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## Board of Control Approves Falls Sports Changes

The Board of Control reviewed and approved a number of recommendations that will impact fall sports and gave its final approval of a conference realignment plan that will provide scheduling assistance for members of the South Central Conference at its January meeting.

The Board approved a coaches' recommendation to seed the State Boys Volleyball Tournament beginning in 2012, placing a rank order to the top four qualifying teams to be paired randomly with the four remaining teams. It marks the first time a WIAA State Tournament will be seeded.

Also ratified was a volleyball coaches' proposal that follows the tournament placement model already used in basketball and soccer that groups entire sectionals in Divisions 2, 3 and 4, as well as Sectional #1 in Division 1 unless 60 percent of the schools in the groupings register opposition to the procedure. Seven of the eight sectionals in Division 1 already group the entire sectional. The third volleyball recommendation supported by the Board will alphabetically assign seed meeting hosts for all divisions and rotate the host each year if no school within the grouping volunteers to host.

Among the number of football recommendations passed by the Board was the establishment of 8-player football as an association-sponsored sport beginning next season. Schools with a three-year enrollment average of 200 or less are eligible for the offering, which requires a two-year commitment and will feature an end-of-the-season jamboree scheduled in Week 11, coinciding with Level 3 of the football playoffs.



Significant changes to the football playoff pairing procedure was also approved by the Board. Beginning in 2012, the playoff groupings will be seeded by the coaches within each respective grouping Saturday following the final game of the regular season, and the highest seeded team will now be permitted to host at Level 3 of the playoffs.

Other football items passed by the Board were to allow the host school use of an alternate field in the playoffs, provided the site is on the approved site list; to provide a scrimmage opportunity on the Friday or Saturday of the second week after the start of practice; to permit equipment handout and fitness testing one day prior to the first practice; and to allow freshmen-only squads to play a game in the final week of the regular season in 2012, similar to other non-varsity teams. In addition, the Board approved maintaining a nine-game season in 2013 and beyond with the correlating season start dates, and it ratified an editorial change in the football playoff qualifying criteria to further clarify the penalty for voluntarily withdrawing from a conference.

Two soccer recommendations received the Board's approval. The first eliminates regional final doubleheaders in the girls Tournament Series beginning in 2013. The second mandates seeding meetings to be done electronically unless 50 percent of the schools in a given grouping register an objection. In addition, the sectional final host will be designated as the seeding meeting host if no school within a given grouping volunteers to host the meeting.



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## Committee Candidacy Deadline Approaches

Administrators at WIAA member senior high schools are reminded that February 28, 2012 is the deadline to announce their candidacy for positions on the Board of Control and High School Advisory Council.

District administrators, high school principals and assistants at these levels who are interested in becoming candidates in their district (Board of Control) or large/medium/small classification (High School Advisory Council) should state their intention via a letter to Joan Gralla at the WIAA office. Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

Primary ballots (if needed) will be mailed March 6 with a return date of March 27. General election ballots will be mailed March 30 with a return date of April 13. Results will be announced April 25 at the WIAA Annual Meeting.

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

All positions are for a 3-year term beginning with the 2012-13 school year. Positions open for which candidates must file by February 28 are as follows:

### BOARD OF CONTROL

District 2 (northeast) for position now held by Terry Reynolds of Pittsville (eligible for re-election).

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# Fall Team Sportsmanship Award Winners Selected

The winners of the prestigious Sportsmanship Award for the 2011 Fall State Tournaments are Oostburg in girls volleyball, Catholic Memorial in boys volleyball, Elkhorn Area in boys soccer, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln in football and Eau Claire Memorial in girls team tennis.

A large contingent and the positive enthusiasm displayed by Oostburg at the State Girls Volleyball Championships earned the Flying Dutchmen their first sportsmanship award in girls volleyball. It is the third time Oostburg has received the honor overall, having also been recognized in girls basketball in 2008 and boys basketball in 1986. They won their second Division 3 girls volleyball championship by defeating Spencer in a thrilling five-set match in the State final. Receiving honorable mention for the award are Hillsboro, Oconto Falls, Owen-Withee, Southwestern and Verona.

Catholic Memorial earns its third sportsmanship recognition, all coming in boys volleyball. The Hilltoppers also received sportsmanship accolades in 2006 and 2007. They lost in four sets to eventual State champion Marquette in the quarterfinals. Honorable mention for the award went to Muskego.

Elkhorn is the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award at the Boys State Soccer Tournament. It is the first Sportsmanship



Award presented to the Elks in any sport. They were on the short end of a 3-0 outcome in the Division 1 quarterfinal game against Neenah. Brookfield East, Catholic Memorial, Chippewa Falls and Newman Catholic received honorable mention for the award.

In football, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln was selected as the school and community earning the honor for their exemplary sportsmanship. It is the first time the school has been selected for the award in football, and it's the sixth time the Red Raiders have been recognized overall. They have received sportsmanship citations in team wrestling in 1996, 2004 and 2006, in boys hockey in 2006 and in boys tennis in 2000. This fall, they fell 7-0 to Kenosha Bradford in the Division 1 title game. Receiving honorable mention were Colby, Greenwood/Grant, Lancaster, Seneca and Waterford.

Eau Claire Memorial is the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award in girls team tennis for the third time, which ties Monroe for the most times honored in the sport. The Old Abes have now received seven State sportsmanship awards. In addition to the recognition in girls tennis in 1998 and 2004, they have also been

bestowed the honor in boys hockey in 1992 and 2000, girls soccer in 2005, and in boys basketball in 1970. They fell to eventual State champion Homestead 6-1 in a Division 1 semifinal match after Madison East quarterfinals by the same score. Notre Dame, Oshkosh West and Regis received honorable mention for the award.

The WIAA/Rural Insurance Sportsmanship Award is presented to one school program and community—or communities in the case of cooperative programs—in each of the State team tournaments that exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship. Award winners are determined by the conduct and sportsmanship displayed by athletes, coaches, cheer and support groups, mascots, bands and spectators. Additional consideration is given for the effort of school administrators and chaperones to insure support for their teams are positive and that the highest ideals of sportsmanship are upheld.

Award winners receive a trophy and banner in recognition of the honor. Schools receiving honorable mention are acknowledged with a certificate of recognition. The selection process includes contributions and evaluations from contest officials, tournament management, police and security personnel, crowd control and ushers, WIAA staff members, and area hotels and restaurants on occasion. ■



## IMPORTANT Tournament Series Information & Reminders

### REPORTING SCORES TO THE WIAA

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

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

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

### SUBMITTING STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

## WIAA's Receptionist Retires

The long-time signature voice welcoming callers and visitors to the WIAA executive office has retired after 20 years with the Association.

Known for her well-known enthusiastic and cheery demeanor on the telephone or when welcoming visitors to the WIAA, Mary Lou Jaworski projected a positive and vibrant influence on whomever she came in contact with on a daily basis.

In addition to her reception duties, Jaworski assisted the staff in other projects such as assembling membership publications, preparing State Tournament credentials, maintaining the office's voice messaging system and assisting with ticketing distribution.

Her retirement plans include extensive travel and spending more time with her husband, Fred, family and friends. ■







## Officials Corner

## 2011-12 Officials Exams Due Dates

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, officials will not be mailed sport exams. Officials will be required to go online to complete the exam.

SPORT	AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE	DUE DATE
Baseball	February, 2012	Mar. 12, 2012
Softball	February, 2012	Mar. 14, 2012
Track & Field	February, 2012	Feb. 29, 2012

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

SPORT	AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE	DUE DATE
Baseball	March 19, 2012	April 9, 2012

## Congratulations! 2011 Fall Tournament Officials

### CROSS COUNTRY

Jim Brand, Pewaukee (Meet Referee); Jerry Matuszek, Algoma (Starter); Dave Meyer, Fond du Lac (Starter); Scott Sponholz, Eau Claire (Starter)

### BOYS SOCCER

Eric Bayer, Kewaskum; Barrett Britt, Delavan; Salvador Garcia, Waukesha; Aleksandar Gligorevic, Milwaukee; Dean Gumz, Eau Claire; Mark Herdeman, West Bend; Mike Jones, Neenah; Jay Koeber, Germantown; Todd Mader, Madison; Raul Medina, Milwaukee; Jamie Michalkiewicz, Appleton; Alan Sprague, Neenah; Eric Stuart, Sheboygan

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Harry Babcock, Wisconsin Rapids; Rodney Davis, Sharon; Diane Doden, Appleton; David Dykstra, Oostburg; John Hartwig, Baraboo; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Mark H. Johnson, Tomah; Cindy Jorgensen, Monona; Ken Kaczmarowski, Jr., Reedsburg; Brian Marx, Milwaukee; Keith R. Marx, West Allis; Lynn Michek, Highland; John Nesladek, Random Lake; Dianne Pacolt, Menasha; Mike Pfeifer, Neenah; Ryan Pfeifer, Neenah; Bill Schweder, Janesville; Scott Sedo, Neenah; Jerry Treder, Sun Prairie; Darin Wilken, Platteville

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Linda J. Dahl, Pewaukee; Bob Grise, Franklin; James Hochevar, Hartland; Brian Marx, Milwaukee; Kevin D. Mathews, Shorewood; Jason Rieck, Glendale; Larry Schoenick, Waukesha; Wayne Sojkowski, Greendale; Terri Toninato, Milwaukee; Kevin Voge, Union Grove

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

**Division 2** – Referee – Thomas Miller, III, Menomonie; Diving Referee – Susan Zblewski, Pewaukee; Starter – Stacy Ger-

ing, Wausau; Stroke Judge – Steve Surprenant, Oregon; Turn Judge – Susan Zblewski, Pewaukee; Turn Judge – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay

**Division 1** – Referee – Thomas Miller, III, Menomonie; Diving Referee – Susan Zblewski, Pewaukee; Starter – Steve Surprenant, Oregon; Stroke Judge – Stacy Gering, Wausau; Turn Judge – Susan Zblewski, Pewaukee; Turn Judge – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay

### FOOTBALL FINALS

John Feuling, REF, Columbus; Lee Fiedorowicz, UMP, Waterloo; Randall Koehn, L, Columbus; Jeffrey Giese, LJ, Beaver Dam; Joel Scott, BJ, Beaver Dam

Michael Gest, REF, Sun Prairie; Gary Manke, UMP, Lodi; David Gove, L, Waupun; Bob Thurber, LJ, DeForest; Jerry Holmes, BJ, Windsor

David Grey, REF, Oshkosh; Mark Shingler, UMP, Sun Prairie; Richard Madden, L, Oshkosh; James Rath, LJ, Sherwood; William Buyarski, BJ, Oshkosh

Patrick Hammond, REF, Eau Claire; Richard Hebert, UMP, Chippewa Falls; Ryan Nelson, L, Eau Claire; Casey Eckardt, LJ, New Richmond; Gary Robarge, BJ, Eau Claire

Lee Kornaus, REF, Green Bay; Timothy Nies, UMP, De Pere; Mark Jandrin, L, Luxemburg; Todd Gutzman, LJ, Oneida; John Van Den Langenberg, BJ, De Pere

Ron Quirk, REF, Racine; Jim Arehart, UMP, Racine; Erik Olson, L, Muskego; Todd Korth, LJ, Racine; Steven Luebke, BJ, New Berlin

Fred Strampe, REF, Waukesha; Paul Vanden Heuvel, UMP, Hubertus; Erich Uebersohn, L, Oconomowoc; David Schill, LJ, Pewaukee; Jim Baker, BJ, Shorewood

Standby Official – Ken Wagner, Prairie du Sac ■

## Officials Advisory Committee Openings

Openings for 2012-13 on the Officials Advisory Committee will exist in the sports of soccer, softball and gymnastics. There also will be an opening for the Ethnic At-Large member and the Gender At-Large member (female).

Interested officials need to submit a letter of interest along with officiating background information by March 16, 2012 to Joan Gralla at the WIAA to receive consideration for one of these openings.

The positions are 3-year commitments and require the official to attend one meeting annually at the WIAA office. This meeting is held the Wednesday after Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions concerning the Officials Advisory Committee, please contact Joan. ■

## Entries Sought for School Video PSA Contest

The WIAA is excited to continue the Video Public Service Announcement Contest that offers a student's perspective in bringing awareness to the benefits of interscholastic athletics through membership in the WIAA. The program invites interested students in any academic discipline to partner for a multi-media experience detailing the relationship the WIAA has with member schools, their students, their communities and fans of high school athletics.

The video competition is in its third year. Each school is permitted one video entry in the contest. The previous two years' winners and selected others are being played at State Tournament venues with video displays and on the WIAA website and on YouTube. With the growth of the program, winning videos may also appear in WIAA Tournament programming on WIAA.TV and FS Wisconsin.

Past winners include Luther and Waukesha West in 2010 and Greenfield in 2011.

The video must include a theme of at least one of the following topics: How athletics partners with the traditional education curriculum to provide the total education experience, sportsmanship, school spirit derived from athletics and/or the benefits of participation. The presentation must integrate the role the WIAA has in the high school sports experience. The best videos will be selected based on their creativity, originality of content and ability to inspire.

For more details and participation entry forms, access the Video PSA link on the WIAA website at: [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org). ■



## Open Gyms

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

1. The open gym is made known and available to any student in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.
2. There is **no instruction** during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.
3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction by the coach or anyone, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.
4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.
5. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open gym or weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

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

**Q: I was wondering if you could assist me in a quick question. I have a student that is interested in lifting weights after school; however, the bus that would take him home doesn't drop him off at his house (our late bus doesn't go door to door, just to drop off points). The nearest drop off point is close to 6 miles from his house. My question is, could our school district provide him with a ride home in a school vehicle right to his house or is that a violation of the rules?**

A: The only way this would be possible is if you have a late bus (or something similar) which takes any and all interested students home after school. If it is something for only one athlete or other athletes, then it would not be allowed. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer.

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.

Additional open gym interpretations may be found at <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=756> ■

## Clinics and School Facilities

Schools may not be involved in conducting clinics outside the season, with the following exceptions. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

1. There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
2. A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their high school athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31. Clinics not utilizing athletes as clinicians may be conducted throughout the summer up to the start of school.
3. School facilities may be used for nonschool programs, according to board of education policy, which can result in clinics being conducted, outside the season, by nonschool groups. The nonschool group must request the facilities from the board of education or governing board, through normal procedures and are encouraged to provide their own insurance protection. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) ■

### Candidacy Deadline from page 1

District 5 (southwest) for position now held by Brian Busler of Oregon (eligible for re-election).

Gender At-Large for position now held by Mary Pfeiffer of Neenah (eligible for re-election).

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools positions now held by Eric Burling of Burlington (eligible for re-election) and Mike Devine of Stevens Point (not eligible for re-election).

Medium schools position now held by Scott Bleck of Weyauwega-Fremont (eligible for re-election).

Small schools position now held by Brad Ayer of Clear Lake (eligible for re-election) and Bill Perry of Augusta (eligible for re-election).

Gender At-Large for position now held by Beth Kaminiski of South Milwaukee (eligible for re-election).

Non-Public School At-Large for position now held by Ted Knutson of Aquinas (La Crosse) (eligible for re-election). ■

## Coaches Education Information

Joan Gralla



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

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

- A student teacher while student teaching.
- An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.
- Guest lecturers (one time appearance).
- Anyone that has coached in an educational institution for five or more years (prior to the 1994-95 school) with or without a current teaching license.

### The following must take the approved courses 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.

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 \$70 and Sport First Aid is \$50.

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



# 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.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### **Cedarburg at Milwaukee Lutheran** **Jan. 20, 2012**



Both basketball teams played very hard from the opening tip until the final horn. Both teams were very respectful of the officials, accepted calls, and continued play. The play of particular note was a hard foul by a Cedarburg player on a Milwaukee Lutheran player. The Cedarburg girl helped the fouled girl to her feet and apologized for her action. Cedarburg coach David Ross used the play as teaching moment, explained to the girl how she should have defended, and quickly defused any tension that may have resulted from the play. The game proceeded smoothly from this point. Both Cedarburg HS and Milwaukee Lutheran HS along with their coaches David Ross and Randy Clinard can be very proud of the young ladies that represent their schools on the basketball floor.

*Reporting Official: Gary Kamin*

### **Elcho at Laona** **Jan. 12, 2012**

I would like to commend Coach Kincaid and Coach Tinsman for their fine coaching and sportsmanship, and I also want to commend the fine players of both teams. They all displayed good sportsmanship and played hard until the game ended. It was refreshing to see coaches just coaching and players just playing.

*Reporting Official: Dan Bramschreiber*

### **Southern Door at Sturgeon Bay** **Dec. 15, 2011**

We had the opportunity to work an exciting overtime game that was simply an outstanding high school contest. Both the players and coaches from Sturgeon Bay and Southern Door exhibited great sportsmanship and effort throughout, and the crowd was a positive part of it too. It was hard to see one team lose, but in our minds they both were winners. We also want to acknowledge Gary Rabach, the Sturgeon Bay AD, along with the excellent Sturgeon Bay table personnel, for their contributions to a great evening as well.

*Reporting Official: James Stadtmueller*

### **Whitehall at Luther** **Dec. 8, 2011**

I wanted to take a second to commend both girls basketball teams and their coaches. We did not hear a negative comment all night from either side. There were multiple jump ball situations where the girls would stop immediately when the whistle was blown and help their opponent up. They hustled and played hard, but responded to my partner and I with respect and without delay. Coach Babinec and Coach Beighley were supportive and positive throughout the entire game to their girls, their opponents and to the officials. Both teams and coaches should be proud of the way they competed and in how they conducted themselves.

*Reporting Official: Paul Bloyer*

### **Oshkosh North at Hortonville** **Nov. 29, 2011**

I want to take the time to recognize the Oshkosh North and Hortonville teams. Both teams showed great sportsmanship throughout the entire contest. It was an overtime game, and it was the first game of the season for both teams that became pressure-packed down the stretch. The players from both teams and the coaching staff of Oshkosh North were nothing short of spectacular to work with. It was a great experience to be a part of.



*Reporting Official: Jeff Dorschner*

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### **Appleton East at Appleton West** **Dec. 16, 2011**

Game management met us at the door and was very helpful and courteous throughout the evening. It was a packed gym and a big rivalry game. Players played to their potential and allowed us to officiate the game. All players demonstrated respect and sportsmanship during the contest. The game went double overtime and the players made the contest an enjoyable game to officiate. At the conclusion of the game, a player from the losing team said thank you and good job as we left the floor. Wow, that's a true meaning of sportsmanship. We would like to thank both teams for their display of sportsmanship.

*Reporting Official: Paul Verbeten*

### **Kiel at New Holstein** **Jan. 6, 2012**

This was a positive experience from the time we arrived at the gym until the final horn. Our host, both coaches and their teams, and the table crew were great to work with. The game was a close, competitive contest and both coaches conducted themselves with great sportsmanship. Both teams worked hard and played with an intense, positive outlook on the contest. This was a great event to be part of.

*Reporting Official: Ty Stoneburner*

### **Delavan-Darien at Williams Bay** **Jan. 3, 2012**

I was glad to be part of this game because the sportsmanship displayed by all involved. The players played hard but not too hard to forget about sportsmanship. Many times during the contest I witnessed acts of sportsmanship to players on the other team. This comes from the way Coach Nottstedt and Coach Beighten were good role models for their team to follow. They respected the game and this reflected on the court and in the stands. We need more displays of sportsmanship like this.

*Reporting Official: Dean Odling*

### **Milw. Riverside vs.** **East Troy (at Brookfield East)** **Dec. 29, 2011**

The conduct, behavior and demeanor of both school's players and coaches was exemplary. As officials, when we can focus on the game and enjoy the display of athleticism and execution instead of having to deal with issues related to poor sportsmanship, poor behavior or poor attitudes, it makes officiating much more than pleasurable - it provides clear reflection on why we got into officiating in the first place - to stay connected to this great game and the players and coaches whose lives are touched by it everyday. We commend host school Brookfield East for their welcoming hospitality and both East Troy and Riverside for their noteworthy display of hustle, proper focus and good sportsmanship as demonstrated throughout this exciting contest - and afterwards - in both victory and defeat.

*Reporting Official: Billy Young*

### **Whitehall at Eleva-Strum** **Dec. 20, 2011**

I was proud to be an official for this game. Both teams exhibited great sportsmanship the entire game. I witnessed opponents helping each other up, complimenting them on a great play, and several other examples of good sportsmanship. When there was a close call, neither coach nor players made comments in regards to the call. Both Coach Henrickson and Coach Skoug should be commended for doing such a fine job coaching their players and for providing great role models for the younger students in these two school districts.

*Reporting Official: Paul Fischer*



### **Omro at Laconia** **Dec. 16, 2011**

This game featured some of the best sportsmanship from fans, players and coaches that I have ever been involved with. The game featured two undefeated teams that set up for a high intensity game. The fans, players and coaches displayed great team pride, self-control and enthusiasm. The crowd was loud and cheered for their respective teams, and the players played hard and showed great sportsmanship towards their opponent and the officials. The coaches just coached and were teaching their players throughout the game. We are proud to be a part of high school basketball when two communities come out and support their teams the way these two schools did and for everyone to show GREAT sportsmanship. It was one of the best officiating experiences in my 20 years of officiating.

*Reporting Official: Bob Heinz*

### **Oshkosh Lourdes at Montello** **Dec. 15, 2011**

The game was very competitive with the players exhibiting good sportsmanship throughout. The coaches maintained themselves within the parameters of good sportsmanship, coaching with a spirited enthusiasm, and having a dialogue with the officials that was professional. Also, the table crew from Montello was prompt, observant and professional.

*Reporting Official: Ty Stoneburner*

### **Wis. Career Acad. at Wis. Cons. of Lifelong Lear.** **Dec. 2, 2011**

The game went very smoothly from a sportsmanship perspective. Good sportsmanship was demonstrated throughout the contest by all players and both coaches Knox and Mikulasch. Players from each team assisted one another from time to time, and retrieved the ball for us when needed. The fans in the stands only cheered for their team and never expressed displeasure for the fouls called against their particular team. We were impressed by these attitudes and behaviors, something not typical in a game with 63 fouls.

*Reporting Official: Gordon Knuth*

### **Phillips at Hayward** **Nov. 22, 2011**

What a great way to kick off the 2011-12 basketball season! For an early season game, both schools played hard, coached hard and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you players, coaches, and fans for a wonderful start to our season!

*Reporting Official: Kevin Hanusa*

## GIRLS HOCKEY

### **John Marshall (Minn.) at River Falls Co-op** **Jan. 3, 2012**

Both teams coaching staff encouraged their teams thru positive reinforcement versus yelling and belittling. Both coaching staffs never, throughout the course of the game, questioned or challenged an official's call. Both coaching staffs also made it a point to let the officials know when a good call was made whether or not it was in their favor. At the conclusion of the game both coaching staffs thanked the officials and each other for a hard fought, competitive and fairly played contest. It is very refreshing and enjoyable to officiate a contest between two coaching staffs/schools that act in such a professional manner and display the sportsmanship that these two did.

*Reporting Official: Dave Bestul*

## BOYS HOCKEY

### **Eau Claire North at Black River Falls** **Dec. 28, 2011**

The officiating crew was quite impressed that none of us heard a single negative comment from either bench.

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## Board Approves from page 1

In golf, a measure to speed up play in the Tournament Series gained approval from the Board. Beginning in 2012, players are allotted a maximum of 40 seconds to play a shot on their turn. The offending player will receive a warning on the first violation and an assessment of a one-stroke penalty on each subsequent violation.

A pair of cross country recommendations were enacted into rule. Beginning in 2012, the largest 120 schools sponsoring the sport will be placed in Division 1. The next largest 122 will be placed in Division 2, and the remaining teams will be assigned to Division 3. Currently, Division 1 has 120 schools with the remaining teams split equally between Divisions 2 and 3. The other new cross country regulation will reduce the required number of licensed



officials for each sectional meet from three to two.

Among the Officials Advisory Committee recommendations approved were measures to include all rankings of officials by a coach to be counted towards the average rank and not just the final rank of the season, and cross country and track and field officials will now be licensed separately.

The final approval of the conference realignment plan requires permanent scheduling assistance for non-conference games between the South Central and Capitol Conferences beginning in the fall of 2013. It mandates scheduling assistance in football, boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball.

Among the other topics discussed in detail was the future venue of the WIAA State Basketball Tournaments prompted by scheduling conflicts with the Kohl Center. Presentations were conducted and propos-

als provided by contingents from Madison and Green Bay in support of hosting the WIAA State Basketball Tournaments in their communities. An Executive Staff recommendation to the Board for a decision on the future site of the basketball tournaments is expected prior to the start of the winter State Tournaments. ■

## Molten Agreement Extended

The Board approved the renewal of Molten as the official ball of the State Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournaments at its December meeting. The five-year extension includes the distinction of Molten being the official volleyball for sectional final and State Tournament matches. ■

## FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

# Olson Inducted into Athletic Administrator Hall

Dr. John Olson of Madison was inducted into the third Hall of Fame class of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in December during banquet festivities of the annual National Athletic Directors Conference co-sponsored by the NIAAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations in Indianapolis.



Olson, CMAA, has dedicated his life to education-based athletics, and his leadership and service to student-athletes and administrators have been felt at the local, state and national levels.

He began his career in interscholastic athletics in 1959, serving as a high school science teacher and junior high coach in the Madison School District. In 1963, Olson became a head football coach and by 1974 he was an assistant principal. After an eight-year stint as an undergraduate and graduate instructor at the University of Wisconsin, Olson returned to the Madison schools in 1987 as assistant superintendent, district athletics director and district security coordinator for 15 years until retiring in 2002.

While at Madison, Olson was the first administrator to develop a Title IX compliance framework, a coaches manual and a parent-athlete manual, all of which served as templates for other schools in the area.

At the state level, Olson was an active

member of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association for 30 years, serving as a conference presenter and writer on numerous occasions, including a presentation at the 2004 WIAA Sportsmanship Summit. Olson also worked with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association as a tournament manager for basketball, soccer and ice hockey, and as a presenter at the 2004 Sportsmanship Summit.

A member of the NIAAA since 1984, Olson has served the organization in many capacities. He was part of a core group of members who created the first CAA exam. Following the administration of the first CAA examination, he performed validity and reliability studies that led to the creation of the NIAAA Certification Program and to the national recognition of the Certification Program by a national accreditation organization.

As a member of the NIAAA Publications Committee, he authored numerous articles for the IAA magazine and he helped align the committee's article review standards with those of academic peer-referenced journals. However, it is in his role as NIAAA curriculum director where he has left his deep and lasting thumbprint on athletic administrators.

The NIAAA Leadership Training Institute has become an internationally recognized professional development program in large part because of Olson's efforts. During the

20 years he served as the curriculum director, he authored 15 LTI courses, and edited and contributed to the entire 30-plus course curriculum. He initiated college and university partnerships that led to the establishment of 10 certificate and master's degree-granting programs using the NIAAA LTI materials.

Olson, who has had a local playing field in Madison named after him, has been inducted into the Madison Wisconsin Sports Hall of Fame, the Wisconsin High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, the National Secondary School Administrators Hall of Fame, the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame.

Along with his hall of fame honors, Olson has been awarded the NIAAA State Award of Merit, the NIAAA Award of Merit, the NIAAA Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award and the NFHS Citation.

Olson studied at the University of Wisconsin, where he achieved his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. He was a member of the crew team at Wisconsin, and was a member of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championship crew in 1959. ■



## WFSCA Clinic

Date: February 18-19, 2012  
Site: Holiday Inn - Stevens Point  
Contact: Cindy Suess - csuess@wfscs.org

# Annual Meeting Amendments

Listed below are the amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility under consideration for the Board of Control to advance to a membership vote at the Annual Meeting in April. The actual amendments that will be advanced and placed on the ballot for a membership vote will be determined by the Board at its March meeting.

## CONSTITUTION

### NUMBER 1 – COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

*This change clarifies who is eligible to serve on the Board of Control.*

#### Article V – Board of Control Organization – p. 15

##### Section 1 – Membership

A. Executive and administrative powers of this Association shall be vested in a committee of eleven members, to be known as the Board of Control.

- 1) Ten of the members shall be district administrators, president of nonpublic schools, assistant district administrators, or high school principals, or assistant high school principals. Seven of the ten members shall each represent one of the districts comprised of the high schools listed hereafter. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of whichever gender has fewer memberships at the election announcement date for this position. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of ethnic minority origin as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having 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.

One of ten members shall be an at-large eligible administrator of a member nonpublic school.

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

- 2) One member shall represent the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, . . .

### NUMBER 2 – WITHDRAWING FROM A CONFERENCE

*This change would remove a member school from the WIAA tournament in a sport when the school voluntarily withdraws from a conference in that sport.*

#### Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

##### Section 10 – Conference Alignment – p. 20

A. The Board of Control has the authority to take action to bring about a reasonable conference affiliation and relationship for member high schools.

Note: It is not the intent to make wholesale changes in existing conference lines. It should be understood, however, that there could be shake-ups in areas where conference affiliation problems are particularly acute, and it may not be realistic to find a solution for every member school.

- B. For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls in the fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single-gender requirement.
- C. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport without conference approval shall be removed from the same conference schedules in all sports for two years.
- D. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport shall be removed from the WIAA tournament in the same sport for two years (except football, which is four years).

### NUMBER 3 – CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT

*This change would clarify realignment actions.*

#### Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

##### Section 10 – Conference Alignment – p. 20

A. The Board of Control has the authority to take action to bring about a reasonable conference affiliation and relationship for member high schools. Reasonable conference affiliation and relationship with member high schools may include total movement of member schools, sport specific relief, and/or scheduling assistance.

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- B. For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls in the fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single-gender requirement.
- C. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport without conference approval shall be removed from the same conference schedules in all sports for two years.
- D. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport without WIAA Board of Control Approval and with conference approval shall be removed from the WIAA tournament in the same sport for two years.

*Corresponding changes in Conference Alignment, p. 42:*

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## BYLAWS

### NUMBER 4 – SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL DURING THE TOURNAMENT

*This change would provide a forfeit to the opponent of any school withdrawing from a tournament for any reason other than a violation.*

#### Article I – Sports Program

##### Section 5 – WIAA Tournament Entry – p. 25

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

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association and not of any individual member. The Association reserves the right to pro-

**See Annual Meeting Amendments, page 8 ➤**

mote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of membership-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests; and the use of images or transmissions identifying students, administrative personnel and member school marks.

- C. When a member school withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

## **Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements**

### **Section 6 – Classes Interrupted – p. 28**

- A. In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease by the school district or by local/county/state health agencies, interscholastic athletic practice and competition will be postponed or cancelled. If school is closed through the weekend but scheduled to reopen on Monday, practice would be allowed on Sunday if approved by school administration.
- 1) During the regular season, contests may be postponed and played at a later date in accordance with respective season regulations.
  - 2) During the WIAA tournament series, if a school is closed or will be closed on the day of a WIAA tournament contest, the WIAA contest will be rescheduled, when possible, to the earliest possible date provided the rescheduled contest will be completed prior to the next scheduled round of the WIAA tournament. (Football contests must meet season regulations, 6c.) ~~If rescheduling is not possible, the team/individual most recently defeated in tournament competition will take that school/team's place in the WIAA tournament game/meet/event.~~ When a member school withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

Note: Schools participating in co-op programs which are not closed may continue to compete in the WIAA tournament series.

### Corresponding changes in Rules of Eligibility:

## **Article I – General**

### **Section 5 – Penalties for Violation of any and all Eligibility Requirements – p. 31**

- A. The penalty for participation by an ineligible student, according to a school's own rules or WIAA rules, either during the regular season or in WIAA tournament activity is as follows:

Note: Violations of the individual participation limitations of the various sports, as indicated in the appropriate issue of SEASON REGULATIONS, are also treated under provisions indicated herein.

- 1) Team Sports (baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball)  
The school must -
  - a. Forfeit all contests involved.
  - b. Adjust its place in conference standings ...
  - c. Return team and individual awards.
- 2) Individual Sports (cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, and wrestling).  
The school must -
  - a. Eliminate all matches, places, points, scores, etc. . .
  - b. Reduce team points (score) and adjust ...
  - c. Return awards of individual(s) and, . . .
- 3) Tournaments (including WIAA tournaments) - Team or student most recently defeated, upon discovery of violation,

replaces offending team or student for remainder of tournament series.

Note: When a member school withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

- 4) A violation, resulting from a student or parent (guardian) falsifying . . .

## **NUMBER 5 – ATHLETES ASSISTING COACHES AT MIDDLE LEVEL**

*This change would allow athletes to assist coaches in middle school sports during the school year.*

## **Article II - School Competition and Practice Requirements**

### **Section 2 – Competition and Practice Requirements – p. 26**

- A. A school may not hold practice, or compete in a recognized sport, other than as specified in SEASON REGULATIONS or as noted in B. Exceptions.
- 1) A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes . . .
  - 2) A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to . . .
  - 3) A school may not conduct intramural programs, which involve . . .

#### **B. Exceptions:**

So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

- 1) There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive (all WIAA sports sponsored by the school). Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- 2) A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31.
- 3) A school may use some or all of their athletes as assistant middle school coaches when a high school coach also coaches the middle school team, during the school year outside of the designated school season of a sport.

## **NUMBER 6 – PENALTIES FOR COACHES MEETING AND EXAM**

*This change would impose a penalty on a coach who misses the sport meeting or does not complete a sport exam.*

## **Article VIII - Coaches Qualifications – p. 29**

### **Section 1 – Certified to Teach**

- A. Persons certified or eligible and applying for certification to teach in Wisconsin or who have completed a WIAA approved education course shall be assigned as coaches (including assistants, helpers, aides, etc.) of teams representing a school in interscholastic competition.

### **Section 2 – Application**

- A. This rule is applicable to all levels of competition, varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, etc., and practice sessions as well as actual competition.

### **Section 3 – Coaches Not Licensed to Teach (CNLTs)**

- A. A school may employ other than a certified teacher for coaching, if a certified teacher is unavailable or unacceptable for coaching assignment.

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- B. The following provisions must be met:
- 1) All coaches not licensed as teachers must have completed a WIAA approved coaches education course before they start their second year of coaching.
  - 2) In lieu of having a coach not licensed as a teacher complete a course, a school may assign a faculty mentor, not otherwise coaching, to be present at all times with the coach.
  - 3) A coach not licensed as a teacher, with five years of documented coaching experience in public or nonpublic educational institutions, will not need to complete a coaches education course, but will need to apply annually.
  - 4) Coaches not licensed as teachers, or who have not completed an approved coaches education course, must be registered with the WIAA office on the Request for Permission to Use a Coach Not Licensed to Teach Form (CNLT). This requirement includes first year coaches and coaches with five years of experience.
  - 5) A fee schedule for coaches not licensed to teach will be issued annually.

### Section 4 – Sport Meeting Requirement

- A. The head coach, or a person designated by the school as a replacement in the event of an emergency approved by the Association office, shall be required to ~~attend~~ **participate in** a sport meeting ~~whether in person or online, if such meetings are offered in a sport. If the head coach does not complete the current year rules meeting prior to the established deadline that coach shall be prohibited from coaching in that season's WIAA tournament for the sport involved and shall not be present at the facility where the WIAA tournament involving that coach's team is being held. A faculty member of that school shall be present with supervisory capacity over the school's competitors.~~
- B. Coaches at all levels of sport shall be required to complete the sport exam, if such exams are offered in a sport. If the head coach does not complete the rules exam prior to the deadline that coach shall be prohibited from coaching in that season's WIAA tournament for the sport involved and shall not be present at the facility where the WIAA tournament involving that coach's team is being held. A faculty member of that school shall be present with supervisory capacity over the school's competitors.

### Rules of Eligibility

## NUMBER 7 – TEAM ASSEMBLY DURING SCHOOL YEAR - OUT OF SEASON

*This change removes the limitation on voluntary student assembly during the school year.*

### Article VI - Nonschool Participation

#### Section 2 – Out-of-Season – Page 37-38

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that ~~while athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged during the school year should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school or coach involvement.~~
- B. ~~The one exception to A. above shall be~~ **With school consent**, in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches ~~in the summertime~~ for purposes of instruction and/or competition for up to 5 days (do not need to be consecutive) in all sports sponsored by the school, without restriction.
- C. Other than during the actual school season and ...
- 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity ...

- ~~2) There are no restrictions relative to voluntary assembling of students during the summer in excess of 5 days without school/coach involvement.~~

- 2) The person who will be coaching a student the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
- a. Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports ... etc.

## NUMBER 8 – INJURED ATHLETE PARTICIPATION IN AWARDS CEREMONY

*This change allows an injured athlete to participate in an awards ceremony if he/she is included on the roster.*

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

#### Section 3 – Code of Conduct

- A. A school shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, . . .
- B. The WIAA is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other . . .
- C. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round . . .
  - 1) In-season violations of the school code . . .
  - 2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other . . .
  - 3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable . . .
- D. The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 2-C (1 through 3) which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.
- E. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warmups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament.

**Exception:** An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.
- F. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status . . .

### EDITORIAL CHANGES

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

## WIAA Tournament Policies

### Prohibited Activities/Materials – p. 50

- \* Rushing the playing surface during or immediately following a contest.
- \* Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal substances may not be available or present at high school events.
- \* Lotteries, drawings, raffles or contests at WIAA Tournament events.
- \* Confetti
- \* Body paint, other than on the face, is not allowed at WIAA State Tournaments where prohibited by venue policy.
- \* Laser pens at all WIAA regular season and tournament contests. Violators shall be removed from the contest and laser pen(s) confiscated.
- \* No fundraisers may be based on individual and/or team performance in competition and/or on the outcome of competition.
- \* **Campaigns (of any kind) and campaign materials. ■**

## Sports Report "PLUS" from page 5

Eau Claire North head coach Josh Fish and his entire coaching staff were very professional and polite during the entire game and this showed in their players attitudes as well. Black River Falls head coach Steve Markee and his staff also deserve recognition for their professionalism and positive attitudes. Both benches helped make it a very positive game and our crew definitely appreciates it!

Reporting Official: Jason Lassen

### Oregon at Sauk Prairie Dec. 2, 2011

I just wanted to commend the sportsmanship demonstrated by both teams from the coaches to each of the players. The game was competitive, and the atmosphere was lively, the players gave it their all. We had a great time officiating the game. I would further like to say thanks for the hospitality shown by the Sauk Prairie game



manager. He was friendly, funny and very attentive. As an ambassador of the school, he was outstanding.

Reporting Official: Stephen Perez

### WRESTLING Rosholt vs. Weyauwega-Fremont Jan. 12, 2012

From the time that I arrived at the school until I left I had a great, positive event. At the weigh-ins, the athletes and coaches were very respectful, orderly and positive. Throughout the entire meet the coaches, athletes, and fans all displayed not just good, but great sportsmanship. The wrestlers congratulated their opponents on their win and many times helping each other up off on the mat after their match ended. Respect was displayed many times throughout these matches as well. The coaches coached their wrestlers from the chair in a very positive, supporting manner, and the fans cheered their athletes.

Reporting Official: Guy Vander Wyst

### Cambridge at Waterloo Jan. 5, 2012

I would like to thank both teams, there coaches and all their spectators. It has been a long time since I have had so much fun doing a meet. Everyone there was fantastic. The participants were respectful along with the coaches and fans. I did not hear a negative word all night. All I heard were words of encouragement and praise if the wrestler won or lost. Keep up the great job! I believe this is a reflection on both coaching staffs who must be not only coaching but also teaching respect.

Reporting Official: Rick Weber



### Fond du Lac at Appleton West Dec. 20, 2011

Both Schools showed great sportsmanship. Brought opponents to the mat safely and with respect. Helped each other up on a scramble when the action stopped. Athletes were very respectful to the officials working the event. Both coaches should be proud of their teams.

Reporting Official: Travis Korth

## Editorial from page 11

cility in the state with a seating capacity large enough for the tournaments is the Resch Center in Green Bay, which opened in 2002, making it the newest, large arena in the state.

Coincidentally, a similar type of scheduling conflict occurred in the early 1970s. The UW requested the Coliseum for its hockey needs when it was reserved for the State Hockey Tournament. Unable to resolve the scheduling conflict, the WIAA moved its hockey tournament to Green Bay for two years.

While availability of the Kohl Center was the initial catalyst in reassessing and scrutinizing the future site of the basketball tournaments, other concerns and visions for future State Tournament experiences is imperative in the decision-making process.

Among the considerations is the financial impact on both the membership and those who attend the tournaments from all areas of the state.

Rental of facilities for tournaments come at a significant cost to the membership. The tournaments are considered the financial lifeblood of the Association—which, it is important to note, receives no direct revenue from tax dollars. The revenues from the basketball tournaments are among a handful of sports that generate the revenue stream, which subsidize the State Tournament opportunities in sports that operate at a net loss each year.

Another important consideration is affordability. The WIAA is proud of its commitment to making its events family friendly and affordable. While ticket prices for the State Tournaments have remained affordable; the travel, lodging costs and restrictions of a three-day excursion to a popular destination location like Madison has become a financial burden according to feedback received by the executive office.

The prospects of expanding the experience for families by conducting other events that run concurrent with the State Tournaments is also a consideration to invigorate interest and increase attendance, which has experienced a decline in recent years. These additional considerations further narrow the available list of venues, including the Kohl Center.

Without the scheduling conflicts, there would have been no need to even consider exiting the Kohl Center. However, the reality is conflicts exist. Regardless of where the tournaments are held, the jubilation of victory and the tears of a disappointing defeat will be just as real. That, more than anything else, is what makes the State Basketball Tournament the place to be in March. ■

## Keep These Dates in Mind

February 10	Boys Diving Sectionals
February 11	Wrestling Individual Regionals Boys Swimming Sectionals
February 14	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 14, 16 & 17	Boys & Girls Hockey Regionals
February 17-18	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 18	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
February 21, 24 & 25	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals
February 23-24-25	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison) Gymnastics Sectionals
February 28	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 28, March 2 & 3	Boys Basketball Regionals
March 1-2-3	Boys State Hockey (Madison)
March 2	Board of Control Meeting
March 2-3	Girls State Hockey State Gymnastics State Team Wrestling
March 5	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
March 6	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Gymnastics Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
March 6, 9 & 10	Girls Basketball Regionals
March 8 & 10	Boys Basketball Sectionals
March 9	Scholar Athlete Nomination Due Date
March 15-16-17	Boys State Basketball (Madison)
March 15 & 17	Girls Basketball Sectionals
March 19	Earliest Day for Girls Soccer Practice Earliest Day for Softball Practice Earliest Day for Baseball (Spring) Practice
March 21	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Wrestling (Stevens Point)
March 22-23-24	Girls State Basketball (Madison)
March 27	Primary Ballot Return Deadline
March 28	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Basketball (Stevens Point)
March 30	Board/Council Election Ballot Mailed
March 26	Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter
April 11	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – Hockey (Stevens Point)
April 13	Board/Council Election Ballot Return Deadline
April 24	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
April 25	WIAA Annual Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 1	Middle Level Council Meeting
May 4	Medical Advisory Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 6	Scholar/Athlete Awards Program (Wausau)
May 11	Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)
May 15	Earliest Day for Summer Baseball Practice
May 21	Track & Field Regionals
May 21-22	Boys Tennis Subsectionals
May 22-23	Boys Golf Regionals
May 23-24	Boys Tennis Sectionals
May 24	Track & Field Sectionals
May 24, 29 & 31	Softball Regionals
May 25, 29, 30 & 31	Spring Baseball Regionals
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29-30	Boys Golf Sectionals
May 31, Jun 1 & 2	State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament (Madison)

## In The End, It's About Availability, Affordability and Fulfilling Dreams

What is the most popular and preferred scenario for the State Basketball Tournaments held annually by the membership since the boys basketball program began in 1916 followed by the emergence of girls basketball in 1976?

By most accounts, the popular answer is resuming the traditional format of holding the girls tournament a weekend prior to the boys in mid-March at the Kohl Center.

Prior to the Kohl Center opening in 1998, it was the UW Field House that was synonymous with the dream of playing in the State Tournament for the ultimate goal of winning a State basketball championship.

As years went by and Father Time enacted his unyielding ways on what has been affectionately labeled by some as the "Old Barn," and a successor was identified to continue those dreams of glory for high school basketball players and coaches—The Kohl Center. A magnificent, state-of-the-art facility that stands like a glass jewel at the intersection of Dayton and Frances Streets in the shadows of the state capital and down the street from pedestrian and culture friendly State Street. With a move just a few city blocks east, it also kept the city of Madison associated with State basketball.

The Kohl Center, impressive by any sport facility standard, has been identified by many as the appropriate place to fulfill dreams of pursuing a State championship. But truthfully, we would consider the journey and winning the gold ball even more synonymous with the State Tournament experience than where the games are played.

The assets of the Kohl Center—and the fact it's the home of the University of Wisconsin athletic teams—make it a busy place in February and March with the success of the Badgers' winter sports programs and three WIAA State Tournaments. There is only so much Kohl Center to go around during this period. Thus, conflicts with WIAA events and UW's own events and interests for its programs and student-athletes have been and will continue to present scheduling challenges. With the boys and girls State Basketball Tournaments, as well as the State Individual Wrestling Tournament, that's three weekends and nine days within a month's span WIAA occupies UW's home facility.

In efforts to guarantee the use of the Kohl Center over the years, the WIAA has tweaked, juggled and flipped its tournament template. The girls basketball tournament has moved from the Kohl Center, to the Field House to the Coliseum and back to the Kohl Center. In 2010, the girls tournament moved from its traditional weekend before the boys tournament to the weekend after the boys in late March.

The experience of displacing and juggling the membership's tournaments from their conventional dates appear to have a detrimental impact on the schedules of member schools and on the attendance at the State Basketball Tournaments. This suggests the membership is best served by scheduling the boys and girls basketball tournaments on traditional dates that are more conducive for schools and for fans attending these events.

In 2011, the Board of Control approved the move back to the traditional dates for the basketball tournaments beginning

in 2013. Last summer, the UW notified the WIAA that those traditional winter tournaments dates create long-term conflicts with UW events and plans in the Kohl Center as soon as 2013 with the establishment of the Big Ten Hockey Conference, the WCHA play-offs and a desire to host the Women's NCAA Frozen Four.

Numerous meetings with UW Athletic Department, Dane County and city officials ensued, attempting to find a solution to the scheduling conflicts that would suit both the WIAA's and UW's needs. Not lost in those discussions is the positive relationship with the UW and the city of Madison, which hosts numerous other WIAA Tournaments throughout the year including football, tennis, swimming and diving, wrestling, golf, softball and hockey. But other locations throughout the state have successfully accommodated our showcase events including girls volleyball in Green Bay, soccer and boys volleyball in Milwaukee, cross country and gymnastics in Wisconsin Rapids, track and field in La Crosse, and baseball in Appleton and Stevens Point.

Despite our best efforts and intentions to resolve the conflicts, no reasonable solutions have yet been identified. Information released in a UW media release in January outlined the possible solutions offered to the WIAA; however, those suggestions would only continue to create havoc on the most desired winter tournaments format.

Presented with the knowledge the Kohl Center is unavailable, the Executive Staff began soliciting other available facilities for the prescribed dates of the basketball tournaments, including the UW Fieldhouse and Veterans' Memorial Coliseum in Madison, as well as the Resch Center in Green Bay, which has embraced the State Girls Volleyball Tournament since 2002.

The tradition of the Field House and nostalgia of days gone by are still a selling point with a segment of fans who are able to recall the pre-Kohl Center era, but those are the experiences of an aging generation. Those who have finished their high school experience over a decade ago, as well as today's youth are only accustomed to the spoils of the Kohl Center.

Before we step back in time, we need to scrutinize the amenities available now that are lacking in an 80-year old building—and there are many.

Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center has undergone significant renovation recently, and it is the site of the State Hockey Tournament, and until recently, the State Girls Basketball Tournament. However, much of what is conveyed about the Field House can also be shared about the Coliseum. They are grand, aging venues that share wonderful sports histories, but they are most suited for the sports utilizing them today. Logic and experience tells us history or tradition does not trump modern conveniences or team and fan experiences.

Conflicts with the winter tournament dates eliminate the possibility of the Bradley Center or the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee as viable options. Therefore, the only remaining fa-

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

Listed below are the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 dates for ACT.

#### ACT - 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

#### ACT - 2012-2013

September 8, 2012	February 9, 2013*
October 27, 2012	April 13, 2013
December 8, 2012	June 8, 2013

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