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## Board Approves Changes to Spring Sports, 2010-2011 Budget

*Football Early Start Date for 2011 Reaffirmed; Agreement with Uihlein Soccer Park Extended*

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a number of recommendations that will impact spring sports, reaffirmed the early start date to the 2011 football season and ratified the 2010-11 operational budget at its October meeting.

Regarding softball, the Board approved the continuance of the experiment placing on-deck hitters in the on-deck circle that is located behind the batter. Also approved was a pre-game warm-up protocol required for WIAA Tournament Series contests and recommended for regular-season games. The home team will take the field 35 minutes prior to the start of a game; the visiting team will take the field 20 minutes before the game; and the pre-game meeting and final field preparation will be held five minutes prior to starting the game.

In other softball items, beginning in

2012, the sectional semifinals and finals will be moved to Monday and Thursday from the Tuesday and Friday dates currently scheduled. Finally, the State Tournament schedule will be altered slightly beginning next spring. The Division 1 semifinals will be moved from Thursday evening to Friday evening with the Division 2 semifinals moving from Friday evening to Thursday evening.

Approval was granted for a pair of baseball recommendations associated with the Tournament Series schedule. The first mandates the start time of 1 p.m. on the published date of a regional game if scheduled graduation ceremonies result in a conflict and mutual agreement cannot be reached on a rescheduled time or date. The other moves regional final games in spring baseball from Friday to Thursday beginning in 2012.

In track and field, the Board approved a set of recommendations related to wheelchair competitions. The weight of the shot put for wheelchair competitors for both genders will be four kilograms beginning in 2011. In addition, when possible for races contested in lanes, one lane should be left vacant between competitors. Furthermore, all track events should be co-ed whenever possible, and the established maximum height of a throwing chair is 75 centimeters.

After significant review and discussion with the Executive Staff and Advisory Council, the Board voted not to approve a

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## High School Sports Participation Tops 7.6 Million, Sets Record

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Participation in high school sports increased for the 21st consecutive school year in 2009-10, eclipsing the 7.6 million mark for the first time.

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), participation for the 2009-10 school year reached a record-breaking total of 7,628,377 participants, according to the 2009-10 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS.

Boys and girls participation figures also reached respective all-time highs with 4,455,740 boys and 3,172,637 girls participating in 2009-10. Boys participation increased by 33,078 this year, while the girls figure increased by 58,546.

"It is a significant achievement for our member state associations that in these difficult economic times, student participation increased for the 21st consecutive year," said NFHS Executive Director Bob Gardner. "This reinforces the values that high school sports provide as part of the education of our students. The NFHS actively promotes participation in, and support for, the programs throughout the nation."

Based on the survey, 55.1 percent of students enrolled in high schools participate in

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## Advisory Council Special Election Results

In the special election that was recently held, Scott Bleck of Weyauwega-Fremont was elected to fill a 2-year term as a medium school representative on the Advisory Council. Scott's term began with the October 14, 2010 meeting. ■



Scott Bleck

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athletics, which emphasizes and reinforces the idea that high school sports continue to have a significant role in student involvement in schools across the country.

Outdoor track and field gained the most combined participants in 2009-10, with an increase of 25,561 participants, followed by soccer with 19,597 combined participants and cross country (11,925). In girls sports, soccer gained the most participants (11,582), followed by outdoor track and field (11,445) and fast-pitch softball (9,290). Outdoor track and field led the way in boys sports with 14,116 additional participants, followed by cross country (8,156) and soccer (8,015).

The top participatory sports for boys remained the same from 2008-09: 11-player football led the way with 1,109,278 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (572,123), basketball (540,207), baseball (472,644), soccer (391,839), wrestling (272,890), cross country (239,608), tennis (162,755), golf (157,756), and swimming and diving (131,376).



Outdoor track and field continued to be the leading sport for girls with 469,177 participants. Second was basketball (439,550), followed by volleyball (403,985), fast-pitch softball (378,211), soccer (356,116), cross country (201,968), tennis (182,395), swimming and diving (158,419), competitive spirit squads (123,644) and golf (70,872).

The top 10 states based on combined participation also remained the same from last year's survey. Texas led the way with a combined total of 780,721 participants. California was second with 771,465, followed by New York (379,677), Illinois (344,257), Ohio (334,797), Pennsylvania (317,426), Michigan (313,818), New Jersey (253,097), Florida (247,428) and Minnesota (230,043).

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations. The complete 2009-10 Sports Participation Survey is available on the NFHS Web site at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).



## Board Approves from page 1

Wisconsin Football Coaches Association proposal for an eight-game regular-season schedule that included a guarantee of a ninth game for teams not qualifying for the playoffs beginning in 2011. The WFCA proposal was an alternative to an early start date approved by the Board in June. The early start date eliminates the three-games-in-10-days scenario at the end of the season and maintains a nine-game schedule.

The Board gave its approval of the 2010-11 zero-based, operations budget of \$7.9 million. The budget reflects a growth in projected income from an increase in State Tournament sponsorship agreements, a guaranteed rights fee from When We Were Young Productions, an increase in football State finals ticket price and the addition of a fifth division championship in basketball. It also reflects expenses, including legal fees, routine program enhancement costs for registration and results services and an increase in cross country sectional host allowance.

The projected increase in revenue does not reflect an increase in ticket prices for the State Softball and State Baseball Tournaments from \$6 to \$8, which was also approved by the Board for next spring.

In further Board action, it authorized a five-year extension through 2015 of an existing agreement with Uihlein Soccer Park as the State venue for the State Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments. Uihlein officials recently announced construction to install FieldTurf will be completed by the State Boys Soccer Tournament on Oct. 28-30. The project includes naming the facility Time Warner Cable Stadium. Every game of the State Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments are scheduled to be played at the stadium. Uihlein Soccer Park has hosted the State soccer tournaments since 2003-04.

Member schools are now granted the opportunity to utilize on-line ticketing for pre-State Tournament Series events following the Board's acceptance of the proposal. Schools hosting WIAA Tournament Series events may use the service of their choice provided added fees do not exceed \$1. ■

### 10 MOST POPULAR BOYS PROGRAMS

Schools	Participants
1. Basketball . . . . .	17,969
2. Track and Field – Outdoor . .	16,011
3. Baseball . . . . .	15,786
4. Football – 11-Player . . . . .	14,226
5. Cross Country . . . . .	13,942
6. Golf . . . . .	13,693
7. Soccer . . . . .	11,375
8. Wrestling . . . . .	10,363
9. Tennis . . . . .	9,916
10. Swimming and Diving . . . . .	6,820
	1. Football – 11-Player . . . . 1,109,278
	2. Track and Field – Outdoor . 572,123
	3. Basketball . . . . . 540,207
	4. Baseball . . . . . 472,644
	5. Soccer . . . . . 391,839
	6. Wrestling . . . . . 272,890
	7. Cross Country . . . . . 239,608
	8. Tennis . . . . . 162,755
	9. Golf . . . . . 157,756
	10. Swimming and Diving . . . 131,376

### 10 MOST POPULAR GIRLS PROGRAMS

Schools	Participants
1. Basketball . . . . .	17,711
2. Track and Field – Outdoor . .	15,923
3. Volleyball . . . . .	15,382
4. Softball – Fast Pitch . . . . .	15,298
5. Cross Country . . . . .	13,809
6. Soccer . . . . .	10,901
7. Tennis . . . . .	10,166
8. Golf . . . . .	9,651
9. Swimming and Diving . . . . .	7,171
10. Competitive Spirit Squads . .	4,879
	1. Track and Field – Outdoor . 469,177
	2. Basketball . . . . . 439,550
	3. Volleyball . . . . . 403,985
	4. Softball – Fast Pitch . . . . 378,211
	5. Soccer . . . . . 356,116
	6. Cross Country . . . . . 201,968
	7. Tennis . . . . . 182,395
	8. Swimming and Diving . . . 158,419
	9. Competitive Spirit Squads . 123,644
	10. Golf . . . . . 70,872

## Did you know . . .

Approximately 90 percent of the membership total revenue is derived from tournament receipts?





# Officials Corner



## Officials Exams Due Dates



Officials exams will be sent with your rule books and also available online. Corrected exams will not be returned. Your score will show in your profile information on the Officials Center. 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 incorrect once the answers are posted. Answers and rules references will be posted on the Officials Center one week after the due date.

### SPORT

### DUE DATE

Basketball	November 12, 2010
Gymnastics	November 12, 2010
Wrestling	November 12, 2010
Hockey	November 12, 2010
Baseball	March 11, 2011
Softball	March 11, 2011
Track & Field	March 11, 2011



### PART II EXAMS (sent to L5 and Master level officials only)

Will be sent in the mail only (will not be on the website) and are due back on the following dates:

### SPORT

### MAILED

### DUE DATE

Basketball	November 29, 2010	December 17, 2010
Wrestling	November 29, 2010	December 17, 2010
Baseball	March 21, 2011	April 9, 2011

### MECHANICS EXAM

Will be sent in the mail only (will not be on the website) and are due back on the following dates:

### MAILED

### DUE DATE

3-Person Basketball	November 29, 2010	December 17, 2010
Mechanics		

*Note: The 3-person Basketball Mechanics exam will be a requirement for all L5 and Master level officials that want to be considered for regional finals, sectionals and State tournament assignments in 2011. ■*

## 2010 National Athletic Directors Conference

The 2010 National Athletic Directors Conference will be Dec. 15-19 at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, Florida. This year's conference will feature many relevant state association breakout sessions, as well as networking opportunities to interact with interscholastic at directors from Wisconsin. The Opening General Session Speaker at this year's conference will be Pat Williams, Orlando Magic senior vice president and the Closing General Session Speaker is John Cassis, former professional athlete, minister and inspirational speaker. ■

## 2010-11 Winter Sports Meetings

### GYMNASTICS

Meetings have already been held at sites throughout the state. There is no video available.

### BASKETBALL

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

### HOCKEY

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

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

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

### WRESTLING

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



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## NFHS (Baseball Rules - Page 10, 1-3-2)

Effective January 1, 2012. The bat, which may be a wood or non-wood product, shall be a smooth cylinder implement from the top of the cap to the top of the knob. The cap of the bat and knob of the bat shall be permanently and securely fastened. All non-wood bats shall be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark has to be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. There shall be no devices, attachments or wrappings that cause the handle to become flush with the knob. Molded grips are illegal.

The NFHS first joined with the NCAA and changed the rules: A change to Rule 1-3-2 regarding bat specifications was made in the hope it will clarify bat compliance. The rule, which will be effective January 1, 2012, specifies that the bat should be a "smooth cylinder implement from the top of the cap to the top of the knob."

"The committee was looking to clarify the rule and make the purchase of bats an easier process," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of educational services and liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee. "We want to make sure that kids and parents know what is permissible."

The change will also require that all non-wood bats meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, which is the standard used by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Formerly, non-wood bats had to meet the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) standard.

The new rule also states that non-wood bats must be labeled with a rectangular certification mark "a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color." The new standard ensures that performances by non-wood bats are more comparable to those of wood bats. It's also expected to minimize risk, improve play and increase teaching opportunities.

"After working with the NCAA and having access to its research, we've concluded it's in our best interest to make this change," Hopkins said. "BBCOR includes the BESR standard, so we're actually expanding upon our current

standard, which will be more appropriate for our age and skill level."

LINK:

<http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=2772>

Therefore, all bats after January 1, 2012, will be required to have the BBCOR label and all BESR bats will be illegal at all high school levels.

**This summer, the NFHS and NCAA made all composite bats illegal immediately.**

One of six new rules changes by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee forbids the use of composite bats until they can meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard. The changes, which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors, will take effect with the 2010-11 school year.

After thorough testing by the Baseball Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee voted to outlaw composite bats until they can produce consistent results through the life of the bat, be made tamper-evident and be labeled as a composite product.

Elliot Hopkins, NFHS liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee, visited with James Sherwood, director of the Baseball Research Center, and spent several hours witnessing composite bat testing. "Rolling the bat gives it a higher performance," Hopkins said. "It can significantly increase the performance and that's huge in our game."

Rolling the bat isn't the only problem. Rolling only speeds up the performance enhancement that would occur over time after normal use. Even composite bats that were not altered will eventually see this increase in performance, and the rules committee views that as a major concern.

Rule 1-3-2 through 5 was completely rewritten with the intention of creating a rule that preserves the intent and spirit of the old rule, but is better suited to products resulting from new technology.

Under the new rule, bats with composite handles and tapers would still be legal. The stricter language applies primarily to the barrel of the bat.

"While the handles and taper are important components of the bat," Hopkins said, "the area that we recognized as more susceptible to abuse is the barrel."

LINK:

<http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=4052>

However, this summer, the NFHS reviewed the composite bat rule. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), in a ruling by its Board of Directors, announced today that waivers or modifications of the recent ban on composite bats in high school baseball may be considered in certain circumstances.

Earlier this month, the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee approved a new rule that bans composite bats, effective with the 2010-11 school year, until they can meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard.

The NFHS enacted the ban on composite bats because of a concern about the increased

performance of the bats after the initial "break-in" that would lead the bats to exceed the current Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) standard or the BBCOR standard take takes effect in the 2011-12 school year.

After reviewing information from Dr. James Sherwood, director of the Baseball Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell; Dr. Alan Nathan, University of Illinois; and the NCAA, as well as consulting with manufacturers, the NFHS Board of Directors has agreed that if certain types or models of composite bats can produce consistent results through the life of the bat and remain within the applicable test standard, a waiver or modification of the rule may be considered.

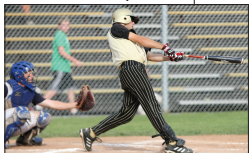
LINK:

<http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=4073>

**Since the review, the NFHS has determined several composite bats will be legal after testing. The link for that information is located at:**

LINK:

<http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=4155>



## Transfer Policies Continue to Receive Interest

More than four years after the WIAA membership approved its current regulations on student-athlete transfers, the topic was again discussed at the fall's Area Meetings in September.

Positions on the rule vary widely. In areas of the state where student transfers may be more prevalent, there appeared to be sentiment to liberalize the rule. In other areas, it was indicated a more conservative rule should be considered.

With such wide-ranging views, finding a one-size-fits-all solution to the vast array of positions on the topic is a challenge. In the past five years, the membership has shifted its direction on a number of occasions. It is important to note that simply changing residences, establishing additional residences or altering guardianship does not necessarily guarantee eligibility at the new school.

Prior to 2005, students who transferred once they

entered the ninth grade were ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics. Transfers were afforded practice opportunities only, except if the transfer was a result of a complete and total move by the parents or because of documented extenuating circumstances.

In 2005, the membership overwhelmingly approved two amendments to liberalize the transfer rule to provide eligibility-at nonvarsity levels only-for students if both the sending and receiving school consented. The rule changes included students whose parents did not reside in the same district as the school the students attend and foreign students not participating in an "Full" CSIET exchange program.

Just one year later in 2006, the membership approved an amendment to again stiffen the transfer provisions by a significant margin. The revision would declare any student transfer after the fourth consecutive semester upon entering the ninth grade ineli-

gible for competition and practice for one calendar year. Exceptions remained for transfers that are deemed necessary because of parents' complete and total change of residence or with extenuating circumstances through the waiver process. The change came as a result of divisiveness among member schools caused by transfers. Schools began refusing to play each other.

Some sentiments at the various Area Meetings indicated a desire to return to the 2005 rule that provided eligibility limited to nonvarsity levels for transfers not made necessary by a total and complete move by the parents. Other statements acknowledged a desire to extend ineligibility for competition after two consecutive semesters upon entering the ninth grade.

Continued discussions will indicate if enough interest is expressed by the membership to amend the current language and interpretation. ■



Wade Labecki

2010-11 NFHS Rule Changes

## Appropriate Dress for Weigh-ins Addressed in High School Wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — A revision in the appropriate dress for weigh-ins in high school wrestling was among four rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its April 5-7 meeting in Indianapolis. The changes, which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors, will take effect with the 2010-11 season.

"The committee felt the need to make very few changes because the sport of high school wrestling is in good shape," said Dale Pleimann, former assistant executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and chair of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee. "Two of the changes deal with minimizing risk, one deals with privacy issues and the other change was clean-up in a mechanics procedure instituted last year."

Regarding weigh-ins, previously both male and female contestants had to weigh in wearing "no more than a suitable undergarment." Beginning next year, specific language has been added regarding what constitutes a "suitable undergarment." Male and female contestants will be required to wear a suitable undergarment that completely covers the buttocks and the groin area. In addition, for female contestants the suitable undergarment must also cover the breasts.

Bob Colgate, assistant director of the NFHS and committee liaison, said the change was made to consider privacy issues for all individuals involved with weigh-ins.

The committee also addressed the process for an offensive wrestler assuming a legal starting position. The following statement has been added to Rule 5-20-9:

"Once the offensive wrestler has assumed a legal starting position and is stationary, the referee shall verbally say 'set' and then pause momentarily before starting wrestling."

"This rule change will eliminate either wrestler gaining an advantage by using a rolling start," Colgate said. "It also eliminates the need for the offensive wrestler using a specific sequence when assuming a legal starting position, including the optional offensive starting position."

Effective with the 2010-11 high school wrestling season, any contestant who shows signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed immediately from the match and shall not return to competition until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

The previous rule directed officials to remove an athlete from competition if "apparently unconscious." The previous rule also allowed for return to competition based on written authorization by a medical doctor.

"Given that the vast majority of concussions do not include a loss of consciousness, but that athletes often show obvious evidence of concussion, the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) strongly believes that referees must continue to be empowered to remove these athletes from competition, thus protecting them from further injury," said Dr. Michael Koester, chair of the SMAC. "Continued participation in any sport following a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, as well as increased risk for further injury to the brain and even death."

"The safety of the athlete is of paramount concern during any athletic contest. Referees, coaches and administrators are being asked to make all efforts at ensuring that concussed athletes do not continue to participate. Thus, coaches, wrestlers and administrators should also be looking for signs of concussion in all wrestlers and should immediately remove any suspected concussed wrestler from competition."

In addition to wrestling, the new concussion language is being placed in all NFHS rules books for the 2010-11 season, as well as the "NFHS Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion."

The Wrestling Rules Committee also added the "rear-standing, double-knee kickback" to the list of illegal maneuvers. Colgate said this maneuver, which is being used more frequently at the high school level, clearly puts the opposing wrestler in a dangerous situation and at a high risk for injury.

## WIAA Wrestling Season Regulations – 2010 Rule Changes

### 15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION STATE ASSOCIATION ADAPTATIONS

#### m. ESTABLISHING MINIMUM WEIGHTS

##### (2) Time Period for Measurements (p. 45)

(c) Any time a contestant establishes a minimum weight (by any means) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.

##### (6) Growth Allowance (p. 47)

Growth allowance will be two pounds on December 25, and one additional pound on both February 1 and March 1.

**Note: Any time a contestant establishes a minimum weight (by any means) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.**

##### (7) Weight Loss Per Week (p. 47)

(b) A wrestler will not be allowed to wrestle at any time in a lower weight class that would require them to lose more than one-half pound per day from the original date of measurement and/or from one weigh-in (for competition) to another. Coaches must be able to provide documentation of appropriate weight loss any time a wrestler drops to a lower weight class (documentation from all weigh-ins).

**Note: No day may be counted twice. ■**

## 2010-11 NFHS Wrestling Rules Changes

### Major Changes

**4-5-7** – Male and female contestants will now be required to wear a suitable undergarment during weigh-ins.

**5-20-5 NOTE; 5-20-9** – The NOTE to Rule 5-20-5 was deleted for the 2010-11 season. The offensive starting position rule was revised.

**7-1-5x (New)** – Rear-standing, double-knee kickback was added to the list of illegal holds/maneuvers.

**8-2-4** – Concussion rule revised.

### Editorial and Other Changes

1-3-1, 2; 3-1-10; 3-2-2a; 4-2-3, 4, 5; 4-3-1; 4-5-8; 5-1-3; 5-11-2i; 5-20-5; 5-21; 5-29-2, 3, 4; 6-4-4; 6-6-5b1; 6-7-1c6; 7-1-5g, u, v; 7-1-6; 7-2-1, 2, 4; 7-3-2; 7-5-1; 8-1-3; 8-2-2; 8-2-5; 8-2-6; 8-2-7; Penalty Chart – Note 1; 9-2-2a; 9-2-2m, n, o; Scoring Symbols; PHOTOS 6, 19, 26, 29, 30, 35, 38-40, 44, 54, 57, 62-63, 66, 70, 86 (New), 90-91, 99-100, 105 (New). ■

Perhaps as significant as the changes approved by the committee was one that was not. After much discussion, the committee voted against changing the wrestling weight classes and will stay with the 14 weight classes currently in place in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Three proposals were considered by the committee this year on changing the wrestling weight classes.

"The response from member state associations was divided equally between Option B and making no change," Pleimann said. "The committee, with no clear choice from the membership, did not believe it was appropriate to make a change in the weight classes just for the sake of change. However, the committee did request the NFHS to conduct another survey on wrestling weight classes during the 2010-11 season."

Three "Points of Emphasis" were issued by the committee for the 2010-11 high school wrestling season: Concussion Recognition and Management, Communicable Disease and Fleeing the Mat.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 267,378 participants in 10,254 schools during the 2008-09 season, according to the NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. In addition, 6,025 girls were involved in wrestling in 1,034 high schools. ■



# 2011-2012 Enrollments

Listed below you will find the enrollments that will be used for the 2011-12 school year for divisional placement. The numbers listed below are the September 17 enrollment counts that your school provided. If you find a discrepancy in the enrollment listed for your school, please let Joan Gralla know by November 1, 2010. No changes will be made after this date.

**Note: Schools that have no enrollment number listed did not submit information prior to printing deadline.**

Abbotsford . . . . .	207	Central Wisconsin Christian . . . . .	119	Granton . . . . .	59	Madison Edgewood . . . . .	650
Abundant Life Christian . . . . .	65	CEO Leadership Academy (Milw.) . . . . .	185	Grantsburg . . . . .	314	Madison La Follette . . . . .	1671
Adams-Friendship . . . . .	561	Chequamegon (Glidden-Park Falls) . . . . .	269	Green Bay East . . . . .	1310	Madison Memorial . . . . .	1849
Albany . . . . .	108	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser . . . . .	328	Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran . . . . .	134	Madison West . . . . .	
Algoma . . . . .	219	Chilton . . . . .	398	Green Bay Preble . . . . .	2211	Manawa . . . . .	240
Alma . . . . .	91	Chippewa Falls . . . . .	1460	Green Bay Southwest . . . . .	1283	Manitowoc Lincoln . . . . .	1651
Almond-Bancroft . . . . .	125	Clayton . . . . .	122	Green Bay West . . . . .	1011	Manitowoc Lutheran . . . . .	207
Altoona . . . . .	481	Clear Lake . . . . .	204	Green Lake . . . . .	102	Marathon . . . . .	251
Amery . . . . .	540	Clinton . . . . .	404	Greendale . . . . .	967	Marquette . . . . .	691
Amherst . . . . .	281	Clintonville . . . . .	477	Greenfield . . . . .	1288	Marion . . . . .	175
Antigo . . . . .	919	Cochrane-Fountain City . . . . .	182	Greenwood . . . . .	112	Markesan . . . . .	211
Appleton East . . . . .	1389	Colby . . . . .	291	Gresham Community . . . . .	78	Marquette University . . . . .	2134
Appleton North . . . . .	1481	Coleman . . . . .	210	Hamilton . . . . .	1360	Marshall . . . . .	373
Appleton West . . . . .	1249	Colfax . . . . .	242	Hartford Union . . . . .	1490	Marshfield . . . . .	1271
Aquinas . . . . .	350	Columbus . . . . .	387	Hayward . . . . .	597	Martin Luther . . . . .	316
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## Girls State Volleyball Tickets on Sale

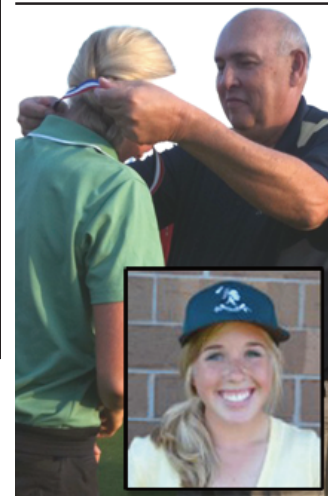
### School Volleyball Team Discount Available



For the first time, the WIAA Girls State Volleyball Tournament ticket pre-sales will offer a discount for school teams interested in attending the tournament at the Resch Center in Green Bay Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6.

High school and middle school volleyball programs are eligible for the ticket discount. Pre-purchased discounted tickets for "Team Night" on Thursday, Nov. 4, are \$5, and \$6 for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6. Regular price for each session is \$8.

School programs interested in the discounted tickets should complete and submit the School Order Form located in the volleyball section of WIAA School Center by Wednesday, Oct. 27. ■



**Sophomore Casey Danielson of Osceola receives her first-place medal from Board of Control member Roger Foegen of Bangor. Danielson won her second straight Division 2 title by shooting a 6-under par, 36-hole total of 138. The score shattered the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament record for lowest score by two strokes. ■**



## Sports Report "PLUS"

**Exemplary sportsmanship as submitted by licensed officials.**

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

### FOOTBALL

#### **St. Mary Central at Brillion Oct. 8, 2010**

I would like to let the WIAA and both schools know how much all the members of our crew appreciated the fine sportsmanship that was exhibited last night in a game between Brillion and St. Mary Central. Both teams treated each other and the officials with respect. The players helped each other off the ground and complimented their opponents for fine runs and catches. Both teams should be applauded for their behavior throughout the contest. They were polite, cordial, and in some cases quite funny. Coaches like these gentlemen teach athletes a lot more than football. They show young people how to treat others no matter the score of the game.

*Reporting Official: Gary Hagberg*

#### **Sturgeon Bay at Chilton Oct. 1, 2010**

We had the pleasure of working a football game between Chilton and Sturgeon Bay. We hear all the time about football being an extension of the classroom. These two teams are as fine an example as anyone will ever see of what high school football should be. Before the game we spoke with both head coaches, they actually seemed pleased to meet us. We saw players who were helping each other off the ground all night. They sincerely applauded when an injured opponent was helped off the field after an injury. We had players chase us as we left the field to shake hands and say thank you. When there was a foul the coach would ask what happened and for the number of the offender. He would then coach his athlete instead of arguing with us. We had just a couple of holding penalties, in both cases the player asked me to explain what he had done wrong. After they were told they replied with; "thank you, sir." These young people don't behave like this by mistake. They learn it by watching those they look up to, their coaches and parents. I hope both schools and communities are very proud of their football teams. They are learning a lot more than running and blocking from their football experience. They are learning how to treat people when they get into the real world.

On behalf of our crew; thank you for allowing us to be a small part of this game.

*Reporting Official: Gary Hagberg*

#### **St. Croix Falls at Grantsburg Oct. 1, 2010**

I would like to recognize both teams for good sportsmanship shown through the entire game. They helped each other up off the ground and clapped when a player that was injured got helped off the field. I would like to especially recognize #4 for Saint Croix Falls, as a captain of his team he showed why he is their leader on the field, he asked for clarification of a call and thanked the officials for the rule interpretation. Once again thanks for letting us be a part of a well played game.

*Reporting Official: Pat Plumer*

#### **New Holstein at Campbellsport Sept. 24, 2010**

The two teams played a hard-hitting football game but with sportsmanship shown by both teams throughout the entire contest. Both teams helped each other up off the ground all night after making hard hits. The game went into overtime and when the captain's came out for the coin toss, you could see the excitement in their faces after playing a full game to that point. I think if they had a choice, they would still be playing this game. There were no loser's in this game. Both

coaching staff's should be commended for the conduct and excitement shown by their player's during this game.

*Reporting Official: Bob Fletcher*

#### **Valders at Sturgeon Bay Sept. 17, 2010**

From the opening kick-off through the final whistle both teams played hard and within the rules. One other quality stood out--great sportsmanship. Whether it was helping an opponent up after a play or congratulating one and other after a good hit or run, it was there time after time. These two schools should be proud of the coaches and players who represent them. My entire crew would like to salute both teams and encourage them to keep up the good work.

*Reporting Official: Dave Zoch*

#### **Kewaskum at Campbellsport Sept. 17, 2010**

From the minute we arrived, the game management was outstanding in servicing us. The game was hard fought down to the end and the sportsmanship displayed by the players, coaching staffs and fans from both teams was amazing. It was a pleasure for my crew to work this game between two great schools. Keep up the great work.

*Reporting Official: Steve Breister*

#### **Menomonee Falls at Brookfield Central Sept. 10, 2010**

I officiated a great football game. It may have been the best game I have had at any level the past season or two. In a game that wasn't decided until the last two minutes, not once did we have any trash talking. I even saw a Brookfield Central player seek out one of his opponents after the game just to shake his hand. I was proud to have officiated such a great and well-played game. Both schools should be proud of the effort, and positive sportsmanship they displayed.

*Reporting Official: Tom Turckes*

#### **Arrowhead at Mukwonago Sept. 10, 2010**

Both teams exhibited great sportsmanship throughout the entire game. We had players all night helping each other up and we didn't have to separate players once all night. Considering this is one of the most heated rivalries in the state that is saying a lot about the players, coaches and athletic departments. I have the utmost respect for both programs.

*Reporting Official: Ron Quirk*

#### **Darlington at Fennimore Sept. 10, 2010**

Everything about the Darlington vs. Fennimore game was excellent from the level of play to the professionalism of the coaches and their respective staffs. The fans were great role models and all the student-athletes cheered with positive enthusiasm for their teams. Our crew was extremely impressed with all the positive things that came out of this football game. Kudos to the coaches, athletes, fans and administration from both schools for the job well done in regards to teaching sportsmanship.

*Reporting Official: Brian Kenney*

#### **Royall at Necedah Sept. 10, 2010**

I would like to recognize coach Rick Steffen and his coaching staff from Royall High School. Even though his team was behind by three scores, Coach Steffen and his entire staff maintained a positive attitude with their athletes and continued teaching the game to the very end. Never did I hear any of the coaches on my sideline

scold or chastise a student athlete. Instead they used every opportunity to teach in a very positive fashion. It was apparent from listening and watching the sideline huddles Rick has earned respect from his players.

*Reporting Official: Mark Hamburg*

#### **Oconto at Southern Door Sept. 10, 2010**

Upon arriving at Southern Door High School, we were greeted as we left our vehicle and escorted to the locker room. Everything was discussed about how the pre-game on field activities would be conducted from testing the microphone the referee would wear to information on the band, announcements and the singing of the National Anthem. Both teams on the field were extremely sportsmanlike in their conduct. Both teams would lend a hand to help any player up. Both teams were noted in letting their opponent know when they would make a good tackle, good block or made good catches or runs. The coaches were very adamant about the performance of their team, but did not try to undermine the efforts of their opponents performance. I would like to commend the coaches for their actions on the field and their preparation of the student-athletes. Outstanding choices of captains in their leadership qualities as well. Southern Door High School should also receive recognition for their efforts in the treatment of myself and my fellow officials. It was a pleasure to officiate this athletic contest between two fantastic schools.

*Reporting Official: Jim Kostura*

#### **Colby at Phillips Sept. 3, 2010**

Congratulations needs to be extended to the Colby football program and their head coach Jeff Rosemeyer. Not only is the team well coached, our crew felt that the coaching staff and players are outstanding educators and athletes. Our crew feels the Colby program is one of the most professional that we have experienced over the two decades of officiating for a few of us. The players were respectful and listened well to officials. They asked good questions and accepted the answers in a courteous manner. Also, the coaches did an outstanding job of motivating players with great enthusiasm and were enjoyable to speak with prior to the game and during the game. They accepted the reasons for calls and were grateful to the linesman on their side of the field. Overall, the game was a great one to officiate. The two teams displayed great sportsmanship, in fact we wrote a sportsmanship letter on behalf of Phillips Scott Jacquart's program last year. Players on both teams helped each other up consistently and provided positive words to each other during the contest. This only happens when fine sportsmanship is taught and modeled. Our officiating crew is very proud of Colby and Phillips. We are honored that we could officiate a football game of two high schools that teach teamwork, commitment and the spirit of competition.

*Reporting Official: Shawn Umland*

#### **Cumberland at Grantsburg Sept. 3, 2010**

I would like to recognize both teams for their excellent display of sportsmanship throughout the entire game. They helped each other up off the field after a play, and players talked to opposing players during the game and acknowledged when a good play was made. The coaches did an outstanding job of controlling the sidelines and had nothing but positive comments for their players and to the officiating crew.

*Reporting Official: Pat Plumer*

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# WADA INSIGHTS



FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## 3 Featured Speakers to Headline WADA Workshop

'Athletic Administration: Whatever it Takes' is 2010 theme for state convention of athletic directors in Wisconsin Dells

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

Three individuals each will be a keynote speaker at different sessions for the statewide convention of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) in November.

The trio will speak when the 44th annual WADA Workshop takes place in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center on Nov. 6-7-8-9.

Bruce Brown is the keynote speaker for the Opening Session on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7. Barry Alvarez is the keynote speaker on the morning of Monday, Nov. 8, for the 2nd General Session. Dr. Stuart Robertshaw is the keynote speaker on Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, for the 3rd General Session.

### Bruce Brown

Brown, of Proactive Coaching, LLC, will address the Workshop attendees with the topic of "The Impact of Trust." A nationally known presenter to over 60,000 people since 2002, Brown was a teacher and coach, and has 11 written books and produced 12 instructional and character based DVD's and videos.



Bruce Brown

### Barry Alvarez

Alvarez is beginning his 7th year as Director of Athletics at the University of Wisconsin and fourth without the additional title of head football coach. He started as the Badgers' football coach in 1990, for two years held the joint role as coach and AD, and retired from coaching at the conclusion of the 2005 season in order to concentrate solely on running the UW's Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.



Barry Alvarez

He has made a lasting impression on the UW-Madison sports scene. His turnaround of the once-moribund Badger football program helped allow the school's entire athletic department to blossom into one of the nation's finest and most respected organizations in college sports. His topic is "Building a Strong Team with Sound Leadership."

### Dr. Stuart Robertshaw

Known as Dr. Humor, Robertshaw is Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and an attorney. He formed the National Association for the Humor Impaired, and has received national attention in newspapers and on radio stations plus he has been featured in magazines. He will share what he has learned about the psychological and physiological benefits of humor and laughter with his topic of "The Healing Power of Humor."



Dr. Stuart Robertshaw

### Workshop Info

The theme for the 2010 gathering of athletic directors from all across Wisconsin is "Athletic Administration: Whatever it Takes." Typically, about 400 athletic administrators from high schools and middle schools across Wisconsin attend. Vendors from about 80 businesses in Wisconsin and neighboring states will also be on hand.

Attendees and vendors can find more information regarding the 2010 Workshop via the WADA Web site. Additional info will be posted on that web site throughout this month and into early November, as the WADA Executive Board finalizes its year-long plans regarding the annual event. Events on Saturday, Nov. 6, are for the WADA Executive Board and WADA Past Presidents.

Two individuals will vie for the position of Vice President, which will be selected during the WADA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The candidates are Kathy Bates, CMAA of Xavier and District 4 Rep, and, Bryan Yager, CAA of Reedsburg Area High School and District 3 Rep. Their bio will be posted on the WADA Web site.

More details and a complete schedule for the WADA Workshop will be available on the WADA Web site at [www.wadawi.org](http://www.wadawi.org).

Individuals who have not yet registered for the Workshop may still do so via the Registration form on the WADA Web site.

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

## Coaches Education Information

Joan Gralla



If you have coaches that are not licensed to teach (CNLT) in the state of Wisconsin, it is a WIAA requirement that they complete the required coaches education training before they can begin to coach their second year.

### The following do not have to take this required training:

A student teacher while student teaching.  
An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

Anyone that has coached in an educational institution for five or more years (prior to the 1994-95 school) with or without a current teaching license.

### The following must take an approved course before they can coach a second year:

Anyone that does not fit one of the above

listed categories.

Anyone that does not have a current license to teach in Wisconsin.

### The following conditions do not exempt a person from the requirement:

Holding a license that has expired.

Being a volunteer

Being unpaid

Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

Having been a student teacher, but is not longer officially in that capacity.

Being a nonvarsity coach

Being an assistant coach.

CNLT's can meet the WIAA coaches education requirement by taking either the American Sports Education Program (ASEP) Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles courses or the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Funda-

mentals of Coaching and First Aid for Coaches courses.

Both the ASEP and NFHS courses are offered online and can be accessed from the WIAA homepage.

Periodically there are instructor-led ASEP courses offered which are listed in the Bulletin and on the WIAA Web site. There are no NFHS instructor-led courses offered in Wisconsin.

The cost of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching is \$35 and the First Aid for Coaches is \$45. The cost of the ASEP Coaching Principles is \$60 and Sport First is \$50.

If you have any questions about the coaching course offerings or about the WIAA coaches education requirements, please contact Joan Gralla at the WIAA office 715-344-8580 or [jgralla@wiaawi.org](mailto:jgralla@wiaawi.org). ■

# Early Football Start Date Stirs Debate

The membership's plan to begin the football season five days earlier in 2011 and subsequent interest regarding the topic created a wealth of discussion at the Area Meetings this fall.

In June, the Board of Control voted to move the official start date of the football season to the Wednesday of week five, five days prior to the traditional Monday start in week 6. The decision came after reviewing a membership survey conducted by the Executive Staff last spring, which indicated support for beginning the season earlier. The Board recently reaffirmed the decision to start the season five days early in 2011 with an absence of any other viable options.

The other options listed on the membership survey were to remain at the current start date and reduce the regular-season schedule to eight games, extend the football playoffs one week or reduce the playoff field to 112 teams. An all-inclusive tournament was discussed but had not receive enough interest by the Executive Staff or the football coaches be listed on the survey. The survey findings revealed:

Plan	Votes	Pct. of Vote*
Starting the season early	154	46%
Eliminate one week of the regular season	103	31%
End the State Championships one week later	47	14%
Reduction of playoff field to 112	31	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>- - -</b>

\*71% of schools sponsoring football participated in the survey

A plan to restructure the football season and playoffs with a district plan was introduced in 2009 but was not implemented because of concerns it would create excessive travel and its impact school budgets.

The idea of the district plan was created to address a pair of concerns with the current football playoff structure. The playoff structure is said to drive conference realignment requests based on competitive balance and enrollment disparities. In addition, the district plan would have alleviated the scenario whereby teams are playing three games over a 10-day period.

Following the defeat of the district football proposal, the Board re-emphasized the need to develop plans to reduce the exposure to student-athletes at the end of the season.

The option to end the season one week later received the least amount of support. First, it places the championships on the week of Thanksgiving, which would require moving the games to Friday and Saturday. This would create a conflict with Camp Randall Stadium in years the Badgers have a scheduled home game, requiring an alternate site for the championship finals. In addition, the shift a week later would place Level 4 games and the finals on weekends of the state's popular deer hunting season. Concerns for loss of attendance and revenue, as well as the increased chances of inclement weather created a lack of support for the option.

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### FOOTBALL (CONTINUED)

**St. Mary Central at Brillion**  
**Neenah at Oshkosh North**  
**Sept. 3, 2010**

I was the referee for the Oshkosh North vs. Neenah varsity football game. I just want to commend both head coaches and their staffs for good sportsmanship and keeping their sidelines clear. Both of my wing officials said after the game that the sidelines on both sides were better than normal. I assure you that this does not happen every week. Oshkosh North Athletic Director Craig Lieder was also there for all of our needs. Our linesman was hurt during the fourth quarter, and he was attended to by the trainer and a doctor. We thank them for that.

Reporting Official: Gary Reinke

### SOCCER

**D.C. Everest at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln**  
**Sept. 9, 2010**

I wanted to compliment both schools on their sportsmanship during an intense game recently that was played for first place in the conference between D.C. Everest and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln. We had multiple times where fouls occurred and the opponent committing the foul helps the player from the other team up and apologized. The game was played well and both coaches and players put a lot in the game. The coaches and players showed respect to the game, to us as officials and each other. This is why I love officiating high school soccer. I look forward to

more games like this.

Reporting Official: Rob Wiese

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Brown Deer Invitational**  
**Sept. 25, 2010**

This was a nicely organized tournament. The officials were treated well by game management from the get go. We were fed, which impresses officials. The coaches, players and fans were superb. They were no nasty comments at all. We were impressed at how well the coaches kept working with their players not going goofy like some I have seen. They encouraged them not discouraged. The players were very much fun to be around. I have nothing but admiration towards people who make your day memorable.

Reporting Official: Jerry Bridgewater



The option to start the season early was advanced with the interest in maintaining a nine week regular-season schedule with the option for schools not qualifying for the playoffs to schedule a 10th game. In recent economic times and tightening school budgets, if the schedule was reduced to eight games, there is sufficient skepticism that a ninth game would ever be reinstated.

Support for the option to eliminate one regular-season game did not focus on the loss of revenue or competitive opportunities but on the desire not to cut into the summertime. Proponents of the eight-game season maintain the current start date is the appropriate time to start fall school activities, and beginning practice earlier will result in a decrease in participation, coaches and attendance at games scheduled before classes begin.

However, the calendar projections indicate 2012 will be the earliest start date and is the only year that member schools may potentially have three games before the legislative Sept. 1 school start date.

### Football Start Dates

Year	1st Day	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game
2011	Aug. 3	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2
2012	Aug. 1	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31
2013	Aug. 7	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 6
2014	Aug. 6	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5
2015	Aug. 5	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
2016	Aug. 3	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2

Recent review of the Board-approved early start in 2011 came on the heels of a Wisconsin Football Coaches Association survey of its membership indicating 94 percent of those responding to the survey were opposed to the early start.

Last spring, when the WIAA requested input from the WFCA, the organization expressed it would not take an official position. Indications were that the coaches were split or were not supportive of any of the options, maintaining support for the status quo. The WFCA's response was to refer to the results of the survey of the WIAA membership that required signatures from coaches, athletic directors, principals and superintendents.

The coaches' survey revealed an interest in an eight-game season with a mandatory ninth game and an optional 10th game for schools not qualifying for the WIAA Playoffs. The required ninth game is not supported by the Executive Staff, whose efforts will be directed to administering the playoffs, or by many on the Advisory Council or the Board reviewing the plan.

At the most recent Board of Control meeting, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards liaison to the committee indicated a proposal may be introduced to that group's assembly to support an Aug. 15 start date for all school activities, which would cut the football season two weeks. ■

## Middle Level; Dual Participation Requires Thoughtful Dialog

The benefits for the 506 senior high schools in the membership can easily be identified by the opportunity to participate in post-season tournaments, promote uniformity in standards for interscholastic athletics, and organize and direct athletics that are educationally based.

There are a significant number of other benefits for belonging to the longest-running state association in the country, but these are arguably the most recognized among members and nonmembers alike.

Membership in the Association is also offered to middle schools and junior high schools throughout the state; however, those choosing to go the membership route has lagged far behind the senior highs. In fact, there are only 89 middle level members. It is a fraction of the senior high membership, especially considering there are many more middle schools than high schools.

Middle level members have expressed the reasons they join the membership are for the rules, regulations and structure. Interestingly, the reasons offered by middle schools representatives choosing not to become members are the rules, regulations and structure—they are too restrictive.

When the topic came up at the recent Area Meetings, more than one senior high member indicated they did not join the membership at the middle level to save the membership fees. They prescribe to the membership's middle level rules but have opted not to officially join the Association.

Within the last two weeks, the executive office received a call from a concerned parent whose eighth-grade daughter was forced to remove a stud earring before a cross country race after she was informed jewelry is prohibited in competition by WIAA rules. After explaining the regulation is a National Federation competition rule, it was shared the competition was between two middle schools that were not even members of the WIAA and not bound by its rules.

Almost an entire conference chose not to renew its middle level membership this year because of the restrictions prohibiting dual participation during the designated sports seasons. Membership rules do not permit nonschool competition in the same sport during the school season. A request was made to review the membership's dual competition rules at the middle level. Some communities and school districts have expressed an interest in allowing members of the school team to also compete on nonschool teams during the same school season, speculating revisions might enhance interest in joining at the middle level. Otherwise, districts are simply choosing not to become members in favor of unlimited opportunities to compete offered by non-school providers.

Thus, a conundrum exists. How to increase the membership at the middle level and maintain its purpose of providing uniform standards for educationally based activities? It has been a topic of discussion annually at Middle Level Advisory Council meetings. On separate occasions during the Area Meeting discussions this fall, members questioned the relevance of middle level membership.

It wasn't too long ago at the open forum of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association Workshop that middle level tournaments sponsored by the WIAA was suggested as a means to increase membership. Despite the uneasy reaction of those in attendance and the relatively little interest when the subject was broached recently, those events may stimulate interest in membership.

While middle level tournaments may attract greater interest, it may also create a philosophical contradiction and a para-

digm shift. It's hard to imagine any type of tournament leading to a champion doesn't perpetuate a more competitive-based environment. Current middle level philosophy embraces participation for all interested students and not participation based on ability.

Therefore, does dual participation fit with this philosophy? Is it time for a change in middle level philosophy? In addition, would such an allowance at the middle level begin to erode the future of the rule at the senior high level?

Other suggestions from the membership to increase middle level participation included requiring entire districts to be members through a conscriptive-type membership. If the senior high school is a member, the middle level schools in the district or system must also be a member.

Increasing middle level membership has proven to be a difficult proposition without providing additional incentives or mandating all schools in a district or system to join if they desire membership at the senior high level. These concerns and potential solutions require more rigorous deliberations if the middle level membership is to remain a viable option. ■



### Keep These Dates in Mind

October 19, 21-22-23	Girls Volleyball Regionals
October 21	Latest Day for Last Football Game (Playoff Teams)
October 21 & 23	Boys Soccer Sectionals
October 22-23	Cross Country Sectionals
	State Girls Team Tennis Tournament (Madison)
October 26	Level 1 Football
October 27	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Golf (Stevens Point)
October 28 & 30	Girls Volleyball Sectionals
October 28-29-30	State Boys Soccer Tournament (Milwaukee)
October 29	Boys Volleyball Regionals
October 30	State Cross Country Meet (Wisconsin Rapids)
	Level 2 Football
November 2 & 4	Boys Volleyball Sectionals
November 4-5-6	State Girls Volleyball Tournament (Green Bay)
November 5	Girls Diving Sectionals
November 5-6	Level 3 Football
November 6	Girls Swimming Sectionals
November 8	Earliest Day for Gymnastics Practice
	Earliest Day for Hockey Practice
November 12-13	State Boys Volleyball (Milwaukee)
	State Girls Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
	Level 4 Football
November 10	Coaches Advisory Meetings – Cross Country (Stevens Point)
November 15	Earliest Day for Boys Basketball Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Swimming & Diving Practice
	Earliest Day for Wrestling Practice
November 16	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Volleyball (Stevens Point)
November 17	Earliest Day for Girls Basketball Practice
	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Soccer & Tennis (Stevens Point)
November 18-19	Football Playoff Championship Games (Madison)
November 19	Earliest Day for First Hockey Game
November 23	Coaches Advisory Meeting – Swimming & Diving (Stevens Point)
	Earliest Day for First Boys Basketball Game
	Earliest Day for First Boys Swimming & Diving Meet
November 25	Earliest Day for First Girls Basketball Game
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Earliest Day for First Wrestling Meet
December 1	Officials Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 2	Earliest Day for First Gymnastics Meet
December 3	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 7	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Football (Stevens Point)
December 8	Medical Advisory Committee Meeting (Stevens Point)
December 25	Christmas Day





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## Test Dates

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

Listed below are the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 dates for ACT.

### ACT - 2010-2011

#### Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
Dec. 11, 2010	Nov. 5, 2010	Nov. 6-19, 2010
Feb. 12, 2011**	Jan. 7, 2011	Jan. 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

### ACT - 2011-2012

September 10, 2011*	February 11, 2012**
October 22, 2011	April 14, 2012
December 10, 2011	June 9, 2012

\* The September 2010 test date is offered only within the 50 United States and D.C.

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

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