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Deadline to Announce Candidacy For Board of Control and Advisory Council Approaches

Administrators at WIAA member senior high schools are reminded that February 24, 2009 is the deadline to announce their candidacy for positions on the Board of Control and High School Advisory Council.

District administrators, high school principals and assistants at these levels who are interested in becoming candidates in their district (Board of Control) or large/medium/small classification (High School Advisory Council) should state their intention via a letter to the WIAA office. Note: 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.

Primary ballots (if needed) will be mailed March 3 with a return date of March 24. General election ballots will be mailed March 27 with a return date of April 14. Results will be announced April 22 at the WIAA Annual Meeting.

For complete information regarding powers and duties of the Board of Control and Advisory Council, please refer to Pages 15-23 of the WIAA Handbook.

Positions open for which candidates may file by February 24 are as follows:

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 2 (northeast) for position now held by Dave Bardo of Wittenberg-Birnamwood (eligible for re-election but due to his retirement will not be running).

District 5 (southwest) for position now held by Kevin Knudson of Barneveld (not eligible for re-election).

Nonpublic School At-Large for position now held by Carl Eisman of Martin Luther (eligible for re-election).

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools positions now held by Mike Devine of Stevens Point (eligible for re-election) and Randy Refsland of Waupun (eligible for re-election).

Medium schools position now held by Todd Fischer or Osseo-Fairchild (eligible for re-election).

Small schools positions now held by Jim Freisen of Owen-Withee (eligible for reelection) and Larry Villiard of Bruce (not eligible for re-election).

Gender At-Large for position now held by Beth Sternig of Oak Creek (eligible for reelection).

Nonpublic School At-Large for position now held by Pat Farrell of Catholic Memorial (not eligible for re-election). +

The 2009 WIAA Scholar Athlete Program Is Now Underway

The WIAA Scholar-Athlete nomination forms and information materials have been sent to member schools. This program, which began in 1984, has earned the respect of administrators, coaches, parents, and recipients. Last year, 632 young men and women from 352 of our member schools were honored as WIAA Scholar Athletes. During the past 25 years, more than 15,350 student-athletes have now been recognized. We hope your school participates and that you will enable a worthy boy or girl from your school to be so honored in 2009.

A submitable form is again being provided on the WIAA website (wiaawi.org—go to the "WIAA Info" pull down menu and click on "SCHOLAR ATHLETE"). This form allows school officials to input information and then return to the form as time allows. A Usercode and Password for each boy and girl candidate for each member school has been provided via email.

Principals are asked to carefully review WIAA Grade Point Average procedures for each candidate. Student GPAs are determined by awarding four (4) points for a "A", three (3) points for a "B", two (2) points for a "C", and one (1) point for a "D". If a weighted grading system or "pass/fail" concept is in place, please convert these grades to the traditional grading format.

It is strongly recommended that school officials review and verify information for their candidates and assist their nominees with completion of the form. The only part of the

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Middle Level Council Opening

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

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

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

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

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

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

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< info@wiaawi.org > General Use
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Wisconsin Track & Field Association State Indoor Championship

The 2009 W/TFA State Indoor Track and Field Championship will again be held on the campus of UW Whitewater, in the DLK/Kachel Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 11, 2009. Coaches and athletic directors are encouraged to visit the W/TFA website at www.wistfa.org. Contracts, order of events, time schedule, records, and online entry form can be viewed beginning January 1. Coaches and AD's are encouraged to visit the website early. +

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chad Steinmetz, Bloomer High School who recently passed the NIAAA Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) Exam.

In Wisconsin, we have 68 active athletic directors who have earned the CAA Certification. For more information on the CAA program, feel free to contact Mike Younggren at Wausau East High School. +

WIAA Scholar Athlete Program

2008-09 School Year Timeline of Events

January 16, 2009 – Website entry available for use on WIAA Home Page (Go to WIAA Info and click on SCHOLAR ATHLETE)

March 13, 2009 - Scholar Athlete Entries due via electronic entry by 12:00 midnight.

> March 24, 2009 - Scholar Athlete Selection Committee Meets

May 3, 2009 - Scholar Athlete Banquet at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau, WI

Wrestling Regional Seeding Meeting Format

- 1. Prior to the tournament, participating schools will provide the host school with a list of contestants/weight class by set deadline.
- 2. At the weigh in, coaches may shift contestants to other weight classes, or remove/replace contestants entirely.
- 3. Immediately following weigh in, all officials and coaches should report to the seeding meeting.
- 4. The host school shall provide all schools with a list of contestants/weight class. If time permits (no delay), the host school may provide all schools with a copy of the weigh in sheets.
- 5. Prior to the onset of the meeting, the head official will announce any changes/wt. class that were made at the weigh in.
- 6. The head official will now announce that each school, in confidence, shall verify their contestants/wt. class. This means that they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. This will be done with the head referee meeting with each head coach independently in an environment outside the seeding meeting room (hallway, etc.). The coach cannot request, and official may not divulge how other schools have adjusted their lineup. Coaches need not meet with head official if their lineup remains unchanged, but they may. No lineup changes may be made after
- 7. Head official will now go back into the seeding room and announce the changes that were presented to him in confidence
- 8. Seeding meeting will now begin and will be run according to pages 50-52 in the WINTER SEASON REGULATIONS.
 - 9. All periods throughout the day will be 2 minutes in length. +

Scholar Athlete

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nomination form that school officials may not assist with is the writing of the essay ques-

Schools have had scholar athletes repeatedly indicate that their success comes from the involvement of school officials and publicity. School official's involvement in this process demonstrates the importance they place on the award. In addition, utilizing coaches to assist in the selection process and developing a thorough understanding of the criteria help identify outstanding candidates.

There are numerous scholar-athlete programs forming from various organizations. Some of these are national programs, some from within our communities. Take time to carefully review the criteria for each program.

Promote the WIAA Scholar-Athlete program at both your athletic and academic programs. The interest and enthusiasm demonstrated from school officials will provide a lasting impression on your students.

Each year the WIAA honors 32 outstanding scholar athletes at our banquet in Wausau. This effort is made possible through a grant from the Wausau Insurance Companies. The program is fully organized, implemented and administered by the WIAA. In addition, two representatives from each school filing an application are honored locally.

For additional information regarding the WIAA Scholar-Athlete program, contact Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director by calling (715) 344-8580 or via e-mail at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. +

Questions and Answers about the WIAA Scholar Athlete Program

their school even if that boy and/or girl will most WIAA Scholar Athlete recipients as well. likely not be considered for state-wide Scholar Athlete recognition?

Answer: Yes, each boy and girl nominated by a school receives a gold Scholar athlete who competes in team sports? Athlete medal which can be given to the student at the school's Award Banquet at the end of the year. There have been over 15,350 local recipients during the past 25 years.

Question: If you are not a 4.0 GPA studentathlete, can you can be a state-wide WIAA Scholar Athlete recipient?

Answer: All students with 4.0 GPA's are automatic semifinalists for State-wide recognition. However, a representative from the Wisconsin Athletic Director's Associa-

Question: Should an Athletic Director or tion reviews all nominations with a 3.5 GPA the same schools are selected year after year. Is School Administrator submit a boy and girl from to 3.99 GPA for consideration as State-wide this true?

> **Question:** Is a student-athlete who competes in individual sports more likely to be selected as a State-wide recipient than a student-

Answer: The WIAA Scholar Athlete program has been carefully structured to award points as equitably as possible between individual and team sports. For example, a special clause in the Selection Criteria limits multiple event sports to one or two championship points per meet and another only allows three points total to be given to a student-athlete who competes in a sport with both a team and an individual dimension.

Question: It seems student-athletes from

Answer: Of all the WIAA member schools (over 500), 302 schools now have at least one WIAA Scholar Athlete. Each year it seems there will be an average of around seven schools that have a WIAA Scholar Athlete selected for the first time.

Question: Is it easier for schools that are in Division 1 to have a State-wide WIAA Scholar Athlete selected than it is for schools in Divisions 2, 3 and 4?

Answer: WIAA Scholar Athlete divisions are the same divisions that are used for basketball and volleyball. The number of schools in each Division does vary from year to year. However, the number of schools in each division is normally within a dozen of each other. +



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

2008-09 Officials Exams Due Dates

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

Return Deadline

PART I EXAMS March 13, 2009 Baseball Softball March 13, 2009 March 13, 2009 Track/Field

Sport **Mailing Date Return Deadline**

PART II EXAMS

Sport

Baseball March 23, 2009 April 9, 2009

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.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TRACK & FIELD OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Date: January 28, 2009

Bay Port High School Fieldhouse Site:

6 p.m. (business meeting of the NEWTOA) following by clinic at 6:30 to 8 Time:

Clinicians: Mary Durham, Chuck Heidner and Dave Weidemann Contact:

A response or reply is not necessary but it will be extremely helpful if you plan on attending to notify Mary Durham at mathgeek0@earthlink.net by

January 21, 2009.

Note: The objective of this clinic is to achieve more consistency by track officials, particularly in starting mechanics, through presentation of material and recommendations, handouts and actual demonstrations.

WISCONSIN UMPIRES ASSOCIATON

The Wisconsin Umpires Association will be holding its annual umpire training school for those interested in becoming WIAA certified in baseball or softball. The classes will be held, Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 6, 2009 thru Apr. 9, 2009 at Heritage Christian High School located at 1300 S. $109^{\rm th}$ St., West Allis. Class times are 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fee is \$75. Contact Dan DeRemer at 262-549-5764 for more information. Registration forms available online at www.wisumpire.com. Pre-registration is required.

THREE ZEBRAS 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: May 15-16-17, 2009

Site: Contact:

Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells Brian Kenney 608-448-9034 or 608-253-6698 or

briankenney98@yahoo.com +

NORTHERN WISCONSIN BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

June 19-20-21, 2009 (Held in conjunction with the "Great Falcon Dates:

Shootout") **UW-River Falls** Site:

Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu Contact:

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2009 +

Officials Association Meetings

CALUMET COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, 2009

All meetings start at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Time: Site: All meetings are at New Holstein High School Contact: Larry Dietz 920-756-6287 or 920-898-4951 or larry.dietz@proplating.com

MANITOWOC COUNTY SPORTS OFFICIALS

ASSOCIATION 2008-09 BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Feb. 4, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Manitowoc County Office Complex. Keith Bonde 920-684-4324 or kbonde@lakefield.net

LAKESHORE OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Date: February 9, 2009 - Time & Site: 6:30 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School Date: March 10, 2009 - Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School Date: March 31, 2009 - Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School

YELLOW THUNDER BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Dates: Feb. 11, 2009

Columbus High School Site:

Time: 7 p.m.

Lee Roberts 608-712-3120 or Iroberts@wbmi.com Contact:

FOX CITIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Feb. 11, 2009 Date: Time: 6:30 p.m. Site: Menasha High School

Don Baumgart dbaumgart3@new.rr.com Contact:

INDIANHEAD ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Feb. 21, 2009 at Eau Claire YMCA at 9 a.m. Date:

James Sekel 715-832-0372 or jasekel@charter.net or Dean Van Amber Contact:

715-552-7375 or vanambdr@chipfalls.k12.wi.us +

2008-09 Spring Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)

All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Ashland, Bay Port, Iowa-Grant, Nicolet March 9, Monday March 10, Tuesday Eau Claire North, Middleton, Union Grove, On More Site

Appleton North, Crandon, Janesville Parker, Wis. Dells March 16, Monday La Crosse Logan, Marathon, Rice Lake, West Bend BOYS GOLF March 18, Wednesday

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

Note: Video presentation will take place during the golf coaches spring clinic at Trappers Turn in Wisconsin Dells on March 14.

GIRLS SOCCER

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

SOFTBALL

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

BOYS TENNIS

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

TRACK & FIELD

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

Note: Video presentation will take place at the Track & Field Coaches Association Clinic at the Wyndham in Milwaukee. on February 13-14, 2009. +

Coaches Clinics

WISCONSIN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CLINIC

Feb. 14 and 15, 2009 Dates:

Middleton Marriott Hotel - Middleton, Wisconsin Site: Tom Wilson at Seymour High School: twil@new.rr.com Contact:

WISCONSIN FASTPITCH SOFTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Feb. 14-15, 2009

Ramada - Stevens Point, Wisconsin Site: Contact: Cindy Suess at: csuess@wfsca.org +

Important Reminders for all **WIAA Licensed Officials**

Officials Center - Added to the Officials Center homepage is a listing of upcoming deadlines and recently posted information. This has been added to help officials keep better track of deadlines and new postings. It is extremely important that all officials check the Officials Center on our website regularly for up-dated information. Many officials are finding out that their classification level is being affected because they missed filling out a required form, missed a due date, missed sport meeting/video viewing notifications,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guide for Officials – Please read the Guide for Officials, found on the Officials Center. This publication will help officials understand the classification process, ranking process, etc. If you have any questions about the above reminders or any other officiating concerns,

please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. +



Gymnastics

Marcy Thurwachter



Gymnastics Questions & Answers

By Jan Adkins.....

GENERAL

Event Assignments for Invites - In order to be properly prepared for invitationals, it is hiahlv recommended that judges are assigned events prior to arriving at the competition site. The coach can be contacted and asked to choose a meet ref who should then contact the judges for their preferences and assign events. As a meet ref, please try to assign more experienced judges as head judges and rotate judges' event assignments so that we are not always on the same event and can become proficient at all events.

Short Routines - If a gymnast performs half or less of her routine and does not continue (example injury), give credit for skills performed and requirements met and take execution deductions from that total. Do not judge from 10.0. Note: Since a bar routine consists of 8-12 skills, there must be at least 5 skills to be considered a

complete routine.

VAULT

Head on table - If the head touches or hits the table the maximum deduction of 0.5 can be taken for "bent arms" as well as the 0.2 deduction for "brush or hit of body on table". If the head remains on the table throughout the repulsion phase of the vault (from the time the hands contact the table until the hands leave the table) the vault would be considered a headspring. Since a headspring is not a legal vault, the vault is void and a score of zero is aiven.

1/4 - 1 1/4 - Both twists must be performed in the same direction with the vault landing facing the table.

BARS

Swing 1/2 - A swing with a 1/2 turn is a skill of no value and although it could be considered a poor connection, it would not be considered as an extra swing which would receive a 0.3 deduction.

 Both dismount are HS's. The difference is that the inward is a swing backward followed by a front salto with a 1/2 twist out and a deltchev is a swing forward followed by a 1/2 twist into a front salto.

BEAM

Wolf jump/hop - For difficulty purposes, a wolf jump from 2 feet and a wolf hop from one foot are considered the same skill and only 2 will receive credit in a routine (2 jumps, 2 hops, or one of each). The 3rd wolf hop or jump would receive no difficulty credit but could be counted as one of the 8 required skills. Therefore...if a series of wolf jumps is performed first and a wolf jump is used in a dance-tumbling series later in the routine, that 3rd wolf jump would receive no difficulty value, nor would the series be counted in event requirements since both skills for a S/HS/BHS tumbling skill. must be difficulties.

Inward w/ 1/2 twist dis- jump is considered a different stag position = S +

mount vs. Deltchev dismount jump than a wolf jump or hop and requires the same criteria as a wolf jump in order to receive superior credit.

> Back Handsprings - For difficulty purposes, a back handspring landing on one foot is considered different than a back handspring landing on 2 feet.

> Skill Evaluation - A chest cartwheel (Shawn Johnson) = S.

FLOOR

BBS - 2 directly connected saltos will receive credit for one HS and one BBS; 2 saltos in the same **continuous** pass that are indirectly connected (separated by one or more M's) will receive credit for one BBS and each individual salto will receive the appropriate difficulty credit.

Tuck Jump - A tuck jump 1 1/4 is not considered different than a tuck jump 1/1.

Extra Matting - A sting mat may be used for any skill. A skill cushion may only be used

Skill Evaluation - A jump Switch wolf - A switch wolf 1/1 with the legs in a double

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WADA Insights

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

WADA Presents Scholarship to 6 Individuals

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

Six graduates from the Class of 2008 were honored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) as recipients of the third annual WADA Scholarship.

The six individuals, each a son or daughter of a current WADA member, were selected by a special WADA committee. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship. The recipients, in alphabetical order:

Erica Babinec - Luther High School, Onalaska

Onalaska, WI

Parents: Joel & Chris Babinec

College: Martin Luther College, Minnesota Cody Knudson - Barneveld High School

Barneveld, WI

Parents: Kevin & Kathleen Knudson College: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Benjamin Pease - Adams-Friendship High School

Friendship, WI

Parents: Gretchen & Richard Pease College: Winona State, Minnesota Jay Plemon - Park Falls High School

Park Falls, WI

Parents: Michael & Stacey Plemon

College: UW-River Falls

Andrew Schecher - Dodgeland High School, Juneau Steven Schecher - Dodgeland High School, Juneau

Mayville, WI

Parents: Signe and the late John Schecher

College - Andrew: University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee College - Steven: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Recognition of the recipients took place at the 42nd annual WADA Workshop, the statewide AD convention held this past November at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton

The selection committee included one WADA Board member plus one WADA member from each of the seven districts across the state. Each candidate was evaluated based upon five categories:

- Athletic participation.
- Other co-curricular activities.
- Non-school affiliated community service.
- Answers to two questions listed on the application.
- Leadership roles in athletics and other co-curricular activities.

Applications for the 2009 WADA Scholarship are due by April 1, 2009. Details regarding the WADA Scholarship Program, as well as an application packet, may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

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

NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholarship Applications due postmarked by February 28. Details on the WADA web site www.wadawi.org

Games Wanted

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

FALL

Cross Country DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 3, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Marathon - Jack Culhane 715-443-2226 303 ext. culhane@marathon.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Teams for co-ed varsity/JV invitational. Ashwaubenon - Dave Steavpack 920-492-2950 ext. 5333 or dsteavpack@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us. (12-18)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21, 2009 - Team for 4-team varsity/JV scrimmage. Grafton -Scott Parsons 262-376-5515 or sparsons@grafton.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Aug. 21, 2009 - Team for 3-team varsity/JV scrimmage. Waunakee -Brian Smith 608-849-2104 or bsmith@waunakee.k12.wi.us. (1-6)

2009 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Deerfield - John Polzin 608-764-5431 ext. 1106 polzinj@deerfield.k-12.wi.us. (12-23)

2009 (Week 9) - Varsity game. Milwaukee Pulaski - James O'Brien 414-902-8951 or obrienjp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

2009 & 2010 (Week 1) - Varsity/sophomore games. Elkhorn -Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (12-8)

2009 & 2010 (Week 1) - Game, prefer away in 2009 and home in 2010. Port Washington - Jeff Mastin 262-268-5500 or jeff.mastin@pwssd.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

2009 & 2010 (Week 1) - Game, prefer home in 2009 and away in 2010. Kingsford (MI) - Al Unger 906-779-2670 or aunger@kingsford.org.

2009 & 2010 (Week 2) - JV game, prefer away in 2009 and home in 2010. Valders - Julie Laabs 920-775-9530 ext. jlaabs@valders.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

2009 & 2010 (Week 7) - Game. Milwaukee Bay View - Kevin Neale 414-294-2452 or geilja2milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

2010 (Weeks 1 & 2) - Games (all levels). Pioneer Westfield - Mary Mades 608-296-2141 ext. 215. (12-

Boys Soccer DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 5, 2009 - Varsity teams for 8-team invitational. Wausau West -Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Sept. 11-12, 2009 - Teams for varsity tournament. Milton - Jim Johnson 608-868-9565 or johnsonja@mailmilton.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV quad. Sheboygan Falls - Luke Goral 920-467-7890 or lgoral@sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us. (12-18)

Sept. 24, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV game. Port Washington - Jeff Mastin 262-268-5100 or ieff.mastin@pwssd.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

Oct. 2-3, 2009 - Teams for 8team varsity tournament. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3359 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-5)

Girls Tennis DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 17, 2009 - Team for 8-team invitational. Wausau West - Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Aug. 27 & Sept. 10, 2009 -Teams for JV match. Kenosha Tremper - Tom Pacetti 262-496-7781 or tpacelli@kusd.edu. (1-7)

Girls Volleyball DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25, 2009 - Team for JV tournament, Milwaukee Bay View -Mark Gondek 414-481-1105. (1-7)

Aug. 26, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Bay View -Mark Gondek 414-481-1105. (1-7)

Aug. 28, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Bay View -Mark Gondek 414-481-1105. (1-7)

Aug. 29, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. West Salem - LeRoy Krall 608-786-1220 ext. 2353 or Ikrall@wsalem.k12.wi.us. (12-23)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Monona Grove - Jeff Schreiner 608-221-7417 or jeff_schreiner@mononagrove.org. (1-5)

Sept. 12, 19, 26 or Oct. 10, 2009 - Berth in varsity tournament. Mukwonago - Mary Pocius 262-363-6292 ext. 27084. (1-7)

Sept. 14, 2009 - Team for JV tournament. Milwaukee Bay View -Mark Gondek 414-481-1105. (1-7)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Teams for varsity invitational. Newman Catholic (Wausau) - Jill Mabry 715-845-8274 ext. 4021 or jmabry@newmancatholicschools.com. (12-22)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Teams for JV invitational. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (1-6)

Sept. 19, 20 or weeknights (Thurs. Fri.), 2009 - Berth in JV tournament. Mukwonago - Mary Pocius 262-363-6292 ext. 27084.

Sept. 26, 2009 - Teams for 8team tournament. Lake Country Lutheran (Hartland). Janet Bahr ext. 262-569-6500 203 jbahr@lakecountryhs.org. (1-6)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Varsity teams for 6-team round robin tournament. Janesville Craig - Blake Budrow 608-743-5351 or bbudrow@janesville.k-12.wi.us. (1-6)

Oct. 5, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Bay View -Mark Gondek 414-481-1105. (1-7)

2009 - Duals (all levels). Pioneer Westfield - Mary Mades 608-296-2141 ext. 215. (12-22)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 27-28, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k-12.wi.us. (1-6)

Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, 2009 - Varsity/JV/freshman game, preferably home. Edgerton - Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Dec. 28-29, 2009 - Teams for

varsity/JV tournament. Pardeeville -Chris Lindert 608-429-2153 ext. 237. (12-18)

Dec. 28-29, 2009 - Teams for 4team tournament (varsity/JV). Juda Phil Trotter 608-934-5251 ext. 225. (12-22)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV tournament. McFarland -Jeff Meinholdt 608-838-4500 ext. 4431 or Jeffrey_meinholdt@mcfarland.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Team for tournament (varsity/JV). Cambridge - John Leadholm 608-423-3261 ext. 2121. (12-22)

2008-09 - Freshmen games. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-4113 or wopatkev@markesan.k-12.wi.us. (12-22)

2009-10 - Games. Whitewater -Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (1-6)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Pioneer Westfield - Mary Mades 608-296-2141 ext. 215. (12-18)

Girls Basketball DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 28-29, 2009 - Teams for 4team tournament (varsity/JV). Juda - Phil Trotter 608-934-5251 ext. 225. (12-22)

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2009-10 - Games. Whitewater -Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (1-6)

2009-10 - Games. Edgerton -Mike Neary 608-884-9402 ext. 305 or mike.neary@edgerton.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Gymnastics

GENERAL

2009-10 - Dual meets or berth in invitational. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-4113 or wopatkev@markesan.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Wrestling DATE SPECIFIC

Jan. 9, 2010 - Teams for 6-team tournament. Green Bay West - Josh Murnane 920-492-2600 ext. 8141 or jmurnane@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

SPRING

Baseball GENERAL

2009 - JV games. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver 920-230-3255 or jmcleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

2009 - Frosh/JV games. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3359 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-5)

Boys Golf GENERAL

2008-09 - JV home dual (9 holes) with return dual in 2009-10. Parkview Shane Suehring 608-879-2994 ext. 5163. (12-18)

Girls Soccer DATE SPECIFIC

Mar. 28, 2009 - Team for varsity triangular (2 games). Kenosha Tremper - Todd Hardy 262-942-2356 or thardy@kusd.edu. (1-6)

Apr. 18, 2009 - Varsity teams for 8-team invitational. Wausau West -Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Apr. 20-21, 2009 - Team for var-

sity quad (2 games). Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3359 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-5)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Team for varsity quad (2 games). Hartford Union -Schlitt 262-670-3359 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-5)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 18, 2009 - JV teams for 4team invitational. Wausau West -Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Apr. 18, 2009 - Teams for tournament. Juda - Pam Green 608-934-5251 ext. 224 or psgreen@juda.k-12.wi.us. (12-22)

Apr. 25, May 9 or May 16, 2009 - Varsity/JV game. Shorewood - William Haury bhaury@shorewood.k12.wi.us. (12-22)

May 2, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament. Racine Park - Jim Kerkvliet 262-619-4457 james.kerkvliet@racine.k12.wi.us or Greg Nyboe 262-902-6090 or Gregory.nyboe@racine.k12.wi.us. (1-6)

May 16, 2009 - Team for quad (2 games). Westosha Central - Kris Allison 262-843-2321 ext. 245 or Allison@westosha.k12.wi.us. (1-6)

GENERAL

2009 - Frosh games. Hartford Union - Ron Schlitt 262-670-3359 or ron.schlitt@huhs.org. (1-5)

Boys Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 25, 2009 - Varsity team for 8-team tournament. West Bend East - leff Rondorf 262-335-5591 or irondorf@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Varsity team for 8-team invitational. Wausau West -Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

May 9, 2009 - Team for varsity quad. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 1169. (12-22)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity/JV match. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (1-5)

Track & Field DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 3, 2009 - Boys varsity teams for indoor invitational (currently have 10 teams). Wausau West - Pam Huston (715) 261-0874 or phuston@wausau.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Teams for varsity boys invitational. West Bend West -Scott Stier 262-335-5608 sstier@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (1-7)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Team for co-ed invitational. Parkview - Shane Suehring 608-879-2994 ext. 5163. (12-18)

Apr. 30, 2009 - Teams for freshman invitational. Kettle Moraine -Steve Lewis 262-968-6273 ext 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-5)

May 8, 2009 - Teams for varsity invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steve Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-5)

May 14, 2009 - Team for co-ed meet. Mayville - Sig Schecher 920-387-7960 ext. 103 or schecher@mayville.k12.wi.us. (12-18)

May 16, 2009 - Teams for JV invitational. Kettle Moraine - Steve Lewis 262-968-6273 ext. 4600 or lewiss@kmsd.edu. (1-5) ↔

Basketball Seating Capacities

noted for each school will be used to determine whether games need to be moved due to large crowd interest in a given game. If your capacity is not listed correctly, please notify Deb Hauser in writing immediately. Please do not call to indicate a change as we need written documentation ... WIAA fax (715) 344-4241 or email <dhauser@wiaawi.org>.

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Below are the seating capacities for all schools sponsoring basketball. The seating capacity requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time, which is determined by the tournament manager.

> Based on the numbers below, if your team is playing in the game, you will be required to give your opponent 1/2 of the capacity (e.g. 1400 capacity -- you keep 700 tickets and you give ur opponent 700 tickets). Don't hold tickets to sell at the door. Give your opponent their half of ediately! We would much rather have a SELLOUT than 500 people waiting at the

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Almond-Bancroft 800	Dodgeville 1000
Altoona 1400	Dominican 1000
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Amherst	Durand
Antigo	East Hoy
Appleton North 3100	Lutheran 400
Appleton West 1492	Eau Claire Memorial 1600
Aquinas	Eau Claire North 1900
Arcadia	Edgar
Arrowhead 1500	Elcho400
Ashland 2000	Eleva-Strum 1250
Ashwaubenon	Elk Mound 1350
Assumption 800	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 1200
Athens	Elkhorn Area 2000 Ellsworth
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Belleville	Fox Valley Lutheran 1700
Belmont1200	Franklin
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Hockey

Tom Shafranski



Hockey Officials Rule Interpretations

Multiple Games Scheduling

QUESTION: Can you give me a clear explanation on next season's multiple games with no school time missed games? How often can we do this? Is this only done during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks? What if 2 schools play Friday night and Saturday night weekend series, will this count as 1 game? If you play in a 3 game tournament does it count has 1 or 2 games?

INTERPRETATION: The regulation has been approved as follows:

"Of the 20 contests currently allowed, two contests may be designated as multianother between 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."

To respond to questions:

Q: How often can we do

A: Two multi-game tournaments/round-robin events can be scheduled during the regular season. All teams involved must adhere to not being dismissed from academic classes in order to play or travel. Tournaments and round-robin events can be scheduled at times other than holiday breaks. However, all school teams involved cannot be dismissed from academic classes to play or travel.

Q: What if two schools play Fri. night and Sat. night weekend series, will this count has one game?

A: Allowed as one of the multi-games. Counts as one (1) game.

Q: If you play in a 3 game tournament does it count has 1 or 2 games?

A: Playing in a three game tournament counts as one game so long as all school teams involved are not dismissed from academic classes to play or travel and all schools count this multi-game as one of their two allowed multi-games.

As various questions and scheduling situations have been brought my way in recent weeks, I have been informing athletic directors of the following as well:

Tournaments and roundrobin events need to limited to a maximum of three games played over a maximum of a three consecutive day period.

Noisemakers

QUESTION: I've read the noisemaker policy on your web site, and have a question with regards to it. While attending a H.S. hockey game home team's goal was scored, the score officials sounded something similar to a cannon shot followed by horn (diesel type). I'm not sure if these sounds were recorded or live, or whether or not that matters. My question is if this is within the policy stated on your web page regarding noisemak-

INTERPRETATION: During the regular season, matters of neutrality for contests are the responsibility of the conference (if a conference game) or the host school (if a nonconference game). During the WIAA tournament series, the WIAA has responsibility for matters like this.

In ice hockey, the use of "Foa Horns" whether recorded or live has become quite popular during recent years. The problem with the use of "Fog Horns" is that a minor official, who is to be as neutral as possible, is usually responsible for blowing the fog horn. The WIAA informs host schools during our tournament series that if a fog horn is to be blown following a goal for the host school, it must also be blown following the scoring of a goal by the should not be blown at all.

During the regular season, this is a regulation that many schools and conferences have applied to their school contests. Many times, because there are also nonschool contests played at rinks, this is misapplied.

Jr. High School Students Practicing with High School Teams

QUESTION: I have a 7th grade son and a 10th grade son. Both play hockey. If given the option, I believe my 7th grade son would choose to "practice only" with the high school rather than play youth hockey as an 8th grader. This would also put both boys on the same schedule saving on time and travel expenses. If it were legal with the WIAA, I would discuss it with the coach to see if he thought it would be in the best interest of both our sons and the high school program. There is one other family with the exact same circumstances as ours that may also consider this if it were an

INTERPRETATION: WIAA regulations do prevent students in 8th grade and below from competing in high school level competitions.

While taking "time and turns" away from students already "in high school" would never be recommended, here, WIAA rules do not prevent middle level students in your district from "practicing" with the high school team if that's what your administration approves of. Because of ramifications across all your schools programs, this ought to be an administrative determination, not a coach's prerogative.

I would presume this to be an opportunity your district would make available then to all the district's middle level students with the same circumstances and interest in such an opportunity. We have found grave unhappiness and concern to exist in parents and student-athletes of a are provided the opportunity to practice/work out with a high school team.

QUESTION: We had an 8th grade student from another school system in our community practice with the high school hockey team during the holiday

break. Is this OK?

INTERPRETATION: No, allowing 8th graders from another school system to practice with a high school team is an unacceptable recruiting

Financing Ice Hockey School Programs

QUESTION: I am the president of our hockey booster club, I recently received a check from the host school of our co-op hockey program. Can I use this check to reduce the amount each student-athlete owes for being on the hockey team?

INTERPRETATION: there are a number of concerns with this matter. First, the WIAA cannot consider this hockey program to be a WIAA school program if the booster club is receiving checks from the school. The member school must be the recipient of funds for their athletic programs. The cash flow for this program is unacceptable and needs to be changed so that all funds are sent to the school, the school administration gets funds receive approved through the school's gift acceptance policy and then distributes them appropriately.

The current mechanics for the cashflow of your program as indicated above will prevent this program from being involved in the WIAA tournament series.

Also, WIAA Amateur Status regulations prevent studentathletes from receiving reimbursement or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics. Receipt of funds to reduce a stuvisiting team. Otherwise, it feeder program when only dent-athlete's participation certain middle level students fee must be considered a violation of this regulation.

For situations like this, reversing the cash flow so that the school receives these funds allows school administrators to appropriately distribute these funds within See **Hockey Rule Interp**, page 8

Hockey Rule Interp

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Amateur Status regulations.

Prohibited Activities/Materials

QUESTION: Where do the WIAA regulations indicate that alcohol may not be served at high school contests?

providing or promoting alcohol and/or tobacco products during any high school event is an inappropriate promotion that is not legal nor healthy for high school age students to be involved in. This is a promotion that will likely be viewed in a very negative way within any community.

WIAA regulations as found on page 49 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, WIAA Tournament Policies, Prohibited Activities/Materials, indicates: "No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal substances may be available or present at high school events." Obviously, this directly pertains to WIAA Tournament contests; however, many conferences and schools have similar policies to enforce the regulation of alcohol and tobacco products.

ELIGIBILITY

QUESTION: Is there an age requirement for hockey because next year I will be 13 and going to be a freshmen, so I was wondering if I could play high school hockey at 13 years

INTERPRETATION: WIAA eligibility regulations indicate that to be eligible for WIAA interscholastic programs you need to be a full-time student and living within the school boundaries of the school you are enrolled. So long as you are enrolled next year at your high school and that school maintains their co-op status with the current co-op or has an ice hockey program of their own, you are eligible to make the team. Making the team is up to you.

QUESTION: I currently have a freshman goalie that is playing bantam hockey. I was wondering on the ruling, how much he can play at the varsity level?

INTERPRETATION: In hockey, as in other WIAA sports, once the hockey season has begun and a student-athlete has begun to practice with his/her school team, they must discontinue competition with any nonschool programs.

If a student-athlete should be "cut" from a school team, they may then rejoin the nonschool team. Also, in hockey, if a student-athlete is "cut" from the school team, the WIAA does allow a student to go from the school program to nonschool programs, one time, without resulting in a loss of eligibility for the school team. In other words, if "cut," a student may play bantams and then be asked to return to the school team one

time during the school season. If this student should return and play in a nonschool contest, he/she is no longer eligible for the WIAA school team.

QUESTION: We have a student on our boy's hockey team that is a senior and will be INTERPRETATION: Be mindful, that graduating after the first semester. (He is graduating early) The final day for the 1st Semester is Friday January 16. Second semester begins on Monday, January 19. We have a scheduled hockey game on Saturday January 17. Is he eligible to play in the game on the 17 as the 2nd Semester has not begun

> INTERPRETATION: The succinct answer is that when school/semester ends Friday - this student is no longer eligible. He will have completed requirements for graduation and is no longer enrolled - or returning/continuing - as your full time student.

> The only 'exception' to this fundamental requirement our members have identified - allows students who graduate in May or June to complete the remainder of their spring sport season.

> Ref: WIAA Rules of Eligibility, Art. V, Sect. 1A-8 and 1A-9. (p. 35, Sr. High Handbook)

> QUESTION: If a freshmen girl or boy wants to quit a non-school ice hockey team and play on a high school team, can they?

> **INTERPRETATION:** Yes, since student is a 9th grader and has no prior status in your school's program, she can be allowed to join the school's team if AD and coaches wish to allow.

> Rules relative to delayed reporting are found on p.37 of Sr. High Handbook, ROE Art. VI, sect. 1A-2.

> QUESTION: I am putting a 13 and 14 year old girls hockey team together for the purpose of playing in a breast cancer fundraiser tournament this weekend. It is a tournament that is sanctioned neither by the WAHA or the WIAA. Can I have high school freshman girls (14-yr. olds) that are rostered on a WIAA team compete in this tournament with me?

> INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA ROE, page 37, "It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the

> A fundraising weekend tournament can only be viewed as a nonschool competition even when the tournament is not sanctioned by WAHA and/or the

Hockey State Tournament Selection Information

The selection of officials for the WIAA State Hockey Tournament Series is always a very exciting and, yet, difficult task. This past year coaches were asked to rank officials as they have done in the past and to provide a list of the top ten officials they had seen during the 2007-08 WIAA hockey season. Of the 117 boys and girls WIAA high school hockey programs, 108 schools returned their on-line ranking forms. That is 85% of the boy's schools that returned their ranking forms and 80% of the girls.

Input received from school programs was combined using a 60/40 ranking system where the Top Ten listings from the coaches made up 60% of the ranking while the point value of the six-point rank made up the other 40%.

There were 145 officials who indicated availability for the 2009 WIAA Hockey Tournament Series. Of those identifying availability, 145 hockey officials were initially offered contracts to cover 108

Due to requests from officials and Athletic Directors, officials will be primarily assigned to their geographic area contests again this year. Every effort will be made to prevent an official from seeing a school team twice during the tournament

In February, on-line Hockey Ranking Forms for officials will again be placed on the WIAA website for member hockey schools. This form asks for the input of hockey coaches to help determine officials for the 2010 hockey tournament series. This information is critical to the process the WIAA uses to contract regional, sectional and state tournament officials. Coaches are strongly encouraged to be certain they receive these forms, complete them and return them to the WIAA.

Officials are strongly urged to provide a card with your name and WIAA Officials Number to the head coach of each varsity contest you officiate. Providing coaches with a card has been very helpful to coaches in being able to provide an appropriate ranking for officials that work their contests. In addition, officials are reminded to let the scorekeeper know the names and WIAA Official's Number of the officials of each contest so that your names can be included on electronic score sheets being used again this year at most WIAA Ice Hockey games. Including names helps coaches to identify the officials who worked each game. +



Sports Report "PLUS"

Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.

Sportsmanship Reports

The following reports of good sportsmanship have been submitted to the WIAA. Appreciation goes out to those officials taking the time to give recognition to those schools and individuals deserving of acknowledgement.

Football - Janesville Craig at Verona Oct. 22, 2008

I think that everything went pretty smooth last night. I must say that I do enjoy working for these two coaches. They are both very classy and enjoy what they are doing. This in turn rubs off on the players and they only worry about playing football. Both coaches and their players treated the entire crew with respect. That made it a great night to be an official. Thanks also to Verona. They supplied us with sandwiches as we did the sophomore game that night. Now if you could have had the temperature in the 50's with 5 mph wind, that would be great.

Reporting Official: Kent Holmquist

Football - Madison La Follette at Madison West

Oct. 22, 2008

I just wanted to comment on Coach Valaskey and West's coaches and players for the recognition of their young player with autism. #81 recognized with the captains as well. We, as a crew were very pleased to participate in the staged opening kick-off, where the young man came downfield and received the ball from the La Follette player and everyone was excited for him. He had been out for football for four years Greg said. It is certainly a good feeling when the human side of

sportsmanship and competition can be rewarded. IT WAS GREAT!! Please pass this on to West through their AD.

Reporting Official: John Feuling

Girls Basketball - Middleton at Madison La Follette

Dec. 19, 2008

Second contest working at Madison La Follette this year. We received great hospitality, with communication, on site greetings, water before games and at half time, overall environment is good climate for high school athletics, and the WIAA should know this.

Reporting Official: Mark Hanson

Boys Basketball - Cedar Grove-Belgium at Random Lake Dec. 18, 2008

Athletic Director Chris Bichler pleasantly greeted us inside the entrance of the gym area. Thanked us for coming. Asked us what we wanted to drink at half time, and if we needed anything else let him know. We were led to a secure quiet locker room with towels. He talked with us to get us comfortable. What a great host? The game went will. I want to mention the Random Lake's coach. He sure is a class act!!! He treated us with a friendly, respectful nature no matter what the circumstance was. We the officials enjoyed him. His players were a extension of him. Always polite and respectful. He coached his players and left the officiating to us. Once the game was done (his team lost), he made sure he located us and thanked us and that we did a nice job. The crew really is looking forward to officiating there again.

Reporting Official: Mike Wojcinski

Boys Basketball - Sparta at La Crosse Logan

Dec. 16, 2008

The ride to Logan on a cold and very snowy night was stressful enough. However, the fans, coaches, players, and contest supervisors made the trip and event very worth the effort to officiate the game. We were treated with respect from both schools. Throughout the game, players and coaches brought concerns to us in a very positive manner. Both Logan and Sparta appear to being accomplishing the true meaning of sportsmanship and the lessons competition teach about life. As I was leaving the gym I heard one of the spectators tell a losing player, "Hey, you played well and gave it your best. Don't feel bad as you played hard and I am proud of your effort." I thought, this is what it is all about. Both schools conducted themselves in an outstanding manner. I see the WIAA Sportsmanship ad on TV many times about being a fan not a fanatic. This was one of those games that "all" in attendance last night were FANS. An outstanding job of hospitality was shown by Steve Hole, AD. This goes for before, during and after the game.

Reporting Official: Mark Craig

Boys Basketball - Lake Country Lutheran at Johnson Creek Jan. 3, 2009

Athletic Director Ken Johnson met us at the door as usual and let us know about the game time and if we needed anything. The game was fast paced and neither Coach Rojemann (JC) or Coach Braun (LCL) complained all night. In fact, Coach Braun went out of his way to make sure his team adjusted to the way the game was being called by letting his guys know what adjustments they needed to make. After the game, Ken thanked us for coming and made sure we had everything.

Reporting Official: Dennis Baumann

Boys Basketball - Blair-Taylor at Elmwood

Dec. 19, 2008

Both teams' players and coaches were polite. The players went out and played the game and the coaches coached and didn't worry about the officiating. Both teams showed good sportsmanship towards each other. It was the best game my partner and I have ever officiated for good sportsmanship. Games like this is what makes officiating fun.

Reporting Official: Robert Biederman

Boys Basketball - Kaukauna at Menasha

Dec. 12, 2008

Both head coaches were extremely good to work with and focused on coaching their respective teams. It was a close game at half that turned not close in the 2nd half. On the few plays that they could have questioned, they chose to instead continue coaching and not worry about the calls/no calls. Both Carl and I wanted to thank the schools and head coaches for their sportsmanship. That is the way HS athletics is meant to be!

Reporting Official: Craig Hoeppner

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 **Igagas@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. +

New Legislation Requiring Pool Drain Covers

The NFHS staff has recently learned of the Virginia Graeme Baker Federal Pool and Spa Act (Act), which impacts public swimming pools. This information is being shared with our member state associations for educational purposes. You may pursue additional information regarding the Act by contacting your State Health Department.

The Act was signed into law December 19, 2007. The Consumer and Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is responsible for the administration of this Act. The law is designed to reduce the risk of suction entrapment of individuals in pools and spas.

The Act specifies that as of December 19, 2008, swimming pool drain covers available for purchase in the United States shall meet specific performance requirements for installation of compliant drain covers. Thus, according to the CPSC, as of 12/19/08, all public pools and spas, both new and existing, shall be equipped with certified covers on every suction outlet. Each individual state government health department will address the potential penalty for noncompliance by December 19, 2008. The action of the respective State Health Department may also address the status of the pools continued operation.

The following website provides more detailed information: www.nspf.org www.nspf.org (National Spa and Pool Foundation)

Again this information is provided to alert you to this matter. Thank you for your attention and consideration. +



Swimming & Diving

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Boys Swimming & Diving Tournament Information

All member schools sponsoring boys swimming and diving should have received their sectional and state information. Tournament assignments and sectional time schedules were published in the December 19, 2008 WIAA Bulletin.

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

ENTRIES

Entries will once again be done via the Direct Athletics website. Each school will be emailed their password, user code and instructions.

Team entries are due via electronic entry by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Teams submitting forms after this time will be allowed to compete, but will not be seeded and will be placed in the slow heat. PLEASE BE AWARE ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED BY 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009.

Divers are required to participate in a minimum of 4 diving competitions to be eligible to enter the sectional tournament. Two of the four competitions must include a full format of 11 dives.

SUBSTITUTIONS/SCRATCHES

All Substitutions and scratches must be in writing 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting. Substitutions will be allowed for illness, injury, or for reasons of school discipline.

Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but must assume heat and lane assignments of original entries.

A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.

Schools may not make a substitution in an event not originally entered after the 4 p.m. Tuesday entry deadline.

In the event of scratches, the sectional manager will not re-seed the event. The deleted swimmer/divers must be removed from all events (individual and relay) in the entire meet, except when certified by a physician or the meet referee.

RELAYS

Coaches must complete a relay card listing a maximum of eight individuals.

Relay cards must be completed and turned in to the meet referee. Time deadlines include: (a) sectionals - **at the coaches meeting** and (b) State - ½ hour prior to the start of the meet. Coaches will be allowed to change the designated four swimmers until the announcements of the results of the two previous events:

200 Yard Medley Relay – Up until end of the coaches meeting

200 Yard Freestyle Relay – The finish of the 100 freestyle

400 yard Freestyle Relay – The finish of the 100 backstroke

UNIFORMS

Only one single manufacturer's logo or trademark not more than 2 1/4" square inches in size is allowed on a swim cap or swimsuit.

The only other legal markings on attire, including swim caps is: Competitor name, number, school name, school nickname, school mascot, and one American flag (2"X 3").

Competitors must be wearing legal attire before they will be allowed to compete. A competitor may not wear jewelry or apply tape over an item of jewelry. Oil-based lotions may be applied only in the locker rooms. No oil is allowed on the pool deck.

On-site shaving is prohibited. Swimmers found in violation will be disqualified from the meet.

STATE MEET PARTICIPANTS/INFORMATION Diving

Division 1 – The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries will qualify for semifinals and the 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals will qualify for the finals.

Division 2 – All 16 divers will perform 11 dives. The diving order for Sectionals and State will be from an open draw.

Swimming

Participating in the State meet will be the winner in each event plus the next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) fastest/best individuals from all sectionals.

A tentative State qualifier listing will be made available to schools via the WIAA Web Site (www.wiaawi.org) on Sunday, February 15.

Extra qualifier standards will be available on the WIAA website after noon on Sunday, February 15.

Coaches are asked to provide spelling corrections, etc., to the WIAA prior to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 16.

Schools opting to attend on the day they are not competing may request tickets from the WIAA prior to Wednesday, February 18. Tickets will be provided for the number of state qualifiers plus one coach only for the meet you are not competing in. Tickets can be picked up at the Natatorium ticket booth on Friday or Saturday.

DIVING JUDGES

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

TIME SCHEDULE

Ticket Prices
Single Session
\$6.00 - Student/Adult

Division 2

Friday, February 20, 2009 UW-Natatorium

12:45 p.m. – Locker rooms open to divers

1:00 p.m. – Deck area open – one-meter boards open for warm-ups

1:30 p.m. - Diving sheets due

1:45 p.m. - Diving Judges Meeting

2:10 p.m. - Boards Closed

2:30 p.m. – Diving competition to completion – approximately 5 p.m.

4:15 p.m. – Team packets available for pickup

4:45 p.m. - Locker rooms open to swimmers

5:00 p.m. – Deck area open – pool open for warm-ups

5:45 p.m. – Timers and deck stewards meeting – Room 1190

6:15 p.m. - Pool closed

6:30 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion – approximately 8:30 p.m.

Division 1 Saturday, February 21, 2009 UW-Natatorium

7:45 a.m. – Locker rooms open to divers

8:00 a.m. – Deck area open – one-meter boards open for warm-ups

8:30 a.m. - Diving sheets due

9:15 a.m. - Diving Judges Meeting

9:45 a.m. - Boards Closed

10:00 a.m. – Diving competition to completion approximately 1 p.m.

12:45 p.m. – Team packets available for pickup

1:15 p.m. – Locker rooms open to swimmers 1:30 p.m. – Deck area open – pool open for warm-ups

2:15 p.m. – Timers and deck stewards meeting – Room 1190

2:45 p.m. - Pool closed

3:00 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion – approximately 6:00 p.m.

ALL-AMERICAN STANDARDS Boys 2008-09

Boy's Event	Automatic	Consideration
200 Medley Relay	1:37.22	1:38.50
200 Freestyle	1:41.75	1:42.97
200 Ind. Medley	1:54.33	1:55.96
50 Freestyle	: 21.20	: 21.48
100 Butterfly	: 50.92	: 51.72
100 Freestyle	: 46.44	: 46.98
500 Freestyle	4:36.08	4:39.82
200 Free Relay	1:27.06	1:28.29
100 Backstroke	: 52.09	: 52.90
100 Breaststroke	: 58.58	:59.40
400 Free Relay	3:11.64	3:13.93

Volunteers Needed For State Boys Swim Meet

The Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held this year on Friday (Division 2) and Saturday (Division 1), February 20-21 at the UW-Madison Natatorium.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and deck stewards. If you are interested, please contact Deb Lepak at dlepak@wiaawi.org or by calling (715) 344-8580.

The state meet schedule is as follows:

Friday - February 20

2:30 p.m. – Diving competition to completion (approximately 5:30 p.m.)

6:30 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Saturday - February 21

10:00 a.m. – Diving competition to completion (approximately 1:30 p.m.)

3:00 p.m. – Swimming timed finals to completion (approximately 6:00 p.m.) →

Swimming & Diving Questions & Answers



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Sectional Entries

Question: If a technical error preventing a student-athlete's entry or a relay teams entry from being received is identified in the entries of a school's swimming and diving team following the 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009, deadline, can an athlete still be entered in the WIAA sectional meet?

Interpretation: Yes, student-athletes and/or relay teams can still be entered in the WIAA sectional meet if a technical error in the entry process occurs or a student is accidentally left out of the entries. If either of these situations are identified, coaches need to contact their athletic director and have the A.D. contact Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director, as soon as possible.

Coaches are reminded to be certain they receive and print a CONFIRMATION FORM following completion of entries and keep a copy.

If a Confirmation Form identifies entry of a student-athlete and/or relay team was done correctly, but a computer or technical problem caused an error in the entry process, student-athletes and/or relay teams can be entered and the event reseeded.

If a student-athlete and/or relay team is not verified on the Confirmation Form, then they may be entered, but will be placed in the slow heat and outside lane of the event.

Coaches will not be allowed to purposefully "not enter" a swimmer in an event so that a swimmer is placed in a slow heat in order to have time to recuperate for an upcoming event.

***REMINDER—RELAY
TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS
MAY BE DELETED WHEN
CHANGES ARE MADE TO ENTRIES IN DIRECT ATHLETICS.
ALWAYS REVIEW CHANGES,
PRINT AND KEEP A COPY OF
THE CONFIRMATION FORM
FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Question: I was sure I put my 200 m. relay team in the Direct Athletics entries. Unfortunately, I have lost my Confirmation Form. Can they still be entered and seeded?

Interpretation: The 200 m. relay team can be entered, but it will have to be placed in the slow heat's outside lane. Without a Confirmation Form verifying entry, student-athletes and/or relay teams can only be entered in an event, they will be placed in the outside lane of the slow heat and the heat can not be seeded.

Question: Do the relay entries have to include all eight individuals who will be listed on the relay card?

Interpretation: For record keeping purposes, listing all eight individuals, competitors and alternates, is very helpful to meet management. The Direct Athletics Entry program requires four individuals to be listed. It is the relay card that is handed in at the sectional meet that is the official entry card.

Freshmen Teams

Question: I was on the WIAA web page and saw that freshmen or 9th graders can only swim 12 meets as compared to other grades that can swim 14 meets. Does that only apply to JV 9th graders and/or varsity 9th graders?

Interpretation: To clarify for you, teams with only grade 9 students (freshmen swimming and diving teams) are allowed to schedule a maximum of 12 meets.

Each freshmen swimmer/diver is allowed to compete in up to 14 meets during the WIAA regular season.

Diving

Question: If we compete against a school that does not have diving but it is our home meet according to the rules in the WIAA season regulations p.33 h (4) if our conference or contract does not state that there is no diving we can score it correct?

Interpretation: For conference meets, the conference by-laws need to identify how this situation will be handled. If no language exists in the conference by-laws on how to handle the scoring of diving at meets where one school team has a diving team and a legal facility exists while one or more teams do not have diving due to illegal facilities, then diving can take place by the team that has diving, but

diving is <u>not</u> included in the team score. If language exists in the by-laws, then conference schools need to apply/follow the by-laws.

For nonconference meets, the contract needs to identify how this situation will be handled. If no language exists, same as above. If language exists in the contract, follow the language.

If a school, however, has a legal facility but is not sponsoring diving because of a lack of a coach or athletes, diving must be conducted in meets with schools sponsoring diving and appropriate points for diving forfeited to opponent(s). (WIAA Winter Season Regulations 15., h., (5))

Eligibility

Question: I'm a senior at a high school and I was on the girls' swim team until that ended in November. I love the sport and would like to keep swimming to stay in shape. I would like to swim with our boys' team after school but I'm not sure if they could get in trouble for it. I swim at the same time and I sometimes steal their work outs but I swim in the open swim lanes and usually do my own thing. Anyways, I was just wondering if it's okay that I do swim with them since my high school swimming career is over.

Interpretation: WIAA regulations prevent schools from offering a sport season, except as outlined in the season regulations. What this means is that student-athletes with remaining eligibility may not participate in workouts/practices with other school team's identified dates.

However, <u>student-athletes</u> who have completed their high school eligibility in a given sport are able to participate in/with workouts following completion of their high school career. In this case, since you have completed your senior year and your four years of eligibility, you no longer have any eligibility that can be jeopardized. Consequently, working out with the boys' team at your school does not create any problems for you or the team so long as coaches and school administrators approve of your participation.

Please be aware, any girls with remaining eligibility may not be involved in these workouts. Swimmers who participated in the WIAA fall girls swimming and diving season have completed their one season of swimming and diving for the 2008-09 school year. Should they participate in workouts in any way, their eligibility for the remainder of their high school career will be compromised.

Question: My asst. coach would like to make a dvd which demonstrates swimming drills that we do to use with adult triathletes (non-high school swimmers) during instructional clinics that he runs. Can he have high school athletes demonstrate these drills on the dvd? He would be selling these dvd's as part of his class. The athletes would not gain financially from it. They would not be identified, nor would they wear school gear. Can you help me out here.

Interpretation: The regulations involved are Amateur Status regulations of the Sr. High School Handbook, page 34-35. On page 35, B., 4), it indicates the following: "A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she: Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in a promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service."

Participating in a video that will be sold can only be viewed as involvement in a profit-making service and potentially jeopardize their eligibility. A better way of producing this video is by using student-athletes that have completed their high school eligibility. If student-athletes have a desire to swim NCAA swimming and/or diving, they should check with the compliance officer at the school they will be or are swimming at since I am not able to provide insight to NCAA Amateur Status regulations. In this way, student-athletes with remaining high school eligibility will not risk their eligibility. +

Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: We have a new student who was expelled from his previous school. The other AD and I talked on the phone and they have a code similar to ours in that there are two kinds of expulsions; one is a complete and final expulsion and the other is a conditional. You might get back in on a certain date provided you do certain contracted items. He will be checking into which type of expulsion this student had and will get back to me. If the expulsion is complete and non-ending then his ineligibility at our school is everlasting. That is clear. If his suspension is conditional, that he might reapply for enrollment after a semester or the beginning of next year, what does that do to his eligibility while at our school? If the other school's code is like ours, we most often re-enroll conditional students but not always. We currently have conditions on this student because of the agreement made upon his admission following an expulsion.

A.: What you've described is fairly common within the membership. If the student "could" be re-admitted to his previous school, then whenever that time may be, you could then allow him access to athletic opportunities at your school if he's still with you. Do keep in mind that once he could become eligible, from the sounds of things there still may be some code suspensions that would need to be reconciled. If the student can never return to his former school, he can not ever be provided eligibility at any WIAA member school.

Competition & Practice

Q.: I have a young lady out for gymnastics that has code violations that will not allow her to compete. I am wondering if she can still perform an exhibition that would not be scored before the match begins. Would this affect eligibility for the rest of the team?

A.: See Winter Season Regulations, p. 18, 7b. The rule is the same for all WIAA sports. You will find the rule listed about the same section for all other sports as well. Answer's "no." If the student could not compete in regular competition – then not eligible for exhibition.

Q.: Can you play a school sporting event if school gets called off?

A.: This is a local control and local policy matter. The WIAA does not require cancellation of after school programs if school is cancelled.

Q.: Can an 8th grader practice with a frosh team or a JV basketball team?

A.: Though the WIAA would never recommend it, allowing

middle school students from within your district (in multischool districts it ought to be from your "feeder" school) to practice with your HS team has not been considered a violation. Friendly advice: keep in mind there are always "rippling-out effects" of this consideration/decision. It will eventually impact across all sport programs - it will impact upon parents and kids who are already in HS (who will feel the writing's on the wall for their child) and it will affect the parents of the middle schoolers who do not have the same chance as the most talented those who get invited to attend.

Q.: I have a question about a wrestling tournament. We have a team coming from Minnesota who has an 8th grader wrestling varsity. We've been told that WI rules are that only high school wrestlers can participate. Is that true? Would it make a difference if the parents signed a release of some sort? This boy has been wrestling varsity for the team last year and this year and will be very disappointed to miss participating with his team only because of his age. (After all, it is to his disadvantage to wrestle, it's not like he's 20 - he's 13!)

A.: Minnesota schools are expected to follow their state's rules. Their rules allow middle school students to wrestle at the sr. high level. Our rules do not/have not ever prevented WIAA members from competing against MN schools and whoever they have on their teams. If you look at ROE. Art. I, Sect. 4, it provides that you may not let your students compete against another - member's - students in grade eight and below. We put that wording together specifically to accommodate our many members who regularly compete across the border, to have as smooth sailing as possible when competing. I would add that to the best of my knowledge, most of our members who regularly compete vs. a MN school - do allow their guests to abide by their state's provisions. You may allow the student to compete - if that's what you wish to do.

Coach Contact

Q.: I believe I fully understand the coaching contact during the school year and out-of-season; however, I do have one question: If School 'A' has both boys and girls track programs and each has its own coaching staff, is it permissible for an event coach from the boys team to work with members of the girls team? Again, this is not within the respective sports season or in the summer, it's during the school year.

A.: While this sort of configuration might technically be possible in some school settings, if the boys and girls track programs practice at the same time, same site and/or there is any interface with the female athletes during practice and/or competition at anytime during the next school season, then the answer must be no. The key to this configuration being "technically" compliant centers around the requirement that there is - zero interface with the athletes during the next school season. I would advise that even though in some sports where the seasons are split, swim for example - even though the arranged contact may technically comply with our member's provisions, we alwavs hear about those sorts of arrangements described with a tenor of suspicion. While technically conforming, it feels to most to be more circumvention rather than compliance.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

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

A.: No pre-season team should be made up exclusively of students from same school. Merely grade level diversification is not acceptable. The way the guestions you advanced are framed -I am inclined to say that neither conform with the spirit and intent of the rule as we have heard the members discussion in this office. The question to ask yourself is - does this feel like compliance or circumvention? You can recognize that having my nine returning players from the same school and adding one guy, somebody's cousin from another school - does not address the desires or discussions we have

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

Q.: I received a request from a player on the baseball team to borrow the catcher's equipment to use while attending a catching clinic at Ripon College over the holidays. Does the WIAA have a rule covering this?

A.: During the school year protective equipment may not be issued except during the actual school season itself. +

Wrestling Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: A question was raised at the Bi-State Classic during weigh-ins. The head official said if they find a wrestler that is suspected of a skin infection we need to have a MD on site to have them look at the wrestler. Our trainers said they read the rule that we didn't have to have one on-site. Can you tell me what the ruling is on this?

A.: I understand what both the officials and your trainer were trying to explain. See if this helps -There have been changes to the skin condition rule. The changes to rule 4-2-3 do not require a physician to be on site. But they do provide that if an official has concerns about a skin condition the wrestler must have the paper form with him and present it to the official at the weigh-in. A wrestler is no longer able to leave the weigh in and get a form from an emergency room doc. If there is a tournament physician, on-site, the student could be seen on site immediately after weighing in and if cleared, would be allowed to compete. The rule does not 'require' a doc be provided on site. Some might consider it to be advantageous if one is present in order that a kid might be seen. On the other hand, if kids and coaches keep on top of their skin and forms and come prepared, it should not be necessary to add the expense of a MD to an event. What's changed is that a wrestler can no longer leave a site to be checked out, but if there's a Doc on site, the student could be examined, on-site.

Q.: I have a question about a wrestling tournament. We have a team coming from Minnesota who has an 8th grader wrestling varsity. We've been told that WI rules are that only high school wrestlers can participate. Is that true? Would it make a difference if the parents signed a release of some sort? This boy has been wrestling varsity for the team last year and this year and will be very disappointed to miss participating with his team only because of his age. (After all, it is to his disadvantage to wrestle, it's not like he's 20 - he's 13!)

A.: MN schools are expected to follow their state's rules. Their rules allow middle school students to wrestle at the sr. high level. Our rules do not/have not ever prevented WIAA members from competing against MN schools and whoever they have on their teams. If you look at ROE. Art. I, Sect. 4, it provides that you may not let your students compete against another - member's - students in grade eight and below. We put that wording together specifically to accommodate our many members who regularly compete across the border, to have as smooth sailing as possible when competing. I would add that to the best of my knowledge, most our our members who regularly compete v. a MN school – do allow their guests to abide by their state's provisions. You may allow the student to compete – if that's what you wish to do.

Q:: Something interesting occurred at our wrestling dual meet last night. Many teams video tape their wrestlers wrestling – this is something that I do myself. However, it was brought to my attention that last night there was a manager on the opposing bench that was video taping me – the opposing coach. I don't think that there are any rules regarding this, but I wanted your opinion of this practice. I understand trying to get a competitive edge, but something just doesn't seem right about this. Does this fall under the realm of ethics?

A.: A first. You are correct in that I have no awareness of any rule which would specifically prohibit the videotaping of an opposing coach. If there was, I'm not sure one could enforce the taping that would then go on from in the stands, unknown to you or event management. I am unable to think of any compelling reason to video tape an opposing coach other then to steal signs/signals, try to intimidate and/or distract, or to blackmail? Arguably, all of the above mentioned observations might be categorized as at least, unsporting. I ran your question by a coaching colleague and here's his reaction: In all of my coaching experience from high school, collegiate to international wrestling I can not tell of a single time that taping an opposing coach was even discussed. The speed of action in wrestling would make reading an opposing coaches signals obsolete to the time it would take to react to them. The only reason I could imagine this would happen was to observe a coaches actions or sportsmanship. If this is the case to involve students is unacceptable. Moreover this is something that should be done by administration through observation and evaluations.

Q.: Could you verify if I made the correct call on the following situation? Wrestler A takes down wrestler B and two points were awarded and a few seconds later wrestler A locks his hands and I signaled the locked hands, A unlocks his hands and then wrestler B goes into a switch and when the switch is almost completed; A then locks his hands again and pulls him into him so that wrestler B goes flat onto his belly. I then stopped the match and blew the whistle and then awarded one penalty point for the first locked hands and then a second penalty point for the second locked hands. The theory is I did not stop it on the first locked hands is because wrestler B was still on his hands and knees and moving forward. Then he

unlocked his hands, and I didn't stop it because he wasn't down. I didn't feel action was over yet. When he went into the switch and was moving forward, then he locked his hands a second time and pulled him down. The two points were awarded because I felt this was two separate incidents. When the match was all over with, the coach of wrestler A approached me and started to argue with me that I had to show him the rule on the incidents that happened that night. I feel that he was inappropriate in his tone of voice and should not have been done. I went to the locker room and then found the ruling on the first penalty point given but could not find the rule for the second point. The rule is #4 page 14 in the case book 4.2.1 situation D.

A.: It sounds to me as if you acted within the context of the rules on both matters. Judgment is clearly recognized as being a key part of this situation. I have brought this question to the master interpreters, just to confirm my response. Their perspectives and comments are included here: 1) The call is correct. It is a matter of judgment as to whether or not there was significant action to keep the match going or stopping and awarding the point for locked hands. 2) Strictly a judgment call, but you could have a fairly lengthy scenario where you could have two or three situation calls where you could award multiple technical violations in one sequence, but.... hopefully there would be a situation in which the ref would stop the match and award points before we get to two or three locked hands, etc. 3) Multiple locked hands in one given situation is rare but can happen. It was referenced in the case book in the past but not for several years. Sometimes an official allows a situation to "go too far." Meaning he should have stopped it earlier when the situation ended and before another began, now he is faced with a difficult / controversial call. To say the official is wrong would be unfair. Rapid / continuous wrestling can quickly evolve into a situation that could lead to this call being made. 4) The lock hands should be stopped and penalty awarded if there is no reversal or escape imminent. If points are imminent wrestling will continue and more than one penalty can be awarded.

Q.: I have a question on losing the half pound a day rule. Two cases and in both cases we are going under the assumption that the first day has not been counted before to get down to weight. Case Number #1: A wrestler weighs 114.5 on Tuesday and intends to wrestle 112 on Saturday. Five days at a half a pound a day equals 2.5 pounds he is fine to go. Case Number #2: A wrestler

weighs 115 on Tuesday and would like to wrestle on Saturday. Five days at a half a pound a day means he can weigh 112.5 on Saturday. Now this is where the question is. Another school has a match on Friday night thus everyone gets an extra pound which means 112 pounders may now weigh 113. Can this individual wrestle at 112 on Saturday as the half a pound says he can get to 112.5? My interpretation is that no he is not eligible because he could not make 112 scratch, but there was questions by the kids as if he could. #3 - Now the other question is that after Christmas when kids get an extra two pounds the weight classes change to be 114 for 112 and the half pound a day if the individual can weigh 114 he is eligible to wrestle that weight class.

A.: #1) Correct (assuming the wrestler is eligible for 112, of course). #2) You are incorrect. Again, so long as this wrestler is in fact eligible for 112 based on original minimum weight determination and now for this day, 112 has become 113 due to GA, we would not require the student to lose additional weight in order to be eligible for a weight class he has been approved for. #3) NO. Not unless the wrestler has been approved as a 112 pounder by skinfold or appeal procedures. In order to be eligible for 112 the wrestler's lowest weight must be 112 or less on their skinfold printout. If the lowest weight your example/wrestler could go was 114, (making him a 119 pounder), then after Christmas when two pounds makes 112 - 114, then arguably your wrestlers minimum weight goes from 114 to 116. A wrestler is not ever able to wrestle at a weight class lower then what his minimum predicted weight printout identifies and approves him to compete at. Please see Winter Season Regs, p. 47 # 6-note. A 119 pounder can never wrestle in the 112 weight class. Lastly, for a wrestler who has established their minimum weight before Christmas, they are allowed to claim growth allowance after 12/25 without ever scratch making weight. wrestlers whose measurements occur after 12/25, they must make scratch weight one time in order to claim GA in subsequent competi-

Q.: We have a double dual tonight with six conference teams. Can a wrestler wrestle JV and one of the varsity matches?

A.: As I understand this scenario, each opponent represents a separate dual meet competition (regardless of whether the event has been counted as a multi date or individual dual(s) date). So long as a wrestler: does not compete against

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WADA Insights

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

WADA Presents Distinguished Service Awards

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

Individuals who have made significant contributions to high school sports were honored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

The recipients were recognized during the WADA's Distinguished Service Awards Banquet in November at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Each of the seven districts in Wisconsin selects the individual(s) outside the field of interscholastic athletic administration based on their contributions to interscholastic athletics.

District 1 Jeff Banks, Eau Claire

For many years, Jeff Banks has been a trainer for the school districts of Boyceville, Colfax, Glenwood City and Elmwood in northwest Wisconsin, providing his services free of charge. He has worked for Red Cedar Medical Center for 10 years, and makes one weekly visit to each of the schools. Plus, he provides selected game coverage, often juggling his schedule to accommodate as many events as possible. His hard work and pride in doing a stellar job are obvious those who witness him provide his services to student-athletes. He is an excellent trainer and a great role model for all in the school districts he serves, and he often continues to treat individuals after they graduate from high school.

District 2 Donald Hahn, Wausau

For the past decade, a sports figure around the Wausau West and Wausau East high schools is Donald Hahn. Now retired for 12 years, he remains quite active by being involved with a variety of sporting events at the two schools. He started with the girls and boys tennis teams at Wausau West, and has been the site director for various tennis tournaments hosted over the past 10 years by Wausau West and Wausau East. He also has been a valuable member of the "chain gang" for home football games at Wausau East for 10 years and at Wausau West for 3 years. Since 1997 through the current school year. Hahn also has been involved with the Smiley Cross Country Meet, a huge invitational held annually. He also has been a supervisor and/or ticket-taker at boys and/or girls games at the two Wausau schools for volleyball, hockey, basketball, soccer, baseball and soft-

District 3 John Weger, Elroy

A lifelong resident of Elroy in central Wisconsin and now retired after four decades as a guidance counselor/teacher in the Royall School District, John Weger has been extremely committed to serving the community and is a strong proponent of education. He started teaching in the Royall schools in 1956, and has been the scorekeeper for the Royall boys' basketball team ever since. Also a ticket seller for football, girls' basketball, volleyball and wrestling events, he attends all games, and many people throughout the Scenic Bluffs Conference recognize him. He also helps the district's music department and helps with banquets for the schools, plus he makes pancakes for FFA events, reads to elementary students, and often is a chaperone. Recently, he was a caregiver for his wife, who had MS and arthritis before passing away this past year.

District 4 Don Christian, De Pere

For more than 40 years, Don Christian has been involved on many levels with the West De Pere High School athletic program. He has been the leader of the "chain gang" for home varsity football games at West De Pere, which includes recruiting other volunteers to assist. He is actively involved with the VFW, holding a state officer position for many years, and has organized the presentation of the American flag at all home games. During the week, he helps at football practices as the equipment manager. On game day, Don also sets up the game field and organizes game equipment for the coaches and players. In the spring, for years he has assisted with the track and field teams at WDP as a meet worker in a variety of ways for indoor and outdoor events hosted by the school.

District 5 Donald Rielly, Hazel Green

Known as "Mr. Southwestern" and present at almost every extracurricular event, Donald Rielly has been a loyal Wildcat for over 30 years. He was not selected, however, for his attendance record but rather for what he does while in attendance. Rielly is the "official photographer" for the Southwestern schools, located in Hazel Green. He also provides the same volunteer service for activities such as school musicals, spelling bees, graduations, yearbook, parent nights, parades and a variety of other school events. At the end of each

sports season, he makes a DVD for each senior athlete, and then makes the DVDs available at the high school library so any student can check it out and make copies. He also makes a DVD of other co-curricular events, such as school musicals and graduation.

District 6 Craig Vertz, Mukwonago

This past fall the Mukwonago Braves youth football club celebrated its 25th year, and the organization has a tremendous relationship with Mukwonago High School - largely due to the volunteer efforts of Craig Vertz. He has been the guiding force between the Braves and the high school since the youth group was formed. Vertz started with the Braves as a coach and board member, and for the past 15 years has been a coach and the organization's "CEO." He has the unique ability to mobilize a workforce of skilled and energetic people, as well as generate much-needed funds. Evidence of how the community appreciates Vertz, a lifelong resident of Mukwonago, was evident when the local newspaper recognized him as one of "The Five" – individuals in the community who have big hearts and limitless energy.

District 7 Larry & Kathy Slonaker, Milwaukee

Members of the Viking Volunteer Booster Club at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee for 25 years, Larry and Kathy Slonaker have been remarkably dedicated to the students and coaches at WLHS. For 18 years, they have served in the office of President of the organization that is an integral part of the school's entire athletic program. Their level of dedicated service is exemplary. They have spent countless hours in meetings, organizing fundraisers, lining up volunteers, or purchasing concessions and other items - even long after their children's attendance. Also, the couple has been instrumental in helping the all-school booster club fund hundreds of non-budgeted items, including major contributions to the school's newer outdoor athletic facilities, weight room and locker room renovations, workshops for the coaching staff, uniforms, and other major equipment

More details about the DSA Awards recipients, from 2008 and previous years, may be found on the WADA website at www.wadawi.org.

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

Wrestling Q & A

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the same school at both the JV and varsity level in the same day; does not exceed the five match individual limit on any single day; gets the 45 minutes of recovery between all matches; and meets all other National Federation and WIAA requirements as an eligible competitor, I see no obvious reason that

would prohibit a wrestler from competing as a JV in one dual and then as a varsity competitor in the other. My hope would be that such maneuvering would be based on providing increased opportunity for kids to wrestle - and not so someone can simply accept a forfeit.

Q.: At our Monday association meet-

ing we came to agreement regarding wrestlers reporting to the mat in tournaments (invitationals), we agreed not to check any wrestlers in at the scorer's table until both wrestlers showed up. This will avoid any problems you might experience with the wrestler that checked in and is waiting for his opponent to show up. With the new expecta-

tion of the wrestler reporting directly to the center circle and related penalties, this should eliminate any potential problems. I talked it over with another official and they are also going to do the same in their area. Might be worth passing on if you think it is a good idea.

A.: Excellent idea! Thanks for sharing it. +

Coaches Education



Joan Gralla

ASEP Instructors

If you want to have an ASEP course offered in your area, contact the appropriate ASEP instructor listed below. Keep in mind both parts of the ASEP course are needed to fulfill the WIAA requirements for Coaches Not Licensed to Teach; Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid.

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

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NFHS Coach Education

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

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

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

Online ASEP Course Offering Through UW-Platteville

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

Directory Changes

Senior High School

ALMA HIGH SCHOOL - Wrestling Coach Alan Tomow

BLACK RIVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL - Boys Hockey Coach Steve Spangler, Wrestling Coach Steve Markee

BLOOMER HIGH SCHOOL -Wrestling Coach Jim Poirier

COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY **HIGH SCHOOL** – Wrestling Coach Alan Tomow

GILLETT HIGH SCHOOL -Wrestling Coach Brady Holtz

GLENWOOD CITY HIGH **SCHOOL** - Wrestling Coach Scott

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MELROSE-MINDORO

SCHOOL – Boys Hockey Coach Steve Spangler

NEW BERLIN WEST HIGH SCHOOL - Wrestling Coach Christian Spiropoulos

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NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -Wrestling Coach Ben Kidder

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- Wrestling Coach Ben Kidder

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EDITORIAL

No Gray Area, Deadlines **Are Black and White**

With every turn in our daily lives we deal with them, and we best not ignore them lest we suffer the repercussions and consequences in our negligence in adhering to them.

Deadlines. Why are we as a society so hung up on them? Wouldn't life be a tad less stressful if we all just chilled on deadlines?

How is the world's existence affected if a bill due last week is paid this week? Or, why can't a business stay open a few extra minutes so I can take care of my errands when it may be most convenient for me? How about missing a job application deadline?

If we ruled the world, we could possibly operate with this self-centered rationale. But in reality, this is detrimental to our culture. Failure to adhere to deadlines in our existence conflicts with the basic tenet that efficiency in our lives is desired. While deadlines may not be convenient in our lives or work places because we're too busy, not in the right frame of mind, or too this or too that, they are necessary for our world to function in an orderly fashion.

Take this prose for example. As I write, I could think of any number of projects or activities I might be doing instead if it wasn't for the fact there is a deadline when the Bulletin is published.

What is the impact if this deadline isn't met? Everything relative is affected. We are then not able to deliver the Bulletin to the printer by their deadline, which sets off the chain reaction that disrupts the printing press operation at the printer, which affects the timetable of other jobs the printer has, which delays when the publication can be mailed, and that, then, determines the delay when the publication is delivered to

Deadlines are logically designed to make the lives easier on the masses, not necessarily individuals. Failure to adhere to them makes the roles of so many others more difficult.

As a regulatory agency, the WIAA deals with deadlines on a continuous basis. Member schools are inundated with deadlines. There is a deadline for membership. There are deadlines for reporting enrollment; getting on the football playoff approved site list; ordering State Tournament tickets; ordering extra rule books; applying for co-op teams; adding sports; and submitting Scholar-Athlete Award applications and information for State Tournament programs and other WIAA publications. A reminder of these deadlines are posted on the School Center of the WIAA Web site or in materials provided to schools.

In addition, we have deadlines in place for identifying candidates for positions on the Board and Advisory Council and for voting for those

candidates who will serve in those capacities. Added to these is the responsibility of schools and parents to be familiar with open enrollment deadlines.

Further evidence of the importance placed on deadlines, a recommendation currently advancing through the committee structure will require a licensed official to pay \$20 for not reapplying for licensure by the prescribed deadline. This is in lieu of denying advancement of classification for tardy registrations.

Simply stated, chaos would reign without deadlines, rendering efficiency within the organization unattainable. With the number of deadlines we have stated above, the ramifications range from devastating to uncomfortable for member schools missing these deadlines, depending on the situation. And often, such breaches result in emotional appeals.

It only takes a bit of examination to understand why deadlines are not met or they cause stress or consternation. Most of us would agree we are by nature procrastinators to some degree. A while back, some artfully efficient procrastinator came up with a "prioritized" to-do list that determined what tasks needed to be done first and others to be tackled later-but not too much later you understand.

Second, if we are not organized as well as we can be, we can easily forget or overlook important information that identifies deadlines. This can often be attributed to having many tasks needing our attention simultaneously.

Third, someone else has missed a deadline, which causes us to either miss a deadline or extend extra effort and shift priorities away from other duties to meet a deadline; therefore, potentially, missing those other deadlines.

And finally, and somewhat related to all of the above, something of an "emergency" nature arises unexpectedly that throws a wrench into all our best-made plans or priorities lists.

Any of these sound remotely familiar? Well, most of us can sympathize with you.

There may be countless other scenarios, but the bottom line remains if something is important enough for somebody to establish a deadline, it's likely important enough to meet those deadlines. Failure to do so is a lack of consideration of repercussions associated with it and for those that must deal with the aftermath.

Our ability to process information and administer this association in an efficient manner is reliant on the cooperation of so many. We thank our members for their continued attention and cooperation in complying with established deadlines. They are intended to assist us in serving the entire membership. +



	Middle Level Council Meeting (Stevens Point)
	Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point) Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
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February 14	Wrestling Individual Regionals
February 17	Boys Swimming Sectionals Wrestling Team Sectionals
	Boys Hockey Regionals
	Girls Hockey Regionals
	. Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison) Wrestling Individual Sectionals
	. Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 24, 26 & 28	Girls Basketball Regionals
	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)
Tebruary 20 27 20	Gymnastics Sectionals
	Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
	Boys State Hockey Tournament (Madison)
March 6	Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
March 6-7	Girls Basketball Sectionals
	State Wrestling Team Tournament (Madison) State Gymnastics (Wisconsin Rapids)
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	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
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	Track & Field Sectionals
	Girls Soccer Regionals Spring Baseball Regionals
	Boys Golf Sectionals
	Softball Sectionals
	Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 5-6	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
	State Boys Golf State Girls Soccer
	State Softball
	State Boys Team Tennis
	State Spring Baseball Advisory Council Meeting
	Board of Control Meeting

Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2008-2009 dates for ACT.

ACT - 2008-2009

Test Date February 7, 2009** June 13, 2009

(regular fee) January 6, 2009 February 27, 2009 May 8, 2009

Regular Registration

Late Registration Postmark Deadline fee required) January 7-16, 2009 February 28-March 13, 2009 May 9-22, 2009

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

ACT - 2009-2010

September 12, 2009³ October 24, 2009 December 12, 2009 February 6, 2010** April 10, 2010 June 12, 2010

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

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