell) 920-921-0585 (home)

**Sectional 5 - Regional A** - Beaver Dam - Sunday, May 18 - 3 p.m. - Beaver Dam HS - Host: Bill Loss <lossw@beaverdam.k12.wi.us> 920-885-4954 (home) 920-210-7589 (cell)

**Sectional 5 - Regional B** - Greendale - Saturday, May 17 - 10 a.m. - Greendale High School Lunch Room - Host: George Knezic <georgeknezic@yahoo.com> 770-608-7205 (cell)

**Sectional 6 - Regional A** - Delavan-Darien - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Delavan-Darien HS - Host: Wayne Fell <wfell@ddschoools.org> 262-949-6391 (cell) 262-728-6391 (home)

**Sectional 6 - Regional B** - Westosha Central - Friday, May 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Westosha Central HS - Host: Kris Allison <allison@westosha.k12.wi.us> 262-945-2866 (cell) 262-654-6928 (home)

**Sectional 7 - Regional A** - Oconomowoc - Saturday, May 17 - 9 a.m. - Oconomowoc HS - Room 137 - Host: Scott Raduka <scott.raduka@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us> 262-490-8431 (cell) 920-474-7567 (home)

**Sectional 7 - Regional B** - Brookfield East - TBD

**Sectional 8 - Regional A** - Milwaukee King - TBD

**Sectional 8 - Regional B** - Cudahy/Saint Francis - Monday, May 12 - 7 p.m. - Cudahy High School - Room 108 - Host: Melissa Boudreau <boudreaum@cudahy.k12.wi.us> 414-520-5030 (cell)

### Division 2

**Sectional 1 - Regional A** - Rice Lake

- Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - Rice Lake High School - Host: Mike Shomion <shomion@ricelake.k12.wi.us> 715-475-9294 (cell) 715-236-7639 (home)

**Sectional 1 - Regional B** - Ripon - Wednesday, May 14 - 7 p.m. - Ripon High School - Room 103 - Host: Dana Scott <scottd@ripon.k12.wi.us>

**Sectional 2 - Regional A** - Lodi - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Lodi High School - Host: Vince Padilla <vincepad@gmail.com> 608-445-1070 (cell)

**Sectional 2 - Regional B** - Evansville - Thursday, May 15 - 8 a.m. - via email - Host: Matt Smith <smithm@evansville.k12.wi.us> 608-295-6535 (cell) 608-756-3060 (home)

**Sectional 3 - Regional A** - West De Pere - Thursday, May 15 - 8 p.m. - West De Pere HS Commons - Host: Greg Smith <gsmith@wdpsd.com> 920-265-8433 (cell) 920-339-2334 (home)

**Sectional 3 - Regional B** - Kewaskum - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Kewaskum High School - Host: Jason Piittmann <jpiittma@ksd.k12.wi.us> 262-685-7623 (cell) 262-626-6703 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional A** - Milwaukee Lutheran - Friday, May 16 - 7 p.m. - Milwaukee Lutheran HS - Host: Matt Pankow <mpankow@milwaukeekeelutheranhs.org> 414-217-9200 (cell) 262-549-5321 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional B** - Big Foot/Williams Bay - Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - Big Foot High School - Host: Tim Collins <tecollins@bigfoot.k12.wi.us>

### Division 3

**Sectional 1 - Regional A** - Phillips - Saturday, May 17 - 9 a.m. - Phillips HS

IMC - Host: Paul Feuerer <pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us> 715-339-2141 (cell) 715-339-6058 (home)

**Sectional 1 - Regional B** - Wrightstown - Sunday, May 18 - 11 a.m. - Wrightstown HS - Host: Terry Schaeuble <schaebt@wrightstown.k12.wi.us> 920-764-0006 (cell) 920-532-9047 (home)

**Sectional 2 - Regional A** - Dodgeville - Sunday, May 18 - 10 a.m. - Dodgeville High School Library - Host: Scott Tolzman <stolzman@dsd.k12.wi.us>

**Sectional 2 - Regional B** - Lake Mills - Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - Lake Mills High School - Host: Cale Vogel <cale.vogel@lakemills.k12.wi.us> 920-648-2355 (work)

**Sectional 3 - Regional A** - Lomira - Saturday, May 17 - 9 a.m. - Lomira High School - Host: Angie Litterick <alitterick@lomira.k12.wi.us> 920-210-0064 (cell) 920-269-4396 (work)

**Sectional 3 - Regional B** - New Holstein - Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. - New Holstein High School - Host: Steve Steiner <ssteiner@nhsd.k12.wi.us> 920-980-7539 (cell) 920-898-4760 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional A** - Living Word Lutheran - Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m. - Living Word Lutheran HS - Main Office - Host: Dave Miskimen <dmiskimen@lwlhs.com> 262-305-1509 (cell) 920-349-3842 (home)

**Sectional 4 - Regional B** - The Prairie School - Sunday, May 18 - 3 p.m. - Johnson Athletic Center - The Prairie School - Host: Sandy Freres <sfreres@prairie-school.com> 262-705-0172 (cell) 262-553-9403 (home) +

## Split-Season Sports (Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

WIAA rules prevent coaches from having coaching contact with their athletes outside the season, during the school year, in any sport. The rules further prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the WIAA Season Regulations. An athlete working as a clinician, under the direction of his/her coach, is considered to be coaching contact.

This means, for example, that boys' tennis players cannot serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the girls' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted during the boys' tennis season. Boys' tennis players cannot practice with the girls' tennis team because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, girls' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

Summertime - A school may conduct a clinic for students in grade 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. Individual students may be used as clinicians a maximum of 6 days during the summer (when school is not in session). Using students as clinicians in such a manner must conclude no later than July 31. +

## High School Out-Of-Season Concerns

WIAA Bylaw, Article II, Section 2, A., 2), indicates "A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport." This includes the summer period, meaning that schools cannot conduct a summer school class, or community education program, on basketball fundamentals, for their basketball players. It doesn't matter if the class is open to all students. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (4 consecutive days in football, or 5 days in all other WIAA sports).

This same Bylaw has another provision, indicating "A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of a sport." Off-season weight-training programs are fine, as long as they are not sport specific. If a weight-

training program is conducted, and is available to anyone interested, and the activities that go on are not sport specific, then it is acceptable under WIAA guidelines. There cannot, however, be incentives put in place to encourage athletes to be involved in these off-season programs. For example, it is not appropriate to indicate that any football player attending a given number of weight-training programs, will receive a T-shirt. It is also unacceptable for schools to provide a T-shirt to a basketball player, who attempts so many shots during the off-season. Another example, of unacceptable incentives, would be to include off-season activities into the determination of who gets to start during the season, or who gets to play, or for participation in these activities to be included in eligibility for a letter in that particular sport.

Captains Practices: WIAA Rules of Eligibility allow students to voluntarily assemble in the summertime without school and/or coach involvement. These assemblies may sometimes be referred to as "captains practices." +

## Skinfold Measurer Applications Now Available

The WIAA will offer training to new wrestling skinfold measurers this fall. Classes are typically held in Stevens Point and Madison in September for individuals selected for training. Applications may be obtained from the WIAA and are due by June 15. Interested individuals should contact Dave Anderson or Hydrie Laidlaw at the WIAA office at <dander-son@wiaawi.org> or <hlaidlaw@wiaawi.org>. +



# Soccer

Deb Hauser



## Approved Soccer Facilities

Schools are reminded that they **MUST** be listed on the Approved Site List in order to host during the girls soccer tournament series.

Even if you plan to host at another facility,

your school name must be listed on the Approved Site List.

In order to be an approved site, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum field size of 65 x 110.

2. Able to charge admission.

3. In the spring you are allowed to play on your football field.

Deadline for getting on the Approved Site list is Friday, May 9.

as Identified 4/10/08		
Amery.....	70 x 110	Green Bay Preble (at West) . . . . 65 x 110
Appleton East . . . . .	70 x 120	Green Bay Southwest . . . . . 65 x 110
Appleton North . . . . .	65 x 110	Green Bay West . . . . . 65 x 110
Appleton West . . . . .	70 x 115	Greenfield . . . . . 65 x 110
Aquinas . . . . .	70 x 120	Hamilton . . . . . 75 x 120
Arrowhead . . . . .	75 x 110	Hartford Union . . . . . 70 x 120
Ashland . . . . .	80 x 120	Hayward . . . . . 65 x 120
Ashwaubenon . . . . .	65 x 110	Heritage Christian . . . . . 70 x 120
Assumption . . . . .	76 x 122	Homestead . . . . . 70 x 110
Badger . . . . .	75 x 120	Hortonville . . . . . 72 x 120
Baraboo . . . . .	65 x 110	Hudson . . . . . 65 x 110
Barron . . . . .	65 x 110	Hustisford . . . . . 70 x 110
Bay Port . . . . .	70 x 110	Janesville Craig . . . . . 72 x 110
Beaver Dam . . . . .	73 x 120	Janesville Parker . . . . . 73 x 120
Belleville . . . . .	65 x 110	Kaukauna . . . . . 75 x 118
Big Foot . . . . .	65 x 115	Kenosha Bradford . . . . . 72 x 114
Brookfield Academy . . . . .	70 x 120	Kenosha Christian Life . . . . . 65 x 110
Brookfield Central . . . . .	75 x 120	Kenosha Tremper . . . . . 72 x 114
Brookfield East . . . . .	75 x 120	Kettle Moraine . . . . . 75 x 120
Burlington . . . . .	70 x 110	Kettle Mor Lutheran . . . . . 75 x 120
Campbellsport . . . . .	65 x 110	Kewaskum . . . . . 75 x 120
Catholic Memorial . . . . .	75 x 120	Kiel . . . . . 75 x 120
Cedar Grove-Belgium . . . . .	65 x 110	Kimberly . . . . . 75 x 110
Cedarburg . . . . .	70 x 120	Kaukauna Central . . . . . 70 x 120
Central WI Christian . . . . .	75 x 120	La Crosse Logan . . . . . 70 x 120
Chippewa Falls . . . . .	75 x 120	Lakes Mills . . . . . 70 x 120
Clintonville . . . . .	70 x 110	Lakeland . . . . . 65 x 120
Columbus . . . . .	65 x 110	Little Chute . . . . . 66 x 120
Columbus Catholic . . . . .	75 x 120	Lodi . . . . . 70 x 117
Conserve . . . . .	65 x 120	Lomira . . . . . 70 x 110
D.C. Everest . . . . .	75 x 120	Luxemburg-Casco . . . . . 65 x 110
De Pere . . . . .	65 x 110	Madison East . . . . . 70 x 120
Delavan-Darien . . . . .	65 x 110	Madison Edgewood . . . . . 70 x 120
Dodgeville . . . . .	65 x 120	Madison Memorial . . . . . 70 x 120
Dominican (Bavarian) . . . . .	76 x 118	Madison West . . . . . 65 x 120
Divine Savior . . . . .	75 x 120	Manitowoc Lincoln . . . . . 65 x 110
Eau Claire Memorial . . . . .	65 x 120	Marquette Uni. . . . . 75 x 120
Eau Claire North . . . . .	65 x 110	Marshfield . . . . . 75 x 120
Elkhorn Area . . . . .	65 x 120	Martin Luther . . . . . 65 x 110
Evansville . . . . .	75 x 120	Mayville . . . . . 75 x 120
Fond du Lac . . . . .	75 x 115	McDonnell Central . . . . . 75 x 120
Fort Atkinson . . . . .	65 x 114	McFarland . . . . . 66 x 110
Fox Valley Lutheran . . . . .	67 x 118	Menasha . . . . . 65 x 110
Freedom . . . . .	65 x 120	Menomonee Falls . . . . . 68 x 110
Germantown . . . . .	70 x 110	Merrill . . . . . 75 x 115
Grafton . . . . .	70 x 110	Milton . . . . . 65 x 118
Green Bay NEW Luth . . . . .	72 x 110	Milwaukee Lutheran . . . . . 72 x 110
		Monona Grove . . . . . 68 x 110
		Mount Horeb . . . . . 75 x 120
		Mukwonago . . . . . 65 x 110
		Muskego . . . . . 75 x 120
		Neenah . . . . . 65 x 110
		New Berlin Eisenhower . . . . . 70 x 115
		New Berlin West . . . . . 77 x 120
		New Holstein . . . . . 65 x 110
		New London . . . . . 72 x 115
		Newman Catholic . . . . . 75 x 110
		Nicolet . . . . . 70 x 120
		Northland Pines . . . . . 72 x 110
		Notre Dame . . . . . 65 x 114
		Oakfield . . . . . 68 x 115
		Oconomowoc . . . . . 65 x 120
		Omro . . . . . 65 x 110
		Onalaska . . . . . 75 x 120
		Oostburg . . . . . 65 x 110
		Oregon . . . . . 65 x 110
		Osceola . . . . . 75 x 120
		Oshkosh Lourdes . . . . . 75 x 120
		Oshkosh North . . . . . 65 x 110
		Oshkosh West . . . . . 65 x 110
		Ozaukee . . . . . 65 x 110
		Pacelli . . . . . 80 x 120
		Palmyra-Eagle . . . . . 66 x 115
		Pewaukee . . . . . 67 x 110
		Phelps . . . . . 70 x 110
		Pius XI . . . . . 70 x 120
		Platteville . . . . . 65 x 110
		Plymouth . . . . . 80 x 120
		Port Washington . . . . . 75 x 120
		Poynette . . . . . 65 x 111
		Pulaski . . . . . 67 x 110
		Racine Case . . . . . 70 x 120
		Racine Horlick . . . . . 70 x 120
		Racine Park . . . . . 70 x 120
		Racine St. Catherine's . . . . . 70 x 120
		Random Lake . . . . . 75 x 110
		Reedsburg Area . . . . . 75 x 120
		Rhineland . . . . . 75 x 120
		Rice Lake . . . . . 70 x 120
		Richland Center . . . . . 70 x 120
		River Falls . . . . . 65 x 120
		River Valley . . . . . 75 x 110
		Roncalli . . . . . 72 x 110
		St. Lawrence Seminary . . . . . 67 x 110
		St. Mary Central . . . . . 70 x 110
		St. Mary Springs . . . . . 75 x 115
		Sauk Prairie . . . . . 65 x 110
		Seymour . . . . . 75 x 120
		Sheboygan Area Luth . . . . . 70 x 120
		Sheboygan Cty. Christian . . . . . 70 x 120
		Sheboygan Falls . . . . . 70 x 120
		Sheboygan North . . . . . 70 x 110
		Sheboygan South . . . . . 70 x 110
		Slinger . . . . . 65 x 120
		Somerset . . . . . 65 x 110
		South Milwaukee . . . . . 71 x 120
		Spooner . . . . . 70 x 110
		Stevens Point . . . . . 80 x 120
		Sturgeon Bay . . . . . 75 x 110
		Superior . . . . . 65 x 110
		The Prairie School . . . . . 75 x 120
		Thomas More . . . . . 66 x 112
		Three Lakes . . . . . 65 x 120
		Tomah . . . . . 65 x 110
		Two Rivers . . . . . 75 x 120
		University Lake . . . . . 74 x 110
		University School . . . . . 75 x 120
		Verona Area . . . . . 70 x 115
		Washburn . . . . . 70 x 110
		Waterford . . . . . 67 x 110
		Watertown . . . . . 70 x 110
		Waukesha South . . . . . 75 x 120
		Waukesha West . . . . . 69 x 110
		Waunakee . . . . . 65 x 110
		Waupaca . . . . . 75 x 110
		Wausau East . . . . . 70 x 120
		Wausau West . . . . . 70 x 120
		Wauwatosa East . . . . . 75 x 120
		Wauwatosa West . . . . . 75 x 120
		West Allis Central . . . . . 76 x 110
		West Bend East . . . . . 75 x 120
		West Bend West . . . . . 75 x 120
		West De Pere . . . . . 72 x 120
		West Salem . . . . . 70 x 120
		Whitefish Bay . . . . . 77 x 118
		Whitewater . . . . . 75 x 120
		Whitnall . . . . . 65 x 116
		Wilmot Union . . . . . 75 x 120
		Winnebago Lutheran . . . . . 75 x 115
		Winneconne . . . . . 65 x 120
		Wisconsin Lutheran . . . . . 75 x 120
		Wisconsin Rapids . . . . . 76 x 122
		Wrightstown . . . . . 77 x 120
		Xavier . . . . . 70 x 120

## WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## Individuals Encouraged to Run for WADA Positions

By Mike Bates

Information Coordinator, WADA

Like many organizations, individuals who play an active role contribute to the successful operation of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA).

The WADA Executive Board encourages all athletic administrators to become a candidate for a position within WADA, and thereby taking part in the process that will help shape the future of the organization.

Without a doubt, the most visible position is that of WADA Vice President, although each of the seven districts around the state also need quality individuals interested serving in a position as District Rep and Gender Rep.

The Vice President of the WADA is one of the 5 individuals who serve as an Officer of the WADA Executive Board of Directors: President, Vice President, President-Elect, Past President and Treasurer.

The position of Vice President requires a 4-year commitment to the WADA – as the person selected will serve one year each, in order, as Vice President, President Elect, President and Past President.

An election for the position of Vice President is

held during the WADA Annual Meeting, which is held each fall in conjunction with the WADA Workshop.

To assist anyone interested in serving the WADA membership, a page of basic info for Vice President candidates has been developed by the WADA Board, and is on the WADA website at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org). Complete details and duties are outlined in the WADA By-Laws, as published on the WADA website.

The 3-step process to become a candidate for WADA Vice President is quite simple.

**1. Declaration Process:** Prior to Oct. 1, a written declaration of candidacy must be received by the WADA Election Chairperson, who is the WADA District 2 Rep. Items to be included: The written letter declaring candidacy for the position of Vice President, and a letter of support from the candidate's building Principal and/or the district Superintendent. Additionally, each candidate will submit two items, a "Basic Information Page" and electronic photo, to the WADA Information Coordinator for use on the WADA website.

**2. Nomination Process:** A formal nomination of each declared candidate will be made at the Opening General Session of the WADA Workshop in

November. Each candidate shall have previously arranged to receive a nominating and a seconding speech from two people during the Opening General Session. These speeches should be brief (1-2 minutes maximum).

**3. Election Process:** Just prior to the election, each candidate shall briefly address the membership, from the podium at the head table, during the WADA Annual Meeting. Voting by written ballot will occur after the candidate speeches. Ballots will be counted by a designated committee of retired ADs. The results of the voting will be announced at the WADA Windup Luncheon.

The process to become a candidate for District Rep or Gender Rep is likewise easy. Contact your current District Rep for more information on how to become involved at the district level within WADA.

WADA is dedicated to serving athletic directors throughout Wisconsin. Membership is open to those working at Wisconsin high schools and/or junior high/middle schools.

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



# Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

## Residence & Transfer

**Q.:** We have a student who transferred from a private school. She is a junior. The family transferred her for financial reasons. I have the EVTS form stating she would be eligible if she were still at her former school. He did not list her as participating in any sports previously. Would I need to request a waiver for her to be able to participate on our soccer team? Let me know if I need to do what I did for the previous junior transfer student.

**A.:** Transferring as a junior the member's rule provides she is not eligible to practice or play unless a waiver is provided. You will find a transfer tip sheet on the website that might assist the family. Especially when asked to consider financial hardship, specific details are most helpful; e.g. What efforts were made to work with school for aid and/or tuition reduction? What's changed – in the family's financial circumstance between now and the start of the year when student returned to the private school. If you intend to pursue a waiver on the student's behalf, the parents will greatly assist you by providing a thorough story.

**Q.:** We have a new student who was a student here his freshmen and sophomore years, was home schooled this year, and will be enrolling here again for his senior year in the fall. I believe he'd be eligible to participate right away, but want to make sure. Am I correct?

**A.:** There is 'potential' here. First be 100 percent certain the student was home schooled and not enrolled as a full-time student at a virtual provider, e.g. Waukesha virtual school. A full-time student is a full-time student. If that is not the case, then the student could be eligible, after fall academic ineligibility period. If transfer is from full-time online status, student is not eligible for 365 days, without a waiver. The only students who get 'free starts' are first time 9th graders. For all others, eligibility is earned as you go – and they may not have more than one failing grade on most recent school issued, grade reporting period. For eligibility purposes home schooled students have received (in effect) all F's from eligibility perspective. Student could practice but not compete until fall ineligibility guidelines are satisfied. Student could make up necessary classes in summer school.

**Q.:** My stepson has lived with us for a year and a half. We live in Minnesota. He is now contemplating moving back to Wisconsin to live with his mom for his junior year. He played junior football here in the spring 2007 and is currently running varsity track. Will he be eligible for varsity sports at a public school in WI?

**A.:** Given the limited information provided, it's difficult to feel the interpretation offered here is 'concrete' – but our member schools have launched a transfer rule not unlike the MSHSL's and my 'sense' of this situation is that your step-son would be ineligible to practice and play for 365 days – if he transferred to the WIAA member school at the beginning of next year.

**Q.:** One of our local churches is sponsoring four students from Korea to live in our community and be students at our private school. They are currently freshman, and as of right now, the plan is for them to be students here through graduation their senior year. My question is: what is their status concerning athletic participation? Are they allowed to? Can they be allowed to compete at a varsity level? If they are allowed to compete, what steps do I or my AD need to take in order to follow the WIAA guidelines?

**A.:** To begin, it does not appear students are here through a membership approved exchange program. Secondly, they do not meet the member's residency requirement. Please read: Sr. High Handbook, p. 33, Art. II, Section 2A & B. Students could be allowed non-varsity opportunities this year. If they continue as your students in 2008-09, restrictions are removed next year and subsequent years, per Art. II, Sect. 5A-1.

## Amateur Status

**Q.:** I'm on the organizing committee for a 5K/10K run in early August (Aug. 9 this year). In the past, we've given ribbons and trophies to the top finishers – this year we're considering gift certificates to athletic/running specialty stores in the area. If a high school athlete were given such an award, would that jeopardize their WIAA eligibility?

**A.:** Answer to your question is "yes" – for a student athlete to receive cash or merchandise awards for achievement, performance and/or potential as an athlete would by rule, be a career ending violation. (Obviously, since your event is held Aug. 9 and cross country season does not begin until the 18th, students who will be joining their school's team could otherwise take part in your event without peril.)

**Q.:** Is there any issue with one of our high school junior ball players getting paid to work a basketball camp that we host for kids in grade school and middle school?

**A.:** 1) Students can be employed – just not self-employed in the area of private sport skill instruction. 2) About the only peril (amateur status related) would be if the one ball player was given preferential treatment/access to the opportunity; one not available to other interested students to be aware of and to apply to. 3) Remember; schools are only able to sponsor camps/clinics in the summer.

**Q.:** Couple of questions for you: 1) We are hosting a cross country meet next fall and would like to open it up for a middle school race prior to the JV and varsity races. Is there anything that would prohibit us from doing that considering that we are only a 9-12 private school? 2) Is there a form that needs to be completed for participation in a 4-team basketball tournament held in Winona, MN for our participation? I was unable to locate one on the website. If not, what is the process?

**A.:** I am not able to see any obvious peril if your school provided a non-varsity and/or middle school race opportunity to those schools whose varsity teams will be taking part in your invite. With respect to interstate competition; there is no form. Forward the following to the event sponsor/host 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 participating schools 9-12 high schools? (no post secondary/prep academies). Are all schools members of their state association? (In this case, with only four schools involved, disregard the first two points – the event would NOT require sanctioning.) Also, include the dates the event will be held.

**Q.:** If a softball team plays out-of-state (non-bordering state) and plays two games in two days is this in violation of 6f of the softball spring season regulations? Would we consider this an event rather than two competitions?

**A.:** No, this would not violate season regulations if it was your school's only out-of-state event. Played on consecutive days of the same/single trip, we would consider this all part of the 'one event' – much like playing several contests over 'spring break.'

## Participation Issues

**Q.:** I have a young man that has been taking youth option classes at a nearby university all year. He has four classes and the youth options class. Yesterday he stopped in and told us he dropped the third tri-mester calculus class and now only has four classes at the high school. The question is: The second tri-mester physics course ended at the end of March giving him five credits for the year, but he currently has only four classes now in the fourth quarter. Is he ineligible?

**A.:** What is considered a full-time student academic load for your school? If student is not carrying a full-time class and/or credit load (depending on how your board identifies full-time status) then he is not eligible. Your school board policy will initially define what constitutes full-time student status – most typically either in terms of credit hours completed – or in number of hours or classes carried per semester. Students must be enrolled as a full-time student in order to be eligible. Some students are enrolled full-time through youth options and other variety of instructional delivery methods. From the information in your note, I am unable to identify what constitutes full-time load for a student at your school.

**Q.:** I had a question regarding allowing 8th

graders to play summer baseball for their high school. If a student in 8th grade plays for their high school freshman team, do they lose a year of eligibility once they are actually in high school? Or would they be allowed to play five years of high school summer baseball?

**A.:** Our member's rules of eligibility Article I, Section 3 and 4 prohibit the scenario you describe. A student is not eligible for 9th grade summer baseball until the second semester following entry into 9th grade.

**Q.:** Our community is currently running a softball club team in hopes of offering the sport as a WIAA recognized program next spring (2009). So far it has gone very well, but our numbers are a little low with athletes wanting to continue to compete in a school and WIAA recognized sport (track and field). We have 8th graders practicing in the program as well at this point. If the member school's we are working with recognize the dates as scrimmages and not games, can we use the 8th graders? Using the 8th grade is helping us to develop this program for future competition.

**A.:** Though we would never recommend it – schools may allow their 8th graders to practice with their HS teams. Technically – scrimmage is considered to be a day of practice. Having said that, we would discourage our member schools from scrimmaging and competing vs. a club team except when club roster is both age and grade appropriate – and consistent with our member's provisions in this area. To do otherwise clearly leaves a flavor of circumvention rather than compliance as well as a heightened vulnerability for our member school's teams.

**Q.:** Can a foreign exchange student participate in state level competitions and hold school and/or state records? Has this issue been asked before and if so what was the decision and/or discussion on the matter?

**A.:** The answer to your first question regarding the opportunity to compete and hold records is "yes," at least at the Association level. I cannot speak for the individual school for their own school records. The answer to your second question is also, "Yes." This question was brought before our members as recently as one or two springs ago. This came in the wake of a foreign exchange student winning several events in the Association's State track meet. The question of "should exchange students be allowed to take part in membership tournaments" – was responded to without a moment of hesitation at that time – again, "yes."

**Q.:** Next year, depending on his IEP, we may have a student who will be placed in a residential treatment facility due to his emotional disturbance condition. He will be counted as one of our students for DPI and we will be paying the cost of this special education service. Will this student be eligible for athletics?

**A.:** The fundamental question needing to first be determined is whether the student will be have full-time status. Since there is broad diversity across our 500+ member schools and how their local boards identify full-time student status, e.g., four period blocks, six, seven or eight period (more) traditional schedule based determination, some go by semester credits, etc. The WIAA's "definition" of a full-time student must come from a broader perspective. In our member's Senior High Handbook, p. 35 Rules of Eligibility Art. V, Sect. 1A-note, provides:

"A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100 percent of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception." From another perspective then, a full-time student could be class president, prom king, homecoming queen, class speaker, and even valedictorian and grand scholarship winner. Instruction is provided or paid for by the school. Course work is counted towards GPA, class rank, graduation, honors, e.g.

**Q.:** I have a quick question about a rule – As a girls basketball school program, we wrote a rule that our varsity girls that were playing club volleyball needed to take time off from the club sport during the start of tournament play for the

basketball program. Is this illegal for us to do?

**A.:** WIAA members may develop rules which are more strict than the Association's. The team rule you have developed would not violate WIAA provisions. For team rules of this nature 'best friendly advice' is to seek/gain "authorization and support" from local school board and administration for rules of this kind.

## Nonschool Competition/Participation

**Q.:** I have a question that our local Babe Ruth baseball coach asked me. I looked his question up in the Handbook and now I am basically ensuring that I read it correctly. If a freshmen goes out for golf or for track, he can practice with the Babe Ruth baseball team (non-school affiliated) during his high school season. The reason that this can occur is because it is not same sport. A freshmen baseball player could not practice until his season was over. Am I reading this correctly?

**A.:** Close but not quite. A school track or golf athlete could actually practice and compete in club baseball. (though not recommended by us). The member's rule is a sport specific competition prohibition. In fact, the frosh baseball player who is on the school's team could be allowed to practice with the club baseball team – again, we don't necessarily recommend that, but it's not prohibited should school and coach wish to permit it.

**Q.:** I have a track athlete who runs the one and two mile races. He is also interested in running marathons to raise money for autism. Is he allowed to do so during the track season?

**A.:** No. If an event provides a "walking" opportunity – he could enter as a walker. From interests and perspectives of our members: Running competition is running competition. Student is certainly as easily depleted and/or exposed to risk of injury in marathons or fun runs as in any other running events.

## Coach Contact

**Q.:** Is the girl's JV soccer coach from a school allowed to coach a summer soccer team made up of players from the boy's soccer teams from the same school? What if there is only a couple of players from the school on the team? What if the person coaching the team is the boys tennis coach? Can any member of a schools athletic staff coach that school's athletes in other sports, out-of-season or off season?

**A.:** In the most strict and technical interpretation, "yes" to all your questions. The fundamental coaching contact rule provides that the person who will be coaching students in the next school season may not coach those same kids during restricted times. In soccer, the only unrestricted contact times are during the actual school season and for up to five days in the summer, between the end of school and July 31. ALL other periods both during the school year as well as the summer – are restricted. No coaching contact. But in the scenarios you outline, so long as those individuals have ZERO interface/involvement with the team during the next school season, then 'technically' they are in compliance. I use the term technically and in quotes – due to the fact that there are many who view the boys coach working with the girls teams and vis a vis – more as a form of circumvention rather than compliance. School administration should be aware of the existence of that stigma if they intend to allow that sort of arrangement. To an extent and by virtue of having the "girl's coach" or the "boys coach" heading up the summer program for the opposite gender's team diminishes the member's stated philosophy of summer involvement being voluntary. Lastly, remember – it is only in the summer time, that students can voluntarily assemble in a manner which might resemble the school's team..and then, without school and/or coach involvement.

**Q.:** I've got a question a parent presented to me recently. His son is a hard worker who enjoys one-on-one coaching, but in our area there are few if any opportunities to get instruction or even participate in AAU league unless he were to drive a couple hours. This parent presented the idea of paying me or another coach at the school by the hour to work with his son in the summer, believing that might be allowed under WIAA

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## Eligibility Q & A

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rules. I told him I would check, but I honestly have no idea. It's my understanding that a coach can work with his own players if it's a camp open to anyone interested.

**A.: This is not a correct understanding. The fundamental rule is that you may not have coaching contact outside of the school season with students you will be coaching in the next school season. There are only two exceptions. Parents can always coach their own children – even when the parent is a school coach.**

**Coaches may have contact only during the five unrestricted contact days in the summer and during the actual school season. Working a camp open to everyone – does not dispense the coaching contact restrictions.**

**Q.:** I have a couple questions regarding the change in summer coach's contact days for football. First, do the five days have to be consecutive? Second, do the days have to be before July 31 or could the last day of camp be on July 31?

**A.:** Football summer contact days no longer need to be consecutive. Additionally, the number of contact days has been increased from four to five starting this summer. The last day of camp/contact could be inclusive of July 31. Lastly, if travel is involved with summer contact, the days of travel must be counted as part of the five unrestricted days – both to and returning from.

**Q.:** Can I use current players as demonstrators for a youth football coaches teaching clinic this spring? This is a coaches clinic NOT a youth football camp.

**A.:** No. Coaching contact with your current players is limited to the five unrestricted days in the summer and to the actual school season. You could use former players (graduates); players who are seniors right now (whose eligibility is completed) or, you could use 8th graders. Also remember a school can only sponsor camps in the summer. A 'spring' camp would need to be sponsored by a nonschool provider.

**Q.:** Can you please clarify two things for me on the summer contact days for basketball? Do I understand correctly that the five days may include players that will be entering 9th-12th grade, and not just limited to a "varsity" team? Also the five days are the same days for all levels, meaning you could not have five days for freshmen, five days for sophomores and five days for juniors and seniors, which theoretically could mean 15 different days.

**A.:** A member school could include any/all students who have student status within the school's program/system regardless of grade in school on contact days, if you wished. You are correct. The school basketball PROGRAM has a total of five days. The five days are the exact same days for all levels of sponsored opportunity. Typically the days are set by the head coach and AD. (Certainly, the boys program may have five days - and the girls program five different days.) But no program has more

than five days total.

**Q.:** Is my coach allowed to assemble his wrestling team this summer and wrestle a dual meet against another school?

**A.:** Within the five unrestricted contact days school administration can allow just about anything you wish. They are unrestricted - so if you said "yes," it could happen within the parameters of the summer unrestricted contact. Obviously, that will not diminish your school's risk if/should you allow, and if after only a few days of training/acclimation a boy is seriously injured.

**Q.:** I was wondering if you could answer a question for one of my coaches. If they are going on an overnight for one night, and then traveling back to town the next day, do they need to count the travel day when coming back. They aren't planning on any meetings etc., on the second (travel) day.

**A.:** Travel days must be counted and included into the five unrestricted summer contact days.

**Q.:** Right now I am the head varsity baseball coach for a member high school and the community legion is asking me to be their head Legion coach for the summer. My question to you would be if I am the head varsity coach during the spring high school season, can I be the head legion coach for the summer?

**A.:** Simple answer is - "yes, you can coach both." A key element would be that the local legion team not be limited to just your high school players. Article I of the Rules At A Glance addresses coaches contact.

### Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

**Q.:** We have had our school trainer that is contracted throughout the school year provide summer agility and conditioning classes for our student-athletes. He does this through a health-care facility and is a certified strength and conditioning coach. My question is this; the cost is becoming very expensive for the student-athletes that want to participate in this summer program and it has in fact deterred some from taking it (the cost). If this is open to all students enrolled at the high school, is it possible to have a club or the school pay for a portion of this cost to lower the overall cost that the student-athlete would have to pay? There would still be a fee for the participants, but it would not be as much as it would be if they had to pay all of it themselves.

**A.:** If a group or benefactor wished to underwrite a camp and provide it free or reduced – to everyone interested, they could do that. Key is in uniformity – if it's going to be 25 bucks for the third teamer, it's got to be 25 bucks for the all-state player. And that each player or their family cover 100 percent of the costs associated in order to attend the camp.

**Q.:** My volleyball coach has asked me a few questions about summer league play and starting a non-school club. I want to check with you to make sure my understanding is correct. First, is there any way a school can sponsor a summer

league or tournament for high school aged students? My understanding is that something like this has to be sponsored by a non-school group and they in turn can reserve district facilities. I'm not 100 percent sure if the recent summer contact days would allow anything like this. Also, am I correct to assume if a non-school group wanted to have funds held in a "school account" would this group then be considered a "school sponsored group"?

**A.:** Yes to your first question. A school can do what ever it wishes (almost) on the five unrestricted days in the summer – sponsor five tournaments, e.g., or five days/nights of league play, five days of camps and competition . . . Outside of those unrestricted days, NO. See Bylaws II, Art. II., p. 26. Regarding your second question, no, but the funds are "school money" and subsequently may not be used to fund non-school opportunities. This ties into who may be allowed to pay for "what" – and when.

### Open Gyms and Camp Issues

**Q.:** Am I correct in my understanding that as long as a coach is just supervising at an open gym, the kids at open gyms may "organize" their activities such as drills, conditioning, etc. The coach would have no involvement other than to provide supervision for the facility's use.

**A.:** If you're asking about organizing themselves into teams to play, and an organization of how we stay in play or rotate out – answer's "sure" kids can do that. If we're talking about student's organizing out-of-season practices - NO. That which we might commonly describe as captain's practice is allowed in the summer time, without school and/or coach involvement.

**Q.:** My volleyball coach would like to set up a camp for high school students during the week of August 4-8. She knows she can not coach in the camp and another person would be in charge of the camp. Is there any restrictions with this request?

**A.:** The end result of this can be achieved within Association rules, fairly easily. There are caveats. Keep in mind that the time period your coach has identified as a desirable period for a camp is both outside the actual school season and outside the unrestricted contact dates. So then, coach needs to find a camp/clinic during those desired dates owned and sponsored by a non-school provider (see Bylaws Art. II, Sect. 2, p. 26). Bylaws do identify that school facilities can be used by non-school groups in accordance with school district policies (Art. II, Sect. 4). Additionally, the Rules of Eligibility (Art. VI, Sect. 2C-1, p. 38) provides that: "An acceptable non-school program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status." This means that the non-school sponsored camp may not simply be/become "the school's team practicing/competing outside the season" (Bylaws, Art. II and ROE Art. VI, Sect. 2A) - or your school's team will be vulnerable. Some of the previous response can also be

found at least partially addressed in the Rules At A Glance, Art. II, C and A, especially. Lastly, topics such as hold-harmless agreements, liability insurance/protection held by the non-school provider, acknowledgement of IRS tax requirements and the like will need to be considered. Final word of "best practice" advice – be certain the camp is not in anyway able to be described as a "mandatory" thing, and/or the official or unofficial 'try-out' opportunity for the upcoming school season.

**Q.:** I have a question about open gyms, specifically, when colleges are involved. We have a big-time basketball talent, a sophomore, and certain colleges want to come and watch him play in an open gym setting. Are there protocols for this? As long as it is a normal, legal open gym can college scouts come to look at players? Also, could a college scout watch a player during phys-ed classes?

**A.:** We advise caution and further, confirmation from NCAA. A few years ago, there was a lot of "blurring" of our member's term and our definition of open gym – in order to facilitate NCAA opportunity and to comply with NCAA definitions at that time. Schools were setting up scrimmages, including AAU players and students from other schools and trying to call it "open gym." I must advise you to double check with NCAA about the circumstances under which a college coach could come to your school. From WIAA perspective, if a recruiter wished to watch a bona fide WIAA open gym, our rules would not prevent that. I am not sure if it would be permitted by NCAA, or not. Observing a gym class is not a WIAA issue, but you best check with your principal and supt. Do keep in mind WIAA rules regarding open gym outlined in II-D of the Rules At A Glance AND that an open gym may not include students/athletes from any other schools.

### Health & Behavior

**Q.:** I am a concerned parent from a member high school. There is a girl on the girls track team that was arrested for hosting an underage drinking party, she was also drunk. This happened on Feb. 23. As of today April 4, she is still on the track team. I thought there was a code and this definitely breaks it. Why is she still allowed to be on the team?

**A.:** If you are sincerely and genuinely concerned – you would schedule a meeting with your school's administration and share with them any first hand information you have. It is a requirement of membership that a school have a participation code and that school administration shall apply that code as written, when they determine the code has been violated. Our experience is that most member school administrators are not reluctant to apply their codes despite the bluster of those who would obstruct. If you can make a contribution, stand up and do it. Your school's administration will appreciate any quality information you can provide them. +

## School Involvement In Out-Of-Season Activity

A reminder that schools cannot be involved in conducting out-of-season competition during the school year or during the summer. This means a school cannot conduct 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, co-educational volleyball tournaments, softball tournaments, etc., outside the designated school season for that particular sport. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (4 consecutive days for football, or 5 days for all other WIAA sports). This does not prevent outside organizations, such as recreation departments, service clubs, etc., from renting school facilities and conducting these types of competitions, but the school itself cannot be directly involved.

A further reminder that the WIAA has a rule which states "A school may not conduct intramural programs which involve athletes with past status on a school team (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman), except during the established school season of a sport." The interpreta-

tion of this rule is obvious. A school cannot, for example, conduct intramural volleyball during the spring, with girls' volleyball players participating. It wouldn't make any difference how many were on a given team, or whether it was co-ed volleyball, if girls' volleyball players were involved, it would be a violation.

WIAA rules do not prevent students from participating in nonschool out-of-season competitions. However, school facilities cannot be used for students to practice for these competitions, unless a nonschool group or organization has made arrangements through normal procedures, to use these facilities.

WIAA Bylaws also state that schools, including their administrators, athletic director and coaches, shall not become involved directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, and/or promotion of any kind of all-star game or similar contest involving students with remaining WIAA high school eligibility in any sport, if such all-star games or similar contests are held during the established school year. +

## Athletes and Photographers

WIAA athletes, and photographers, should adhere to these guidelines, relative to individual pictures. WIAA rules allow photographers to:

1. Display pictures of students in athletic wear (letter jackets, jerseys, uniforms, etc.) in their studio windows, on premises of studio and in connection with other photographic displays and exhibits.
2. Use pictures of students in athletic wear (as indicated above) in advertising brochures, postal cards, sample boards, collages, direct mailings, and similar situations.

3. Use pictures of students in athletic wear in advertising form in a publication (newspaper, magazine, etc.) or for television advertising, or names of students identified as athletes in radio advertising.

WIAA rules continue to prohibit athletes from:

1. Receiving the equivalent of cash or merchandise in the form of discounts in cost of pictures, waivers of sitting fees, free wallet-size photos, and similar inducements, if identified as an athlete or selected because of being an athlete.
2. Providing an endorsement, as an athlete, in any promotional event. +

# Softball Questions & Answers



Marcy Thurwachter

Umpires should be aware that in most cases, in order to be eligible for a regional or sectional final, umpires must make themselves available for at least one of the two earlier rounds of contests. Since assignors are sending contracts out years in advance you may check the dates for upcoming WIAA tournaments by going to the WIAA website; [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org), select WIAA Info, Calendar/Tickets/Maps, Season Dates. The calendar is through 2010. Please carefully check the dates against the contracts you receive.

NOTE: NEW for 2009: Of the 20 contests currently allowed, two contests may be designated as multi-games between another school or schools, which will count as one of the maximum total contests provided no members of the team are dismissed from academic classes in order to play or travel.

In scheduling for the 2009 season, list the 20 contests. Mark two of these your multi-games. For example:

March 30 – Home vs School A  
 April 2 – Away vs School B  
 April 7 – Away vs School C  
 April 11 – Home vs School D (Doubleheader)\*\*\*  
 April 14 – Home vs School E  
 April 17 – Away vs School F  
 April 21 – Away vs School G  
 April 25 – Home vs School H (Doubleheader)  
 April 28 – Away vs School A  
 April 30 – Home vs School B  
 May 2 – Home Tournament \*\*\*  
 May 5 – Home vs School C  
 May 7 – Away vs School E  
 May 9 – Home vs School F  
 May 12 – Home vs School G  
 May 16 – Away vs School I (Doubleheader)  
 May 19 – Home vs School J (Doubleheader)

The games marked with \*\*\* are the multi-game contests. You may play as many games as you want on these two dates. The other dates marked as doubleheaders count as two separate games. This schedule shows 20 contests with two multi-game dates.

**Question 1:** I have an assistant coach who will be

using a cane when he is in the first base coaches box. Do we need any special authorization from the WIAA?

**Answer: No. If the assistant coach would be using a wheelchair or scooter, the WIAA should be contacted to discuss the individual's needs. As per the Case Book, 3-5-2; "...the umpire should permit the coach to occupy the coach's box at the appropriate times, but the umpire should contact the state association as soon as possible after the contest..."**

**Question 2:** We have both a varsity and a junior varsity team. We currently have 17 girls between the two teams. Are we eligible for an extra inning waiver?

**Answer: Yes. Please refer to the Softball Season Regulations, page 28; "...schools with 18 or fewer players, attempting to provide two levels of competition may allow an individual player(s) to participate in a maximum of three innings in any one game without counting toward their game maximum." Contact Tom Shafranski of the WIAA office.**

**Question 3:** If we're playing a doubleheader can we play five innings and count each of these games?

**Answer: Yes. Please refer to the Softball Season Regulations, page 29; "The number of innings for one or both games in a doubleheader may be scheduled for five innings."**

**Question 4:** Are chin straps on batting helmets required?

**Answer: No. Neither the NFHS or WIAA currently required chin straps.**

**Question 5:** I continue to be confused about the DP/Flex. Where can I find additional information explaining this rule?

**Answer: The meeting folder that is posted on the School and Official's Centers contains a page with a thorough explanation of the DP/Flex.**

**Question 6:** If a game is suspended do we need to start over again?

**Answer: Please refer to the Softball Season Regulations, page 29; "If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension**

**and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree not to do so (Rule 4-2-3)."**

**Question 7:** While umpiring a recent game I noticed that one of the teams had a variety of different colored shoelaces. Is this legal?

**Answer: Legal. Shoelaces are not considered to be part of the official school uniform. (Rule 3-2-3).**

**Question 8:** Are pitchers restricted to a certain number of innings?

**Answer: No there is not a limit of the number of innings that can be pitched.**

**Question 9:** Does there need to be a circle around the pitcher's plate?

**Answer: Yes. Rule 1-1-2d; "A circle 16 feet in diameter shall be drawn with its center at the midpoint of the front edge of the pitcher's plate."**

**Question 10:** I have a player with a pierced nose. Can she replace the stud with fishing line?

**Answer: Yes. Cover the fishing line with tape and make the umpires aware during the pre-game conference.**

**Question 11:** I have a bat, Demarini Nitress (NFP-7). Its not on the ASA legal bat list but it does have the 2004 ASA seal. Is this bat legal?

**Answer: Legal. The new rule change allows for bats that have either the 2000 or 2004 ASA seal AND are not on the ASA banned bat list to be considered legal. Occasionally there is a lag time for bats to appear on the ASA legal bat list.**

**Question 12:** In referencing Case Book, 3-6-1; "After the game has started, it is discovered that a Team A player is using an illegal bat. RULING: The illegal equipment shall be removed from the game and the umpire issues a warning to the head coach. The next offender not properly equipped or not using equipment properly will result in the offender and the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench for the duration of the game. (3-5-1)." Why isn't Rule 7-4-2, batter called out, applied?

**Answer: The Case Book discovery was not made per the limitations of Rule 7-4-2; in the batter's box or before the next pitch. +**

## Recruiting Guidelines

WIAA rules prevent the recruitment of students for athletic reasons. The specific rule in question states: "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."

It's important to note that persons not connected with the school can violate this rule, resulting in a loss of eligibility. Schools are ultimately responsible for the eligibility of all of their students and the school needs to communicate rules and pay close attention to the circumstances that bring students to the school.

Obviously, public schools and private schools encourage students to enroll and this certainly can be done without violating the undue influence rule. The following gives some examples of acceptable and unacceptable practices. This list cannot be considered all-inclusive, but should be helpful as an example.

### Acceptable

High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school to explain programs and encourage all interested students to attend.

Inviting all interested students from a middle school/elementary school to visit.

Providing game tickets to all interested students and/or team members from a middle school/elementary school or area youth teams.

Providing informational pamphlets which describe the high school to all interested students at a middle level/elementary school.

Providing tuition reduction to prospective students, based on need and/or scholastic achievement.

### Unacceptable

High school personnel visiting a middle school/elementary school sport team to encourage players to attend.

Inviting selected students, because of athletic po-

tential or ability, to visit.

Providing game tickets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.

Providing promotional pamphlets to selected students, based on athletic potential or ability.

Providing tuition reduction to selected students, based wholly or in part on athletic potential or ability.

Community or booster club member(s) contacting a potential student, because of athletic ability or potential, and encouraging attendance.

Providing items of apparel and/or other incentives to students.

### Additional Examples

Interpretation of this provision now allows youth athletic teams to receive invitation/complimentary admission to high school sporting events and to be acknowledged or introduced at those events.

Teams may also perform and/or scrimmage in connection with a high school event

Under no circumstances may a youth team be introduced, etc., at more than one contest per season.

This interpretation provides for admission, acknowledgment and performance and/or scrimmage opportunity.

These events may not extend or prolong the contest or periods beyond the limits provided by rule.

Participating in the high school team's game preparations is not permitted (e.g. pregame, half-time, sidelines, locker room).

Under no circumstances will it be considered acceptable to single out any individual youth/middle level student athlete separate from or disproportionate to the remainder of the team.

It is the responsibility of schools to contact other schools and report any possible violations of WIAA rules. The WIAA is always willing to provide rules clarifications and, where necessary, will impose sanctions on schools and programs. It is far better for schools to provide leadership and control to prevent problems than to have to deal with these issues after the fact. +

## Open Gyms

Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. The open gym is made known and available to any student in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.

2. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.

3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, ie., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.

Schools and coaches must clearly understand that the philosophy of the open gym is that youngsters from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills if they choose, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against your school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) +



# Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

**QUESTION:** Will the new computer system replace the old system of FAXING in Player Season Record Forms?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, Player Season Record Forms are still needed for all players/teams who qualify for the WIAA State Individual Tournament and for all players/teams who want to be considered as Special Qualifiers. These forms are found on the WIAA School Center and need to be FAXED to the WIAA office by **12:00 noon on Friday, May 23.**

The new computer system for the WIAA Boy's State Tournament will continue to have coaches providing Subsectional Entries via an on-line input system. Initial on-line Subsectional Entries are due by **12:00 noon on Thursday, May 15.** Changes are allowed until **12:00 noon on Sunday, May 18.**

In addition, coaches will also be asked via the on-line computer system to identify players/doubles teams who have either qualified or they wish to have considered as a Special Qualifier. Identification of these players/doubles teams needs to be done by **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22.**

Obtaining this information by this time, will allow a list of potential Boy's State Individual Qualifiers to be identified. From this list, coaches will be asked to identify WINS a player/doubles teams has had over other players in the list. Identification of matches won over other players/doubles teams who have qualified or seeking a Special Qualifier position must be entered on-line by **10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23.**

In this way, more information will be available for the State Seeding Committee to determine both Special Qualifiers and Seeds for the WIAA State Individual Tournament.

**QUESTION:** What is the official form for requesting a Special Qualifier?

**INTERPRETATION:** The official form for requesting a Special Qualifier continues to be the FAXED Player Season Record Form.

**QUESTION:** Do coaches still need to send in a Seed Request Form for all state qualifiers even if we are not requesting a seed?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, the WIAA Seeding Committee has requested that coaches send in a Seed Request Form for all qualifiers of the WIAA State Individual Tournament. The more information we can obtain on each participant, the better job that can be done to appropriately seed the State Individual

Tournament. Coaches only need to mark the seed request box in the upper right-hand corner if they are requesting a seed.

**QUESTION:** Does a singles player who will play in Flights 1, 2 or 3 need to play in a minimum of three singles matches at that flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at that flight? How about a doubles team?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, a singles player or doubles team must have played in at least three matches in Flights 1, 2 or 3 for singles and Flights 1 or 2 for doubles in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at that flight.

**QUESTION:** To be seeded in singles in Flights 1, 2 or 3, must a singles player have played in at least three matches at that flight? In doubles to be seeded in Flights 1 or 2, must a doubles team have played in at least three matches together in that flight?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, a singles player or doubles team shall play three matches in that flight during the regular season to be considered for a seed at that same flight in the subsectional tournament. By a majority vote of the coaches, this provision can be waived in order to seed the bracket accurately.

**QUESTION:** Do singles players and doubles teams have to be placed in rank order for the WIAA subsectional entries? How is this appealed if a coach does not believe another coach has his/her entries in rank order?

**INTERPRETATION:** Yes, singles players and doubles team for each school team need to be placed in rank order. Using the new computer system, all coaches will be able to view the entries of each team following the closing of entries at **12:00 noon on Sunday, May 18.** Appeals of rank order must be made by coaches at the subsectional coaches meeting. Coaches making appeals must be able to document challenged rank orders and all coaches being challenged need to be able to document rationale for their order of entries.

**QUESTION:** During the WIAA State Tennis Tournament series, a coach can move everyone up or direct substitute. However, for direct substitutions the line-up still has to be set from strength to weakness. Therefore, if the number one player was ill, a #5 JV player couldn't take his spot at #1-everyone would move up a flight and the JV player come in at #4 singles. Is that correct? How is that a direct substitution then? Is this true for dual matches also or does the conference set that rule?

**INTERPRETATION:** The following are the substitution options available from the time subsectional lineups are turned in until the first match of the subsectional is assigned to a court for reasons of injury, illness, or school discipline:

(1) Move everyone up. (Can't substitute from singles to doubles or vice versa.)

(2) Direct substitution at that position.

This regulation is just for the WIAA subsectional and it only pertains to the period of time underlined above. It does not apply to regular season meets. Conferences can and should have their own regulations in place. During regular season meets, rank order must be maintained.

Since the WIAA tournament series is both an individual and team competition, both substitution options need to be available.

**QUESTION:** If a shot/volley hits the net post during a singles match and bounces into play on the opponents side of the court, is this a good shot?

**INTERPRETATION:** There are multiple answers to this question:

If it hits the net post while being served – this is a fault.

If a shot/volley hits the net post during doubles and falls in the court – the shot is good.

If a shot/volley hits the net post during singles when singles sticks are being used – the shot is not good.

If a shot/volley hits the net post during singles when there are no singles sticks – the shot is good.

This regulation places an emphasis on use of singles sticks.

**QUESTION:** I am a coach at a high school and my nephew plays tennis for another high school in the area. Can I hit with him from time to time during the season?

**INTERPRETATION:** There are no regulations that prevent a coach from one school from hitting/playing with a student-athlete from another school either during the tennis season or outside of the tennis season. I advise discussing this

with your nephew's coach in advance just to be sure everyone involved is aware of this activity and approves.

**QUESTION:** Can a female manager toss balls to male tennis players during practice?

**INTERPRETATION:** Female managers are allowed. However, girl tennis players are not allowed to practice, serve as assistant coaches, clinicians, instructors, etc., during the boys' tennis season, in the school program. Obviously, boys' tennis players are similarly restricted during the girls' tennis season. Girls' tennis players cannot practice with the boys' tennis teams because the boys' tennis season is defined in Season Regulations and the school cannot make opportunities available outside the season. Again, boys' tennis players are similarly restricted. Swimming, soccer, and golf are other sports with split seasons where these rules apply.

One exception to this rule that WIAA rules do not prevent is a senior girl who has completed her girl's tennis eligibility from hitting with the boy's team.

**QUESTION:** If I have a quad scheduled as a scrimmage and my team only has 13 matches, if there is another team at the quad with 13 matches, could both schools count them as a regular match?

**INTERPRETATION:** WIAA Spring Season Regulations, page 36, 4., Note: All schools involved in a scrimmage must count this practice as a scrimmage. One or two schools can not count it as a scrimmage while the others count it as a contest.

**QUESTION:** I have a few players suspended and I would like to know if I can count a scrimmage as one of their three suspended matches?

**INTERPRETATION:** Scrimmages are not considered to be competitions, consequently, they can not count as one of the competitions used to reduce a student-athlete's suspension. +

## Directory Changes

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## Coaches Participating Against Athletes In The Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. This rule and its interpretation had prevented coaches from participating against their athletes in structured, non-school league competition, during the off-season. The WIAA Board of Control approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate against their athletes in league competition, organized by a non-school entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

It continues to be a violation of WIAA rules for coaches to participate on the same team as their athletes, in out-of-season play, and to be involved in playing pickup activity with their athletes during the off-season except in school sponsored Open Gyms. The other obvious exception to this is in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. +

# 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 113th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau.

Board of Control President Gus Mancuso, Principal at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, presided. There were 412 delegates in attendance representing 341 schools. The President opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates. The 2007-08 highlight presentation produced by When We Were Young was shown. Mr. Mancuso then reviewed the materials in the meeting packet and introduced the head table which included Executive Director Douglas Chickering, Deputy Director Dave Anderson, President-Elect Kevin Knudson of Barneveld Public Schools, Treasurer Roger Foegen of Bangor Public Schools, Administration Coordinator Julie Kage and Parliamentarian Dr. William Davidson of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Minutes of 2007 meeting stand as presented. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Bulletin and in the WIAA Yearbook.

Treasurer Roger Foegen reviewed the financial report included in the meeting materials. Total revenue for FY2007 was \$6,802,424 and operating expenses were \$6,965,896. Other revenue was \$136,092, resulting in a net decrease in earnings of \$27,380. The June 30, 2007 fund balance was a corrected \$3,034,475 and a balanced budget with income and expenses of \$7,321,825. Fall tournament results were about \$140,000 above net projections. The Budget forecast for the 2008-09 year will increase returns to schools in areas yet to be identified. Ticket prices will likely increase \$1 to \$4 at the sectional level for basketball, volleyball, wrestling and hockey. State Tournament per session admission fees will remain at this year's level. Also, monies available from marketing sources will increase returns to schools. A motion was made by Paul Rozak, Stratford and seconded by Signe Schecher, Mayville to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Joan Gralla presented the Election Report. In the Board of Control election, Roger Foegen, Bangor, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 3 expiring after the June 2011 meeting. Jim Smasal, Winneconne, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 4 expiring after the June 2011 meeting. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills, was elected for a two-year term for District 6 expiring after the June 2010 meeting. Keith Posley, Milwaukee, was elected for a three-year term for the Ethnic At-Large position expiring after the June 2011 meeting. Mary Pfeiffer, Green Bay, was elected for a one-year term for the Gender At-Large position expiring after the June 2009 meeting. In the Advisory Council elections, Gordon Sisson, Marshfield was re-elected to a three-year term and Mike Younggren, Wausau East was elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools expiring after the June 2011 meeting. Troy Gunderson, West Salem and Jeff Jacobson, Platteville were re-elected to three-year terms for the Medium Schools expiring after the June 2011 meeting. Brian Henning, New Auburn was elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools expiring after the June 2011 meeting. A special election will take place for the following: District 2 representative on the Board of Control. This is a one-year term beginning with the August 8, 2008 meeting. There is also a one-year term for the Gender At-Large representative and a three-year term for the Ethnic At-Large representative on the Advisory Council beginning with the October 16, 2008 Meeting. The timeline allows declarations of candidacy between April 23 and May 12. A primary election will be held if needed beginning May 14 with the deadline for primary ballots on May 28. If a primary is needed, general election ballots will be sent on June 2 with a deadline of June 13. If no primary is necessary, the general election will replace the primary. The successful candidate will be seated for the Board of Control Meeting on August 8. Jerry Jones was unsuccessful in his election to the Seneca Board of Education and the WASB will reappoint a voting representative to the WIAA Board of Control.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Peg Ekedahl, Milton; Mark Goller, Luck; Scott Lindgren, Kenosha; Jim McCartney, Horicon and Jim Smasal, Winneconne. Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee was excused. Board of Control liaisons Michael Thompson, Executive Assistant to the State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and Greg Smith, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association were introduced. John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards was excused. Guests in attendance included John Roberts and Matt Otte. This was Mr. Roberts 52nd Annual Meeting and

Mr. Otte's 51st Annual Meeting. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well.

President Gus Mancuso shared the Board of Control's experiences in the 2007-08 year. He stated that the current Board of Control has taken their role very seriously. They realize that, like previous Boards, they hold the pulse and direction of Wisconsin High School athletics in our collective hands and hearts.

With that comes a great deal of responsibility. This Board has dealt with many issues that greatly influence the future of our organization, we have based our decisions on input from our coaches committees, advisory boards, advisory council and the executive staff.

In many issues, such as divisional placement, the decisions made by the National Federation of State High School Associations, circumstances surrounding student/school eligibility issues and the amendments you will vote on today, the Board has debated and discussed these issues with a great deal of passion.

In preparing for today's meeting, there were two amendments that the Board of Control decided not to bring to the membership for vote.

The fundamental issue of both amendments was post-season contests. One was in the Bylaws; one was in the Rules of Eligibility. The intent of both was the same. He read the language in the current Bylaw that was proposed to be eliminated:

"A school shall not participate in post season contests (other than Association Tournament games)."

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.

Eliminating this language in both these proposed amendments would, in effect, allow students to voluntarily assemble at any time, without school and/or school coach involvement to practice and compete in non-school based competition during the school year.

During the February Meeting, the Board of Control and the Executive Staff had a very involved, in-depth, deliberate and open discussion regarding the intended and unintended consequences if the membership would eliminate this language.

As a Board member, it was a "cross roads" moment, we struggled with what this would mean for the future of our organization.

In our collective discussions, we decided it would mean that . . .

. . . Our school teams would be in session forever during the school year for practice, tournaments or play.

. . . That eliminating this language would fuel more specialization by athletes, which could possibly be promoted by coaches.

. . . That programs and coaches in all schools, regardless of size, would be negatively affected when athletes would not play other sports.

. . . That coaches would feel more pressure to compete year round with their players and teams.

. . . That the outside, non school providers would have an open season to promote their non-school programs and agendas.

During the Board meeting, Greg Smith, WADA Vice President also stated that athletic directors would be influenced by Board action of advancing the amendments to the mem-

bership for a vote and would likely pass them if on the floor.

Dave Anderson indicated also eliminating this language would make it exceedingly difficult to keep peace in the coaching family and strain relationships between coaches.

Eliminating this language would attack the very principles upon which this organization was formed.

For anyone who attended last September's Area Meetings, these Bylaws and language were discussed. The Executive staff asked for feedback. Area Meeting participants overwhelmingly supported the current language. In the Area Meeting Mr. Mancuso attended, every comment made was to keep the current language, which, in effect, requires institutional control.

Each Board of Control member has a responsibility to make the best decision possible with the information at hand. Decisions should also be made for the greater good of the entire organization. As a Board, we believe the decision to not advance the amendments and maintain our current language is the best one and in the best interests of our schools, families and, most importantly, our student athletes.

In order to clarify what our schools need to expect and enforce regarding teams in the off-season, the Board asked the Executive Staff for definitions of a team at the April meeting. The staff recommended the following number of players from one school that could play on a club team--Basketball-3, Soccer-6, Baseball/Softball-5, Hockey/Volleyball-3 and Football-4.

The Board of Control is also directing the executive staff to remind our schools to educate their coaches, communities and school boards about off season rules, timelines and procedures along with the consequences of violations.

If we are to maintain the current environment where our membership remains the gatekeeper of high school athletics, we must all be responsible for educating the people we serve about our organization's rules and expectations. As important, we must all be responsible for the enforcement of our rules with our coaches, student-athletes and parents.

While it is imperative we adapt to the changing demands and dynamics of today's society and needs, as an organization we must remain steadfast in our core beliefs. We must remember that when trying to please everyone, we end up pleasing no one.

Like the previous members and leaders of our organization, I am confident that our decisions today and in the future will only make a great organization even better; better for the kids we serve today and for future generations.

Later on, when we get to New Business, we can entertain any questions about the Board's position at that time. It should also be noted that the action of the Board on these two proposed amendments does not alter the intent of the amendments you will be voting on today. Thank you for your attention.

Voting procedures for the amendments were explained by Dave Anderson, Deputy Director. He explained Robert's Rules of Order shall govern if not inconsistent with the WIAA Constitution and the authority of the Board of Control to designate a time and place for the meeting was reviewed. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The Constitution states the President of the Board of Control shall chair the meeting. A delegate may speak by going to the microphone, being recognized by the chair, give his/her full name and the name of the school represented. The Constitution of the WIAA states "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 percent of the member high schools." He also explained if a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and

Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting.

### Proposal #1

BYLAWS--Article II--School Competition and Practice Requirements, Section 5 C and D

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.

A motion was made by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids and seconded by Joe Fanning, Kenosha Tremper to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 308-8.

### Proposal #2

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article II--Residence and Transfer, Section 1, 3

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. A motion was made by Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick and seconded by Jim Johnson, Milton to support the amendment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 303-6.

### Proposal #3

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY--Article VII--Health and Behavior/Compliance, Section 1, A

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. A motion was made by Joe Zwdowsky, Cassville and seconded by Lance Bagstad, Clintonville to support the amendment.

Corey Golla, Brookfield East, indicated this was a topic at the recent WADA Caucus Meeting. There was not a clear understanding of the transfer rule and what materials should be shared with parents. Dave Anderson indicated the information may be found on the WIAA's website which will be updated. Information found in the WIAA's Rules of Eligibility contain information and a simplified bulletin outline may be prepared. Schools may also develop information from this material on their own. Paul Rozak, Stratford, asked that the WIAA staff prepare something to satisfy this requirement that could be added to athletic handbooks. Mr. Anderson indicated that will be accomplished.

The motion was approved by a vote of 259-50.

Editorial changes to the Rules of Eligibility were presented by Dave Anderson. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the rule. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect recent Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.

Pam Huston, Wausau West, asked if a coach may use one of his/her days of contact in the summer to drive athletes to a camp.

Dave Anderson indicated that was acceptable.

Jeff Ehrhardt indicated the present rules render charter student ineligible as found in Section 7 of Article II, Section 3, A. Federal law requires charter schools to be considered a separate school. Dave Anderson explained charter schools will be discussed in New Business.

A question was asked if a senior moves out of the district but maintains his/her enrollment, can he/she maintain eligibility at the original school. Dave Anderson answered that this is correct.

Barb Deichl, Waterford asked if someone transfers at the end of their sophomore year, they may not play varsity football as a junior.

Dave Anderson made it clear when someone is initially determined as ineligible and a waiver is not provided, the student is ineligible for one year.

Otis Chambers, Bay Port, felt there were See **Annual Meeting Minutes**, page 15 ►



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too many changes to be voted on at one time and he also felt several were not editorial in nature and should not be voted on this way.

Greg Groth, Catholic Central, asked what is the purpose of not allowing athletes to practice at a new school. Dave Anderson indicated there is some sentiment that the opportunity to practice is like a red-shirt year.

Charlie Gross, Homestead, concurred with Otis Chambers and felt it was overwhelming to take as one vote. He added it is confusing to change contact days in football from four to five days. Dave Anderson answered by reminding the membership that the Board of Control, in its authority, approved changing the days of summer contact for football from four to five. Because it has already been approved, this editorial change was necessary to reflect Board action. Mr. Gross felt it would be more beneficial to place editorial changes in subcategories for approval purposes.

Lois Peart, Iowa Grant, questioned the ineligibility period with the transfer rule. Dave Anderson reiterated how the membership felt there should be some level of athletic opportunity for transfer. He commented how it would be a circumvention of the rule to have a sophomore transfer in the last week and be eligible six weeks later at a new school.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, felt the number of athletes consisting of a team should be added to Article VI, Section 2 of the Rules of Eligibility.

Barb Chiszar, Hayward, asked for clarification on a situation where a senior moves and returns to a district and the eligibility implications. Dave Anderson cited Rules of Eligibility, Article II, 9 which reads "A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school)." There may be a tuition waiver when someone reaches the senior status under open enrollment.

Joe Zwdowsky, Cassville, asked what type of documentation is needed for waivers of the transfer rule. Dave Anderson indicated transfer waiver information may be found at the WIAA website.

Rick Johns, University School of Milwaukee, asked if someone would transfer at the beginning of the year if it would be ok but if a student transfers at the middle of their sophomore year, if they would lose eligibility for 365 days. Dave Anderson confirmed Mr. Johns' belief that it is a matter of timing.

Len Collyard, Kettle Moraine Lutheran, said this violates the K.I.S.S. principle. There are lots of questions and this is not simplified.

Gus Mancuso informed the membership that it is their option to vote against all editorial changes if they feel it is too complex.

A motion was made by Jeff Ehrhardt, Mercer and seconded by Barb Chiszar, Hayward to support the editorial changes.

At this point, Gus Mancuso introduced the delegates who were appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, conducted the vote count. Tellers assisting with today's meeting were Ben Filzen, Aquinas; Sandy Freres, The Prairie School; Kiya Hunt, Appleton West; Craig Lieder, Oshkosh North; Mark Lind, Princeton and

David Sonnabend, Chilton.

The motion was approved by a vote of 227-80.

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

#### Old Business

There was no old business from the floor.

Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick, spoke of a survey on unsportsmanslike behavior from the Green Bay Press Gazette which reported parents cause 53% of the problems. A year later the same survey increased that percentage to 59%. As Mr. Hammes travels throughout the country, he hears the same problem exists elsewhere and generally involves only a handful of parents. He asked that each athletic administrator work in this area and they should deal with parents. It is a privilege to go to high school games and not a right. Doug Chickering reported the NIAAA Convention recognizes this and a WASB Journal provided an outline of Mr. Hammes' presentation. Todd Clark and the Sportsmanship Committee will be meeting at the WIAA on Friday, May 2 and there will be another Sportsmanship Summit in October. The staff was more proactive in this area during the winter tournaments and will continue to be so in future tournaments. Face-to-face contact is vital and we all need to be proactive in this area.

Doug Chickering brought up the WIAA's divisional placement of public vs. nonpublic schools. He advised the attendees that anything done must be quantifiable.

Wade Labecki, Baldwin-Woodville, reported on how the Middle Border Conference deals with this even though it is not directly affected. They take the enrollment from schools in conference and assign a count to each student and add it up and divide it by the number of students in the school. If a student from a public school district attends a private school, that number is counted. The enrollment is divided by that number and divisions are assigned. This is a conference proposal and takes into consideration everyone including open enrollment students.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, said we cannot forget that some students attend private schools through their feeder programs so those students should not necessarily be part of the number anticipated attending the area public school.

Geoff Steinbach, Arrowhead, said the Classic Eight is an 8-team conference with two outstanding Catholic schools in it. They treat all member schools the same. They understand the concept that it is the effort of programs, regardless of whether they are in public or private schools. All members schools should be treated the same with the same rights and benefits.

Gene Strusz, Fox Valley Lutheran, said there was some talk about private schools not having boundaries. Tuition limits students from coming to certain private schools. The 62% participation rate should be analyzed. In Minnesota, they are looking at the socio-economic impact all schools and cited how school that do not have free and reduced lunches, have more participation. Doug Chickering added there is a study on the impact of students riding buses and how far they travel.

Don Tolkacz, Pulaski, has seen both sides—public and private and spoke of the dissolution of WISAA and efforts to place schools in divisions with the differences between small and large schools. The only thing that matters is if you win or lose. Any factor will become irrelevant when the wrong team moves up a division and wins. Kids are kids until someone wins. Let the kids play. We have to be one organization. Let's stick rules and go with them. It's about kids anyway.

Tom Shafranski provided an update on co-op discussions. During the past two years at the Area Meetings the staff spoke about supporting limits in ice hockey. As concerns develop, members believe something needs to be done. Liberal strategies need to be identified for new and renewal programs as well as for new high schools. The staff list only the host school when there are more than two schools involved. Participation numbers are being scrutinized and Deb Hauser has made inquiries for clarification. Ice hockey coaches suggest 16 participants are needed for an ice hockey program to operate. Other criteria are being reviewed and developed and more discussions will be held at the Area Meetings. Conference level review continues to be important criteria in this area.

Barb Chiszar, Hayward, asked if a co-op could be formed for junior varsity and not varsity for ice hockey. Tom Shafranski indicated that is acceptable and true for any sport.

Luke Francois, Middleton, said it is time to move beyond hockey and look at large schools in gymnastics.

#### New Business

There was none from the floor.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, said at the District 4 Caucus, they discussed how there are clear rules about sportsmanship during the tournament series and how it would be beneficial to have rules during entire season throughout the state. This will be considered for the Sportsmanship Committee discussions on May 2.

Jeff Ehrhardt, Mercer, said the federal government has tightened regulations and all charter schools have to separate from the public high school. For enrollment in charter schools, students are faced with one year of ineligibility. This affects 250 charter schools in state. He also spoke of the schools sponsored by school districts and those independently sponsored. Doug Chickering indicated this would be discussed at the next Board of Control Meeting on May 16. There have also been discussions with the DPI and the association of charter schools. Schools chartered by governing body in membership desire different treatment than those with affiliation with the WIAA. The staff is seeking a uniform application of charter schools.

Jason Schultz, Chippewa Falls, thanked the WIAA for the experience at the wrestling finals.

Joe Sheehan, District Administrator of Sheboygan Schools, thanked the WIAA staff for discussing charter schools and offered to help.

Barb Chiszar, Hayward, said at the District 1 Caucus, banned substances and how they are treated was discussed. They asked for

more clarification in this area, especially on energy drinks. Dave Anderson responded when the Medical Advisory Committee prepared recommendations regarding performance enhancing substances they utilized the NCAA banned substance list and caffeine was on the list. It also identifies beverages and substances that the school would not want to be involved in promoting such as anything caffeine infused or appropriately restricted. They may be something legal but shouldn't be allowed or part of the official school's program. Some treat banned substances like other restricted area.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, said at the District 4 Caucus they asked that the WIAA revisit additional baseball and softball games. They also felt the WIAA should consider paying a stipend to those running seeding meetings. Another item they wanted is a standardized criterion for whether face-to-face or electronic seeding meeting should be held.

Mark Kopplin, New Lisbon, spoke of how the Scenic Bluffs Conference has difficulties filling 14 weight classes in wrestling and the impact on dual meets. They would rather have 7 duals and 7 other meets. Doug Chickering said an allowance could be made within the conference.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, added at the District 4 Caucus reimbursements and how they need to be reconsidered because they feel they are not close to covering cost. When hosting events at nonschool venues, they feel the WIAA should consider paying the cost. When hosting a track or cross country meet, the cost of the timing service should be paid by WIAA instead of token reimbursement to school. She also thanked the WIAA for their efforts on nonschool participation and stipulating numbers on teams. All the District 4 Caucus requests can be found in the minutes of the WADA Caucus discussions.

Deb Hauser brought up how in conference realignment some schools decide that they don't want to compete in a given sport and chose to withdraw from the conference for that sport. Should we tell that school if they pull out for a sport, they should be out for all sports? They would have to go independent and create a nonconference schedule for all sports. When schools opt out for football, other schools in the conference have scheduling difficulties. We will convene some large school conferences to bridge some gaps in schedules and provide some relief. If a team withdraws for football, they are ineligible for the tournament series.

John Frizzell, Wisconsin Dells, indicated the South Central Conference would welcome any school. The same would be true for the Southern Wisconsin.

The question was asked if the members would support as conference, if a school leaves for one sport, they are out for all. Most felt this was reasonable.

There were no announcements.

Gus Mancuso thanked the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting and for their participation.

A motion was made by Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin Rapids and Barb Deichl, Waterford to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m. ➔

## Coaches Education

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EDITORIAL

Edits Clarify Transfer Rule Language

The membership gathered to author this year’s renditions to its Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Eligibility and discuss the issues facing the Association now and in the foreseeable future at the Annual Meeting.

However, it was the student transfer rule the membership voted on two years ago that provided the most inquiries and discussions. This despite no significant determinations to be made other than clarification of the existing interpretations.

Whether the rule remains confusing to some or the stage provided the opportunity to rekindle debate on the rule’s merits or application, the subject of transfer students continues to entice discussion.

At the onset of the current transfer rule, confusion was manifested with application to students transferring within the parameters of open enrollment deadlines. However, even after those initial provisions have passed, the understanding or acceptance of the transfer rule remains an issue.

It may be no coincidence that the editorial changes passed by relatively the same percentage as the transfer rule itself in 2006. That would lead us to believe that the 80 representatives that voted down the simple change in text to clarify the language of the rule overemphasized the significance of the editorial changes.

Based on the percentage that parallels the vote to implement the rule, those not in favor of the rule voted against the editorial change. Otherwise, why would anyone vote against a measure to make the language easier to understand and follow?

Perhaps a bit of history will help in clarifying the transfer rule. It wasn’t too long ago that any student that transferred after the start of the school year was ineligible for one year, unless accompanied by a total change in address by the parents. Under this provision, a student transfer could practice, but could not compete at the new school.

In 2005, the membership voted 319-9 to provide students, who transfer from a school where they’ve established their eligibility to another school, the opportunity to practice and compete only at the non-varsity level if approved by the schools involved.

A year later, the membership voted 269-76 to adjust the rule to apply to stu-


dents who transfer following their sophomore year. These transfer students are ineligible to practice or compete at any level of competition at the new school for one calendar year. To clarify further, if a transfer student is enrolled at a different school during his/her junior year than the one he/she attended at anytime during his/her sophomore year, there are, most likely, sanctions on eligibility for that student unless a waiver is provided. This most recent tweak to the transfer rules really had no impact on the existing rules for students that transfer prior to completion of four consecutive semesters.

If a student has started the 10th grade but has not yet completed four semesters, then transfers, his/her eligibility will be restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year at the new school if all other eligibility requirements are met (academic, code, etc.) and approved by the schools involved. Meaning, from the date the transfer takes place during the sophomore year to that same date of the junior year, the transfer student is restricted to non-varsity eligibility.

If a student has not yet started the ninth grade, then transfers, he/she will be afforded unrestricted eligibility if all other eligibility requirements are met (academic, code, etc.). If however, a ninth grader transfers after establishing his/her eligibility at the former school, he/she is restricted to non-varsity competition the remainder of his/her freshman year if approved by the schools involved. The freshman transfer would then gain unrestricted eligibility at the start of the sophomore year.

The new editorial changes provide a much clearer account of how the membership directed the Association to address student transfers. The divisive nature and impact of post-fourth-semester transfers on school teams, the student-athletes in the programs and their families, and the communities involved are the basis for the membership’s overwhelmingly support of the rule.

We will continue to work together as a membership to clarify, understand and support the application of the transfer rule. Imagine an Annual Meeting without the need to further address its interpretation—maybe next year. ✚



Keep These

Dates in Mind

May 2 . . . . . Sportsmanship Committee Meeting

May 4 . . . . . Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)

May 6 . . . . . Middle Level Council Meeting

May 7 . . . . . Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)

May 15 . . . . . Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice

May 15, 20 & 22 . . . . . Softball Regionals

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

May 19 . . . . . Track & Field Regionals

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

May 19-20-21 . . . . . Boys Golf Regionals

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)

June 5-6-7 . . . . . 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)

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

Regular Registration

Postmark Deadline (regular fee)

Late Registration

Postmark Deadline (additional fee required)

Test Date

June 14, 2008

May 9, 2008

May 10-23, 2008

ACT - 2008-2009

Test Date

September 13, 2008\*

October 25, 2008

December 13, 2008

February 7, 2009\*\*

April 4, 2009

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. ✚