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Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn in Stevens Point On April 22

*Live Web Stream of Meeting will be
Available on WIAA.TV*

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at the Holiday Inn located at 1001 Amber Ave., in Stevens Point. The event will again be streamed live in its entirety on WIAA.TV.

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

The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for all authorized personnel to participate. Inasmuch as proxy votes are not allowed, school districts with two or more high schools must have a representative from each school in order to have as many votes as there are schools in their districts.

Preregistration for the WIAA Annual Meeting is a must; therefore, please email those who will be attending from your school by Friday, April 10 to Julie Kage at jkage@wiaawi.org. Registration materials, including the membership voting cards, treasurer's report and a copy of the proposed amendments schools received earlier this month will be available in the commons area. Coffee will be served at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting getting underway at 9:00 a.m.

Any inquiries for lodging can be directed to the Holiday Inn at 715-344-0200. †

Board of Control and Advisory Council Elections in Progress

The WIAA strongly encourages all member schools to participate in the general election for their respective Board of Control district and Advisory Council classification. Ballots were mailed to schools on March 27 with a return date of April 14. Results will be announced at the WIAA Annual Meeting on April 22.

The following individuals are the candidates listed on the general election ballots:

BOARD OF CONTROL

District 2 (northeast) – Gordie Sisson of Marshfield and Terry Reynolds of Pittsville. Gordie and Terry were the top two vote getters from the primary election.

District 5 (southwest) – Jeff Athey of Dodgeville and Ted Evans of Mineral Point

Gender At-Large – Mary Pfeiffer of Green Bay

Non-Public School At-Large – Carl Eisman of Martin Luther

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools (2 positions) – Randy Refslund of Waupun, Mike Devine of Stevens Point and Eric Burling of Burlington

Medium schools (1 position) – Todd Fischer of Osseo-Fairchild and Leonard Lueck of Brodhead. Todd and Leonard were the top two vote getters from the primary election.

Small schools (2 positions) – Brad Pettit, Jr. of Brookwood, Bill Perry of Gilmanton, Brad Ayer of Clear Lake and Paul Schley of Cornell. Brad P., Bill, Brad A. and Paul were the top four vote getters from the primary election.

Gender At-Large – Beth Sternig of Oak Creek

Non-Public School At-Large – Ted Knutson of Aquinas

Each candidate is eligible for a position on the Board of Control or Advisory Council as an administrator, assistant administrator, high school principal or assistant principal at a WIAA member senior high school in the respective district or school-size classification. In addition, each candidate has a Department of Public Instruction license and is not a member of the teachers' bargaining unit. †

2009 Annual Meeting Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration & Coffee (Commons Area)

9:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting (Expo Rooms 3A, 3B and 4)

- A. Opening Remarks - President Kevin Knudson
- B. 2008-09 Highlights
- C. Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting
- D. Treasurer's Report - Jim Smasal
- E. Elections Report
- F. Vote on Amendments
- G. Director's Report
- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Announcements
- K. Adjournment

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Track & Field



Marcy Thurwachter

Track & Field Questions & Answers

Question 1: If an athlete has blood on his/her uniform when would the athlete be required to remove or clean their uniform?

Answer: Information given at the WISTCA Clinic was incorrect. Rule 4-5-10; "A competitor who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on his/her uniform, or has blood on his/her person, may complete the running or field event." See also Case Book; 4-5-10.

Question 2: Is it permissible to warm-up (easy throws) in the shot or discus in an open area away from the competition area?

Answer: Illegal. Warm-ups may only occur in the circle under supervision by the athlete's coach or official meet personnel.

Question 3: Is it permissible to tape over recently pierced ears to meet the requirements of the jewelry rule?

Answer: Illegal. All jewelry must be removed. Taping over it does not make it legal.

Question 4: I have an athlete that must wear a headscarf because of her religion. What can I do to make this situation legal?

Answer: Email the WIAA with the athlete's name and a description of what she/he will be wearing and a waiver will be issued. You will need to show the waiver to the meet referee prior to every meet. Waivers will also be issued for other garments required by religious beliefs. If, during the early season, the school does not have a waiver, allow the athlete to compete (unless it creates a dangerous situation), then contact the WIAA immediately after the meet to report the situation so that a waiver can be issued.

Question 5: A wheelchair athlete reported to the first day of practice. What do I do?

Answer: Refer to the information posted on the School Center for Wheelchair Athletes.

Question 6: The wheelchair information appears to be for outdoor competition. Can wheelchair athletes compete in the 55m indoors?

Answer: Legal. In place of the 100m wheelchair athletes should compete in the 55m. +

Wheelchair Track & Field Reminders

It is apparent, due to the number of inquiries, that the WIAA's experiment with inclusion of wheelchair athletes for the 2009 track season is being met with great enthusiasm. There are some reminders for those of you with student-athletes interested in participating in wheelchair competition.

1. The student athletes must meet the Attendance and Scholarship requirements (Senior High Handbook, pages 35-36) as would any able-bodied student athlete.

2. The student athlete must have a current physical, as well as a physician's verification of a permanent disability.

3. Please fill out the on-line form located on the School Center AFTER

the student-athlete has competed not before.

4. While the information indicates that 24 hour notice must be given, it would be most beneficial if schools would contact the host school as soon as possible so that accommodations for the wheelchair athlete can be arranged.

5. Host schools are not required to provide opportunities. In some instances the track and field facility may not be accessible.

6. If wheelchair athletes from different genders are competing, they may compete in the same race, provided the coaches and athletes agree.

7. Some flexibility in the events is allowed during the indoor season; 55m, 300m, mile, etc. +

Track & Field Early Season Reminders

*Inspect all poles carefully. Check for cracks, chips, etc., that may weaken the pole. Poles must have a legal, readable manufacturer's weight rating sticker.

*Inspect all pole vault helmets. Replace those with cracks or dents.

*Inspect equipment; hurdles, starting blocks, throwing implements, pits, standards, cross bars.

*Once the weather improves carefully

check your discus cage, especially the material (netting or wire) used to prevent the discus from slipping through near the support poles.

*Weigh-in forms are located on the School Center and must be completed, with proper signatures, prior to the first scheduled competition. No athlete may compete without the weigh-in form. +

WIAA Officials "Blowing the Whistle On Cancer" for The V Foundation

By Official Daryl Pries

On Friday, February 6, 2009, the officiating crew of Jon Payne, Tom Kislow & Daryl Pries organized *Blow the Whistle on Cancer*®, an event held at Wausau East High School in conjunction with the Wausau East / Stevens Point boys' basketball game.

Local media promoted the event prior to the game, and a 50/50 cash raffle along with nearly two dozen silent auction items raised over \$2,500 to assist The V Foundation's efforts in finding a cure for Cancer, the disease that claimed the life of former North Carolina State Men's Basketball Coach Jim Valvano.

Silent auction items were donated by various sponsors, including the UW Men's & Women's Basketball Team's, Duke University Men's Basketball & Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Eastbay, Webko House of Sports, Milwaukee Brewers & Bucks, Minnesota Twins, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Wisconsin Woodchucks Baseball Club, UW Stout, Stevens Point & Eau Claire Women's Basketball Teams, Chippewa Valley Music Festivals, Artshow Graphics, Your Sports Authority of Wausau & the Central Wisconsin, Wisconsin Valley & State Line All Sports Officials Associations.

Blow the Whistle on Cancer® is an event organized by sports officials nationwide. Since 2002, officials from all sports have joined together to fight Cancer and their efforts are paying off. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for The V Foundation® by officials through *Blow the Whistle on Cancer*® events. As a result, the generous contributions from officials and their efforts to raise funds and awareness of The V Foundation®, *Blow the Whistle on Cancer*® received the 2006 National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) Gold Whistle Award.

If you would like more information on The V Foundation, or would like to host a *Blow the Whistle on Cancer*® event, please contact The V Foundation offices at 1-800-4Ji-mmyV or visit www.jim-myyv.org or basketball official Daryl Pries at wiaofficial@yahoo.com +

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, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



OFFICIALS



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

2008-09 Officials Exams Due Dates

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

| Sport | Mailing Date | Return Deadline |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| PART II EXAMS | | |
| Baseball | March 23, 2009 | April 9, 2009 |

2009 Winter State Tournament Officials

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Division 2: Meet Referee - Stephen Good, Manitowoc; Diving Referee - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Starter - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Stroke Judge - William Benson, Fond du Lac; Turn Judges - Paul Perlberg, Madison & Al Schmidt, Meno. Falls

Division 1: Meet Referee - Stephen Good, Manitowoc; Diving Referee - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Starter - William Benson, Fond du Lac; Stroke Judge - Greg Smith, Chippewa Falls; Turn Judges - Paul Perlberg, Madison & Al Schmidt, Meno. Falls

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

Paul Anderson, Oshkosh; Brad Billman, Fond du Lac; Jeff Birshbach, Milwaukee; Bill Coker, Athens; Michael Huettl, Racine; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Michael Nickelatti, Stoddard; Russ O'Leary, Milton; Edward Przytarski, La Crosse; Bruce Schaefer, Chilton; Mark Schultz, Campbellsport; Steve Schutte, Menomonie; Bradley Siebers, Kimberly; Cal Tackes, Edgar; Michael Willeman, East Troy

TEAM WRESTLING

Scott Brookman, Tomah; Kevin Guilette, Forestville; Kirk Layer, Richland Center; Scott Ness, Lodi; Gail Pronschinske, Hammond; John Shefchik, Green Bay; Dan Engelke, Rewey; Todd Goldbeck, Madison

HOCKEY

Travis Ahlberg, Birchwood; Curtis Beecher, Madison; Allen Bramstadt, Fond du Lac; Daniel Brown, Verona; Jim T. Brown, Wausau; Mike De Long, Woodville; Daniel Diehn, Black River Falls; Dan Di-neen, Waukesha; Scott Finstad, Osceola; Tom Fitzgerald, Mosinee; Timothy Fraley, Madison; Scott Gavin, River Falls; Jeff Hanzlik, Chippewa Falls; Shawn Houser, Eau Claire; David King, Appleton; Andy Krahenbuhl, Cameron; Eric Mather, West Bend; Christopher Mc Guirk, Menasha; James Olson, Milwaukee; Steven Olson, Menasha; Robert Peschel, Shorewood; Ryan Reischel, Sun Prairie; Tim Richter, Madison; Guy Roe, Minocqua; Brad Roethlisberger, Green Bay; Tim Rowan, Menomonie; Karl Schmidt, Milwaukee; Tony Stemberger, Milwaukee; Scott Swid, Mosinee; Brian Van Adestine, Grand Chute

GYMNASTICS

Division 1: Meet Referee - Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; **Balance Beam** - Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Mequon, Superior Judge; Kris Ostermann, Rhinelander; Cyn-die Zocher, Middleton; **Floor Exercise** - Cheryl Hancock, Holmen, Superior Judge; Kersti Lamers, Rhinelander; Patty Subach, Oregon; **Vaulting** - Ann Renn, Baraboo, Superior Judge; Brenna Moriarty, Madison; Roseann Tank, Fort Atkinson; **Uneven Parallel Bars** - Helen Culliney, Grafton, Superior Judge; Deb Brown, Sun Prairie; Susan Vielgut, Milwaukee

Division 2: Meet Referee - Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; **Balance Beam** - Claudia Quam, Platteville, Superior Judge; Tania Gray, River Falls; Becky Zirk, Elroy; **Floor Exercise** - Jacqueline Strutt, On-

alaska, Superior Judge; Mari Lucas, Prescott; Carrie Pedersen, Eagle; **Vaulting** - Patricia Abraham, Onalaska, Superior Judge; Kim Chynoweth, Waukesha; Karen Fisher, Whitewater; **Uneven Parallel Bars** - Brucie Chapman, Sharon, Superior Judge; Melissa Bremmer, Cross Plains; Faith Wagner, La Crosse

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Al Ashbeck, Marshfield; Cliff E. Bell, Milwaukee; Keith Bonde, Manitowoc; Wayne E. Brevik, Osseo; Brian Burgert, Oshkosh; John Cardo, Sussex; Tallendra R. Carson, Milwaukee; Jason Dahl, Hartland; Bill De Groot, Oshkosh; Jodi Duffe, Green Bay; Mike Endreas, Spencer; Everett Fenwick, Brodhead; Craig Finstad, River Falls; Jack Fleming, New Berlin; Mark Haas, Chippewa Falls; Dave Hoppe, De Pere; Tammy Hutchison, Racine; Denita Lee-Johnson, Milwaukee; Mark H. Johnson, Tomah; Scott Jonas, Hudson; Brian Kenney, Wisconsin Dells; Michael Klein, Hewitt; Steve Kleinfeldt, Newton; Gary Knueppel, Greendale; John Laudon, Tomah; Lisa Magis, Madison; John McIntyre, Danbury; Scott Meyer, New Holstein; Chuck Morning IV, Menomonie; Paul Nelson, Eau Claire; Dean Nemoir, Milwaukee; Tom Nipple, Brodhead; Tim Owens, Kenosha; Sam Plumeri, Franklin; Wesley Porter, Milwaukee; Andy Riechers, Belmont; Tom Rusch, Plymouth; Michael Sacotte, Racine; David Schumacher, Fox Lake; Tim Shookman, Beaver Dam; Dann Shutter, Tomah; Mike Steidl, Milwaukee; Tim Treder, Kenosha; Dean Van Amber, Eau Claire; Tim Widiker, Danbury; Daniel Wip-perfurth, Verona; Mark Woelfel, Sheboygan; Mike Wojcinski, Greenfield

BOYS BASKETBALL

Patrick Anderson, Windsor; Chad A. Austin, Medford; Chris Barr, Wausau; Greg Blum, Madison; Dave Brost, Janesville; Darren Budahn, Milwaukee; Mike Carr, Middleton; John Clausnitzer, Stetsonville; Larry Dietz, New Holstein; Jeff Every, Onalaska; Ron Fancher, Milwaukee; Paul Ford, Pulaski; John Fullerton, Fitchburg; John Furrer, Menomonee Falls; Andy Gallion, Milwaukee; Wayne Halla, Green Bay; Charles Hardrick, Milwaukee; Jon Hegge, Evansville; Robert Hemauer, Plymouth; Dan Howard, Fitchburg; Doug Johnson, Sheboygan; Stephen Johnson, Milwaukee; Thomas Kaster, Mount Horeb; Ken Koester, Wauwatosa; Robin Last, Green Bay; Jeff Lewis, Franklin; Michael Limberg, La Crosse; Steve Matuszewski, Green Bay; Todd McEldowney, Rhinelander; Tyler Moy, Eau Claire; Ryan Nelson, Chippewa Falls; Tyler Nelson, Eau Claire; Tyrone Nichols, Milwaukee; John O'Melia, Rhinelander; Nick Ortner, Milwaukee; Travis Parr, Mondovi; Michael Pfeil, Evansville; Kelvin Porter, Milwaukee; Tom J. Senecal, Green Bay; Paul H. Szelc, Wauwatosa; Joe Theisen, Cottage Grove; Rick Thompson, Eau Claire; David Vaara, Medford; Chris Van Es, Madison; Roger Van Lanen, Green Bay; Gary Williams, Sturtevant; Jeff Wolf, Onalaska; Keith Zirbel, Union Grove +

2008-09 Spring Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)

All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

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

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. +

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.

QUAD COUNTIES FOOTBALL OFFICIATING CLINIC

Date: April 18, 2009
Site: UW-Platteville Williams Field House - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Scott Ringgenberg 608-342-1571

USA FOOTBALL/GREEN BAY PACKERS OFFICIATING SCHOOL

Date: May 3, 2009
Site: Lambeau Field
Contact: Galen Killam 920-734-0578 or galen.killam@alcan.com

THE RIGHT CALL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: May 8-9-10, 2009
Site: Madison Area Technical College
Contact: Ralph Sirmons 608-217-4735 or rsirmons2@charter.net

THREE ZEBRAS 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

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

NORTHERN WISCONSIN BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 19-20-21, 2009 (Held in conjunction with the "Great Falcon Shootout")
Site: UW-River Falls
Contact: Tom Fiedler 715-577-1244 or fiedleth@uwec.edu
Registration Deadline: April 15, 2009

YOU MAKE THE CALL 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIATING CAMP

Dates: June 19-20-21, 2009
Site: Lakeland College
Contact: Becky Blank 262-275-3849 or beckyblank@hotmail.com

WIS BASKETBALL YEARBOOK/KAUKAUNA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 17-18-19, 2009
Site: Kaukauna High School
Contact: Don Baumgart 920-788-5504 - 920-841-8813 or dbaumgart3@new.rr.com

STEP AHEAD BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP (3-PERSON)

Dates: July 17-18-19, 2009
Site: UW-Stevens Point
Contact: Dave Kelliher 608-233-3532 or dkelliher@sbcglobal.net

BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION DIVING CLINIC

(for officials & coaches)
Date: August 10, 2009
Site: Neenah High School Pool - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Contact: Chuck Heidner 920-469-6923 or murphyheidner@aol.com

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 22, 2009
Site: Lancaster High School
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Jerry Schewe (608) 348-7915 or schewe@centurytel.net +

Officials Clinics

(Not approved for classification advancement)

LAKE-SIDE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS MINI-CAMP

Dates: June 26-27, 2009
Site: MSOE Kern Center
Contact: Brittany Mack 414-475-8227 or mackbl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

Officials Association Meetings

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Dates: Apr. 6, 20, May 4, 2009
Site: Greenfield City Hall (Room 204)
Contact: Mike Brewer 414-461-0774 or 414-861-1022

LAKESHORE OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Date: March 31, 2009 - Time & Site: 6 p.m. @ Sheboygan Lutheran High School +

Softball, Track & Field and Cross Country

Marcy Thurwachter



2009 NFHS Softball Rules Interpretations

Printing Errors and Corrections:

1. Page 37, 3-3-10, delete the last sentence that begins, "If there is an excessive...."

2. Page 48, Dead Ball Table, Awards or Penalties No. 38, rules reference should be 7-4-4.

3. Page 53, 6-2-3, the Exception and Note apply to Arts. 1 and 2 and should be moved up to under Art. 2.

SITUATION 1: B1, B2 and B3 all make outs and no one is aware of the third out. B4 walks; B5 gets a hit; B6 walks to load the bases. B7 has a 1-0 count when the mistake is discovered.

RULING: Once the official scorekeeper confirms the three original outs, and all are in agreement that three outs occurred, cancel the activity after the third out (unless unsporting conduct, a major infraction or an ejection) and start that team's next at bat with the proper batter had there been no mistake. End the inning; B4 will lead off that team's next at bat. (2-31)

SITUATION 2: With only one out and R1 on second base, B3 grounds out for what is thought to be the third out of the inning. All defensive players leave the playing field for the dugout and R1, who had advanced to third base, now enters her team dugout to get her glove and join the rest of her team on defense. While the teams are switching positions, the base umpires check with the official scorekeeper and verify there are only two outs.

RULING: Since R1 abandoned her base by leaving the field of play and entered dead-ball territory, she is called out for the third out. The batter who follows B3 in the batting order will lead off the next half-inning. (2-31; 8-6-22)

SITUATION 3: In the top of the sixth inning with the bases empty and only one out in a very long half-inning, B7 grounds out for what is thought to be the third out. All defensive players leave the playing field for the dugout and the team that was at bat assumes the field on defense. The official scorekeeper notifies the umpires that there were only two outs and not three (a) before a pitch is thrown, or (b) after a pitch is thrown in the bottom of the sixth inning.

RULING: In (a), the umpires should inform the coaches that the top of the sixth inning is not complete and have the teams switch positions and con-

tinue the game with the batter that follows B7 coming to bat with two outs. In (b), since the bottom of the sixth inning has begun with a pitch being thrown, it is too late to make a correction. When the top of the seventh inning starts, the lead-off batter will be the batter whose name follows B7 in the batting order. (2-31; 10-2-3g)

SITUATION 4: The visiting team lists Johnson as the starting pitcher, batting third in the order. Johnson gets a base hit in the first and third innings; courtesy runner Adams runs for her both times. With the visiting team leading 6-0, Johnson is replaced as the pitcher in bottom of the fifth inning by Jones. Jones gives up two runs in the bottom of the fifth and three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. In the top of the seventh, with bases loaded, the visiting team's coach re-enters Johnson for Jones and tells the umpire that Johnson will pitch the seventh inning. Johnson singles to drive in two runs. The coach sends in courtesy runner Adams to run for Johnson.

RULING: Illegal; Johnson was not the last player to physically play the position of pitcher, so Adams may not run for her. Johnson must run for herself or be replaced by a pinch-runner. If she is replaced by a pinch-runner, she is no longer eligible to re-enter and pitch the bottom of the seventh. (3-3-5; 8-9-2)

SITUATION 5: R1 is at third and R2 is at first base; B3 steps in the batter's box. F1 holds the ball for longer than 20 seconds and the umpire awards a ball to the batter. F1 begins to engage in the same action on the next pitch.

RULING: As soon as the umpire believes that F1 is attempting to intentionally walk B3, F1 will be directed to pitch and both F1 and the head coach will be issued a warning. The umpire should be able to detect after one "timing" violation F1's intent to intentionally walk the batter. If F1 does not pitch, she and the head coach shall be restricted to the dugout/bench or ejected.

COMMENT: A player/team cannot violate one rule to circumvent another; this makes a travesty of the game and is NOT within the spirit of fair play. (3-6-13c & Penalty; 6-2-3)

SITUATION 6: With R1 on third base, F1 throws a wild pitch that goes back to the screen. F1 comes in for a play at the plate as R1 attempts to score. F1 receives the tossed ball from F2 to apply the tag. The umpire calls R1 safe. When does the umpire begin the 20-second count for F1 to deliver the next pitch?

RULING: The 20-second count begins for F1 when the umpire deems she is preparing for the next pitch, not when she receives the ball from F2 as part of a play at home plate. In this case, the count should begin when F1 is in a position on the field consistent with where she would typically receive the ball after a pitch from F2. (6-2-3)

SITUATION 7: R1 is on first base with no outs and attempts to steal second base on a pitch to B2. B2 bunts the ball in fair territory directly in front of the plate. B2 heads for first base and as F2 picks up the ball and is getting ready to throw to first base, the plate umpire steps forward to make a fair-ball signal and accidentally knocks the ball out of F2's hand. By the time F2 retrieves the ball, both runners are standing on their respective bases.

RULING: There is no rule provision for calling umpire interference in this situation; the runners are safe. (5-2-2c; 8-5-6)

SITUATION 8: R1 is at second base. B2 hits sharply to center field. The ball could hit the ground or may be caught in flight. R1 takes off to third base, as R1 passes the umpire, the umpire cuts to the inside of the field, the coach instructs R1 to return as F8 made a diving catch. R1 turns around and starts back to second base and runs into the umpire. After the collision, she continues back to second and is tagged out.

RULING: There is no rule provision for calling umpire interference in this situation; R1 is out. (5-2-2c; 8-5-6)

SITUATION 9: R1 is on second base with two outs. B2 hits a sharp ground ball to F6. R1 takes off for third base as F6 fields the ball and prepares to throw to F3 for the force out at first base. Just after F6 releases the thrown ball, it hits R1 in the right shoulder and travels to the outfield.

RULING: Unless R1 intentionally interferes with the thrown ball (after the release), no infraction has occurred and the ball remains live. (8-6-10d) †

2009 NFHS Track & Field and Cross Country Rules Interpretations

Corrections to Rule Book: Page 28, Rule 4-5-10, add "trial" to the end of the first sentence.

Corrections to Case Book: Page 43, Situation 4.5.8H, RULING, In Ruling, delete A1 and replace with A2 is disqualified.

SITUATION 1: In the 4x800-meter relay, A1 has completed his/her leg of the race and is still on the infield where permitted. A2 is running down the final straightaway toward the exchange zone. A1 begins to run alongside A2 for several meters shouting encouragement and keeping pace with A2. At the completion of the race, the referee disqualifies A2 and consequently the relay team under Rule 4-5-8b.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: It is considered an unfair act when a competitor receives assistance by a teammate not in the race, in this case pacing. Once A1 completed his/her leg of the relay, A1 must not provide assistance through pacing.

SITUATION 2: During a cross country meet, about two-thirds through the race, A1 is several meters ahead of one of his/her teammates. A1 slows and drops back with the teammate and runs in the pack to give encouragement. A1 then speeds up and continues on in the race. A coach from Team B wants the referee to disqualify A1 for pacing his/her teammate.

RULING: Protest denied.

COMMENT: It is considered an unfair act when a competitor receives any assistance from any other person including pacing by a teammate not in the race. In this situation, A1 is in the race and his/her

actions are not considered to be unfair. This same interpretation would be applied in a multiple lap race if a teammate is lapped and the passing teammate slows and gives encouragement. In all cases, if interference occurs, the resulting penalty would be disqualification.

SITUATION 3: The pole vault event judge notices while A1 is warming up that a tennis ball has been placed on the bottom of the pole. The event judge brings this to the attention of the field referee. The coach of A1 is called to the event venue site and confirms the tennis ball was placed on the pole after inspection. The coach is told the tennis ball must be removed in order for the pole to be legal and used in warm-ups and competition and such changes to the pole after inspection should not take place.

RULING: Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** The event judge used preventive officiating in this situation. The pole would have been considered to have been altered by placing a tennis ball on the end. Consequently, the pole would not be legal.

SITUATION 4: Following each trial in the high jump, A1 goes to the bleachers and views a video of his/her attempt that has been recorded by the vaulter's parent. The event judge observes this reoccurring action by A1 and confirms that the vaulter is viewing his/her performance. A1 is disqualified.

RULING: Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** It is considered an unfair act when a competitor receives assistance from any other person, which includes viewing a videotape or any other visual reproduc-

tion of the competitor's performance prior to the completion of the competition. It may be helpful for coaches to remind athletes and parents the rule applies regardless of who might be providing the visual reproduction of a competitor's performance before competition is completed.

SITUATION 5: A vaulter for Team B is not satisfied with his/her approach and pulls up to stop. In so doing, the pole is planted in the box and as the vaulter stops, the momentum causes him/her to leave the ground and return. The vaulter returns to the starting end of the runway and restarts the approach. The vaulter clears the bar and completes the attempt within the allowed 1 1/2 minutes.

RULING: Legal.

SITUATION 6: A high jumper while attempting to clear the cross bar is going over the bar with no touch. However, his/her foot a) has incidental contact with the front of the pit or b) has contact with the top of the pit. The competitor in both cases continues over the bar without dislodging the bar.

RULING: In a), the event judge rules a successful attempt. In b), the event judge rules an unsuccessful attempt. Correct procedure.

COMMENT: A competitor having incidental contact with the front of the pit that does not provide an aid to the jumper would not constitute a foul. If the contact results in aiding the competitor, a foul shall be called. When a competitor contacts the top of the pit, this would be considered an aid and result in an unsuccessful attempt. †

Golf Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

COACHING DURING MEETS

QUESTION: While a player is at address on the tee box, can a coach tell the player to "aim left?"

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a coach is allowed to provide instruction while a player is at address. Strategic advice like "aim left" is allowed.

Coaches are not able to "align" players while they are at address. This includes moving them to the proper alignment.

QUESTION: Are coaches now allowed to go on the tee box at any time?

INTERPRETATION: WIAA coaching regulations have now been rewritten and coaches are allowed to be on the tee box at any time.

QUESTION: Can a coach stand behind a player and help them with their alignment or are coaches in violation of USGA Rule 14-2b?

INTERPRETATION: Coaches are allowed to help line them up. Obviously, coaches then have to move off the line before they initiate the swing. This is just like how a caddy helps the player line up. You see this quite a bit on the LPGA tour.

Rule 14-2b actually doesn't prohibit a coach from doing this. It does refer to "assistance", but "In making a stroke." So as long as the coach is off the intended line of play once the player begins the stroke, there is no problem.

QUESTION: Can coaches hold an umbrella over a player when it is either raining or very sunny?

INTERPRETATION: Umbrellas - again similar to a caddy. We can hold the umbrella while they are getting ready to play the shot - ex. putting the tee in the ground, lining up a putt, etc. But we then have to get out of there as they play the shot ("in making a stroke").

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

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

THE NEW GOLF COACHING ON THE COURSE REGULATION

QUESTION: With the new WIAA coaching regulation, can a coach now walk down the fairways with their golfers?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, it is now allowable for a coach to walk down a fairway with a player. This can be done as long as play is not delayed in any way and the coach remains out of any bunkers and does not go on the greens during the meet.

QUESTION: Can a coach have an electronic measuring device and walk down the fairway with one of their players?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, walking

down the fairway with a player and the coach possessing an electronic measuring device is allowed. It is players who are not allowed to possess electronic measuring devices. Coaches are allowed to do so and are allowed to relay information to players.

Spectators are allowed to carry and use electronic measuring devices, but may only relay yardage information to coaches. Spectators are not allowed to provide any type of information to players during a competition.

QUESTION: Can electronic measuring devices have slope and other instruments on them?

INTERPRETATION: No, USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf, Appendix I, 9., page 514, the following wording is used for WIAA competition, "a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used."

QUESTION: Can a coach provide yardage (distance) information to an opponent?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, USGA definitions of advice have been modified to allow the exchange of information on distance, as it is not considered to be "advice."

QUESTION: Can a coach holler to a player on the green the break of a putt?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, a coach can holler to a player the break of a putt; however, appropriate golf etiquette needs to be maintained so as other players are not disturbed and appropriate pace of play is maintained.

QUESTION: If a JV team is playing in an invite including varsity teams, would they be subject to the varsity coaching rule or the JV coaching rule or should it be up to the discretion of the tournament director?

INTERPRETATION: In accordance with the WIAA Adaptation to USGA rules, letter j., coaching contact/instruction is only allowed during a JV competition, HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED, as coaching is allowed at all levels of play.

QUESTION: With the new rule allowing coaches to coach during the play of a hole I am concerned with pace of play issues. If the group has a coach who slows play by advising his player on most of his shots should the player be penalized 2 strokes or should the two strokes be added to the team total? In the past the four players in the group are penalized. If the slow play is the fault of the coach it does not seem right for the whole group to be penalized. From what I have seen in the past this could be a major problem.

INTERPRETATION: Keep in mind that pace of play requires both a time limitation and a continuous flow where a group of players get more than a hole behind the group in front of them.

WIAA Spring Season Regulations,

Boys Golf, page 15, 15., g., indicates, "Host schools must determine an appropriate length of time to play the course. Each host manager must mark the starting time on a designated card for each group, with one card marked per group. The recommended amount of time is two hours and 15 minutes for nine holes and four hours and 30 minutes for 18 holes. First violation - warning; second violation - a one-stroke penalty will be assessed to groups that do not meet the pace of play limits." If a group is behind in time and more than a hole behind the group in front of them then the penalty for delay is a group penalty on the players in that group.

Also, please review additional information found on the School Center regarding Pace of Play regulations in the PACE OF PLAY SUMMARY. Here you will find the appeal process that can be used if a penalty is assessed and it is only one individual or a couple of individuals/coaches in a group who have caused the delays: "If a player or players feel an individual or individuals are responsible for the group's penalty/penalties under this structure and would like the meet management to consider waiving the penalty/penalties, the player or players must make an appeal to the meet director/tournament director or the senior rules official prior to leaving the scoring area.

OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING CONTACT

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

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Rules at a Glance are the best place to find language that addresses this matter. Under I. it indicates that "Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children).

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

SPRING TRIPS

QUESTION: Last night I was approached by a parent of one of our golf team members about supporting a team golf trip during our spring break.

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

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

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

INTERPRETATION: The WIAA does not have any language that prevents a trip of this sort from taking place. Local school regulations and policies will need to be reviewed to deter-

mine if trips of this sort are allowed by the school district.

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

Since the the first day of practice for the WIAA Boys Golf season is March 30, 2009, a trip that leaves on this day allows coach and student-athletes to travel together and for the coach to begin working with student-athletes on this day. Coaching contact is not allowed any earlier than March 30, 2009. It can be offered to any student and since this is the first day of the golf season be offered to all golfers interested in going out for the golf team.

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

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

PRACTICE AT REGIONAL SITES

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

INTERPRETATION: No, the request by the WIAA Golf Coaches Advisory Committee to allow a practice by each school team at a regional site has been denied. An additional meet has been added beginning in the fall of 2010 for the girls and in the spring of 2011 for the boys so long as one meet is scheduled on a Saturday during the regular season. The numerous opportunities that student-athletes have to go to this course on their own, with a parent, relative or friends, with their coach (so long as it is counted as one meet), the potential loss of school time and competitive opportunities in scheduled meets during the regular season have been cited as rational for not allowing this practice session.

ATTIRE

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

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

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ON HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

QUESTION: Hypothetically speaking, is it possible for a middle schooler (6-8th

See Golf Interpretations, page 10 ►

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. 6, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Roncalli - Dave Mueller 920-686-8148 or dmueller@roncallijets.net. (3-18)

Sept. 10, 2009 - Boys and girls teams for invitational. Phillips - Paul Feuerer 715-339-2142 ext. 2004 or pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 21 or 22, 2009 - Teams for 4-team scrimmage or looking to attend a four-team scrimmage. Milwaukee Vincent - Terrence Evans 414-793-3649 or wilma.evans@wisconsin.gov. (3-3)

Aug. 22, 2009 - Scrimmage. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Chris Bennin 920-762-0133. (3-3)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Lake Country Lutheran (Oconomowoc) - Janet Bahr 262-238-8600 ext. 303 or jbahr@lakecountryhs.org. (3-12)

Oct. 6, 2009 - JV game. Howards Grove - Thad Gabrielse 920-565-5469 or tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Oct. 15, 2010 - Varsity game. Dodge-land - Greg Kuhn 920-386-4404 ext. 1223 or kuhn@dodgeand.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

GENERAL

2009 (Week 1) - Varsity game. Sturgeon Bay - Gary Rabach 920-746-1830 or grabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

2009 (Week 3) - Varsity game. Winter - Sheila Mattmiller-Nerby 715-266-3301 ext. 37. (3-8)

2009 (Week 7) - Game. Milwaukee Bay View - Kevin Neale 414-294-2452. (3-13)

2009 (Week 9) - Game. Milwaukee Pulas-ki - James O'Brien 414-902-8951. (3-9)

2009 (Week 3) - Varsity/JV game. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

2009 (Week 4) - Varsity & freshman game. Sparta - Bill Tourdot 608-366-3424 or btourdot@spartan.org. (3-16)

2010 (Week 2) - Game. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 920-876-3381 or blarson@elgs.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

2010 (Week 2) - Game. Kewaunee - Jeff Dworak 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or jd-worak@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

2010 (Weeks 3 & 9) - Varsity game. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

2010 (Week 5) - Game. Deerfield - John Polzin 608-764-5431 ext. 1106. (3-16)

2010 (Week 7) - Game. Markesan - Kevin Wopat 920-398-4113 or wopatkev@markesan.k2.wi.us. (3-16)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 18-19, 2009 - Team for varsity tournament (3 games). Racine Case - Mike Rupnow 262-619-4258 or mike.rupnow@racine.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Sept. 11-12, 2009 - Teams for tournament (3 games guaranteed). Middleton - Luke Francois 608-829-9913 or lfrancois@mcpasd.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Varsity/JV team for doubleheader; 9:30 a.m. at Wisconsin Rapids and 1 p.m. at Stevens Point. Stevens Point - Stephanie Hauser shauser@wisp.k12.wi.us or Wisconsin Rapids - Bill Vickroy bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (3-13)

Girls Swimming & Diving

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for relay meet. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Oct. 10 or 17, 2009 - Berth in invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 22, 2009 - Teams for quad. Madi-

son Memorial - Tim Ritchie 608-663-6079 or tritchie@madison.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

Sept. 5, 2009 - Team for 8-team varsity invitational. Wauwatosa East - Glen Slonac 414-773-2522 or slonacgl@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Kenosha Bradford - Kevin Guttormsen 262-653-6207 or kguttorm@kUSD.edu. (3-13)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for quad. Merrill - Pete Miller 715-536-4594 ext. 3024 or pete.miller@maps.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

GENERAL

2009 - Dual matches (varsity & JV). Kenosha Bradford - Kevin Guttormsen 262-653-6207 or kguttorm@kUSD.edu. (3-16)

2009 - Berth in JV invitational. Franklin - Jon Vogt 414-429-4040 or vogtj@franklin.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 25 & Sept. 14, 2009 - Teams for JV tournament. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondekm@aol.com. (3-8)

Aug. 25, 2009 - Teams for varsity quad. Menomonie - Bart Boettcher 715-232-5420 or bart_boettcher@msd.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Aug. 26, 2009 - Teams for freshman quad. Cedarburg - Brian Leair 262-376-6261 or bleair@cedarburg.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

Aug. 26 & 28, 2009 - Teams for varsity tournament. Milwaukee Bay View - Mark Gondek 414-481-1105 or gondekm@aol.com. (3-8)

Aug. 29, 2009 - Varsity/JV teams for 5-team tournament. Milwaukee South - Jenny Rath 414-940-3535 or rathja@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Sept. 1, 2009 - Dual for all three levels, home or away. Waterford - Barb Deichl 262-534-3189 ext. 7520 or bdeichl@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us. (2-26)

Sept. 3, 2009 - Team for sophomore quad. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (2-24)

Sept. 5, 2009 - Team for invitational. Appleton West - Mark McQuade 920-832-4105. (2-24)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Teams for JV invitational. Pewaukee - John Maltsch 262-691-2100 ext. 6214 or maltjoh@pewaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Team for 8-team tournament. Dodgeand - Greg Kuhn 920-386-4404 ext. 1223 or kuhn@dodgeand.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Sept. 12, 2009 - Varsity teams for 8-team invitational. Milwaukee South - Jenny Rath 414-490-3535 or rathja@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Teams for 8-team varsity tournament. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208 or mpankow@milwaukeeelutheranhs.org. (3-18)

Sept. 19, 2009 - Teams for varsity invitational. Pewaukee - John Maltsch 262-691-2100 ext. 6214 or maltjoh@pewaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Sept. 26, 2009 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Rio - Dan Reiersen 920-992-3141 ext. 138 or dreiersen@rio.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Sept. 26, 2009 - Varsity/teams for tournament. Racine Park - Laura Egan 262-939-6696 or its_the_teacher@yahoo.com. (2-26)

Sept. 26, 2009 - Team for 8-team tournament. Whitefish Bay - John Gustavson 414-963-3972 or john.gustavson@ufb-schools.com. (3-8)

Sept. 30, 2009 - JV teams for tournament. Germantown - Jack Klebesadel 262-253-3400. (2-24)

Oct. 3, 2009 - Team for 8-team varsity invitational. Cedar Grove - Dan Coopman 920-668-8686 or dcoopman@cgbsd.com. (3-18)

GENERAL

2009 - Berth in dual or invitational. River Valley - Lisa Roelke 608-588-2554 or lroelke@rvschols.org. (3-18)

Boys Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 26, 2009 - Teams for 6-team in-

vitational. Fort Atkinson - Mark Pollex 920-563-7811 or pollexm@mail.fortschools.org. (3-3)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 23, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV scrimmage. Cambridge - Mike Klingbeil 608-423-3261 ext. 3130 or mklingbeil@cambridge.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Nov. 27-28, 2009 - Varsity/JV teams for tournament. Baraboo - Aaron Andres 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Varsity teams for 4-team tournament. Lake Country Lutheran (Oconomowoc) - Janet Bahr 262-367-8600 ext. 303 or jbahr@lakecountryhs.org. (3-12)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Varsity/JV team for 4-team tournament. Homestead - Charlie Gross 262-238-5634 or cgross@mtsd.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Team for 4-team varsity/JV tournament. Wisconsin Heights - Brian Campbell 608-767-2038 or bcampbell@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

GENERAL

2009-10 - Games and/or tournaments. Madison East - Ty Cleveland 608-628-7528 or tyccleveland4@yahoo.com. (3-13)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - Paul Deacon 262-758-7393 or pdeacon@destinyhigh.com. (3-13)

2009-10 - Games. Lake Country Lutheran (Oconomowoc) - Janet Bahr 262-367-8600 ext. 303 or jbahr@lakecountryhs.org. (3-12)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 27-28, 2009 - Team for 4-team tournament. Racine Park - Dan Spranger 262-619-4428 or Daniel.spranger@racine.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Dec. 28-29, 2009 - Team for varsity/JV tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

Dec. 29, 2009 - Team for tournament. Crandon - Andy Space 715-478-5795 or spaceandy@crandon.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

Dec. 29-30, 2009 - Varsity teams for 4-team tournament. Lake Country Lutheran (Oconomowoc) - Janet Bahr 262-367-8600 ext. 303 or jbahr@lakecountryhs.org. (3-12)

GENERAL

2009-10 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Madison Edgewood - Lora Staveness 608-257-1023 ext. 136 or stavlor@edgewood.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Oconomowoc - Beth Loppnow 262-560-3111 or beth.lopeppnow@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV games. Destiny (Milwaukee) - Paul Deacon 262-758-7393 or pdeacon@christianfaith.org. (3-12)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV game. Sevastopol - Ronald Shefchik 920-743-6282 ext. 104 or rshefchik@sevastopol.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

2009-10 - Varsity/sophomore/freshmen game. Elkhorn - Dean Wilson 262-723-4920 ext. 1619 or humpla@elkhorn.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV game. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1106 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

2009-10 - Varsity/JV game. Wausau East - Mike Younggren 715-261-0656 or myounggr@wausau.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Boys Hockey

GENERAL

2009-10 - Games. Sauk Prairie - Aaron Braund 608-643-5906 or braunaa@st-aff.saukpr.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Boys Swimming & Diving

DATE SPECIFIC

2009 - Meets. Beaver Dam - Bob Schwoch 920-885-7520 ext. 2249 or schwochb@beaverdam.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 4, 2009 - Teams for varsity/JV quad. Menomonie - Bart Boettcher 715-232-5420 or bart_boettcher@msd.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Dec. 5, 2009 - Team for 6-team multi-dual tournament. Wisconsin Heights - Brian Campbell 608-767-2038 or bcampbell@wisheights.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Dec. 12, 2009 - Team for 6-school multi-dual. Weyauwega-Fremont - Matthew Wilbert 920-867-8970 or mwilbert@wegafremont.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Dec. 12, 2009 - Varsity teams for 6-team multi-dual. Cadott - James Sekel 715-289-4211 or sekelj@cdott.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

Dec. 12, 2009 - Team for JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 4400 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Dec. 19, 2009, Jan. 16 or 23, 2010 - Berths in tournaments. Deerfield - John Polzin 608-764-5431 or polzinj@deerfield.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Jan. 9, 2010 - Team for 8-team invitational. Palmyra-Eagle - Kari Timm 262-495-7101 ext. 2217 or ktimm@palmyra.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Jan. 9, 2010 - Team for 6-team tournament. Green Bay West - Josh Murnane 920-492-2600 ext. 8141 or jmurnane@greenbay.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Jan. 16, 2010 - Varsity teams for individual invitational. Jason Schultz 715-726-2406 ext. 1181 or schultjm@chipfalls.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Jan. 16, 2010 - JV teams for 8-team JV tournament. Oconomowoc - Beth Loppnow 262-560-3111 or beth.lopeppnow@mail.oasd.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Jan. 16, 2010 - Varsity teams for individual invitational. Chippewa Falls - Jason Schultz 715-726-2406 ext. 1181 or schultjm@chipfalls.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Jan. 23, 2010 - Team for 10-team invitational. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Jan. 23, 2010 - Teams for dual meet invitational. Wausau East - Mike Younggren 715-261-0656 or myounggr@wausau.k12.wi.us. (3-8)

Feb. 11, 2010 - JV teams/individuals for JV invitational. Shawn Groshek 608-339-3921 or groshek_s@af.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

GENERAL

2009-10 - Berth in scramble type, or individual format tournament or team tournament over the holiday season or Jan. 9, 2010. Menomonee Falls - Jim McMahon 262-255-8444 or mcmajim@sdmf.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

2009-10 (preferably end of Dec.) - Dual match. Shiocton - Eric Clausen 920-841-6555 or clausen29@hotmail.com. (3-12)

2009-10 - Berth varsity/JV meet. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson 608-834-7337. (3-12)

2009-10 - Berth in combined varsity/JV dual meets. Sun Prairie - Jim Nelson 608-834-7337. (3-8)

SPRING

Boys Golf

DATE SPECIFIC

May 1, 2009 - Team for invitational. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah - Bart Larson 920-876-3381 or blarson@elgs.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

GENERAL

2009 - Berth in varsity 18-hole tournament. Greendale - Lance Wenger 414-708-5309 or lance.wenger@greendale.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 17-18, 2009 - Team for quad. Verona - Mark Kryka 608-845-4490. (3-4)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity/JV games. South Milwaukee - See **Games Wanted**, page 7 ▶

Tennis Interpretations



Tom Shafranski

Out-of-Season Coaching Contact

QUESTION: Can a school tennis team allow "Challenge Matches" to be held outside of the school season?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Rules at a Glance, I., 1. And 2., indicates: Further, Coaches may not:

1. Mandate athletes participate in non-school competition, or determine who may not participate in non-school activity.

2. Require involvement in out-of-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc.

Student-athletes are allowed to play tennis in the off-season against one another. However, play of this sort must be done for recreational purposes only. Using scores from out-of-season play by the coaching staff and then having the coaching staff adjust the "Challenge Ladder" can only be viewed as Coaching Contact. In addition, use of the "Challenge Ladder" to identify student-athlete's positions during out-of-season periods violates the regulations found above.

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

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

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

The fundamental issue of this rule is that if a coach works with varsity (varsity, varsity reserve, JV, JVb, JVC, sophomore) athletes during the school year, out-of-season, they are NOT able to coach varsity level programs during the WIAA regular or tournament series seasons. If freshmen have been instructed by a coach during the school year, out-of-season, that coach is not able to work with the freshmen team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTION: Our tennis booster club wants to hold a mixer for members of both

teams and their parents on Mar. 23. The plan is to meet at an indoor club, organize 20-minute rotations of mixed doubles on 4 courts, provide a pot-luck meal, and draw tickets for some small door prizes (on the order of a can of balls, wristband, etc.) A small registration fee will be charged to defray cost of court time, soft drinks, etc. Coaches are invited, but will not play with team members, provide coaching/instruction, or be on-court at any time. (This is envisioned purely as a team-building, social event.) As described, does this event meet WIAA regs. for out-of-season contact and non-compensation of student athletes? It sounded okay to me, but I wanted to check with you to be sure. Please advise.

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

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

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

QUESTION: Can a student-athlete compete against their coach in a tennis match?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as the coach does not provide instruction, a student-athlete is able to compete against their coach. Though WIAA rules and interpretations prohibit a coach from competing on the same team with their student athletes the interpretation does not prevent a student or students from being on a team in a bona fide league and/or coaches from being on another/different team and those two teams competing against each other in a structured non-school league. Coaches may not compete "with" their students/on the same team, but rules do not prevent a coach - as a member of an organized league/team from competing "against" another league team - even though the other team may have a student athlete/athletes on its roster.

QUESTION: Can a student-athlete compete with their coach in a doubles match during the school year outside of the tennis season?

INTERPRETATION: No, playing with a coach in a doubles match can only be viewed as instructional and jeopardizes the eligibility of the student-athlete (see above).

QUESTION: Can a student-athlete com- See Tennis Interpretations, page 14 ▶

Games Wanted

▶ Continued from page 6

kee - Ante Udovicic audovicic@sdsms.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 4, 2009 - Teams for varsity tournament. Dodgeland - Michelle Biwer 920-386-4404 ext. 1127 or biwer@dodgeland.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Teams for tournament. Lake Holcombe - Kent Kindschy 715-595-4241 ext. 552 or kindken@lakeholcombe.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Apr. 29, 2009 - Varsity/JV team for tournament (2 games). Waukesha North - Tony Bitto 262-970-3385 or lbitto@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

May 9, 2009 - Team for JV/freshman tournament. Baraboo - Aaron Andrea 608-355-3945 or aandres@baraboo.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

GENERAL

2009 - JV games. Kewaunee - Jeff Dworak 920-388-2951 ext. 460 or jdworak@kewaunee.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

2009 - Games. Milwaukee School of Languages - Josh Kraner 414-393-5752 or kranerjj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

2009 - Freshmen games. Iowa-Grant - Lois Peart 608-943-6312 or lpeart@igs.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

2009 - Varsity/JV teams for games. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (3-9)

Boys Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 18, 2009 - Varsity teams for 8-team dual tournament. Kenosha Tremper - Chuck Werve 262-942-2200. (3-8)

May 9, 2009 - Team for varsity quad. Portage - Jim Langkamp 608-742-8545 ext. 2. (3-12)

May 9, 2009 - Teams for varsity invitational. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (3-16)

May 9, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Phillips - Paul Feuerer 715-339-2142 ext.

2004 or pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

May 9, 2009 - Varsity team for quad. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - Bill Vickroy 715-422-7179 or bill.vickroy@wrps.org. (2-27)

May 16, 2009 - Teams for invitational. Manitowoc Lincoln - John Johnson 920-683-4861 ext. 6105 or johnsoj@mpsd.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

May 21, 2009 - Team for triple dual. Phillips - Paul Feuerer 715-339-2142 ext. 2004 or pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

GENERAL

2009 - Varsity/JV dual meet. Howards Grove - Thad Gabrielse 920-565-5469 or tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 22, 2009 - Team for JV quad meet. Milwaukee Lutheran - Matt Pankow 414-461-6000 ext. 208. (3-18)

Apr. 23, 2009 - Boys teams for var-

sity/JV invitational. D.C. Everest - Jack Overgaard 715-359-6561 ext. 440 or jovergaard@dce.k12.wi.us. (3-12)

Apr. 25, 2009 - Teams for varsity boys invitational. West Bend West - Scott Stier 262-335-5608 or sstier@west-bend.k12.wi.us. (3-18)

Apr. 27, 2009 - Boys and girls teams for varsity invitational. Phillips - Paul Feuerer 715-339-2142 ext. 2004 or pfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us. (3-13)

May 1, 2009 - Team for varsity co-ed invitational. Howards Grove - Thad Gabrielse 920-565-5469 or tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us. (3-3)

May 15, 2009 - Teams for boys relays. Janesville Parker - Rick Lehman 608-743-5645 or rlehman@janesville.k12.wi.us. (3-4)

GENERAL

2009 - Co-ed meets (week of Mar. 23, indoor and Apr. 20 outdoor). Adams-Friendship - Shawn Groshek 608-339-3921 or groshek_s@af.k12.wi.us. (3-8) +

Annual Meeting Amendments

The following amendments to the WIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility will be voted on by delegates to the WIAA Annual Meeting April 22 in Stevens Point.

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 1 – CHARTER SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

This change creates an associate membership opportunity for charter schools authorized by public school districts and an opportunity for eligibility for charter school students at their school of residence.

Article III - Membership – p. 14

Section 1 – Eligibility

- A. Membership in this Association is open to:
- 1) Public high schools on a Grades 9-12 basis, ...
 - 2) Schools associated with state-supported universities and colleges.
 - 3) State, ~~county, and municipality~~ supported institutional schools ...
 - 4) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 9-12 that qualify for ...
 - 5) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 6-8 that qualify for ...
 - 6) Charter schools enrolling students in grades 9-12, whose chartering authority has approved membership for at least one other stand-alone member in good standing.
 Note: A charter school's status shall be as an Associate member. Associate membership does not include voting or co-operative team privileges.

Section 2 – Admission

- A. Application for membership shall be considered by the Board of Control of this Association upon receipt of the form provided for such purpose of evidence that the school:
- 1) Minutes of school's governing board action authorizing ...
 - 2) The school's Board-approved extracurricular code of conduct.
 - 3) Department of Public Instruction school identification number.
 - 4) Indication of at least one independently sponsored, interscholastic athletic program.
 - 5) Completed WIAA membership application form provided as evidence that the school:
 - a. Is eligible as a public school or institution, ...
 - b. Is eligible as a nonpublic school, qualifying for ...
 - c. Will conduct its athletic program ...
 - d. Agrees to abide by decisions and respect interpretations ...
- B. A school shall be a member in good standing for one calendar year prior to programs ...
- C. A school shall be a member in good standing for one calendar year ...
- D. Exceptions to items A4 and B of this section will be considered for approved charter schools, upon application from their public school governing bodies.
 Note 1: Consideration will be given to residency, enrollment, the chartering authority and the number of charter schools under the jurisdiction of the chartering authority. It will be required that the chartering authority has also approved membership for at least one stand-alone member in good standing.
 Note 2: In multi-high school districts, charter school students are eligible at the school of residence only. WIAA transfer rules apply.

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| Advance to Annual Meeting | Yes | No |
| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | _____ |
| Advisory Council | <u>18-0</u> | _____ |
| Board of Control | <u>9-0</u> | _____ |
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NUMBER 2 – PARTICIPATION BY INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

This change reclassifies the sport of cross country as an individual sport for violation administration purposes.

Article I - General – p. 31

Section 5 – Penalties for Violation of any and all Eligibility Requirements

- A. The penalty for participation by an ineligible student, according to a school's own rules or WIAA rules, either during the regular season or in WIAA tournament activity is as follows:
 Note: Violations of the individual participation limitations of the various sports, as indicated in the appropriate issue of SEASON REGULATIONS, are also treated under provisions indicated herein.
- 1) Team Sports (baseball, basketball, ~~cross country~~, football, hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball)
 The school must –
 - a. Forfeit all contests involved.
 - b. Adjust its place in conference standings ...

- c. Return team and individual awards.
 - 2) Individual Sports (cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, and wrestling)
 The school must –
 - a. Eliminate all matches, places, points, scores, etc., ...
 - b. Reduce team points (score) and adjust conference standings ...
 - c. Return awards of individuals(s) ...
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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | _____ |
| Advisory Council | <u>18-0</u> | _____ |
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NUMBER 3 – WAIVER OPPORTUNITIES

This change eliminates unnecessary text and lessens opportunity for confusion.

Article II - Residence and Transfer

Section 5 – Waivers – Page 34

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

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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | _____ |
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NUMBER 4 – ASSAULT ON AN OFFICIAL

This change adds an Association penalty for inappropriate behavior directed toward a contest official.

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

Section 3 – Flagrant or Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Assault on an Official

- A. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, ...
- B. Any player who spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

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| Advance to Annual Meeting | Yes | No |
| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | _____ |
| Advisory Council | <u>17-0</u> | _____ |
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Annual Meeting Amendments

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NUMBER 5 – SUMMERTIME COACHING CONTACT

This change adds soccer to the list of sports in which coaches are allowed unlimited summertime coaching contact.

Article VI - Nonschool Participation – p. 38

Section 2 – Out-of-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that while athletes ...
- B. The one exception to A. above shall be ...
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
 - 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which ...
 - 2) There are no restrictions relative to voluntary assembling ...
 - 3) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted summertime coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive.
 - b. Coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of this section.
 - c. This provision shall not prevent a coach ...
etc.

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| Advance to Annual Meeting | Yes | No |
| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>8-6</u> | _____ |
| Advisory Council | _____ | <u>2-16</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>5-3</u> | _____ |
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EDITORIAL CHANGES

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

BYLAWS

Article I - Sports Program – p. 25

Section 1 – The Recognized Sports of this Association Shall be:

- A. Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for boys, and basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, and volleyball for girls.

Section 2 – Requirements

- A. All requirements for WIAA recognized sports as contained in Association Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility and Season Regulations shall be adopted for member school sponsored programs.

Section 3 – Adding or Eliminating

- A. The Board of Control shall have authority to add or eliminate a sport.

Section 4 – Exceptions

- A. Until a sport has reasonable participation on the part of member schools, the Board of Control shall have authority to make exceptions to rules as necessary for the satisfactory sponsorship of such a sport.

Section 5 – WIAA Tournament Entry

- A. A member school must have an officially-adopted program in a sport in order to enter a team and/or individuals in the WIAA tournament series of that sport.
- B. Requests to add a team into WIAA tournament competition must be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be included in the subsequent year's tournament program:
Fall Sports – February 1 Winter Sports – April 1 Spring Sports – June 1
and Summer Baseball

Section 6 – Non-WIAA Sports

- A. Schools may conduct interscholastic competition in sports other than those herein listed (except boxing which is prohibited), but rules and regulations of the Association do not apply to competition in such other sports.

Policy on Sport Recognition and WIAA Tournament Sponsorship

1. The Board of Control may consider adding a new sport to the list of recognized and regulated activities at such a time as 25 schools (5%) of the membership are participating in that sport at the same time of the year and indicate an interest in WIAA involvement.
2. A WIAA-sponsored tournament series leading to state team and, where applicable, individual champions will be provided at such a time as at least 51 schools (10%) of the total membership are participating in that sport at the same time of the year and indicate an interest in such a tournament series.
3. Sports which at any time do not qualify under the 10% and 5% standards are reviewed annually by the Board of Control for purposes of determining future tournament and, where applicable, recognition status.
4. If two or more schools have the same enrollment and that enrollment is the dividing point of a division, enrollment of the previous year(s) will be used. In football, enrollment as of the third week in September of the current year will be used to break the tie.
5. ~~A school does not have the prerogative of competing in a higher classification than its enrollment, but the Board of Control may grant an exception for schools belonging to the same school district and competing in the same conference.~~
5. Except in the sport of football, a school has the prerogative of competing in a higher classification than its enrollment. Such intentions must be provided to the WIAA in writing by school administration in advance of seasonal tournament deadline.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Article II - Residence and Transfer – p. 32-34

Section 4 – Foreign Exchange Students

- A. This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or nonvarsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of this article.
 - 1) The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a 'Full' listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are "directly placed" through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to nonvarsity competition.

Note: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.
 - 2) Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of this Article.
 - 3) Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements. Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic.

Article VI - Nonschool Participation – p. 37-38

Section 2 – Out-of-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that while athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged during the school year should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.

Note: ~~During the school year nonschool teams may not exceed the following numbers of participants from a single member school: Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey – 3; Soccer – 6; Baseball, Softball – 5; Football – 4~~
- B. The one exception to A. above shall be in the summertime. Members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble ...

Etc.

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Golf Interpretations

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grade student) to compete with our frosh team?

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

HOME GOLF COURSES

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

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

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

PRACTICE FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

STARTING A GIRL'S GOLF TEAM

QUESTION: We have one girl's golf player whose parent would like her to be able to participate in the state golf tournament series. I told him that yes an individual could participate, was I correct in saying that? Also, I remember an email that said if you are new to a fall sport, you must let the WIAA know that you will be participating in that sport by Feb. 1, so I'm assuming whether we have one individual player or a team for girls golf 2009, we need to let your office know? Do I need any special form, or signature from some one on my end for that to happen?

INTERPRETATION: First of all, the deadline for new girl's golf programs

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

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

AMATEUR STATUS

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

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

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

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

If the purchase program allows

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTION: I just had three golfers from our school ask me about going to Australia to golf for and organization called Down Under Sports. They would have to raise money for travel, hotel and food.

Is this a WIAA sponsored activity and it is legal for these students to attend?

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

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

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

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

GOLF CARTS FOR SPECTATORS

QUESTION: I have a parent with a disability and would like to be able to ride

a cart while watching his son participate this spring. Does he need special permission to do so from our conference, tournament directors (invitationals etc.)?

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

Please advise on the proper procedures for us to follow.

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

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

GIRL'S ON BOY'S GOLF TEAMS

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

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

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

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEETS

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

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

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

QUESTION: When will golf be able to schedule 15 meets?

INTERPRETATION: For WIAA girl's golf programs, the first season 15 meets will be allowed will be the fall season of 2010. For WIAA boy's golf programs, the first season where 15 meets will be allowed will be the spring season of 2011. In addition, at least one meet must be scheduled for a Saturday in order to be allowed 15 regular season meets. +

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. +

Baseball Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Q.: Maximum number of baseball games has been raised to 26, yet on page 8 of spring regulations concerning tournament procedures 3a(1) it states that a team may not compete in the spring tournament if it has played in more than 20 games during the regular season. Please clarify. Also, in previous years, there was a restriction that only 14 of 20 games could be scheduled on school nights. I see no comparable restriction in this spring's regulations. Please clarify.

A.: 3a1 is an editorial oversight on my part. It should read 26 games. If a team exceeds 26 games they will not be eligible for tournament play. The 20 dates/14 school days language has been removed. Baseball and softball are now able to be scheduled like all other WIAA sports.

Q.: I am not finding it clearly stated in the rules, but what is acceptable cold weather gear for baseball umpires? Does it have to be a specific kind of jacket and gloves or can they just be plain black pullover jacket (or zippered) and/or plain black or grey gloves?

A.: Asked the master's what they were seeing in their areas. Their responses are consistent with what we've discussed in the past. I've included them, below. One of them even included some sample images - the pull-over style is equally appropriate and common. 1) I think as long as you have a "of-

ficiating type" jacket, you should be OK. I have seen everything from the button up (could be black or blue) or the MLB style. I would say with the cost of equipment, what this guy has is fine. 2) Most of the guys in my area wear a navy nylon pullover or jacket and black gloves.

Q.: We had a long time staff member pass away this past Monday due to cancer. Coaches and students have approached me about wearing wrist bands with the teacher's initials on it for our spring sports (softball, baseball, and track). I read in the rules book that there is a size limit of four square inches and we needed a written approval. So first of all is this OK and if so how do I get a written approval?

A.: I am only able to address baseball - The rule you reference (1-4-4) talks about commemorative patches on the uniform; most typically this will be considered jersey and/or pant - as they are "required." Wrist bands are not required equipment (they have "other" requirements about where they must be worn and they may not have a manufacturer's logo which exceed 2.25 sq. in.) But you're not talking about a manufacturer's logo here. Bottom line, if you want to wear wrist bands and they contain someone's initials - I see no conflict with either WIAA or NFHS baseball playing rules.

Q.: Another coach and I have discussed on several occasions whether or not the WIAA will install a rule regarding *base coaches at all levels required to wear shells/skull helmets*. Simply put, have there been any discussions regarding this matter? If so, can you divulge any information or projected dates? I ask with regard to budget concerns and availability of correctly specified helmets. Please respond when the time permits as I know your schedule is busy as the WIAA transitions from one season to the following season.

A.: There have been discussions about base coaches wearing NOCSAE approved helmets. To this point those discussions have not lead to the requirement being adopted by the National Federation baseball rules committee. Present rules (1-5-1) indicate coaches may wear - but are not required to wear helmets while coaching the bases. All non-adult coaches must wear a double ear flap helmet that meets NOCSAE standards when coaching bases. If/when this would become a National Federation rule, the WIAA will adhere to it. It is most common that if/when rules of this nature that may require some budgetary planning, implementation might be delayed a year after adoption (but not always).

Q.: I am looking to see if the NIKE AERO CX2 baseball bat is legal to use. I've heard from many that be-

cause of the all white it cannot be used.

A.: I brought this question to the National Federation Rules editor, Elliott Hopkins. His response, "The rules allow for the white bat. I have one here and after a session in the batting cage it was not white anymore." Given this response and provided the bat is properly identified with the BESR sticker and otherwise passes umpire inspections, it will be allowed.

Q.: I have a question that I believe may be something that is a case book question. Situation: There are two outs and at least one runner on base in the inning with Team A batting. Team B brings in Pitcher B to close out the inning. Runner A leads off and is picked off base ending the inning with the pitcher not throwing a pitch to Batter A. Does this constitute as no pitching innings were used by Pitcher B because he did not throw a pitch to Batter A? Where does a pitcher's inning begin, a) when he has the ball in play by the umpire calling "play ball" or b) when he pitches a ball to the plate.

A.: WIAA Spring Season Regulations, p4, Individual participation Limitations - 7d-2: "A player who is announced as pitcher uses one inning of his allowed maximum even though he throws only one pitch, issues an intentional walk, or picks a runner off base before throwing his first pitch." +

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Eligibility Questions & Answers



Dave Anderson

Residence & Transfer

Q.: I have a first time situation for me and am seeking your input. Student moved in here after the first semester. The family has a residence change and I've confirmed it - so that is not an issue. What is the issue is that the student's grades are not so good. He was not in sports at his previous school, but would like to be in sports (track) here. He was not under the athletic code at his previous school since he was not in sports. Do I use their code or our code for determining his academic eligibility?

A.: If you have verified through the EVTS form, the student was never a part of the former school's athletic program, never signed a code - then he would be subject to your school's code, only.

Q.: We have a junior girl who started school on Jan. 28. She has been home schooled since 7th grade. She would like to play soccer this spring. Is she able to play and/or what form(s) do I need to fill out or send over for a waiver?

A.: We do not consider bona-fide home educated children to be the same as transfer students. If truly home schooled, the student can be afforded eligibility after a grade check following 15 scheduled school days. The key issue for home schooled students is academic eligibility. They do not have a "most recent school issued report card," thus making them academically ineligible; at least initially. The one key thing to double check is the student's academic record. Make sure the student was not a full-time student at an on-line/virtual school or any other non-member school. If they were enrolled at a place like the Appleton E-school or IQ Academy - then the student is in fact, a transfer and subject to transfer provisions.

Q.: Is there any special procedure or circumstances to consider surrounding a situation where a member school partially closes its doors, and the students of that school disperse to neighboring school districts? As you may have heard, a private school nearby has recently made their plans public to reduce their programming. From what I understand, they will no longer be a four-year secondary education establishment. We've already had one former student of the private school (a tenth grader) enroll at our school as a result. Shall I proceed as I normally would with any other transfer student regarding athletic eligibility?

A.: I have heard of some changes at that school, but not the full extent of what's happening, when and what it means with respect to their functioning and existence as a school. Process as you would any other transfers. Each will be reviewed on case-by-case basis. Keep in mind that the fundamental rule for eligibility is full-time residence of parents.

Q.: My son is a junior. He just finished his third year on the varsity boy's swim team. Our district is closing down our swimming program due to funding issues. Would he be able to apply for school choice to a neighboring district and swim on their team for his senior year?

A.: At present, there is no precedent for providing relief (eligibility) when a student transfers as a result of a school's decision to suspend programming. To this point, the Board of Control has viewed programming decisions as the right and responsibility of each school to make and has not been supportive of the idea of transfer based on those school district decisions. That describes the current landscape. We will be adding this topic to our next Board of Control agenda for their awareness

and consideration. In the mean time, if in your mind you need to activate the open enrollment option, you should do so within the approved time lines. Getting approved for open enrollment does not necessarily mean you need to go through with them. You might also speak with your administration about seeking a co-op opportunity in your area for swimming.

Amateur Status

Q.: Where do students stand regarding the Wendy's Heisman award (recognizing athletic, academic and citizenship) and "amateur status?" Judging according to the Wendy's Web site is: Students are judged based on their academic achievements, community service involvement, and athletic accomplishments. Up until last year, schools identified a male and female nominee, much like we do with the WIAA scholar athlete. Last year, Wendy's changed the nomination process to allow any student to "nominate themselves" online. Wendy's then selects one male/one female to continue on to the state and then national levels...at least this is how I understand it. The male/female selected is sent a \$10 gift card. I'm going to go with "not acceptable" as this is in effect a cash award to be used at Wendy's with at least 1/3 of the criteria based on athletic achievement.

A.: Amateur status is addressed in both Rules at a Glance and AEIB. For a HS athlete who has remaining eligibility - accepting, receiving and/or directing to another - any sort of cash and/or merchandise award - will be career ending. A student could participate in the contest - but is not able to accept or direct to school or any other person or place, the various cash awards which are mentioned.

Q.: Our physicians of the Bone & Joint Clinic provide volunteer sideline coverage for various sports in the area. Is it acceptable for us to take photos of physicians rendering care to student athletes and then displaying such photos in our clinic office as artwork? I understand we would need to get a photo consent from the minor athlete's parent, but I need to ensure we would not violate WIAA regulations.

A.: What you are proposing could hold the potential for a student to lose their high school eligibility for the balance of their school career. WIAA amateur status rules are described in III-C of the Rules At A Glance. There is one strategy by which you could accomplish this promotion yet not adversely affect the students you photographed - if you developed a "calendar file" of photos and always used this spring's graduates in next year's promotions. When a student has completed their HS eligibility, there is no WIAA recourse. Though there is no peril for graduated athletes, I will caution you that there is still potential peril for our members - if/when other businesses copy your idea - but fail to check in advance and don't recognize you are only using graduate students - and they use underclassmen.

Q.: I am the head boy's soccer coach at a member high school. I have some 8th graders coming up next year who are Hmong and are said to be good players. I don't know yet if they play in Hmong leagues, but my concern is if they plan on playing in any Hmong soccer tournaments, which as far as I can tell, all offer cash prizes to the winners. It is my impression that under Article IV-1-B, there is no way they can participate in such a tournament without permanently forfeiting their amateur status. Is there any circumstance where they could?

A.: Yes. The biggest challenge is to reach out and educate the students and the ELDERS! The amateur status rule does not prevent a student from com-

peting in events where cash/merchandise prizes might be offered - after all, many summer softball, golf and other events have cash/merchandise prizes. The rule simply provides that a WIAA student athlete may not "accept, receive or direct to another any cash or merchandise award." So the key is to educate the appropriate individuals so that the students and event hosts understand - how it is the kids can play - as well as what must be done and under what conditions in order to protect their eligibility. They must understand that if they accept/receive - even indirectly - or direct to another (cash or merchandise) and then play the season for you and it is discovered later, all the games they played in would be as an ineligible player and those contests would be forfeited. In addition to the amateur status, be sure to talk with your students about the nonschool competition rules.

Competition & Practice

Q.: One of our wrestlers was academically ineligible at the end of the third nine weeks. The 15-day eligibility period finished Friday, Feb. 13 with him regaining eligibility on Monday, Feb. 16. Since he missed the regional tournament on Saturday, Feb. 14 (he would not have competed anyway) can he be eligible for our team at the team State tournament. He did not wrestle for Tuesday's team sectional. I believe you once told me that academic ineligibility is different than a code violation.

A.: Yes. An academic suspension is not viewed the same as a code suspension. If the student regains academic eligibility, WIAA rules do not prevent the student from rejoining the team as an eligible competitor later on in the tournament series, even if the student was held out of one or more tournament series competitions.

Q.: On Thursday, March 12, our student council is sponsoring a basketball game between students and faculty members, with proceeds going to MS. I know that it is the week of WIAA girls state and boys sectionals--so if we are still in competition, no current players could be on the teams. But, if we are out of the WIAA series, then either senior boys or girls could play, right? What about non-seniors who were on the team this year and plan to play next season?

A.: Since you are offering this "school sponsored" basketball opportunity during the school season and it is essentially an "in-house" game, it is considered an intramural activity. WIAA rules do not prevent any student, including seniors and/or underclassmen from participating in intramurals - even if they are members of the school's interscholastic team and the team is still in-season. (The WIAA's prohibition is on non-school competition.) The prohibition on team members playing is a local decision, generally driven by a coach not wanting to see varsity level kids sprain an ankle in intramurals. The fundamental rule text is found in Bylaws, Art. II, Sect 2A-3, p. 26. The biggest key in this particular instance is that this is being offered during the approved school season - in accordance w/the Bylaws. If you were offering the activity in April, e.g., (outside of the school season) then you would allow only seniors to play - but not underclassmen who have past status in the program and remaining eligibility.

Q.: In November, I had a full 20-game freshmen schedule. Since then, we have lost five games due to teams in our conference dropping their freshmen programs. I have been able to scramble and get four additional games giving us 19. This Thursday, we play a school who has dropped freshmen

last week. I have workers and refs scheduled. Can our freshmen play our 8th grade team? They are NOT members of the WIAA.

A.: No. Sorry. Even though your middle school may not be a member of the WIAA, the spirit and intent of ROE Article I was to preserve age appropriate competition. The text was drafted as it presently exists specifically to accommodate our members who might be competing with a Minn. school who in turn might have one or two middle school students on their team of high school athletes. There was never an intention to allow WIAA high school teams to compete vs. a team comprised entirely of middle school students.

Q.: Our softball team is participating in one scrimmage at Disney World. We are practicing as a team the remainder of the time. Do we still need a waiver? We are only scrimmaging one school.

A.: Technically, no. There are no competitions scheduled. You are traveling to Fla. to practice.

Participation Issues

Q.: I am inquiring about eligibility for a senior student who has finished her coursework for graduation, but will receive her diploma in May with the rest of the senior class. Would the student be eligible for a spring sport? I thought the answer was no, since she will not be in attendance as a full-time student for the next three months.

A.: You are correct. ROE Art. V addresses attendance and scholarship. Bottom line: If student is not enrolled as a full-time student - meeting all responsibilities and obligations as all other full-time students, she must be considered ineligible.

Q.: I have an issue with my Special Education Dept. I have a student that has been suspended for multiple code violations and now the Special Ed Dept. has now updated her IEP and put a Behavior Improvement Plan into her IEP and is using athletics as an incentive to be good. But with her suspension and code violations she is suspended for a full calendar year and 175 percent of her upcoming seasons because of all the violations of the athletic code. Can you clarify in writing that can not be done?

A.: The reasonable accommodation in this instance might require you to spend some personal time with the student to be certain she comprehends it. There is no way we would be supportive of multiple, or differentiated participation codes. A different behavioral standard, different expectations for different students, in order to access the privilege of extra curricular athletics would in our opinion lead to chaos. There are countless numbers of opportunities that can be identified within an IEP to provide a structured/social growth experience for students. It does not need to be school sports.

Nonschool Competition/Participation

Q.: I am a member of a local youth baseball. Last year, I learned that the freshman baseball players could not have evaluations done for our Babe Ruth program until after the freshman season was over. This creates quite a problem as the programs almost overlap and it is hard to have tryouts for Babe Ruth the week the first games are scheduled. Could you tell me if this is true, and what we could do to avoid a conflict with this, and have our tryouts prior to the end of freshman ball?

A.: WIAA rules do not prevent students from "trying out" for a club team. See III-D and G of the Rules At A Glance and talk with your school's athletic director to find out about team rules and expectations.

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Eligibility Q&A's

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Q.: The Minnesota Twins may be putting on a softball/baseball clinic at school in May. Can a high school softball player participate in this camp during their softball season?

A.: Yes. WIAA rules would not prevent that. See III-D of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: I have a freshmen out for track who is an avid runner. He has been signed up for, and was planning on running in a local 5K in a nearby town. The 5K is a local fund-raiser for a genetic disease. Is he legal to participate in this run on his own (completely not-affiliated with the high school)?

A.: Simple answer to your question is - "no." Student may not run in the event you describe - if the event is held during the school track season. The youngster could enter and take part as a walker if the event provides a walking opportunity. Article III-D of the Rules At A Glance addresses our member's provisions with respect to non-school competition.

Q.: The Bellin Run, which is held on June 13, has a program called the High School Challenge, trying to get more high school students to improve their physical fitness by participating in our 10K run. The teacher who is heading up the team at an area high school has asked if we could find a sponsor to pay for registration fees for students who cannot afford the \$17. If they are, or at some point in the future become, a WIAA athlete, would accepting this free entry affect their eligibility?

A.: WIAA amateur status provisions allow a student to be reimbursed "actual and necessary costs associated with competition." One possible idea to address your issue in a uniform manner, would be if students receive free/reduced lunch at their school - See also section III-C and III-F of the Rules At A Glance.

Q.: I have a female athlete who would like to participate in a couple of events and I wasn't quite sure that she is able to do so. The first event is the UW-Superior Soccer Camp that does run during the course of our season. The dates are March 8, 15, 29 and April 4 & 5. I am under the impression that she cannot participate after March 16. The second question is she would like to work with a private goalie coach during the season outside of regular practice hours. I do not know the rules on this one.

A.: WIAA rules would not prohibit the involvement as outlined in either of these first two questions. A student could go to a camp/clinic and practice with their club team while a member of the school's team and being "in-season." Student could also seek private instruction. So long as the private coach is not around and coaching the student as/when part of the school team - there is not a WIAA violation. One should not construe that because it might not be prohibited - that it should be seen as an "approved" or good idea. If contacted on these questions we will always caution a parent caller to clear this with their school's coach!

Q.: One of my girl's soccer players asked if it is OK for her to play in an indoor co-ed soccer league during the high school season. I didn't see why not, but wanted to check with you.

A.: If student is playing club soccer, even though co-ed, while a member of the school team and the team is in-season, it would violate the member's non-school competition rule. She would lose eligibility for the balance of the school season. It is still non-school soccer. III-D of the Rules At A Glance address non-school competition.

Q.: Basketball coaches over our entire area are unclear on summer league rules. Can a high school have a summer league team made up of its players only?

A.: In the summertime, students may voluntarily assemble in any config-

uration they wish - without school and/or coach involvement. A summer team made up of students all from a single school is possible within the rules.

Coach Contact

Q.: During the five summer basketball contact days, are teams allowed to use funds from school accounts to pay entry fees, transportation costs and hotel costs if a team is attending a weekend tournament away from their area?

A.: Yes. School funds can be used to provide and/or support opportunities during the actual school season and during the five unrestricted days of summer contact.

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: Can you please give me your interpretation of this proposal? A teacher in charge of our student government would like to have a combination of our girls' and boys' basketball team members play a game vs. the faculty? He would arrange it so that we have a mix of our girls' team members on the floor with boys' team members. He'd like to have this game on March 27. Do you see any potential for violations? Is there something we can do to change it to ensure that we are in compliance?

A.: To Begin: See HB, Bylaws, Art. II, Section 1 and 2. There are a couple ways you can get this done within the member's rules. 1) If you hold it on the date first identified, then you could run it but participation must be limited to seniors only. They will have used up their school sport eligibility and would not "burn" one of their four allowed school sponsored sport seasons. If held on March 27, do not allow underclassmen, students with past status in the program and remaining eligibility to participate. It would in effect - be another season of school sponsored basketball. 2) If you ran the event by or before March 14 then any boy/girl regardless of grade could participate. Schools are able to conduct intramural basketball during the designated school sport season - and at that date both the boys and girls seasons are still in progress. 3) If run on the 27th, but sponsored by a non-school entity, then it could include all students. Then you must keep in mind that "an acceptable non-school program is one not limited/restricted to students based on school and/or team status (ROE Art. VI, Sect. 2C-1).

Q.: There is another all-star basketball game starting in Duluth that wants our players to play. I know my senior basketball players can play in it and still be eligible for spring sports. Here are three questions I have: 1) Can they only play in one all-star game per sport? Now we will have two in Duluth. 2) Can these players keep jersey they get for game for free? 3) I believe myself or my coaches cannot have any involvement in these all-star games. Is that correct? They want my coaches to coach the Wisconsin team. They are setting it up as a border battle, MN vs. WI.

A.: 1) No. There is not a number limiting post-season events of this kind - for seniors who have exhausted their basketball eligibility. 2) No - not if they are intending to do a spring sport - would be amateur status violation. If not doing a spring sport - ok. Could also purchase the jersey if they wanted it. 3) You are correct. See Handbook, Bylaws, p. 28; Art. IV.

Q.: What are the restrictions for coaches having out-of-season meetings with just parents? How about with just students? How about students and parents together?

A.: The rules governing out-of-season organizational meetings has relaxed considerably. Used to be just one preseason meeting was allowed. Now, if you review any of the sport season

regulations, you will see in the first article, #1 - coaches can have as many organizational meetings as school administration wishes to approve. Coaches could meet with athletes, parents, alone/together - as you wish to allow. Obviously, organizational/informational meetings are about summer opportunities, team rules, fundraisers, open gyms and the like. They are not about film study and fundamental skill instruction and/or offensive and defensive package insertion.

Q.: My son is a freshman at a member high school. He would like to get a tournament team together for a couple of basketball tournaments in March and April after the season is over. My question is, how many players does WIAA allow on a tournament team from one school district? I would like to have four boys from our school and four boys from the neighboring district. Would we be able to have that many?

A.: The members present text for teams assembling during the school year, but outside of the season provides that no assembly may resemble in any way, a schools team practicing or competing outside of the season. Our recommendation to members has been to see that the non-school teams should be as diverse as possible - to avoid allegations of non-compliance. The configuration you have described would be seen as acceptable provided the eight boys actually attend both different high schools.

Q.: Does a high school student invalidate themselves for swimming, cross country or track if they compete in a triathlon during the summer? I was told that since girls swimming is in the fall, there is a rule about them competing in a swimming event within 90 days of the swimming season (not being allowed). I would like to be able to advise these kids properly so they do not lose their eligibility, but if this is the case, maybe this should be looked at as a possible exemption since the sports are quite different, and I would think you would want to encourage their participation.

A.: There is no 90-day rule. In the summertime, there would be no WIAA rules preventing a student from participating in a triathlon. In the time between a school's spring sports season is over (for track athletes) and before the fall sport seasons begin (swim, cross country), WIAA rules would not prohibit participation in these non-school events.

Q.: We are looking at running a pitching clinic for local kids (I'm the HS coach). We'd like to invite kids currently in grades five thru eight. It would be organized by the HS baseball staff. What parameters do we have regarding running this on a weekend or two in February or March? Can we include our JV/varsity kids as staff?

A.: Essentially what the rules provide is that a "school" may not sponsor camps/clinics except in the summer time. During the school year ideas like yours must be sponsored by the boosters, or police or Recreation Dept., e.g. (non-school entities). Kids can assist the sponsors. Coaches can assist the sponsors - but if the clinic is outside of the actual school season - coaches and players may not assist at the same times. (Thus, some folks wait to run this sort of camp until the early days of the actual season - when you can have contact with players in an instructional setting.) Bottom line: You can get this done - but maybe not in the straight line manner your initial thoughts may have been formed in.

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: I have a question on open gyms. If a father of one of our students is knowledgeable in pitching (a pitching coach) and has

worked with his daughters. While the rest of the kids are at an open gym (supervision only going on - no instructing), would it be permissible for him work with/instruct pitchers while the others are in an open gym setting? It is basically two things going on at one time - to make better use of our space constraints. He would not be a coach (paid or volunteer) for our high school program, but would basically be a free-lance pitching coach working with kids. Part two of the scenario - would he then be able to observe kids throughout the season - not from the bench, not from a coaching box - but from the bleachers? He would not be part of our coaching staff, but a free-lance pitching coach. I ask this because when I was teaching and coaching in Iowa we had a similar situation. The pitching coach our pitchers worked with kids from a number of schools and youth programs during the winter. Most of them were from one high school program, but he did have a variety - including our kids who lived two hours away. He would go to a number of games (mostly for that one program where most of the pitchers were), but he would also go see the other girls pitch also. Iowa's coaching contact rules are a little different than Wisconsin's, but I have someone who is interested in doing something similar to what I experienced in Iowa.

A.: Kind of sounds like this parent may need to decide if he wants to be a school coach or not. He's not going to be able to "do both half way." Open Gym Rules (II-D) and coaching contact (Art. I) are addressed in the Rules At A Glance. I would advise if this parent wants to work with his own daughters and/or other prospective pitchers from your school and/or surrounding communities that he go through your district's facility use procedures. It would be much cleaner and far less confusing. If he wants to become a private pitching coach - we are not able to prevent that. He would need to keep in mind, however, that any corrections/instructions, etc. that he might wish to make with his clients must be made away from WIAA practices and competitions. No place for corrections to be made in/around practice and contests by anyone other than the school's coach. In addition, WIAA rules prohibit coaching contact outside of the season by those who will be coaching during the actual school season. If he gets into the private instruction business and you lease space to him, you may want to be certain you get hold harmless agreement and evidence of adequate personal liability protection on his part. (He might want to make sure he double checks on IRS tax laws relative to this sort of business if he's serious about it.)

Q.: Can the girl's soccer coach pay for a team camp with the girl's activity account. Similarly, if my softball coach wants to send her team to a clinic is this something she can pay for out of her activities account? The girls fundraise through working concession stands and I just wanted to double check to make sure that this is an appropriate way to pay for this team clinic.

A.: To begin, ALWAYS remember, once money is placed in a school account - it is - school money; regardless how it got there or who put it in. Then, so long as the camp/clinic was a part of the five unrestricted summer contact days, then - yes. School monies can be used. If not a part of the unrestricted days, then - no; kids would need to pay their own way. Lastly, opportunity to have camp paid for must be available to any/all interested girls. It may not be a "performance based" benefit/opportunity and it must be a voluntary thing on the part of the girls. +

Tennis Interpretations

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pete with a coach who will be coaching another school's tennis team?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, so long as the coach he/she is partnering with will not be coaching this student-athlete or that player's school team during the next school season, they can be allowed to partner with this student-athlete.

Guest Speakers/Instructors

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

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

Coaching Contact During a Meet

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maximum Allowed Number of Meets

QUESTION: Does a conference tournament count as one of the 14 maximum al-

lowed meets during the WIAA tennis regular season?

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

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

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

QUESTION: We have a tennis quad in May and one school has Prom on that date. If they come up Friday and they play their first tournament round against us...and then two the next morning and then book out for Prom...can we still count Friday's contest as part of the tournament?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA Spring Season Regulations, 6., d., indicates: "No meet may continue more than two days. A two-day conference, invitational or multi-dual meet counts as one meet."

This regulation allows tennis teams to participate in two-day meets. If a school team has to leave a meet prior to completion, this meet continues to count as one of six allowed multi-meets for each of the school teams involved in the meet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

INTERPRETATION: WIAA Season

Regulations, Maximum Allowed Meets, b., "A school may enter only one varsity meet per day."

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

Eligibility

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTION: I have a student who attends School A, she was wondering if she

could play tennis in School B because we don't have tennis and they do. I told her no, can only play in sports in the school you attend unless it's a coop with another school. Am I correct?

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

QUESTION: Can wheelchair athletes compete in tennis vs. "able-bodied" athletes?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, USTA does have regulations that we are able to use allowing wheelchair athletes to compete with and against able-bodied athletes. Normally, a wheel chair athlete will have been involved in a tennis program that teaches the techniques and skills of the game for them. In addition, there is normally an instructor in the area that can be utilized to assist wheelchair tennis athletes.

Scrimmages

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

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

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

QUESTION: I have been asked to play the Barrington, Ill. Team. I told her it would be a scrimmage for us and she said it would have to be in their schedule as a meet. Does the same rule apply here? Does Barrington, Ill., have to agree to a scrimmage? Does not sound like they have those?

INTERPRETATION: This scrimmage issue has come up in the past and the simple answer is - "Yes," both school teams involved, especially when the other school team is from another state, does have to be able to count it as a "scrimmage" and not one of their 14 allowed contests. There are state associations that do not allow scrimmages due to the numerous concerns and issues scrimmages can cause.

If you decide to compete against them, you will have to count it as one of your 14 allowed meets.

Corporate Logos

QUESTION: Can the new Prince shirts with the extra "P" on the sleeve of the tennis shirt be allowed during competition?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, just as we have allowed the Under Armour tennis shirts and uniforms to be worn, the new Prince shirt will also be allowed. Further review of these logos will take place during at the WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee meeting this coming fall. +

Directory Changes

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NEW BERLIN WEST HIGH SCHOOL - Athletic Director email address should be tom.farina@nbexcellence.org (there should be an e instead of a)

PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - New School Address - 5459 Elementary Ave. Ste 1, Zip Code 54466

RANDOM LAKE HIGH SCHOOL - Baseball (Summer) Coach Randy Wiltterink, Wrestling Coach John Hatfield, Girls Track Coach Wendy Scholler +



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 acknowledgment.

Girls Basketball - Cambridge at Belleville

Feb. 12, 2009

I was impressed with the players from both schools. It was a game between the top two teams in the Capitol Conference. Both teams played hard and gave 100 percent effort. Even though they may not have agreed with every call or what was not called, they just stuck to their game plan of playing the game. They always retrieved balls that went out of bounds and were always polite. Too many times today you see players get very emotionally involved in a game. Both teams were great. I know that a person is a window of their family, as well as a window of their team and their school. I just wanted to compliment both teams on their sportsmanship in the heat of battle. Too many times things are written to schools to complain about something. I just wanted to compliment both teams on what was displayed at Belleville. Good Luck to both teams as they hit the tournament trail.

Reporting Official: Lauren Homb



Girls Basketball - La Crosse Logan at Tomah

Feb. 13, 2009

La Crosse Logan at Tomah played their hearts out the entire game. It did not matter whether Logan was ahead by 10 points or 25 points, both teams played aggressive and continually rotated five players at a time. The athletes would dive for loose balls, help opponents up from the floor, and continue playing hard for all of the 32 minutes. No one quit on the floor. Coach Jeff Frawley from Tomah and Coach Cameron Bruce of Logan instructed their players on the bench, as well as on the court. You could see them giving lessons to individual players as the huddle was breaking from a time-out. The fans from both schools could be heard supporting their teams and clapping as any injured player slowly got back up. When the intensity of the games increase as the tournament season soon approaches, it is good to be involved in a good basketball contest with teams that just go and play with all of their hearts and abilities.

Reporting Official: Sarah Connor



Girls Basketball - Fond du Lac at Beaver Dam

Feb. 24, 2009

I would like to share my thoughts of a game I had last night, and how I feel Beaver Dam High School should be very proud of their coaches, players and fans. As they exhibited some of the best sportsmanship I have seen all year. Now remember this was the losing team in the game. I know it is easy for a school and their coaches and players and fans to be good sports when you are used to winning and are winning another game, but it takes a lot more in my opinion to be on the losing end of the score and game and still exemplify this type of sportsmanship. First round of the playoffs and hosting a home game, so some big events for a high school and their coaches, players and fans. We arrive at Beaver Dam, greeted very nicely by the ticket takers who promptly call the game administrator who shows us to the locker rooms, escorts us to and from the court. Nice that he made himself very visible for us to find and for us to get easy access on and off the court. It was a very physical game played with a lot of contact and calls that could have gone either way. But as the game progressed and the fouls added up and the violations occurred, not once did my partner and I ever hear a derogatory or sarcastic remark about a call not going their way from the Beaver Dam coaching staff, and especially from their head coach, Tim Chase. Instead, he coached his girls and encouraged them to keep playing hard and instructed them on things to do better the next time they had the ball or how to better play defense. The Beaver Dam fans cheered for their team when they did good things and didn't make remarks or yell at the officials

after a call that didn't go their way. The players on Beaver Dam took after their head coach as far as being respectful and good sports on the court. They didn't argue a call or try and show any derogatory emotion on a call that didn't go their way. Beaver Dam exemplified what the WIAA is striving for all high schools in Wisconsin to be like, very respectful of the officials and visiting fans, and good sportsmanship on and off the court. Good job to Beaver Dam High School and all those involved with the girls basketball team, including their fans, you are a class act and should be recognized for such a thing.

Reporting Official: Bob Heinz



Girls Basketball - McDonell Central at Clayton

Feb. 28, 2009

I would like to thank both teams for the sportsmanship shown during this second round game. All the players, coaches and spectators were great throughout this well-played game. I would also like to thank Al and his staff doing the books and clock, they were two of the best I've seen in my years of officiating. Thanks for letting us be a part of this game. Job well done!

Reporting Official: Pat Plumer



Girls Basketball - Grafton vs. Whitefish Bay at Wauwatosa East

Feb. 28, 2009

The regional final girl's basketball game which I officiated was a great game to be part of. The sportsmanship displayed by both schools (coaches, players and fans) was excellent! There was not one single moment during the game that sportsmanship came into question. The players played hard from the opening tip to the final buzzer. The coaches coached in the same manner. In fact, in the middle of the fourth quarter when the game was pretty much decided because of the difference in the score, I happened to notice how hard the coaching staffs for both schools were still working; giving advice, encouragement and support to their players on the court. Definitely something good to see. It should also be mentioned the hospitality shown by the Wauwatosa East staff was very much appreciated. The game went off without a hitch! All-in-all it was a great sporting event to be involved with! Thank you to both - actually all three - schools!

Reporting Official: Pat Miles



Boys Basketball - Elcho at Bowler

Feb. 3, 2009

My partner and I would like to congratulate both teams on their sportsmanship. When my partner and I officiate we use the words of "sir" and "thank you" on a regular basis to the players as a sign of respect, as well as a demand of respect on and off the floor. In the game tonight, the gentlemen, coaches and fans demonstrated that same respect back to us. As the WIAA has asked on a commercial: "Let the players play; let the coaches coach, let the fans cheer for the team of their choice, and let the officials officiate." This was a game where all four of those aspects of the game were followed 100 percent of the way. It was an up-and-down, fast paced game with lots of scoring, which made it fun to officiate. Every time we shot a free throw, the athletes that were shooting the free throws would say "thank you, sir" to the administering official. It kind of made us as officials, step back and say that these gentlemen have been well coached in the aspect of give respect and get respect. Once again, congratulations to the coaches, players, fans, administration, and teachers at these two schools. It was truly and honor and a joy to share the floor with these athletes and their schools for the hour and a half tonight.

Reporting Officials: Michael G. Igl and Randy Kuivinen



Boys Basketball - Hurley at Washburn

Feb. 5, 2009

In a tournament atmosphere, with a great crowd, the sportsmanship displayed by both teams was extraordinary. Coaches were intense and focused, but still did an excellent job working with us and their respective teams. The kids all played hard, but were

there to help opponents up off the floor or even by being complimentary in certain situations. The fans, especially Washburn students, were great. Many positive cheers were used and there was no harassing comments made. It was a really neat game to officiate. Both schools should be commended.

Reporting Official: Rob Frenchick



Boys Basketball - Sheboygan Christian at Oostburg

Feb. 6, 2009

Sheboygan Christian and Oostburg have great a rivalry going over the the years and this game was no different. It was a tight game throughout, and Coach Flipse (Christian) and Coach Bruggink (Oostburg) handled themselves with class as did their players. In a tight game with this intensity in a packed gym it was great to see everyone show top notch sportsmanship (player from opposite teams helping each other off the floor, etc.). This is what high school basketball is all about. It was pleasure to work this game between these two top notch programs.

Reporting Official: Russ Mueller



Boys Basketball - Coleman at Saint Thomas Aquinas

Feb. 5, 2009

Even though each team played with great intensity and there was a lot of physical contact that was legal within the rules of the game, all the players on both teams exhibited great sportsmanship throughout the contest, even when the Coleman team made a great comeback in the fourth quarter only to fall a little short. It was an honor and a pleasure to be on the court with these fine young men.

Reporting Official: Gary Stoychoff



Boys Basketball - Tomahawk at Medford

Feb. 6, 2009

I want to take a minute to recognize Tim Albert, Head Coach at Tomahawk High School. I have officiated for a lot of years, but never have I experienced a coach as gracious as Tim. Every timeout he called, every question he asked was as good as I have seen. His team was losing the entire game, and Tim never raised his voice nor did anyone on the bench. I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated working for Coach Albert. It certainly makes up for the number of unpleasant experiences.

Reporting Official: Mike Murphy



Boys Basketball - Milw. Northwest at Milw. Vincent

Feb. 20, 2009

I would like to make you aware of a GREAT experience I had recently while officiating a boy's basketball game between Milwaukee Vincent and Milwaukee Northwest. First, game management at Milwaukee Vincent did a wonderful job before, during and after the game for me and my partner, Ron Fancher. Everything was perfect! Second, the coaches, players and fans from both teams were excellent! In a game that ended 70-68, Ron and I basically gave the players the ball, step out of the way and let the coaches coach and the players play. We had a few questions from the coaches during the game, but that was about it. As far as the players go, it was pretty much the same thing. We only had a few questions from them during the game...not complaints, questions. As soon as we answered them, the ball was put back in play and off we went! It was simply a fantastic game to be part of; thank you to both schools!

Reporting Official: Pat Miles



Boys Basketball - Amherst vs. Marathon

March 7, 2009

I feel the need to comment on the great sportsmanship exhibited by both of the schools in this regional final. It was an honor and privilege to officiate in a game with coaching staffs that demonstrate professionalism and composure during a highly contested game. Sports is a great vehicle to teach young men and women how to conduct themselves with class and dignity. The players and fans often take on the demeanor of the coach. This was evident for both

schools in a very positive way.

Reporting Official: Fred Fullerton



Boys Basketball - Fall Creek vs. Thorp

March 7, 2009

On Saturday, March 7, we officiated the regional final boy's basketball game that pitted Fall Creek against Thorp. All we can say is "what a game." The game was well-played and well-coached. More importantly for us, it was a game that was most enjoyable to officiate. The reasons for this are many but the two primary reasons are the closeness of the contest (overtime) and the high degree of sportsmanship. Both teams showed a great deal of sportsmanship toward one another and toward us. The coaches were fantastic during the game. They didn't agree with all of our calls, but they accepted them and continued to coach their teams to the best of their ability. We just want to say "thank you" to both teams and coaches on a very well played game in an atmosphere that high school sports should always embody.

Reporting Official: Dan Hoffman



Hockey - Medford at Antigo

Feb. 5, 2009

Antigo started the scoring 10 seconds into the game and continued throughout for a total of 18 goals. I would like to recognize the Medford team and coaching staff for their outstanding sportsmanship as they remained focused on playing the game. The team kept trying harder, and throughout the game I kept hearing encouragement and positive coaching from the Medford coaches. It could have easily gotten out of hand, but the coach continued teaching the game and remained positive, the team kept working hard. Medford only received one penalty in the game, to just show that they never let their frustration show on the ice.

Reporting Official: Jim Brown



Hockey - Reedsburg at Baraboo

Feb. 17, 2009

The two coaches from Baraboo and Reedsburg, Neil Matison and John Blosenski, displayed what I would consider the best sportsmanship from coaches that I have ever seen in my 11 years of officiating. During this regional game, there were a few crucial moments that were not decided in their team's favor and not once did they raise their voice or even question the call. One instance in particular that stands out is a close play on their attacking net. The puck was nearly in the net, but the official on the goal line called no goal. The coaches encouraged their team to get out there and play harder. Prior to the start of the next period, the coach came up to us and told us that his "eyes in the sky" (a parent recording the game from up above the net) agreed with the officials that the puck never crossed the line. After the few penalties that were called on their team, the players never once questioned the call and skated directly to the box. It was quite obvious that the coach's sportsmanship had a very positive impact on their entire team. It was a pleasure officiating their game. I wish I were closer to them so I could work more of their games during the regular season. I hope that they are recognized in a manner that encourages other coaches to follow the lead of Mr. Matison and Mr. Blosenski and their outstanding sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Jason Lassen



Hockey - Onalaska at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

Feb. 28, 2009

This game was a sectional final. The game was fast, fierce and competitive, going into overtime to decide the outcome of which team would advance to the WIAA State Tournament in Madison. Both teams' benches and fans displayed excellent sportsmanship in the contest. The game was a clean, well-played. Both head coaches and their benches kept their emotions in check and played the game the way it was meant to be played. Quite frankly, this hockey environment was one of the best I have ever been part of. Superb sportsmanship in a high stakes game.

Reporting Official: Scott Swid



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EDITORIAL

Emotions Make Tournaments A Real Slice of Life

We can almost set our calendars to those dates each year, and sometimes we can even set our clocks to that time of year – tournament time.

For high school sports and all those involved with them, they are the times of the year excitement and emotions reach their peak. It's those moments in life that provide the unforgettable experiences for all interested in interscholastic athletics.

It would be an early retirement for anyone who could bottle and sell the experiences and excitement of the tournament season. Coaches would be an easy sell for the intensity it instills; schools would appreciate the hallways filled with the morale boost and the spirit it creates; and whole communities would jump at the opportunity to walk their streets with added pride.

This is the essence of tournament time.

We don't need to search very long or hard to find examples of such an impact on the lives of so many involved with high school sports.

A coach whose team competed in the State tournament expressed the magnitude of his experience by stating besides his wedding and the birth of his children, coaching his team was the greatest experience of his life.

Another coach fought back tears, not because of the defeat he just experienced, but because of how proud he was of his team and the realization he coached the seniors on the team for the final time.

Wow, that is powerful stuff.

Yet, all the spoils are not all spent on the victors. The statement of a player whose team had just been defeated in the State championship final conveyed this. Despite a bitter loss, he stated he wouldn't change the experience of playing in the State Tournament for anything.

How about the community that came out in full force to support its hometown heroes. A school with an enrollment of 86 sold over 1,200 tickets for the championship final session. It's hard to believe that could even be possible when that school's community itself has a population of 998 according to its Web site. That section of fans was a sea of school colors. This type of support gives credence to the cliché "last one out of town, turn off the lights."

The interest and excitement of WIAA State Tournaments extend beyond the four

walls of the schools competing or any city boundaries. They are events for the entire state to embrace and witness the quality of educational experiences provided by school systems throughout our state.

Such interest is evident with the audiences for live broadcasts of the State basketball tournaments and the State football and hockey championships each year, as well as the live internet streams on WIAA.TV for other State events. Wisconsin is believed to be the only state to have pre-emption of programming on a major over-the-air network for its entire boys and girls State basketball tournaments. In addition, the live stream on WIAA.TV of the individual wrestling tournament attracted almost 40,000 different viewers, which accounted for more than 578,000 page views. In the world of internet streaming, that is significant—very significant.

It's apparent such significant interest in high school sports fuel the emotions that exist at tournament time. When channeled appropriately, these experiences can take us on a ride of a lifetime. Misdirected, however, and emotions can tarnish these experiences for a few or the many.

With the attention directed at the tournaments, we are reminded each season of the emotions that consume a relatively small number not happy with their playoff pairing or seed, or by fanatical individuals spoiling the experience for others by advancing their own personal grievances, agendas or unsportsmanlike behavior.

However, even in a time of emotion, poise and etiquette are still evident in school-based sports. Statements made immediately following competition at State tournaments confirm this. Student-athletes and coaches were humble in victory and graceful in defeat. Even when a question regarding the success of private schools in the membership was asked, the answers of two student-athletes were precious. "Public, private, it doesn't matter," one said. "I don't really know how privates work, but we all play basketball," said another.

We know what time of year it is simply by the emotions we encounter during tournament time. Harnessed and directed in an appropriate manner, emotion is what makes the WIAA tournaments a life-enriching experience for all of us. ✦



Keep These Dates in Mind

- March 30 Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice
Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
- April 1 . . Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Basketball (Stevens Point)
- April 3 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- April 10 Good Friday
- April 12 Easter
- April 14 Board/Council Election Ballot Deadline
- April 22 WIAA Annual Meeting (Stevens Point)
- May 3 Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
- May 5 Middle Level Council Meeting
- May 6 Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
- May 8 Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
- May 15 Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
- May 21, 26 & 28 Softball Regionals
- May 25 Memorial Day
- May 26 Track & Field Regionals
Boys Tennis Subsectionals
- May 26-27 Boys Golf Regionals
- May 27-28 Boys Tennis Sectionals
- May 29 Track & Field Sectionals
- May 28 & 30 Girls Soccer Regionals
- May 29 & June 2, 3 & 5 Spring Baseball Regionals
- June 1-2 Boys Golf Sectionals
- June 4 Softball Sectionals
- June 4-5-6 State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)
- June 4 & 6 Girls Soccer Sectionals
- June 5-6 State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
- June 8-9 State Boys Golf (Madison)
- June 11-12-13 State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
State Softball (Madison)
- June 12-13 State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
- June 16-17-18 State Spring Baseball (Appleton)
- June 24-25 Advisory Council Meeting
- June 25 Board of Control Meeting
- July 16 Media Day
- July 17 & 21 Summer Baseball Regionals
- July 24 Summer Baseball Sectionals
- July 29-30 State Summer Baseball Tournament

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 | Regular Registration | Late Registration |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Postmark Deadline (regular fee) | Postmark Deadline (additional fee required) |
| April 4, 2009 | February 27, 2009 | February 28–March 13, 2009 |
| June 13, 2009 | May 8, 2009 | May 9–22, 2009 |

ACT - 2009-2010

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

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

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