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Board Approves Five-Division Basketball Model; Earlier Football Start Date

Approval Given To Football-Only Conference Realignment

GREEN LAKE, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control ratified several membership recommendations that will impact the future of interscholastic athletics in the state and approved football-only conference realignment plans at its annual summer meeting last week.

Beginning in 2010-11, the WIAA Tournament Series will have a fifth division in basketball. The Board unanimously approved the plan that advances four teams to the State Tournament in each division and five championship games on the final day of the boys and girls tournaments. The plan also provides Division 1 with a "super sectional" the Tuesday the week of the State Tournament.

The change will create greater enrollment balance within divisions. Division 1 will comprise of schools with enrollments above 1,200. Division 2 will include schools with enrollments between 600-1,200. Schools with enrollments between 200-600 will be split in half between Divisions 3 and 4, with the largest enrollments in that range in Division 3 and the smaller enrollments in Division 4. Division 5 will include schools with enrollments below 200.

In other basketball action, the Board approved a change to the regional and sectional schedules for 2011. Regionals will be played

on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and sectionals will be played on Thursday and Saturday. It also supported the recommendation to seed the half bracket of up to 16 teams in each Division 2, 3 and 4 sectional if 75 percent of the schools in a given half bracket consent. If not, the bracket will be split into regional groupings with a maximum of eight as is the current model.

A directive from the Board to eliminate three football games in 10 days at the end of the season will result in beginning the season earlier. The Board approved the option to begin the season on the Wednesday of week five, five days earlier than the traditional start date. A membership survey indicated starting the season early was the most preferred option. Other options included eliminating one game of the regular season, conducting the State Championship Playoffs one week later or reducing the playoff field to 112.

In wrestling, the Board approved the Seven Percent Committee's recommendation to add language that clarifies procedures to establish minimum weight and qualifying for the growth allowance. In addition, the committee's recommendation that no day be counted twice when calculating appropriate weight loss when a wrestler drops to a lower weight class was approved. The Board also

passed a recommendation that all digital scales used in official weigh-ins must measure in increments of two-tenths or less by 2011.

Changes in hockey include a three game suspension for players assessed a disqualification penalty for fighting and altering the start times of games on Thursday and Friday of the State Tournament. The first session each day will begin at noon, and the evening sessions will start at 6 p.m. The times are one hour later than prior start times. In addition, the Hockey Coaches Advisory Committee will add an additional girls hockey representative.

All three of the Medical Advisory Committee's recommendations were supported by the Board. The first indicates the WIAA will use the Preparation Physical Form with a clearance page specific to state requirements. The second eliminates the printing of the green physical cards. The cards will be available for downloading on the WIAA Website. The third requires all foreign students to have a physical conducted in the United States prior to being allowed to practice or compete beginning this fall.

After considering an appeal to the initial approval of combining the Wisconsin Valley Conference and Fox Valley Association for football only, the Board voted 7-3 to give

final approval of the plan that forms one, 16-team league containing two separate eight-team divisions, which are to be determined by the schools of the newly formed football conference for the 2011 season.

The second football-only conference realignment plan also received final approval by the Board. It affects the members of the CloverWood, Dairyland, Great Northern and Marawood conferences with implementation in 2011. The plan moves McDonell Central from the Marawood to the CloverWood, Augusta from the CloverWood to the Dairyland and Tomahawk from the Great Northern to the Marawood.

The Great Northern Conference released Northland Pines and Tomahawk from its football schedule effective in 2010, making it a five-team league this fall. In 2011, Merrill and Ashland are both scheduled to become members of the Great Northern Conference for football only. Until then, Merrill will compete in the Wisconsin Valley Conference with all sports beginning this fall, and Ashland will play an independent football schedule in 2010.

The Board received a report on the status of renovations at University Ridge to repair the course's greens. The State Girls Golf Championships will need an alternate location in 2011. +

Sportsmanship Summit Offered for Member Schools in September

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association in cooperation with Rural Insurance will conduct its fifth Sportsmanship Summit Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wis.

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

Each school team will consist of six-member teams to include student-athletes, coaches, administrators or members of the community from WIAA membership schools. The Summit is scheduled to begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. with the first session to begin at 9 a.m. The cost of the event is \$125 per team, which includes Summit materials and lunch.

The Summit will feature two keynote addresses and three time slots for five different break-out sessions, which focus on the ideals of sportsmanship/citizenship. The morning keynote address will be presented by Jack Renken of Positive Sports Parenting. The afternoon keynote address will be presented by Larry Hisle, former Milwaukee Brewer all-star and current Manager of Youth Outreach with the organization.

Participants will also attend three morning break-out sessions. The subjects for the five break-out presentations available during the three time slots are "The Coach & Participant Roles in Sportsmanship" by Bill Collar; "Sportsmanship – The Officials Perspective" by David Kelliher; "Hands On Sportsmanship" by Andy Frushour; "Sportsmanship: The WIAA Way" by Tom Shafranski and Marcy Thurwachter; and "Sportsmanship Discussion Roundtable" moderated by Karl Morrin and Scott Swenty.

Registration is open to all member schools. Promotional information, complete with registration form, will be emailed to member schools' athletic directors and principals in August. For more information on the WIAA/Rural Insurance Sportsmanship Summit, please contact the WIAA office. +

Directory Information Deadline

The WIAA staff is currently working on the 2010-11 Membership Directory and is asking your cooperation in receiving information for the publication. Directory information emails were sent to schools on May 14, 2010, with a deadline to be returned by May 28, 2010. If you have not yet returned your directory information updates, please do so immediately.

Please access the on-line high school directory on the WIAA Web site by clicking on the link on the home page **WIAA Member School Directory** and access your school's page from the alphabetical listing. Please review and return any changes to the information listed on your school's entry via email to our office at: kgrulkowski@wiaa.org

We are aware that a number of vacant/updated staff and/or administrative positions may exist at this time. However, in order to complete and distribute the directory as soon as possible in the fall, we need this information. Please list vacancies with "TBA."

Please submit via email, fax or mail updates as the vacancies arise or are filled during the course of the year. The on-line high school directory will be updated throughout the year.

The following schools have yet to contact the WIAA with updates as of July 14.

Arcadia, Ashland, Beloit Memorial, CEO Leadership Academy, Columbus Catholic, Eau Claire North, Ethan Allen, Fall River, Gilmanton, Hortonville, Ithaca, Lake Country Lutheran, Living Word Lutheran, Madison Country Day, Manitowoc Lutheran, Markesan, Milwaukee Custer, Milwaukee Northwest, Milwaukee Riverside University, Milwaukee School of Languages, Milwaukee Washington, Milwaukee Wis. Cons. of Lifelong Learning, Monticello, Oakfield, Pepin, Phillips, Prairie Farm, Providence Academy, Rice Lake, Saint Joan Antida, Saint John's NW Military Academy, Shiocton, Union Grove, White Lake, Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Young Coggs Preparatory. +

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2010 Summer Baseball

SECTIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, July 23

| | 1st game | 2nd game | Championship |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Cedarburg | 10:30 a.m. | 1:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
| Germantown | 11 a.m. | 1:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
| Muskego | 11 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 5 p.m. |
| New Berlin | 11 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 5 p.m. |
| New Holstein | 10 a.m. | 1 p.m. | 4 p.m. |
| Random Lake | 11 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 5 p.m. |
| South Milwaukee | 10:30 a.m. | 1:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
| Whitehall | 1 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. | 7 p.m. |

2010 Summer Baseball State Tournament Time Schedule

Stevens Point – Bukolt Park

Quarterfinals (Upper Bracket) – Wednesday, July 28 – 10:05 a.m.

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

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

Quarterfinals (Lower Bracket) – Wednesday, July 28 – 3:35 p.m.

Game 3 – Sectional #7 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Game 4 – Sectional #5 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Semifinals – Thursday, July 29 – 10:05 a.m.

Game 5 – Wednesday afternoon winners

Game 6 – Wednesday evening winners

Thursday, July 29 – 3:35 p.m.

Championship Final

Baseball Questions & Answers

Q.: May 8 Bulletin – Page 12, column 2, 1st question down. "Fielder catches soft pop fly in foul territory" – I disagree with your ruling. It should be a catch and an out. Rule 2-6-1 "A batted ball is in flight until it has touched the ground or some object other than a fielder." Thus, the ball clutched between the knees is still in flight when F1 secures the ball in his hand. Rule 2-9-1 "A catch is the act of a fielder in getting secure possession in his hand or glove of a live ball in flight and firmly holding it."

A.: **Wanted you to know I continued to pursue the ‘right answer’ to the Q/A you brought to my attention.**

You were right; I am grateful for your correction. Elliott Hopkins is the baseball rep & rules person for the National Federation: “I know it sounds crazy but your guy says F5 grabs the ball in the air and then tumbles. If he had just pinned the ball between his legs you would have a foul ball. Please refer to Case Book 2.9.1 Situation B on page 19 of the 09 Case Book. That will provide some clarity. Like I said, it looks and feels really ugly

but it is considered a catch. If an outfielder stretches out for a fly ball, catches it, falls on the ground and the ball pops up on his chest and another outfielder picks the ball up from his teammates chest you have an out. Ugly but legal.”

Q.: A coach clearly out of the coaches box gets hit with the ball after a bad throw on a pickoff attempt by the pitcher. Is there any penalty assessed with the coach out of the box or use the ruling of unintentional contact ball still live?

A.: **Unless the coach is in fair territory, or he intentionally interfered with the throw, you have nothing. Rule 3-2-3**

Q.: Bases loaded, pitcher is pitching from the wind-up. Runner from 3rd breaks for the plate trying to steal home. 1) pitcher steps off properly and throws to the plate; 2) pitcher does not wind-up and just throws the ball to the plate. Are any of these Balks?

A.: **1) - No problem. 2) - Sounds to me, not seeing it, a quick pitch, with runners on base, should be ruled a balk. With no runners it's an illegal pitch. Rule Book 6-2-4c/Case Book 6.2.4 Comment B.+**

BULLETIN Subscription Renewal Notice!

The BULLETIN has a circulation of over 20,000 for each of its 4 issues. School people and officials receive the BULLETIN as part of their sports assessment or licensed fee. But we do have several hundred readers who receive the BULLETIN via the \$10.00 subscription rate. If you are one of those readers, please use the renewal form below to remain on our mailing list when we resume our publication schedule in the fall. If you do not currently receive the BULLETIN and would like to subscribe, please follow the same procedure. Simply clip and mail the renewal form along with the \$10.00 subscription fee to the following address:

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2010-11 Middle Level Council Openings

Openings on the WIAA Middle Level Advisory Council exist in the following positions for the 2010-11 school year. District 1 representative, District 3 representative, District 4 representative, Non-Public School At-Large representative and Ethnic At-Large representative.

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

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

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

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

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

2011 Football Season Move up Calendar 4 Days

| 2011 | 2012 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| August | August 2012 |
| 3 Equipment/Practice Begins | 1 Equipment/Practice Begins |
| 13 Scrimmage | 11 Scrimmage |
| 19 First Game | 17 First Game |
| September | September 2012 |
| 1 First Day of School | 4 First day of School |
| October | October 2012 |
| 14 Week 9 game | 12 Week 9 game |
| 21/22 Level 1 game | 19/20 Level 1 game |
| 28/29 Level 2 game | 26/27 Level 2 game |
| November | November 2012 |
| 4/5 Level 3 game | 2/3 Level 3 game |
| 11/12 Level 4 game | 9/10 Level 4 game |
| 17/18 State Championship | 15/16 State Championship |
| 19 Deer Hunt Begins | 17 Deer Hunt Begins |
| 24 Thanksgiving | 22 Thanksgiving |

White Soccer Jersey Required Effective in 2012

Beginning with the 2012 fall soccer season, the home team will be required to wear **solid WHITE** jerseys and socks and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. This is according to a recent newsletter we received from the National Federation with the rule changes for next year. The only area of the jersey in which you may have color is the number, school name, or manufacturer logo. No colored trim.

The requirement for white jerseys is a change from the existing rule that allows a team to wear "light" jerseys at home. This will be a requirement for varsity teams only. Any light jerseys currently being used at the varsity level could be used for subvarsity teams.

This requirement is very similar to the change that was made in the sport of basketball in 2008. In addition, beginning with the 2012 fall season, the goalkeeper jersey will be required to have a number on the back and on the front of the jersey or short similar to a field player's jersey. The number on the back must be a minimum of 6" in height and the front number 4" in height.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, only those names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are permitted on the team uniform. This rule addition prohibits players from wearing any names, patches, emblems, or insignias that represent any soccer club, soccer association or sponsor(s) on their uniform. This rule clarifies that only names, patches, emblems or insignias that represent their school are permitted. +



OFFICIALS



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 |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Football | August 13, 2010 |
| Soccer | August 13, 2010 |
| Swimming & Diving | August 13, 2010 |
| Volleyball | August 13, 2010 |
| 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 |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Soccer | August 16, 2010 | September 10, 2010 |
| Football | August 24, 2010 | September 17, 2010 |
| 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 Mechanics | November 29, 2010 | December 17, 2010 |

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. +

Officials Meetings

STATELINE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Date: August 15, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.
Site: Evansville County Club
Contact: Mike Pfeil mspfeil@charter.net +

Congratulations State Spring Tournament Officials – 2010

SPRING BASEBALL

Steve Atkinson, Highland; Ronald Brinkman, Appleton; Paul Feldhausen, Muskego; Toby Formiller, Neenah; Derek Freeman, Nekoosa; Eric Harmon, Baldwin; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Peter Jaskulski, Franklin; Kevin Johnson, Iola; Jason Kelley, Madison; Dale Nehls, Fond du Lac; Dennis Semph, Sheboygan Falls

BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAMS TENNIS

Meet Referee - Joyce Tessiatore
Umpires - Deb Clausen, DeForest; Ryan Denu, Madison; Matt Fehlhaber, West Bend; Keith Galipo, Milwaukee; Peggy Houk, Shawano; John Knox, Madison; Sue Kubichek, West Bend; Jon Nicoud, Fond du Lac; Gary Schlei, Hartland; Nancy Schlei, Hartland; Tom Seitz, Brookfield; Sharon Terry, Janesville; Joyce Tessiatore, Arbor Vitae; Mark VanderZanden, Appleton; Jim Yoshida, Madison

GIRLS SOCCER

Zivko Bockarovski, Racine; Barrett Britt, Delavan; Paul Cisler, Appleton; Mark Herdeman, West Bend; Steve Houlihan, Waukesha; J. Jeff Jende, De Pere; Lee Jones, Fitchburg; Andy Lauters, West Bend; Brad Merkel, Eau Claire; Josh Puls, Oshkosh; John Snedden, Eagle River; Peter Van Houwelingen, Neenah; Mike Walsh, Plymouth

SOFTBALL

Louis Eisenman, Schofield; Rick Gloe, De Pere; David Gove, Waupun; Brian Ingli, Arkansaw; Todd Jahns, Cedarburg; Larry Olson, Columbus; Kerry Storbakken, Janesville; Roger Van Lanen, Green Bay; Ed Vodvarka, Oak Creek

TRACK & FIELD

Meet Referee - David Weidemann, Winneconne; **Referee-Field Events** - Kirby Symes, River Falls; **Asst. Referee-Field Events** - Richard Lambrecht, Janesville; **Asst. Referee-Track Events** - John Tenges, West Bend +

2010-11 Fall Sports Meetings

At High School Identified (Unless Otherwise Specified)
All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

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

FOOTBALL

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| August 10, Tuesday | Kenosha Tremper, Madison La Follette, Oconto Falls, Regis (Eau Claire) |
| August 11, Wednesday | Holmen, Lakeland, Platteville, Two Rivers |
| August 16, Monday | D.C. Everest, Hayward, Waupun |
| August 17, Tuesday | Janesville Craig, Menomonee Falls, Nekoosa |
| August 18, Wednesday | Baraboo, Fox Valley Lutheran, Hudson, Muskego |

BOYS SOCCER

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.

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.

GIRLS TENNIS

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

VOLLEYBALL

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. +

Approved Officials Clinics/Camps

NOTE: Clinic participation does NOT exempt official from sport meeting requirements. ALL criteria for an advanced classification must be met. See Page 3 of the Guide for Officials (Officials Center) for details regarding classification advancement requirements.

UP NORTH OFFICIALS ASSN. 3-PERSON BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Dates: July 30-31, 2010
Site: Northland Pines High School
Contact: Dan Meyer hoops131@verizon.net or 715-356-2430

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: July 30-31, 2010
Site: Watertown High School
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 20-21, 2010
Site: Appleton (site TBA)
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLINIC

Dates: August 13-14, 2010
Site: Monona Grove High School
Contact: Jack Albrechtson jackla01@gmail.com or 608-231-2227

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Dates: August 18 & 24, 2010
Site: West Allis Hale High School on Aug. 18 and Milwaukee Lutheran High School on Aug. 24
Contact: James Hochevar jhoch13@hotmail.com

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

Date: August 21, 2010
Site: Reedsburg High School
Contact: Thomas Maenpaa tmaenpaa@ft.newyorklife.com or 608-768-8853

QUAD COUNTIES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Date: August 21, 2010
Site: Lancaster High School
Contact: Jerry Schewe schewe@centurytel.net 608-348-7919

BAY-SHORE-VALLEY SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Date: August 25, 2010
Site: Ashwaubenon High School
Contact: Chuck Heidner murphyheidner@aol.com 920-469-6923 +

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. 2, 2010 - Varsity/JV team for invitational. Oconomowoc - Mike Teofilo mike.teofilo@oasd.k12.wi.us. (6-16)

Sept. 16, 2010 - Teams for co-ed varsity/JV invitational. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12wi.us. (6-22)

Oct. 2, 2010 - Teams for invitational. Lake Country Lutheran (Hartland) - Janet Bahr 262-367-8600 ext. 303 or jbahr@lakecountyh.s.org. (6-28)

Oct. 9, 2010 - Teams for invitational (at the new Chula Vista Resort course). Wisconsin Dells - Chris Lechnir 608-253-1461 ext.1005 or clechnir@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

Football

DATE SPECIFIC

Sept. 20, 2010 - JV game. Lakeside Lutheran - Paul Bauer 920-648-2321 ext. 216 or pbauer@llhs.org. (6-14)

GENERAL

2011 (Week 4) - Game. Luther (Onalaska) - Joel Babinec 608-783-5435 ext. 359 or babi-joe@luther.k12.wi.us. (7-2)

Boys Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 20-21, 2010 - Team for varsity tournament (3 games). Muskego - Eric Hess 414-313-8778 or eric.hess@yahoo.com. (6-28)

Aug. 21, 2010 - Varsity team for triangular or quad. Shawano Community - Tim Mayer 715-526-2175 ext. 8102 or mayert@ssd.k12.wi.us. (6-23)

Sept. 9, 2010 - Varsity/JV game. Menomonee Falls - Scott Stein sstein2@wi.rr.com. (7-2)

Sept. 18, 2010 - Team for invitational. La Crosse Logan - Steve Hole 608-789-7700 ext. 7710 or shole@lacrosseschools.org. (6-23)

Sept. 18, 2010 - Freshmen team for tournament (3 games). Muskego - Eric Hess 414-313-8778 or eric.hess@yahoo.com. (6-28)

GENERAL

2010 - Freshmen games. Menomonee Falls -

Scott Stein sstein2@wi.rr.com. (7-2)

2010 - Varsity/JV games. Milwaukee Hamilton - Dave Shadlen 414-870-1321 or hamilton-wildcatsoccer@hotmail.com. (7-1)

2010 - Freshmen game, Muskego - Eric Hess 414-313-8778 or eric.hess@yahoo.com. (6-28)

2010 - Freshmen games. Waukesha South - Dan Domach 262-970-3712 or ddomach@waukesha.k12.wi.us. (6-23)

Girls Tennis

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug.21, 2010 - Teams for triangular. Wisconsin Dells - Chris Lechnir 608-253-1461 ext.1005 or clechnir@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

Sept. 18, 2010 - Teams for quad. Waunakee - Brian Smith 608-849-2104 or bsmith@waunakee.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

GENERAL

2010 - Berth in JV invitational. Neenah - Melissa Chitko mchitko@neenah.k12.wi.us. (6-24)

2010 - Berth in varsity invitational. Badger - Jim Kluge 262-348-2060 or jim.kluge@badger.k12.wi.us. (6-23)

2010 - Varsity/JV matches or tournaments. Also looking for scrimmage. Kenosha Bradford - Kevin Guttormsen 262-274-8176 or kguttorm@kUSD.edu. (6-23)

2010 - Varsity/JV duals/matches. Brookfield Central - Dave Steinbach 262-782-2624 or steinbad@wi.rr.com. (6-14)

Girls Volleyball

DATE SPECIFIC

Aug. 28, or Sept. 25 2010 - Berth in tournament. Random Lake - Chris Bichler 920-994-9193 ext. 207 or cbichler@randomlake.k12.wi.us. (7-2)

Aug. 28, 2010 - Berth in varsity tournament. Whitnall - Todd Smith tsmith@whitnall.com. (7-1)

Sept. 11, 2010 - Teams for JV invitational New Berlin West - Tom Farina 262-789-6483 or tom.farina@nbexcellence.org. (6-10)

Sept. 11, 2010 - Team for 8-team invitational. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver 920-201-5259. (6-16)

Sept. 18, 2010 - Teams for varsity/JV tour-

nament. Wisconsin Dells - Chris Lechnir 608-253-1461 ext.1005 or clechnir@sdwd.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

Sept. 18, 2010 - Teams for varsity invitational. New Berlin West - Tom Farina 262-789-6483 or tom.farina@nbexcellence.org. (6-10)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Matches. Ashland - Brian Miller 715-682-7837 or bmiller@ashland.k12.wi.us. (6-28)

2010-11 - JV/freshmen dual or tournament invite. Germantown - Bill Harrod 262-628-9518 or bndharrod@charter.net or Jack Klebesadel 262-253-3415. (6-22)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV matches and tournament. Salam (Milwaukee) - David Petrick 414-708-0030 or dpetrick@salamschool.com. (6-16)

2010-11 - Freshmen & JV matches. Wilmot - Kelly Dineen 262-862-2351 ext. 312 or dineenk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us. (6-10)

WINTER

Boys Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 26-27, 2010 - Varsity/JV team for tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/frosh game. Pewaukee - John Maltzsch 262-691-2100 ext. 6214 or maltjoh@pewaukee.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen games. Milwaukee Northwest - Carlos Hubbard 414-915-5574 or hubbarcc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV game. Valders - Julie Laabs 920-775-9530 ext. 4007 or jlaabs@valders.k12.wi.us. (6-28)

Girls Basketball

DATE SPECIFIC

Nov. 26-27, 2010 - Teams for varsity tournament. Milwaukee South - Dave Cunningham cunnindl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. (6-10)

GENERAL

2010-11 - Varsity/JV/freshmen game. Milton

- Brian Hammil 608-868-9565 ext. 1071 or ham-milb@mail.milton.k12.wi.us. (6-28)

2010-11 - Games. Ashland - Brian Miller 715-682-7837 or bmiller@ashland.k12.wi.us. (6-28)

2010-11 - Varsity/JV game. Pacelli (Stevens Point) - John Raflik 715-342-2018 or jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. (6-23)

2010-11 - Varsity game. La Crosse Central - Joe Beran jberan@lacrosseschools.org. (6-16)

Boys Hockey

GENERAL

2010-11 - Varsity/JV games. De Pere - Jeff Byczek 920-983-9174 ext. 4012 or jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

Wrestling

DATE SPECIFIC

Dec. 11, 2010 - Teams for 10-team invitational. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver 920-201-5259. (6-16)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Teams for varsity 10-team tournament. Oostburg - Molly Hengst 920-564-2346 ext. 1106 or molly.hengst@oostburg.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

Dec. 18, 2010 - Varsity teams for dual meet tournament (3 or 4 matches). Waukesha South - Ryan Green 262-337-2686 or greenr@elmbrooks.schools.org. (6-23)

Jan. 8, 2011 - Teams for 8-team dual. Marshfield - Mike Nicksic 715-387-8464 ext. 4205 or nicksic@marshfield.k12.wi.us. (6-11)

Jan. 29, 2011 - Team for dual tournament. Sheboygan South - Jason Ledermann 920-459-3638 or jledermann@sheboygan.k12.wi.us. (6-22)

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Baseball

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 16, 2011 - Team for 3-team varsity/JV doubleheader. DeForest - Mike McHugh 608-842-6651 or mmchugh@deforest.k12.wi.us. (6-15)

GENERAL

2011 - Varsity/JV games. Oshkosh Lourdes -

See **Games Wanted**, page 7 ►



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.

Track & Field

WIAA State Track Meet

June 4, 2010

I noticed a peculiar behavior I have never witnessed in high school athletics at the 2010 WIAA State Track and Field meet. It started in the third flight of the boy's long jump competition (and perhaps before). I noticed how well the boys got along with each other and the way they reacted when a competitor took the lead in the meet or got a personal best. The other jumpers came down the runway to congratulate, shake hands, hi-five, and hug, etc., the jumper. When the next competitor was up, there was cheering and encouragement from the other jumpers. These boys I am sure were rivals, but acted as teammates, time after time. This continued through the flight and into the finals (as many of these made the finals). Again, when competition ended, there were more hi-fives, congratulations, hugs, etc. One could not tell who won the competition, when the boys left the venue for the victory stand. Perhaps these boys became friends previous to the competition. They were well prepared, exhibited great sportsmanship, and cooperative. It was fun working with these young men and their coaches should be very proud of them.

Reporting Official: Ron Klitzkie

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Softball

Manawa at Oconto

June 1, 2010

My partner and I remarked about the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by both teams during this athletic competition. Exemplary professionalism presented by both coaching staffs. We only heard words of encouragement. The players did not say anything to discourage another player on either team. Never was a "finger pointed" at any particular player. When the coaching staff wanted further explanation on calls that were made, they waited until all play was stopped, requested time, asked for the clarification on the call, and thanked us after the explanation was given to the coach. The players were up-beat throughout the game. These players brought great credit to not only themselves, but their schools and their communities. The schools of these young ladies should be proud of their teams. We both would like to thank the coaches, players and fans from both these schools. When we arrived in

Oconto, the athletic director met us and had us feeling at ease upon arrival.

Reporting Official: Jim Kostura

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Pewaukee at Union Grove

June 1, 2010

The host athletic director and coaches greeted my partner Dan Clementi and me well before the regional game to make sure we were all set. Then after a tough season-ending loss, Pewaukee's coaches and players all took the time to shake hands with us and say we called a good game. It was a great show of great sportsmanship and class!

Reporting Official: Dave DeGrace

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Green Bay Preble at Manitowoc Lincoln

May 25, 2010

Heather Garceau and assistant coach Troy Reynolds both epitomized the idea of sportsmanship with and through the girls they work with. All the members of the team not only encouraged each other but complimented the other team on good hits or plays. Working the game of softball for these people has been a pleasure. Even though there were close calls, never once did they berate the officials or make poor comments. Coach Garceau and Coach Reynolds you have instilled the idea of fair play and sportsmanship in my mind. And your ability to encourage your young players to always strive to do better is quite evident. Win or lose you are very successful. The lessons your players have been given should be learned by all who play or coach.

Reporting Official: Pete Holm

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New Auburn at Birchwood

May 24, 2010

We officiated three games for Birchwood softball this year; so we have seen a pattern in their positive behavior and attitude. The head coach at Birchwood has displayed an incredibly positive attitude with her players and the players themselves are a reflection of this. In two of the games they were down by 20+ runs and still they kept working hard and made positive comments to one another. The coach is absolutely the model of a upbeat attitude and desire to improve. You can see the difference. She has always been polite and respectful to the officials. Although this has been a tough year for her, she should be commended for the great job she is doing with her team. Dan

and I have commented to her several times how refreshing it is to see that perspective.

Reporting Official: Duane Frankiewicz

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Sheboygan South at Sheboygan North

June 24, 2010

Great game! It's the way high school sports should be. Considering it was the end of the year and games get a little more intense, it was a pleasure to do this game. Also considering these are cross-town rivals, these girls displayed great sportsmanship. The coaches were very fair towards us, and focused on coaching their girls, rather than the umpires.

Reporting Official: Greg Pribek

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Appleton East at Menasha

May 24, 2010

In the Menasha game with Appleton East, I saw a real "touch of class" that I have not seen in in my 29 years of WIAA fastpitch softball umpiring. Prior to the introduction of the visiting team members, Menasha recognized the visiting senior players from Appleton East by introducing them individually and presenting each of them with a red carnation. I have never seen that done at any sporting event. What a "touch of class!" On behalf of my partner and myself, we congratulate you for your thoughtfulness and kind gesture to East's senior players.

Reporting Official: Dale Fridley

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Loyal at Greenwood

May 18, 2010

Last night, we had a varsity game in Greenwood vs. Loyal and the girls, coaches and fans all displayed great sportsmanship - even in a close competitive 3-1 ball game. It was a close game the whole while, but the kids never let it bother them. They helped each other up after close plays and said thank you and you're welcome many times. They need to know that they did a great job on the field and I'm sure they do off the field as well.

Reporting Official: Mark Kroening

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Fort Atkinson vs. Milton

May 18, 2010

The coaching staff from Milton displayed exemplary sportsmanship in this game. It was a close game throughout, and there were a number of close calls, some of which did not go in their favor. When this happened the head

coach would ask for an explanation, but never argued or debated the call. The two assistants likewise were never heard disagreeing with calls. One time when the head coach was coaching third base, a player must have said something inappropriate or unsportsmanlike (I did not hear what the player said.) She immediately went over to her bench and addressed the player in a firm but appropriate manner. The poise and focus these coaches displayed when things did not go their way was reflected in the team's play. They are a class program.

Reporting Official: Jim Langkamp

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Baseball

Winnebago Lutheran at Oakfield

June 9, 2010

I was the crew chief for the baseball sectional at Oakfield. Oakfield did a great job. Dave Cohen had the grounds crew working early in the morning getting the diamond ready after all the rain they had the day before. Arron Schepp, the baseball coach at Oakfield, made sure we had plenty of water to drink during the game. Bill Hebl from Pardeeville and Mike Krug from Winnebago Lutheran are both class act coaches. Both coaches showed great sportsmanship during the whole game. That also carried over to the players and the fans. After the game, some of the Pardeeville players told me that we did a excellent job of umpiring. For the losing team to say that, that only tells me the players take after the coach. Both these two schools should be recognized for good sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Mike Feucht

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Sturgeon Bay at Luxemburg-Casco


June 1, 2010

It was an honor to be selected to work the WIAA regional game at Luxemburg-Casco. Both teams showed a "no quit" attitude and left everything on the field. Fans from both schools were cheering and supportive beyond belief from the opening pitch to the final out. Both coaches, Coach Propsom from Sturgeon Bay and Coach Jorgensen from Luxemburg-Casco were great to work for. For being an 11-inning game, both teams and coaches played their hearts out. This game was a great example of high school athletics. My partner and I are happy to say we were a part of such a great game.


Reporting Official: Steve Walsh


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Football Jerseys - Rule 1-5-1c4 (2012)




Football Jerseys
Rule 1-5-1c4 (2012)





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The football jersey rule was revised in 2007 and the implementation date was extended to 2012.

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2012 Legal Football Jerseys

- **Legal** Football Jerseys
- Beginning 2012



2012 Illegal Football Jerseys

- **Illegal** Football Jerseys
- Beginning 2012



2010-11 NFHS Football Officials Manual

The following are the major changes approved by the 2010 NFHS Football Officials Manual Committee for the 2010 and 2011 high school football seasons:

1. The Five-Man Mechanics come before the Four-Man Mechanics in the NFHS Football Officials Manual.

2. By state association adoption, officials have the choice of wearing white or black officiating shorts. The entire crew shall be dressed alike.

3. By state association adoption, foul weather, full length, lined black pants with a single 1 1/4 inch white stripe down each leg may be worn in place of the standard, all-white tapered knickers if worn by the entire crew. (WIAA Approved)

4. The Back Judge shall carry two different color bean bags; one for marking the end of the kick and one for marking first touching.

5. The Back Judge and Line Judge bring approved game ball from each team to the coin-toss if footballs are being run off of both sidelines.

6. The Referee's normal starting position be moved to one that is visible to the clock operator, approximately 10-yards deep and 5-yards wide of the huddle when

marking the ball ready-for-play on scrimmage downs.

7. The Line Judge temporarily move to nine-yard marks (top of the numbers), as receiving team is lining up for a free kick. (Four-Man Mechanics)

8. The Referee's scrimmage kick position be adjusted to 3-5 yards outside the tight end and 2-3 yards behind the kicker, on line judge's side of the field.

9. If the football falls or blows off tee just prior to free kick, Back Judge sounds whistle to prevent action and moves to kicker to give instructions.

10. The Back Judge assists with relay of the football in side zone from wing official to Umpire.

11. The Referee's position changed to 3-5 yards outside the tight end and 2-3 yards behind the kicker, on kicking-leg side on scrimmage kicks.

12. The Back Judge's position changed to 10-12 yards wider than and 2-3 yards behind the deepest receiver on linesman's side of field on scrimmage kicks.

13. The Referee's position changed to 2-3 yards to rear and 3-5 yards to side of potential kicker, facing holder and able to see holder receive the football on field goal attempts or tries. +

Football Questions & Answers

Q.: I am confused on your equipment rules. Is it legal to wear just padded compression shorts under my football pants without having to put in the regular pads that go in the pants (I would still wear regular knee pads.)

A.: The rule which you refer to is an NFHS rule. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is the authority of the competition rules for sport contests (i.e. uniforms, length of contest, game rules). As a member of the NFHS, the WIAA adheres to those rules as a member in good standing. The WIAA, as well as all state associations in the NFHS, has input with an advisory role in the review and promulgation of the playing rules. The NFHS office is located in Indianapolis, Ind. Compression shorts with hip pads are allowed as substitutes. However, the thigh guards on compression shorts do not conform to the NFHS rules. Therefore, the standard and approved thigh guards must be worn in the pants or the player is in violation. The NFHS rule is 1-5-6-h: Thigh guards, unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production, which shall have any hard surface covered with material such as closed-cell vinyl foam which has minimum compression, resistance of 4-8 pounds per 25 percent compression or other material with equivalent specifications or is at least 1/4 inch thick on the outside surface and at least 3/8 inch thick on the inside surface and the overlap of the edge.

Q.: Is it legal to sew a C for the captains on their football jersey?

A.: The NFHS rules provide for a clean jersey. Therefore, the C is not allowed.

Q.: What is the ruling on spats in football - legal or not legal?

A.: Spats that are a manufactured product are considered an adornment by NFHS

Football Rules (Rule 1-5-3k). According to page 84, spats are illegal adornment. Taping of the ankle to protect or prevent an injury is legal, but wearing separate equipment is not. Please see the 2009 NFHS Football Point of Emphasis on page 84 of the Rule Book for further detail.

Q.: Is it legal to wear girdles, shorts and volleyball knee pads for our football scrimmage?

A.: I would urge that football pants and equipment be worn at a scrimmage as would be during a game. The safety of the players in a contact situation should be considered.

Q.: Is 'gold' an acceptable color for the 'dark' home jersey color? Obviously, there's nothing specifically in the text. The obvious argument is that if/when contrasted to white, gold is dark. I am inclined to respond that a deep/dark shade of gold would not be seen as a problem. However, purchasing a lighter shade of gold could very likely result in a contest official reporting illegal uniform to us...and/or requiring a uniform change at the site.

A.: It depends on the color of gold. There are some colors of gold that are dark and some that are light. Come 2012, the visiting football jersey has to be white so the home jersey has to be dark, therefore a light colored gold jersey would not comply with the 2012 rule.

The following two questions are being reprinted from the October 3, 2009 Bulletin, with corrected answers:

Q.: We had a situation where on a try for point (after a touchdown) the defense committed an encroachment penalty. The foul after the ready for play was given. I know in most cases after a score the team has an op-

tion to take the penalty on the try or the kick-off. In this case the ready for play was given and then the dead ball foul for encroachment occurred. Is this one of the situations that the penalty would be enforced on the try only, with no option to take it on the kickoff?

A.: In high school play, defensive encroachment is a dead ball foul -- "first offender principle." Sound whistle. If the kick (on the try) occurred, rule "no play." Offensive team has a choice: (a) play the try from 3-yard line or (b) play the try from the 1-1/2 yard line.

Q.: A couple questions: 1.) Quarterback A1 throws a backward pass to A2, while in flight B1 deflects the ball forward to A2 who is still behind the line of scrimmage. A2 then throws the ball downfield. Does the deflection forward by the defense remove the restriction of two forward passes by the offense? 2.) Quarterback A1 throws a forward pass to A2 in the backfield and it is deflected backward by the defense. Does the deflection by the defense then allow A2 to throw a second forward pass?

A.: Great questions. (1) Ball thrown backward, tipped by defense forward, then thrown forward. Legal. No foul or fouls. Several rules involved: 2-31-5; 7-5-2-e; 9-7-3. The first pass is backward because its initial direction is backward (2-31-5). Also, any pass (backward or forward) can be batted in any direction by any eligible receiver (9-7-3) and all Team B players are eligible. Since it is not the second forward pass of the down (7-5-2-e), the pass is legal. (2) Ball thrown forward, tipped by defense backward, then thrown forward. Not legal. Foul. Two forward passes during the same down. Rules: 2-31-2; 9-7-3; 7-5-2-e. Same reasoning as above. A backward pass cannot be batted forward by the passing team (9-7-4). +

Visiting Team

Beginning in 2012, players of the **visiting team** shall wear jerseys that meet the following criteria:

The body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey) shall be white and shall contain only the listed allowable adornments and accessory patterns in a color(s) that contrasts to white:

(a) as the jersey number(s) required in 1-5-1-c or as the team and/or player name within the body and/or on the shoulders,

(b) either as a decorative stripe placed during production that follows the curve of the raglan sleeve not to exceed 1 inch at any point within the body of the jersey; or as decorative stripe(s) added in the shoulder area after production, not to exceed 1 inch per stripe and total size of combined stripes not to exceed 3.5 inches,

(c) within the collar, a maximum of 1 inch in width, and/or

(d) as a side seam (insert connecting the back of the jersey to the front), a maximum of 4 inches in width but any non-white color may not appear within the body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey). The exception to (d) would be what is stated in (b) above.

Home Team

Beginning in 2012, players of the **home team** shall wear jerseys that meet the following criteria:

The body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey) may not include white, except as stated below. If white appears in the body of the jersey of the home team, it may only appear:

(a) as the jersey number(s) required in 1-5-1-c or as the team and/or player name within the body and/or on the shoulders,

(b) either as a decorative stripe placed during production that follows the curve of the raglan sleeve not to exceed 1 inch at any point within the body of the jersey; or as decorative stripe(s) added in the shoulder area after production, not to exceed 1 inch per stripe and total size of combined stripes not to exceed 3.5 inches,

(c) within the collar, a maximum of 1 inch in width, and/or

(d) as a side seam (insert connecting the back of the jersey to the front), a maximum of 4 inches in width but any white color may not appear within the body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey). The exception to (d) would be what is stated in (b) above.

Eligibility Questions & Answers

Residence & Transfer

Q.: We would like to move back to the town we grew up in next summer (2011). Our oldest son will going into his junior year and our next one will be a freshman. Somebody mentioned a rule about not being allowed to go out for sports the first year after a move. Is this the case, and what would the reason be for such a rule?

A.: *The member school rule which you are referring to states: "A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school." We do not provide "waivers in advance" as we are not able to speculate on prospects and possibilities. If and when the student would transfer and become a full-time student at the school again, then you should schedule to meet with the athletic director to discuss the circumstances of the transfer. They will help you determine whether the circumstances meet the member's definition of extenuating circumstances – and whether the school finds the reasons compelling.*

Q.: Can a student that has lived and attended school in our school district for their 9, 10, and 11th grades continue attending our school if their family moves to another district and play sports?

A.: *If you are referring to their 12th grade year, yes. Page 32 in the Handbook (Art II, Sect 1, Par A, #9) "A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school)." They do have to follow your district's policies for maintaining enrollment.*

Amateur Status

Q.: We have a WIAA athlete that suffered a severe ankle injury that required an extensive surgery. She bounced back the next year to letter on her varsity team as a freshman. We would like to celebrate her recovery at the La Crosse Loggers game during the middle of an inning. We would tell her story and she would run around the bases with the doctor. Is this allowed, or are there restrictions in doing so?

A.: *Our member schools have the amateur status rule (Art IV, Sect 1, Par B, #4) which states: Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service. With the description of your event, the rule would prevent it.*

Competition & Practice

Q.: How many quarters of football may a high school player play in a week? What equals a quarter?

A.: *In football, the season regulations (page 12) do not use quarters for determining playing time in football. It is strongly recommended that a student participate at only one level (varsity or nonvarsity) in the same calendar week. Under unusual circumstances, as determined by school administration, a student may be a member of two different level teams in the same calendar week. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the coach to be particularly concerned about over-exposing students to the point of adversely affecting their health and safety. Under no circumstances may a student compete as a member of more than two different levels in the same calendar week.*

Participation Issues

Q.: We live in the ABC school district but my son would like to attend a virtual school out of Waukesha next year. Will he be eligible to play sports for ABC? I think that would affect his decision to virtual school.

A.: *The member schools have eligibility rules of their school teams. The basic rule is "A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership." (Art I, Sect 3, Par A) If your son is enrolled in a school in Waukesha, then he is only eligible to participate in athletics at that school.*

Q.: My daughter's school district doesn't offer a soccer program for either boys or girls. Two schools close by do offer soccer. Can you go to other schools to play a sport that is not offered in your district?

A.: *The member schools have eligibility rules of their school teams. The basic rule is "A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in*

grades affiliated with WIAA membership." (Art I, Sect 3, Par A) The only option is to enroll in the school which may affect eligibility due to the transfer rules or to have the schools look into co-op agreements.

Q.: In regard to soccer...I'm wondering if my son (going into 8th grade) would be able to play on our JV soccer team at the high school this fall? He doesn't have a team to play on in his age group, but I don't want to sacrifice any eligibility for him nor jeopardize our high school program. Just wondering...it would only be the JV level, not the varsity.

A.: *The member schools have eligibility rules of their school teams. The basic rule is "A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership." (Art I, Sect 3, Par A)*

Nonschool Competition/Participation

Q.: I am a freshman in high school on the cross country and track team, and I have a question regarding running events that are not sponsored by the WIAA. I understand that I am not allowed to run in non-school events during the school year, but I am wondering if I am allowed by WIAA regulations to run in non-school events AFTER the school year is over.

A.: *The rule states: "Rules indicate athletes may not participate in nonschool competition during the school season, in the same respective sport. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages, against other teams." This means that you cannot run in fun runs, marathons, etc., during your season. Note, you could run in a run in January since XC and track are not in season. The key here is when your season is complete and not the last day of school. You can run after your last meet or practice once the school has determined the season is finished. Once the first XC practice begins, then you may not run in non-school competition until that season is finished as the school determines.*

Q.: The neighboring town is hosting a summer league. Here are a few details of the league: 1) League will be held during the summer when kids are not in school and be completed before the end of July. 2) The league opportunity will be open to any boy in our school. 3) The team will not resemble next year's JV or varsity team. 4) I will not be using contact days to coach. A father who has no regular season contact will be coaching. How can we go about paying for this? Want to make sure we are legal. Can I have the kids make a check out to the school individual...pooling the money, deposit it into a basketball activity account, then make one large check out to the league? Nobody will be getting a free handout. They must pay to play in this league.

A.: *I'm not sure what sport you are referring to. During the summer (after the last day of school to the first day of school), the athletes may assemble in any manner they choose. It has to be voluntary and open to anyone. School funds may only be used during your five contact days, therefore, the school should not write a check. Entry fees may be paid for by non-school (booster) clubs or parents during the other days.*

Coach Contact

Q.: I was wondering what type of contact is available for a coach with his future golfers. I give lessons at our course and was wondering if that has any effect on the contact. Are players allowed to contact me for a lesson? Can I conduct clinics for multiple golfers?

A.: *All sports have five unrestricted days of contact in which school resources may be used. Several sports have unlimited non-school contact in which school resources may not be used. Unlimited Non-School Contact (limited to baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling coaches) – Open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. NO school monies and resources can be used, schools cannot sponsor the events/activities. School facilities must be contracted for in accordance with your school district policies. Contact may occur from the end of school until the first day of school in the fall. Coaching restrictions apply to all sports during the school year, except during the respective sport season. All sport coaches have five days of unrestricted coaching contact opportunity in the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. The 5 contact days must be*

the same for all levels within a sport program. In addition, coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the five unrestricted days in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, the summer being defined as when school is not in normal session, provided such non-school programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. Other than during the actual school season and as specifically approved in the summer, coaches may not have coaching contact with their athletes other than as listed above; including practicing or competing with athletes, driving athletes to non-school competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' non-school participation. Further, coaches may not: 1) Mandate athletes participate in non-school competition, or determine who may or 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. 3) Provide incentives such as T-shirts, etc., for participation in the off-season.

Q.: Can a C Team coach during the school year, coach the varsity team during the summer?

A.: *Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). There is no distinction between varsity and JV coaches, i.e., JV coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice-versa, nor any distinction between paid and non-paid (volunteer) coaches. YES. This may be possible to coach the varsity players. The caveat is that the frosh coaches have "zero" interface/involvement with the "summer players" during the next school season (if their summer contact was in excess or outside of the 5 unrestricted days). This means the frosh team does not scrimmage the varsity (or JV if an athlete on the JV played on the "summer team"), the frosh coach is not on the JV or varsity team bench, in their locker room at half time with charts, or on the team bench during the regular season, tournament, or at state...etc.*

Q.: I coach a HS wrestling team and we are going to wrestle at a "team" camp/dual tournament next month. I'm wondering if we can transport the kids in a school van? This is already counting as one of the five days of coaching contact if that makes a difference.

A.: *All sport coaches have five days of unrestricted coaching contact opportunity during the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted opportunities allow you to use school support and facilities as you would during the season. Unrestricted means teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be applied, schools can sponsor the events/activities. The five contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. Unrestricted contact days are open to any interested student in your school. They are not allowed during the school year. Transportation is one of the allowed school resources.*

Q.: I have been offered to coach the summer soccer league for students who attend a local private high school. After talking to the prospective varsity coach, would I be allowed to be the assistant varsity coach/JV coach if I do coach this summer league?

A.: *Coaches may not coach the athletes they will coach the next season. An exception is that varsity and JV coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year. If you become the 9th grade coach, you may not coach 8th graders during the summer. If you are to be the JV coach, then you may coach 8th grade & below, but not coach 9-12 graders during the summer. See the Rules At A Glance which can be found on the WIAA Web site.*

Q.: Regarding summertime coaching contact, is the last day of school defined as what was on the school calendar for the last day? I am thinking of snow days that have extended the original calendar.

A.: *The interpretation is while school is in session, it is during the school year. So if your calendar changes due to snow days, your last day changes.*

Q.: Question regarding forming summer basketball teams for tournaments. What is the ruling for head coaches generating rosters for the summer tournaments that we have the kids play in? Can I, as a head coach, make the ros-

ter out for the tournaments? Are there guidelines that must be followed when making out these summer tournament rosters as a head coach?

A.: *If the coach determines the roster for the five contact days, then no problem. During other summertime periods, the coach should not have any coaching contact. Keep in mind: The Rules at a Glance state that coaches may not: 1) Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool 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.*

Q.: As a varsity coach, if I have a child on my team, and I am transporting my child to a camp over the summer, 1) can I also transport another athlete (who is also on my team) to the camp, and 2) if I am staying overnight at this camp in a hotel with my child and I pay for the room, can I also have that other athlete on my team stay in the same room that I have paid for?

A.: *You can only work with your son outside of the five days. With your other athletes, you are limited to the five unrestricted days. Therefore, you cannot transport other athletes (even if they are your son's friends) to the camp or pay for the room. Keep in mind that athletes (and their families) must pay 100 percent of the costs.*

Out-of-Season Concerns/Equipment

Q.: We are concerned with a ruling on a club soccer matter. Is it legal if we have a club soccer team this fall which is made up of girls that are all from our high school. They will not be coached by any school coach. We have heard that this might be in violation of WIAA rules and don't want to break any rules.

A.: *The member schools have the following rule: "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." (WIAA Senior High Handbook, p. 37: Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph A.) I would advise organizers, especially in pre-season leagues to see that teams are as diverse as they can possibly be. No pre-season team should be made up exclusively of students from the same school. Merely grade level diversification is not acceptable. The rule applies outside the sport season during the school year and not during the summer. If you look at the team, does it look like a school team? The best practice advice we've provided in the past – stands; i.e. non-school teams should be as diverse as you can possibly make them. I can tell you there has also been discussion of not more than 50 percent of the roster and 50 percent of participants on the floor/field at anytime should be from same school. So that may be a guide. "An acceptable non-school program is one which is not limited to students based on school and/or team status" - and – non-school activities in which students are engaged "may not resemble in any way a schools team practicing or competing out-of-season." Best friendly advice, best practice - we can offer to make sure the school's team is not placed in peril – is to be certain the club/non-school team is diverse and is not able to be identified as just the school's team assembling and competing outside the season. The distractions created by the allegations of violation we receive at tournament time would seem to me to be reason enough to strive to make the school's team as bullet proof as possible.*

Open Gyms and Camp Issues

Q.: We are hosting a football skills camp for high school players this summer. Some people have donated money to the camp and want it used to pay the camp fee for players who can't afford it. The fee is \$75. Is this a rules violation?

A.: *The member schools have a rule which states: The WIAA recognizes a distinction between training and competing. Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer. Students/families must pay 100 percent of the cost of attending camps. Camps and clinics must be paid in full by the student and/or family. The only way to assist athletes for camps is to use the funds to reduce the cost for all campers. +*

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 con-

cussed 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.

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. +

Coaches Education

COACHES EDUCATION INFORMATION

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) Fundamentals 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. ➔

Joan Gralla



WADA INSIGHTS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

New AD Workshop and WADA: Two great resources for any new athletic director

By Mike Bates

Information Director, WADA

Traditionally, each year results in many new individuals serving in the role as athletic director or athletic administrator. Two suggestions will help individuals to "learn the ropes" before the start of the upcoming school year:

- (1) attend the New Athletic Director Workshop on Tuesday & Wednesday, Aug. 3 & 4, at the WIAA Office in Stevens Point, and,
- (2) become an active member of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA), an organization open to anyone involved in the administration or supervision of interscholastic athletics at Wisconsin high schools or middle schools.

New AD Workshop

There is a 2-day format for the New Athletic Directors Workshop. Basic details may be found on-line on the WADA Web site at www.wadawi.org. Look for the link to the AD Workshop on either the "home page" or the "latest news" page.

To reserve a spot in the AD Workshop, pre-register prior to Friday, July 9. To register for the Workshop, contact Deb Hauser, WIAA Associate Director and the WADA Liaison, at dhauser@wiaawi.org.

The AD Workshop starts at 2 p.m. on Aug. 3 with a Leadership Training Institute course titled "Principles, Strategies and Methods of Athletic Administration". There is a \$35 fee for this course. The course, held at the WIAA Office, counts toward the Certified Athletic Administration certification.

A cookout starting at 6 p.m. wraps up the first day, and it provides attendees a chance to socialize and to meet others in attendance.

The second day begins at 9 a.m. with a Welcome by Dave Anderson, the WIAA Executive Director. Then, there will be three morning sessions: 1) the WIAA Organizational Structure by Hauser, 2) WIAA Handbook and WIAA Season Regulations, and 3) Risk Management presented by Jan Doleschal, of Start Playing Safe, Milwaukee.

Following lunch will be two sessions: 1) details regarding eligibility presented by Wade Labecki, WIAA Deputy Director, and, 2) the WADA Mentor Program. The event concludes with a wrap-up and evaluation at 3 p.m.

WADA Membership

Over 400 individuals are currently members of the WADA, and most are at the high school level, although membership is open to those involved in athletics at the middle school level.

Many of the current WADA members are very willing to assist rookie AD's become comfortable and productive in their new role. Topics such as conference matters, WIAA tournaments, dealing with all of the paperwork, coaches, parents or media, and numerous other athletic responsibilities might seem overwhelming at times, but there are plenty of valuable resources available.

Also, Wisconsin now offers membership in WADA and the National Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAAA). That is helpful, as there are plenty of benefits via dual membership. More info about the

NIAAA is available on the WADA Web site.

While some schools or districts will have a veteran athletic director available to help the new athletic director, sometimes an AD will "learn on the job." The new Mentor Program was unveiled last year by the WADA, and, the annual WADA Workshop in November also can help those newcomers.

At the WADA Workshop, to be held at Chula Vista Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, there are helpful mini-sessions, informative speakers, and the valuable opportunity to network – to sit down and talk with other AD's. The result is that a new AD gains insight on issues important to athletic directors around the state, and he or she does not have to reinvent the wheel regarding their new position.

There will be many topics of interest to athletic administrators at the WADA Workshop in November. This year's theme: "Athletic Administration: Whatever It Takes".

Of particular interest to new athletic directors will be a "new AD" orientation session on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, during the WADA Workshop, which runs thru Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Some of the basic details regarding the 2010 WADA Workshop are already posted on the WADA Web site at www.wadawi.org. Registration details, a complete schedule, and more information on the WADA Workshop will be added to that WADA web site this fall.

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



Concussion Rule Revised, Strengthened in High School Football

Effective with the 2010 high school football season, any player who shows signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion must be removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

The concussion rule was one of 12 changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its meeting last month in Indianapolis. The rule changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The previous rule directed officials to remove an athlete from play if "unconscious or apparently unconscious." The previous rule also allowed for return to play based on written authorization by a medical doctor. Now, officials are charged with removing any player who shows signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion, such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems, and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

"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 officials must continue to be empowered to remove these athletes from play, 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. Officials, coaches and administrators are being asked to make all efforts at ensuring that concussed athletes do not continue to participate. Thus, coaches, players and administrators should also be looking for signs of concussion in all athletes and

should immediately remove any suspected concussed athlete from play."

In addition to football, 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."

Among the other changes were four pertaining to equipment, two dealing with player conduct, one concerning penalty options on scoring plays and three others in Rule 3 dealing with periods, time factors and substitution.

"The NFHS Football Rules Committee continues to focus its primary efforts toward maintaining the highest level of player safety," said Julian Tackett, executive assistant commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee. "This is evidenced by several rule changes related to equipment and concussions that were approved for 2010 following review by the NFHS SMAC. The rules of the game are in very good order and our members felt that no substantial changes were necessary beyond our emphasis on the health and welfare of the high school student-athlete."

Among the equipment changes was approval of a new football glove/hand pad standard for the 2012 season. Beginning in 2012, gloves, which may be anchored with athletic tape and even though modified, must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) test standards at the time of manufacture.

Other equipment changes include removal of restrictions on penalty-marker colored pads or gloves; revisions in the padding rule for guards, casts and braces; and clarification of the illegal player equipment rule.

In Rule 9-4-3k, the committee approved a clarification to the horse-collar rule. The wording in the definition of a horse-collar was changed to address situations when player possession was lost or the ball became

dead by rule after the back or side of the jersey collar/shoulder pads were grasped.

"Under the previous rule, if the horse-collar occurred inbounds, but the tackle was completed out of bounds, in the end zone or after a loss of player possession, a horse-collar foul could not be called as the player was no longer a runner," said Bob Colgate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to both the Football Rules Committee and the SMAC. "The wording was modified to ensure that a horse-collar foul could be called even if the runner no longer had possession of the ball or the ball became dead by rule."

In Rule 8-2, six existing articles were refined and a new article created regarding fouls on scoring plays that have succeeding spot enforcement. Colgate said the changes now give both teams the same options when a non-player or unsportsmanlike conduct foul is committed during a down in which a touchdown is scored.

In other changes, the point differential rule by state adoption was modified to allow state associations to terminate a game at any point once the point differential is reached. Previously, the end of the first half was the earliest termination of a game by rule. In Rule 3-2-2, coin toss provisions were revised to state that no more than four captains per team can be on the field of play for the coin toss. In Rule 3-7-1, the committee revised the timeframe for replacing players from "immediately" to "within three seconds."

Finally, the rules committee altered field markings in nine-, eight- and six-player football. All players who participated in the previous down and all substitutes must be momentarily between the 7-yard marks if they play on regulation 80-yard fields. Points of emphasis adopted by the NFHS Football Rules Committee for the 2010 season include concussion recognition and management, heat illness and hydration, illegal helmet contact, assisting the runner, sportsmanship and public-address announcers, and NFHS Football Officials Manual.

Football is the No. 1 participatory sport for boys at the high school level with 1,112,303 participants in the 2008-09 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS through its member state associations. In addition, the survey indicated there were 759 girls who played football in 2008-09. ➔

Games Wanted

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John Cleaver 920-230-3255 or jmbleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

Girls Soccer

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 9 or 16, 2011 - Berth in varsity tournament. Whitewater - Doug Parker 262-472-8105 or dparker@wwusd.org. (6-16)

GENERAL

2011 - JV matches. Belleville - Susette Alsteens 608-424-1902 ext. 491 or alsteens@belleville.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

Softball

DATE SPECIFIC

May 21, 2011 - Team for 4-team invitational. Wausau East - Greg Harvey 715-261-0656 or gharvey@ausau.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

GENERAL

2011 - Varsity/JV games. Oshkosh Lourdes - John Cleaver 920-230-3255 or jmbleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us. (7-1)

Track & Field

DATE SPECIFIC

Apr. 26, 2011 - Team for co-ed invitational (3 entrees per event, PT Timing). Franklin - Jack Hervert 262-521-5435 or jack.hervert@uwc.edu. (6-11) ➔

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EDITORIAL

Oh, What a Year it Has Been!

Is it just our perspective or was 2009-10 a truly eventful year for the membership?

In addition to the thrills and memories created by 26 State Tournament Series, football-only conference realignment and several complex topics and challenges were at the forefront in 2009-10. Addressing such a vigorous and demanding list of issues, coupled with a transition period in the executive director's role, made the year even more noteworthy.

A quick review of the year's more popular topics lends support to the claim that 2009-10 was one of the most newsworthy years in recent memory.

To begin a synopsis of the year that was, the Center for Disease Control released information about the highly contagious and dangerous H1N1 virus. The Board had responded by approving a policy last year identifying protocol and procedures when an outbreak of the virus caused school closures and the impact they had on scheduled interscholastic athletic events. It wasn't until last fall, however, that the policy would be applied for the first time in efforts to protect the membership, its students and its communities from exposure to the communicable virus.

A small number of district-imposed school closings enacted the policy requiring season-ending forfeitures during the Tournament Series. After experiencing and reviewing the policy and its impact, the membership exercised its authority to amend the policy to create the possibility of delaying Tournament Series contests for such specific cases when the tournament schedule permits.

At the same juncture, a seemingly innocuous concern of one individual in regards to health concerns of starting pistols during track and field meets exploded into a resource- and time-consuming effort to protect the Association's interests and defend its long-standing status as a private entity and how it serves the membership.

A legislative bill surfaced that would require the WIAA to conduct business as a public, governmental agency in relation to open records laws and requirements. The bill failed to pass out of committee because of the diligence of the membership and executive staff to educate and dispel inaccurate assumptions and assertions on how the membership is governed and how it generates its operational revenue without taxpayer dollars.

A dispute with the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and Gannett that began in 2008, led to a lawsuit to determine the membership's authority to operate and administer its Tournament Series as it has for nearly a century and to enforce its media policies as it has since the 1950s.

Development of much of the legal documentation and discovery supporting the Constitutional rights of the membership occurred during the past year. Those efforts proved successful in June when the courts confirmed the WIAA's position in a summary judgement that ordered in favor of the WIAA on each of its claims.

As anticipated, membership publications of the WNA and Gannett again attempted to misrepresent and sensationalize the membership's position stated in the lawsuit with editorials that could only be construed as alarmist by anyone familiar with the issues and WIAA policies.

A robust agenda and discussion at the fall Area Meetings were directed at persisting sentiments

from various segments of the membership related to divisional placements in basketball, as well as scheduling and playoff qualifying concerns in football.

Those discussions, along with membership survey results, indicated a desire to have all members treated similarly based on enrollments when placed into divisions in basketball, regardless of whether schools were public, private, rural or urban.

One significant result of the discussions and survey was the expressed interest in development of a five-division model, which after much public and membership input, was ultimately approved for implementation in 2010-11. The added division for boys and girls basketball alters the State Tournament format and schedule. Four teams in each division will qualify for the State Tournaments with five championship games scheduled on Saturday.

A football-only district plan designed to totally revamp the existing playoff qualifying system and replace traditional conference affiliations was unsuccessful in gaining momentum through the membership-authorized committee structure. The plan ultimately failed, but upon determining the plan's outcome, the Board mandated that one of the plan's significant facets--alleviating the three games in 10 days scenario at the end of the season--be implemented by the 2011 season.

The most viable options to insure a one-game-a-week scenario, determined to be the best interest of the student-athlete, were to move the start of the football season five days earlier or reduce the regular season to eight games. An earlier start was the most preferred option according to results of a membership survey. Despite some reluctance on behalf of the executive staff, Advisory Council and Board on its impact, the earlier start to the season prevailed.


While these topics received most of the discussion and media attention throughout the year, a number of executive office decisions will have an impact on enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency in serving the membership.

The WIAA Web site received a face-lift intended to provide visitors to the site a more timely and convenient access to information on the public site, as well as on the number of password-protected areas.

In efforts to create cost savings and greater efficiency in disseminating information to the membership, the executive office will reduce the number of Senior High Handbooks and Season Regulations printed and mailed to member schools, as well as reducing the number of Bulletins from 10 to four in the coming year. For several years, the information contained in these publications have been readily available on the WIAA Web site in a more timely and cost-effective manner.

While not a complete list, a review of this year's highlights clearly indicates how remarkable 2009-10 has been from a membership perspective. It also serves as testimony to how the first state high school association in the nation continues to evolve and determine the membership's direction through vibrant membership involvement and the democratic process.

Each year claims its own chapter in the archives of the WIAA. As one year ends and another one begins, we set our vision on creating the next sequel. ➦



Keep These

Dates in Mind

July 16 & 20 Summer Baseball Regionals

July 23 Summer Baseball Sectionals

July 28-29 State Summer Baseball Tournament (Stevens Point)

August 3-4 New AD Workshop

August 6 Board of Control Meeting

August 9 Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment

Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice

Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice

August 10 Earliest Day for Football Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice

August 12 Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet

August 14 Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet

August 16 Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice

Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice

August 17 Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Game

August 18 Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet

August 23 Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice

August 24 Earliest Day for First Girls Volleyball Match

Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet

August 26 Earliest Date for First Football Game

August 31 Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match

September 6 Labor Day

September 8 Area Meeting – Barneveld

September 9-10 Rosh Hashanah

September 10 Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)

September 13. . . Coaches Advisory Meeting – Track & Field (Stevens Point)

September 14 Area Meeting – West Allis Central

September 15 Area Meeting – Antigo

Coaches Advisory Meetings – Baseball & Softball (Stevens Point)

September 18 Yom Kippur

September 21 Area Meeting – Watertown

September 22 Area Meeting – Appleton

Middle Level Council Meeting

September 27 Area Meeting – Rice Lake

September 28. Area Meeting - Black River Falls

September 29 Sportsmanship Summit

September 29-30. Girls Golf Regionals

October 4 Sports Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)

October 4-5 Girls Tennis Subsectionals

October 4-5-6. Girls Golf Sectionals

October 6-7 Girls Tennis Sectionals

October 11-12 State Girls Golf Tournament (Madison)

October 12 & 14 Boys Soccer Regionals

October 14-15. Advisory Council Meeting (Stevens Point)

October 14-15-16 State Girls Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)

October 15 Deadline for Football Playoff Site Listing

Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)

October 15 Deadline for Paying Membership Dues

October 18 Earliest Date for Skinfold Measurements (Wrestling)

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

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

Test Date

Registration Deadlines

Regular Deadline

Late Fee Required

Sept. 11, 2010*

Aug. 6, 2010

Aug. 7-20, 2010

Oct. 23, 2010

Sept. 17, 2010

Sept. 18-Oct. 1, 2010

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*

October 22, 2011

December 10, 2011

February 11, 2012**

April 14, 2012

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. ➦